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Win-Win Tax Situation For City of Carteret

CARTERET - Borough taxpayers will save \$315,000 over the next nine years due to a plan to refinance a 1993 bond issue that was approved last week by the state Local Finance Board.

Attorney Joseph Bauman, of the borough's bond counsel firm McManimon & Scotland, represented the municipality at a hearing in Trenton on Feb. 26 and the nine-member state panel approved the refinancing plan on March 14.

"I am thrilled that the local finance board approved our refinancing application," said Councilman Dan Reiman, chairman of the Finance & Administration committee. "These savings will have a direct impact on the administration's proposed tax increase- I propose to use the projected savings as property tax relief to offset their proposed tax increase."

Reiman, who authored the resolution to submit the refinancing application in February, said the

plan will "save the taxpayers of Carteret over \$315,000 by refinancing existing bond debt in the amount of \$7.6 million issued in 1993."

By taking advantage of lower interest rates in the current market and the demand for secure municipal bonds, Carteret will reduce the range of interest rates for those bonds from 4.7 to 5.45 percent to only 3.25 to 4.15 percent. That reduction will net a savings for taxpayers of about \$245,500.

The refinancing will not extend any bond payments or the amount of time over which the bonds would have been repaid.

"We will simply be borrowing money at a lower interest rate to pay off bond debt that is at a higher interest rate" said Reiman.

Taxpayers will save another \$70,000 by eliminating the cost of issuing another \$5 million in notes approved last year as bond ordinances for various capital improvement projects, equipment, and computer upgrades. Since that

time the borough has been making interest payments but has not paid any money towards the principal of \$5 million.

Under Reiman's plan Carteret will "bundle" the \$5 million bond package with the refinancing of its older bonds.

The fee of \$70,000 is already built into the cost of refinancing; the additional savings of \$245,500 will be realized over the next 9 years and will be used to offset any future tax increase according to council members.

Reiman said, "This is a win-win situation for the taxpayers of Carteret, with the approval from the local finance board we will use \$93,000 this year to reduce the administration's proposed tax increase by one point -- \$12 for

the average home -- and still save \$222,000 over the next eight years."

Councilwoman Janet Santoro commended Reiman, saying "I would like to thank Councilman Reiman for his hard work in taking advantage of this opportunity to refinance these high interest rate bonds."

Councilman Ron Rios also praised the plan's author, saying, "Reiman has worked long and hard on this plan."

"With this approval by the local finance board we can now begin to look at other ways to save additional money," Reiman said. "This is just a start -- property tax relief must be our top priority."

Plans Advance For Community Center

WOODBIDGE-Plans for construction of a Community Center for Woodbridge Township will move forward.

"The Township is authorizing the project construction manager, Bovis Lend Lease, to contract for the purchase and delivery of all mechanical systems for the Community Center," Mayor James E. McGreevey said.

The Mayor said Bovis will identify contractors for the HVAC, plumbing, electrical, elevator, pool and other the mechanical systems at a cost of \$4,460,000. Funds will be provided by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority under terms of an agreement between the Authority and the Township.

The project will feature an

NHL-sized ice rink, a 75 x 150-foot roller rink, an indoor pool, gymnasium, wellness center, lounge, computer lab, theatrical area, arts and crafts room and several multi-purpose rooms.

The facility, being constructed on the site of the former municipal landfill on Main Street, also will include a pro shop, locker rooms and changing rooms, a concession stand, skate rental area and several party rooms.

"Tax dollars will not be utilized in the construction or operation of the Community Center," said McGreevey. "Costs will be underwritten by corporate donations, advertisers and sponsors, and by the revenue the facility will generate."

CORRECTION

Grehl, Huber & Garley Are School Board Team

WOODBIDGE - Last week's edition mistakenly reported the names of candidates running as a ticket in the April 17 school board election who are being supported by most Democratic leaders.

We apologize for the error.

Incumbent Joyce Grehl, former board member Lew Huber and Thomas "Skip" Garley are running as a team that is supported by township Democrats.

The candidates previously identified are running independent of each other.

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Estate Planning Council Meeting

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This roundtable discussion will focus on helping seniors and improving business. There are no membership fees for the council.

The meeting will take place at Meilings Restaurant, Main St., Metuchen on Wednesday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m. Speaker Brad Iroff will lead a discussion comparing term vs. whole life insurance.

In several counties, estate planning professionals have set

up councils whereby those assisting seniors and taxpayers with estate planning could meet on a quarterly basis to share ideas. Professionals from the fields of law, accounting, insurance, banking and financial planning meet to share ideas and network. Senior Citizen Coordinators and anyone who provides advice to seniors and the elderly should attend.

A lunch fee of \$7.50 is payable to Meilings. For information, call Kenneth Vercammen at 732-906-2180. To RSVP, fax to 732-906-2189 or email kenv@njlaws.com.

Partners In The Arts Festival

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Plans are now underway for Partners in the Arts, the VSA arts of New Jersey 18th Annual Statewide Arts Festival. This event is scheduled for Thursday, June 7 at Middlesex County College, Edison, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Partners in the Arts is a festival that fosters the integration of individuals with and without disabilities in the celebration of the arts.

Children and adults, individu-

als and school groups are invited to this enjoyable, enriching, fun-filled day of performances, arts workshops, exhibits and much more. This event is offered free of charge.

The festival is one component of VSA arts of New Jersey, a nonprofit statewide organization dedicated to providing arts opportunities to New Jersey residents with disabilities. Sponsors for this event are the Cultural and

Heritage Commission and Middlesex County College.

If you or your school or organization would like to participate in this event, contact Karen Singer, VSA arts of New Jersey, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-3885, 745-5935 or 745-3913 (TTY), info@vsanj.org. Registration deadline is April 12.

Republicans Nominate Katz, Gallagher

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Republican Organization Screening Committee, at its recent meeting, (March 13), unanimously renominated Donald Katz for Republican State Committeeman and Rita Gallagher for Republican State Committeewoman. Having won the vote of the screening committee, Katz and Gallagher will run for reelection on the Middlesex County Republican Organization line in the primary election in June, for a

third full four year term.

Donald Katz, first elected in 1992 for the remaining one year of an unexpired term as State Committeeman, is an attorney and Of Counsel to the Cranbury law firm of Huff, Moran & Orron, has 37 years of service with the Republican party in Middlesex County and presently serves as counsel and Training Chairman for the Middlesex County Republican Organization. Katz also serves as counsel to both the Central New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the 200 Club of Middlesex County. He is on the boards of the East Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, is a former board member of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Middlesex County and also former chairman and commissioner of the East Brunswick Sewerage Authority. He resides in East Brunswick with his wife, Sue Tisiker.

Rita Gallagher, also first elect-

ed to an unexpired term in 1992 as State Committeewoman, is a Legislative Aide to Assemblyman Samuel D. Thompson, Ph.D. She is a Regional Vice President of the NJ Federation of Republican Women and is on the Board of Directors of the NJ Woman 2001. She is a former Vice Chairman of the Middlesex County and Old Bridge Republican Organizations and has 28 years of Republican service. Gallagher served as a Vice Chairman of the Old Bridge Zoning Board of Adjustment for five years. As a former PTA President, she was instrumental in bringing the Strep Disease Control Program into the Old Bridge School System. Gallagher resides in Old Bridge.

Katz and Gallagher are the two Middlesex County representatives of the total of 42 State Committee members who comprise the New Jersey Republican State Committee which leads the Republican party on the state level.

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Local Man Top Greek At Syracuse

EDISON—Dave Goldstein of Edison, a junior majoring in finance in the School of Management at Syracuse University, has recently taken office as the President of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

The Inter-Fraternity Council is the governing body for eighteen fraternities on the Syracuse University campus. It provides resources for Rush, programming, and inter-fraternity unity. Participation offers alumni networking opportunities and the chance to work with other Greek organizations and student groups while developing strong leadership skills.

Fraternities and sororities have made tremendous contributions to Syracuse University since 1871 by complimenting the academic and co-curricular facets of the University's community life. The Greek organizations promote academic achievement as well as various service and fundraising projects. Almost twenty-five percent of Syracuse University undergraduates participate in Greek life.

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Oldest African-American Woman Recognized

CARTERET—Mrs. Edna O'Bryant, the 103-year-old African-American woman who lives in the Herman Gardens, was recognized by Mayor James Failace in honor of Black History Month.

Born on April 10, 1897, O'Bryant came to Carteret in the 60's and has lived here ever since. She enjoys her good health and wants everyone to "live right, do right, and go to church."

O'Bryant lives alone and her godson of 51 years, Norville Pendleton, comes to check on her daily. She goes out to the doctor and the beauty parlor and just recently stopped going to ShopRite for herself.

As for her health, O'Bryant goes to the doctor regularly and has "nothing too serious" wrong with her. She feels she's "had a good life."



OLDEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN RECOGNIZED—Senior Abena Okyere presents Mrs. O'Bryant with a bouquet of flowers from the Human Relations Program. She is Carteret's oldest African-American woman to be recognized. Mrs. O'Bryant just celebrated her 103rd birthday.

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This pepper is delicious whether eaten raw or cooked. Picked green or allowed to ripen to a rich red, it is especially sweet and lacks the bitter taste common to many other varieties and hybrids. 'Oritani' is an excellent choice for salads, stuffed peppers, cooking uses and may well be the best ever developed for roasting peppers.

The seed should be planted indoors in late March to mid-April in a warm location with plenty of light. The plants should be placed in the garden in late May or early June after the danger of frost has passed. It is important to plant them in a very sunny location.

Rutgers is the only source for 'Oritani' seed. To obtain a packet with planting instructions, send \$3 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Pepper Seed, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Cook College, Foran Hall, Rutgers, The State University, 59 Dudley Road, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8520.

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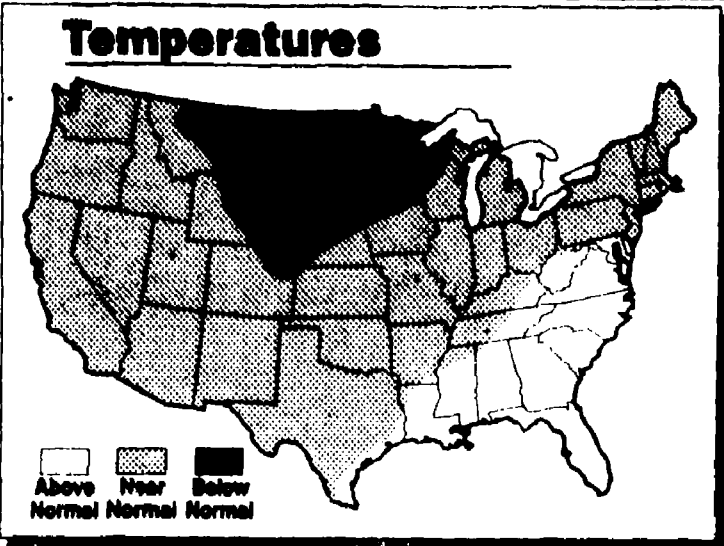
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Numerous showers; windy.	Breezy with showers.	Cloudy and very windy.	Times of sun and clouds.	Rather cloudy with rain.	Cloudy.	Sunshine and windy.	Sun and clouds.
57	45	56/52	64/50	64/48	64/47	50/31	53/41

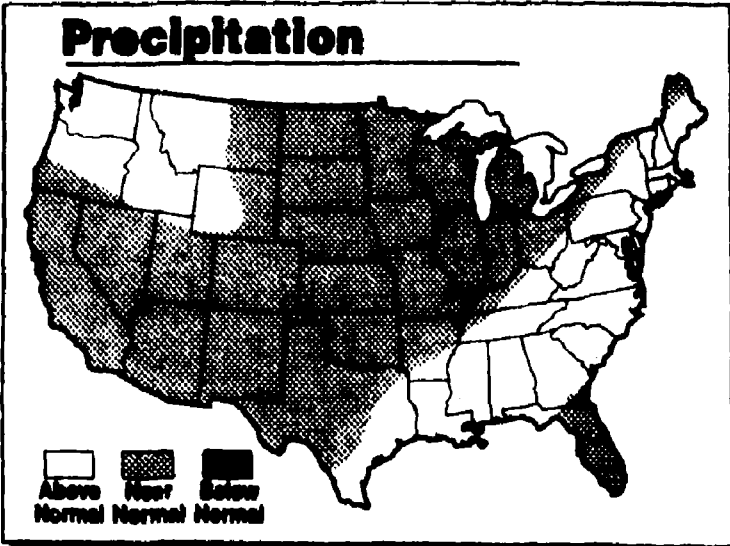
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

A storm is expected to bring precipitation to the eastern third of the nation. Cooler air will follow the storm across the Midwest and Tennessee Valley. Temperatures may average 5 to 10 degrees below normal across the Great Lakes and Tennessee Valley. Storms will spread rain and mountain snow across the Pacific Northwest. Warm air will surge northward across the Southwest and southern Rocky Mountains.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	64 52 sh	72 56 c	74 54 c	71 57 c
Boston	53 40 c	51 40 c	53 41 c	56 46 c
Chicago	41 31 c	48 36 c	51 40 c	52 36 c
Cleveland	52 38 c	54 42 r	56 38 sh	54 44 s
Denver	52 30 pc	49 32 c	52 30 pc	54 28 pc
Des Moines	54 39 pc	53 36 c	54 34 pc	53 29 c
Detroit	44 36 c	50 40 c	53 39 sh	53 42 c
Houston	78 58 c	80 60 pc	80 64 t	76 60 c
Indianapolis	54 42 c	62 43 c	63 41 c	54 43 c
Kansas City	61 43 c	60 41 c	60 42 pc	58 29 pc
Los Angeles	79 54 pc	80 54 pc	77 51 s	77 51 s
Miami	82 68 pc	82 69 pc	83 68 pc	85 68 pc
Minn. - St. Paul	46 30 sh	48 32 sh	42 28 sn	38 22 pc
New Orleans	75 62 t	81 61 pc	81 63 pc	78 66 pc
New York City	54 42 pc	52 46 c	58 48 c	61 50 r
Omaha	54 40 c	52 36 c	56 34 c	54 26 pc
Phoenix	90 62 s	90 60 s	88 58 s	86 56 s
San Francisco	66 52 pc	66 49 pc	68 49 s	68 54 pc
Seattle	52 41 c	52 41 c	53 40 sh	54 47 r
Washington	58 46 c	60 48 c	62 50 pc	68 53 sh

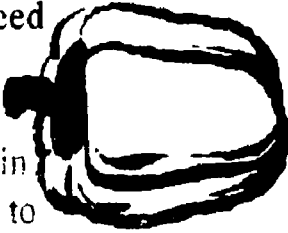
SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	
Thu.	5:46 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	
Fri.	5:44 a.m.	6:20 p.m.	
	Moonrise	Moonset	
Thu.	8:31 a.m.	11:15 p.m.	
Fri.	9:12 a.m.	none	
Moon Phases			
First	Full	Last	New
			
Apr 1 Apr	Apr 7 23	Apr	15
Weather (W):			
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.			

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	48 41 c	49 34 c	52 43 r	49 35 r
Berlin	51 48 sh	49 40 r	52 39 c	47 40 r
Buenos Aires	75 64 pc	75 62 pc	75 58 pc	78 61 pc
Cairo	85 65 s	84 68 s	92 69 s	82 53 pc
Jerusalem	82 53 s	81 56 s	79 59 s	77 51 pc
Johannesburg	80 57 pc	81 56 pc	81 57 pc	81 57 pc
London	48 38 pc	47 42 pc	49 42 c	51 34 pc
Madrid	53 42 pc	52 43 pc	63 49 c	62 48 c
Mexico City	77 45 s	79 45 s	81 46 s	84 47 s
Moscow	25 18 pc	32 23 pc	43 31 pc	44 38 c
Paris	46 40 pc	46 38 pc	52 39 c	50 41 sh
Rio de Janeiro	81 70 c	79 70 sh	81 71 r	81 70 pc
Rome	56 48 sh	59 45 sh	66 46 pc	66 48 s
San Juan	82 73 c	83 73 pc	84 73 pc	83 73 c
Seoul	43 29 pc	49 40 pc	51 37 r	45 31 c
Sydney	67 56 s	70 60 s	75 62 s	74 59 c
Tokyo	60 40 pc	52 36 pc	51 47 pc	58 51 r
Toronto	38 34 c	50 31 c	42 40 r	43 38 c
Winnipeg	30 15 an	32 10 c	29 23 c	27 13 c
Zurich	50 45 sh	47 38 sh	57 39 c	50 46 c

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Perth Amboy To Lead Fight For Accurate Census Count

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas announced recently that the City of Perth Amboy is preparing to take legal action against the United States Census Bureau to request the use of statistical sampling in the 2000 census to rectify inherent faults that are believed to have left specific population sectors significantly undercounted in urban communities.

Perth Amboy's City Council approved a resolution on Feb. 14 that authorized Perth Amboy to retain the legal services of Hill Wallack in order to expend every effort to assure that sampling processes and techniques be utilized in determining census figures and that statistically corrected data be released to the State of New Jersey for the purpose of determining both an accurate level of federal funding and for congressional redistricting purposes.

Perth Amboy maintains that in many urban areas, statistical sampling techniques have proven historically beneficial in dealing with

the undercounting of low-income, minority, immigrant, transient and homeless populations. One of the major concerns admitted by the U.S. Census Bureau is that the 1990 Census resulted in an undercount, which later surveys suggest may have missed eight million people while double-counting four million others, thus depriving areas with large numbers of low-income people of the financial assistance they deserved.

Should this undercounting be allowed to continue, the socioeconomic impact could be devastating to many urban cities. A study prepared by Price Waterhouse Coopers, which was released in March 2000 by the United States Census, estimated that in 169 metropolitan areas where poorly counted demographic groups are concentrated, the likely net loss of federal assistance may well reach \$11 billion in a decade.

The city also cites support from the professional and scientific community, as well as opinions issued by the U.S. Department of

Justice under former Presidents Carter, Bush and Clinton, that statistical sampling should be used as an integral part of the census. The U.S. Secretary of Commerce has also deemed the sampling method feasible by giving the Census Bureau the discretion to determine that corrected data was calculated properly and is more accurate than raw census data.

The city's resolution maintains that the failure of the United States and/or the State of New Jersey to use statistical sampling would result in violations of federal and state constitutional protections, would violate fundamental rights relative to one person/one vote and basic equality and would result in significant misallocations of funds due to urban municipalities. The city also argues that the failure to use accurate adjusted data may directly violate Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, prohibiting "minority vote dilution," and minimize minority voting strength in the City of Perth Amboy.

The resolution also authorizes that other municipalities be urged to join with the City of Perth Amboy in promoting and procur-

ing the use of statistical sampling. Along this line, Perth Amboy officials have already engaged in discussions with the leadership of Camden, Elizabeth, Irvington, Jersey City, New Brunswick, Newark, North Bergen, Paterson, Plainfield, Union City, East Orange, Weehawken and West New York to spearhead support for this initiative and to pursue a

class-action law suit against the Census Bureau.

"Through a unified front, we hope that the federal government will recognize the importance of an accurate census count in urban communities, and work with us to eliminate the potentially detrimental effects that undercounting holds," concluded Mayor Joseph Vas.

FedEx Ground Donates \$10,000 To Support Soup Kitchen

WOODBIDGE—Trinity Episcopal Church has received a \$10,000 contribution from FedEx Ground, Mayor James E. McGreevey announced recently.

The \$10,000 contribution was used to purchase a van to transport food from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside to the Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church. It will also be used to transport meals from the Soup Kitchen to St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth.

"Trinity Episcopal Church is grateful to FedEx Ground for its support and generosity, which will provide for easier transport of our food," said the Rev. Robert L. Counselman, the church's rector.

Counselman said the Trinity Soup Kitchen was established in 1995 as a service to those in the community who are in need of a free, nutritious hot meal. Through the efforts of the members of Trinity parish, along with volunteers throughout the surrounding community, the Soup Kitchen serves meals each Friday from 12 noon-1 p.m.

"We are pleased to continue supporting worthy causes in the Woodbridge area," said Tim Olsen, managing director of the FedEx Ground distribution center in Woodbridge that provides work

for more than 700 area residents.

"With the reception the entire area has shown us, we are committed to investing in the community in various ways and look forward to a long presence in the area," he said.

The Soup Kitchen is funded from donations received from the Parish as well as community organizations and the community at large, including area businesses.

FedEx Ground, the second largest small package ground carrier in the U.S., opened its distribution facility in Woodbridge Township last year.

Since announcing plans for the facility in 1998, FedEx Ground has made a significant investment in the community, providing a \$1 million contribution to Woodbridge Tech 2000, \$100,000 to help the YMCA renovate and improve the Highland Grove swimming pool facility in Fords, \$300,000 to the Fords Fire Company for a new fire truck and \$25,000 for the St. John's First Aid Squad.

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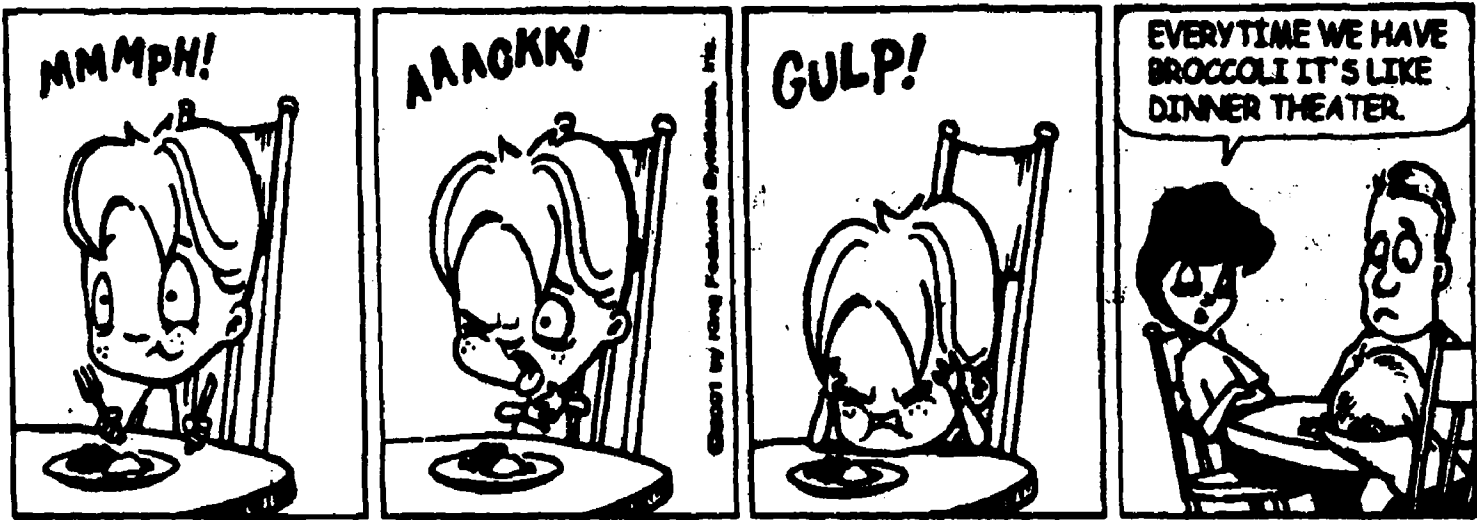
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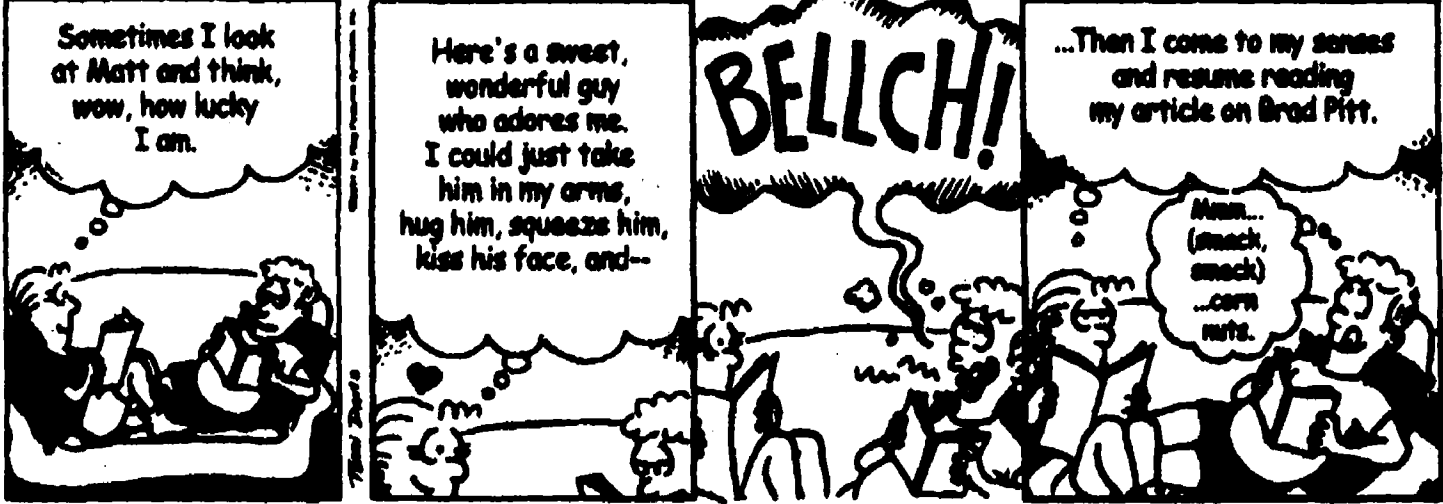
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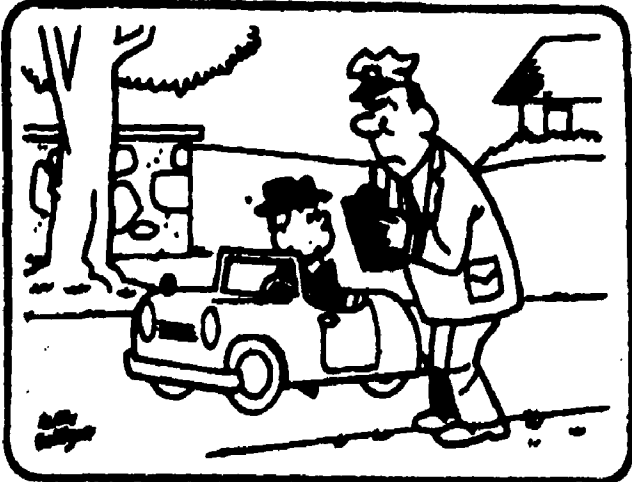
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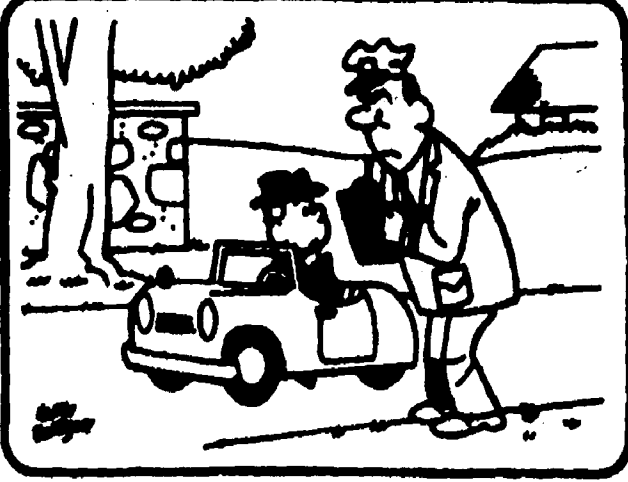


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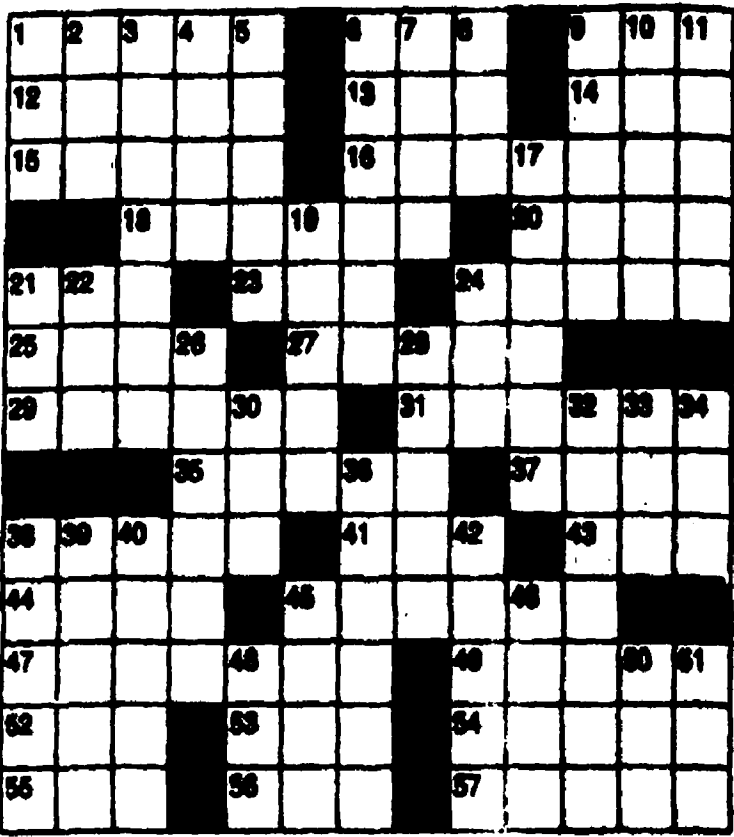
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- 1 Briskoff pachyderm
- 6 North Pole employee
- 9 Branch
- 12 Fred's early partner
- 13 Actor
- 14 Ferrigno
- 14 "How - love thee?"
- 15 Olympian's prize
- 16 Head-rests?
- 18 Pageant winners' crowns
- 20 Help a hand
- 21 Mr. MacGraw
- 23 "Sure!"
- 24 Ables
- 25 Rape material
- 27 Wanderer
- 29 Belated
- 31 Bursts forth
- 35 Bather's need
- 37 Dog's dogs
- 38 Mean
- 41 Calendar pp.
- 43 Title
- 44 Broad spread
- 46 Staff's rival
- 47 Cover
- 49 Recap
- 52 Torched
- 53 Indefinite
- 54 Humiliate
- 55 Navy rank (Abbs)



- 56 Off-the-wall
- 57 "Star Wars" weapon

- 8 Adjective suffix
- 9 Possible material
- 10 Crow member
- 11 Johnny Mathis hit
- 17 Starred
- 19 Order more
- 22 Cry of discovery
- 23 Parrot
- 24 Distant
- 26 George C. Scott role
- 28 Combs, e.g.
- 30 Source source

- 32 Nightwear
- 33 Early afternoon
- 34 Concerts, e.g.
- 36 Chopped the scenery
- 38 Aristocrat
- 39 Exhausted
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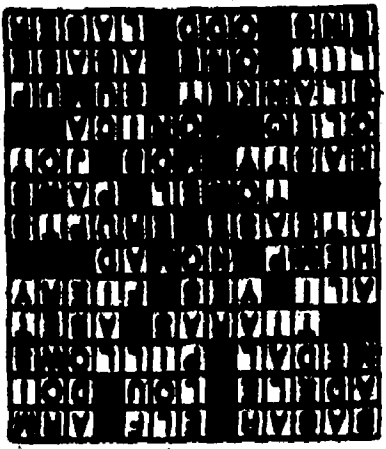
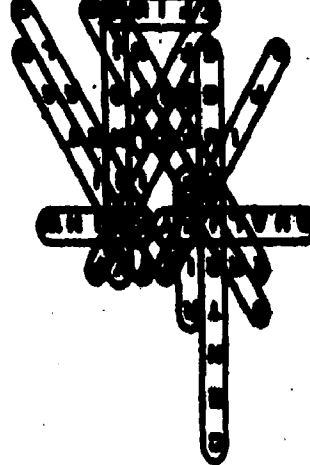
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- Rally
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- Spilly
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Benny Goodman Tribute

RAHWAY — The Benny Goodman Tribute Orchestra will perform at 1 p.m. on Thurs., April 5, at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Under the baton of bandleader Rudy Scaffidi, this concert will include many great hits of the 30s and 40s that were made famous by the "King of Swing," Benny Goodman.

Rudy Scaffidi became a professional trumpet player at the age of fifteen in his hometown of Cleveland, OH. He spent his military career as a trumpet player and upon his discharge moved to New York City to begin a long career as a musician. He found himself playing with some of the country's top names in the emerging era of swing jazz including Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Skitch Henderson, Buddy Morrow and more. Later, Scaffidi led the orchestras of Guy Lombardo, Jimmy Dorsey, Jan Garber and Billy May. In 1994 Rudy Scaffidi joined Benny Goodman as an inductee in the Big Band Hall of Fame.

Rudy Scaffidi founded the Benny Goodman Tribute Orchestra in 1995 to continue the memory and music of the late great clarinetist. Scaffidi said in a recent interview that because Goodman produced so many records there are a lot of hits to craft a wonderful afternoon of music. During the concert Scaffidi will be featured on trumpet in Goodman hits including "What Is There To Say," and feature vocalist Colleen Manning in "All Of Me," "Misty," and "All Right, Okay, You Win." Along with "Let's Dance," "String Of Pearls," "Stompin' At The Savoy," "Mellow Tone," "Goodbye" and many more, Scaffidi will dedicate a segment to clarinetist Artie Shaw, A Big Band Medley that will feature music from Duke Ellington to Richard Rodgers and the Louis Prima hit that Goodman made famous "Sing, Sing, Sing."

This concert is one of two Thursday afternoon performances that are being presented by the Union County Arts Center and are supported generously by Golden Age Towers. On May 3 at 1 p.m.

the Arts Center will offer a second big band concert with "Swing & Sway With The Sammy Kaye Orchestra". The weekday afternoon concerts support the community it serves by providing great entertainment at affordable prices during daylight hours. All tickets for both concerts are \$15 and group discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. For ticket sales and more information please call 732-499-8226.

Union County Arts Center is a regional performing arts venue. Its wide array of offerings includes theater, music, film, dance and headliner entertainment. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra performs regularly at the Arts Center under its designation as resident orchestra of this vaudeville-era theater claimed by many to be the most beautiful theater in the state.

As a non-profit organization, the Arts Center is supported in part by the N. J. State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts. The Arts Center wishes to thank The Merck Company Foundation for their continued generosity and Comcast for being the sponsor of the Family Fun Series. The following organizations and institutions are also proud contributors to the Union County Arts Center: The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, The City of Rahway, The Rahway Savings Institution, Liberty Bank, Schering-Plough Foundation and NUI/Elizabethtown Gas.

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Art Center Funds Gala Event

COUNTY—The Board of Trustees of the Union County Arts Center is thrilled to announce a gala event to benefit the Union County Arts Center. On Saturday, April 28, the "Sail Under the Stars" Gala will bid New Jersey bon voyage from the port of Perth Amboy on the Cornucopia Princess, New Jersey's premier luxury cruise ship. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. and include a cocktail hour followed by a three-hour cruise. Dancing, dinner, bar and beverages are all included for \$125 per person and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call the Arts Center at (732) 499-8226.

All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Union County Arts Center's commitment to provide great entertainment and cultural events to the families and residents in Union County and the Greater Union County area. As a non-profit organization, the Union County Arts Center depends upon the generosity of people who realize the value of arts institutions in their community.

Support for this event is gratefully received by the Arts Center. If you are unable to participate in the cruise, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to this worthwhile cause. Donations may be made payable to the Union County Arts Center and sent to the Union County Arts Center, c/o "Sail Under the Stars," 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ 07065. For more information or tickets to this unique event call the box office at (732) 499-8226.

Teen Artists Show Off Their Work

AREA—Imaginative and inventive high school artists participate in *Fresh Perspectives* at The Morris Museum. Each year, the Museum provides northern and central New Jersey high school students the opportunity to showcase their artwork in a museum setting. This annual exhibition has gained a reputation for being a competitive venue for extraordinary work from high school art students. *Fresh Perspectives* remains on view for the public from April 3 to June 3.

Fresh Perspectives began in 1989 to give artistically accomplished high school students the chance to participate in a professionally organized exhibition. It also recognizes art teachers for their encouragement and effective teaching of these talented student-artists. Students from over 50 schools submit approximately 400 works of art. About 55 pieces are selected for exhibition.

Nancy J. Ori and Arie Galles are this year's jurors. Ori, a highly respected photographer and video producer, is on the

faculty of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Peters Valley Craft Education Center and the Somerset Art Association.

Galles, a artist whose work has been exhibited throughout the United States, is a Professor of Art at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison.

Funding for this exhibition has been provided by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The Morris Museum, located at 6 Normandy Heights Road (at the corner of Columbia Turnpike) in Morristown, is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, students and senior citizens. Admission is always free for Museum members and is free to the public every Thursday between 1-8 p.m.

For more information, call (973) 971-3700, or visit www.morrismuseum.org.

Artist Search

STATE—On Oct. 12, 13 and 14, St. Peter's University Hospital's Health Center for Women will host an Art Show and Reception in the Sister Marie dePazzi Conference Center to promote awareness of breast cancer. If you have been touched by breast cancer and have expressed your thoughts, feelings and experiences through painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, prose, poetry or other non-performance creative media, you are invited to participate in the art show. The artwork may be an expression of your own experience or you may dedicate a piece of artwork to someone you know who has been touched by breast cancer.

The event is being co-sponsored by St. Peter's Health Center for Women, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Breast Cancer Resource Center/YWCA Princeton.

For more information or to participate, contact Charlotte Shipley, St. Peter's Breast Care Coordinator, at (732) 745-6680 or Marie Corfield at (908) 284-2031, before May 31.



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COAH And The State Plan

Dear Editor,

There appears to be some confusion regarding the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and its relationship with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan).

COAH carefully follows the State Plan and in fact, is the one state agency whose rules specifically defer to those of the State Planning Commission (SPC), the Pinelands Commission, the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission and CAFRA. The COAH planning staff and the planning staff of the Office of State Planning (OSP) work closely together. The two agencies have a memorandum of understanding and currently a joint task force of COAH board members and SPC members are meeting on such issues as affordable housing, smart growth, redevelopment, sewer and water.

COAH housing obligations, or quotas as referenced by some people, are not in conflict with planning designations in the State Plan. COAH's rules state that in rural or environmentally sensitive areas (Planning Areas 4 and 5), "the Council shall require inclusionary development (containing affordable housing) to be located in centers" and that "all sites designated for low and moderate income housing shall be consistent with the applicable" water and sewer plans.

However, market rate units do not have to abide by such stringent regulations. Former farmland is now often dotted with expensive market rate homes, not affordable ones, on septic systems. Low and moderate income housing can only be designated for sites that have existing infrastructure and are consistent with the

State Plan.

If a town comes in voluntarily to COAH and is not sued, that community maintains control of its zoning and the decisions for its provision of affordable housing. The existing pattern of development need not be drastically altered by affordable housing obligations if a community is diligent in its planning and does not leave itself open to Mt. Laurel litigation.

A COAH task force is meeting regularly to decide the components of a third round methodology which will focus on the need to be fair, understandable and predictable. Also, COAH has had ongoing dialogues with the Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment.

The public and private sectors have been encouraged to give input for a new methodology and new regulations via task forces on Urban Redevelopment; Pinelands, CAFRA and Hackensack Meadowlands; Rural, Open Space and Farmland Preservation; Coordination with State Agencies; Coordination with Housing Advocates and Housing Administrators; Legal, Planning and Financing Issues; and Suburban Growth Areas. These task forces will be reconvening this spring. When COAH proposes its new regulations, which will include the formula for affordable housing obligations, the public will have the opportunity to make additional comments.

For individuals or groups who wish more information about COAH, check the web site www.dca.state.nj.us/dca/coah or contact Sidna Mitchell, COAH deputy director at (609) 292-4553.

Members of COAH

Know The Facts—And Protect Yourself From West Nile Virus

Dear Editor,

Spring has not yet sprung but the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has—in terms of its preparation for another potential season of dealing with the West Nile virus. Don't be alarmed. We are prepared and you can be too.

First, it's important to know that even if you live in an area with birds and mosquitoes which carry the West Nile virus, it's very unlikely that you'll be infected. In areas where mosquitoes do carry the virus, very few are infected. And if the mosquito is infected, less than one percent of people who are bitten—and become infected—will become severely ill.

While there has been much said about the disease with the exotic name over the past two summers, I want to reinforce key facts so you can familiarize yourself with precautions to protect you and your family during the warm weather.

The West Nile virus is one of a family of viruses that can be transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected with West Nile virus by feeding on birds that have the virus in their blood-

stream. Once a mosquito is infected with the virus it can transmit the virus to humans, birds, or horses through a bite. The West Nile virus is not transmitted from person to person.

There's no evidence to date suggesting that humans can get West Nile virus by simply touching a dead bird. However, I don't recommend touching a dead bird without gloves for sanitary reasons: if you find one on your property, contact your local health department for details on what to do and be prepared to hear, that the health department may already have gained enough samples for your area.

Most people bitten by an infected mosquito don't ever develop symptoms. But if symptoms do occur, they usually appear 5–15 days from the time of the bite. A trip to your doctor is recommended if mild symptoms like low-grade fever, headache and swollen lymph glands appear. In severe cases, symptoms can include: high fever, stiff neck, muscle weakness, disorientation, brain inflammation (encephalitis), coma and in rare instances, death.

There is no specific treatment for West Nile virus. Patients with

the more severe cases are treated with supportive therapy, which can include hospitalization, intravenous fluids and respiratory support.

And keep in mind these common sense steps to reduce you and your family's risk. At dawn and dusk, try to wear long pants and long sleeved shirts outdoors. Use mosquito repellent outside following label instructions and make sure that screens on windows and doors are in good condition. Rid your property of standing water, old tires, and blocked gutters and report mosquito concerns to your local mosquito control agency. But remember children can play outdoors without restrictions and you should enjoy the spring and summer.

For more information or to check out the New Jersey West Nile virus 2001 Action Plan visit the Department of Health and Senior Services website at www.state.nj.us/health. Additional information about other New Jersey departments' programs can be found at the following websites: www.state.nj.us/dep/mosquito, or www.state.nj.us/agriculture.

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LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

The Red Queen

It didn't take her long, now did it, my friends? Shortly after her election victory, the First Lady, Her Highness, New York's "junior" senator (in name only), began issuing her edicts.

The Electoral College, in elegant operation for the duration of the Republic, must be abolished. "We are a very different country than we were 200 years ago," she announced on Nov. 10. "That means it's time to do away with the Electoral College and move to the popular election of our presidents." She called the system "an anachronism," and declared that she had "felt that way for years."

Well, that settles that. Off with their heads! New York may not have had senatorial Executive Orders when she arrived, but give her a couple of months. After all, the place is called the Empire State. And Hillary's core principle is, "I

am entitled to an empire." So voila. The Big Apple was just there for the biting. Being First Lady was never enough. Neither is Senator. Does anyone think Hillary Rodham Clinton, with royal HRC embroidered on her towels, will be content to long remain merely a single voice out of a hundred? One percent? One vote? The United States Senate isn't nearly big enough for Hillary.

The Democratic party, united as it appears to be behind the prospect of her celebrity Senatorship, has no idea what it's in for. Hillary, who has never met a law she didn't try to subvert, is about to inject her m.o. directly into the bloodstream of the Congress. The august rules and traditions of the Senate are about to be blown apart. Why? Because she can.

Anyone in her party who has ambition and designs on

power, which means every Democrat, had better realize one thing: from this moment forward all ambition and designs on power must be employed in the service of Hillary. Constituents are no more; they are now subjects. Colleagues are no more; they now comprise the HRC Court. Senate customs are no more; they are now overruled.

Heaven help anyone who crosses her.

The press courtiers will continue to advance her cause. At her first post-election news conference, they begged: Will she run for President? Pleece-eeeeeze? "No," she declared. "I have no ambition for higher office. I'm going to serve my six years as junior senator from New York."

I dare anyone to find a single person in America who believes this.

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Potential Candidates Eye McGreevey's Job

Special from PoliticsNJ.com

WOODBIDGE—Emerging as the early front runner for Mayor of Woodbridge, if Jim McGreevey resigns next January to become Governor, is three-term Councilman Frank Peltzman.

Democratic insiders say that McGreevey will have considerable say in the selection of his replacement, but that he will still need to select a candidate who is acceptable to a fairly opinionated and independent Democratic County Committee.

Peltzman is viewed as competent, loyal and has won his third ward Council seat three times by increasingly wide margins.

Other possible candidates with mayoral ambitions include: Second Ward Councilman Rick Dalina, whose father, Stephen "Pete" Dalina is a Middlesex County Freeholder; and Fifth Ward Councilman Robert Luban,

a onetime Republican who switched parties in 1995 and swore his allegiance to McGreevey.

Sources say that McGreevey would be unlikely to support either Dalina or Luban for Mayor.

Dalina has formed a political action committee and has been quietly raising money below the political radar screen.

Sources say that Dalina has told close allies that if the Democratic organization does not select him to fill a vacancy, he would be prepared to run anyway, either in the Democratic primary or as an Independent.

If McGreevey wins the gubernatorial election, there will be a special election in November 2002 to fill the remaining fourteen months of his term as Mayor.

Few local pols believe Dalina stands much of a chance, but he is said to enjoy tremendous ambition nonetheless.

Pete Dalina once tried running as an Independent, but finished a weak third behind Democrat Joseph "Jo-Jo" DeMarino and Republican Richard Kuzniak.

Dalina has a good base in the second ward, but not nearly enough to buck McGreevey and the party leaders.

Councilwoman-At-Large Caroline Ehrlich could emerge as a candidate, but insiders say she is more interested in running for the State Assembly and lacks a strong relationship with her Council colleagues.

Some Woodbridge Democrats say that McGreevey could turn to Acting Business Administrator John McCormac to run for Mayor, but McCormac is far more likely to wind up at McGreevey's side in Trenton.

On the Republican side, sources say that perennial candidate Kenneth Gardner is angling to run for Mayor.

City Authorizes Redeveloper's Agreement For 26-Acre Industrial Park

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas is pleased to announce that the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency (PARA) approved a resolution at last night's meeting that authorizes the agency to enter into a redeveloper's agreement with Matrix Perth Amboy Industrial, LLC, (a subsidiary of Matrix Development Group of Cranbury) for construction of a state-of-the-art industrial park on a 26-acre parcel of land formerly owned by Chevron.

Vas first announced plans for the project in September of last year when the city selected Matrix from among three developers who had submitted a response to PARA's Request for Proposals (RFP). Since that time, the city has been working to finalize the details on the project, which will now be known as "Perth Amboy Business Park."

The \$20 million project will

include up to 540,000 square feet that encompass one or two buildings suitable for light manufacturing or flex-type users. The project will be constructed on the site of Chevron's former twin smoke stacks, which were demolished last June to clear the way for development. The site is located along Amboy Avenue between Mauer Road and Inslee Street.

When completed, within 12-18 months, the project is expected to generate up to 500 new jobs, a \$13.5 million boost to the city's tax base and annual taxes of over \$400,000. In the near future, the city is looking to issue an RFP to redevelop another 70 acres of Chevron's property, which lie adjacent to this site between Amboy Avenue and Convery Boulevard.

For additional information, contact Mayor Vas at (732) 826-7121.

Bearcats Win 3rd Championship

FORDS—The Bearcat Pop Warner Midget Football team is the Eastern Division champion for 2000. They also won the divisional title in 1998 and 1999. In 1998 and 1999 they were undefeated and in 2000 they lost one divisional game for a record of 8 wins and 1 loss. The captains of the team are Robert Dombrowski, Jarren Smith, Kendall Selby and Chris Velazquez. The offense was led by Javon Shields, Matt Bouchard, Adam Jones, John Henson, Billy Rush, Chris Black, Robert Bergeron, Greg Diaz, Isaiah Gibbs and Johnny Lopez. The defense standouts are Randy Amely, Forrest Ballard, Jamie

Cruz, Luis Deleon, Nick Deo, Jamaar Figuero, Devin Rodriguez, DeAndre Shields, Sam Thomas, Wally Timmons and Zack Jensen.

The Bearcats will begin practice the first week in August, 2001 and games start in September. If you would like to join the team, call Rich Pinter at (732) 738-4620. The ages are 12-14 yrs. old and between 100-145 lbs.; Mity Mites, 7 and 8 yr. olds between 45-85 lbs.; Jr. Pee Wee 9-11 yrs. old between 55-95 lbs.; Pee Wee 10, 11 and 12 yr. olds between 70-110 lbs.; Flag (no contact) football 5-7 yr. olds.

Local Resident Completes Clerkship

EDISON—Joyce Vidal, a resident of Edison, and a sixth year Doctor of Pharmacy student at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia has completed the seventh of eight clerkship rotations at Presbyterian Medical Center (Philadelphia).

Vidal spent previous rotations at Crozer VNA (Drexel Hill, Pa.), Hahnemann University Hospital (Philadelphia), Ortho Pharmaceutical (Raritan), Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (Philadelphia) and Jefferson Apothecary (Philadelphia).

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YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

Ten Safety Features For Child Car Seats

AREA—To take the confusion out of one of the most important purchasing decisions a parent can make, AAA is offering "Ten Features to Look For When Buying a Child Safety Seat."

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of children under ten, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 1999 alone, over 1,100 children were killed and 182,000 more were injured in car crashes. Every day, three children under the age of ten are killed and 500 more are injured in car crashes.

The Association recommends that parents look for the following important features when selecting a child safety seat. These features can make a child seat more convenient for parents and safer their children.

1) Check Your Car's Owner's Manual—Before purchasing a seat, look for specifications and proper placement of the child seat.

2) Fits a Variety of Vehicles—Avoid seats with larger bases because they won't fit in smaller vehicles. Instead, choose one with a narrow base which is more versatile.

3) Ease of Installation—There

should be clear instructions on the seat itself. Choose one that explains installation with a diagram instead of text. The instruction booklet should be written in a clear, concise manner with proper illustrations.

4) Easy Belt Path—For your convenience, make sure the seat's safety belt path is easily accessed.

5) Built in Locking Clips—There are a great alternative to traditional locking clips which can be cumbersome and difficult to use.

6) Two-Piece Retainer Clips—Two piece clips are important in

helping a child stay in place.

7) Accessible in Harness Adjusters—Adjusters make it more convenient for a parent to move a child in or out of a seat.

8) Pay Attention to Weight Limits—Look for rear-facing convertible seats with weight limits up to 30 pounds, usually noted on the seat. These limits help protect young children who have outgrown smaller seats which are usually designed for children up to 20 pounds.

9) Color Coding for Age and Weight—Many seats offer color coding to differentiate age and weight ranges.

10) Easy Care and Cleaning—Choose a seat with a smooth fabric you can easily wipe clean. "Nubby" or rough fabrics such as corduroy can be harder to wash.

As North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides its 43 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. Locally the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club has offices in Essex, Morris and Union Counties.

Winter-Weary Motorists Beware: Potholes Ahead

AREA—First came cold weather, then snow, then ice and now cold again. Motorists in winter-ravaged regions of the country need to brace for the rising hazard of potholes.

Potholes form when moisture seeps into and under the pavement. The water then expands as it freezes. When the ice melts,

the weakened pavement collapses, creating a pothole. AAA says potholes are more likely to form on older, poorly maintained roads when cracks make it easy for water to penetrate the road surface.

Costs for repairing damage from potholes range from \$50 for a simple wheel alignment to \$500 for replacing a top-of-the-

line alloy wheel. Other estimated repair costs for typical pothole damage include a tie rod (\$50-\$150), ball joint (\$75-\$150), and control arm (\$150-\$300). The best advice for driving on damaged roads, according to AAA, is to slow down and carefully avoid impact with potholes. Many crashes are caused by swerving to avoid potholes.

If a pothole can't be safely avoided, try to roll slowly through it rather than braking rapidly. A locked wheel suffers more damage than a rolling one.

Motorists should also be sure their tires are inflated properly. Too much air pressure increases the risk of tire damage from pothole impact while low pressure increases the risk of wheel dam-

age. So, drive slowly and carefully!

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TEST DRIVE — By Greg Zyla

2000-01 Saturn LW2 • Base price: \$23,440

There's a new mid-size car available, and it's one of the best we've driven in a long time. Surprisingly, this new car comes from Saturn, heretofore noted more for customer service and buying experience than

world-class motorcars.

That's not to say Saturn's previous cars aren't good, they're just not great. Earlier Saturns are certainly road worthy, but they rate average in build and yield unexciting performance. Thus, when you have everything else in place, including cult-like owners, it's only natural to dish up a car that can compete mechanically, as well as in customer service.

And that's just what the folks at Saturn have done. The new,

mid-size, 2000 and 2001 Saturn L-Series is far and above the best thing to happen to the car-maker.

The L-Series comes in two versions and two models, a Sedan (LS) and a Wagon (LW). A 3.0-liter V-6 engine, perhaps the most interesting portion of the new design, comes as standard equipment on the "2" of L-Series models, while a 2.2-liter inline 4-cylinder powers the "1" line.

The V-6 nucleus includes a high revving, 182 horsepower design with 10.1 compression ratio and EPA numbers of 20 city and 26 highway. The standard transmission is the 4T45E electronically controlled four-speed automatic, which shifted well during our weeklong test drive. However, time and again we pondered how well the Saturn L-Series would react if fitted with a five-speed manual. Perhaps in the future, Saturn engineers will, too.

Overall, we rate the drive train excellent, and experienced no torque steer common on front driver performance vehicles. We timed the Saturn to 60-mph in about 7.5 seconds, and turned the quarter-mile in 15.5 at around 90-mph. The Saturn's

cabin is fully functional, roomy and offers firm seating, which we like very much. All interior seating is spacious, with room for three adults in the back seat. Leg and headroom are good, and cargo area is generous at 33.5 cubic feet. Most of the controls present themselves with no hassle, although we fumbled around to find the climate control, which sits lower than the others and is unlit during evening driving.

This Saturn is nimble in nature — even for a wagon! — and is an excellent example of the company's reputation for quality car craftsmanship. There are few changes for 2001, most notably a 15.7 gallon fuel tank, up from 13.1, an emergency trunk release, rear center shoulder belt, and optional front and rear curtain air bags.

We recommend Saturn's new L-Series V-6 as a "Best Buy" in class, and highly recommend driving one home if you are shopping in this mid-size class.

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Meek, 89 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Mildred Meek of Perth Amboy died March 12 at Franklin Care Center, Franklin Township. She was 89.

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

She worked as a secretary at General Cable Works, Perth Amboy for 30 years until 1944.

Mrs. Meek was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Robert J. Meek Sr., died in 1969. Two brothers, John Morris and John Nieland and a sister, Kathryn Morris, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Meek Jr. of Elberon; two daughters, Diane Schlenger of Perth Amboy and Doris Soltis of North Brunswick; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Katarzyna Wasik of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Katarzyna Wasik of Perth Amboy died March 14 at home. She was 87.

Born in Poland, she emigrated to the United States from Germany in 1950 and had resided in Perth Amboy since then.

She was a homemaker.

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

Her husband, Wladyslaw, died in 1968.

Surviving are a son, Ted Wasik of Bordentown; a daughter, Jean Wysocki of Morganville; a brother, Joseph Burak of Perth Amboy; a sister, Pauline Piwowarski of California; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ignacia Abreu, 49 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Ignacia Abreu of Perth Amboy died March 14 in University Hospital, Newark. She was 49.

Born in the Dominican Republic, she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 25 years.

She was employed by Schott Brothers, Perth Amboy, for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Abreu was a member of the Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are her husband, Genaro Abreu; two daughters, Grecia Abreu of Perth Amboy and Maritza Espinal of Perth Amboy; a son, Maximo Abreu of Perth Amboy; her mother, Gloria Perez Inoa in the Dominican Republic; and several brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic.

Lena Cichetti, 84 Lived in Colonia

Mrs. Lena Cichetti of Brick (formerly of Colonia) died March 3 at home. She was 84.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Colonia for 25 years before moving to Brick eight years ago.

She was a seamstress for Jan's Fashions, Rahway, for many years before retiring in 1981.

Mrs. Cichetti belonged to the Altar Rosary Society at St. John Vianney, Colonia and the Woman's Club and Chorolees of Princeton, Commons Brick.

Surviving are a son, Rocco; two daughters, Mrs. Ronnie Braatz and Mrs. Lucille Morgan; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A. Lenkiewicz, 91 of Edison

Mrs. Apolonia Lenkiewicz of Edison died March 11 at home. She was 91.

Born in Poland, she came to the United States in 1958, settling in South River. She later moved to Edison in 1972.

She was a seamstress for Bradskie Co., South River, for 29 years before retiring in 1979.

Her husband, Ignacy, died in 1969. A daughter, Kaziemera Tomczyk, died in 1979.

Surviving are a son, Anthony Lenkiewicz of Edison; a daughter, Maria Maglione of Edison; six grandchildren, Matthew Tomczyk, Regina Tobin, Anthony Maglione, Jannine Lenkiewicz, Valerie Lenkiewicz and Michael Lenkiewicz.

Melvin Krissoff, 71 of Avenel

Mr. Melvin Krissoff of Avenel died March 18 at home. He was 71.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Avenel for 37 years.

He was a counter manager at Century Auto Parts in Rahway for 38 years before retiring in 1994.

He served in the Army and Navy during the Korean War.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Voorhees, Mrs. Evelyn Bullis, Mrs. Lillian Ballardo, Mrs. Doris Denney and Mrs. Shelia Duff; six sons, Henry, Irving, Michael, David, Robert and Garry; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Szanyi, 78 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Mary Hlohin Szanyi of Perth Amboy died March 14 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 78.

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

Mrs. Szanyi was a member of St. John's Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy, where she was a Pirohi worker, and a member of the church's Social Club.

Her husband, Steven and a sister and brother-in-law, Joseph and Anna Patrizio, are deceased.

Surviving is a nephew, Raymond Patrizio of Perth Amboy.

Thelma Ziegler, 82 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Thelma M. Ziegler of Woodbridge died March 16 at Rahway Hospital, Rahway. She was 82.

Born in Holly Ridge, N.C., she lived in Woodbridge.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Alfred F. Ziegler, died in 1981.

Surviving are a son, Eric A. Ziegler; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pablo E. Forero of Edison

Mr. Pablo E. Forero of Edison died March 13 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 85.

Born in Colombia, South America, he lived in Edison for 15 years.

He was a self-employed carpenter for many years.

A guitarist and trombone player during the early 1930s, he founded and was the band leader with the Colombian Republic Marching Band, Colombia, South America.

Surviving are four sons, Enrique, Pedro, Ricardo and Rafael; two daughters, Mrs. Blanca Zabaleta and Mrs. Flor Briceno; 17 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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Joseph Cilli, 93 of Edison

Mr. Joseph W. Cilli of Edison died March 15 in Edison. He was 93.

Born in Northumberland, Pa., he lived in Belleville before moving to Edison in 1990.

His wife, the former Josephine Apostolico, died in 1962. A son, Daniel, died in 1953.

Surviving are a daughter, Diana Sukovich of Edison; a sister, Helen Cilli in Italy and two grandchildren.

Salvatore Zaccone Lived in Iselin

Mr. Salvatore E. Zaccone of Iselin died March 13 at home. He was 68.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Iselin for 18 years before moving to Deptford 18 years ago.

He owned Personally Yours, a store in the Echelon Mall in Voorhees for 15 years. Earlier, he had been the regional sales manager for equipment companies in New Jersey.

Mr. Zaccone served in the Army during the Korean War.

Surviving are two sons, Gene and Nicholas; a daughter, Karen Zaccone-Maltis and a grandchild.

Genevieve Jones of Colonia

Mrs. Genevieve Clair Jones of Colonia died March 11 at home. She was 77.

Born in Long Branch, she lived in Elizabeth and then in Colonia until 1955, when she moved to Oxnard, Calif., where she lived before returning to Colonia in 1995.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are 10 nieces and nephews, 15 great-nieces and great-nephews; one great-great-nephew; and two great-great-nieces.



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The event is free to all inter-ested women, but they must pre-register to attend, by calling Yolanda Fuller-McCloud at (908) 756-3500, ext. 126.

Fresh Start participants will have the opportunity to take part in "topic tables" that will allow them to practice interviewing, have their resumes reviewed, ask career-related questions and get answers and feedback. They will also have the opportunity to meet and network with members of TMF, successful businesswomen employed in a wide variety of industries throughout New Jersey. Participants will hear fea-tured speakers talk about how to "dress for success" and other business-related topics.

All participants who take part in these activities will be invited to choose an item of clothing or an accessory from a selection of gently used business clothing, free of charge. Refreshments will also be served.

TMF is a program of the YMCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield. The TMF member-ship is made up of women who have been awarded the presti-gious Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) award. TWIN is an international YMCA pro-gram that gives employers the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of their out-standing female employees.

TWIN also recognizes compa-nies for their adoption of pro-gressive business policies that permit women in executive, managerial or professional roles to succeed. TMF provides social and business networking oppor-tunities to TWIN honorees and their associates and also sponsors a number of volunteer activities and events, including a scholar-ship program for women return-ing to the workforce. Since its inception, the scholarship pro-gram has awarded more than \$40,000 to aspiring women throughout Central New Jersey.

For more information about TWIN, TMF or other YWCA programs, contact Diane L. Du Brule, TWIN Program Director at (908) 756-3500, ext. 125.

New Jersey Affected By Postal Capital Spending Freeze

STATE — Included in a nationwide freeze on Postal Service new facility construction or major repair projects are 21 projects within New Jersey. These projects, scheduled for Fiscal Year 2001, but not yet under con-tract, are now on hold for the foreseeable future.

The Postal Service released a nationwide list recently of all projects affected by a nationwide moratorium on capital spending. The spending freeze was request-ed by the Postal Service Board of Governors in response to the organization's current financial situation.

According to the Postal Governors, "The Postal Service is facing a potential loss of \$2 bil-lion to \$3 billion this fiscal year, reflecting the fact that the organi-zation's costs are rising at a rate exceeding mail volume and rev-ue growth."

The Board asked postal man-agement to take unprecedented action on cost-control options, including an immediate freeze on capital commitments that will affect more than 800 facility proj-ects nationwide.

"Management has demonstrat-ed tremendous focus and disci-pline in protecting the ability of the Postal Service to meet the mailing needs of the American people," said Board Chairman Robert F. Rider. "This is demon-strated by continuing record serv-ice levels and significant increas-es in productivity. Regrettably, our call for an additional rate increase, following so soon after the last one, reflects the fact that the 30-year-old statutory model that governs the Postal Service is in need of change to protect uni-versal service at affordable rates."

Among the fiscal challenges faced by the Postal Service are wage rate increases that exceed the rate of inflation, escalating fuel costs, changes in the type of mail being processed, a communi-cations marketplace marked by increased competition, and fore-casts calling for the diversion of some First-Class Mail to electron-ic alternatives. Employee com-pensation accounts for 76 percent of Postal Service costs. The law governing postal operations pro-vides neither a mechanism to con-trol wage rates nor to adjust postage rates quickly in response to market changes.

"Universal mail service is at risk without statutory reform of the laws governing the Postal Service," warned the Postal Service Board of Governors. Universal service is the regular delivery of mail to every address across the country- from the biggest city to the smallest vil-lage-at uniform and affordable rates. Universal service is a national priority, called for by Congress since the founding of the nation.

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