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## NJ Transit Approves Accessibility Improvements At South Amboy Station

**SOUTH AMBOY**—In an effort to provide improved accessibility and safety to its rail system, the NJ Transit's Board of Directors approved a project that will deliver pedestrian improvements at South Amboy Train Station, which serves 1,200 daily commuters.

The Board authorized that a contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for accessibility upgrades at the train station. The Board also awarded \$227,314 to Vollmer and Associates of New York to provide construction assis-

tance for the project.

The first phase of improvements will consist of a new 16-foot wide pedestrian overpass with two elevators, linking the existing parking lot on the Newark/New York-bound tracks with a new transit plaza on the Long Branch/Bay Head side of the tracks. The overpass will be accessible by stairs or elevators on each side of the tracks, allowing pedestrians to avoid the existing pedestrian crossing at Augusta Street.

"I am grateful that NJ Transit and the Department of

Transportation have located the resources to fund this much needed and long awaited pedestrian safety project in the City of South Amboy," said Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski (D-19), who is Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee. "Commissioner Fox and Executive Director Warrington recognize the need for this investment which will not only save lives but also further enhance the value of South Amboy's downtown. We appreciate the support."

"NJ Transit has already

completed a number of safety improvements at South Amboy Train Station that include replacing existing pedestrian warning signs with larger ones and installing flashing and audible safety alerts at the Augusta Street crossing to help pedestrians know when a train is approaching," said NJ Transit Executive Director George Warrington. "We continue to be vigilant in spreading our safety message to the public by distributing safety information to communities, local businesses and schools. Our comprehensive rail safety

program continues to reach approximately 35,000 students a year throughout the state. In addition, we have a team focusing on safety awareness where new services are being implanted," he said.

In May, Board Chairman Fox, joined by Warrington, Assemblyman Wisniewski and a host of dignitaries, announced a series of multi-phased safety and accessibility improvements to be made at the rail station that included the pedestrian overpass and the transit plaza.

## Make A Difference Day

**SAYREVILLE**—Throughout the month of October, Assembly Assistant Majority Leader John S. Wisniewski will be sponsoring a food drive his legislative district office located at 3145 Bordentown Avenue in Parlin as part of the statewide celebration of "Make a Difference Day."

Make a Difference Day is the largest day of service in the nation. This year the 12th Annual Make a Difference Day takes place on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Non-perishable food items will be collected on behalf of M.C.F.O.O.D.S., Middlesex County's emergency food warehouse. Many area food pantries and soup kitchens are running

low on many essentials, including: canned tuna fish, cereal, tomato products, canned meats and pastas, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, stew, rice, canned fruits, personal products, baby supplies such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers and wipes.

Only canned and packaged goods will be accepted, no glass. Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment. For more information please contact the District Office of Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski at 732-316-1885 or via email at [asmwisniewski@njleg.org](mailto:asmwisniewski@njleg.org).

## Spadaro Dedicates Historic Site

**EDISON**—Mayor George A. Spadaro was joined by the Municipal Council, Pastor Kathleen Cardy Tice, and representatives from Edison's Historic Preservation Commission and the Metuchen-Edison Cultural Society to dedicate a bronze marker in front of the Stelton Baptist Church. The Church is the first site in Edison to be given a historic designation by the Commission. It will be identified with a large bronze tablet near Plainfield Avenue.

The Stelton Baptist Church is the second oldest Baptist Church in New Jersey and the 10th oldest in the nation. Stelton Baptist Church was

formed in the spring of 1689, and among its original members was the Stelle family, after whom the Stelton section of Edison is named. Through 1875, however, the church was known as the First Baptist Church of Piscataway. Present-day congregants celebrated the tercentennial of their church in a year-long celebration in 1989.

The land now occupied by the church and burial ground at Stelton was purchased in April, 1731, and a house of worship erected there in 1748. This building was taken down and rebuilt in 1825, but was destroyed by fire Jan. 1, 1851. The building which took its place, also burned in 1924, and the present church was erected in 1925.

In 1870 the incorporation of parts of Piscataway and Woodbridge Townships to form Raritan Township, placed the church in the latter municipality, which became Edison.

## Sayreville Breaks Ground On School Addition

**SAYREVILLE**—The Sayreville Board of Education held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Samsel Upper Elementary School Addition last night.

The ceremony marked the beginning of one of the largest school construction projects the district has seen in decades. The \$28.8 million addition, which will house the district's fourth and fifth grade students, was approved by voter referendum in December 2001 and will increase the current capacity of the vacant school for 250 students to over 1,200 students.

Representatives from the state legislation, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the Mayor and Council, the Sayreville Education Association, and the district were scheduled to address those present.

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## YOUR COUNTY NEWS

# GOP Freeholder Candidates Vow To Keep Middlesex Safe

MIDDLESEX COUNTY-- In order to force the Democrat freeholders to protect Middlesex County residents, GOP Freeholder candidates Roger Craig and Joe Paone have begun a "Keep Middlesex Safe" tour, placing signs at each of the county's 21 dangerous intersections to alert drivers to be extra cautious on the unsafe roadways.

"Middlesex County leads the state in dangerous intersections, and in the largest increase in traffic fatalities statewide," Craig said. "Yet our Democrat opponents have done nothing to make sure the roads are fixed, or to let residents know that they should be careful. If our opponents won't protect our citizens, we will at least let everyone know which intersections are the most dan-

gerous in the state."

The GOP freeholders "Keep Middlesex Safe" campaign is designed to make sure that citizens know which intersections have been declared among the most dangerous in the state and follows the repeated dismissal by the Democrat freeholder board of their responsibility to make sure that roads in the county were safe. In a recent article in the *Home News Tribune*, Freeholder Director David Crabel claimed that the only dangerous intersections that he should be concerned about were those involved in county roads.

"So let me get this straight," said Paone. "Our opponent is the top elected official in the county, but he says it's not up to him to take action to make

sure the roads in the county are safe. But I guess that is the difference between him and us—if we are elected, we will be on the phone, every day if need be, with the state, with the towns, with whoever, to make sure that the roads are fixed, so residents don't have to worry every time they drive through Middlesex County."

Recent statistics compiled by the Division of Highway Safety found that Middlesex County had 21 of the state's 100 most dangerous intersections—including three of the top 10. Making matters worse, the state Division of Highway Traffic Safety, 38 people have lost their lives in which accidents in Middlesex County—17 more than at this time last year and the largest increase in the state. In comparison, while

traffic fatalities have jumped dramatically in Middlesex County, they have decreased throughout the rest of the state.


"For too long, developers have been allowed a free reign in Middlesex County," Paone said. "As a result, our residents have had to deal with clogged roads and dangerous intersections, because the freeholders did not make sure that our infrastructure kept up with development. Even the county planner has admitted that infrastructure has not kept up with development. This is a failure of leadership by the Democrat freeholders."

Roger Craig and Joseph Paone have made traffic safety a cornerstone of their campaign for Middlesex County freeholder, saying that if elected, they will make fixing the

unsafe roads in Middlesex County a priority, whether it is forcing the state, or the county, to meet its obligations to residents by improving intersections throughout the county. They will also work to institute smart growth policies to lessen the impact that development has on traffic congestion.

In addition to road safety, GOP freeholder candidates Roger Craig and Joe Paone have pledged to lower taxes, cut wasteful spending, and to put the taxpayers' interests ahead of the special interests in Middlesex County.

"The residents of Middlesex County deserve better than this," Paone said. "It is time for the freeholders to work on behalf of the taxpayers. It is time for a change in Middlesex County."



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## Wisniewski: Less Funding For Amtrak Could Displace Thousands Of NJ Commuters

STATE—On Sept. 27, Assembly Transportation Committee Chairman John S. Wisniewski issued a statement regarding the U.S. House Appropriations Committee's plan to cut \$500 million from Amtrak's \$1.2 billion budget that was approved by the U.S. Senate.

"The action taken by the House Appropriations Committee bodes ill for the tens of thousands of New Jersey com-

muters who rely on our rail system. The Northeast Corridor line of Amtrak, which has three of its busiest stations located in New Jersey, moves 32,000 riders on its trains each day. NJ Transit uses Amtrak's switches and communications network to run its trains. If this system is allowed to falter, the consequences could be devastating to the transportation network of the New York/New Jersey region.

"It's ironic that Congress subsidizes air and roadway travel to the tune of over \$15 billion a year, but hesitates to spend a fraction of that to keep our trains rolling. In effect, Congress is making New Jersey taxpayers foot the bill for using a national transportation system.

"Something must be done to ensure our rail passengers that they won't be left standing on the platform."

## Union Council Endorses Carden

WESTFIELD—Tim Carden, 7th District Democratic Congressional candidate was endorsed by another labor organization, the New Jersey State Industrial Union Council. The IUC represents over 300,000 working men and women in New Jersey. "Tim Carden has long

supported working families," said Bill Kane, IUC President.

"His opponent, Mike Ferguson, voted against our interests when he supported granting fast track authority to negotiate trade agreements. We are proud to endorse Tim who opposes privatizing Social Security. Ferguson

supports it. Carden also supports ensuring that federal workers with civil service protections continue to have those rights. Ferguson would deny them those rights. Carden wants a real prescription drug plan for seniors. Ferguson voted for the bill that was bought and paid for by the drug companies."

Carden said he was pleased to receive yet another labor endorsement. "The support of the labor movement is extremely important to me. I'm going to fight for working families. Mike Ferguson's been working for the special interests. It's time to change that."

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## State Sues Sears For Fraudulent Practices

NEWARK—New Jersey is suing Sears Roebuck and Company for running auto repair centers that allegedly cheated hundreds of consumers in connection with, among other things, the sale of four-wheel alignment service. James E. McGreevey, Attorney General David Samson and New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs Director Reni Erdos announced recently.

The state's five-count complaint, filed in Hudson County Superior Court on Oct. 10 alleges that Sears Auto Repair centers throughout New Jersey have repeatedly violated the State's Consumer Fraud Act by engaging in fraudulent practices. Sears Roebuck, based in Hoffman Estates, Ill., owns and operates the nationwide chain of Sears Auto Repair facilities.

"New Jersey will not tolerate consumer fraud. We will aggressively prosecute any companies that victimize consumers with false and misleading practices," said McGreevey.

Following an undercover investigation of 19 Sears Auto Repair centers in New Jersey and an expert review and analysis of records subpoenaed from Sears Auto Repair centers in New Jersey, the State has uncovered more than 350 instances involving violations of the State's Consumer Fraud Act and regulations governing automotive

repair. The number of violations is likely to climb upon additional review of documents during the course of the litigation.

For example, the complaint alleges, personnel routinely charged for four-wheel alignments on vehicles for which such service was impossible. The investigation revealed that many of the cars in question were built to undergo only two-wheel alignments—which involves adjustments to only the front wheels—or four-wheel alignments only with the addition of an after-market kit. In many instances, such after-market kits were not present on or added to the cars and, as a result, four-wheel alignments of the cars in question would be impossible. Despite this, subpoenaed documents reveal that consumers were repeatedly charged for such service.

"This case has nationwide implications," Attorney General Samson said. "Business operators in New Jersey, whether local or national, must understand that we will impose a zero-tolerance on fraud. Practices that violate our laws and that also violate basic standards of morality will be the bases of aggressive action by our Department."

"This complaint is the result of an intensive investigation which covered a review of documents from Sears Auto Repair centers. It included undercover

investigations at 19 Sears centers, through which we uncovered hundreds of auto repair violations. These investigations are continuing and will be incorporated into this action. We brought this action at this time to stop what we believe to be a far-reaching pattern and practice of fraud at Sears Auto Repair centers. We will continue to pursue this matter until we are certain all consumers harmed as part of this fraud recover what is due to them," Samson said.

"We are suing Sears because it has failed New Jersey consumers by deceiving them and ignoring State law," Erdos said. "Sears and other corporations need to understand that when they are doing business in this State, they are expected to play by the rules or face the consequences."

The state's complaint also alleges that Sears:

- Failed to obtain consumers' authorization before completing work on their vehicles. On numerous occasions, the company represented to consumers that personnel would conduct a "free" inspection of their vehicles' alignment, but instead of doing the inspection and seeking the consumers' authorization,

Sears' personnel would complete the repairs and bill consumers for the work performed.

- Performed defective repairs, including failing to tighten lug nuts and/or resurfacing brake rotors to the point where they were below manufacturers specification.

- Made deceptive or misleading statements to entice consumers into authorizing and paying for unnecessary repairs.

- Failed to provide consumers with written estimates.

This is not the first time Sears has run afoul of New Jersey's auto repair laws. In 1992, Sears

agreed to pay \$200,000 to establish an Automotive Repair Industry Reform Fund and pay penalties and consumer restitution to settle allegations that Sears Auto Repair centers engaged in fraudulent practices. In 1997, Sears entered into a supplemental agreement with New Jersey to pay penalties and costs for failing to advise auto repair customers of their rights under state law.

The state's suit seeks an order requiring the company to pay restitution to affected consumers, and monetary penalties under the Consumer Fraud Act.

### Republicans Vote To Gut New Jersey Highway Funds

STATE -- On Oct. 2, House Republicans voted to slash \$96,461,000 out of New Jersey's highway repair and construction budget as part of the FY 2003 Transportation Appropriations Bill. This cut could mean that road repairs and upgrades already underway in New Jersey could be terminated, or take much more time than originally planned to complete.

Last year, New Jersey received \$689,417,000 in federal highway funding, but the House Republican and Bush budget provides only \$592,956,000.

Democrats attempted to overturn this huge cut, but were voted down by just two votes. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) estimates that this cut to New Jersey's highway budget will mean a net loss of 3764 jobs in New Jersey.

Earlier this year House Republicans voted to pass the Bush budget, which included these dramatic cuts to highway funding for New Jersey. Yesterday's action localized those cuts to specific states.

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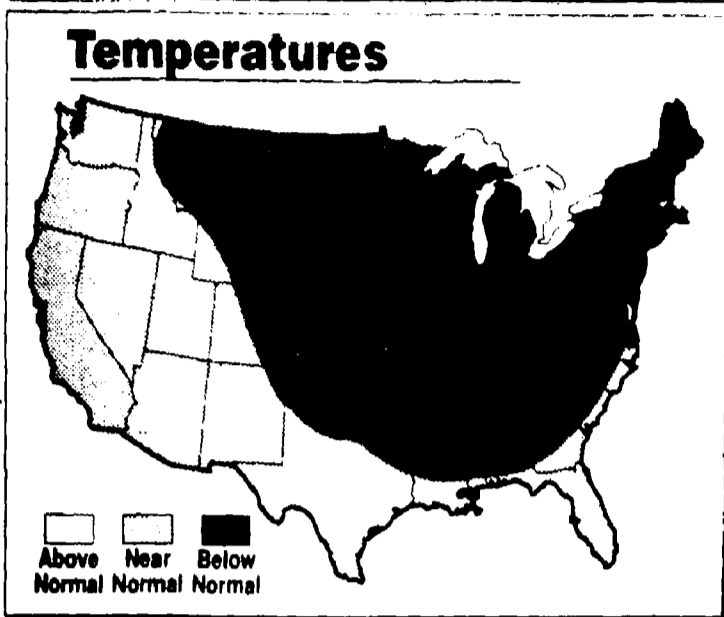
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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly sunny and windy.	Mainly clear and crisp.	Clouds and sun.	Times of sun and clouds.	Clouds and sun.	Cloudy with steady rain.	Clearing.	Times of sun and clouds.
60	39	56/40	60/43	62/55	65/56	57/35	52/35

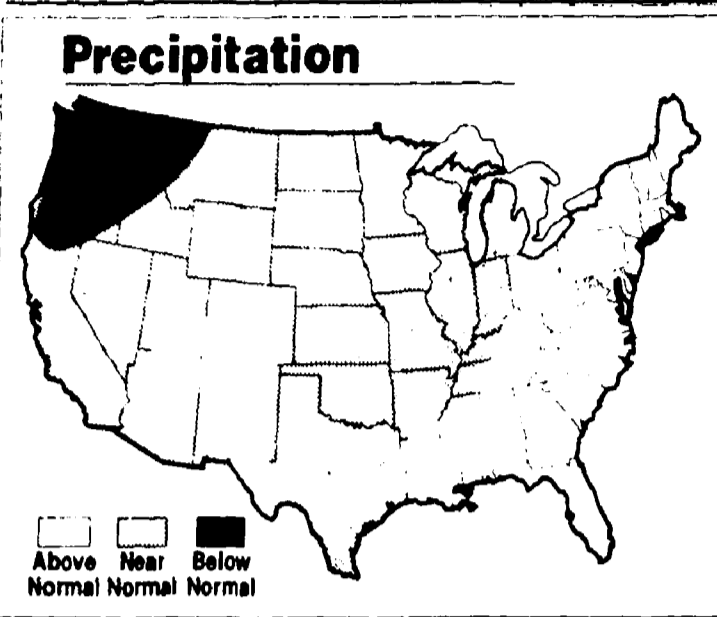
**THE WEEK AHEAD...**



**NATIONAL SUMMARY**

A major storm system is expected to affect the East Coast during the period. Rainfall will be widespread from Florida northward to New England. Meanwhile, a ridge of high pressure will dominate areas west of the Rockies, promoting warm and dry weather. Shots of cold air will periodically invade the Plains.

**THE WEEK AHEAD...**



**U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES**

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	65 45 s	67 49 s	67 51 s	71 55 pc
Boston	60 44 pc	57 44 pc	57 43 pc	55 41 pc
Chicago	48 32 sh	46 32 pc	56 39 c	56 33 sh
Cleveland	49 35 pc	49 38 c	55 43 c	61 44 c
Denver	58 38 pc	59 38 s	59 35 pc	56 29 pc
Des Moines	45 31 pc	52 35 pc	55 39 pc	51 36 r
Detroit	50 34 sh	48 34 pc	55 41 c	57 48 r
Houston	76 58 s	78 64 pc	80 66 pc	76 60 c
Indianapolis	49 32 pc	53 38 pc	57 41 c	59 45 c
Kansas City	54 38 pc	60 42 s	60 44 pc	57 33 pc
Los Angeles	72 54 pc	75 54 pc	76 54 pc	77 51 s
Miami	83 70 pc	85 73 pc	85 76 pc	81 75 t
Minn.-St. Paul	38 28 sf	44 30 pc	46 31 r	47 25 c
New Orleans	70 54 s	75 58 s	77 61 s	78 66 pc
New York City	58 46 pc	58 46 pc	60 50 pc	62 52 r
Omaha	48 34 pc	54 36 s	54 38 pc	57 28 s
Phoenix	83 62 pc	82 61 pc	79 50 s	82 50 s
San Francisco	69 54 pc	69 54 pc	67 54 pc	69 52 pc
Seattle	68 46 s	66 45 s	61 44 s	57 40 s
Washington	62 44 pc	59 46 pc	64 48 pc	57 38 pc

**SUN & MOON**

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	7:10 a.m.	6:14 p.m.
Fri.	7:11 a.m.	6:13 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	5:07 p.m.	3:25 a.m.
Fri.	5:29 p.m.	4:25 a.m.
Moon Phases		
	Full	Last New First
Oct 21		Oct 29
Nov 4		Nov 11
Weather (W):		
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

**WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES**

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	55 47 t	48 32 pc	43 34 s	46 45 r
Berlin	53 45 r	50 31 r	40 30 c	42 31 pc
Buenos Aires	69 49 s	73 56 pc	79 64 pc	75 42 pc
Cairo	87 63 pc	88 65 pc	88 65 s	86 64 s
Jerusalem	73 58 c	79 57 pc	80 57 pc	78 54 s
Johannesburg	92 59 s	89 58 s	90 59 s	89 58 s
London	53 46 r	47 37 pc	48 38 pc	54 53 r
Madrid	57 49 c	57 53 sh	78 53 pc	76 57 c
Mexico City	70 50 pc	72 48 c	72 49 pc	73 49 pc
Moscow	33 26 c	36 34 sn	35 21 sn	31 23 sn
Paris	53 40 pc	49 36 pc	47 41 c	58 55 r
Rio de Janeiro	86 72 pc	84 69 s	82 67 pc	80 67 s
Rome	78 62 pc	71 55 pc	74 60 pc	77 60 pc
San Juan	89 76 s	87 75 s	87 75 pc	87 74 pc
Seoul	74 57 pc	67 55 r	60 41 pc	53 37 s
Sydney	71 48 pc	76 58 s	89 63 s	79 55 s
Tokyo	69 59 s	69 60 s	70 65 c	73 61 r
Toronto	42 29 c	40 24 c	42 36 r	59 40 r
Winnipeg	30 12 c	32 16 c	37 18 c	36 18 pc
Zurich	52 39 r	48 39 pc	45 43 r	56 54 r

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**October 19 & 20—Clothing Drive**, sponsored by the Sacred heart School Home School Association. Items may be brought to the church parking lot before and after all weekend Masses. Collections are 4-6 p.m. on 10/19 and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. on 10/20. For more info., call (732) 721-0834.

**Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret** will be sponsoring a dinner at the Center. Music by Ed Szymborski and orchestra. There will be prizes. This event is sponsored by Holy Family Rosary Society. Tickets are \$25 per person.

**Oct. 20 from 7:30-11:30 p.m.—The Woodbridge area Widows or Widowers (WOWs)** will hold a fund raiser dance/social at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. The cost is \$8 per person. A live band will perform and refreshment will be served. Call (732) 297-1775.

**Oct. 20 at 10 a.m.—Making Strides at The Club at Woodbridge's Walk.**

**Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. —The Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge** presents "A Taste of The Arts." A free admission (donations accepted). For reservations, call (732) 634-0413. The building is handicapped accessible.

**October 21—Raritan Bay Medical Center's Immunology and Infectious Diseases Dept.** is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting to be held at RBMC, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. For time, location and to register, call (732) 324-5022.

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# Halloween Happenings

## How To Scare Up A Really Entertaining Halloween Party

(NAPSA)-With a little planning and creativity, anyone can scare up a great Halloween party.

"Halloween would not be complete without a spooky party. The fall holiday allows a little bit of our devilish side to come out when preparing the festivities," said Gail Davis, owner of Gail Davis & Associates, an event planning company in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. "At what other time of the year can you serve eye of newt soup or see Frankenstein do the Monster Mash dance with a fairy princess? Halloween parties are a time to experiment and let loose with your family and friends."

To help you get started, here are a few tips, tricks and recipes for creating a memorable event that is fun for the whole family.

• **Keep Those Cobwebs.** Any good Halloween party should capture the spirit of the holiday, whether it's a spine-tingling haunted house or a masquerade ball. Before you start shopping for the big event, decide what type of party you want to have-casual kookiness or exquisite elegance. You don't have to go overboard with decorations-mood lighting and a few well-placed decorations will set the scene. If you'll be serving food, create a unique table centerpiece in the shape of a ghost or jack-o'-lantern. In addition, try replacing normal lightbulbs throughout the house with red ones to add a spooky feel. Your Halloween party can hardly seem complete without a few strategically placed cobwebs.

• **Mix It Up with The**

**Monster Mash.** A little background music will help set a creepy mood. Most music stores carry tapes or CDs of spooky Halloween sounds, such as creaky doors, howling wolves or rattling chains. To give your guests an unexpected fright, hide an extra CD or tape player in the bathroom to play the Halloween sounds. As the night progresses, break out traditional Halloween music to allow your guests to shake their bones and dance. Great Halloween tunes include Thriller and The Monster Mash, as well as music from The Rocky Horror Picture Show soundtrack.

• **Work Up a Witch's Brew.** When planning Halloween party menus, try spicing up your guests' drinks with a bewitching witch's brew. Go to the supermarket's fresh fish counter to purchase some dry ice. Then mix up a punch with a Halloween-colored beverage in a large bowl. Sunkist Orange Soda, A&W Root Beer and Welch's Grape Soda all work well because of their orange, brown and purple colors. Take the punch bowl and place it inside a larger container. Then add dry ice to the large container. This allows you to create that delightful creeping mist without putting the dry ice directly into the punch, which can be dangerous. When you're ready to create some magic, simply pour hot water over the dry ice in the outer container. It's important to be careful when handling dry ice. Always wear gloves and use tongs to avoid burning your hands. It's also best to use dry ice only in well-ventilated areas.

### • Scare Up Some Fun.

Guests will go batty for party games, so be sure to have a variety of team and age-appropriate activities. Challenge your friends to create their own scary or humorous video in the style of The Blair Witch Project, and then watch them during your very own film festival. Also, with the fun music you'll be playing, be sure to incorporate a game of "Scared Stiff." The game is similar to musical chairs, but instead of sitting down when the music stops, players must freeze. The first person to move is eliminated and the game continues until only one "warm body" remains. Finally, don't forget to include classic activities such as bobbing for apples and telling ghost stories.

These simple tips and the following recipes can help create a



### Monster Ice Cream Floats

truly spooky Halloween party sure to remember for years to that your ghouls and ghosts are come.

#### Monster Ice Cream Float

1 12-ounce can of  
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or A&W Root Beer  
4 scoops of vanilla ice cream  
Gummy worms  
Scoop ice cream into a tall,  
clear glass. Pour Sunkist  
Orange Soda or A&W Root  
Beer over the ice cream. Place  
gummy worms into the drink so  
they hang over the edge. Add an  
orange or black straw.

#### Witch's Brew

1 liter Welch's Grape Soda  
1 liter Canada Dry Club Soda  
Seedless grapes  
2 apples  
Mix Welch's Grape Soda and  
Canada Dry Club Soda in a  
large punch bowl. Halve the  
grapes. Cut the apples into  
small chunks. Place the fruit  
into the bowl right before serv-  
ing.

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# Start Early on Helping Your Child Choose a Career

*by Linda Gooding, MS, LPC*

As parents we want what's best for our children. The short-term essentials, such as food, clothing, shelter and love, are usually well within our power. But some long-term goals, such as helping a child choose a career in which he or she will be happy and productive, can be more difficult and are often seen as things that will simply happen when the time is right.

However, while it's true that career decisions are ones your child must ultimately make on his or her own, there are things you can do to help make such decisions easier and more likely to produce a successful outcome. It may also surprise you as to how early in life your child can be guided toward productive career decision-making activities.

You probably remember being asked as a child what you wanted to be when you grew up. You probably do the same thing now with your own children. It actually is helpful. It gets children thinking about what interests and excites them. Some people actually become what they said they wanted to be as a child; others must put aside their childhood fantasies for various reasons. However, those fantasies should be encouraged because they form the earliest stages of career decision-making.

You can help your child explore the world of work and

learn that there are different occupations in which different talents are used. Observe your child's natural instincts. A child who likes taking things apart and putting them back together might be interested in learning what an engineer or an automotive technician really does. You can help a child with artistic interests research careers in art, architecture or similar fields where such skills are used.

The point isn't to have a young child actually make a career decision, but to begin to learn that there are career fields in which his or her natural skills and interests can find a meaningful outlet. Another way to help your child in long-term career planning is by helping him or her see the realistic side of occupations. When an interest is expressed in an occupation, find out what is known about it by the child, and then encourage learning a little more. If a young child says he or she wants to be a doctor, or firefighter, or ballerina, talk about what having such a job really means.

It's also helpful if you can encourage your child to be realistic about his or her abilities and limitations. Each of us has a unique set of abilities we bring to a career. Some of us have the knack to be a nuclear physicist, while others of us don't. Some of us are math whizzes, while others of us struggle to balance our check-

books. Without such differences, we'd all want the same career! Instead, we should try to find a niche in which we are comfortable doing what we can do best. Another important factor is to think about career choices in terms of what is going to be best for your child, not what will be best for you. It's natural to want your child to follow in your footsteps, but if it's a career field in which your child has little interest or talent, it's not the right choice. Your goal isn't to steer your child toward a career that you feel would be best for him or her. Instead, it is to help your child see the wide variety of career choices open to him or her, while offering help and encouragement in making the best career decision. Choosing a career to please one's parent often leads to heartache and extreme career dissatisfaction.

You can also help your child by exploring what resources your child's school may offer regarding career-decision making. Ask your elementary school counselor about how to proceed. For junior high and high-school age children, there should be active programs on career education. Again, your child's school counselor should be a valuable resource. You may also want to consider working with a career counselor who can assist your child by providing additional tools related to career decisions.

Whatever your course, discuss it first with your child.

Choosing a career that is a good fit is one of the most important decisions we will ever make.

As a parent, you can be of invaluable assistance to your child in this process. You will benefit because you helped,

and your child will benefit because you cared. *Linda Gooding, a counselor/professor at the North Harris College Student Success Center in Houston, Texas, has more than 15 years experience in career and job counseling.*

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## Looking For A Pre-SAT or SAT Prep Course? Come To Union County College

CRANFORD—Beginning on Oct. 19, courses in Pre-SAT and SAT Preparation will be offered through College for Kids programming offered at Union County College. Courses in "Pre-SAT Critical Thinking Skills Course (Grades 9 and 10)" and "SAT Preparation Course" are being offered on both Cranford and Plainfield campuses by the College's Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education.

The "Pre-SAT Critical Thinking Skills Course (Grades 9 and 10)" will cover test-taking strategies and critical reading skills. There will be concentration in the areas of vocabulary building, critical reading, problem solving and critical thinking. In the area of math, both algebra and geometry will be covered. This course is highly recommended for those who plan on eventually taking the SAT exam. The course cost is \$225. It will be held on the Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Avenue

from 9 a.m.-12 noon or 12:10-3:40 p.m. It will be held on the Plainfield campus at 232 E. Second Street from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The "SAT Preparation Course" is a total of 21 hours. It is designed to raise the point level of a student's SAT score. Students are given a practice test on the first day of the course and are assessed. The students are then grouped by ability based on their test results. Topics reviewed will be the specific math and verbal concepts tested by the SAT. Students will also learn pertinent test taking strategies. The course is scheduled to end prior to the SAT test dates. This course will be offered on the College's Cranford campus from 12:30-4 p.m. The course cost is \$350.

For more information about registering for these courses, or about College for Kids programming, contact the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at (908) 709-7600.

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## Think You're Lactose Intolerant?: Minorities May Face Health Risks For Cutting Dairy From The Diet

AREA-- Minority groups, including African Americans and Hispanics, often avoid dairy products due to fears about lactose intolerance, yet experts say this unhealthy behavior can be avoided with simple steps for enjoying milk, cheese and yogurt every day.

Research indicates that minority groups, who are most likely to

eliminate dairy foods from their diets, actually have the most to gain from including milk, cheese and yogurt on their menus. The increased consumption of lowfat dairy may help reduce the risk for some of the chronic diseases that strike minorities at a disproportional rate including high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity and

some cancers. Unfortunately, dairy intake remains low for many minorities. Lactose intolerance frequently is the reason minorities say they avoid or limit dairy foods.

Connie Brown-Riggs, MS, RD, CDE, says lactose intolerance is not an "all-or-nothing" condition; it's a matter of degree. Individuals who are lactose intolerant have lower levels of the digestive enzyme lactase needed to properly break down lactose, the natural sugar in milk. Lactase

levels vary from person to person, but most degrees of lactose intolerance are quite manageable.

In fact, Brown-Riggs says the problem may actually be part of the solution. Lactose intolerant people should be drinking more milk to help them manage the condition. The exposure to lactose helps "train" your digestive tract to handle the lactose.

"The average African American woman consumes only about half the calcium she

needs," explains Brown-Riggs. "If she's cutting out dairy products because of lactose intolerance, it's unrealistic to think that she'll get enough calcium from other foods."

Research shows that dairy foods can improve the overall quality of the diet. Milk, cheese and yogurt are not only excellent sources of calcium, but they provide eight other essential nutrients including potassium, magnesium, vitamins A and D and protein.

## Happiness Unlimited Celebrates 14 Years Of Granting Wishes For Cancer Patients

AREA — Happiness Unlimited, the first adult wish-fulfillment program in the United States, celebrates 14 years of helping cancer patients and their families on Friday, Oct. 25 with a dinner dance at the Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange. This fabulous evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment will feature the Sensational Soul Cruisers.

Founded in 1988 by Anne DeLaney of Mendham and Leigh Porges of Short Hills— both of whom lost their mothers to cancer—Happiness Unlimited helps adult cancer patients and their loved ones by granting wishes and bringing families together. The goal of Happiness Unlimited is simple. The organization wants to help cancer patients and those they love step away for a moment from the grind of fighting cancer and enjoy life again.

In 1988, Porges and DeLaney began granting wishes for cancer patients at Union Hospital, Union. Now Happiness Unlimited works with a network of doctors, nurses and social workers at eight hospitals in northern and central New Jersey to find potential wish recipients. As soon as a wish recipient is chosen, one of 80 volunteers is assigned to work with the cancer patient to make his or her dream come true. One of the most impressive aspects of Happiness Unlimited is that 100 percent of all donations goes directly to the patients.



**HAPPINESS UNLIMITED FOUNDERS** —Anne DeLaney of Mendham and Leigh Porges of Short Hills planning the Oct. 25 dinner/dance gala at the Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange. For tickets, call Happiness Unlimited at (973) 984-0990.

The wishes granted have ranged from simple to the grand. Cancer patients have enjoyed opening day at Yankee Stadium or a Broadway show with their families. A week at the beach has also been a great escape. Others have celebrated birthdays or wedding anniversaries, which may have gone unnoticed without the assistance of Happiness Unlimited. Truly the goal of Happiness Unlimited is to provide joy to adult cancer patients through granting wishes and bringing them together with those they love to sustain them during their fight against the disease.

For tickets to the Oct. 25 dinner dance benefit or to learn more about Happiness Unlimited, call Happiness Unlimited at (973) 984-0990.

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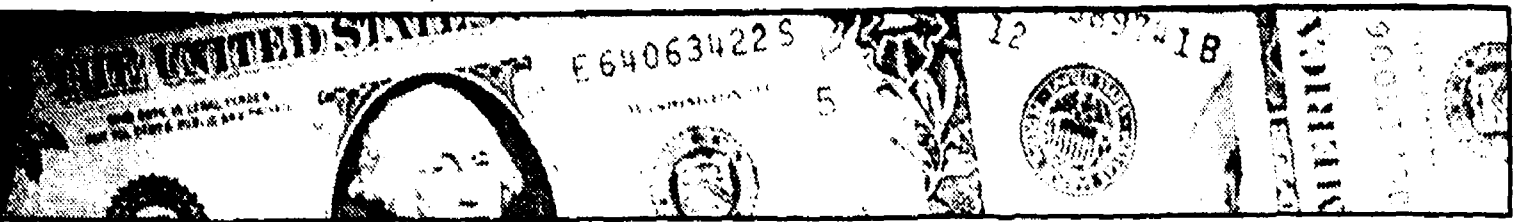
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## Business Networking Workshop

WESTFIELD Richard Magid, of the Let's Talk Business Network, will lead an interactive session on how to achieve greater business success by building a network of valuable relationships. He will speak at a morning meeting to be held on Thursday, Oct 24 at 8:45 a.m. at the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce office, 173 Elm Street (Fleet Bank), second floor in Westfield. Sponsored by HOTLINC, an association for home-based and small businesses, the meeting costs \$15 per person and includes a continental breakfast. The meeting is open to all NJ home-based and small businesses who are interested in using networking to grow their

business. Register by contacting Debbie Schmidt at (908) 233-3021 or [dschmidt@westfield-nj.com](mailto:dschmidt@westfield-nj.com).

"Residential and small business CEOs need to understand what effective networking is all about," says Donna Rosa, vice president of member services for the Gateway Chamber of Commerce, one of HOTLINC's sponsors. "That's why we've invited Richard Magid to lead participants through the practical 'how-tos' of making networking work for their business."

"Everyone needs more business, that's given," says Magid. "But when we approach the marketplace and talk about all the great things we can do, we chase

people away. No one wants to be sold!" Magid will explain that when business owners operate from a perspective of giving, the returns come back many times over. He will help meeting participants uncover how to achieve incredible success for their own businesses by building social capital.

"It's important for business owners to become a source of knowledge to all those around them," Magid continues. "Open your network to others and you will become a hub of activity. Lastly, show your human side and share your compassion. Your warmth will attract the type of high quality people that you want to be surrounded by."

## In-Home Business Owners: Do You Have Insurance?

STATE—Home-based businesses are one of the fastest growing industries in the United States. If you have a home-based business, don't make the mistake of assuming you're covered under your homeowners insurance policy. The fact is many of these enterprises may be uninsured or underinsured. This could set you up for some big losses.

A home-based business requires a substantial investment of time, money and property, however, many business owners do not have the necessary coverage to protect themselves and their businesses, according to David Madara, CPCU, AAI, president of Professional

Insurance Agents of New Jersey, Inc.

"Homeowners policies do not sufficiently cover a home-based business," Madara warns. "For example, fire damage to expensive office furniture and equipment, a stolen business credit card, a power surge resulting in the loss of important computer data and a lawsuit over a business-related matter are not covered."

PIANJ suggests three ways to get the most appropriate coverage for your home-based business. First, talk to your professional insurance agent about adding a home business endorsement to your existing homeowners policy. This coverage gener-

ally includes business property coverage; business liability, including product, personal injury and advertising liability; loss of business income protection; valuable accounts receivable.

Second, you can purchase several individual business insurance policies to provide the various coverage you need, such as business property, general liability and business income insurance.

Third, see about purchasing a business-owner's package policy designed for smaller businesses, which combines the necessary property and liability insurance coverages you need in a single policy.

"Certain conditions may require other types of insurance coverage," Madara advises. "For instance, if you use an automobile for your business activities, be sure your automobile insurance will protect you from accidents that occur on business-related errands. And if you have employees, you may want to consider a small group insurance program."

Be sure your in-home business is properly covered. Contact your professional insurance agents today to find out what coverage is right for your business.

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# Cohen's 'Guns In Schools' Bill Advances

STATE — On Oct. 3, Assembly panel released legislation sponsored by Assembly Deputy Majority Leader Neil M. Cohen that would establish a telephone hotline for reporting the possession of guns and other weapons on school property.

"While New Jersey has not had school shootings like other states, we're at risk so long as precautions are not undertaken to prevent such tragedies in our classrooms," said Cohen (D-Union). "The hotline is an

effective way for students and faculty to inform law enforcement of the presence of weapons without having to fear retribution for tipping off authorities."

The U.S. Department of Education reports that more than 3,500 students were expelled in 1998-99 for bringing guns to school. Of those, 43 percent were in elementary or junior high school. A 1999 survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control found that 4.9 percent of high

school students reported having carried a gun at least once in the last 30 days.

The bill (A-1768) would require the state Attorney General to set up the toll-free hotline and develop and conduct a program of public education to inform students and the general public about the availability of the hotline.

In addition, anyone calling the hotline could do so anonymously to ensure the caller's safety. A study by Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute

for Advanced Study found that from 1992 to 2001 there were 13 multiple-victim shootings in rural and suburban U.S. schools. Those outbreaks of fatal shootings, which peaked in severity in 1999 with the 15 deaths in the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado, left a total of 44 people dead, 88 injured, and nine teenage gunmen imprisoned.

"We must learn lessons from the school shootings that have shocked our nation over the past few years," said

Cohen. "We can't close our eyes to the problem of guns and other weapons in schools. by literally opening the lines of communication between police and students, we gain many sets of eyes in the fight to keep weapons out of schools."

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee released the bill 6 to 0. It now goes to the Assembly Speaker, who decides whether to post it for a floor vote.

## U.S. Marine Says, "We Can't Get Enough!"

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.— (Home of Fort Bragg and the 82nd Airborne) "We know that U.S. troops across the nation and around the world appreciate the fan mail they receive," said G.B. Wiser, executive director of the campaign. One message from a young Marine read in part, "We are on our way to...fight the war against terrorism. One of my fellow Marines recently received a package from you filled with mail from...the states...Could you please send more of these heartfelt letters...We can't get enough of them."

Individuals and families all across the nation in schools and churches, with campus groups, youth groups, veterans groups and auxiliaries, etc., all across the U.S. are already writing cards and letters to be sent to our military men and women at home and abroad in the Christmas 2002 Fan Mail for the Troops campaign.

All that mail is sent to Friends of Our Troops headquarters where it is first mixed thoroughly, then separated into well over 1,000 packages of mail to be sent out. "The pack-

ages range in size from a handful of small units up to several thousand for an entire base or one of the Navy's large ships," said Wiser. "This helps to get an appropriate amount of mail to all those places and provides a tremendous morale boost."

As the continuation of the Vietnam Mail Call program established in 1965, there have now been more than 35 years of service to and support of our soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and coast guardsmen.

An overview of how the campaign functions has been posted in the online photo album, <http://www.troopfanmail.net/alb> um.htm. In addition, there are special pages for schools, colleges, churches, veterans groups and youth groups, as well as a Catholic page. The top participants nationally (organizations, individuals, churches, military, colleges/universities, high schools, junior high/middle

schools and elementary schools) are recognized on the "Top Friends" page [www.troopfanmail.net/leaders.htm](http://www.troopfanmail.net/leaders.htm).

Special thanks to those who participated in the most recent campaign: From Carteret—Jack Ryan; Middlesex—Junior Girl Scout Troop 492; Milltown—Susan Costello and Friends. Three individuals received certificates and buttons for preparing 50 pieces of mail each; South River—Cub Scout Pack 83, led by Janet Chmura; Spotswood—Cub Scout Pack 35, led by Carol Doscher. They were one of the leading Scout groups in New Jersey and in the top five nationally. More than 35 individuals received certificates for preparing 25 or more pieces of mail each; of those, 20 also received buttons.

To learn how to help boost the morale of U.S. troops all across the U.S. and around the world, send your name and address to Friends of Our

Troops, P.O. Box 65408, Fayetteville, NC 28306. (And mention where you read about this campaign).

P.S. Your military friends and loved ones can be the BMOC/BWOC (so to speak) when they receive a big package of mail to share with their fellow service members. Send their

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## How Can I Make A Difference?

How can I make a difference? That's the question that is often asked. Unfortunately, it is not very often answered.

Well, here's your chance. Saturday, Oct. 26 is National Make A Difference Day. It is a day of neighbors helping neighbors. A day where anyone, and everyone, young and old, individuals and groups, can participate. National Make A Difference Day was created by *USA WEEKEND* magazine. It is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. Millions have participated and made a difference and you can too. In 2000, 2.2 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns and helping an estimated 25 million people.

Anyone. Young and old, individuals and groups, anyone can carry out a volunteer project that helps others. It might be as ambitious as collecting truckloads of clothing for the homeless, or as personal as spending an afternoon helping an elderly neighbor or relative.

As part of National Make A Difference Day, the state of New Jersey has launched a book drive. The goal is to collect 100,000 books to promote early childhood literacy. Collection sites are located at

state buildings, public libraries, and participating corporate facilities. You can participate in Make A Difference Day by donating some books.

My district office staff and I will be collecting non-perishable food at my district office to benefit M.C.F.O.O.D.S., the Middlesex County Food Bank which serves several pantry's and kitchens throughout the county. Non-perishable, canned or packaged items will be collected at my legislative office located at 3145 Bordentown Avenue, Suite B, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment throughout the month of October. The children of the Emma L. Arleth Elementary School will be reading to seniors as their contribution to Make A Difference Day. These seniors may often not have a lot of interaction and contact with young children, and this is a great way to lift their spirits. Helping make a difference is a great idea. It is even better when we show our children that they can make a difference, too. Hopefully, such early experiences for children will inspire them to continue to make a difference throughout their lives.

Make A Difference Day is powerful. It demonstrably reminds us of the power we each have to make our neighborhood, our town, state or nation a better place to live. It teaches us, young and old, that we have a responsibility to each other and to our community. It shows us that when we care, we can truly Make A Difference.

## Vas And Torricelli, Perfect Together!

Dear Editor,

Character and integrity does matter! That is the message delivered by the people of New Jersey and the reason behind the resignation of the former Senator Bob Torricelli. The mayor of Perth Amboy, Joseph Vas would be well advised to understand that message and resign from office as well.

Like Torricelli, Vas thinks that he is above the Law. Also, his ethical lapses are serious and worthy of a full federal investigation. Recently, his Insurance Broker's license was revoked by the New Jersey Insurance Commissioner for the willful misappropriation of more than \$215,000, a feat that would have landed any of us in jail. Yet his case was never submitted to any prosecutor for an investigation. Joe Vas has yet to answer as to the whereabouts of the money, which loss resulted from the bouncing of hundreds of checks from his business trusts account. Further, Vas disregarded the Administrative Court's Subpoenas, stalled the Tribunal with delaying tactics and did not even show up before the Judge to answer the allegations. Moreover, after being fined approximately \$50,000 for years, Vas ignored his duty to pay and never made arrangements to pay the fines until the matter was made public by the media. When was the last time that you stuck your

tongue out to a Judge and got away with it? Ask Joe Vas, he knows how!

Like Torricelli, Vas' reign has been marked by instilling fear and intimidation in any opposition to consolidate his power. In Perth Amboy, the full weight of the Administration will come upon you if you suddenly find yourself or your business out of the boundaries of local Law-just ask some of the small business owners. The Perth Amboy residents and small businesses were severely admonished by the Administration for code violations, parking lapses and the like. Meanwhile, Vas allowed a Church to operate in the basement of his State Street building (a severe code violation), had a company that received millions in City contracts do work in his own house, cordoned off streets without permits for his self grandiose parties and sold properties below market prices to his political donors. This was a historical building and Vas used the funds of the former Perth Amboy Housing Development Corporation to give another \$1.75 million dollar Grant to his developer friend. These funds were originally earmarked for seniors and Perth Amboy residents to get small low interest loans and grants to improve their properties.

Like Torricelli, Vas has amassed a political fortune by

aligning himself with powerful (in our case from out of town) economic interests to the detriment of the local citizen and taxpayer. Vas' political fund, prior to redevelopment, was an average of approximately \$8,000; and is now an average of \$400,000. How does a small town mayor get that kind of money? Well, the money does not come from the residents of Perth Amboy. The bulk of the money comes from those who profit from the giving. This economic power allows Vas to discourage opposition, to stack the City's boards and agencies with cronies who are too afraid to say no to thank him, to sell City assets and resources, like our water, Runyon, and to move up waterfront properties below market value.

Like Torricelli, Vas started in the right tract and then veered off. The good that Vas accomplished has since been overcome by his questionable conduct and his suspicious dealings of today.

But like Torricelli, Vas' world is seen only via the prism of Joe Vas and what Joe Vas wants. As a result of this conduct, Joe Vas has lost the precious gift of public trust. Thus, he must resign now. Unless, like Torricelli, under embarrassment, he is to resign later!

**Bill E. Delgado**  
Perth Amboy

## Bush Has Promises To Keep

Dear Editor,

A year ago President Bush stood beside a fireman amid the rubble of the World Trade Center buildings and, bellowing through a bullhorn to the crowd of rescue workers, he promised that the terrorists who attacked us would be hearing from us soon. He delivered on that promise by hitting Afghanistan with a torrential air assault and sending in Special Forces soldiers to hunt for Osama bin Laden. Unfortunately, we did not "bring him to justice," as President Bush had promised the American people.

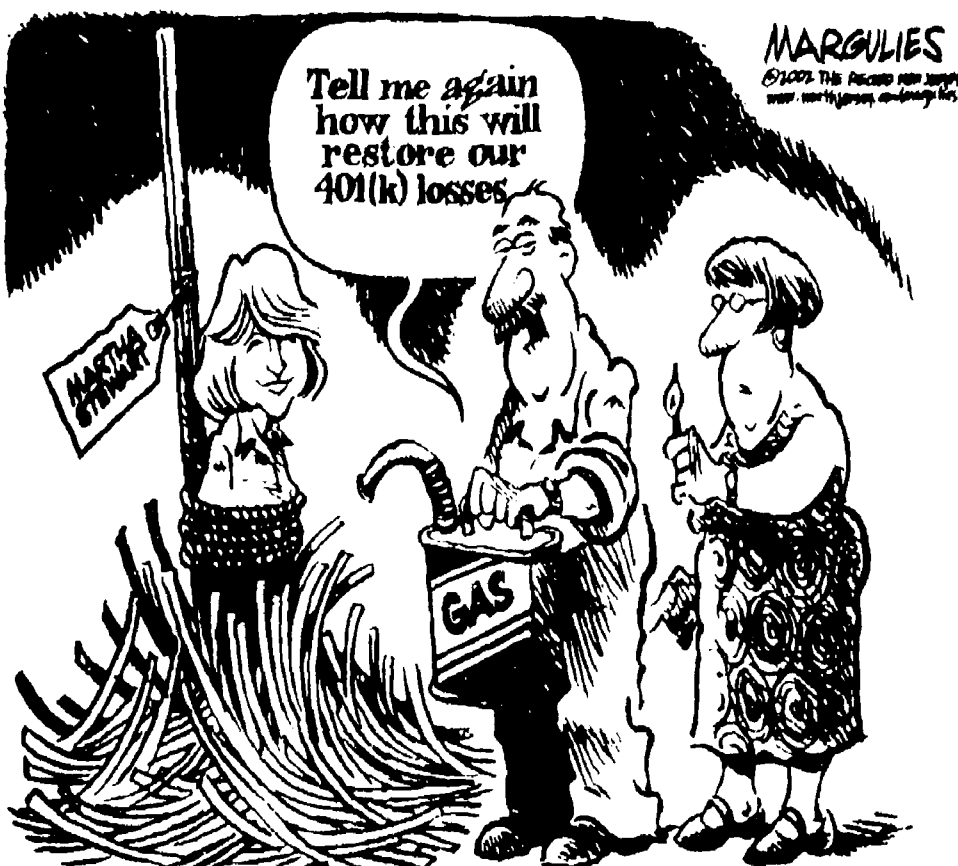
And now, a year later, he wants to invade Iraq. There is still much that needs to be

done in Afghanistan. President Bush promised to help get the country back on its feet, establish a democratic government, rebuild the crumbled schools, houses, the entire infrastructure. This has not been done. And terrorists are still active in that country. They tried to assassinate the Afghan president recently and almost succeeded. How can we possibly turn our attention toward Iraq when so much still needs to be done in Afghanistan?

President Bush needs to fulfill his promises. He needs to help rebuild Afghanistan, hunt down Osama bin Laden and bring all the terrorists in Afghanistan to justice. He owes it to us to do that. He

especially owes it to the families of the victims of the terrorist attacks because they're the ones who have suffered and still suffer the greatest emotional pain. He owes it to the nation to finish one task before starting another, a much more ambitious task that is going to take the support of the American people for him to succeed. And right now he does not have it. If he wants our support he must earn it, and if the job he did in Afghanistan is indicative of the job he will do in Iraq, he will never win the public's support.

**Lawrence J. Imboden**  
Piscataway



NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

## Local Beer Writers Honored

PERTH AMBOY—Once again, New Jersey beer and those who write about it are making noise in the beer world.

Gary Monterosso, Vince Capano and Kurt Epps, members of NJAB, were recognized as outstanding writers for 2002 at the annual North American Guild of Beer Writers Awards. The event is part of the Great American Beer Festival, the largest and most famous beer festival in the country.

The program, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and held at the Wynkoop Brewery in Denver on October 5, presented Monterosso with two awards, Capano with one and Epps with three. Both Monterosso and Epps are

repeat winners, having earned awards in previous years.

New Jersey's first female Head Brewer, Gretchen Schmidhausler, brought home Jersey's only medal this year—a Gold medal—for Basil T's Italian Grille and Brewery in Red Bank for Maxwell's Stout.

"It is rewarding to have received recognition at this level," said Monterosso, referring to the number of quality writers from across the nation who enter the competition.

"New Jersey is doing good things in the craft beer world," said Epps, "and the country should know about it."

NJAB congratulates those Jerseyans who have earned distinction in their respective fields.



**LOCAL CELEBRITY**—Perth Amboy's Kurt Epps hold up two fourpacks of Stickenjab beer, produced by Heavyweight Brewing Company. A caricature of Epps is featured on the beer's label.

## Perth Amboy Attorney Attends Leadership Conference In Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-NJ, recently nominated Billy Delgado of Perth Amboy to attend the National Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. The two-day conference provided a forum from more than 350 Hispanic participants from across the country to discuss a range of policy issues with members of the United States Congress and the Bush Administration.

"Billy's continued dedication to Perth Amboy and the Hispanic community makes me proud to have nominated him to attend this conference," Ferguson said. "Knowing Billy, he will take the best of what he has learned at this summit back to Perth Amboy and work to make his community a better place for all."

Ferguson said he nominated Delgado to attend this conference because of his strong ties to his hometown community of Perth Amboy, his strong leadership skills and devotion to improving the lives of all citizens in New Jersey.

Delgado, a Perth Amboy attorney, was instrumental in organizing the Perth Amboy Merchants Association which provided a voice and role for the local small merchant in the future of Perth Amboy's

Redevelopment process. At the conference, House and Senate leaders from both sides of the aisle updated the attendees about Congress' fall agenda. Also, various members of President Bush's cabinet, including Housing Secretary Mel Martinez, Education Secretary Red Paige, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and White

House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card spoke on a myriad of issues including leadership, financial security and economic security.

The Hispanic Leadership Summit is designed to bring Hispanic leaders together from across the country to share ideas on how to improve their communities.

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## Retired Employees Meet

PERTH AMBOY — The next meeting of the Retired Employees Chapter of the Perth Amboy Federation AFT, NJSFT, AFL-CIO, will be held on Wednesday, Oct 23 at 1 p.m. at the Al Shanker Educational Resource Center

in the historic Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. New and current members are urged to attend. School district retirees are also invited. Refreshments will be offered.

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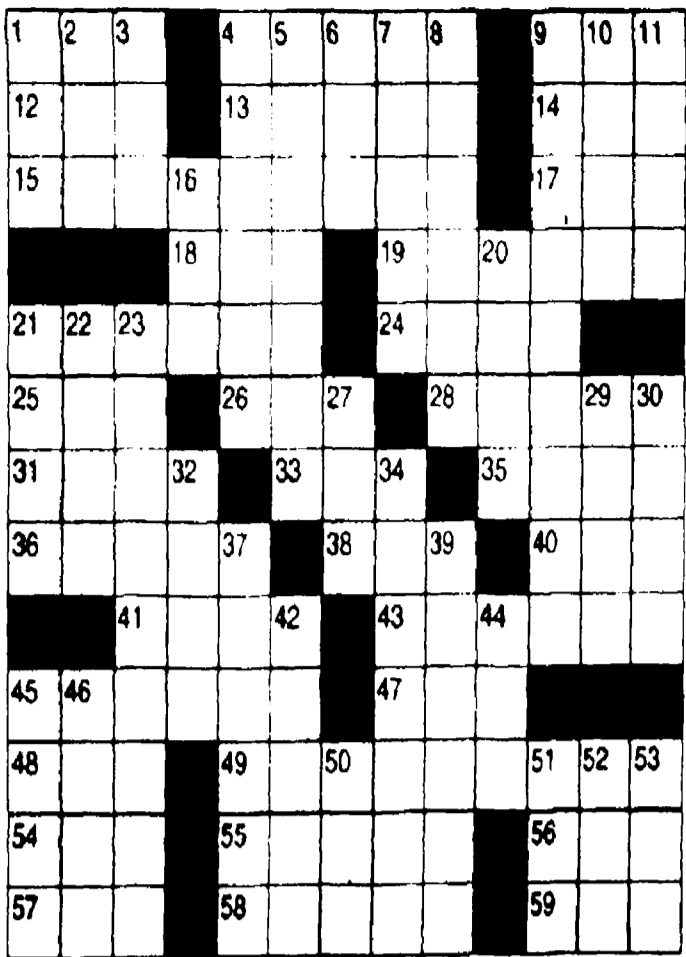
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Kendall reacted angrily when Trey confirmed her suspicions that he not only set the fire in Erica's house but framed her for the crime. Tad was upset to see Brooke working with Edmund. At the hospital, Hayley put Maria at ease as she explained why Enzo needed a transplant. Maria later told Aidan she needed to remember her past. Meanwhile, Edmund told Brooke he'll use "Maureen" to help restore Maria's memory. Wait to See: Maria has another recall of David.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Paul threatened Jessica. Will began to emerge from his coma. Carly sparred with Craig over his plans for their future. Emily and Susan were determined to reach out to Alison. Aaron's "town hero" status was short-lived. Rosanna felt triumphant. Wait to See: Abigail makes an announcement.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Erica told an uncertain Rick that little Eric will never be secure with Amber as a mother. Meanwhile, Amber realized that Sheila planned to make Rick believe that she (Amber) was off on a bender. Later, when the

spilled tequila was found, Taylor defended Amber to Ridge, insisting this was another setup. In the meantime, Rick responded to Erica's attempts to seduce him. Stephanie was startled to learn that the woman calling Massimo was Sheila Carter. Wait to See: Stephanie faces danger.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Shawn found Belle in a compromising position with Dozer, only to learn that Dozer had collapsed and Belle was performing CPR to restart his breathing. Chloe shared with Brady the good news about Nancy and Craig's expected baby. Sami and Kate worked together to dig up dirt on Nicole and bury her before she buries them. Tony got temporary guardianship of Cassie and Rex, the Gemini Twins. Lucas announced that Nicole couldn't marry Victor because she's still married to him. Bo was stunned when Hope and Zack failed to emerge from the plane. Wait to See: John gets unsettling news.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Monica told Jax and Skye that he could die if he didn't have surgery, but the procedure could also leave him paralyzed. Roy accepted Jason's offer and left town after he and Felicia shared a heartfelt farewell. Someone hid a camera in Courtney's apartment. Scott turned up information to use against Alexis in the campaign. Carly warned Brenda not to try to take Sonny away from her. Wait to See: Jax tells Skye he wants a divorce. Scott drops a bombshell on Alexis.

GUIDING LIGHT

Harley's fall into a trap created a dangerous situation for Marina. Olivia reacted to Phillip's rejection by planning a "surprise" for Alan. Alexandra and Buzz had a heart-to-heart talk. Cassie discovered her problems had not disappeared. Wait to See: Harley gives up on Gus. Ben turns to Holly for help. Eden receives an unexpected invitation.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Jen added to Natalie's pain by asking her to be her maid of honor when she marries

Cristian. Todd returned to Llanview. Troy was horrified when Lindsay arrived with a painting she said was called "Joanna" and symbolized a woman who'd been betrayed by the man she loved. Antonio asked Liz if Keri is carrying his baby. Seth shocked Viki by revealing that Rex isn't Jessica's brother and Roxy isn't her mother. Wait to See: Al presents a threat to Jen.

PASSIONS

Ethan bought an engagement ring. Luis, Liz and Beth arrived at the Greystone Inn to find Sheridan and Antonio at the altar. Whitney rejected Chad's declaration of love, saying she can't deny her father's dream. She then dashed into the elevator, unaware that it was a potential death trap for her, Julian, Ethan and Theresa. Sam erupted at Grace when Father Lonigan refused to annul her marriage to David. Wait to See: Cracked Connie sets out to free Hecuba.

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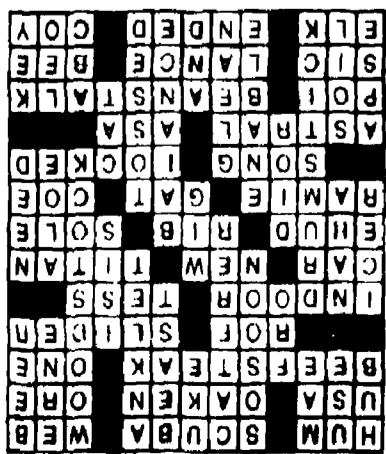
Jack rejected Livvie's plea to come back to her and returned to Tess, where he resumed teaching her more words. In the meantime, as Livvie began to gasp for air after falling into a bathtub of poisoned water, a stunned Jack watched as Tess suddenly struggled for breath. Rick surprised Marisa by using her poems as the lyrics to a song he wrote for her. Lucy and Ian were surprised to find Kevin back in Port Charles. Wait to See: Alison recalls her father.

THE YOUNG

AND THE RESTLESS

Phyllis told Michael she's sure Diane was framing her for arson so that she (Diane) could be with Jack. Meanwhile, Diane told Detective Weber that both Phyllis and Jack knew she would take a sleeping pill the night of the wedding. A tearful Sharon told Victor she's responsible for both Nick and Victoria's problems because she was unfaithful and slept with Diego. Olivia was stunned when Ashley's tape revealed Victor is Abby's biological father. Nikki urged Victoria to reach out to Diego. Michael warned Isabella that Chris might uncover their past. Meanwhile, Paul planned to surprise Isabella by reuniting her with her long-lost father. Wait to See: Phyllis faces a drastic possibility.

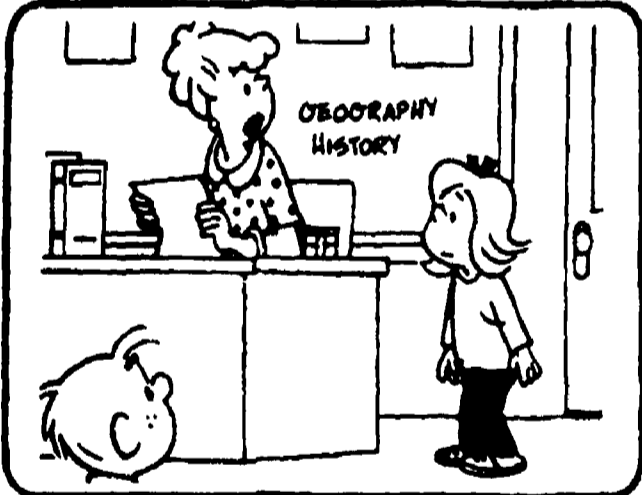
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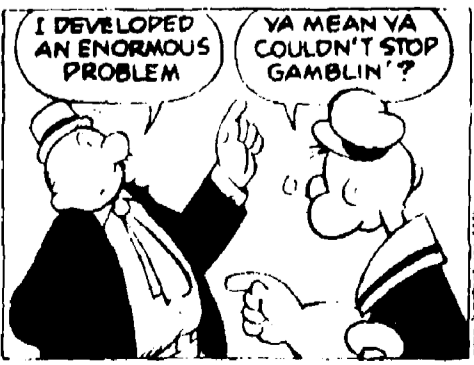
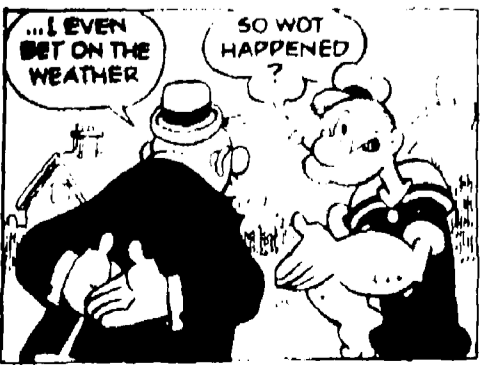
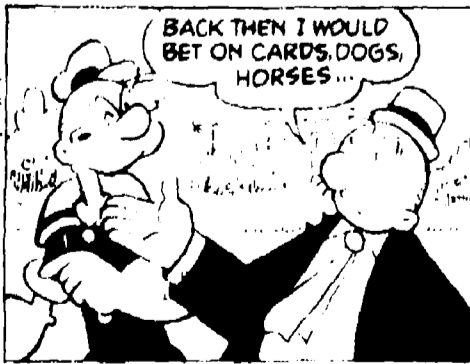
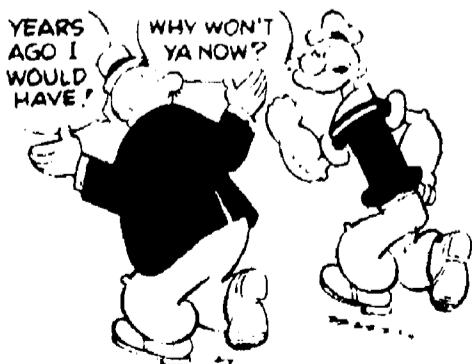
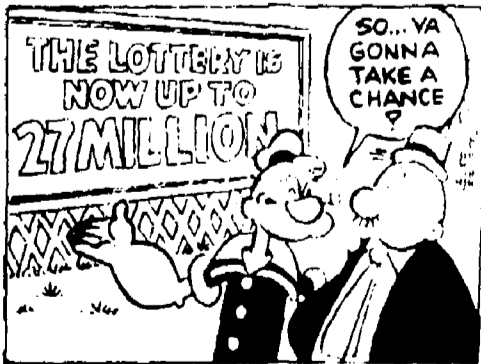
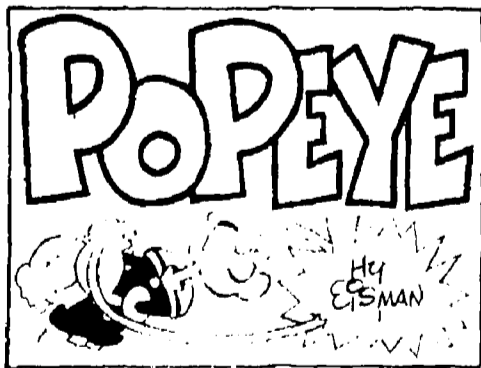
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**OBITUARIES**
**J. Kosakowski, 79  
of Sayreville**

Mrs. Josephine Kosakowski Mikolai of Sayreville died October 3 at her home. She was 79.

Born in Sayreville, she was a lifelong borough resident.

Before her retirement in 1975, she was employed as a seamstress with Siegal Brothers Dress Company in South River.

She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and had worked in the garment industry for 35 years.

Mrs. Mikolai was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Sayreville.

Her two brothers, Eugene and Walter Kosakowski and two sisters, Jennie Dubil and Anna Rodziewicz, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, David Mikolai, of East Brunswick; two brothers, Louis and John Kosakowski, both of Sayreville, and three sisters, Stella Kosakowski, Irene Wysocki and Mary Faczak, all of Sayreville.

**Normand DeWolf  
of Woodbridge**

Mr. Normand DeWolf died October 3 at his home in Woodbridge. He was 35.

Born in Elizabeth, he resided in Woodbridge for most of his life.

He was employed as a picker and packer at World Pack in Edison. His parents, Warren and Marilyn (Singer) DeWolf, are deceased.

Surviving are four sisters, Barbara Sabin of Woodbridge, Diane Herbert of Bangor, Pa., Lorraine Ottaviano of Port Reading and Marie Mikosz of Jamesburg; a brother, Warren DeWolf II of North Carolina Beach, N.C., and seven nieces and nephews, Ralph and Jennifer Sabin, Debbie, Marie and Warren.

**Lillian Prechutko  
of Iselin**

Mrs. Lillian (DeMarco) Prechutko died October 2 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 89.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Linden most of her life before moving to Iselin five years ago.

She was employed by Thomas Betts in Elizabeth as a tool and die maker for 40 years before retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Prechutko was a communicant of St. Cecelia's R.C. Church in Iselin.

Her husband, Marion "Pat" Prechutko.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

**Antoinette Aniolowski  
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Antoinette J. Aniolowski died October 2 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there all her life.

She was a seamstress for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, having worked in Perth Amboy before retiring in 1980.

Mrs. Aniolowski was a communicant of St. Stephen's R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

Her husband, John, died in 1996, and two brothers, Frank and Walter Niedbala, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Marie Chismar of Bound Brook; a son, John Aniolowski of Fords; a brother, John Niedbala of Toms River, and three grandchildren, Michael, John and Marnie.

**Mary Ann Stegiel  
of Carteret**

Mr. Mary Ann (Wadiak) Stegiel of Carteret, died October 1 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 89.

She was a lifelong resident of Carteret.

Mrs. Stegiel was a parishioner of Holy Family R.C. Church in Carteret, she was a member of the St. Cecelia Choir and the Altar Rosary Society, both of Holy Family Church.

Her husband, Frank J. Stegiel; a sister, Helen Wadiak, are both deceased.

Surviving are a son, Francis "Larry" Stegiel of Sayreville; three grandchildren, Gregory A. Stegiel of Jackson, Wayne F. Stegiel of Helmetta and Allison Hampson of Tinton Falls; a great-grandson, Andrew Hampson; four brothers, Joseph Wadiak of California, Michael Wadiak of Westfield, Edward Wadiak of Toms River and Eugene Wadiak of Pennsylvania, and two sisters, Ann Zaremski of Toms River and Jenny Crane of Massachusetts.

**Cecelia Baron, 97  
of Colonia**

Mrs. Cecelia Baron of Colonia died October 2 at Genesis Elder Care in Westfield. She was 97.

Born in Bayonne, she lived in Colonia. She was a homemaker. Her husband, George, died in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Richard Baron of Morristown; a daughter, Barbara Porbansky of Colonia; her grandchildren, Jill Vitale, Glen, Lynn, Mark and Robert Porbansky, Kathi Kotowski, Karen Hanley, Wendy Vann, George, Scott, Adam.

**Thaddeus Zajac, 75  
of Carteret**

Mr. Thaddeus Peter Zajac of Carteret died October 2 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 79.

Born in Bayonne, he lived there for many years before moving to Carteret 45 years ago.

He was a 1958 graduate of Rutgers University, he was an industrial engineer for Arvey Corp. in Jersey City for 35 years before retiring in 1989.

Mr. Zajac was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret and a member of St. Joseph's Holy Name Society.

He was a Fourth Degree member of the Father Carey Knights of Columbus Council.

Mr. Zajac was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Star Landing Post 2314 in Carteret.

He was an active member of the Carteret Seniors. He was a member of the Carteret Little League for 45 years.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, the former Elizabeth Meleski; three sons, Joseph of Emmaus, Pa., Richard of Dover, Del., and Daniel of Collegeville, Pa.; two daughters, Mary Beth Spadafino of Torrence, Calif., and Denise Reccamo of Allentown, Pa.; a sister, Joan Papeun of Bayonne, and 10 grandchildren.

**John Babyn, 82  
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. John Babyn of Perth Amboy died October 2 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 82.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He retired 20 years ago after more than 25 years as an operator at Chevron Oil in Perth Amboy.

Mr. Babyn was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy. He was a member of the Ukrainian National Association Branch 168. He was currently the secretary for St. Basil Society Chapter 184 of Perth Amboy and was a member of the Ukrainian Democratic Club of Perth Amboy. He was a former member of the Ukrainian Veterans Association and was a former assistant coach with the Perth Amboy Youth League.

His brother, Frank Babyn, is deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Pauline Medwick, with whom he resided; a niece, Diane C. Kosowicz of Port Jefferson, N.Y.; two nephews, Lee Medwick of Snellville, Ga., and Glenn Medwick of Piscataway; his great-nieces and great-nephews, Stephanie and Kristen Medwick of Snellville, Ga., and Charles and Diane Kosowicz of Port Jefferson, N.Y., and his longtime, very dear friend, Helen Lakos of Edison.

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# OBITUARIES

## Benita Perez, 72 of Fords

Mrs. Benita Perez of Fords died October 1 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 72.

Born in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, she lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., before moving to Fords almost two years ago.

Mrs. Perez was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

Surviving are a son, Octavio Ruiz of Fords, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Jose R. Nazario, 48 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Jose R. Nazario of Perth Amboy died October 2 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 48.

Born in Puerto Rico, he lived in Perth Amboy for the past 30 years.

He was the owner of Nazario Appliances in Perth Amboy for five years.

Mr. Nazario was a member of World Wide Missionary Movement Church in Perth Amboy.

His father, William Nazario, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen Burgos; four sons, Rafael, Jamil, Jomil and Kevin, all of Perth Amboy; his mother, Andrea Pagan Nazario of Perth Amboy; three sisters, Migdalia and Brunilda Nazario, both of Puerto Rico, and Naomi Bonilla of Perth Amboy.

## E. Theodore Lorenz of Metuchen

Mr. E. Theodore Lorenz of Metuchen died October 2 at Frances E. Parker Memorial Home in New Brunswick. He was 76.

Born in New York City, he moved to Cincinnati as a child and grew up there. He had been a resident of Metuchen since 1965.

He retired in 1992 from Middlesex County College in Edison, where he served as chairperson of the marketing, art & design department.

Previously, he had been employed by Arthur D. Little Company in New York City.

## Vitold B. Gryczkowski of Edison

Mr. Vitold B. Gryczkowski of Edison died October 3 at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice of Roosevelt Care Center in Edison. He was 84.

Born in Bayonne, he lived in Edison for the past 55 years.

He was a machine operator with Western Electric for 35 years before retiring.

Mr. Gryczkowski was a veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

His wife, Helen Gryczkowski; two brothers, Edward and Ted Gryczkowski; and a sister, Wanda, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, Charles Gryczkowski of Edison; and a brother, Anthony Gryczkowski of Bayonne.

Mr. Lorenz was a 1950 graduate of the University of Cincinnati and earned his master's degree from Pratt Institute in 1964. He was the author of many articles and held several patents in his name.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Barbara Haley Lorenz; two daughters, Janet Miller of Charlottesville, Va., Beth Ann Lorenz of Metuchen; a son, Theodore Lorenz of Penn Valley, Pa.; five grandchildren, Emily, Daniel and Clayton Miller, and Stephen and Brian Lorenz.

## Maria E. Miller, 66 of Parlin

Mrs. Marie E. Addeo Miller of Parlin died October 13 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. She was 66.

Born in Newark, she lived in Parlin for the past 35 years.

Before retiring three years ago, she was employed as a credit manager for New Jersey Steel Corporation in Sayreville for 22 years.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a communicant of St. Bernadette's R.C. Church in Parlin.

Her father, Henry Addeo, died in 1986.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Leo J. Miller; two daughters, Leigh O'Leary of Spotswood and Kristen Silowka of East Meredith, N.Y.; a son, Kurt Miller of Somerset; her mother, Elizabeth Pennella Addeo of East Newark; a sister, Elizabeth Ann McInnis of East Newark, and eight grandchildren, Shanna, Elizabeth and Stephen O'Leary, Jenine and Kurt Andrew Miller, Glenn, Nicholas and Ariana Mae Silowka.

## Theodore M. Korsu of Edison

Mr. Theodore M. Korsu of Edison died October 3 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 82.

Born in Jersey City, he moved to Edison in 1988.

He worked as a lead mechanic for American Airlines for seven years, and then as a quality-control manager for Ingersoll Rand Inc. in North Bergen for 30 years. He then became the proprietor for JTK Services in Edison for 11 years, before retiring in 1999.

He served in the Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Iselin and the South Plainfield American Legion.

## Mary L. Sokloski, 89 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Mary L. Sokloski of Woodbridge died October 12 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was 89.

Born in Wanamie, Pa., Mrs. Sokloski lived in Woodbridge for the past 35 years.

Mrs. Sokloski was employed by Lummured Plastics Co. in Woodbridge as a seamstress for 10 years, retiring in 1972. She was a communicant

Mr. Korsu had served as an usher at St. Helena's R.C. Church in Edison and was a member of St. Helena's Holy Name Society.

His sister, Mayme Johnson, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Regina (Walsh) Korsu; two sons, John of Edison and Robert of Iselin; a daughter, Deborah Balasia of Newark, Del.; his brother, Eino Salo of Venice, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Mark and Jessica Korsu, Scott, Keith, Brian, Andrew and Michael Balasia, and two great-grandchildren, Madison and Jada.

of St. James R.C. Church in Woodbridge.

Her husband, Frank A. Sokloski, died in 1976.

Surviving are a son, Frank Sokloski and daughter-in-law, Judy, of Colonia; a sister, Antoinette Noy of Toms River, and two grandchildren, Jason Sokloski of Atlanta, Ga., and Jennifer Sokloski of Woodbridge.

## Walter T. Hall, Jr. of Edison

Mr. Walter T. Hall Jr. of Edison died October 12 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 71.

Born in Jersey City, he lived most of his life in Edison.

He was employed by the Port Authority of N.Y./N.J. at Newark International Airport, retiring in 1987 after 32 years with the Port Authority.

Mr. Hall was a member of American Legion T. Nulty Post 471 in Iselin, a member of the Elks in both Edison and Florida, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Florida, the Orioles

in Florida, and the SPEBSQSA of America (a society of barber-shop quartets).

He served in the Marine Corps from 1952-1954.

His parents, Walter T. and Florence (Slusher) Hall, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Grace (Costa) Hall; a son, Robert F. of Edison; a daughter Joanne H. Tobias of Cream Ridge; three sisters, Florence Galler, Mildred Stepp and Ellen Libirizzi, and three grandchildren.

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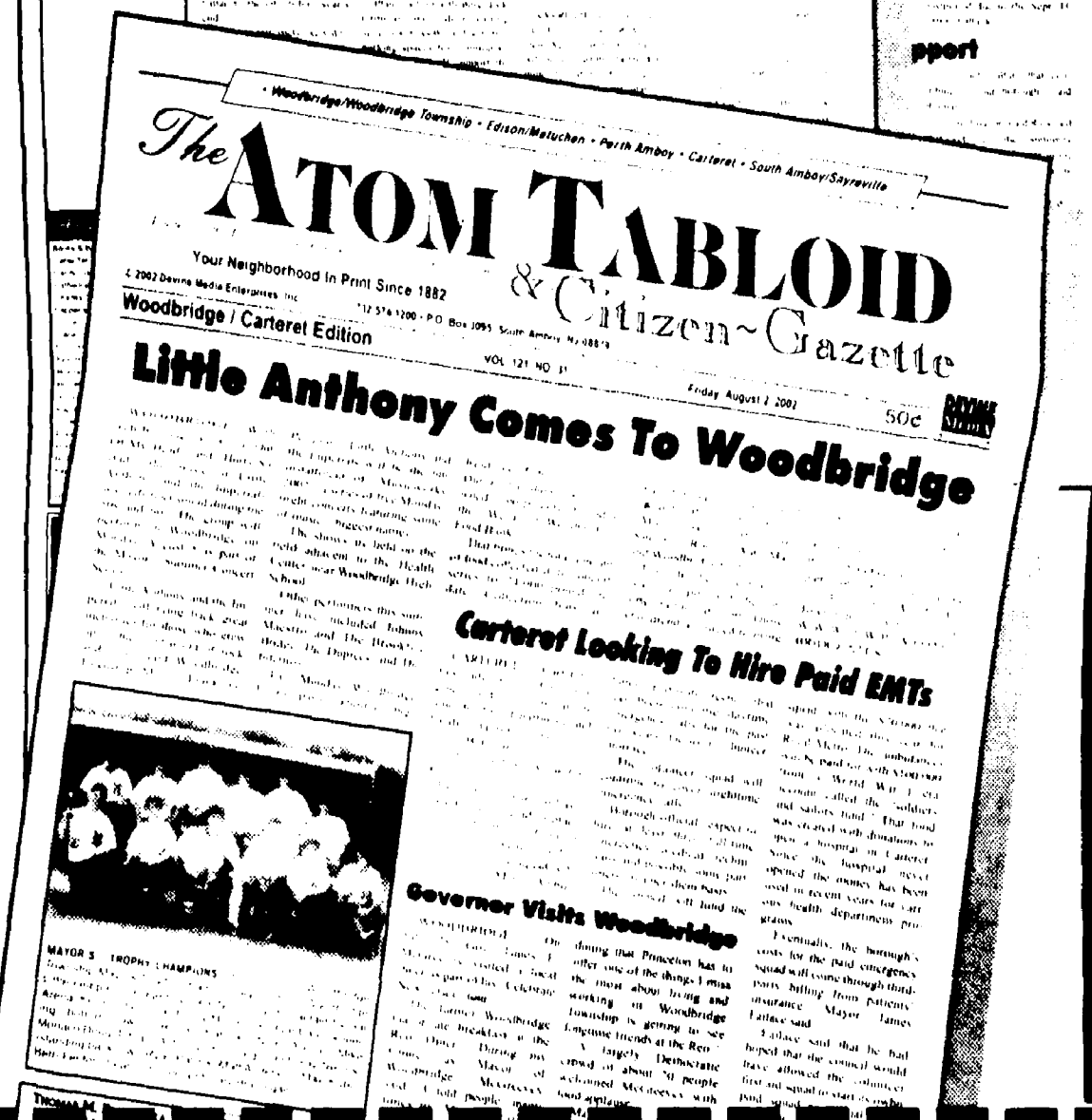
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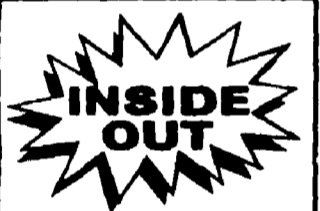
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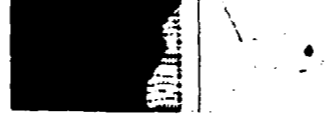
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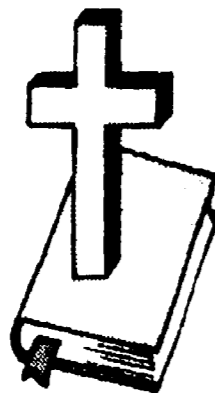


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# Edison Student Selected For Leadership Conference

EDISON Robert Hanley a junior at Union Catholic has been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy (NYLF/DID) that will take place in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 29 - Nov. 3.

The Edison resident will be joining approximately 400 out-

standing high school students from across America. Robert was chosen due to his academic achievement and having an interest in a career related to national security. At Union Catholic Robert is also involved in cross country, and tech crew for the Performing Arts Company.

"After the terrorist attacks on the United States on September

11, 2001, there may be no better time for students like Robert Hanley to learn how to lead and protect our country," said Donna Snyder, Executive Director of NYLF. "The National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy was designed to provide a first-hand glimpse of what a career in national security is all about.

Students will take part in an array of seminars with current leaders key to U.S. International relations, and will participate in a national security simulation exercise to pique their interests and test their problem-solving skills. This experience will help shape their plans for the future."

The NYLF/DID curriculum is based on actual world events, which allows its participants to learn from the examples set by previous generations of leaders, while encouraging them to develop a perspective and resolve unique to upcoming generations of leaders. Throughout the Forum, students will examine how the U.S. plans for peace and prepares for crisis. Students will

meet with leaders from key agencies and institutions.

In the past, NYLF/DID has visited several government institutions and military installations, including: the U.S. Department of State; the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico; the Defense Intelligence Agency; the U.S. Naval Academy; foreign embassies; and others.

NYLF is a nonpartisan, non-profit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized career-oriented programs for outstanding high school students who demonstrate leadership potential.

Hanley is the son of Robert and Valorie Hanley.

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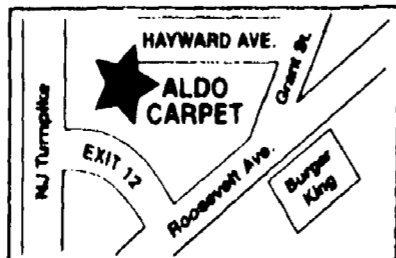
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## Fall Extravaganza

EDISON — On Sunday, Oct. 20, the Edison High School Band Parents Organization in conjunction with the US Scholastic Band Association will be hosting its annual "Fall Extravaganza" marching band competition. The event will host 12 bands from New York and New Jersey. The event will be held at Edison High School and will begin at 12 p.m. Some local bands in competition

will be JP Stevens High School, Hillsborough High School, and Immaculata High School. Ticket prices will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Children under the age of 7 will be admitted free.

Come out and enjoy a lovely fall afternoon and experience some great music and marching from some of the tri-states finest high school bands.

## Wardlaw-Hartridge School Fall Fair

EDISON—Games, shopping and food will delight children and adults alike at the annual Wardlaw-Hartridge School Fall Fair being held on Saturday, Oct. 19. The fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will take place at the school located at 1295 Inman Avenue, Edison.

Children will enjoy outdoor activities including inflatable rock climbing walls, obstacle courses and a giant bounce and slide. Indoors there will be tabletop games, prizes and crafts. Parents can do some early holiday shopping at the boutique. A variety of vendors will be selling their wares with items such as jewelry, home décor, handmade note cards, painting and gift baskets to name a few.

Ten elaborate theme baskets will be raffled offering something for everyone. This year's themes are College Bound,

Summer Fun, Teens, Pampered Pet, Sports, Family Fun & Games, Cocktail Hour, Health & Fitness, Home Repair/Decorating and All American.

The Copper Kettle will serve a traditional English luncheon indoors, while outdoors, patrons can feast on hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage sandwiches.

The fair is open to the public. Admission is free.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School is a non-profit co-educational independent school for grades pre-K to 12. The school serves more than 30 communities including Westfield, Scotch Plains, Plainfield, Edison, South Plainfield, Clark, Cranford and Metuchen, to name a few. The school welcomes students of all races, religions, and national backgrounds.