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FREE TRADE'S FALLOUT

Two workers, worlds apart, share uncertain future



Photos by **ELLIE MARKOVITCH/Herald News**

Josefina De Leon, 44, fills buckets with water in her outhouse to bathe after coming home from work in Monterrey, Mexico. De Leon works on the Fig Newton production line at the Kraft plant in Monterrey.

By **ANDREA GURWITT**
Herald News

She's an interchangeable part. A pair of hands, a pair of eyes, a straight back.

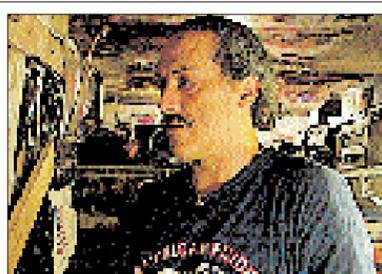
From the lofty heights of policy discussions about globalization, free trade and comparative advantage, she's barely a speck toiling miles below.

But if you strap on a parachute and take the leap, if you drift down through clouds of economic and job data, float along currents of satisfaction and discontent, glide past the ragged skylines of multinational

corporations and labor rights organizations and plunk down on Avenida Miguel Alemán in Monterrey, Mexico, across the street from a Quaker State mural and a taco stand, you will see her. Josefina De León. Satisfied Kraft employee. Tens-dollar-a-day worker on the Fig Newton production line. Global cog.

You will see her just before 6:30 a.m., when her shift begins, or just after 2:30 p.m., when her shift ends. A tiny, put-together woman with long, long hair and small, delicate

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Inside, Kraft worker and Wayne resident Hector Suero describes how life has changed since Fig Newton operations left Fair Lawn.

PATERSON

City fires police chief

Spagnola says he wants public hearing

By **ALISA CAMACHO**
Herald News

City officials fired Police Chief Lawrence Spagnola on Wednesday, a day before he was to argue his suspension in state Superior Court.

Detectives from Internal Affairs, along with other city officials, served Spagnola a notice of termination at his McBride Avenue home just after 4 p.m. The chief had just finished watching a rerun of a City Council meeting when they knocked on his door.

Spagnola, 58, was suspended Oct. 20 on charges that he falsified records to boost his vacation time, allowed the police union to pay for two-thirds of a convention he attended in the Bahamas, signing off on excess vacation leave for retiring officers and incompetence.

Spagnola made \$122,681 in his post as chief.

He is entitled to a departmental hearing. One had been scheduled for Nov. 10 before retired Superior Court Judge Peter Ciolino. Spagnola also has the right to appeal to the state merit board, a five-member bipartisan panel that hears cases involving state, county and municipal employees.

The termination is based on Spagnola's failure to request a departmental hearing within five days of being charged, said his attorney, Merick

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ELECTION 2004

Kerry's sister visits Paterson

Latest polls show candidates tied in N.J.

By **NICOLA M. WHITE**
Herald News

PATERSON — Peggy Kerry stopped by the Park East Terrace co-op apartment complex Wednesday night to urge the assembled senior citizens to vote for her brother, John, on Nov. 2.

"This is really a very important election — the most important election in all of our lives," said Peggy Kerry, a New York City resident and sister of the Democratic presidential candidate.

As Election Day approaches, New Jersey, usually considered a Democratic stronghold, has become an unexpected battleground. A Quinnipiac University poll released Wednesday showed Kerry and Bush in a dead heat in this state, with polled voters in a 46-46 percent tie between the two candidates. Two percent of those polled said they favored independent candidate Ralph Nader and 6 percent were undecided, the poll results said.

This poll makes the Kerry-Bush race even tighter than the last poll, re-

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