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STAYIN' ALIVE!

The Rangers score three goals in the second period en route to a 3-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators. Next, it's back to the Garden Thursday for a winner-take-all Game 7.

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ALL WET

The city's presentation on the necessity for raising water rates by 7 percent this year fails to strike a chord with Islanders already struggling to make ends meet.

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BRITTANY RODRIGUEZ, HUGUENOT



MOSTLY CLOUDY, WINDY WITH A SHOWER. HIGH OF 60° **PAGE B 8**

Cheapest gas on Staten Island

North Shore: \$4.05 BP
175 Targee St., Stapleton.

South Shore: \$4.07 Costco
2975 Richmond Ave., Greenridge

Slay video: Emotions boil over

Rorschach test for the Espana tragedy; merchant horrified by 'Net leak

By **JOHN ANNESE**
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

The business owner whose surveillance cameras show the final moments of stabbing victim Antonio Lacertosa says she has no idea how the footage made its way to YouTube over the weekend — and she's horrified that they're on the Internet for anyone to see.

"It shouldn't be on YouTube. It's horrible," said Jeneane Chirico, who owns the Annadale Family Pharmacy. The pharmacy is located across an alleyway from the Espana Restaurant, where the March 17 fatal

More on the web



To view the surveillance footage, go to silive.com/video. For additional photos, go to silive.com/photos.

stabbing took place.

Ms. Chirico said she shared the footage with police, and no one else.

Meanwhile, the footage, and its release, both on YouTube and SILive.com, has opened a flood of emotion on the Internet — notably on the heavily trafficked "Ban Espana" Facebook group — and spurred outrage from Lacertosa's family.

The two videos were posted on YouTube by some-

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ABOVE: In this screen grab from a surveillance video, Redinel Dervishaj and Ridi Zeneli re-enter the frame in the back of the alley with Dervishaj holding a knife. A woman and two men approach them and one of the men has been identified by sources as a Port Authority police officer.

BELOW: In this video from a second camera, Antonio Lacertosa's friends have picked him up and are trying to load him into a black SUV.



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Investigators remove debris from the basement of a building on the corner of Wooster Street and Prince Street in Manhattan during a renewed investigation into the 1979 disappearance of 6-year-old Etan Patz. The debris was then transported for safekeeping to "a landfill" on Staten Island.

Patz dig fruitless, Island gets debris

Material excavated from SoHo site to be 'isolated' at 'a landfill,' says NYPD; Guy takes umbrage

By **JUDY L. RANDALL**
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

Dumpsters full of debris from the Etan Patz cold-case dig in SoHo were transported for safekeeping to "a landfill" on Staten Island, presumably Fresh Kills, the NYPD said yesterday.

Five days' worth of intensive work by the NYPD and FBI in a Prince Street base-



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IMMIGRANTS OF PORT RICHMOND/MOISES

Under the label, a good man with goals

Moises looks forward to paying taxes as an American citizen

By **JOSEPH CONFORTI**

When I was younger, my grandfather told me stories of his journey to America. His name was Oswald Conforti, and he could sit down for hours and reminisce about his arrival from Italy, at the age of 13. All somebody would have to do was ask him one question about it, and he would go on like the Energizer Bunny.

This is the third installment in a three-part series on Latino immigrants of Port Richmond, featuring six profiles written by Wagner College students.

The same holds for Mexican immigrant Moises, whom I met at El Centro del Inmigrante in Port Richmond. Our meeting was more of a discussion than an interview, a friendly conversation between two people. It reminded me of when my grandfather would tell his stories. All it took was one question to get Moises to open up about his journey from Mexico.

Just a year after arriving in the States in 1993, Moises and his wife had their first child. The following year, they returned to Mexico to visit his parents and ended up staying there until 1998, a year after their second child was born. Moises moved his wife and two



STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/IRVING SILVERSTEIN

Moises, left, and son Phillip at the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School.

On the inside

Luciano's journey to the U.S. from Puebla, Mexico, was arduous, even life-threatening. Just 16 years old at the time, he walked through the desert with 12 others for several days to cross the border. Some of his friends didn't make it. **SEE PAGE A 7**

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Washing cars 12 hours a day, 7 days a week

Sacrificing for his family is Luciano's No. 1 priority

By JOSHUA PIPER

Sacrifice is one of the hardest things in life. Self-sacrifice is even harder. There is a man who has sacrificed his entire life for his family. Meet Luciano, an immigrant from Puebla, Mexico, who has lived in the U.S. for 15 years.

His trip to the States was arduous. Imagine, at 16 years old, walking through the desert with 12 other people for three days. Now imagine running out of food and water and watching the people around drop to the ground because they couldn't take another step.

It was Luciano's first trip into the U.S. He would later return to his home, the place where at 8 years old he began working in the fields.

Losing his mother at the age of 2 was tough, and helping to raise his younger brother posed numerous challenges. Finding it hard to adapt to a stepmother motivated Luciano to journey to the U.S., and he settled on Staten Island.

He and his wife, Benita, had a daughter, Eitza. But after the birth, doctors discovered a tumor in Benita's knee that required surgery and a lengthy recuperation. Luciano took on the responsibility of raising their daughter alone. Little Eitza was not allowed to visit her mother for many months because of the risk of infection.

Luciano is grateful to the doctors here. In Mexico, he says, Benita's leg would surely have been amputated. He helps his wife get around and handles the shopping. Benita is able to take their daughter, now 10, to PS 22,

which is 15 minutes from their home.

A typical day for Luciano starts at 5 a.m. He wakes his daughter, makes her breakfast and gets her ready for school. He leaves his apartment about 6:30, puts wife and child on the bus, then proceeds to work.

He starts work at a car wash at 7:30 a.m. and doesn't finish until 8 p.m. He attends to hundreds of vehicles — 500 on a day when the weather is good. The boss deducts 20 percent of his pay, most of which takes the form of tips.

Making enough money to support his family is a struggle. When he returns home, at close to 9 p.m., Luciano eats dinner, showers and goes to bed, ready to start the routine all over again. He works seven days a week, leaving little time with his family.

But he's doing it all for them. He wants a better life for his daughter, who loves living on Staten Island.

Luciano's scant leisure time involves still more sacrifice. He does the grocery shopping, the laundry and cleans the house. He embraces the time he gets to spend with his family and has given up a lot just to be with them.

He has no family here; he hasn't seen his brother or father in 13 years, and wishes he could return home to Mexico to see them. But until his daughter graduates from high school, he will follow the same routine every day to make sure she has the opportunity to create her own life here.

Luciano's entire day and entire world revolve around his family. How admirable it is that he puts his wife and daughter first.

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Under the label, a man with goals

children to New York City in 1998. His two brothers and two sisters who live here helped him get work.

One event made Moises think twice about living in New York. His oldest child was bullied in school because of his ethnicity. To resolve the situation, Moises moved his family to Georgia, to Hall County.

Moises explained that in some counties, the law "287 (g)" provides that if you are pulled over by a police officer and fail to produce immigration papers, you can be deported on the spot.

Moises, who speaks English well, said he knows mothers and fathers who have been deported, never to see their children again. It was his worst fear while living in Georgia, where he had a steady job in construction, as an assistant to the manager.

"All I wanted to do was work for a living and pay taxes," he said. "But how can I work if I cannot drive to

work?"

In Georgia, Moises set up a soccer league for the children in his neighborhood. He enjoyed going to the field every Sunday to watch his children play soccer with the others. He said the U.S. is great because it allows people to provide happiness for their families.

Now living on Staten Island, Moises prays everyday that his great country will allow him to become a citizen. He wants to pay taxes so he needn't worry about deportation.

It was my first conversation with a Mexican immigrant, and it helped me understand what immigrants want from this country. I was unsure if Mexican immigrants were here to make money and then return to their home country, or if they were here to start a new life.

Moises is definitely one immigrant here to start a new life.