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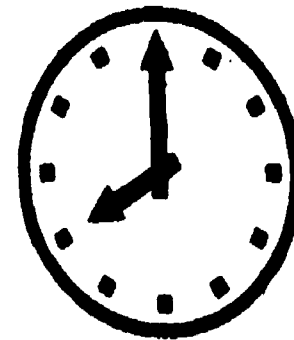
Perth Amboy's Official Town Clock To Receive Face-Lift

PERTH AMBOY — The City's official town clock is getting a much-needed face-lift. The clock is located in the tower of the Simpson United Methodist Church, 331 High Street.

"This clock has been a landmark for over 130 years when people used to go shopping or go out on business and know they could simply look up at the tower and keep track of time. We are pleased to be preserving that legacy through this restoration work," stated Mayor Joseph Vas.

The clock was installed in the church's Italiante tower in 1869 when it was the tallest structure in the city.

Known as "Old Faithful," the four-sided clock rises nearly 90 feet above the city and has long been the reference point by which most residents set their clocks. For



recently awarded the project to Empire Painting Contractors of Clifton, at a cost of \$6,250. The

nearly 100 years the clock was wound manually once a week by a designated clock winder until it was electrified in 1961.

Because the clock is the official timekeeper of Perth Amboy, the city is responsible for its upkeep. The city

Contractors will begin the restoration by power washing the surface of the clock. All loose, peeling paint will be removed by hand and a full coat of exterior wood primer will be applied. A full coat of weather resistant paint will then be applied to the entire exterior of the clock tower and lower cornice.

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

South Amboy Students Excel Over AP Exam

SOUTH AMBOY—South Amboy High School's AP Biology students performed exceptionally well on this year's AP Biology exam. This exam is taken throughout the United States and other countries every May. The exam is scored from 1-5, with a 5 representing the

highest possible score. The majority of the Colleges and Universities in the United States will give those students who do well on these exams College credit for their performance.

Students who score a 3, 4 or 5 usually qualify for course credit. Historically approximately 17

percent of those taking the exam obtain a 5. This year South Amboy AP students scored well above the national average with 36 percent of those students taking the exam getting a grade of 5. Students who scored a 5 were: Janusz Kmiecik, Barbara Dula, Chris Glomski and Chris Riley.

Other students performing well were Matt Gonsalves with a 4 and Suzanne Smith and Dan Nuzzie both with 3's.

Collectively 64 percent of South Amboy AP Biology students taking the exam this year scored 3 or higher, which is a phenomenal achievement.

Historical Society Opens Its Doors

EDISON—The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society kicks off its fall series of programs with an interesting look at the building of the George Washington Bridge.

This program will be held on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at

the Centenary United Methodist Church, Hillside Avenue, Metuchen. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served afterward.

This slide show program about the building of the George Washington Bridge will be

given by Kevin M. Hale, a Metuchen resident and former President of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society. Hale is currently a librarian with the State of NJ, and the Secretary of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. Hale has given historical presentations in the past, such as one on the history of the Middlesex Water Co.

The George Washington Bridge was built in the 1930's and connects Bergen County New Jersey with Manhattan Island. Operated by the Port Authority, it is now part of the interstate highway system's Route 95.

For more information about

this program, call Phyllis Boeddinghaus at (732) 548-1391.

This season the Society presents six programs, including two on the Revolutionary War and two on transportation. The Society is also holding two Local History Days, the first being held on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Edison Main Library.

The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society was founded in 1974, and maintains a collection of over 3,000 images, oral histories, and written documents concerning local history. Membership in the Society is \$10 per year. Those interested in joining should contact the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society, PO Box 61, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Free Backyard Composting Workshops

"By properly composting in their backyards, residents can help their environment and create a beneficial product for their plants."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex County is sponsoring free Backyard Composting Workshops! Middlesex County residents will learn how to reduce waste and improve their soil by composting their yard waste and kitchen scraps right in their own backyards. The workshops will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m. at the East Brunswick Library; Monday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m., the South Brunswick Municipal Building; Wednesday, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m. at the Middlesex County Fire Training Academy in Sayreville and Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m. at Piscataway's John F. Kennedy Library. Pre-registration is required. Through these classes, Middlesex County hopes to raise homeowner awareness on

the benefits of composting. Residents will learn the correct way to compost and how to troubleshoot problems. Freeholder Camille Femicola states, "By properly composting in their backyards, residents can help their environment and create a beneficial product for their plants."

The instructor for the Backyard Composting workshops will be Virginia Lamb, former recycling coordinator for Monmouth County. Ms. Lamb has extensive knowl-

edge in composting and has taught numerous composting classes, including those for Monmouth and Ocean Counties. The workshops are sponsored by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

This is the second series of workshops offered by Middlesex County. Classes were previously held in May of this year. Those attendees commented that the classes were "very informative" and "well presented."

Workshop attendees may also pick up pre-purchased compost bins at the workshop. Bins available for purchase include the Handy Composter (\$5 each), Earth Machine (\$25 each), and Home Composter (\$29.99 each). Purchase of a bin is optional. Again, there is no registration charge to just attend the classes.

To register for the workshops or for further information about this opportunity, call the Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.

Free Labor Union Apprenticeship Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Coming soon is an informational meeting and screening for candidates interested in enrolling in the Community Action Workforce Development Program, sponsored by the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC). Motivated applicants looking for a challenging and rewarding construction career are invited to attend this event to be considered as apprentices.

This is being held on Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 239 George Street, New Brunswick.

Approved apprentices sponsored by MCEOC will attend classroom and hands-on job training at the New Jersey Building Laborers Training and Apprenticeship facility in Monroe Township beginning January, 2002, free of charge.

Eligible low- to middle-income candidates must have a New Jersey driver's license and either a High School diploma or GED equivalent. MCEOC also provides case management and preparative services on an individualized basis. Upon graduating from the apprenticeship program, applicants are admitted to the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) to work on construction projects administered by MCEOC.

For more information about MCEOC's Community Action Workforce Development Program, contact Beverly Williams at MCEOC, (732) 324-1580.

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Art Funding Forms Now On-Line

"For the first time in the 25 years of grant giving, we are truly pleased to offer the public this convenient method to obtaining applications and the manner in which they can complete the forms,"

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission announces *Art Grants Applications Online*—grant applications and guidelines available online. Forms and information can easily be found on the Commission's website, www.cultureheritage.org. From the Home Page, visitors should follow icons to *Arts Services*, there visitors will find a section on *Grants*, with a link to all the

information they will need.

The handy *How to Use Online Forms* guides users through a download process to save the form file to hard drive or floppy disk. To simplify the process, users should choose which type of grant application by category and then download only that selection. However, each category and application set is there to review and/or download.

The forms are fill-in

enabled. After downloading the form applicants can complete the entire process via computer. "For the first time in the 25 years of grant giving, we are truly pleased to offer the public this convenient method to obtaining applications and the manner in which they can complete the forms," reports Anna M. Aschkenes, the Commission's Executive Director.

Grant funding comes in the form of Mini Grants, Special Project Grants with Artistic Innovation and Cultural Tourism Components and General Operating Support Grants. However, submission of grants

is only by hard copy. No e-mail or fax versions of applications will be accepted. The submission deadline for all grant applications is 4 p.m., Sept. 25.

For more information, contact Niquole Primiani, Arts Services/Grants Coordinator at (732) 745-4489. Those with hearing disabilities may dial (732) 745-3030 TTY or 711 via the New Jersey Relay Service. Large-type print and Braille

versions of the applications can be requested.

Funding for on-line applications is in part from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Benton Foundation, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

2001 Master Gardener Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Do you want to become a better gardener? Are you interested in learning about plants and gardening? Do you have a desire to use our natural resources more wisely? Would you like to get involved in community projects? If so, perhaps you should take part in the Master Gardener Environmental & Community Stewardship Program hosted by the Middlesex County office of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

As a Master Gardener, you will be a community volunteer, trained in gardening and environmental principles. The training requires members to participate in 60 hours of classroom time and field trips. Topics cov-

ered include sound gardening techniques (such as proper plant selection, disease, insect & weed control, Integrated Pest Management, composting), creative methods of conserving resources and community interaction.

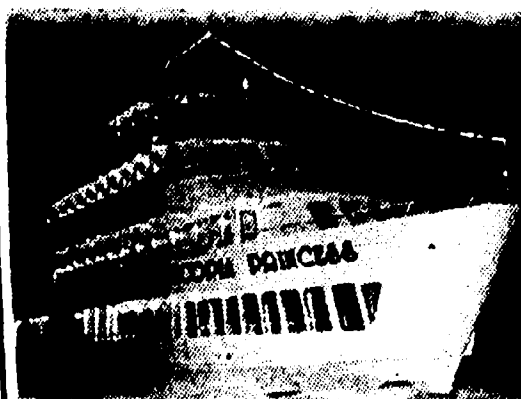
Master Gardeners are also required to volunteer 60 hours of service to Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County. Some of the volunteer duties include answering gardening questions on the Home Gardener's Hotline, assisting with community events such as the Middlesex County Fair and lecturing on a variety of gardening topics.

There will be an orientation program on Friday, Sept. 28

from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the 1st floor meeting room of the New Brunswick Elk's building, 40 Livingston Ave. A thorough discussion of the program, course schedule and all requirements will take place. The first class will take place on Oct. 5. Classes will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Fridays in the New Brunswick Elks building.

The program fee (supplies and resource materials) is \$225. Payment is due at the first class and checks are payable to the Middlesex County Advisory Council. For information, contact Sylvia Gresh in the Ag office at (732) 745-4394

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Walk To Raise Funds For Emergency Medical Needs

PERTH AMBOY—On Oct. 14, 500 people are expected to "walk" in support of the Perth Amboy Health & Human Services Consortium and its efforts to raise funds to provide vital emergency health services to the residents of the Bay City.

The Consortium, comprised of local service agencies, religious institutions and State and Federal agencies are all working together to protect the health of Perth Amboy residents.

Walker registration at the Tottenville Ferry Slip will begin at 12 noon. All walkers, who contribute, will receive a t-shirt.

We are proud to announce that the Walk Chairman is Jay Ziznewski of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, the Honorary Walk Chairman, Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas.

For further information and Walker Envelopes, call the Jewish Renaissance Foundation at (732) 324-2114. Corporate sponsorship is encouraged.

St. Demetrios Greek Festival

PERTH AMBOY—It's that time again! St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church will once again host their annual "Greek Festival by the Bay" on Sept. 21-23.

St. Demetrios invites everyone to enjoy a real-live "panigiri" (festival). There will be a great selection of Greek foods to eat, including souvlaki (shish-ka-bob), gyros, and roast lamb. More than 5,000 Greek pastries are being prepared by the parishioners, and special Greek wines will be served.

Entertainment will be pro-

vided by a band featuring Bouzouki music and a variety of Greek and American music. St. Demetrios youth group members will perform several traditional Greek dances.

There will also be Greek boutiques offering fine silver and gold jewelry, costume jewelry, artifacts and handicrafts imported from Greece.

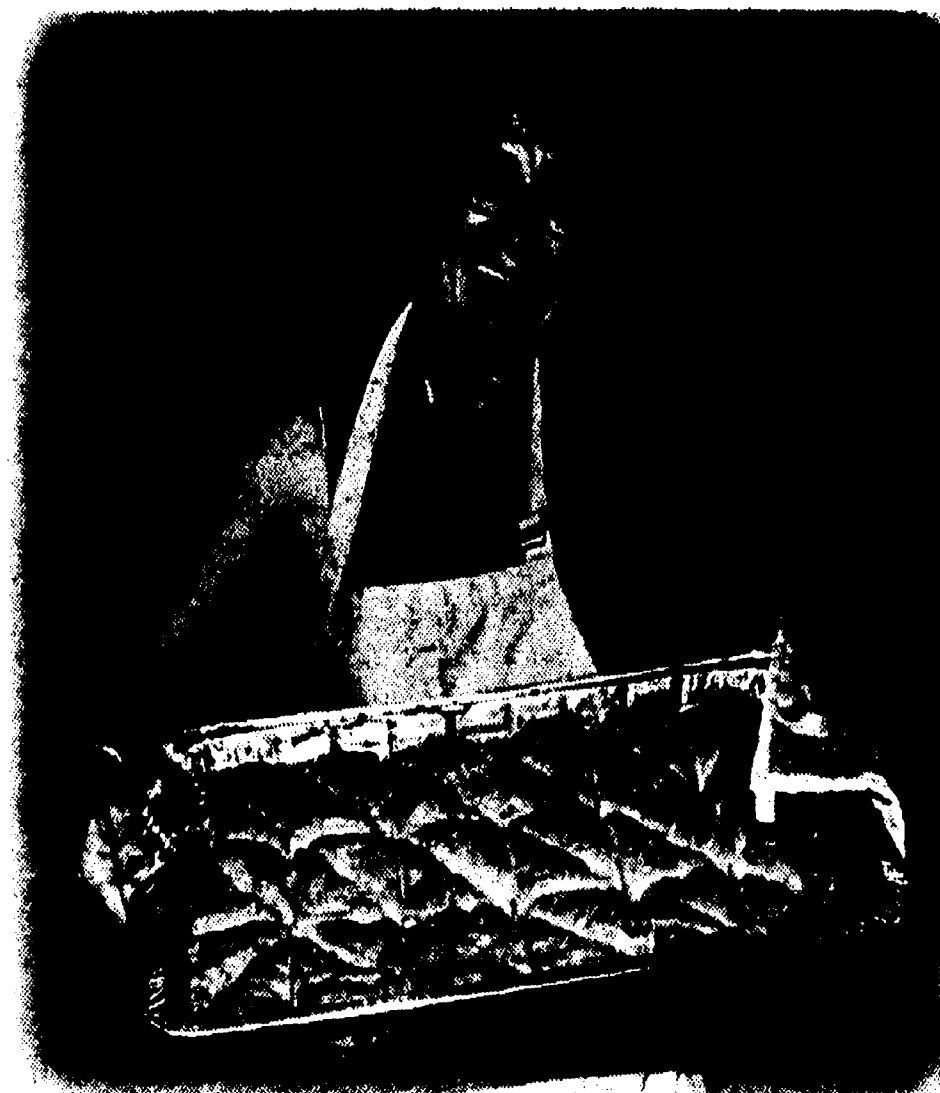
The festival is being held on the church grounds, at Sadowski Parkway and Wisteria Street, Perth Amboy. On Friday, Sept. 21, festival hours will be 11 a.m.-11 p.m.;

Saturday, Sept. 22, from 12 p.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 23 from 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

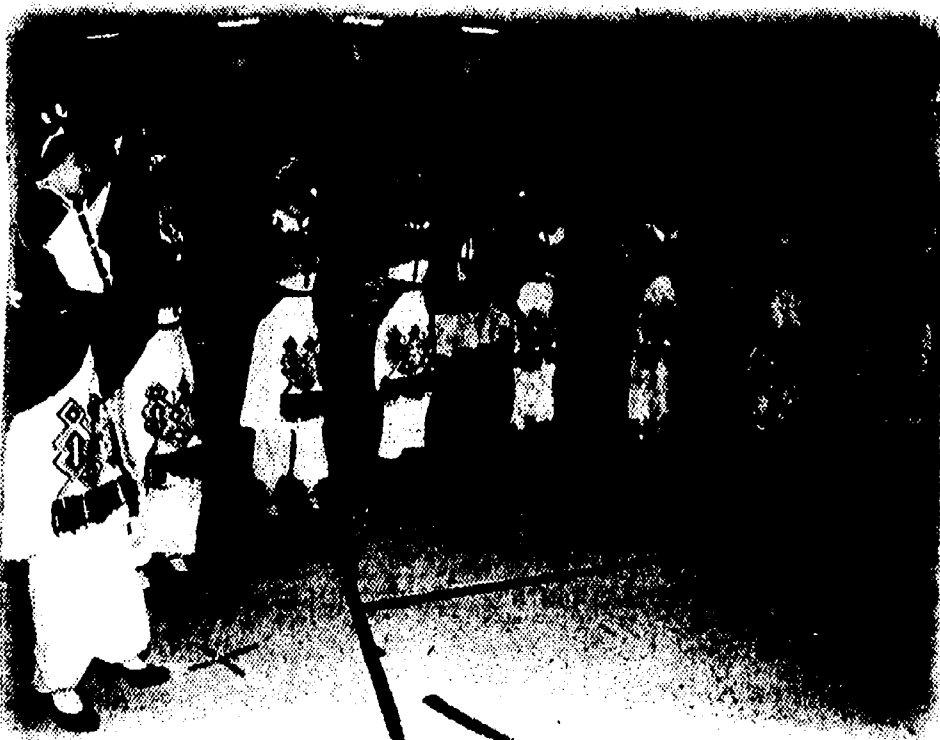
The festival will be held rain or shine. For more information or directions, call (732) 826-4466 or (732) 826-9841.



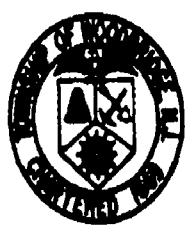
Mrs. Agnes Chaconis (L.) and Mrs. Maria Bratsanos prepare Baklava—one of the many delicious pastries that will be served at the festival.



Mrs. Helen Suraulus carries a freshly baked pan of Baklava from the oven.



Members of the St. Demetrios Youth Organization, dressed in traditional costumes, practice one of several ethnic dances they will perform during the Festival.



Mayor James E. McGreevey and Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Cashman cordially invite you and your family to the

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Catholic High School Fair

ARBA—Parents who are currently weighing decisions about their children's high school education are encouraged to attend the Catholic High School Fair at St. Frances Cabrini School, Piscataway, on Thursday, Sept. 27 beginning at 7:30 p.m., announced Brother Brendan Ramos, CFC, Associate Superintendent of Schools.

This is an excellent opportunity for families to learn about the programs of academic excellence, spiritual, social and athletic development offered at Bishop George Ahr High School, Edison, Cardinal Mc-

Carrick High School, South Amboy, Immaculata High School, Somerville, Mount St. Mary Academy, Watchung, St. Joseph High School, Metuchen and St. Peter the Apostle High School, New Brunswick. A presentation will be given on the Cooperative Entrance Examination used for admission to five of the six high schools and representatives of each of the high schools will be available to speak with parents and students.

For more information, call The Catholic Schools Office at (732) 826-6616.

American Heart Walk Needs Volunteers

EDISON—Heart disease is Middlesex County's and New Jersey's No. 1 killer and the No. 1 killer of women age 25 and older. Join close to 25,000 people from all walks of life throughout the Garden State as they...*Step Out, Save Lives!—Strengthen the Chain of Survival!*...to fight heart disease and stroke on Sunday, Sept. 23 at the American Heart Association's 10th Annual American Heart Walk. You can join them and help in the fight by volunteering for American Heart Walk in Middlesex County.

With 13 walksites in New Jersey, including Middlesex County American Heart Walk at Middlesex County College, Edison, on Sunday, Sept. 23, American Heart Walk needs many volunteers.

The Middlesex County American Heart Walk has a variety of volunteer needs, including; performers and entertainers, DJ's, clowns, walksite set-up and take down, check-in support, photography volunteers, as well as volunteers to help distribute food, beverages and other items at water sta-

tions. To volunteer or for information about the American Heart Association's 2001 Middlesex County American Heart Walk presented nationally by Archer Daniels Midland Co., proud makers of the NutriSoy brand, call your local American Heart Association office at (732) 821-2610. Strengthen your chain of survival! Save the life of someone you love by learning CPR. Support widespread availability of defibrillators in Middlesex County.

CORRECTION

EDISON—With regard to the recent publication of an article in a New Jersey newspaper regarding the trial of Gregory DeLozier, correcting a misstatement of fact in that article, Mr. DeLozier was an employee of the New Jersey Association of Realtors® until early 1999. Mr. DeLozier is not a lobbyist for the New Jersey Association of Realtors® nor has he been employed by the New Jersey Association of Realtors® during the past two years.

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Knights Of Columbus Honor Past Grand Knight

SOUTH AMBOY — Our Lady of Victory Council 2061 Sayreville Knights of Columbus is holding a Dinner and Dance to honor most recent Past Grand Knight, Fred Morrow and his dedication to the order as well as all Past Grand Knights on Saturday, Sept. 22. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Victorian Hall on Washington Road, in the Parlin section of Sayreville.

The evening's celebration includes a brief program, a complete dinner, open bar as well as music and dancing. The cost is \$30 per person and all are welcome to attend.

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DECATHLON GOLD MEDAL WINNER—Emily Jeanne Phillips of Edison proudly displays her Decathlon Gold Medal with her coach and Director of the Woodbridge School of Dance, Jacques O'Shaughnessy. Emily, a member of the Pure Energy Competitive Dance Team at WSD received the award for achieving the highest overall score across multiple soloist dance and performance categories in the Junior Division, age 8 and under, at the 2001 Talent Olympics. Talent Olympics is a regional dance & performance competition attracting close to 1000 competitors to Bushkill (Pocono), Pennsylvania. So far this year, Emily has received 10 First Place and High Gold Soloists Awards, 20 First Place Group Awards with her team members and four First Place & High Gold Duo awards for performances she has done with her five-year old sister, Rebecca Phillips.

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Jersey City Mayor Accuses Schundler Of Manipulating City Taxes

STATE—Republican gubernatorial candidate Bret Schundler is under fire from the Democrat who succeeded him as mayor of Jersey City.

Glenn Cunningham claims Schundler manipulated the property tax collection schedule to keep tax bills artificially low and boost his gubernatorial campaign.

In a letter to residents of the state's second largest city, Cunningham wrote that Schundler sharply dropped taxes in February and again in May. That, Cunningham said, is why quarterly bills have been higher since he took office on July 1.

Cunningham's aides said the owner of a home assessed at \$71,000 received bills for \$796 in February, \$735 in May and \$841 in both August and November. Cunningham also claimed that Schundler failed to set the tax levy and tax rate by June 14, as required by law.

Tom Gallagher, Schundler's former chief of staff, said they did nothing wrong.

Event Date Change

AREA—Pathfinder Consulting Group is pleased to announce its popular Mega Job Fair at the NJ Convention Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Raritan Center, Edison. Telephone number is (732) 417-1400; scheduled for Sept. 5, has been changed to Sept. 26. Job fair hours are from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. All fields and all levels are invited to attend. Admission and parking are free. Proper attire requested. Post resume on their web site: www.megajobfair.net.

Pathfinder Consulting Group will hold a second Mega Job Fair at the Ramada Inn, Hotel and Conference Center, 999 US Route 1 South, North Brunswick. Telephone number is (732) 246-3737 on Oct. 17. Job fair hours are from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. All fields and all levels are invited to attend. Admission and parking are free. Proper attire requested. Post resume on their web site: www.megajobfair.net.

For additional information, contact Vitò Verruso, (732) 821-7048.

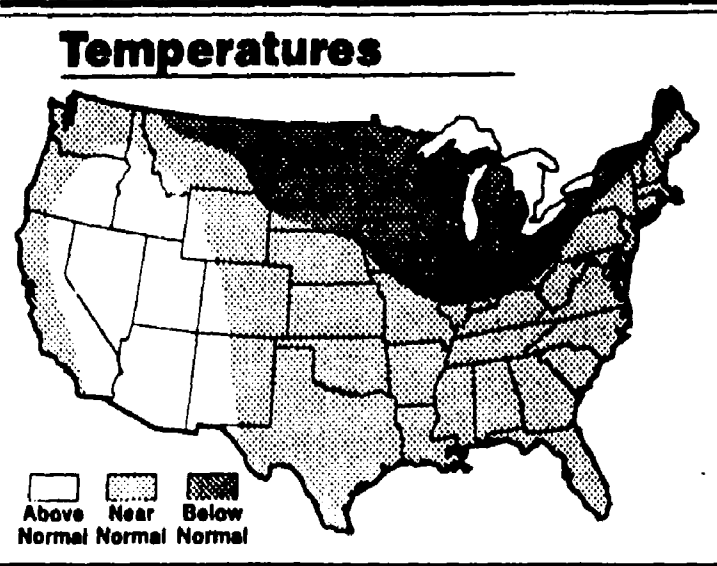
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny to partly cloudy.	Fair; breezy overnight.	Sunny and windy.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.	Partial sunshine.	Cloudy with a few showers.	Cloudy; a few t-storms.
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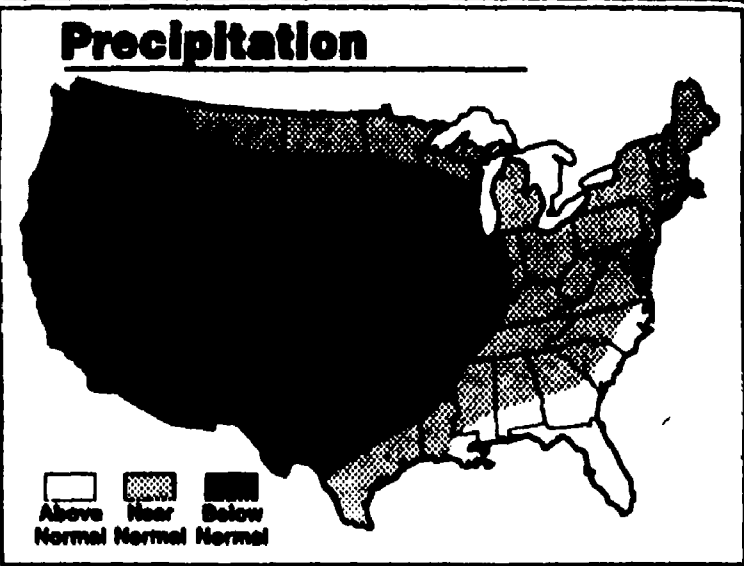
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Wet weather will be found across the Southeast for much of the period. Cold air will begin to intrude across the northern Plains and will spread toward the Northeast during the period. Much of the nation from the West Coast to the Mississippi River will be dry.

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	80 62 s	83 64 s	81 61 s	84 58 s
Boston	70 54 pc	68 52 pc	70 52 s	66 46 s
Chicago	68 48 pc	68 50 s	69 52 pc	77 63 pc
Cleveland	70 48 pc	66 50 s	66 50 s	70 56 s
Denver	78 48 pc	76 46 pc	72 44 pc	74 48 pc
Des Moines	69 50 pc	69 51 pc	72 52 t	78 52 t
Detroit	68 50 pc	68 50 s	67 51 s	71 59 s
Houston	90 68 s	90 70 s	91 68 s	91 65 pc
Indianapolis	75 52 s	71 49 s	73 51 s	81 63 s
Kansas City	78 56 s	78 55 pc	82 56 t	82 58 t
Los Angeles	77 62 pc	79 62 pc	79 62 pc	77 62 pc
Miami	88 74 t	90 77 c	89 77 t	89 75 t
Minn.-St. Paul	66 46 s	64 48 pc	66 46 sh	68 45 sh
New Orleans	89 70 s	88 71 s	89 72 t	88 70 s
New York City	76 56 pc	72 56 pc	72 58 s	70 51 s
Omaha	76 52 pc	74 52 pc	74 54 t	76 46 sh
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San Francisco	70 54 pc	70 54 pc	68 56 pc	66 56 pc
Seattle	68 52 pc	68 52 pc	66 54 pc	72 52 s
Washington	80 58 s	76 54 s	76 58 s	78 54 s

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:36 a.m.	7:09 p.m.
Fri.	6:37 a.m.	7:08 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	1:36 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
Fri.	2:45 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Moon Phases		
Last	New	First
Sep 10	Sep 17	Oct 2
Weather (W):		
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,	c-cloudy, sh-showers,	t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
st-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	58 44 pc	65 55 pc	64 47 c	57 49 c
Berlin	55 51 sh	63 51 c	63 51 sh	59 43 c
Buenos Aires	68 57 c	64 54 sh	62 39 s	64 45 s
Cairo	95 67 s	93 63 s	89 63 s	87 66 s
Jerusalem	80 56 s	80 55 s	79 55 s	78 55 s
Johannesburg	68 58 sh	67 55 sh	65 57 c	72 54 pc
London	61 46 pc	69 57 pc	68 48 c	64 53 c
Madrid	90 54 pc	89 52 pc	84 51 s	82 51 pc
Mexico City	72 55 pc	74 51 c	74 53 pc	74 53 c
Moscow	69 57 sh	66 49 pc	62 48 c	61 48 c
Paris	57 43 pc	64 49 pc	64 52 c	63 48 pc
Rio de Janeiro	68 64 pc	79 67 c	72 60 r	66 55 c
Rome	74 55 s	73 49 pc	70 50 s	71 55 pc
San Juan	89 77 pc	89 78 pc	89 75 pc	89 75 pc
Seoul	81 64 s	82 67 s	83 65 s	84 67 s
Sydney	69 50 c	71 48 pc	76 52 pc	74 45 s
Tokyo	78 71 c	78 73 c	80 74 t	77 71 sh
Toronto	60 32 pc	55 34 pc	55 38 pc	64 48 pc
Winnipeg	57 34 pc	58 41 pc	50 41 r	51 35 c
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Back-To-School Info On Adolescent Vaccines

AREA—Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (Horizon BCBSNJ) wants to make sure that parents in its network are aware of the immunizations their children need at the start of a new school year.

Horizon BCBSNJ has distributed 40,000 postcards to parents

and guardians of adolescents reminding them to make an appointment with their primary care physician for children between the ages of 10 and 13 for four types of vaccines.

Horizon BCBSNJ recommends the following immunizations:

- Varicella – if the child has not previously had chicken pox or this vaccine.

- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) – if the child has not had the second dose.

- Td (tetanus, diphtheria) – a booster shot is due every 10 years.

- 5 Hepatitis B Shots – NJ State Law requires that all children entering sixth grade have received three Hepatitis B shots.

The adolescent postcard mailing is a Horizon BCBSNJ program that takes place three times a year to educate its HMO and POS (point-of-service) members.

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, with

headquarters in Newark, is New Jersey's largest health insurer providing coverage to more than 2.5 million people. The company has annual revenues of \$4.9 billion. Horizon BCBS NJ's company web site is located at www.horizonbcbsnj.com.

Free Screening For Peripheral Vascular Disease

AREA — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital will join hundreds of hospitals across the country in "Legs For Life National Screening Week for Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) Leg Pain," a free, nationwide screening program that last year found one in four people at risk for the disease. The screening will take place on Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Space is limited and advance appointments are required by calling 732-235-7721.

PVD, caused by blocked blood flow in the arteries of the legs, affects 10 million Americans, and is a warning sign of a potential heart attack, stroke or life-threatening aneurysm. It is typically found in people over age 50, and starts so quietly that many people think they are simply experiencing the natural effects of aging. In its earliest and most treatable stages, there are often no symptoms of PVD. However, potential for the disease can typically be assessed through a combination of life-

style factors, and comparing arm and ankle blood pressure readings. Those who are found to be at moderate or high risk of PVD are referred to their personal physician for further evaluation.

Legs For Life is sponsored nationally by the Society of Cardiovascular & Interventional Radiology (SCVIR), the national professional society of interventional radiologists. Further information regarding this campaign can be obtained by visiting www.legforlife.org or calling 877-357-2847.

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, one of the nation's leading academic health centers, is the principal hospital for UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System & Network. For more information, please call the hospital's mail phone number at 732-828 3000, the RWJUH Physician Referral Line at 888-795-8411 or visit www.rwjuh.edu.

Bayshore Wound Care Center Offers Hope

AREA — For most people, a minor cut or bruise is not cause for concern. But for an estimated five million Americans whose healing process is hampered by poor blood circulation, diabetes or long-term immobilization, a simple wound can result in chronic open sores, serious infection, gangrene, and even amputation.

Recently, Bayshore Wound Care Center began offering a new, comprehensive therapy for treating chronic non-healing wounds in the Monmouth County area.

One of 119 Wound Care Centers across the country that treat chronic, non-healing wounds, the Bayshore Wound Care Cen-

ter is staffed by Board-certified physicians

The medical staff evaluates the patient to determine any underlying conditions such as diabetes or poor blood circulation that might inhibit the natural healing process. Once the assessment is complete, an individualized treatment program is planned. Patients completing treatment have enjoyed a healing rate in excess of 80 percent.

In addition, patients at the Bayshore Wound Care Center are taught how to care for their wounds at home and are advised of nutrition and exercises that might aid the healing process and prevent future wounds.

Patients who have wounds on

their feet are taught how to protect their feet and walk correctly. Special shoes, which protect the feet and relieve pressure, are often prescribed.

Curative Health Services (www.curative.com) is a leading disease management company in chronic wound care. This national network of over 119 hospital-based Wound Care Centers in 33 states, has offered comprehensive treatment to over 300,000 patients, achieving a more than 90 percent patient satisfaction rate. For more information about the Bayshore Wound Care Center, located at 719 North Beers Street, Holmdel, call 732-203-9780.

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.

Latest Technology In Removing Kidney Stones

AREA — Bayshore Community Hospital now offers patients suffering from kidney stones an alternative to surgery. Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL) is a highly effective, non-invasive procedure that covers a wide spectrum of imaging and treatment options which include a faster, less painful way to remove kidney stones.

"In the past, a kidney stone procedure could include hospitalization, general anesthesia and sometimes painful recovery," explains Ali Ahmadifar, M.D., chairperson of the urology department at Bayshore Community Hospital. "Now, this state-of-the-art equipment helps to perform lithotripsy procedures during an outpatient procedure."

Most kidney stones pass through the urinary tract on their own within about three days. This can be a very painful process and to some, three days can seem like forever. This new technology has the ability to view kidney stones through dif-

ferent angles that would otherwise be difficult to locate and uses shock waves to break up kidney stones without the use of surgery, allowing them to pass naturally out of the body. This entire procedure takes about 30 minutes.

Bayshore is the first hospital in Monmouth county to provide the convenience of this service to the community. The advantages of using this technology include; the use of conscious sedation, no invasive surgery, reduced pain and shorter recovery time and fewer side-effects. This procedure can be performed on an outpatient basis and provides a safer treatment without auxiliary procedures, all of which equate to less anxiety and more overall comfort for the patient.

Every patient may not be a candidate for kidney stone removal through this procedure. Always check with your physician to see if this is the right course of action for your individual needs.

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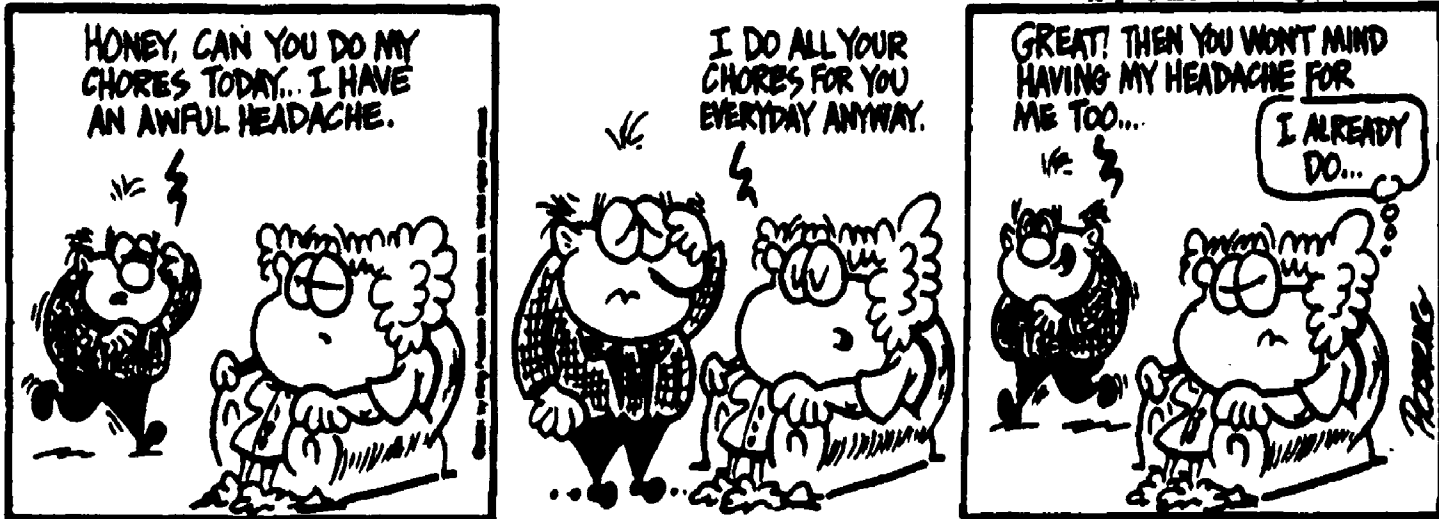


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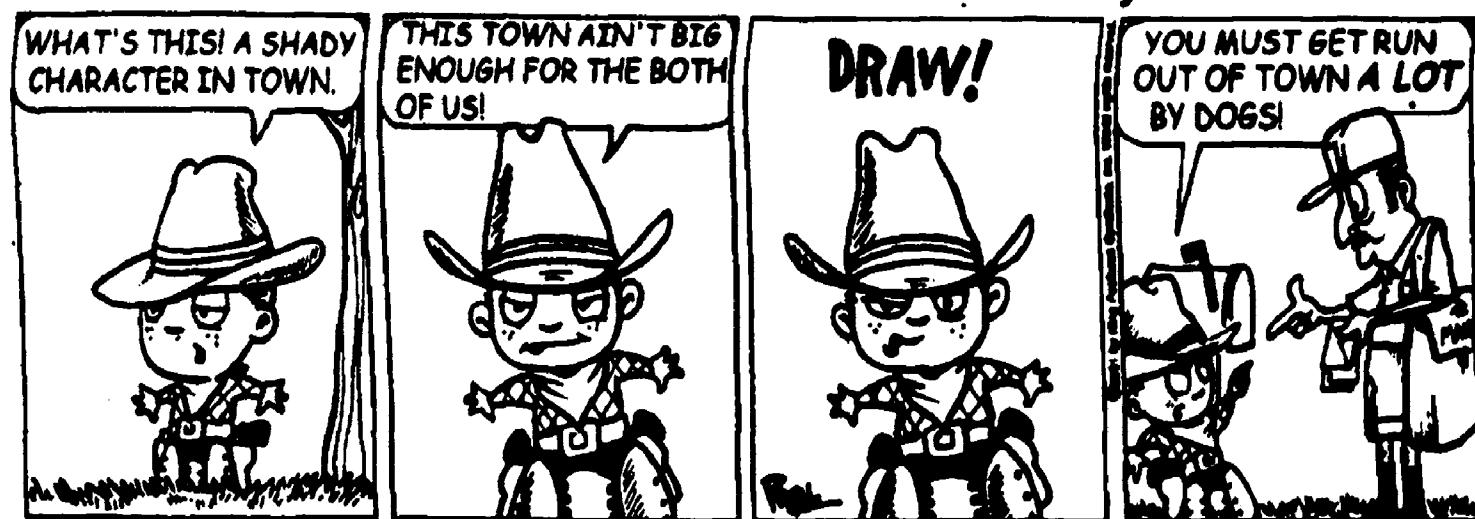
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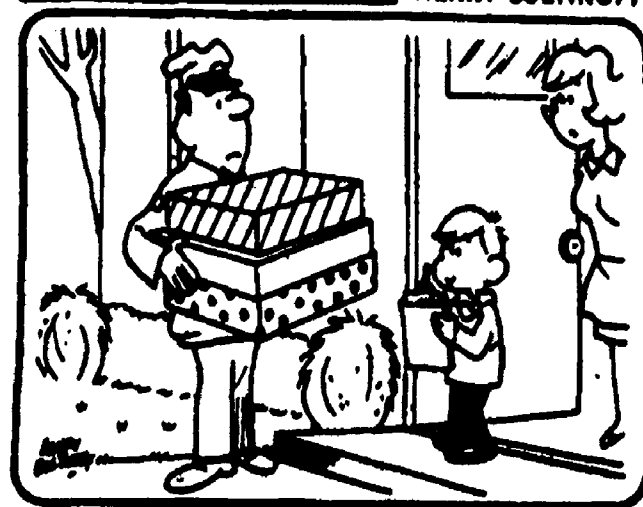
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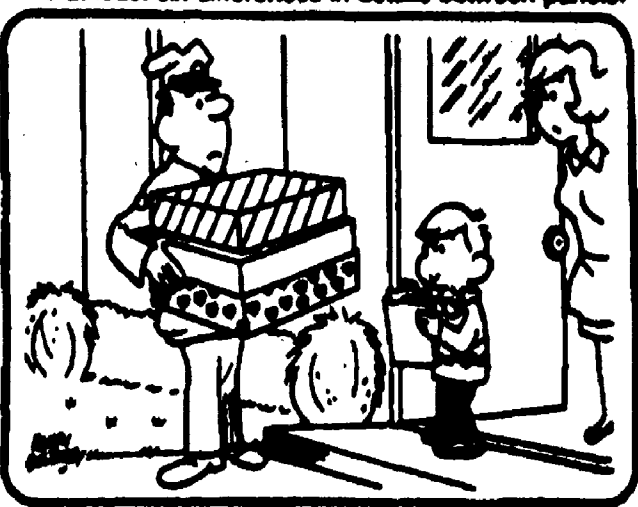


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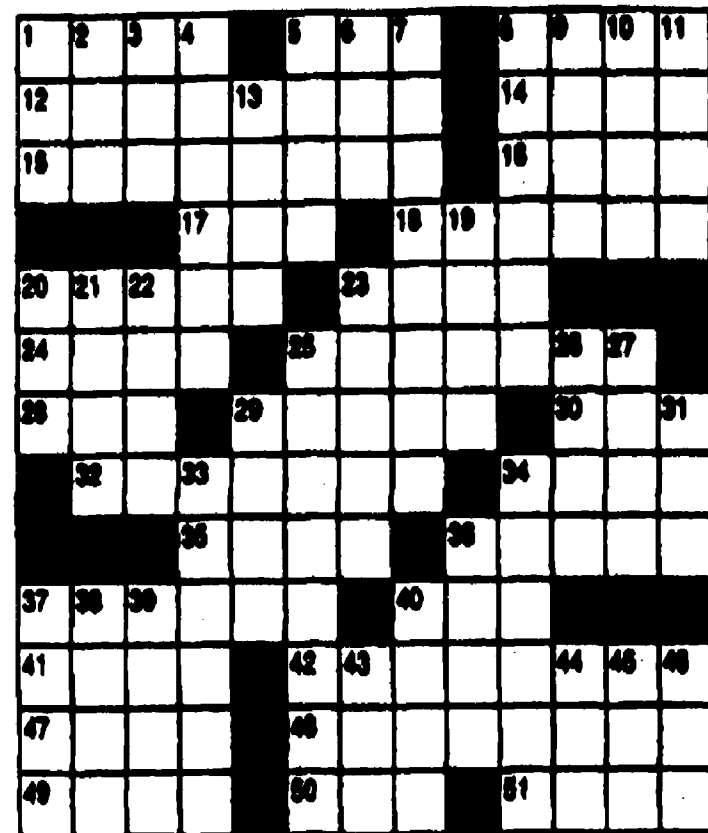
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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ACROSS

- 1 Whoodle
- 5 Sound booster
- 8 Croupier's tool
- 12 Rapid chord
- 14 Couterlor Cassini
- 15 Unrivaled
- 16 Computer company founder
- 17 Greek consonants
- 18 Chubby Checker moves?
- 20 Nord
- 23 Read cursorily
- 24 Rembrandt, e.g.
- 25 Uses plastic
- 28 Type units
- 29 Board meeting prop
- 30 Dale's mister
- 32 "Easter Parade" star
- 34 Your Majesty
- 35 Gridlock noise
- 36 Hazard shillings
- 37 Costello's partner
- 40 Whop loudly
- 41 Placed
- 42 Close and cozy
- 47 Rodents
- 48 Ship-related
- 49 Brewery creations
- 50 Dropout's second chance?
- 51 Semester



DOWN

- 1 Upper limit
- 2 Sourdough's hope
- 3 Gorilla
- 4 Historic Persian king
- 5 Logic-puzzle data, often
- 6 Grafton's "for Malice"
- 7 "Wish you were here" notice
- 8 Regatta activity
- 9 Reaction re
- 10 Lane co-worker
- 11 Protein sources
- 13 Smooth-talking
- 19 Imperfection
- 20 Buck's mate
- 21 House section
- 22 "Born Free" young'un
- 23 Leg part
- 25 Menck's music
- 26 Actor Estrada
- 27 Ticked off
- 29 Coagulate
- 31 Referendum
- 33 - scholar
- 34 Send in
- 36 Porter's "Let's -"
- 37 Motor precursor
- 38 \$90, in "Monopoly"
- 39 Shade of blue
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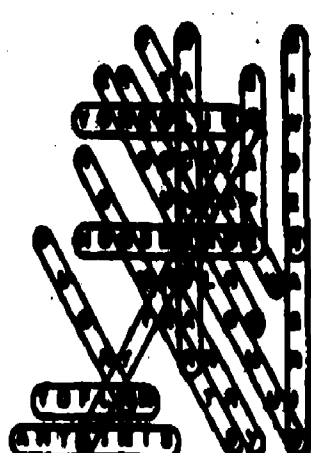
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Hagrid Harry
Hedwig Hoochmeade
Hogwarts Malfoy
Ravenclaw Singtra
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN™

"The Curse of the Jade Scorpion"

A Blessing For The Funnybone



By Michael S. Goldberger

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



Call him the Satchel Paige of cinema comedy. Sixty-six years old and Woody Allen is still pitching winners. Singing a zany love song to the movies of his youth in "The Curse of The Jade Scorpion," the filmmaker combines and then satirizes both the film noir and screwball genres while also managing to thread a present-minded commentary through the nutty plot doings. The result is witty, wise and filled with plenty of jounce thanks to the writer-director's signature selection of background jazz tunes. But what really puts the humorous bite into "Scorpion" is Woody's by-now-familiar interpretation of a comic tradition first fostered on celluloid by Chaplin and Keaton: the schnook as hero.

Actually, add a little bit of W.C. Fields and Groucho Marx to this derivation, too. For like those delightful scoundrels, Mr. Allen's C.W. Briggs is also a bit of a cad. Otherwise, the rumped, aging little guy is the best insurance investigator in New York, circa 1940, though no one, maybe not even he, is exactly sure how he does it. Why, just last week he cracked the famed Picasso case...found the rolled-up canvas hidden in a pawn shop telescope. "It wasn't easy. I was looking for a picture, and not all those little triangles," brags the impossibly uncultured C.W.

A disheveled portrait in sepia and gray, Woody's diminutive sleuth could be voted mostly likely to fade into the woodwork. It might be a contributing factor to his success. "Relies on low-life street informers and probably just dumb luck," is how company president Chris Magruder (Dan Aykroyd) explains away his foible-ridden, albeit Runyonesque, top gumshoe to Betty Ann Fitzgerald. Played by Helen Hunt, she's the newly hired efficiency expert hell-bent on relieving the firm of all its dead wood. And you don't have to possess C.W.'s native intelligence or fabled intuition to figure out that he and she aren't going to get along. The zings and the barbs fly, and how.

Miss Fitzgerald has Mr. Briggs figured for a chauvinist, and technically, she's probably right. In fact, he's anathema to everything her modern woman persona stands for. But while C.W. knows

it, he could neither understand it nor ever come to grips with it. It's against his type...the unlikely comic hero is hardwired not to seek redemption, but to prevail in a world that seeks to punish him for his iconoclasm. He could never be politically correct, and especially not for the sake of acceptance.

Thus while Miss Hunt's Betty Ann is the classical foil, ostensibly playing Margaret Dumont to Mr. Allen's Groucho, she is nonetheless a much more real character than C.W. and therefore saddled with mostly straight lines. Woody, on the other hand, varies character accountability when it suits the script's Vaudeville-laced shtick, allowing him the flippant liberty, for example, to explain their differences thusly: "She thinks she has it over me because she went to Vassar and I only graduated from driving school." The inherently different plateaus from whence their characters emanate may be mistaken for a lack of chemistry, when in actuality Miss Hunt is to be commended for supplying the farce with just the right amount of adversarial concern.

Given the apparent constancy of their hatred, it would take an act of magic to break things up a bit. And so presto, no sooner said than done, an office birthday party at the Rainbow Room features Voltan, a performance hypnotist portrayed nicely by David Ogden Stiers. Naturally, both C.W. and Betty Ann are ushered on stage when he calls for volunteers. Using a jade scorpion as his trance-inducing pendulum, Voltan informs both parties that the word Madagascar will hereafter put them in a hypnotic state;

hearing the name Constantinople will convince them that they are in love with each other.

P.S.--Everyone has fun at the party, not realizing when the show is over that Voltan has neglected to de-program his subjects.

Later that night, a phone call from the hypnotist orders C.W. to burglarize the Kensington manse. Made theft-proof by C.W. himself, said estate is the repository of beaucoup jewels and home to typically spoiled vamp daughter, Laura Kensington, skillfully played to type by Charlize Theron. In a sleepwalk, he completes the heist with seamless aplomb. The next day, the trance removed and back on the job, it's no wonder C.W. practically turns himself inside-out trying to solve what he believes is an inside job. Specifically, signs point to someone from his firm, and C.W. even conjectures that it could be Betty Ann. After all, she's been acting pretty strange and obviously cozing up to the boss. And she does have access to the Kensington file.

Shortly thereafter, Voltan sends the confounded detective on a second filching mission. In the meantime, just to complicate things, Betty Ann discovers the stolen gems in C.W.'s apartment. But her instincts are torn. And here's where Woody divulges the philosophical key to his story of opposites attracting and hate being inexplicably interchangeable with love:

Though she vociferously detests the "inchworm," Betty Ann can't see him as the culprit, declaring that this "cockroach" of a man isn't romantic enough to be a jewel thief. Romantic? Jewel thief? It seems Betty Ann's values are a bit askew, n'est pas? In short, doubtful as it may be, it's just remotely possible there's something attractive about C.W. Suffice it to note that the stew of classical complications is made headier by the occasional chance uttering of the aphrodisiacal

"Constantinople." It all makes for fine fun.

Figure it for art imitating life, intentional or not. But at this juncture seeing Mr. Allen with a younger woman doesn't require much of a stretch. It's that he's having so much fun with the subject that might prove disconcerting to some. Yet the real challenge Woody recurrently faces with each new effort are the inevitable comparisons to his enviable body of work: i.e.--Is it as funny as...? How does it stack up against...? But you'll find it's difficult to answer those questions about "The Curse of The Jade Scorpion," especially when you're still under its comic spell.



"The Curse of The Jade Scorpion," rated PG-13, is a DreamWorks SKG release directed by Woody Allen and stars Woody Allen, Helen Hunt and Dan Aykroyd.

Antiques/Collectibles Appraisal Scheduled

AREA--Carolyn Remmey and Kathleen Guzman of PBS's "Antiques Roadshow" are two of the four appraisers scheduled to appear at an Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Day at Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit on Sunday, Sept. 23.

From 1-4 p.m., they will appraise up to five items per person. The cost is \$10 entrance fee and \$5 for each item. Reservations are required. Call (908) 273-8787 to reserve.

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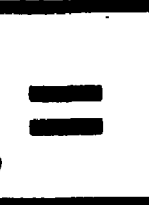
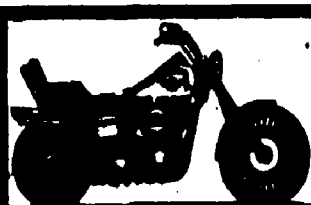
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EDITORIAL



ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
**Report
From
Trenton**

It's that time of year again. Younger children will be getting their notebooks and backpacks ready for school. Older children will be decorating their dorm rooms and getting ready for college life. Parents are naturally worried about the safety of children no matter how old they are. It's easy to assume that when they go off to school, our children are safe. For example, when a child climbs on the school bus for that first day of school, it's only natural for a parent to assume that the school bus is safe. That it has passed inspection and all of its parts are in working order. And when we send our children off to college, it's easy to assume that the buildings they will be living in are up to code and are reasonably equipped in the case of fire. But sometimes those assumptions are altogether incorrect.

A few years ago, when the New Jersey State Police performed random testing on school buses, many people were shocked to find that out of 121 buses, 82 buses were in such

poor condition that they had to be immediately taken off the road. The inspection of these buses showed there was an average of 6.7 problems per bus. The violations included inadequate brakes, faulty steering systems, balding tires, and missing safety features.

These failures proved that the existing system of inspecting buses needed to be updated. The system needed to be changed in order to secure the safety and protection of our children. With recommendations from the Governor's School Bus Safety Task Force, I introduced legislation that would change the way school buses were inspected and maintained. This legislation, signed into law by then Governor Whitman, changed the way the state inspects school buses. No longer do buses have to go to a DMV station for inspection. Instead, inspectors come to the garages where the buses are stored. Not only that, but the new law allows the DMV to check the maintenance history and operation procedures. If any operator fails to comply with the inspections, they will be fined and the buses will be taken off the road immediately. We now have a system that works much better.

Another tragic lesson we

learned too late occurred after a terrible fire swept through a Seton Hall University Dormitory killing 3 students and injuring 70 others. We think of sprinklers as commonplace. We assume that all buildings have them. But sadly there was no law in New Jersey requiring sprinklers to be installed in student dorms. A study conducted by the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority revealed that 71% of New Jersey's dorm rooms were without sprinklers. I worked with Democratic and Republican legislators to write legislation that requires sprinklers in every dorm room in the state of New Jersey. Naturally requiring sprinklers in dorm rooms does not make our children's safety absolute, but it is a common sense law that will hopefully will result in never losing another student in a dorm fire.

We cannot send our children to school in bubble wrap. And we cannot stand watch outside their dorm room doors. But in situations where we can have a positive impact by changing the law, we have an obligation to act. It may sound cliché, but children are the future. We must do all that we can to protect them.

Single's

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Oops, It Worked! -The year was 1996. Republicans had successfully passed the Welfare Reform Act. Liberals were enraged. Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund accused Clinton of hurting children. Three staff members from Health and Human Services resigned, including Wendell Primus, who predicted the law would kill a million children. Fast forward to 2001. The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal think tank, has completed a study of census data. It finds a "sudden reversal of the longstanding trend toward single parenthood, with an 8 percent drop in single-mother families" over the past five years. The greatest changes were among poor and black and Hispanic families. The study also finds that more poor families are staying together. The authors report grudgingly acknowledge that the most intractable social problem of our age, the dissolution of the family, is being solved—thanks, in large part, to welfare reform. One of the authors of this report? Wendell Primus, the same guy who resigned in protest in 1996. He had the courage to admit what most liberals never will: "Oops, it worked!"

and then there's...

Bill Of Goods -The Patients' Bill of Rights sponsored by Ted Kennedy and liberal-excuse me-maverick Republican John McCain would allow patients to sue their HMOs for millions of dollars in federal and state courts. Some 25 years ago, Sen. Kennedy sponsored a bill to create HMOs. Now he sponsors a bill to sue them. Why? Because HMOs don't work! Question: Where do we get our money back after paying for a failed program for 25 years? Senators Kennedy and McCain tell us the Patients' Bill of Rights will ensure that people get quality care from their doctors. Yet instead of having a board of doctors review medical cases, they give the power of review to a bunch of trial lawyers. Question: Who would you rather have review your medical condition—doctors or lawyers?

McCain has made a career out of trying to get "special interest groups" out of politics. Question: Why does he want to give one of the biggest special interest groups in the country—trial lawyers—an unending supply of new cases to the tie up the federal and state courts? This isn't Patients' Bill of Rights, folks, it's the trial lawyers' Bill of Goods.

Into its second season, the ads will be running during prime time shows like "Malcolm in the Middle", "The Simpsons" and "Dark Angel" and on cable networks like MTV and Nickelodeon to capture teen viewers—and also on radio and in movie theaters before the previews and on posters near schools where teens congregate.

This new generation of young people is sharp. They are more informed than any other generation that have come before them. And, as any parent of a teenager will tell you, they don't want to be told what to do.

It's these kids who understand the facts about tobacco and tobacco company marketing. They'll hopefully have the inner strength and will power when it comes to making the right choice about tobacco usage.

Because of the success in its youth movement, New Jersey is one of the few states to be awarded a three-year, \$2.2 million grant from American Legacy Foundation. As a result, nine regional youth summits will be held in the next 18 months to give more youths the opportunity to participate.

Almost 39 percent of high school students use some kind of tobacco product. If current trends continue, nearly 135,000 New Jersey teens will die of a tobacco-related disease.

While these numbers are unacceptable to me, these numbers are also unacceptable to many of our young people. There are teenagers throughout the state who are empowered to break from the past—and are Not For Sale.

Readers Commentary



New Jersey Teaches Teens About Tobacco Marketing

by Commissioner Christine Grant
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services

Dear Editor,

You might have seen the recent news about a study from a major tobacco company that stated the financial benefits of smoking to a foreign government outweighed the health care costs and suggested that the early death of cigarette smokers is one of the positive effects of cigarette smoking.

Not surprisingly, the tobacco company didn't fool anyone with the study and was ultimately forced to issue an international apology days later. That's one instance where the propaganda didn't work.

But sometimes the propaganda does work. For decades, big tobacco coaxed and cajoled young people into thinking that smoking was ok; that it was cool; and for decades it worked. Young smokers eventually became adult smokers as big tobacco continued to regenerate its constituency by

buying its new young smokers with clever marketing that focuses on youths.

But New Jersey residents know better. Smoking costs lives; smoking increases health care costs. And the statistics bear it out.

A recent report published by the Department of Health and Senior Services shows that in New Jersey, about 17 percent of all deaths are linked to smoking.

A report from the Tobacco Free Kids shows that if New Jersey achieves just one percentage point reduction in the number of smokers per year for five years, nearly \$52 million would be saved in health costs from reduced heart attacks and strokes and more than \$3.7 billion would be saved in lifetime health cost savings.

And New Jersey's young people are on their way to reversing the smoking trend under the

umbrella leadership of the New Jersey Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program created through funding under the Master Tobacco Settlement.

In fact, New Jersey young people have told big tobacco in no uncertain terms that they are "Not for Sale."

This group of New Jersey youths have dubbed themselves REBEL teens, which stands for Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies. New Jersey REBEL is a grassroots anti-smoking movement launched statewide by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services last November. They created the name for their movement, their own goals, strategies, activities and their rallying cry—"Not for Sale."

The Not for Sale cry has been used in a media campaign and focuses on giving teens the power to break from the past and tell Big Tobacco they are not for sale. Based on the national Truth campaign, Not for Sale focuses on manipulations by tobacco companies and the importance of young people making informed decisions.

Got something to say? Why not write a letter to our "Readers Commentary" column? Tell us how you feel about current situations both locally and nationally.

send to: AT/CG, "Readers Commentary", PO Box 1061, Rahway, NJ 07065

YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

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 assis-

tance 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 Coordi-

nator by December 15, 2001 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.

Celebrating Social Security's Success

AREA — As Social Security celebrates its 66th anniversary, it's a good time to reflect on the past and the future.

Its importance to the elderly cannot be overestimated. Almost 32 million Americans receive Social Security retirement benefits. In the last 40 years, Social Security has helped cut the poverty rate among the elderly by two-thirds — from 35% to less than 10% — keeping roughly 15 million senior citizens out of poverty.

And Social Security is more than a retirement program — it

is America's family protection plan, providing valuable disability and survivors benefits for younger workers. One out of every three Social Security beneficiaries is not a retiree, but is a disabled worker or family member, or a survivor of a worker who has died.

Changing demographics will have an impact on Social Security's long-term financial challenges. Americans are living longer, healthier lives — by 2030 the number of Americans age 65 and older will double from 35 million to 70 million.

The number of workers per beneficiary has declined from five workers for each beneficiary in 1960 to three currently and will continue to decline to two by 2030.

But change is what Social Security is all about. Its growth over the years reflects changes made to meet emerging social needs. Social Security planners are constantly reviewing the needs of the program now and in the future to determine what changes are necessary to meet the needs of future generations. Social Security financial reform remains a top national priority, and the President has formed a commission to make recommendations on its future. The commission will submit its report in the fall.

IRA Anxiety? Retirement Planning Blues?

by Dr. Karen Ensle,
RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County Family and Consumer Sciences Department will be offering a program on "IRA Anxiety? Retirement Planning Blues." It will be presented on Tues., Oct. 9, from 7-9 p.m. at Rutgers Cooperative Extension 1st floor auditorium, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield.

Learn the ABCs of the NEW IRA DISTRIBUTION RULES and new retirement plan changes

and plan confidently for retirement. The instructor for the evening will be Omega Hartman, C.F.P. There will be a \$5 fee for materials, which will be collected that evening when you arrive.

To register for the program, call Cathy Forsythe, FCS Secretary @ 908-654-9854.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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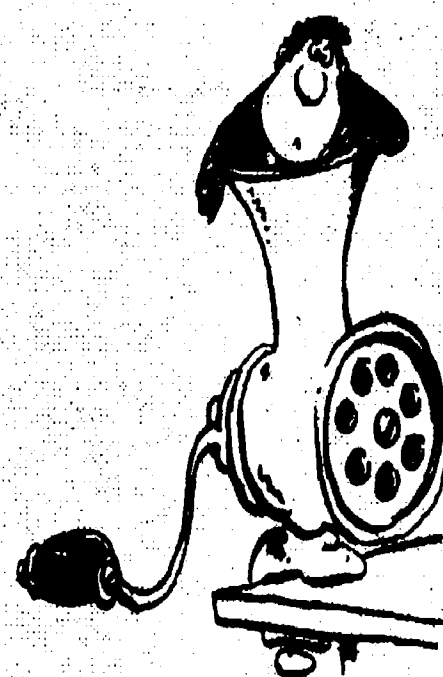
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OBITUARIES

**Paul Walker, 65
of Carteret**

Mr. Paul J. Walker of Carteret died August 15 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 65.

Born in Carbondale, Pa., he resided in Carteret since 1956.

He was a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick with a bachelor of arts degree.

He was presently employed by consolidated Simon Co., Union, as a controller.

Mr. Walker was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

He was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Mr. Walker previously served in the Air Force.

He was a former Carteret Little League coach and umpire.

His brother, William Walker, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Ann (Dendler) Walker; three sons, James Walker of North Brunswick, Kevin Walker and Mark Walker, both of Carteret; two brothers, the Rev. James Walker of Gallup, N.M. and John Walker of Murray Hill; and four grandchildren, Kimberly, Amanda, Caitlin and Rebecca.

**Leon F. Curran Jr.
of Carteret**

Mr. Leon F. Curran Jr. of Carteret died August 1 at Genesis Elder Care Center, Westfield. He was 74.

Born in Pottsville, Pa., he had resided in Carteret for most of his life.

He retired from Middlesex County College in Edison, where he worked for many years.

Mr. Curran was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

He was an Army veteran of the World War II.

Mr. Curran was a member of the Knights of Columbus Father Carey Council 1280, (3rd Degree), a member of the Knights of Columbus Fr. Carey Assembly 1280 (4th Degree) and a member of the Order of Alhambra El Hakkan Caravan 96, all of Carteret.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Pusillo of New Providence; a grandson, Anthony Pusillo of New Providence; a sister, Anna Mae Kolibas of Florida; a brother, Robert Curran of Toms River and several nieces and nephews.

**Walter Gruskowski
of Carteret**

Mr. Walter D. Gruskowski of Carteret died August 25 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 58.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., he resided in Carteret for the past 30 years.

He was employed by Ashland, Inc. for the past 25 years as a chemical tank truck driver.

Mr. Gruskowski served in the Marine Corps during peacetime.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Surviving are his wife, Diane (Rindosh) Gruskowski; two sons, Douglas and Derek; and a daughter, Danielle Gruskowski, all of Carteret.

**Pearl E. Zyskowski
of Sayreville**

Mrs. Pearl E. Scibek Zyskowski of Sayreville died August 21 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. She was 80.

Born in Sayreville, she was a lifelong resident of the borough.

Mrs. Zyskowski was a communicant of St. Stanislaus R.C. Church, Sayreville, and was a member of the church's Rosary Society.

Her husband, Alfonse, died in 1999. Four brothers, Edward, Benjamin, Stanley and Walter Scibek and two sisters, Florence Kuczynski and Ann Halas, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, Bernard of Lincroft; two daughters, Rita Brown of Point Pleasant and Sylvia Melhorn of South Amboy; three sisters, Beatrice Adamecs of Sayreville, Frances Kules of Edison and Theresa Zygmund of Farmingdale; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**A. Chomicki, 88
of Port Reading**

Mrs. Antoinette Martino Chomicki of Port Reading died August 20 at home. She was 88.

Affectionately known as Aunt Goni, she was born in Port Reading, and lived there all her life.

She had worked as an accountant for many years.

Mrs. Chomicki was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church, Port Reading.

Her husband, George Chomicki, died in 1968.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews.

**Lucille Fusco, 74
of Sayreville**

Mrs. Lucille Fusco of Atlantic Highlands (formerly of Sayreville) died August 16 at home. She was 74.

Born in West New York, N.J., she had resided in Sayreville and Florida before moving to Atlantic Highlands two years ago.

She was a member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Elks Lodge 2520, Aripeka, Fla. and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Marine Corps League's Spring Hill, Fla. detachment.

Mrs. Fusco was a former communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy.

Her husband, Morris, died June 12, 2001.

Surviving are three sons, Anthony of Kendall Park, Bruce of Toms River and Mark of Leonardo; a daughter, Jill Poliny of Leonardo; four grandchildren, Olivia, Rose, Anthony and Brian; and her brother, Anthony De Paola of Lakewood.

**William J. Dobos
of Woodbridge**

Mr. William Joseph Dobos of Woodbridge died August 20 at Raritan Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 77.

Born in Woodbridge and lived there all of his life.

He was employed at Shell Oil Co., Sewaren for 36 years before retiring in 1988 and was past president of Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union Local 8-800, Sewaren.

Mr. Dobos was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4410, Woodbridge.

He was a member of the Hungarian Reformed Church (United Church of Christ), Woodbridge.

His parents, Joseph and Julia Meszaros Dobos and a brother, Stephen Dobos, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Olga Lysy Dobos; a daughter, Linda K. Dobos of Woodbridge; a son, William N. Dobos of Woodbridge; two sisters, Lillian Shoup and Rebecca Dobos, both of Florida and many nieces and nephews.

**Cecelia Artym, 71
of Avenel**

Ms. Cecelia Anna Artym of Avenel died August 14 at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth. She was 71.

Born in Avenel, she lived there all her life.

She was a graduate of Woodbridge High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Newark State Teachers College (now Kean University) in 1951. She earned a master's degree in education from Rutgers University. She taught the fifth and sixth grades for 38 years in the Woodbridge school system at School No. 1 in Woodbridge; School No. 21, Colonia and School No. 4 in Avenel, until her retirement in 1991.

In addition, she attended many National Science Foundation workshops and belonged to the Middlesex County Retired Teachers Association.

Ms. Artym was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge, as well as the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel. She was an active member of the church choir at both churches.

Her parents, Theodore and Anna Galisin Artym and a sister, Theodora Misdorn, are all deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Jo Anna Green of Berkeley Heights; an aunt, Julia Heine-man of Edison; an uncle, Andrew Galisin of Avenel and two nieces and three nephews.

**Linda Fee, 53
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Linda A. (Borkowski) Hess Fee of Monmouth Junction (formerly of Sayreville and Perth Amboy) died August 14 at Somerset Medical Center, Somerville. She was 53.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Sayreville before moving to Monmouth Junction two years ago.

Mrs. Fee was a graduate of St. Mary's Grammar School, Perth Amboy and Perth Amboy High School.

She was a former communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Mrs. Fee was employed by Costco Inc. in both Monroe and Edison for the past eight years as a shipping and receiving clerk in the refrigeration department.

Her parents, William and Mary Borkowski, both died in 1989. Her first husband, John Everett Hess and a brother, William Fee Borkowski, are both deceased and a sister, Maryanne, died in 1965.

Surviving are her husband, Charles F. Fee Jr.; a stepson, Patrick M. Fee of Howell; three grandchildren, Sheri, Patrick Jr. and Melinda Fee, also of Howell; three brothers, Stephen Borkowski of North Augusta, Georgia (part of South Carolina), Francis W. Borkowski of Lansford, Pa. and Richard Borkowski of Brick; three sisters, Rosemarie Baranowski of Kendall Park, Lorraine Borkowski of Perth Amboy and Patricia M. Wernett of Nesquehoning, Pa.; and a niece, Janice Lee Borkowski of North Augusta, S.C.

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It's Time To Put The Brakes On Aggressive Driving

AREA—It does not take long to find examples of aggressive driving on our roadways. Most of us see it everyday—the road racer, the tailgater, the frequent lane changer, the red light runner. The atmosphere created by aggressive drivers is scary.

Approximately 6,335,000 crashes occur in the United States each year.* It is unknown exactly how many of those crashes are caused by aggressive driv-

ing. Estimates indicate the number to be substantial, based on the violations committed by the drivers of vehicles involved in crashes and reported by law enforcement agencies as the contributing factor of the crash. By focusing enforcement efforts and media attention on violations commonly associated with aggressive driving and encouraging voluntary compliance with traffic laws in general, the number of crashes and

injuries each year can be reduced.

Roadway congestion is considered a factor that tends to exacerbate aggressive driving behaviors. As the number of licensed drivers and registered vehicles has increased, this congestion often causes drivers to become frustrated, which, unfortunately, leads to a more aggressive, high-risk driving style.

Aggressive drivers create an unsafe driving environment through their

inconsiderate, self-centered driving habits. Drivers often commit multiple violations, including following too closely, changing lanes in an erratic or unsafe manner, signaling lane changes improperly, driving over the posted speed limit, and failing to obey traffic control devices. Because of these driving behaviors, hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars

of property damage occur each year and these behaviors contribute to the growing problems of hazardous traffic conditions and those criminal acts related to aggressive driving. To adequately address these unique issues, a concentrated and dedicated enforcement campaign is needed, and it must be coordinated with an intensive public awareness campaign.

In their aggressive state of mind, these drivers may not be thinking about the human beings who occupy the other vehicles around them, or that the drivers in the other vehicles could possibly be their friends, neighbors, co-workers, or family members. It is time that aggressive drivers start putting a face on the drivers in the vehicles next to them, and realize they are not alone on the roadway. The ones they hurt may be themselves or loved ones.

*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Traffic Safety Facts 1998, U.S. Department of Transportation, October 1999.

NHTSA Publishes List Of June 2001 Recalls

AREA—The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a list of auto safety recalls announced in June 2001 and urged consumers to have the problems fixed promptly.

The list identifies the make and model of the vehicle or equipment involved, with a brief description on the safety problem.

NHTSA said it is publicizing the recalls to alert consumers about safety problems and encourages them to take action. Under federal law, safety problems must be remedied without cost to consumers. Currently, 72 percent of the owners of vehicles with safety problems have the recall work performed.

NHTSA said manufacturers are required to mail a recall notice to all purchasers, owners and dealers when a safety defect or noncompliance with Federal safety standards is found. The agency urges owners to wait until they receive notification from the manufacturer before contacting their dealers to schedule the repair work. Not all vehicles of a particular make and model may be subject to the recall.

Consumers can get up-to-the-minute information on safety recall campaigns, or information on the recall history of a particular make and model of car, truck, motorcycle, or child safety seat, by calling the agency's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) or by accessing NHTSA on the Internet at www.nhtsa.dot.gov. The Hotline also can be used to report safety problems.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Union County College Offerings

AREA — The Office of Continuing Education and Community Services at Union County College has recently partnered with the Roselle Park Board of Education in offering Continuing Education courses throughout the fall at the Roselle Park High School in the evening. On Wed., Sept. 19, there will be an Open House from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Roselle Park High School. This will be an opportunity for the community to come and learn more about the adult education courses offered. It is also a chance to meet members of the faculty and administrative coordinators. Attendees will also have the opportunity to register on-site for classes.

Some of the courses to be offered at Roselle Park are: ESL (English-as-a-Second Language); GED Preparation Program (for both the 2001 and the new 2002 test); Construction Code; Children's Care-Giver; Medical Office Coding; Microsoft Office Professional 2000; Introduction to the Internet; Stop Smoking Clinic; Body Tone; and Defensive Driving.

The Division of Continuing Education and Community Ser-

vices will be hosting an ESL Open House on Sat., Sept. 22, on the Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses. From 9:30-11:30 a.m., interested students will have the opportunity to register in-person for courses being offered on Saturday morning and in the evening this fall.

The non-credit ESL courses being offered are: Beginning ESL Grammar, Beginning ESL Conversation, Intermediate ESL Grammar, Intermediate ESL Conversation, Advanced ESL, and American English Pronunciation. All these courses begin in October.

If you are interested in becoming an Electronics Technician, come to Union County College. The Division of Continuing Education and Community Services has added a new certification program to its offerings, Electronics Technician. It is a six-course training program that will prepare a person to work in technical positions in the electronics industry. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary to enroll in this certification program. The program will prepare a person for entry-level positions as elec-

tronics technicians and electronics systems troubleshooters.

In this program a person will learn to troubleshoot at the board level, as well as to the component level. They will receive extensive hands-on training on real life machines, circuits, professional technical literature, and professional testing equipment. Throughout the program, when circuit-operation explanations are given, only plain English is used. Circuits similar to those examined in the program can be found in consumer products, in military equipment, in automobiles and airplanes, and many other machines in the various branches of industry making employment possibilities limitless.

There are 96 hours of coursework to be completed in this certification program. The courses are: "Introduction to Electronics", "Introduction to Testing Equipment", "Power Supply Circuits", "Signal Amplifier Circuits", "Digital Circuits", and "Mechanisms and Servo Control Circuits".

The courses for this program begin on Sept. 24 and are held on the College's Cranford campus on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-10 p.m. throughout the semester.

The Division of Continuing Education and Community Ser-

vices at Union County College is once again offering courses for those in the Real Estate industry. All courses will be held on the College's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave. For those interested in learning about the many aspects of the Real Estate industry, "Principles of Real Estate" is being offered. Topics covered in this course include property interests, mortgages, deeds, title closing, liens, real estate law and ethics, agency relationships and real estate calculations. This course meets the Real Estate Commission requirements for the New Jersey Sales Licensing Examination.

The New Jersey State Board of Real Estate Appraisers as approved Union County College to offer the following courses to satisfy the requirements for licensed, residential and general appraisers. "Introduction to Real Estate Appraisal", covers Appraisal Profession, Real Estate and its Appraisal, The Real Estate Marketplace, The Appraisal Process, Building Construction, Data Collection, Site Valuation, and the Cost Approach, part I. This course begins on Sept. 25, and upon completion, students must pass a final examination.

"Preparing a Uniform Residential Appraisal Report (URAR)", covers Subject, Neighborhood, PUD, Site Data, Description of Improvements, Comments, The Cost Approach, Direct sales Comparable Approach, The Income Approach, and Final reconciliation. Students will fill out a sample form and must complete a final examination. This course begins Oct. 25.

"Uniform Standards of Pro-

fessional Appraisal Practice", covers The Background of the Uniform Standards, the Financial Institutions Reform Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA), Preamble and Rules, Standard One, Two, Three, and Four to Ten, also the Statements on Standards. Students must also pass a final examination in this course and it begins on Nov. 27.

In addition, the course "General 1 - Introduction to Income Property Valuation", is being offered beginning on Oct. 15 and covers income property valuation, appraisal principles and process, market area, neighborhood analysis, site improvements, description analysis, income approach, compound interest and discount factors, cash flow forecasting, and investment return calculations.

For more information or to register in any of the above mentioned classes, call the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

On Mon., Sept. 17, Union County College's Office of Recruitment will be hosting an Open House for those students who decided at the last minute to take classes this fall. The Open House will be held in the Commons on the Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave., from 3-7 p.m. Late Start classes begin on Sept. 24 and this Open House will provide students the opportunity to apply and take placement tests all in one day.

Students wishing to test must arrive by 3:30 p.m. and call in advance to reserve a place. For a test reservation or for more information, call (908) 709-7518.

Prep To Begin School Year With Near-Record Enrollment

AREA — St. Peter's Preparatory School will begin its 2001-2002 school year today with orientation for incoming and returning students. Classes began on Mon., Sept. 10, and the school's opening Mass of the Holy Spirit will be held on Fri., Sept. 14.

The Class of 2005, which numbers 260 students from 55 municipalities in eight counties in New Jersey and New York, is Prep's largest freshman class since 1991. The total student body population of 854, representing 97 communities in 13 counties in New Jersey and New York, is also the largest in a decade.

"Our healthy enrollment is due to a number of factors, including the rebirth of downtown Jersey City, the increase in population here in Hudson County and the desire by parents to select a school with a chal-

lenging curriculum that is economically, socially and culturally diverse with easy access to the many cultural opportunities here in Hudson County and nearby New York City," said Principal John R. Raslowsky. "In addition, our rich tradition of academic, social and spiritual development that has been the hallmark of Jesuit education for four centuries continues to attract students seeking something more enriching and fulfilling than other high schools."

Founded in 1872, St. Peter's

Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys located in historic downtown Jersey City and remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. Over ninety-eight percent of the Class of 2001 are now enrolled in colleges across the United States, including Boston College, the College of the Holy Cross, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, New York University, Villanova University, the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University.

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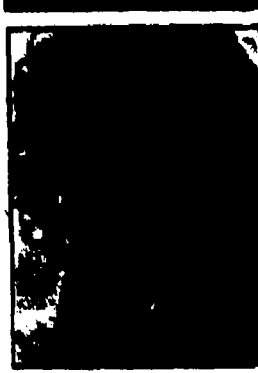


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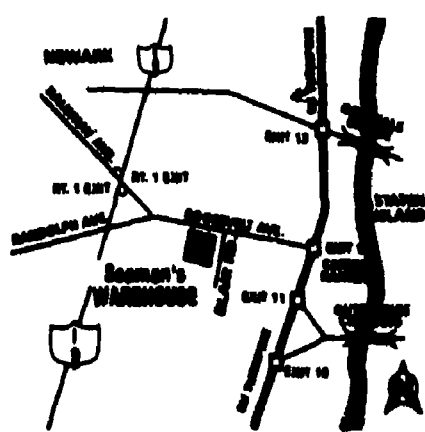
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