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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Sayreville To Receive Transportation Grant

The Transportation Trust Fund continues to be a major source for needed projects throughout the state,

SAYREVILLE—Mayor Kennedy O'Brien announced that Sayreville will receive a \$220,000 grant toward the improvements to MacArthur Avenue from the Transportation Trust Fund.

O'Brien received a letter

from Acting Governor Donald Di Francesco announcing the grant to Sayreville and indicating "the transportation Trust Fund continues to be a major funding source for needed projects throughout the state, enabling communities to pur-

sue transportation needs without increasing the burden of local property taxes. This project will help preserve our existing transportation system and contribute to the social and economic well being of the citizens it serves. When completed, it will also demonstrate the successful partnership that

exists between local and state government."

For more information about this press release, contact Mayor Kennedy O'Brien at (732) 390-7071.

For Technical information about MacArthur Avenue, contact Jay Cornell at (732) 727-8000.

Santowasso Honored For 40 Years Of Bar Membership

EDISON—Edison resident Nicholas L. Santowasso, a shareholder in the New Jersey law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., was honored by the Middlesex County Bar Association for having been a member for 40 years. The Bar Association honored 40, 50 and 60 year Bar members at the Pines Manor, Edison.

Nicholas L. Santowasso, a shareholder with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, has been associated with the firm since

1959, and a partner since 1961.

He has concentrated his practice in the area of real estate including acquisition of tracts for development, banking, commercial real estate lending and commercial leasing.

A South Brunswick native, he has remained active in the Middlesex County, New Jersey State and American Bar Associations.

He is a former Chairman of the Board and Trustee of Rutgers Preparatory School,

Somerset and presently serves as Trustee Emeritus. He is a former Municipal Prosecutor of the Township of South Brunswick. He has been an instructor in the Practicing Law Series for law candidates.

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**YOUR
COUNTY NEWS**

MCIA 2002 Recycling Schedules

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
— Residents of the 16 municipalities that participate in the Middlesex County Improvement Authority's (MCIA) recycling program should be receiving their 2002 curbside recycling schedules in the mail during the month of November.

A brochure containing the schedules has been mailed to all households in Cranbury, Dunellen, Helmetta, Highland Park, Jamesburg, Milltown, Monroe, New Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Amboy, South Plainfield, South River and Spotswood.

"The problems the US Postal Service is experiencing have delayed delivery in some towns, but we are committed to making sure the new schedules are in everyone's hands well before the end of the year," said Ed Windas, the MCIA's director of recycling.

Residents of those towns who have not received a 2002 recycling brochure and schedule by early December should call 1-800-488-MCIA or e-mail the MCIA Recycling Division at mciaarcy@super-link.net.

Windas said the new schedules will also be posted on the MCIA's award-winning web site, www.mciauth.com, in mid-December.

According to the most recent New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) audits, Middlesex County leads all New Jersey counties in the amount of material recycled by its residents.

"We have met or exceeded New Jersey's mandated recycling level for the past five years in a row, and we're number one in the state, thanks to the exceptional cooperation of our residents," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabel, the MCIA's Freeholder Liaison.

For more information on recycling opportunities in Middlesex County, visit www.mciauth.com.

YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Holtzman Receives Media Award

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

— Elias Holtzman, a columnist for the *Home News-Tribune*, has been selected as the recipient of the Middlesex County Bar Foundation's 2001 Media Award. The award is presented annually to a member of the media who has rendered outstanding service to the public for coverage of legal issues or the legal profession. Middlesex County Bar Association Past President Peter J. Barnes, III, Esq., presented the award to Holtzman at the Association's November General Membership Dinner Meeting which was held at The Pines Manor, Edison, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 14.

Holtzman, who writes a weekly column for the *Home News-Tribune*, has served in various writing and editing capacities since 1965 for the *Perth Amboy News*, the *Woodbridge News Tribune* and now the *Home News-Tribune*. He is a former President of the New Jersey Local Chapter of the Newspaper Guild. During the course of his career, Holtzman covered countless municipal meetings from Zoning and Planning Boards to Boards of Education and council sessions in the area served by his newspapers.

His present weekly column in the *Home News-Tribune* is



Elias Holtzman

an informational view of local happenings. In addition to writing the column for the *Home News-Tribune*, he also writes feature stories on a free-lance basis for the newspaper.

Holtzman is a United States Army veteran, having served in Europe during World War II. He was one of the parent founders, in 1979, of the Edison Sheltered Workshop for disabled persons who have "aged out" of the school system. He presently serves on its board. He is also on the board of the Middlesex County Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Holtzman's wife, Marcia, recently retired as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Metuchen, after 37 years in the Metuchen school system.

Parenting Center Presents "Emotionally Intelligent Parenting" Course

"Any parent, and any child, will benefit from heeding the very practical, well-tested and sound guidelines he will offer in these courses"

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

— Today's families face more difficult and crucial issues than ever before. The need to teach children basic values and moral sensibilities while addressing their fears and uncertainties has never been higher. Parents look everywhere for support.

In its effort to meet the needs of the people it services, Middlesex County College has established The Parenting Center through its Division of Corporate and Community Programs. Begun this fall, courses are being offered to help parents manage some of the situations that families confront. Taught by experts in their field, each course offers practical, uncomplicated and highly effective parenting tools aimed at enriching family life.

On Monday, Nov. 26, noted psychologist, author and Rutgers professor Dr. Maurice J. Elias will teach "Emotionally Intelligent Parenting," a realistic and

practical approach to raising children to become smart, confident and productive adults. Dr. Elias will show parents how to work with their emotions as well as those of their children, in constructive, positive and creative ways to meet the ever-changing challenges of childhood. Emotionally intelligent parenting consists of specific, simple, important techniques that can bring more stability, more fun and less stress into family life.

Focusing on emotional development rather than intellectual growth, parents will learn to tackle tough teen issues such as schoolwork, cars, mall malaise, grungy rooms, scary friends, sex and drugs. Dr. Elias will offer real-life scenarios and practical strategies as well as time to answer individual questions.

Each one-session course will run from 7-10 p.m. and the tuition and general fee for each is \$15. Dr. Elias' books, co-authored with Drs. Steven Tobias and Brian Friedlander,

recommended but not required, are available in the College bookstore.

"We are proud to open our Parenting Center to the community with the renowned Dr. Elias," stated Elaine Berlin, director. "Any parent, and any child, will benefit from heeding the very practical, well-tested and sound guidelines he will offer in these courses. Ultimately families will be better able to deal with everyday issues such as sibling rivalry, fights with friends, homework and peer pressure, as well as some of life's greater challenges—making responsible choices, dealing with anger, being self-disciplined and having sympathy for others."

To register for either course, contact the Division of Corporate and Community Education at (732) 906-2556. Seating is limited and early registration is advised. Tuition may be charged to Visa, MasterCard and Discover/NOVUS. For additional information, contact Elaine Berlin at (732)-906-4172.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Many Feelings, Including Pride

WOODBIDGE—On Oct. 7, the second annual Colonia Pride Day Parade was held. Family members distributed the 288 flags to the cub scouts, boy scouts, girl scouts and adults, compliments of Ace Hardware. Some had flags from last year's parade making the assembly area a sea of red, white and blue.

Colonia VFW Post 6061 Color Guard along with the women's auxiliary launched the parade at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Marching along Inman Avenue, were the State Senator, Assembly people, council members, superintendent of schools, Board of Education members and principal of Colonia High School who waved to the crowd with one hand and proudly held the

flag up high in the other.

The purple bows and ribbons along the parade route were donated by Alexander Florist, symbolically representing the purple heart medals for those wounded in action. A brief ceremony was held at the conclusion of the parade at Colonia Middle School, honoring local firefighters, police and rescue squad volunteers who helped in the aftermath of Sept. 11 terror attacks and also three of our residents who are now lost in the tragedy.

With heavy hearts we continued and unveiled the sign dedicated to the Colonia High School Girls Softball League sponsored by Bell Ford, Colonia.



NEW FIRE TRUCK—The Carteret Fire Department has taken delivery of a Engine #4, a 2001 American LaFrance Rescue/Pumper. The fire engine has a 2000 gallon per minute water pump and is equipped with medical, rescue and extrication equipment. The fire engine is also equipped with a life saving defibrillator which was donated by the Kinder-Morgan Company of Carteret.

A Special Program—"My Journey To Judaism"

PERTH AMBOY — Mo Fleming, a writer and folk artist, also known by her given name, Janice Fleming Berg, will discuss her personal experience and that of other Black Jewish women, based on a series of interviews she is currently conducting for her book-in-progress, "In Search of My Sisterhood: Black Women and Judaism."

"My Journey to Judaism" is the title of the talk on Sunday,

Dec. 2 at an 11 a.m. brunch at the Perth Amboy YMHA, 316 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy. This program will be co-sponsored by JCC of Middlesex County, (732) 494-3232; Temple Beth Mordecai (732) 442-1373; Congregation Shaarey Tefilah (732) 826-2977 and the Perth Amboy YMHA (732) 442-0365.

Fleming has had articles recently published in the Spring/Summer issue of Lilit

Magazine; QBR: The Black Book Review; Mosaic Magazine; and Crab Orchard Review.

The cost of the brunch and program is \$5 and reservations must be made in advance by calling any of the above sponsors.

Free parking is available on the Jefferson Street side of the YMHA.

Holiday Craft Show A Must

COLONIA—Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by St. John Vianney Church, 420 Inman Avenue, Colonia, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The show features over 150 crafters, hand made items, jewelry, with many more holiday accents. Breakfast and lunch are available with home baked goods for sale.

There is no admission charge and plenty of free parking. Handicapped accessible.

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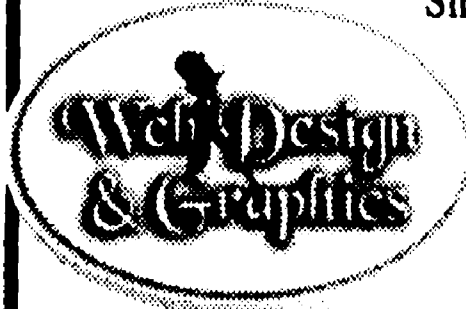
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Tips For Times Of Financial Distress

by Dr. Karen Enale,
RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — Divorce and widowhood are life-changing events. Consequences of decisions made at these times of emotional distress can last for decades. Recommended financial coping strategies are listed below:

- Postpone major decisions in the early stages of loss. It's okay to take your time. Many people feel they must invest insurance or settlement proceeds immediately. Others hastily sell their home, change jobs, or make large gifts or purchases. Place money that is received in short-term CDs or a money market fund initially. Reinvest it only when you've had time to thoroughly explore investment options.

- Plan for a reduced income following death or divorce. Develop a spending plan based on your income and expenses alone, plus the financial needs of children. Include income provided by transferred assets and spousal support. Explore ways to increase income and reduce spending.

- Consider whether you can

afford to maintain the family home. Despite a strong emotional attachment and desire to avoid disrupting children's lives, many people simply don't earn enough alone to finance a home that formerly required two paychecks. Base your decision on the numbers. Other options include selling the house and investing the proceeds or, in the case of divorce, selling your share or trading it for another marital asset (e.g., pension).

- Maintain health insurance following loss of spousal coverage. Three years of continued group insurance can be purchased for up to 3 years if your ex-spouse's company has at least 20 employees. Purchase an individual policy as soon as possible, though, in case you become ill (and uninsurable) during this time.

STRATEGIES AT DIVORCE:

- Consider the tax consequences of settlement options before signing a binding agreement. Alimony is taxable to the recipient while child support is not. Exemptions for children usually go to the custodial parent, unless waived. Factor taxes and sales expenses

into the valuation of assets.

- Require your ex-spouse to maintain life and disability insurance to insure continuation of support payments. Request that notice of premium nonpayment be sent to you to avoid lapsing the policy.

STRATEGIES FOR WIDOWS:

- Contact Social Security to apply for benefits. Widows are entitled to payment at age 60 or at any age with children under 16. If your spouse was a veteran, apply for veterans' benefits (e.g., burial at a national cemetery).

- Contact your spouse's current and past employers about spousal pension benefits continued health insurance, 401 (k) plan distributions, and final salary payments. If your spouse had life insurance, contact the issuer in writing and apply for benefits.

- File your spouse's will promptly for probate. Consider hiring professional help for preparation of estate tax forms. Obtain sufficient death certificates to transfer the title of assets and claim benefits (e.g., life insurance).

This MONEY 2000™ message is

sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension. MONEY 2000™ is a program designed to increase the financial well being of New Jersey residents through increased savings and

reduced household debt. For further information about MONEY 2000™ and other educational programs, contact your local Rutgers Cooperative Extension office.

Have You Lost Your Social Security Card?

AREA — Starting a new job and need your Social Security card? Did you put it away in a safe place and now can't find it? If you give the wrong Social Security number to your employer Social Security cannot credit your earnings properly. The best plan of action is to get a duplicate of the misplaced card.

To get a duplicate card, generally all you need to do is complete an Application for a Social Security Card (Form SS-5). You can get this form at www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html or by calling 1-800-772-1213. You must also provide one or more documents identifying you by the name we have in our records. If you were born outside the United States we also need proof of your U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status. Generally, we prefer a document with a photograph. However, we can

accept a non-photo identity document if it has enough information to identify you (e.g., your name as well as your age, date of birth or parents' names).

When you apply for a card for another person, we must see proof of identity for both you and the other person. If you don't have this proof, talk to the Social Security representative about other documents you can show us to prove your identity.

You can mail us the completed and signed application with the original documents. In a few days you'll receive your duplicate Social Security card in the mail. We'll also return your original documents to you. Remember, after you receive your duplicate Social Security card, store it in a safe place. Be careful with your Social Security number and card and protect your privacy whenever possible.

IRS Seeks Volunteers

AREA — Looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? Do you like to help people? The Internal Revenue Service is seeking volunteers for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs, IRS New Jersey spokesperson Gregg Semanick announced. The IRS is looking for volunteers to take part in VITA and TCE throughout New Jersey.

During the tax filing season, VITA and TCE volunteers, in community locations all through the state, help fill out tax returns for older taxpayers, people with disabilities, non-English speaking and other people who cannot afford professional assistance. Some of the volunteer groups even offer free electronic tax filing. The IRS provides VITA and TCE volunteers with free instruction and all the materials needed to prepare basic income tax returns such as Forms 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040. Training is generally held during January at convenient locations.

"These are great programs that help citizens meet their tax filing obligations. In New Jersey during last filing season, over 1,100 VITA and TCE volunteers assisted 70,000 taxpayers at more than 600 volunteer sites in communities across the state," Semanick said. Who are these volunteers? They are people just like you — members of professional organizations, college students, law and accounting students, homemakers or members of volunteer or community organizations. Although an accounting background is helpful, it is not required.

Volunteers are also needed to help in other aspects of the VITA and TCE programs such as organizing sites, instructing classes, reviewing returns prepared at the sites and publicity. If you have a skill and would like to help, VITA and TCE can find a way to involve you in the program. Local civic and fraternal organizations, educational institutions, churches and social groups can also sponsor VITA and TCE programs. Tax assistance generally is provided at schools, churches, malls,

libraries and other convenient neighborhood locations.

Interested in becoming a VITA or TCE volunteer? Does your organization want to sponsor a VITA or TCE site in your community? To get involved, contact Stephen M. Savage, IRS New Jersey VITA/TCE Coordinator by Dec. 15 for more information. To do so, phone 973-645-6690 or send a FAX to 973-645-6691. You can also request information via e-mail at stephen.m.savage@irs.gov or by writing to IRS - VITA/TCE Coordinator, P.O. Box 794, Newark, N. J. 07101-9788.

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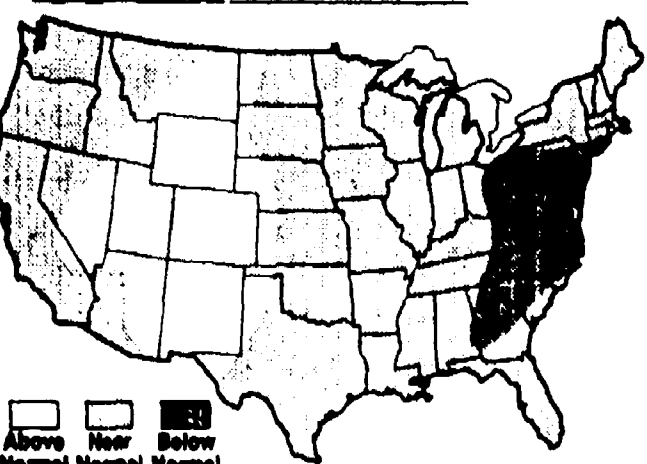
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THE WEEK AHEAD...

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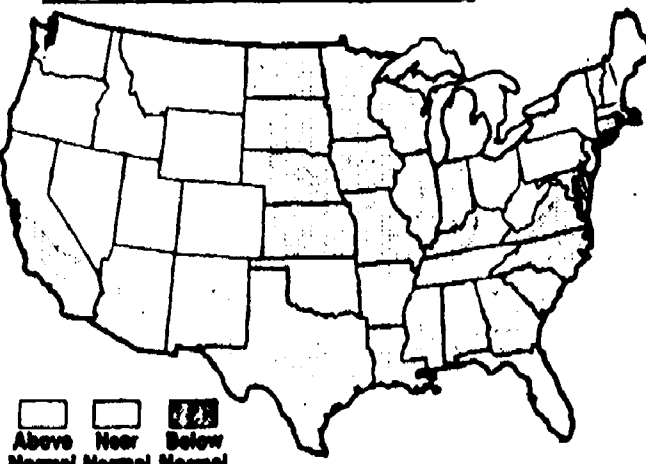


NATIONAL SUMMARY

A stormy weather pattern will settle across the West during the period. Storms will bring rain and mountain snow to the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains and Great Basin. Temperatures will remain mild across the Southwest. A storm will bring precipitation to the Northeast, Midwest and Middle Atlantic.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation



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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Yachts Used In Time Of Need

AREA—There are thousands of stories to be told about the Sept. 11 disaster in NYC, and one by one, we hear of them or read about them. Yet, here is one that needs to be told now.

Directly across the street from the World Trade Center is the World Financial Center which houses thousands of business workers and residents in Battery Park City. One of the businesses that was located in the area was VIP Yacht Cruises, with offices on the ground floor at 393 South End Avenue and 5 luxury dining yachts docked at North Cove Marina.

Their employees all scrambled safely out of the building and ran toward the yachts. All the food from their commissary was delivered to the yachts to feed all those that came. All the yachts were used to ferry thousands of stranded commuters to Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Is-land and New Jersey, as well as ferrying the wounded to New Jersey hospitals.

Undaunted, all the employees and staff members were able to obtain most of their computers, papers, etc., and now are valiantly struggling to retain their business at the Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club, Weehawken, New Jersey.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN

"Life as a House"

Homes In On The Important Stuff



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By Michael S. Goldberger

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent



Think we're too sophisticated to enjoy an old-fashioned film about a dying father (Kevin Kline) trying in the eleventh hour of his life to bond with his surly and uncommunicative teenage son (Hayden Christensen)? Well, think again. Oh, don't get me wrong. This isn't to imply that we're not way sophisticated. Quite the contrary, I'm sure. It's just that "Life As A House," perceptively written by Mark Andrus and cleverly directed by Irwin Winkler, is that rare blend of classic melodrama (read tearjerker) and cutting edge social criticism. It transcends the usual rules. And so odds are it's precisely what filmgoers with our intellectual acumen might welcome in a movie entertainment. Hey, even us urbane folk need a good cry once in a while, right?

Kline is architect George, divorced ten years from Robin (Kristin Scott Thomas) and on a fast track to that split-level in the sky. His ex is re-married to a great provider, as evidenced by their manse, but he's hardly the soulful bloke that George is. She has two little boys by Mr. Stereotypically Uninteresting and has been trying with little success to raise the drug-taking, skin-piercing, vexatious and despondent fifteen-year-old she bore to spouse number one. But it's no dice. Troublesome Sam is doing the Goth thing and couldn't care less about either Mom or his estranged dad. With school over, the young Californian's plans are to crash at a friend's tony resort pad and stay high for the summer. But George has other things in mind for sonny boy, like enlisting him to help construct a house.

Get the metaphor? Build a house, build some character, reconstruct a relationship? They're all over the lot. "Life as a

House" wears its heart on its shoulder...but gets away with it in good style thanks to quality acting by a solid cast that evinces faith in the film's heartfelt messages. Further credibility is achieved by the filmmaker's fearlessly candid take on the wealthy suburban teen scene, which includes, but is not limited to, drug dealing and a rather uncomfortable little dalliance in prostitution. Using contemporary trappings and the emotional vernacular of the day, writer Andrus's screenplay issues anew an age-old tale of human relationships that bears retelling. And when it's not sad, it's funny.

Yet for all its familiarity, director Winkler's update on the generation gap astutely defies predictability. The plot variables are well oiled and the characterizations will keep you guessing. Especially young Hayden Christensen's volatile portrait of Sam. Right out of the "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955) school of teen angst, loose cannon Sam, who looks like a very young Tony Curtis, effectively reminds that surely an evil alien intelligence commandeers our children between the ages of 14 and 18.

Much more subtle but no easier to fathom is Kristin Scott Thomas's housewife. George is such a nice guy. And she seems to be good people, too. So why did she leave him? Money? Maybe. Nah, couldn't have been. But if not, then what?

And then there's instantly likable, slightly quirky George himself, evoked with full salt of the Earth regalia in yet another fine performance by Kevin Kline. Having worked for twenty years at a job he hated, the architect finally rallies the gumption to get himself fired. But when he's diagnosed with terminal cancer short-

ly thereafter, the options he had planned to explore become severely limited. Yet there's still that longing to build his own house.

Years ago his dad left him a little shack, now quite weather-beaten, on a picturesque crag overlooking the Pacific. He's been living in it ever since the divorce. He's talked about building a house, but that's about it. It's an eyesore, the bane of the otherwise ritzy neighborhood. And for the most part George enjoys playing the part of the local existentialist. Still, story mechanisms be damned, the pragmatist in us wonders why the dying architect never cashed in on the land, now certainly worth near a million dollars. Though, there is an explanation of sorts in the severely strained relationship George had with his father. Fact is, he's been rendered emotionally catatonic by his past, which includes a dark family secret. Really. And pretty terrible at that. Ultimately, whilst trying to forge the all-important connection between generations, he shares some of this hidden anguish with Sam.

What he doesn't share with Sam, nor with anyone else for that matter, is the bad news that's motivating him. The liberating effects of death comprise the story's greatest and saddest irony. The prospect of his demise offers George the freedom and conviction necessary to boldly, gleefully and ceremoniously pursue his heretofore elusive dream with the reckless abandon of an Auntie Mame. Achieving it with the disaffected son he desperately wishes to know further offers the hope of paternal redemption. And for those of us who care to take a lesson from "Life as a House," we find a spiritually uplifting word to the wise about actualizing our own building plans.

"Life as a House," rated R, is a New Line Cinema release directed by Irwin Winkler and stars Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas and Hayden Christensen. Running time: 124 minutes

Holiday Light Spectacular Shines On PNC Bank Arts Center

STATE—New Jersey's premiere holiday light-park, the Holiday Light Spectacular at the PNC Bank Arts Center, returns for the 2001 holiday season. In its fourth season, the 2001 Holiday Light Spectacular provides a brilliant presentation of over one million lights and over 100 displays of holiday spirit, viewed during the two-mile drive from the comfort of your own car.

In addition to the light displays, this year's park includes admission to the Holiday Village. The Holiday Village, located at the end of the ride, lets families get out of their cars to enjoy refreshments and take pictures with Santa for a nominal fee.

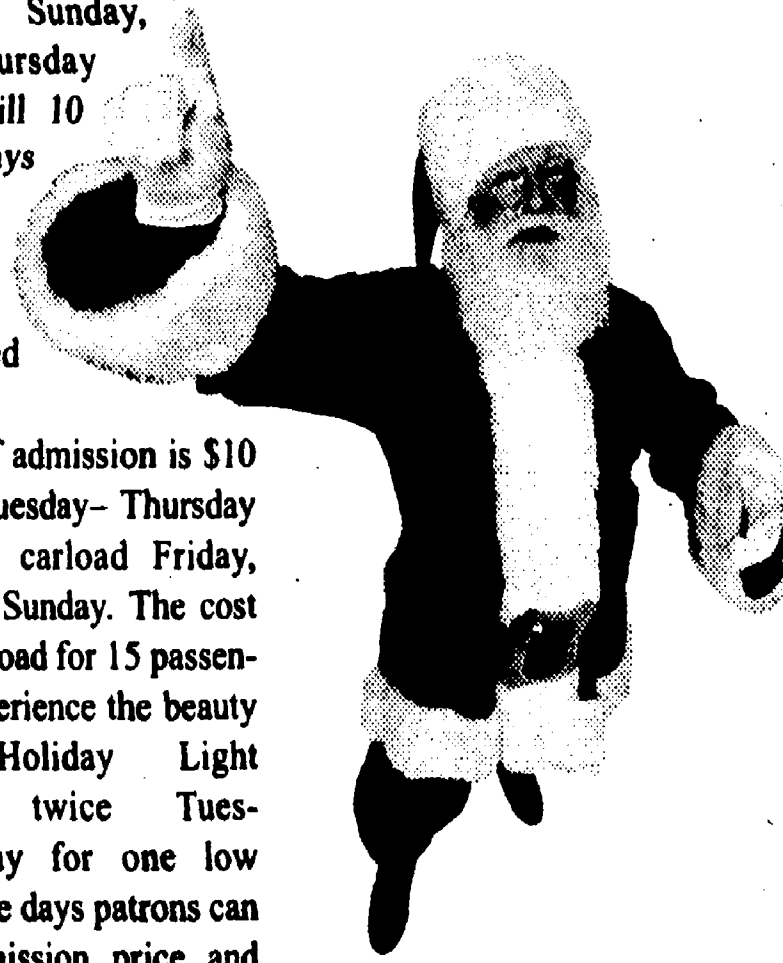
The Holiday Light Spectacular is open from Nov. 17-Jan. 1. Operating hours are Sunday, Tuesday-Thursday from dusk till 10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from dusk till 11 p.m. The park is closed on Mondays.

The cost of admission is \$10 per carload Tuesday-Thursday and \$15 per carload Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$30 per carload for 15 passenger vans. Experience the beauty of the Holiday Light Spectacular twice Tuesdays-Thursday for one low price. On these days patrons can pay one admission price and

drive through the park the second time free of charge. Weekend patrons, simply bring your weekend receipt back to the Holiday Light Spectacular any weeknight, Tuesday-Thursday, and drive through the park for only \$5.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Garden State Cultural Center Fund, Holiday Express, The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, and The Disaster Fund for Children of NJ. In its previous three seasons the Holiday Light Spectacular has generated over \$220,000 for local charities.

For more information about the Holiday Light Spectacular please check out the website at www.artscenter.com or call the Holiday Hotline at (732) 335-8698.



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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Advice On Anthrax Exposure In Pregnancy And Childhood**

AREA — The March of Dimes NJ Chapter would like to provide information to pregnant women who may be concerned about possible anthrax exposure.

Possible anthrax exposure in pregnancy should not be self-medicated, according to a statement issued by the March of Dimes and posted on its Web site at www.modimes.org. The March of Dimes strongly urges pregnant women to consult their physicians about potential diagnosis and treatment for anthrax exposure before taking any prescription or non-prescription drug because of the potential harm to the fetus from some of these medications.

"Anthrax exposure is highly unlikely to cause direct harm to an unborn baby," says Nancy Green, M.D., associate medical

director of the March of Dimes. "It's different from the more familiar infections such as rubella (German measles) that cause only mild problems for the mother but can damage the fetus. We hope this information will reassure pregnant women who are more worried about their unborn babies than about themselves."

She says pregnant women and those with babies or young children should take the same precautions as those recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the general population (see Web site: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/anthrax_a.htm).

However, Dr. Green says, pregnant women should understand that there are some special considerations when prescribing

antibiotics for a pregnant woman who may have been exposed to anthrax. Similar considerations apply to children under age 9. She says a trained physician who is familiar with the circumstances of the potential exposure or the nature of an illness must weigh the risks against the benefits of treatment in each individual case.

Among the medications currently on the market:

- Penicillin and amoxicillin have excellent safety records for use in pregnancy, and are effective against anthrax.

- Women allergic to penicillin can take other effective antibiotics such as erythromycin.

- The oral antibiotic ciprofloxacin (Cipro™) has been recommended as the first drug of choice for adults who may have been infected with anthrax that is resistant to penicillin. However, Cipro has been reported to damage cartilage in young animals and possibly in humans. If

the inhaled form of anthrax is suspected, the CDC recommends Cipro even for pregnant women and children until the effectiveness of penicillin can be determined. Once it is shown that penicillin would work, treatment with Cipro should be stopped and penicillin begun.

- Tetracycline and doxycycline are also generally effective against anthrax. However, these antibiotics can permanently stain a baby's or young child's teeth; they may also cause some delay in bone growth.

- Certain herbal and dietary supplements are promoted by their manufacturers as being good for the immune system, but these cannot protect against anthrax and are not known to be safe in pregnancy or childhood.

- Anthrax vaccine is not available to the general public. Moreover, there have been no studies to assess the safety of the vaccine in pregnant women or children.

What positive steps can pregnant women take? Many of the symptoms of anthrax are similar to those of influenza (the "flu"). In order to avoid masking the symptoms and to help prevent getting the flu, Dr. Green says, pregnant women should get a flu shot, preferably in the second or third trimester — unless they are allergic to eggs.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy. For more information visit the March of Dimes web site at www.modimes.org or the Spanish language web site at www.nacersano.org, or call 1-888-MODIMES. The North Jersey Office is headquartered in Pine Brook, NJ and can be reached at 1-800-BIG-WALK.

Authority On Menopause To Give Free Lecture

AREA — Joseph Collins, N.D., a naturopathic physician who is considered to be one of the foremost authorities on menopause, is giving a FREE lecture and workshop entitled: *What's Your Menopause Type*. The lecture will be held on Monday evening, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Holmdel High

School auditorium at 35 Crawford's Corner Rd. The workshop with Dr. Collins will be held Tues., Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. at Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center, 1420 Hwy. 36, Hazlet in the Hazlet Pavilion next to Airport Plaza. Both programs are free and open to the general public.

Dr. Collins will discuss conventional and alternative approaches to menopause, determining your individual menopause type (of which he believes there are twelve), and offers effective ways to help resolve the problems associated with menopause. He believes that each woman's menopause symptoms should be treated with an individualistic combination of treatments including, nutrition-

al, herbal, glandular and hormonal treatments, rather than treating all of the symptoms with just one pill. In fact, he has dedicated a book to the subject also entitled, *What's Your Menopause Type?*

Pharmacists Debbie Johnson, RPh and Robin Soboti, RPh from Bayshore Wellness Pharmacy, located within the Fitness Center and who have both been

certified in menopause management will be on hand both dates to answer questions. Dr. Collins will be available for private consultations as well.

For more information and to register for either date, please call the Bayshore Wellness Pharmacy at (732) 203-1996. Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center is an affiliate of Bayshore Community Hospital.

Stickers Available To Support Smoke-Free Establishments

AREA — The Great American Smokeout isn't just a day for smokers to try and quit, rather an opportunity for residents throughout New Jersey communities to pledge their support of smoke-free environments. New Jersey Breathes is launching a statewide recognition program

called "Hey! Take It Outside. We're Smoke-Free" to identify business establishments, faith-based organizations, government offices, homes and any other facility that are making the commitment to providing smoke-free air. Simply place your request on [\[takeitoutside.com\]\(http://takeitoutside.com\), and New Jersey Breathes will provide a static sticker that merchants or homeowners can affix in their windows.](http://www.hey</p>
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"Many members of New Jersey communities have made a strong commitment to protect patrons and visitors from second-hand smoke by removing smoking from their facilities," said Fred Jacobs, MD, Chair, New Jersey Breathes. "We want New Jersey residents to know that when they see this sticker in the window that their family is protected from the carcinogens found in second hand smoke."

The program is open to anyone, including businesses, organizations or government facilities that are frequented by the public. In return for their participation in the program, businesses will receive a clear, 4" x 4" static sticker for their front entranceway, and will be listed on the *Hey! Take It Outside* website www.heytakeitoutside.com.

Why Is My Body Killing Me?

AREA — The League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (LEARN) will present an educational program titled "Why Is My Body Killing Me? An Overview Of Auto-Immune Diseases" on Nov. 26 at 7:45 p.m. at the Parish House, All Saints Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. The speaker will be Marie Kassai, RN, MPH, associated with Atlantic Health Systems at General Hospital Center, Passaic.

LEARN, a not-for-profit professional organization for Registered Nurses, provides eight programs per academic year on current nursing topics with Continuing Education/Contact Hours through the NJ State Nurses Association. This program has been approved for 2.4 contact hours. In addition, the NJ Dept. of Education, Professional Standards Board, has granted Professional Development Hours for School Nurses.

Annual LEARN membership is \$40 or a guest fee of \$10 per program. For information, write to LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 or call 908-754-9499 or 908-272-7239.

Help For Those Still Suffering

AREA—Support is available for those who know the problem of addiction in a relative or friend. Join us on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. for the Nar-Anon Serenity Group meeting at the Hungarian Reformed Church on School Street (off Main Street), Woodbridge. Or call Nar-Anon at 1-800-322-5525 for more information.

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Readers Commentary



A Big Mistake

Dear Editor,

As someone once said, "Don't Wake the Sleeping Giant." In this case the "gentle," sleeping giant.

Someone also once said, "Don't mistake kindness for weakness." They have awakened the Gentle Giant. Big mistake! They have mistaken kindness for weakness. Big mistake!

This country has fought too hard and too long to be intimidated by anyone or anything.

Nothing, and no one, will put asunder the accomplishments and convictions of this nation. Liberty and Justice for All. Don't Tread On Me!

Anthony Brescia
Metuchen

Outstanding Service Recognized

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 1 of this year, the New Jersey Turnpike celebrated its 50th year of existence and has received the first ever Perpetual Pavement Award from the Asphalt Institute, a coalition made of industry experts from across the nation. The Turnpike is also the subject of a new exhibit at the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark entitled, "What Exit?"

As President of the New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association, the State's asphalt pavement association, I wholeheartedly congratulate the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for 50 years of outstanding service as New Jersey's premier super highway.

It is entirely fitting that the

Asphalt Pavement Alliance's first ever Perpetual Pavement Award recognizes the fact that not one mile of this durable road has ever had to be reconstructed. Our members helped build and maintain the Turnpike. We are a part of its history and its future. This is truly a magnificent honor for the Authority that should be recognized and praised by all the motorists who travel on it.

I encourage everyone to view the new exhibit created to honor the Turnpike at the Historical Society and thank his or her lucky stars that the state has a road as durable and reliable as the New Jersey Turnpike.

John Post, President
New Jersey Asphalt
Pavement Association

Addressing The Preschool Needs Of Children In Abbott Districts

by N.J. Commissioner of
Education,
Vito A. Gagliardi, Sr.

The face of public education is changing in New Jersey. For generations, children started their education in kindergarten. Today, however, children are beginning their formal education as early as age two as more and more parents pay to send their young children to preschool. There are many children, particularly our poorest children in the inner cities, who up until recently didn't have that same opportunity to receive a solid foundation for their education.

As part of its *Abbott v. Burke* initiative, the Department of Education is now providing year-round preschool to three- and four-year-old children in the poorest districts in our state, the so-called Abbott districts. These districts are offering innovative, top-quality preschool services with small class sizes and certified teachers.

New Jersey is leading the way in preschool education. No other state is offering such an extensive early childhood education on a full-time basis to so many children.

When you blaze new trails, however, you often run into some unexpected hurdles. Our critics have been quick to point out every little problem or delay. Overall,

however, the launching of the preschool initiative has been a success in large measure because of the cooperation of the local school districts. In 28 of the 30 Abbott districts, implementation has moved forward smoothly.

Unfortunately, two districts, Passaic and Elizabeth, two plaintiffs in the ongoing *Abbott v. Burke* litigation, are lagging behind in implementing their preschool programs. As a result, I had to issue waivers from the full-day, full-year requirement for the current school year.

Meeting the preschool needs of children in the Abbott school districts has been a huge undertaking. Working closely with the local districts, we were able to find the necessary classrooms, recruit qualified teachers and establish an early childhood curriculum framework.

We have accomplished an enormous amount in a very short period of time. In less than two years, we have established 1,000 preschool classrooms—the equivalent of 40 school buildings. Of these new classrooms, 700 are located in school district facilities or in facilities provided by community-based preschools. The remaining rooms are being provided on a short-term basis by temporary modular units. Plans have already been approved to construct permanent facilities to

replace the temporary classrooms. Financing for the projects will come from the state's \$8.6 billion school construction program.

Nearly 37,000 three- and four-year-old children are expected to attend preschool in the 30 Abbott districts this year—an increase of approximately 13,000 children from last year. To date, 28,511 children have enrolled. We anticipate that number will grow as word spreads about the high-quality services that districts are providing.

An early childhood education can lay the foundation for a child's success in school. Every child living in an Abbott district deserves that opportunity. The Department of Education will continue to advocate the importance to parents of having every three- and four-year-old child in every Abbott district take advantage of public school.



Editorial Policy

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Keep us informed of your feelings and concerns so we can keep you better informed of the events that are affecting your life.

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Keeping Our Hearts Open

Dear Editor,

Four years ago, I answered an ad for becoming a host family for a high school exchange student through World Heritage. I never imagined that it would change how I see the world, not to mention that it would also change the way people around the world viewed America. The gravity of Sept. 11, the attack on America has drawn numerous emails, letters, phone calls and instant messages of concern, sympathy and simply love from students and their families from all over the world that I have had contact with in the past few years. It is crystal clear to me and to my family that the world cares.

I became part of the organization, World Heritage, because I believed in the mission of the program and I love working with the children. The United States Department of State sponsors students from

the newly formed countries that were once part of the Soviet Union through the FLEX program (Future Leader Exchange) to spend an academic year in the US. This exchange of cultures, beliefs, government and love has made the world a better place today and needs to continue so that the world understands what the US is all about.

I wanted to express first hand that we are not alone in our sorrow. My experience was made possible by opening up my heart and home to children from other countries.

Our German daughter, Susi, informed me that she had her American flag hanging on the front of her house in Germany; keep in mind that the people of Germany the people do not display their own country's flag. In Germany, the flags are being hung at half-mast and flowers are laid out at governmental offices as a sign of their

sorrow.

We had a student from Tajikistan, Naimjon, who emailed us to tell us that Tajiks are bringing flowers to the American Embassy. Naimjon and his family conveyed their shock and sorrow and they are very afraid that the world as they know it will be changed forever.

In Munich, Germany, Sweden, and Zagreb, Croatia people are gathered to light candles just as many of us have done here throughout the US. People are gathering in the streets of Pristina, Kosovo in large numbers holding the American flag. Others from Italy, East Jerusalem and Belarus can be seen bringing flowers to locations in their country that symbolize America with tears in their eyes and sadness in their hearts.

The outreach to our family has given us comfort during

this time of uncertainty. The most important lesson it has taught us is that we can change the world one student at a time. Each student that has come here leaves with permanent emotional ties to America and to our family. In addition, for those Americans who shared in the exchange, they learned that people from other places around the world are people too and they are not that different that we cannot coexist in harmony.

Let us not forget about a good thing that was started many years ago! Tolerance can go a long way and the world will be changed not because of terrorism but how we react to it. We will come out a stronger and better world to live and raise our children in!

Pamela Neubauer
Fayetteville, NY

NEWS SPECIAL

HOMELAND DEFENSE:

Fighter pilots on combat air patrol rely on KC-135 tankers like this to refuel their craft while in flight.

Publisher James J. Devine accompanied the New Jersey Air National Guard on a mid-air refueling mission to keep fighter jets aloft for combat patrols aimed at keeping America safe.

Devine Media Flies High

We've heard so much about bombing missions over Afghanistan and the hundreds of fighter jets and bombers involved in Operation Enduring Freedom, but there's a homeland defense mission known as Operation Noble Eagle keeping skies over America safe.

Last week, Devine Media Newspapers got the chance to go along with the 108th Air Refueling Wing aboard a KC-135.

Our own James J. Devine and Rob Barker got up close and personal to a number of F-16s, cruising at 350 to 500 mph while they loaded up on fuel.

The 108th's mission is to keep those fighters and bombers in the air for long periods of time by providing jet fuel while the aircraft remain thousands of feet in the sky.

"You do kind of get the sensation that you're not moving. But when you look in the background and you see clouds flying by you. It's pretty cool," said Tech Sgt. Ed, a KC-135 boom operator.

"As the fighter jets came close to the KC-135, we could just about see the pilots' eyes," Devine said. "With 1.7 million gallons of jet fuel under you and a heavily-armed fighter 15 feet away, there's a moment when you consider the valor of people who do this every day."

NJ Air National Guard units depend on the support of their troop's full time employers to help servicemen and women fulfill their military duties whenever America needs them.

FIFTEEN FEET AWAY... From the tail of our KC-135 Stratotanker, one could just about see the fighter pilot's eyes, according to James Devine, who went aboard a refueling mission last week.

Devine Media photo by R.E. Barker

NJ's Air Guard Has Proud History

The New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th Air Refueling Wing is made up of the 141st and 150th Air Refueling Squadrons, operating a total of 20 KC-135E tankers.

The air refueling portion of the 108th history, is relatively new, only dating back to Oct. 19, 1991, when the unit was re-designated as the 108th Air Refueling Wing.

However, its history as a Wing began in March 1950, when the State of New Jersey formally established the 108th Fighter Wing based at Newark Airport, NJ. It received Federal recognition on November 1, 1960.

Historically, New Jersey had long been enamored with its fighter units. Thirty-four state residents have been 'Aces' to date, two of whom subsequently commanded the 108th Fighter Wing.

The 108th Fighter Wing participated in the Korean War and the Berlin Crisis.

In April 1964, when it traded its "Thunderstreak" for the F-105B "Thunderchief", the 108th was the first Air Guard unit to fly twice the speed of sound. In 1989, it was declared the best Air National Guard flying unit and awarded the coveted Spatz Trophy. It participated in numerous exercises and made six overseas deployments as a fighter unit, to France, Greece, Ecuador and three times to Norway.

The 108th received its first KC-135E Stratotanker on Sept. 27, 1991. Yet, a scant 69 days later, on Dec. 6, it flew its first refueling mission. Forty one days later, on Jan. 16, 1992, it flew its first operational mission - a night, air refueling of an E-3B "Sentry" bound for the Persian Gulf. 1992 was a busy year for the 108th.

It flew its first passenger airlift mission on Feb. 27; its first overseas mission (Costa Rica) on March 13; its first European mission (Germany) May 28, its first Asian mission (South Korea) on July 20, and its first humanitarian mission on Sept. 1, (three Stratotankers filled with supplies for "Hurricane Andrew" victims).

The Wing was certified combat ready on Dec. 3, 1992. The very next day it was tasked with two missions - its first operational deployment - nothing less than spearheading and establishing the U.S. - Somalia air bridge for OPERATION RESTORE HOPE.

By January 1993, the Wing off loaded its one millionth pound of fuel.

On Oct. 1, 1993, the 170th Air Refueling Group NJANG consolidated with the 108th Air Refueling Wing. The 170th ARG, including the 150th Air Refueling Squadron, was established at Newark Airport, NJ, on Feb. 1, 1956 and transferred to McGuire AFB in July 1965.

During the Vietnam War, the 150th, then equipped with the C-121 "Constellation," flew many airlift missions from the U.S. to Southeast Asia. It was the first air refueling unit in the nation to launch tankers to establish the now famous U.S. - Saudi Arabia "Air Bridge" during OPERATION DESERT STORM.

Recent missions have included providing support for jet fighters enforcing no fly zones over Iraq and Bosnia. With the increased concern for homeland security, New Jersey's Air National Guard is keeping jet fighters, command and control aircraft and transport planes in the air with its continuous mission of mid-air refueling sorties.

Flying Over Jersey With The 108th



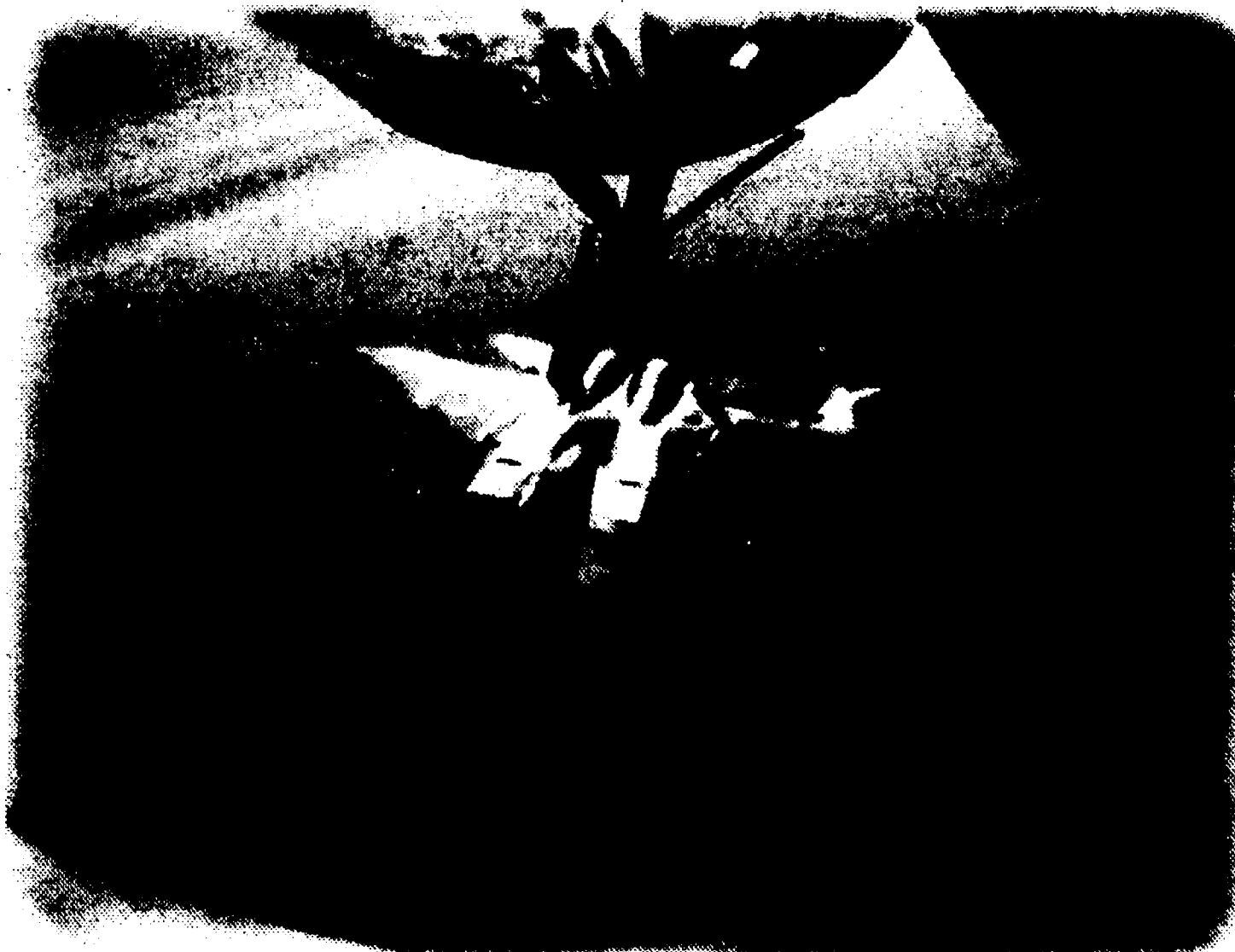
COMMAND CENTER... Publisher James J. Devine observes from the cockpit of a New Jersey Air National Guard KC-135 as pilots locate F-16 fighter aircraft in need of fuel to maintain combat air patrols as part of Operation Noble Eagle, the homeland defense initiative.

Devine Media photo by R.E. Barker



LOWER THE BOOM... The mid-air refueling by New Jersey Air National Guard units involves connecting a KC-135 to F-15 and F-16 fighter aircraft with a "boom" — identified by the arrow in the top center of this photograph — from which fuel is loaded into the the fighters during combat air patrol somewhere over the Northeastern United States, as part of Operation Noble Eagle.

Devine Media photo by R.E. Barker



FILL 'ER UP!!! A U.S. military F-15 fighter jet approaches the nozzle of a KC-135E Stratotanker from the 108th Air Refueling Wing to top off its tanks in air over Washington D.C. The fighter was on combat air patrol, providing security to government installations throughout the capital area. Jim Devine accompanied the New Jersey Air National Guard crew during the Nov. 14 mission.

Devine Media photo by R.E. Barker

Employers, Families Lift Guard

Private sector employers help keep the New Jersey Air National Guard flying by allowing full-time workers the flexibility they need to perform vital service for the nation.

Without the cooperation of these companies, the national guard component of America's defense would be impossible to maintain, according to Col. S. Craig Widen, commander of the NJANG's 108th Air Refueling Wing.

Widen said his troops depend on support from their regular full-time employers, as well as understanding family members.

Without that cooperation and support, Air National Guard servicemen and women would be unable to take leave for days, weeks and even months at a time to protect American interests.

With a vast portion of America's defense capability invested in part-time soldiers, sailors and airmen who serve in reserve and national guard units, these employers play an important role.

Widen said he hopes employers will continue to make allowances for their workers who are called to duty and he expressed gratitude for the support and cooperation that keeps America safe.



THE MAN IN CHARGE... Col. Craig Widen, commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th Air Refueling Wing, discusses the capabilities of the KC135 Stratotanker and its role in Operation Noble Eagle with Publisher James J. Devine. Devine accompanied a KC-135 flight crew during an airborne refueling mission over the northeastern United States to observe how F15 and F16 fighter aircraft are kept aloft for homeland defense. The Air National Guard depends on many part-time soldiers who work in full-time private sector jobs. Widen said employers who understand and support his troops make a vital contribution to national security.

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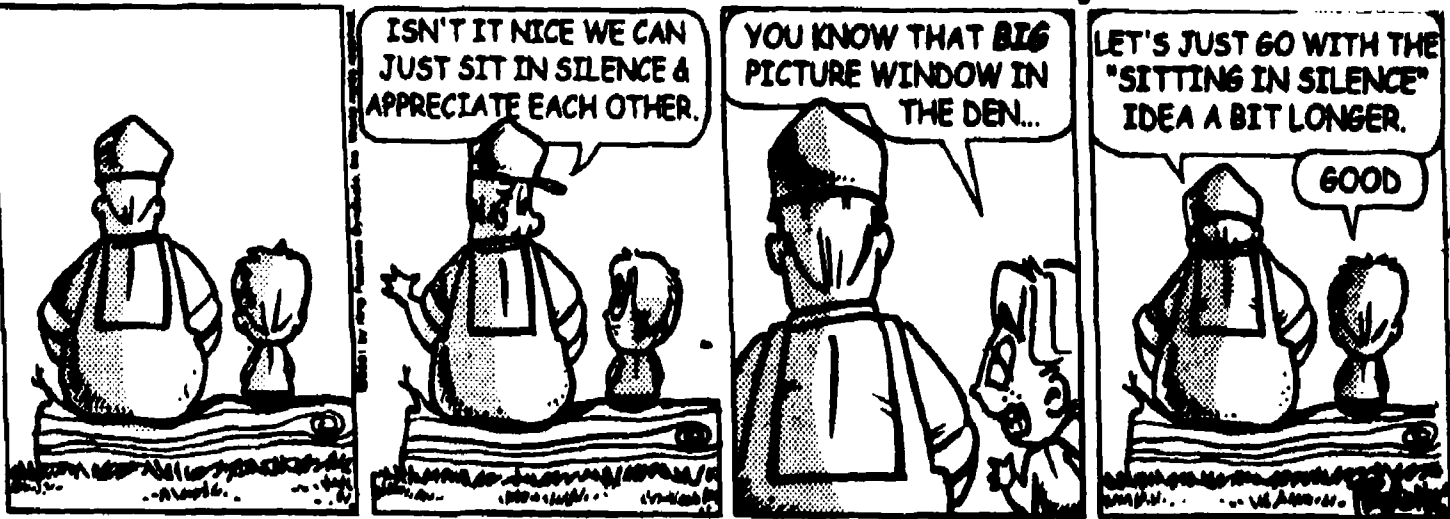
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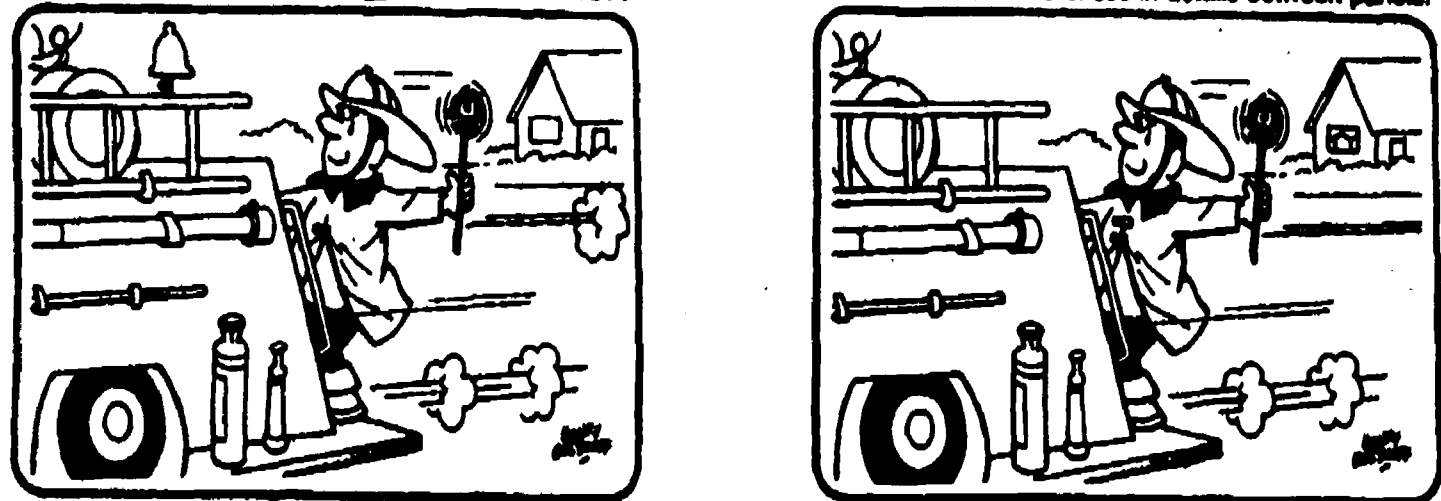
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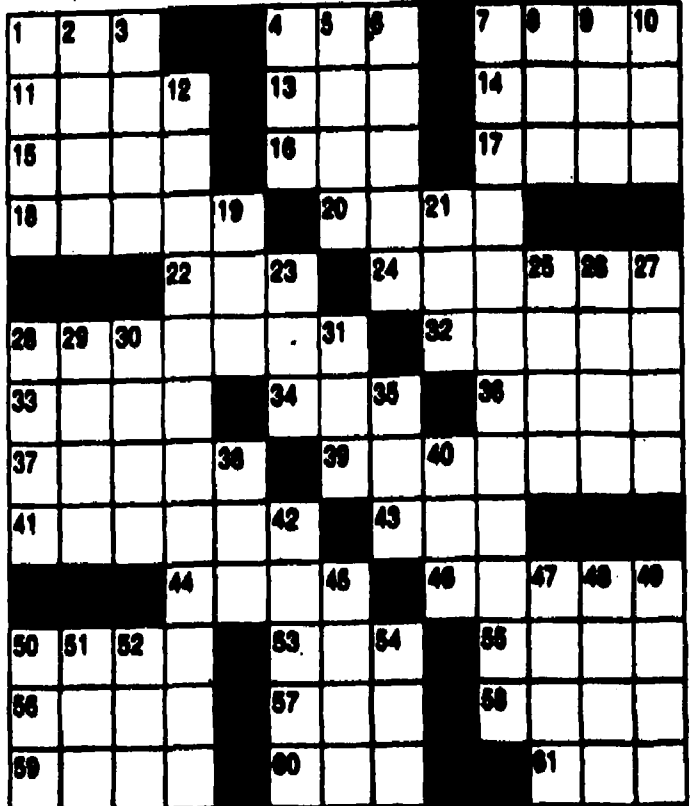
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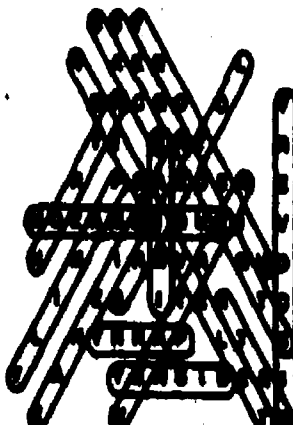
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We condemn the increase in threats and violence against Arabs, Muslims and South Asians in the wake of the horrible tragedies of September 11. As a community, we unite to say 'No More Innocent Victims.'

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We demand that all our brothers and sisters report any reasonable concerns and suspicions to law enforcement agencies rather than illegally and immorally taking matters into their own hands. We will not engage in uncivilized behavior in response to terrorism. We will live the American way, with liberty and justice for all.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SWF 19, college bored, athletic and top heavy, seeking much older man 50-60ish, for different kind of education. Must have read some R.L.Stine and have at least one body piercing. Submit a daring photo with letter. ID# 1041

WWF, widow, seeking a nice man for companionship between 65 and 70yrs of age. I enjoy movies, walking and dining out, TV and reading. I am also an animal lover. ID# 1043

SWF, 50's, 5'1", petite, attractive, romantic, seeking a white tall man 5'8"+ professional 49-56. Someone who is nice so we can both enjoy our time together. ID# 1042

SWF, 50's, 5'1", petite, attractive, romantic, seeking a white tall man 5'8"+ professional 49-56. Someone who is nice so we can both enjoy our time together. ID# 1042

SWF, semi-retired, down to earth, kind and independent, compassionate, homebody but adventurous. Seeking same in senior man. ID# 1044

SHF, 45 years old, 120lbs. I am studying English, I'm from Peru. I like to read, listen to music, dance, talk, cook and go for walks. I'm sensitive, kind, honest and enjoy family. I am Catholic. No smokers/drunkers please. ID# 1036

Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between 66-75. I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc..please write. ID# 1034

SWF, Looking for a 70-ish male with a flair for living. Nice appearance, college educated and financially secure, brownish hair. Love to cuddled by Mr. Affectionate. ID# 1033

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SWF 69, A compassionate and caring 69 year old SWF is looking for a 70's plus man who likes dining out, walks, theatre, good conversation with a good sense of humor and down to earth, trusting and caring. ID# 1032

SWF 39, Petite, attractive, romantic, adventurous. Enjoys candlelite dinners, traveling, cooking, snuggling. Seeking romantic, honest, outgoing SWM 39-46 for long term relationship. (picture?) ID# 1034

SWF 50's, Seeking gentleman 45-55 who enjoys ballroom, latin & swing dancing, for friendship and possible relationship. ID# 1028

Sincere 54, Professional, DWF, We have recently seen how precious and short life can be. I do not want to go thru life without meeting a man of substance, with a twinkle in his eyes, for a sincere relationship. He will be 55-65ish, 5'10" or taller, white, single/divorced, broad/large framed. ID# 1021

SWF 57, 5'6", very attractive, blue eyes and 125lbs. Looking to meet a man for love and a long term relationship. Give me a try. You won't be sorry! Hispanic a plus! ID# 1019

Senior Lady, Works P/T, seeking a real great guy 65-75, down to earth, good sense of humor, generous, for occasional dating. ID# 1018

Single Woman Spanish/French -5'5" Slim, poet, writer, professional 33 yr old. Seeking SWCM, tall, slim, professional, smart, artistic. Serious minded, a one woman man, for friendship. I'm Catholic and a non-smoker/non-drinker. If you're what I'm looking for then lets talk. ID# 1017

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SWF 52, In search of SWM, 50-57. Must be honest, sincere and caring. Compatibility and understanding a must. Enjoy traveling, music, dining out, movies, flea markets & laughter. Looking for someone to grow old with and enjoy all that life has to offer. ID# 1014

DWF 39, -(two children) Enjoys family, movies, music, dining out, dancing, gardening, reading and traveling. Seeking honest caring S/DWM 35-45 to share life with. Non-smoker please....ID# 1013

SWF 41, -Enjoys fun times, walks in the country, sight seeing, historic landmarks, dining out, reading. Seeking non-smoking SWM 40-50 for long term relationship. ID# 1045

SWF 67, Seeks SWM, 65-70 years of age. Non-smoker, Enjoys the beach, movies, walks, drives. Looking for a friend. Long-term relationship. ID# 1015

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Hi, I am a SWM, 49, 6'1" and 185lbs. I am looking to meet a woman for love and LT relationship. I'm sensitive, easy going, sensuous, very secure and honest. Give me a try-nothing to lose. ID# 1039

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless, voluptuous, buxom, NS. Loves homelife, movies, music, quiet times and travelling, for long term relationship. ID# 1037

SWM, 44, never married, stocky build. Enjoys staying home, oldies and talking sports. Non-smoker, a casual drink while dining out. Seeks SWF same, 40-45 for companionship or more. ID# 1038

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM 48 - 5'5", good looking, non-smoker. Seeks pretty SWF 32-47 for lasting relationship who needs my TLC. ID# 1029

SWM 38 - In shape, Seeks sexy senior lady 60-75 for company and friendship. ID# 1025

Assaulted WM 60 - Semi-retired ex-teacher, 6ft, blue eyes, husky. Non-smoker, social drinker is refined, easy going, secure, baggage free, seeks S/DWF 48-60 n/s, solvent, polished with old fashioned values for friendship with poss. LTR. ID# 1031

SWM 52 - Seeks kind, considerate, honest, sensitive, down to earth WF 40-55 for growing old with. Possible marriage in future. Want to be there in the good as well as the bad moments in life. Send photo if possible. ID# 1024

50 Something, Marriage minded - Asian American, never been married Math/Science teacher. Does not drink nor smoke, but loves the outdoors, music, movies and quiet times. Would like to meet a catholic open-minded, kind and considerate honest lady. ID# 1022

SBM 51 - 5'6" 160 lbs, seeks black/white women, 25-50, who is honest, kind and sweet, for a relationship of the best kind. P/P, smoker OK. ID# 1035

SWM 21 - Seeks SWF 20-23 for friendship. Must enjoy camping, bowling, billiards and motorcycle riding. And love cats too! ID# 1012

SWM 45 - Never-married, 5'10", 160lbs. Kind, considerate, open-minded, honest. Enjoys art, music, movies, reading, traveling and bicycling. Seeks vivacious SWF, 35-45, to share life with. ID# 1005

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Professional WM 55 - Beard and mustache, seeking a female friend, race open, 20-40 for casual daytime dates. Need a friend to talk to, I have a good ear. Moms to be most welcome, lets meet for lunch. ID# 1020

Marriage-minded WWM 50 - 6' 190 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, sensitive, humorous, down to earth, no children, financially secure. Looking for same 45-55 yrs old, kids ok, smoker ok. Middlesex County area. Lets live life. ID# 1000

DBM 47-Enjoys dancing, music and quiet times at home, movies. Race doesn't matter. Seeking any race 21-47 years old for dating and relationship. ID# 1008

SWM 48 yrs old - never been married, tall, trim, youthful in appearance, enjoys movies, music, walking, dining out and good conversation. Would like to hear from a slender S/DWF. South Amboy ID# 1016

26 yr old - Hispanic male looking for someone in her 20's, who likes to have fun and enjoys romance. I like dancing, romantic walks, sports and motorcycle riding. So if you are someone who likes these things and is looking for a companion, please respond. ID# 1006

DWM 46 - Would like to meet a woman who is athletic, enjoys the outdoors as well as a good movie. I enjoy playing guitar, tennis, karate, all sports, playing more than watching. For dating. ID# 1011

FRIENDS

ARTIST 38 -Seeks a female model, somewhat rubenesque/ buxom for life-drawing. 18-65 years of age. Pays \$14 an hour, 3 hrs one Sunday a month. ID# 1002

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OBITUARIES**Alfred A. Adams, 73
of Parlin**

Mr. Alfred A. Adams of New Hope, Pa. (formerly of Parlin) died October 8 at Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pa. He was 73.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Parlin for many years before moving to New Hope, Pa. two years ago.

He graduated from Ferris High School in Jersey City and attended the University of San Francisco before graduating from St. Peter's College, Jersey City in 1956.

He was an executive with American International Group, New York City, before retiring in 1995.

Mr. Adams was an Army veteran of World War II, serving stateside and was a member of the American Legion, Parlin.

He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, South Amboy and a member of the church's Holy Name Society.

His wife, Alfreda Hryniewicz Adams; his parents, Anthony and Frances Adamkewicz; three brothers, Philip Adams, Lawrence Adams and Leo Adams; and two sisters, Jeanette Stritch and Helen Kletch, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Adams-Lagana; a grandson, Anthony Adams Lagana; two sisters, Sabina Olkiewicz of Secaucus and Bernice Stec of Long Island, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

**Mary Narkiewicz
of Parlin**

Mrs. Mary T. Narkiewicz of Parlin died October 6 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. She was 86.

Born in South Amboy, she lived in Parlin for 50 years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Narkiewicz was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, South Amboy.

She was a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society and Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Victor Narkiewicz, died in 1978.

Surviving are two daughters, Joan Bartz of Parlin and Emily Portano of North Brunswick; a son, Victor A. Narkiewicz of Parlin; a sister, Viola Haag of Florida; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Marie Vigilante, 80
of South Amboy**

Mrs. Marie McNamara Vigilante of South Amboy died September 17 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 80.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong resident of South Amboy.

Before her marriage, she was employed as an executive secretary for AS&R, Corp., Perth Amboy.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Vigilante had been a sales representative for Avon and a member of its President's Club.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America-Court Sancta Maria 382 and a former member of the South Amboy Women's Club.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1984. A brother, James McNamara and a sister, Elizabeth Hemstreet, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Joseph P. Vigilante of South Amboy; two daughters, Marybeth Flanagan of Mount Penn, Pa. and Donna Vigilante of Freehold; a brother, John McNamara of South Amboy; a sister, Patricia Burke of South Amboy and three grandchildren, Joseph and Lisa Vigilante and Amy Dugan.

**Filomena Hernandez
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Filomena Hernandez of Perth Amboy died October 11 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 57.

Born in Puerto Rico, she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 25 years.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are four sons, Jose, Gilbert and Joel, all of Perth Amboy and Harry of Carteret; five sisters, Teresa, Tomas and Amelia, all of Perth Amboy, Augustina and Elena, both of Puerto Rico; a brother, Oscar of Puerto Rico; six grandchildren, Brittani, Ashlie, Amber, Harry and Gabrielle, all of Carteret and Anthony of Perth Amboy.

**Robert Sager, 71
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Robert Sager of Darby, Pa., (formerly of Perth Amboy) died October 20 at home. He was 71.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived there until he moved to Darby, Pa.

He retired from Burlington Coat Factory, where he worked in the receiving department.

Mr. Sager served in the Air Force during peacetime in the post-World War II period before the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Regina (Sienkiewicz) Sager; four children, Mark Sager of Clifton Heights, Pa., Hope Foley of Lansdowne, Pa., Luke Sager of Darby, Pa. and June Sager of Collingdale, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

**Margaret Kalista, 80
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Margaret Kalista of Perth Amboy died November 7 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 80.

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

Mrs. Kalista was a communicant of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Casimir, died in 1992. A son, Kenneth, died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald of Metuchen and Dennis of Perth Amboy; a daughter, Janet Kalista of Perth Amboy; and two grandchildren, Amy and Kalem.

**Louise M. Bollenbach
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Louise M. Bollenbach of West Orange (formerly of Perth Amboy) died November 2 in Summit Ridge Nursing Home, West Orange. She was 72.

Born in South Amboy, she lived in Keyport and Perth Amboy before moving to West Orange three years ago.

She was a jewel setter at the Moser Jewel Co., Perth Amboy, for 45 years before retiring in 1995.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Gladys Lynch.

**Margaret Berle, 82
of Edison**

Mrs. Margaret Berle of Edison died September 12 at her daughter's home in Edison. She was 82.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., she had lived in Clearwater, Fla. before moving to Edison two years ago.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Clifton, died in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Catherine Berle and Janice Berle, both of Edison; two grandchildren, Brandon and Whitney; two great-grandchildren, Bobby and Collin; a brother, Phil Parker of Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

**Catherine D. Frailey
of Edison**

Mrs. Catherine D. Frailey of Edison died September 15 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 74.

Born in Beaver Meadows, Pa., she had resided in Edison since 1951.

She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Edison.

Her parents, John and Mary Kevish; and a brother, Francis Kevish; and a half-sister, Rita Sency, are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Howard N. Frailey; a son, Howard L. Frailey of Apopka, Fla.; a daughter, Dianne DeNicola of Edison; three sisters, Irene Luchetta of Treschow, Pa., Eleanor Jubay and Dorothy Tucci, both of Hazelton, Pa. and a grandson, Brian DeNicola.

**Violet Turk, 91
of Woodbridge**

Mrs. Violet (Bagenski) Turk of Woodbridge died October 10 in the Perth Amboy Nursing Home. She was 91.

Born in Poland, she lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Woodbridge 25 years ago. She was a resident at the Perth Amboy Nursing Home for eight years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Turk was a parishioner of St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her daughter, Janet Mazanowski, died in 1998.

Surviving are her husband, Stephen Turk; two daughters, Loretta Nemetz and Joan Bino, both of Antelope, Calif.; a step-daughter, Dr. Elaine Turk of Newtown, Pa.; a stepson, John Sotak of Las Vegas; a brother, Chester Bagenski of Manahawkin and three grandchildren, Dr. Keith Mazanowski of Edison, Scott Nemetz of Antelope, Calif. and Elaine Guderian of Avenel.

**Ann D. Migliore, 83
Lived in Colonia**

Mrs. Ann D. Migliore of Allentown (formerly of Colonia) died October 14 at home. She was 83.

Born in Hoboken, she lived in Colonia for many years before moving to Allentown.

Mrs. Migliore had belonged to the Altar and Rosary Society of St. John Vianney Church, Colonia.

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NJ SHARES, the statewide energy assistance fund which helps needy indi-
viduals and families who are struggling with their utility bills. NJ SHARES
has already announced that it will make a special effort this year to assist NJ
households affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent mili-
tary call-up.

NUI Elizabethtown Gas is including a special insert with the bills it mails
in November to its 250,000 customers, asking them to contribute to NJ
SHARES and offering to match any contribution dollar-for-dollar, up to a
total of \$25,000. Every dollar customers donate to NJ SHARES goes direct-
ly to people in need—not to administrative costs.

NJ SHARES, which stands for NJ Statewide Heating Assistance and
Referral for Energy Services, helps needy individuals and families who are
unable to pay their utility bills because of a temporary financial crisis. Grants
are distributed through a statewide network of 48 local community-based
organizations on the basis of need, not income. Eligible households can
receive grants for both their natural gas and electricity accounts.

Victor A. Fortkiewicz, vice president of NUI Utilities, said the need for
assistance is particularly great right now. "Thousands of families in NJ have
been affected either directly or indirectly by the Sept. 11 tragedy," he said.
"Whether it is due to the death or injury of a loved one; the loss of a job or
income; or the military activation of a family member, many New Jerseyans
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Fortkiewicz said customers who wish to contribute to NJSHARES should
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He added that customers in need of assistance may contact NJ SHARES
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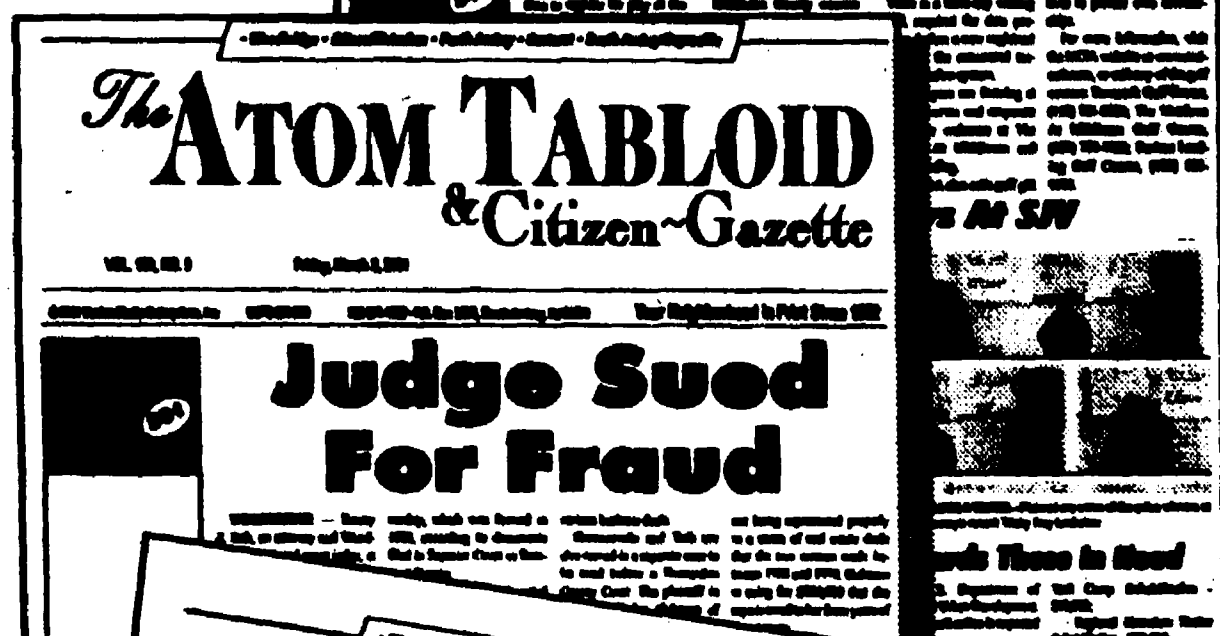
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