

# New Jersey center helps farmers compete with know-how

BRIDGETON, N.J. (AP) — Each July, when farmer Santo John Maccherone harvested, some of his sweetest fruits went to waste. Despite being perfectly ripe, about 10 percent of his peaches had to be thrown out or plowed under, too delicate to withstand shipping without suffering bruises or getting overripe. So Maccherone, 52, a third-generation peach farmer, had an idea: Use the peaches that weren't suitable for fresh markets to make peach cider. Helped by experts at Rutgers

University's Food Innovation Research and Extension Center, Maccherone now sells 7,000 gallons of his Circle M Peach Cider a year. In addition to the sales revenue it generates, the cider has helped drum up new customers for the peaches, white peaches, nectarines, apples and asparagus produced on his 200-acre Mullica Hill farm. Talk about turning lemons into lemonade. "I don't have to produce anything new. I'm taking something that was going to be discarded and making money with it. And the cider en-

hances the sales of my peaches," he said. Maccherone's success story, and a handful of others like it, are the fruit of a nascent agricultural program aimed at helping New Jersey farmers develop "value-added" products from their fields. The effort is being spearheaded by the Food Innovation Center, a pioneering agency that provides business development and technological support to New Jersey farmers and the state's food industry in general. "This might be the last chance for

the survival of agriculture in the state of New Jersey," said Andrew Law, director of the state office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program. "We cannot compete producing raw products with the markets of South America and eastern Europe. Labor costs are too high, land costs are too high and the pressure to change the use of that land is just too compelling to survive." Established in 2001 by Cook College's New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station, the center operates out of a 19th-century office

building in downtown Bridgeton. It has six full-time and three part-time employees. In three years, it has helped 250 clients from all but one of New Jersey's 21 counties to develop business plans, identify new markets, help farmers with quality assurance and participate in work force development efforts. Among its clients: Villa Milagro Vineyards, which is developing wine jams; the Landisville Produce Cooperative Association, which is trying to help New Jersey farmers get into the bagged salad market;

and Goat World, a company assessing the potential appetite for goat meat in New Jersey restaurants. The early successes have prompted Rutgers to propose building an \$8.8 million building that would house the center, offering 23,000 square feet of test kitchens, cold-processing areas and focus group rooms. "Today, we can provide the know-how. Tomorrow, we'll have the manufacturing space where they can have their product made, all under one roof," said H. Louis Cooperhouse, director of the Food Innovation and Research Center. Farmers who develop new products aren't the only beneficiaries of the center. It also helps existing food industry companies with quality assurance, food safety and other concerns, and assists cooperatives. For the center, having a physical facility to develop products is key. In Maccherone's case, the center helped him obtain \$25,900 in seed money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as to develop labels and embark on a marketing strategy for his Circle M Cider. What it could not offer was a place to manufacture and bottle the cider. Instead, Maccherone found a bottling plant in Georgia, where the peaches are washed, pitted, diced and hot-processed before being made into cider that is then shipped back to New Jersey and distributed to roadside stands and produce retailers. The center's new building will have the manufacturing equipment needed for that, accommodating entrepreneurs, farmers, cooperatives and existing companies until they get their products into the market. "It'll be like a farmers' business information center, a one-of-a-kind place where farmers can bounce their ideas off people and do projections and have taste-testers," he said. "Once this center is built, they'll be able to produce prototype products and test-market them, which has never been done before at this level."

# Saboteurs target pipeline in Iraq; police killed in Bahgdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents blew up a pipeline in Iraq's northern oil fields and killed two senior police officers in Baghdad, officials said Monday, as political leaders sized up their positions in a new government following the release of election results. The oil field attack occurred at the North Oil Company's Al-Dibbis oil field near Kirkuk, said Maj. Gen. Anwar Mohammad Amin. The pipeline supplied oil for internal use and the damage will hamper the country's oil production, he said. It would take workers at least three days to extinguish the blaze and repair the pipeline, Amin said. Insurgents have regularly targeted

Iraq's oil infrastructure, repeatedly cutting exports and denying the country much-needed reconstruction money. In Baghdad, gunmen firing from a car killed two high-ranking policemen Sunday night, an Interior Ministry official said. He provided no other details. Insurgents also fired six mortars at a police station in central Baghdad, but there were no immediate reports of injuries, police said. The violence comes after election officials announced the results of the Jan. 30 elections. A Shiite Muslim clergy-backed slate won 48 percent of the votes and 140 of the 275 National Assem-

bly seats, according to results released Sunday in Baghdad. A Kurdish ticket got 26 percent and 75 seats, while a secular Shiite party won 40 seats. Nine parties divided the remaining 20 seats. "This is a new birth for Iraq," election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said, announcing results of the Jan. 30 polling, the first free election in Iraq in more than 50 years and the first since Saddam fell. Iraqi voters "became a legend in their confrontation with terrorists." President Bush praised Iraqis and said America and its allies should be proud for making the election possible. "I congratulate the Iraqi

people for defying terrorist threats and setting their country on the path of democracy and freedom," he said in a statement. "And I congratulate every candidate who stood for election and those who will take office once the results are certified." The announcement of election results, though, did not slow down the violence in Iraq, as insurgents continued to focus their attacks on Iraqis working with coalition forces and members of the Shiite majority. An Iraqi translator for Italian troops and his son were shot to death Sunday in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah, a spokesman for Italy's military said. The spokesman said officials were investigating and so

far had no leads. The exact circumstances of the shooting were unclear. An Iraqi militant group claimed in an Internet statement Sunday that it had kidnapped an Iraqi Christian translator who worked at a U.S. military base. The claim, posted on a Web site known as a clearing house for militant statements, could not be immediately verified. The group said the man is from Baghdad and works for Titan, a U.S. company in "the biggest U.S. military base" in the west of Baghdad, which it called the "lion base." Titan is responsible for hiring most translators working for the U.S. military.

# After 20 years of silence, brain-damaged woman begins talking

HUTCHINSON (AP) — For 20 years, Sarah Scantlin has been mostly oblivious to the world around her — the victim of a drunken driver who struck her down as she walked to her car. Today, after a remarkable recovery, she can talk again. Scantlin's father knows she will never fully recover, but her newfound ability to speak and her returning memories have given him his daughter back. For years, she could only blink her eyes — one blink for "no," two blinks for "yes" — to respond to questions that no one knew for sure she understood. "I am astonished how primal communication is. It is a key element of humanity," Jim Scantlin said, blinking back tears. Sarah Scantlin was an 18-year-old college freshman on Sept. 22,

1984, when she was hit by a drunk driver as she walked to her car after celebrating with friends at a teen club. That week, she had been hired at an upscale clothing store and won a spot on the drill team at Hutchinson Community College. After two decades of silence, she began talking last month. Doctors are not sure why. On Saturday, Scantlin's parents hosted an open house at her nursing home to introduce her to friends, family members and reporters. A week ago, her parents got a call from Jennifer Trammell, a licensed nurse at the Golden Plains Health Care Center. She asked Betsy Scantlin if she was sitting down, told her someone wanted to talk to her and switched the phone to speaker mode: "Hi, Mom."

"Sarah, is that you?" her mother asked. "Yes," came the throaty reply. "How are you doing?" "Fine." "Do you need anything," her mother asked her later. "More makeup." "Did she just say more makeup?" the mother asked the nurse. Scantlin still suffers constantly from the effects of the accident. She habitually crosses her arms across her chest, her fists clenched under her chin. Her legs constantly spasm and thrash. Her right foot is so twisted it is almost reversed. Her neck muscles are so constricted she cannot swallow to eat. The driver who struck Scantlin served six months in jail for driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident.

Scantlin started talking in mid-January but asked staff members not to tell her parents until Valentine's Day to surprise them, Trammell said. But last week she could not wait any longer to talk to them. "I didn't think it would ever happen, it had been so long," Betsy Scantlin said. Scantlin's doctor, Bradley Scheel, said physicians are not sure why she suddenly began talking but believe critical pathways in the brain may have regenerated. "It is extremely unusual to see something like this happen," Scheel said. The breakthrough came when the nursing home's activity director, Pat Rincon, was working with Scantlin and a small group of other patients, trying to get them to speak.

Rincon had her back to Scantlin while she worked with another resident. She had just gotten that resident to reply "OK," when she suddenly heard Sarah behind her also repeat the words: "OK. OK." Staff members brought in a speech therapist and intensified their work with Sarah. On Saturday, Scantlin seemed at times overwhelmed by the attention. Dressed in a blue warm-up suit, she spoke little, mostly answering questions in a single word. Is she happy she can talk? "Yeah," she replied. What does she tell her parents when they leave? "I love you," she said. Family members say Scantlin's understanding of the outside world comes mostly from news and soap operas that played on the television in her room.

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WEEKDAYS			FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 21									
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBV/ABC 4 ⑥	News		Good Morning America				Mak-eover	Judge-Brown	The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 3 ⑤	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		In the Heat of the Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 ⑪	News				The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (2)	BBC World	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Beren. Bears	Barney-Friends	Sesame Street		Dragon Tales	Beren. Bears	Mister Rogers	Teletub-bies
USA (34)	Movie	Varied Programs										
TBS (35)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie				Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Ed	
WGN (36)	Chang-ing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT (37)	The Pretender		Angel		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
NICK (43)	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Rugrats	Spon-geBob	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Miss Spider	Lazy-Town	Backyar-digans	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill
FAM (46)	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Power Rangers	Bey-blade	3rd Rock	Living the Life	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House
DSC (50)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Monster House		The Party Planner With David Tutera		Surprise by Design		Designer Guys	Designer Guys
A&E (53)	Varied Programs								Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN (56)	SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter	
HBO (14)	Movie Cont'd	Varied	Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	
MAX (29)	Movie Cont'd	Movie	Varied Programs				Movie			Varied		
DISN (44)	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	PB&J Otter	Out of the Box	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Higgly-town

TUESDAY												FEBRUARY 15			
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30			
KLBV/ABC 3 6	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez	Accord- ing-Jim	Rodney The Ring	NYPD Blue: Lenny Scissorhands (PA)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Ludacris (N) (CC)				
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News	Wheel of Fortune	Mo- ments	Mo- ments	Scrubs (N) (CC)	Commit- ted (CC)	Law & Order: SVU		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night				
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	NCIS Witness (N) (CC)		Dr. Phil Primetime- Romance: Resc		Judging Amy (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late				
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nova Saving the National Treasures		Black/White & Brown: Brown		Frontline: The status of the U.S. military.		BBC World	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)				
USA (34)	Law & Order: SVU		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show: Closing Night From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live) (CC)						Law & Order: Criminal Intent		The Dead Zone: Shaman (CC)				
TBS (35)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Fools Rush In ** (1997, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek, (CC)		B-cker (CC)		Movie: Prince Charming (2001)				
WGN (36)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: The Fly *** (1986) A scientist is transformed into a monstrous insect.			WGN News at Nine (CC)		B-cker (CC)	B-cker (CC)	Home: Delivery					
TNT (37)	Law & Order: (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: True Crime (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Deep Vote (CC) (DVS)		Charm'd: Carpe Demon (CC)		Law & Order: Breeder (CC) (DVS)		The X-Files: Underneath (CC)				
NICK (43)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddpar- ents	Spon- ge-Bob	Ned's School	Full House	Father- hood	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Murphy Brown	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince			
FAM (46)	Smallville Craving (CC)		Movie: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery **½ (1997) Mike Myers.			Whose Line?		Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos			
DSC (50)	American Chopper I, Robot Bike 2 (CC)		Mummy Autopsy (N)		Deadly Women (N) (CC)		Biker Build-Off (N)		Mummy Autopsy		Deadly Women				
A&E (53)	American Justice: Jewish Mobster		Cold Case: Files (CC)		Cold Case: Files (CC)		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Crossing Jordan: Blood Relatives (CC)				
ESPN (56)	College Basketball: (Live) (CC)		Indiana at Ohio State. (Live) (CC)			College Basketball: Carolina. (Live) (CC)		Kentucky at South		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Outside- Lines	Game- night		
HBO (14)	Movie: Two Weeks Notice **½ (2002, Romance-Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (CC)			Movie: Lackawanna Blues *** (2000, Drama) (CC)		Movie: Exit to Eden **½ (1994, Comedy) Dana Delany, Paul Mercurio. (CC)		Constan- tine		Carnival: The Road to Damascus (CC)		Movie: Identity *** (2003) (CC)			
MAX (29)	(5:45) Movie: Gothika ** (2003, Horror) Halle Berry. (CC)			Movie: Kangaroo Jack ** (2003) Jerry O'Connell. (CC)						B.dtime: Stories			Movie: Rookie		
DISN (44)	That's Raven	That's Raven	Movie: Remember the Titans *** (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington. (CC)			Sister, Sister		Even Stevens	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Proud Family	Kim Possible			

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBV/ABC 4 6	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		The Jane Pauley Show		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wld News
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford	Post-cards	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Cyber-chase	Zoom	Business
USA (34)	Movie			Varied Programs								
TBS (35)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN (36)	News		Rockford Files		Magnum, P.I.		America's Funniest Home Videos		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
TNT (37)	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Angel		Charmed	
NICK (43)	Backyardigans	LazyTown	Rugrats	Rugrats	CatDog	Rocket Power	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Rock Star	Oddparents	Rugrats
FAM (46)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
DSC (50)	Surprise by Design		The Party Planner With David Tutera			Dude Room		Garage Takeover		Monster Nation		Monster Garage
A&E (53)	American Justice		Varied Programs									
ESPN (56)	Varied Programs						1st & 10	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	
HBO (14)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs				Movie		Varied		Movie		
MAX (29)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs			Movie		Varied Programs					
DISN (44)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Proud Family	Brace-face	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister

WEDNESDAY						FEBRUARY 16						
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBV/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Lost Outlaws (N) (CC)		Alias Detente (N) (CC)		Wife Swap Pyke/ Smith (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (9) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Medium Night of the Wolf (CC)		The West Wing Freedomia (N) (CC)		Law & Order: The Sixth Man (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	60 Minutes Wednesday (CC)		King of Queens		CSI: NY 'Til Death Do We Part (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Rd.	Sci. Frontiers	Slavery and the Making of America (N) (CC)				BBC World	Two's Cmpany	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
USA (34)	JAG Dangerous Game (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Movie: Exiled: A Law & Order Movie	
TBS (35)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Three to Tango *½ (1999, Comedy) Matthew Perry. (CC)			
WGN (36)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Total Recall *** (1990, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			WGN News at Nine: (CC)		Backcr (CC)	Backcr (CC)	Home Delivery		
TNT (37)	Law & Order: Carrier (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Agony (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Punk (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Turbulence (1997) A cunning killer is bent on crashing a passenger plane.				The X-Files: William (CC)	
NICK (43)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddpar- ents	Spon- geBob	Unfabu- lous	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose - anne	Murphy Brown	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
FAM (46)	Smallville Jitters (CC)		Movie: Problem Child *½ (1990, Comedy) John Ritter, Michael Oliver.			Whose Line? Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos Home Videos		
DSC (50)	American Chopper Christmas Special		Life of Grime		MythBusters: Brown Note (N) (CC)		It Takes a Thief Mon Knows Best		Life of Grime		MythBusters: Brown Note (CC)	
A&E (53)	American Justice: Amy Fisher		American Justice: A Warrant to Kill (CC)		Teen Thrill Killers (CC)		Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Crossing Jordan (CC)		American Justice: A Warrant to Kill (CC)	
ESPN (56)	College Basketball: Carolina. (Live) (CC)		Virginia at North Carolina. (Live) (CC)		NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Seattle Sonics. KeyArena. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Outsid- eLine s	
HBO (14)	Movie: Matchstick Men *** (2003, Comedy-Drama) Nicolas Cage. (CC)				Carnival: The Road to Damascus (CC)		Un- scripted		Taxicab Confessions		Movie: The Rundown *** (2003, Adventure) The Rock.	
MAX (29)	(5:30) Movie: S.W.A.T. (2003)		Movie: The Untouchables ***** (1987, Drama) Kevin Costner. (CC)				Movie: Love Actually *** (2003) Various people deal with relationships in London.				Passion Cove: Movie:	
DISN (44)	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Movie: Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century (1999, Science Fiction) Kirsten Storms.				Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Proud Family	Kim Possibi-