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South Amboy's Kelly Retires As Twins Manager

SOUTH AMBOY — The Tom Kelly era for the Minnesota Twins has come to an end.

The man who has been the club's manager for more than a third of its existence has decided not to return for the 2002 season. Kelly made the announcement at a recent press conference at the Metrodome.

"It's just been a fantastic ride for me," said Kelly, who spent 15-plus years as manager. "I feel right that it's a good time for me to step aside and let somebody else take over."

The 51-year-old Kelly said that he came to his decision two weeks ago. He informed Twins owner Carl Pohlad and general manager Terry Ryan about his plans. Both tried to talk him out of quitting.

"It's a sad day for this organization because we no longer have his guidance and leadership," Ryan said. "He's going out on his own terms and it gives him a chance to do some things with his personal life that he never had an opportunity to do."

Kelly went to St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, and learned there that "players can be trained to take responsible actions."

He wanted players to "make a ritual out of doing it right" and explained that he could not teach virtue or character, but he could teach habits of responsibility.

Pohlad, the Twins' owner since 1984, didn't believe that the day would come when Kelly would step down.

"I was more surprised than anybody else," Pohlad said. "Baseball is a pressure game. Tom was a master of that and the results certainly show that he knew how to handle ballplayers."

The Twins announced that Kelly would accept a yet-to-be-determined position within the organization. The now former manager said that his days of being the skipper are over for good.

There are several factors that Kelly said helped him make the decision to retire. While he

refused to disclose most of them, he did say that he had been feeling tired and worn out.

Kelly took over as Twins manager Sept. 12, 1986, replacing Ray Miller. He had a tenure that's longer than any active head coach or manager among the nation's four major professional sports leagues.

Minnesota's record under Kelly's leadership is 1,140-1,244. He led the Twins to their first World Championship over the St. Louis Cardinals in 1987, his first full season on the job. A second World Series title followed in 1991 after a dramatic Game 7 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

During his storied career, the man known as 'TK' has had the chance to manage hundreds of players, including current and future Hall of Famers like Steve Carlton, Dave Winfield and Paul Molitor. Then, of course, he managed the most popular Twin of all, Kirby Puckett.

Before 2001, the 1992 season was the last winning year for Kelly and the Twins. Between 1993-2000, the club endured eight-straight losing campaigns.

During the losing seasons, Kelly showed tremendous patience working with the developing young players in the organization. His efforts appeared to have finally paid off when Minnesota posted an 85-77 record this past

season and finished in second place six games behind the Cleveland Indians in the American League Central division.

Leaving now when the team seemed to be headed back in the right direction makes Kelly's decision an odd choice. But he says that the team will be all right without him manning the dugout.

"The game is about the players," Kelly said. "It's not about the manager. The ball club is now set and headed in the right direction. With a little tinkering, it will move along."

Kelly is leaving with the personal satisfaction that enthusiasm for Twins baseball has returned with the good play during his final season.

A successor to Kelly has not been named yet. Ryan now finds himself having to make his first managerial appointment since becoming general manager in 1994. He said that he would be looking within the organization and around baseball for a replacement.

While coaches Ron Gardenhire and Molitor are two potential candidates, Ryan declined to discuss the possibilities. Noting that there is no timetable, he said that Kelly would have input in the final decision.

Call-Up Moves Up Wedding Date

PERTH AMBOY — Anthony Bermudez and Rachel Ramos exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 17, 10 months ahead of their planned Aug. 25, 2002, wedding date.

The change in date was prompted by Bermudez's call to active duty with the New Jersey National Guard in Somerset. Mayor Joseph Vas performed the wedding at City Hall.

According to Col. John Dwyer, public affairs officer for the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in Trenton, Bermudez left on Oct. 20 to support security operations.

Bermudez will be among the National Guard troops providing

security near the World Trade Center. They will replace the New York National Guardsmen on duty since Sept. 11, according to Dwyer.

After serving in New York, Bermudez said he could be sent somewhere else. "We decided to go ahead and get it (the wedding) done now, so if anything happens..." said Bermudez.

The couple had been dating for 4 years. They met at the Perth Amboy Division of Raritan Bay Medical Center, where Bermudez used to work as a security officer and where Ramos still works as a receptionist. Bermudez now works for the U.S. Postal Service.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**Bandics Installed
As Director Of Police**

"I intend to encourage our Police Officers, faculty and staff to work together to unite the college community..."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — George Bandics, the retired Deputy Chief of Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, became the Director of Police of Middlesex County College on Oct. 16. The 59-year-old Bandics, who served the Prosecutor's Office for 17 years, and prior to that the Edison Police Department for 15 years, became the fifth Director of Police in the 35 year history of the College.

No stranger to the community college, Bandics is a graduate of Middlesex County College and has served on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee since 1985. His colleagues give him high marks for his dedication, professionalism and commitment to bringing the philosophy of community policing to the college setting, which he will continue to do in his new role.

"I intend to encourage our Police Officers, faculty and staff to work together to unite the college community," Bandics stated recently. "I want to work with all organizations on campus to understand their needs and explain the responsibilities of the campus police; together, we can make this the best community college in the State of New Jersey."

Bandics will be supervising 11 sworn officers and eight civilian employees. "I've al-

ready met all the officers and staff and find them to be a most professional group of men and women," he states. Bandics will be wearing regular clothes on the job, "which is a big asset to those who are put off by a uniform," he noted. "I hope this underscores how approachable and available I am."

There has always been a high level of trust for Bandics among his colleagues in the Prosecutor's Office, people in the community and the press. He believes that trust is built gradually by ethical and exemplary behavior toward every group that is served. Bandics is particularly pleased to have a child care center on campus, where he can help children at a very young age develop positive perceptions about the police.

Bandics earned his undergraduate degree at Thomas E. Edison College and holds a master's degree from Seton Hall University in Education. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Law Enforcement Executive Development Course in Quantico, VA.

Bandics and his wife, Joyce, live in Edison. His son, Alan, is a Middlesex County Prosecutor Investigator, his son, George, is an Advertising Account Executive for Verizon, and his son, Christopher, works at the Ford Motor Company. In addition, Bandics has one grandchild, Kyle George, who just turned five.

**Programs In Medication
Management For Seniors**

"New Jersey's older adults and their families need to be aware of the potential dangers of taking multiple medications,"

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has awarded \$72,000 to Middlesex county to develop medication management, screening and education programs for senior citizens to help them and their families become more aware of the potential medical complications for those who are taking more than one medication at a time.

"New Jersey's older adults and their families need to be aware of the potential dangers of taking multiple medications," said acting Commissioner of Health and Senior Services George T. DiFerdinando, Jr., MD. "These new programs are the latest New Jersey services that will help our older adults improve their quality of life while maintaining their independence and

dignity as they age in place."

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, two-thirds of adults over age 65 use one or more drugs each day, and a quarter of them take three drugs each day. A number of potential problems face older adults taking multiple medications, including adverse drug interactions, confusion and impaired motor function.

The county office on aging will coordinate individual assessments for seniors who are at high risk for adverse medication-related health events.

Family medicine physicians from the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will help seniors develop medication management plans. UMDNJ's nursing staff will monitor these plans on a weekly basis. Individuals over 60

years of age who are living alone or have no immediate family will qualify for this program. The counseling program will be available for seniors living in New Brunswick, Highland Park, East Brunswick, Edison, North Brunswick and South Brunswick.

The Middlesex County Office on Aging was awarded funds to develop this pilot program through a competitive application process that was based on demonstrated need for the proposed program, the establishment of collaborative relationships for program implementation, and strategies for providing services to diverse senior populations. The funds were provided by the federal Administration on Aging and distributed through New Jersey's Department of Health and Senior Services.

**Labor Union Seeks Candidates For
Apprenticeship Program**

AREA—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.

The meeting is planned for Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:30-8 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 & 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 at (732) 324-1580.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Society Endorses Open Space Trust Fund

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Tom Gilmore, President of the New Jersey Audubon Society, has endorsed the plan to expand the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund.

Gilmore urged Middlesex County residents to vote "yes" on Nov. 6 on public question #1, which asks voter approval for an increase in the County Open Space levy from a penny per \$100 of assessed valuation to three cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

"Wildlife preservation is at the top of our list," Gilmore said. "Preserving open space in Middlesex County is right up there with it."

"Without the open space, our wildlife protection efforts will be much more difficult to undertake," said Gilmore.

New Moms Discussion Group Starting

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Family Friends is starting a discussion group for new mothers and their babies beginning in November. This will be an opportunity to talk about all aspects of raising a baby. The group will meet once a week for six weeks. Dates and times will be set to accommodate the most participants. Cost is \$10

"Key parcels of land are available for purchase right now," Gilmore said. "If the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund doesn't have the resources to buy it, it will be lost to the developers forever. Middlesex County residents should vote to allow the Trust Fund to take advantage of this opportunity," he said.

Middlesex County residents voted in 1995 to establish the Open Space Trust Fund to buy land and protect it from development. Since the program began in 1996, more than 4,600 acres in the County have been purchased or are under contract. This land, and all the other property acquired by the Trust Fund, will be preserved forever as open space.

for members and \$15 for non-members.

Contact Family Friends at (732) 828-6600 or familyfriendsinc@yahoo.com for more information. Family Friends is a nonprofit organization that plans activities and support groups for families with young children.

Free Support Group

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Jewish Family Service of Southern Middlesex County, a nonprofit social service agency, will offer a six-week support group for anyone who has lost a loved one as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks. The first group meeting will take place on Wed., Oct. 31

from 9-10:30 a.m. at 517 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick. Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Fredda Rothman and Nancy Ward, will facilitate the group. There is no charge for the group. Please call 732-257-4100 to register.

Free Rides To The Polls

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex County Area Wide Transportation Services (A.W.T.S.) will provide free curb-to-curb transportation to the polls for seniors (60+) and people with disabilities, on Tues., Nov. 6, Freeholder Jane Z. Brady announced. The ride service will operate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New riders are welcome. People who want rides must:

• Register with A.W.T.S. and make Election Day reservations for transportation. Telephone 1-800-221-3520. Press 1 for the menu, and then press 2 for registration and reservations.

• Telephone Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Make their reservations for Election Day rides by Wed., Oct. 31.

• Provide an exact address of your polling place when you register.

Free transportation to the polls is a new service provided to elderly and disabled members of the community by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more information, please call 732-296-1647.

Perth Amboy Ready With Emergency Management Plan

PERTH AMBOY—A multi-agency plan is in place throughout the city to deal cooperatively with any suspicious or potentially threatening incidents as they may arise.

"While there has been no direct threat against the City of Perth Amboy or its residents, it is still prudent to be cautious. Residents are urged to use common sense and to maintain a heightened sense of awareness," stated Mayor Joseph Vas.

Perth Amboy's Police Dept. and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are working cooperatively with the Middlesex County Health Dept. and Hazardous Materials Unit, the State Health Dept, the NJ State Police and the F.B.I. to identify and investigate any potential threats via the U.S. mail system.

While the media has done an excellent job of raising awareness among residents, Mayor Vas and the Office of Emergency Management wish to offer the following guidelines, which have been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention and the U.S. Postal Service:

- Mail is suspect if it:
 - Is unexpected or from an unfamiliar source
 - Is addressed to someone no longer there or is outdated in any way
 - Has no return address or one that cannot be verified
 - Is odd-shaped or of unusual weight for its size
 - Bears restrictive labels such as "Personal" or "Confidential"
 - Has protruding wires, strange odors or stains
 - Has a postmark that doesn't match the return address

If you receive a suspicious letter/package in the mail:

- Do not try to open the package or envelope and do not move it
- Isolate the parcel
- Evacuate the immediate area, secure ventilation systems if possible
- Report the incident to your local police department who will then make the determination as to any further action that may be required

If you suspect a piece of mail may contain or be con-

taminated with anthrax or any other dangerous substance:

- Do not handle, shake or empty the parcel
- Ensure that everyone who had contact with it washes his or her hands
- Make a list of all people who had contact with the package and provide the list to your local police
- Ensure all people who had contact to not leave the area
- Do not attempt to clean up any powder or substance

It is important to stress that these are guidelines and everyone needs to employ "good common sense" in handling the mail. For further information or to report a suspect letter/package, call your local police or in Perth Amboy call 732-442-4400.

In addition to the handling of mail, Perth Amboy has taken precautionary measures to further protect and secure the city's water supply and water treatment facility. Residents should be confident that the city's water is safe to continue drinking.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Frosty's Holiday Boutique

COLONIA—On Sat., Nov. 3 from 9 a.m.–7 p.m. and Sun. Nov. 4 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. at the VFW Post 6061, Inman Avenue, Colonia, there will be the first annual Holiday Craft Boutique.

The event features hand-made crafts, dolls, wood items, collectible gifts, ornaments, ceramic/clay, sweets and treats and much more.

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Free Self-Improvement Seminar

ISELIN—A free seminar on the Ancient Chinese Practice of Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) will be presented at the Iselin Branch Library on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.

The program will introduce this self-improvement practice for body, mind and spirit which is practiced by over 100 million people in 40 countries worldwide. The exercises are simple and easy to learn, and focus on three universal principles: truthfulness, compassion and tolerance.

The Iselin Branch Library is located at 1081 Green Street, Iselin. For further information, call (732) 283-1200.

Seniors Urged To Apply For "Senior Gold"

"This is a great way to help seniors and the disabled who do not qualify for PAAD but who still need help paying for their prescriptions,"

SAYREVILLE—Assembly Deputy Minority Conference Leader John S. Wisniewski is urging senior citizens to apply for Senior Gold, a new prescription discount program that qualified senior and disabled persons may participate in.

Seniors and disabled persons who do not qualify for Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) because of income limits may qualify for Senior Gold if:

* They are a New Jersey resident.

* Their annual income is between \$19,238–\$29,238 for single participants or combined annual income is between \$23,589–\$33,589 for married participants.

* They are at least 65 years or are receiving Social Security Disability benefits.

"This is a great way to help seniors and the disabled who do not qualify for PAAD but who still need help paying for their prescriptions," said Assemblyman Wisniewski. "One of PAAD's shortcomings has been

its income limits, which were set many years ago and have excluded many moderate-income seniors."

Participants in the Senior Gold program pay a co-payment of either \$15 plus 50 percent of remaining cost for each covered prescription or the reasonable cost, whichever is less. Once the participant meets the annual out-of-pocket expenses, \$2000 for single or \$3000 for married persons, the co-payment per prescription is \$15. Should a participant have prescription coverage, Senior Gold will be used to supplement the amount not covered by the plan. First time prescriptions are limited to a 34-

day supply, and refills are limited to 34-day supplies or 100 unit doses, whichever is greater.

"It is disheartening to hear of people whose income is just over PAAD's limit, who have no relief from their prescription costs," said Wisniewski. "This program may not help everyone, but it is a step in the right direction for prescription drug relief for our seniors."

If anyone is interested in obtaining more information about this program or to obtain an application, contact 1-800-792-9745 or call Assemblyman Wisniewski's office at (732) 316-1885.

Co-Steel Issues Profit Warning

PERTH AMBOY—Canadian-based Co-Steel recently issued third quarter profit warnings, due to a number of factors. One major cause is a non-cash C\$13 million (\$8.2 million) pretax charge related to early retirement costs at its Lasco plant in Ontario.

Another factor is the repair costs for Co-Steel's Raritan facility in Perth Amboy, which was damaged by a steam explosion. The explosion also forced unscheduled stoppages at the company's Raritan, Lasco, and Sayreville facilities.

Co-Steel was also affected

by the Sept. 11 attacks because of logistical problems in shipping goods to the New York-New Jersey area, where many customers are located.

Co-Steel said in a statement, "In 2001, the slowing North American economy has affected Co-Steel and much of the North American steel industry and continues to affect volume and margins."

ESL Conversation Groups

EDISON—Residents who are able to read and speak some English and willing to participate in a conversational setting are invited to join one of the ESL Conversation Groups at the Edison Public Libraries.

Three groups meet at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Avenue. The first meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30–11:30 a.m., the second

on Wednesday evenings from 7–9 p.m. and the third on Thursday afternoons from 12–2 p.m. A fourth group meets at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., on Wednesday mornings from 9:30–11 a.m.

Participants may register in person when they attend their first meeting. For further information, call Roberta at 287-2298, ext. 227.



MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER IN WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP—Mayor James E. McGreevey recently issued a Proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Woodbridge Township. The American Cancer Society hosted its annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Woodbridge on Oct. 14. Pictured (L.–R.) are Woodbridge Township Council President Kevin Wertz; Carole Hila, a breast cancer survivor from Avenel who chairs the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk; and Karen Ann Antonucci, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event manager.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Nominations Sought For Women of Achievement Awards

AREA — Nominations are sought for the 21st annual NJ Women of Achievement Awards, to be presented in March 2002 by Douglass College, the college for women at Rutgers, and the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Established in 1981, this prestigious award recognizes out-

standing women who have gained visibility in NJ for their contributions and distinguished leadership in diverse fields, including public service, business, education, the arts and volunteer service.

Past recipients include former Gov. Christine Whitman; Val Skinner, Ladies Professional Golf Association; Virginia Long, asso-

ciate justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey; Judith Shaw, partner, The GluckShaw Group; Emily Mann, artistic director, McCarter Theatre; Joyce Carol Oates, author; the late Barbara Boggs Sigmund, former mayor of Princeton Borough; and Judith Cambria, League of Women Voters of New Jersey.

The awards will be presented March 4 at Douglass College, New Brunswick.

The deadline for nominations

is Nov. 2. For more information, call Maria E. DePina, Office of the Dean, Douglass College, at 732-932-9721 or email depina@rci.rutgers.edu.

The nomination form can be downloaded from the Internet at http://www.douglass.rutgers.edu/pdf/nomination_2001.pdf.

Douglass College is the largest undergraduate college for women in the country and the only women's college that is a unit of a major state research university.

Douglass' mission is to provide outstanding educational opportunities for young women and to prepare women for leadership in all areas of their lives through a wide variety of academic, co-curricular and community programs.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs is the largest volunteer organization in the state and played a critical role in the founding of Douglass College in 1918.

Students Urged To Go On Virtual Field Trip

STATE — In observance of National Earth Science Week, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced a statewide competition in which students will develop geological field trips, comprised of maps, text, photos and other data, to be posted on DEP's website.

"New Jersey has a host of places to explore, whether you're looking for prehistoric fossils, flu-

orescent, neon-colored minerals, Cape May diamonds, or a glacial lake," said DEP Commissioner Bob Shinn. "The object of this contest is to increase student and public interest in New Jersey's unique geology by promoting easily accessible field trips through the web."

The theme for this second annual "Earth to Earth Challenge" is "Rockin' Down the Highway."

The contest is open to students in grades 6-12. Entries must be submitted in HTML format either electronically or on disk and may include original music to enhance the electronic "journey" to any of the state's unique geologic sites, explained Tanya Oznowich, environmental education supervisor at DEP.

National Earth Science Week was Oct. 7-13. Participants in the contest must register by Feb. 15, 2002, and entries must be submitted by March 8, 2002. Only one entry per school is allowed.

Winners will be announced on or before Earth Day, April 22, 2002 and a recognition ceremony will be held at DEP April 25, 2002. All eligible entries will become featured field trip sites on DEP's "Rockin' Down the Highway" website.

The class projects are designed to enhance research, writing, mapping and technology use skills, and support a variety of classroom standards in science, social studies and language arts.

Each submission must include a variety of requirements, includ-

ing directions to the site, the geological features or geological significance of the site, a question sheet or other study aid to help visitors explore and understand the site's unique features, maps of the site, and best times to visit the site. The contest is sponsored by the Environmental Education Program in DEP's Office of Communications, and the NJ Geological Survey. For more information or to register, contact Marc Rogoff at DEP at 609-292-1474 or visit the DEP website at www.state.nj.us/dep/seeds/e2e2002.htm.

School Boards Call On State To Address Student Turnover

STATE — New Jersey School Boards Association officials are pressing the state to address the impact of high rates of student mobility — or turnover — in some New Jersey school districts.

The NJSBA report cites research showing that children who change schools several times during the academic year are more likely to experience social and emotional problems and have lower grades on standardized tests. In addition, school districts report difficulty in obtaining academic records of highly mobile students. This situation makes it hard for them to address a child's specific needs.

According to the State Dept. of Education, the average student turnover rate in New Jersey in 1999-2000 was 13%. That rate had remained steady for several years. However, further analysis by the school boards association showed that, in almost a quarter of the state's schools, more than 20% of the student population changed in midyear. Moreover, one out of ten of the state's elementary and high schools had mobility rates exceeding 30%.

Schools with high mobility rates do not receive any funding to offset the costs of testing, support services or specialized materials often required for mobile students.

The NJSBA report noted how Texas created a central database that provides valuable insight into mobility issues. The Texas system creates centralized student records and includes the development of specialized programs.

Currently, New Jersey has no mechanism to track highly mobile students. "Until a central database is created in New Jersey," the NJSBA report said, "the impact of high student mobility will con-

tinue to elude examination."

NJSBA's report, adopted in November 2000, specifically calls on the state Board of Education to authorize a study into the causes of student mobility. The study would address-

- Creation of a statewide database on mobile students.
- Programming designed to help mobile students.
- Separate reporting of state test results for students enrolled in a school district less than two years.
- The financial impact of high mobility on districts and creation of a new category of aid to assist these districts.

Some of the NJ school districts affected by high mobility rates are located in rural areas. A federal program has had a positive impact in addressing the education needs of the children of migrant workers, according to the

NJSBA study. In April, the National School Boards Association approved a resolution submitted by NJSBA expressing support for the Federal Migrant Education Program and its continued funding.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Governor Demands Radio Host Apology

STATE — Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco demanded an apology from the radio talk show host Laura Schlessinger for joking that New Jersey should be handed over to terrorists.

Schlessinger made the remark during an Oct. 1 broadcast. When a listener asked what to do about terrorists' demands, she said, "You can try giving them New Jersey."

DiFrancesco sent her a letter demanding an apology for what he called "a crude and inappropriate comment."

He said the remark was particularly an affront to victims and survivors.

A spokesman for Schlessinger could not be reached for comment.

Preservation NJ Seeks Volunteers

AREA—Preservation New Jersey seeks volunteers to assist in addressing its mission to promote and protect New Jersey's historic resources, communities and landscapes. A variety of flexible volunteer opportunities are available in the areas of public relations, office and reference room assistance, advocacy, technical assistance, as well as planning and implementing conferences, workshops and fundraising events.

Preservation New Jersey was founded in 1978 and is located in Trenton. It addresses its mission by producing an annual list of New Jersey's 10 Most Endangered Historic Sites, publishing of a quarterly newsletter, maintaining a resource library, providing educational tours, conferences and training workshops and addressing legislation and public policies that impact New Jersey's historic preservation community.

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72	46	56/39	53/39	56/32	50/37	53/41	50/40

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm weather, especially in the Northeast early this period, will rapidly give way to very cold temperatures by the second half of the period. The Pacific Northwest will see numerous storms this period bringing wet and cold weather. Mainly dry weather will continue to dominate the South, but early rains will keep Southern Florida above normal.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES					SUN & MOON		WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES				
City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunrise	Sunset	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	70 48 c	62 36 s	58 39 s	61 37 s	Thu. 7:19 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	Amsterdam	46 43 pc	52 46 sh	54 46 c	55 49 sh
Boston	70 48 sh	56 38 pc	52 40 pc	54 32 pc	Fri. 7:20 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	Berlin	44 30 pc	48 41 s	50 43 sh	50 44 c
Chicago	48 32 c	46 30 c	47 32 s	49 36 pc	Moonrise Moonset		Buenos Aires	79 64 pc	79 64 pc	81 66 pc	72 60 r
Cleveland	55 35 c	45 34 c	43 35 c	50 28 s	Thu. 3:25 p.m.	12:36 a.m.	Cairo	84 60 s	87 62 s	89 63 s	84 60 s
Denver	52 30 s	58 34 s	66 40 s	62 37 s	Fri. 3:55 p.m.	1:36 a.m.	Jerusalem	73 51 pc	76 52 s	78 53 s	77 52 s
Des Moines	48 27 pc	44 28 s	48 31 s	56 43 pc	Moon Phases		Johannesburg	82 59 pc	85 62 pc	81 63 pc	79 60 c
Detroit	50 34 c	47 32 c	47 34 pc	47 29 s	First	Full	London	55 50 pc	57 43 r	55 54 c	59 55 r
Houston	76 46 s	74 44 s	76 51 s	78 47 pc	Oct 23	Nov 1	Madrid	68 43 s	65 46 pc	58 54 r	60 52 r
Indianapolis	53 29 pc	44 31 c	50 33 s	53 32 s	Nov 15	Nov 8	Mexico City	65 55 pc	62 51 c	64 45 c	64 42 pc
Kansas City	54 32 s	49 33 s	54 36 s	61 46 s	Weather (W):		Moscow	23 17 pc	26 25 pc	35 28 sn	39 29 c
Los Angeles	83 54 s	83 52 s	77 51 s	77 49 pc	s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,		Paris	49 43 pc	52 45 c	56 47 c	57 49 c
Miami	87 73 c	82 64 t	78 62 pc	78 59 s	c-cloudy, sh-showers,		Rio de Janeiro	67 53 pc	68 54 s	67 58 pc	70 60 pc
Minn.- St. Paul	38 28 c	42 28 c	44 32 s	49 42 c	t-thunderstorms, r-rain,		Rome	64 50 pc	59 38 pc	61 42 s	62 46 s
New Orleans	78 54 pc	73 55 s	70 51 s	71 44 s	sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		San Juan	88 74 pc	87 73 pc	86 73 pc	87 74 pc
New York City	69 50 sh	56 42 pc	54 42 s	56 36 s			Seoul	66 55 c	69 52 pc	67 53 pc	59 54 r
Omaha	52 26 pc	46 28 s	52 32 s	61 44 s			Sydney	85 60 s	74 52 sh	77 52 s	77 62 s
Phoenix	84 58 s	85 59 s	86 60 s	85 56 s			Tokyo	67 58 pc	64 54 c	66 56 s	68 63 pc
San Francisco	70 51 s	68 51 s	67 51 s	66 47 pc			Toronto	52 28 pc	37 25 c	38 22 pc	40 25 pc
Seattle	54 46 sh	56 46 pc	53 43 sh	54 36 c			Winnipeg	34 16 c	33 9 pc	37 36 c	46 22 c
Washington	72 48 pc	58 38 pc	56 38 pc	57 35 s			Zurich	45 39 c	52 40 pc	51 43 sh	54 44 c

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN™ "Joy Ride"

Psychopathic Trucker Delivers Halloween Chills



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By Michael S. Goldberger

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There's no horror like real horror...no horror I know. Everything about it is alarming. And thus nothing Hollywood can show me is going to be more frightening than the plague-like horrors, both real and imagined, that have been visited upon us since September 11. For the time being, The War on Terrorism has taken the fun out of horror. Somehow, seeing the three young people in "Joy Ride" being stalked by a psychopathic truck driver as they try to wend their way across our country isn't quite the kick it used to be.

Now understand, horror has never been my strong suit. Sure, as a film buff I've delighted in the classic Draculas, Frankensteins and Wolf Men, but more for their kitsch and camp values than for any desire to be filled with fear. Scary stuff? No thank you. The regular monthly arrival of the mortgage statement and its lesser brethren has always adequately filled any strange need I might unwittingly have in that area.

Truth be told, I never could quite figure out why someone would want to pay to be frightened when there was so much free product in abundance. But now I get it. I'm sad to say I finally understand. Methinks it has to do with freedom. It is indeed the joyous luxury of a secure and free society to be able to fully enjoy the thrills and chills of a horror movie. And that's because one cannot do so without knowing full well that, after the closing credits roll, outside that movie theater your right to life, liberty and the

pursuit of happiness is just waiting to give you a big safe snuggle.

Sure, this bit of bad history will make us all stronger, more vigilant and appreciative. But still, I think it would take at least two Wars on Terrorism to make me comprehend what it is people see in The Three Stooges.

That bit of inspirational venting said, "Joy Ride" is a moderately scary film by pre September 11 standards. Solid direction by John Dahl ("Red Rock West") and good performances by Steve Zahn, Paul Walker and Leelee Sobieski as the petrified principals place it a cut above the usual teen slice-and-dice fare. And the effort is further complemented by a somewhat typical yet nonetheless well written screenplay by Clay Tarver and Jeffrey Abrams. The scribes do a nice job of injecting a cultural note or two about the terrorized trio which will probably get the college crowd to relate.

It all begins when Berkeley student Lewis (Paul Walker) offers his avowedly Platonic pal Venna (Leelee Sobieski) a ride back to New Jersey. It matters not that he hasn't a car at the time of the offer. It's just that Venna, a co-ed in Colorado, just broke up with some poor dude and she'd like to saunter and contemplate her way back East rather than jet right home. Wanting to accommodate her, Lewis does what any young man who really isn't in love with the girl would do. He cashes in his plane ticket and buys a 1971 Chrysler Newport, 2-door

hardtop to be specific.

Ah, the joys of youth. I've been trying to find a good second vehicle for months with no success. And this kid thinks nothing of buying a thirty-year-old car for a few hundred dollars and driving it cross-country. What's more, he'd probably have no problem making it all the way to New Jersey, if only it weren't for the homicidal long-hauler he encounters.

You see, Lewis is a nice guy. So on his way to Colorado he stops in Salt Lake City to bail out his reprobate older brother, Fuller (Steve Zahn), an inveterate troublemaker. Having a CB radio installed at the first stop, it's only a matter of hours before the black sheep sibling makes the aforementioned trucker the brunt of a rather embarrassing practical joke. And so we come to learn that apparently Hell doth have a fury greater than a woman scorned: It's this lunatic truck driver, who then proceeds to inflict his devastating reign of terror on the young travelers. Too bad the car isn't warranted against such a possibility.

Since we only hear the trucker's haunting drawl over the CB and don't see his face, at least not in the early stages of his rampage (and then maybe never), much of what follows is a sixteen-wheeled version of "Christine" (1983), which really was in essence a 4-wheeled variation on the Headless Horseman. But it all boils down to the same thing: a faceless, omnipresent menace who hideously anticipates the hapless victim's every move.

You know the drill. The fits and spates of terrorization are the same for all pursuing monsters, with only minor variation in the case of deranged machines. Here's how it goes: After the well-scrubbed kids dodge the ini-

tial wrath of the angry tractor-trailer, all is quiet for a moment. They think they've escaped. "Whew, that was close." And then suddenly comes the maniacal exhaust clatter of the Freightliner diesel. And then the glare of its headlights. It has found them again and is going to crush them under its giant wheels...unless they can escape. Maybe they do, maybe they don't.

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two or three times and you've got the fixins' for most horror movies. "Joy Ride" is no exception. But it's all done in good fun. And I look forward to seeing it in a time and place when this sort of film once again proves frightening.



"Joy Ride," rated R, is a 20th Century Fox release directed by John Dahl and stars Steve Zahn, Paul Walker and Leelee Sobieski. Running time: 96 minutes

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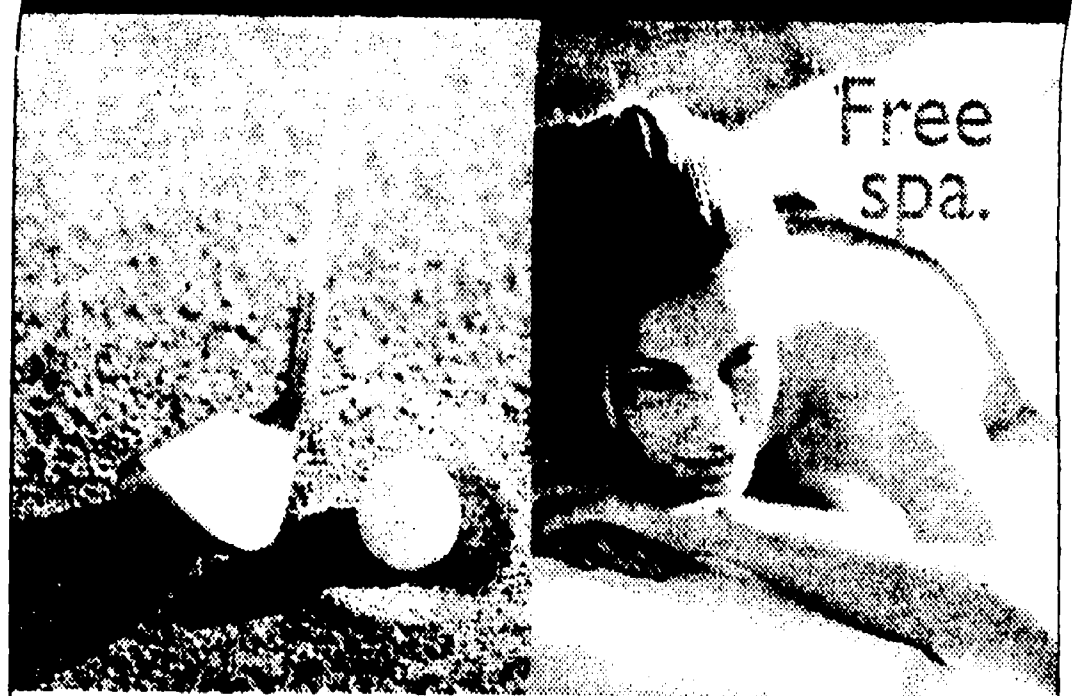
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Over 40 vendors are expected to offer a variety of accessories, Judaica, clothing, toys, Chanukah decorations and gifts. Besides the traditional "shopping mall," the Y will open the Jewish Book Fair, with entertainment, ceramic arts and crafts, a latte work-

shop and lots of refreshments. The program usually attracts several hundred people of all ages.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

The Future Looks Brighter For Women With Cancer

by Evelyn Dries,
American Cancer Society Vice
President of Prevention and
Detection

AREA — Few words in life are more devastating than "You have cancer." For poor and medically underserved women in our state, the ordeal of a cancer diagnosis is further complicated by lack of insurance coverage. Such women are left to wonder how they will cope with the financial burden. Sadly, many simply opt to go without proper medical care at all.

Stories of poor and uninsured women who find quality medical care to be inaccessible when they need it most have been all too common in past years. While the recommended course of diagnosis and treatment for any woman who suspects cancer is the same, the road to getting the care needed is drastically different for a woman who can rely on private insurance or an HMO and an

uninsured woman.

Both insured and uninsured women will need to get a clinical breast exam and mammogram as soon after detecting a lump as possible. While a privately-insured woman will simply make a phone call to her regular doctor to get an appointment, an uninsured woman must first find a center or program that will provide a mammogram free of charge or at a cost she can afford. If a health care practitioner finds a lump, further steps need to be taken to determine whether or not a malignancy exists and the proper course of treatment. The experience is undeniably traumatic for both, but can leave an uninsured woman wondering if she'll live or die solely based on her financial status.

The state of New Jersey made great strides in addressing the unequal access to screening measures for breast and cervical cancers when legislation was

passed in January, 2000 requiring that mammograms and Pap tests be available to all women at little or no cost. The NJ Cancer Education Early Detection program stepped in to provide screenings when a woman's private insurance or HMO does not cover them.

If a woman received a cancer diagnosis after these screenings, however, no assistance was available for treatment. Essentially, we were able to help women detect cancer at an early stage, but could not ensure that they could afford the treatment they would need. Since early detection and treatment are key to survival, the time an uninsured woman could spend finding treatment is precious.

The gap in coverage was recently closed when the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act was signed into law, ensuring that none of the more than 7,100 NJ women who will need treat-

ment for breast or cervical cancer this year will go without adequate medical care. We can prevent nearly all deaths from cervical cancer and more than 30% of breast cancer deaths when we make both early detection screening tests and proper treatment accessible to women.

Passage of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act is a major victory for the women of New Jersey, but the fight is far from over. With an estimated

206,600 cases of breast and cervical cancer expected in 2001, it is imperative that we continue to spread the message about the importance of prevention and early detection.

The American Cancer Society has 19 community-based offices in the State of New Jersey. For more information about available support services and advocacy efforts to detect and treat breast and cervical cancer, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

September 11th Will Not Be Forgotten

AREA — The staff and Board of NCADD, along with every other American and most of the world, were shocked and devastated by the vicious attack on our country. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the victims of this evil act of terrorism. Support efforts since Sept. 11th have demonstrated the strength and resiliency of Americans. We urge you to join NCADD staff in making a contribution, whether in the form of a dona-

tion or by volunteering your time. The website <http://www.libertyunites.org> provides an extensive list of organizations who are collecting money and other items, and organizing volunteer efforts.

Coping with crisis often triggers relapse for those in recovery and can escalate or initiate problem use of alcohol and other drugs in others. Help is available. Please call NCADD for information or referral if we can be of help.

Flu Clinics Posted On Web

STATE — The Department of Health and Senior Services, in conjunction with local health departments throughout the state, has posted a listing of flu immunization clinic dates, times and locations on its website at www.state.nj.us/health/flu.

Seniors, persons with diabetes and other high-risk state residents interested in getting an annual flu shot or a once-a-lifetime pneumococcal vaccination can visit the site from their home computer or a computer available to the public in most libraries. The website database is updated on a regular basis and is searchable by county and by town.

"Flu and pneumonia are

relentless killers of older adults, persons with diabetes and other chronic conditions, together claiming the lives of nearly 2,000 NJ residents each year," said acting Health and Senior Services Commissioner George T. DiFerdinando, Jr., M.D. "This website will help ensure that more state residents know where to get these highly effective vaccinations."

One thing visitors to the website will notice is that clinics are scheduled later in the season than in past years. Flu vaccines are traditionally given in early to mid-autumn, but manufacturing problems last season resulted in many adult immunization clinics being cancelled and private

medical practices having difficulty obtaining vaccine for their patients.

To ensure that last year's problems do not resurface, the department, the Medical Society of New Jersey and the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey, Inc. (PRONJ), in concurrence with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that adult immunization clinics not be scheduled before late-October or early-November and that they run at least through the end of December. Most local health departments, visiting nurse organizations and other clinic sponsors have followed that recommendation.

Flu/Pneu Hotline For Medicare Beneficiaries

AREA — With flu season approaching, it is important for people with Medicare to call their doctor or healthcare provider today to make an appointment for the flu or pneu shot. If your physician or healthcare provider is not offering the shots there are other resources available to you; call the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey's (PRONJ) toll-free Health Hotline, 1-866-2MY HEALTH (1-866-269-4325) to locate sites offering influenza (flu) and pneumococcal (pneu) vaccinations to people with Medicare.

PRONJ's toll-free hotline, 1-866-269-4325, is an automated

system that lists the dates, times and locations of community clinics for flu and pneu shots. To access the service, you use your telephone keypad to spell the name of the county from where you are calling. The system will provide up-to-date information on where to go for a flu or pneu shot in your county.

The flu and pneu shots can prevent serious illness and help keep you healthy. The flu and pneu shots are safe, cost you nothing if you have original Medicare and — best of all — they could save your life. Call 1-866-269-4325 now to find out the location nearest you to get your flu or pneu shot.



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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

The Penny Finds A Following

AREA — Will the penny survive? Recently, there has been significant debate over whether to keep the penny as part of U.S. Currency or to discontinue production of the penny. The fourth annual *Coinstar National Currency Poll — A Periodic Look at Americans and Their Money* finds most people are not ready to say goodbye to the penny.

Surprisingly, the survey found that the penny has quite a loyal following, with 65% of people responding to the poll saying that Congress should keep the penny in circulation. Women are the dominant supporters of the penny, with nearly three in four women (74%) in favor of keeping it compared with more than half of men (56%).

Though most are in favor of keeping the penny, 32% staunchly believe it should be discontinued. When asked if they would like to see the coin eliminated even if it cost consumers more money as a result of retailers rounding up prices, an overwhelming 81% of these penny protesters still say it should go. Men are less frugal than women when it comes to discontinuing production of the penny, as 89% of men compared with 69% of women would discontinue the penny even if the cost to consumers would increase. This cost does not seem

to be an issue for Americans age 35-44, as they are the largest group saying they would prefer to discontinue the coin compared with those 65 and older who, when faced with the cost increase, would rather keep the coin.

If Congress did decide to get rid of the penny, 42% of respondents believe the penny would become more valuable, with a majority of Americans (79%) considering it a collectible. A greater number of Americans, age 18-34, would find more value in the penny if the U.S. Mint discontinued the coin as compared with those 65 and over.

Hoarding Coins Can Really Add Up

Three out of four Americans accumulate change (77%), citing that the coins are too cumbersome to carry around (12%) or that they receive so much change in daily transactions the coins just add up faster than they can deal with them (24%). Younger Americans are accumulating more change than any other age group (83%), most of which are saving up for a special purchase.

While one in four Americans (26%) will do absolutely nothing with their coins, allowing them to sit idle in their jars or piggy banks, 38% of respon-

dents have discovered the value of their loose change and will be cashing it in to use for special purchases or spending their coins in daily transactions.

More than half of respondents (53%) think that it is easier today than a few years ago to get rid of loose change, but cite the lack of time to sort, wrap and roll their change (47%) and banks not accepting coins (16%) as major obstacles to cashing-in their coins. Although all the regions cited time (to sort wrap and roll their coins) as their greatest impediment to cashing in their coins, respondents in the West seem to be the most time pressed.

Coins Are Not Just For Making Purchases

Throughout history, coins have been helpful in assisting Americans to obtain items that they desire. Today, however, Americans have found creative uses for their loose change including scratching off a lottery ticket (73%), in a magic trick (29%), as jewelry (11%) and to even out a table leg (7%). In addition, a majority of men (65%) have discovered that coins can be a great makeshift tool or screwdriver. More than any other age group, respondents 18-34 find it practical to use a coin when scratching off lottery tickets.

A Penny Saved?

Americans are taking an active interest in what their money can do for them and are

passing that information on to their children by teaching them the value of a dollar and how to save for their future. Sixty-three percent (63%) of Americans have talked with their children about the importance of saving money. Interestingly only 40% of Americans give their child an allowance, while 66% report their children have a savings account and 74% have a piggy bank or other container to hold their change. More than any other region, respondents in the Midwest report their children having savings accounts, while more children in the Northeast have piggy banks or jars to store their coins. This is surprising considering the largest number of respondents in the Western region said they give their child an allowance.

Inflation appears to have increased the amount of money parents give to their children

with 35% of Americans giving their children an allowance of \$10 or more per week today, compared to the average \$1-\$5 allowance received by 32% of adults when they were young. Americans in the South are giving their children the highest amount of allowance, while the children of Northeastern respondents receive the lowest amount.

About the Poll

The Coinstar National Currency Poll was developed in 1998 to enhance our understanding of coin and currency habits in America. The results, compiled from telephone research among more than 1,000 randomly selected American adults, were conducted by an independent market research firm. It has a margin of error of +/-3.1%. Copies of previous surveys are available on the Web at www.coinstar.com/news/pressrel.html or by contacting Coinstar at 425-943-8253

How To Avoid Losing Your Shirt In The Stock Market

by Dr. Karen Easle,
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AREA — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is offering a strategy class in stock market investing on Thur., Nov. 8, 2001 from 7-9 p.m. It will be held at the County Administration Building 1st floor auditorium, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield. Dr. Erica Fried, MBA will conduct the seminar.

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"Clearing Your Record" Manual Now Available

AREA — Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) has announced the publication of the 2001 edition of "Clearing Your Record: A 6-step guide to expunging criminal records in New Jersey." The 88-page booklet provides basic information about how to clear, or "expunge," a record of arrest or conviction. It includes the necessary forms and model letters, suitable for copying and use; the names, addresses and phone numbers of appropriate county and state offices; and the text of the New Jersey Expungement Statute. The handbook is available free of charge to Legal Services clients and other people with low incomes, who may obtain it from LSNJ or one of the fourteen local Legal Services programs in the state. Others may get copies from LSNJ for \$15.00 each, including postage and handling. An on-

line version of the handbook, which does not include the forms and instructions in the printed version, may be viewed on LSNJ's web site, www.lsnj.org.

The new booklet is an updated version of one published in 1998 as part of LSNJ's community legal education program, which publishes a newsletter, "Looking Out for Your Legal Rights," and a series of legal rights handbooks.

Legal Services programs provide essential legal aid and access to the judicial system to resolve disputes — to people who cannot afford legal counsel for their civil legal problems. Through a network of fourteen local Legal Services programs and LSNJ, the statewide coordinating office, the Legal Services system represents more than 40,000 New Jerseyans every

year, and provides legal information and referral to tens of thousands more.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of "Clearing Your Record" should write to LSNJ at 100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 402, Edison, New Jersey 08818-1357, or call 732-572-9100. An order form for the publication is also available on the LSNJ web site, www.lsnj.org.

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EDITORIAL



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

"If only..." These two words begin the sentences spoken by people who have just experienced an accident or a tragedy they feel they may have been able to avoid. "If only I had stepped on the brakes sooner" or "If only I would've checked to see if the iron was unplugged before I left the house." Many

women find themselves saying the same thing after they've been given the awful news that they have breast cancer. "If only I would have gone for a mammogram or performed a monthly self-exam, I would have caught this sooner."

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is dedicated to the memory of all the women who have lost the battle with breast cancer. This month is dedicated to the women who are currently battling breast cancer and all the women who

have survived it. And this month is dedicated to the education of all women who think that they will never have to battle breast cancer.

Breast cancer occurs when abnormal cells in breast tissue begin to grow uncontrollably, like the way the dandelions in the yard grow no matter how many times you pull them out. There are many types of lumps a woman can find. Some lumps are not life threatening at all. But it is so very important that a woman gets the lump checked out by a doctor, because it is impossible to tell

whether a lump is a cyst or whether it is something more serious.

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women and is the second leading cause of cancer death among women. In 2001, almost 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and nearly one quarter of those women will die from it. It is important to realize that breast cancer does not have to be fatal. If it is detected early, women have great chances of surviving.

There are many myths associated with breast cancer. Many women believe that if the disease does not run in the family, she will not get it either. This is false. In fact, 80% of women who have breast cancer have no family history of it. Many people believe that only women can have breast cancer. In fact, men are very capable of having breast cancer, although the instances are rare. Increasing in age does not decrease your chances of having breast cancer. In fact, older women are more likely to develop cancer.

A big myth that should be dispelled is that breast cancer is preventable. In fact, it is not. Numerous research findings say that women who drink decaffeinated coffee and women who do not handle pesticides or chemicals decrease their risk of developing breast cancer. Other research findings say that women who do not have a history of breast cancer in their family are

less likely to develop cancer. It may be possible to decrease the chances of developing breast cancer, but a woman cannot prevent cancer from striking.

But she can survive it. There are many women who have battled breast cancer and have won. Having breast cancer does not necessarily mean that she has been handed a death sentence. With the right treatment and early detection, breast cancer is survivable. But every woman needs to do her part. Women aged 40 and older should have a mammogram screening every year. Women under 40 should have a clinical breast examination done by a health care professional every 3 years. All women, regardless of age, should perform a self-exam every month. By doing a self-exam every month, women are able to detect changes and abnormalities more readily. If any changes occur, they need to be checked and verified by a doctor. It is possible that these changes are normal and not a cause for alarm.

During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, do your part to help "Make Strides Against Breast Cancer." Make a commitment to go for a mammogram screening and convince a friend to get one too. Don't wait until it's too late. Don't wait until you are made to say, "If only..." To find out more about breast cancer and its prevention, please contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or on the web at www.cancer.org.

Readers Commentary



What A Hand

Dear Editor,

In a game of five-card draw poker, the best hand you can get is a "Royal Flush." This hand is a so called "no brainer" because all you have to do is make your bet, sit back and relax, because you're a guaranteed winner!

That's exactly what is going to happen in the upcoming election for the Governorship of New Jersey this November. Never has there been a more clear choice for Governor of this great state. This "Royal Flush"

will be dealt to James E. McGreevey, the Democratic candidate.

His opponent, Bret Schundler, Republican candidate, is so far out of the main stream, so out to touch with our residents, it's almost scary. Some of his ideas and proposals are completely out in the left field.

For instance, I'll just name one. He wants to eliminate the tolls on the Parkway. Now that sounds great, but just who is

going to pay to maintain these roads? I certainly don't think the Parkway employees are going to donate their time, do you?

We're so fortunate to have a man like Jim McGreevey on our side. I truly believe he'll be one of the finest Governors this state has ever had.

This Election Day, this poker game won't be a gamble at all. It's a Royal Flush for Jim McGreevey.

Jerry Noonan
Carteret

New Jersey Mails Their Love

Dear Editor,

As our nation works to get back to normal, we in New Jersey are faced with a very different reality. Many among us walk in agony. Our sister state remains a smoldering rubble. As we share with New York sports teams, the Statue of Liberty and millions of people, so we share New York's pain. Many of us cannot move on, and will not move on, until all of our neighbors here, and across the river, are able to move on with us.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Freehold Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 4374, for enabling us to mail the letters of love and support that I've needed to send our 6000 families who lost loved ones in the attack on the United States on Sept. 11.

Our veterans are working to

comfort and console these devastated families by allowing all of us who wept with grief for days to finally express our unity, love and compassion to them directly. It is a small gesture of a great love for those that have been so cataclysmically harmed, but it is a gesture that will endure. Children can read these letters years from now, and know they are greatly loved. Parents will know we pray with them daily. A spouse alone in the night will not be so alone.

I believe these vets are not only helping the victim's families, but all of us who continue to feel their pain so intensely. I still can't eat, sleep or watch sitcoms, but it is only since I've written my letter that I am able to really laugh with my children again.

Children are also encouraged

to write or draw a message of love. The address is: Caring Enough To Make A Difference, c/o VFW Post 4374, P.O. Box 484, Freehold, N.J. 07728.

Please do not send money. Cards will be screened and forwarded to the family center. Envelopes may be marked A (adult) or C (child).

The motto of the New Jersey State VFW is "Caring Enough To Make A Difference." In this moment of crisis and darkness across our great land, our local veterans again serve our country and indeed, do the work required to make a difference. I commend them for having the strength of character and dignity to carry our sorrow, love and prayers to these, our families.

Jane F. Gavaghan
Freehold

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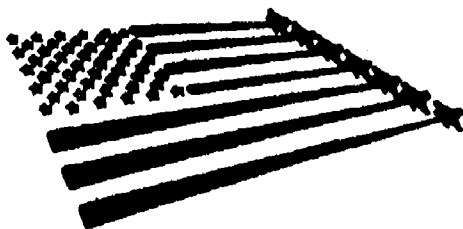
Meet The Depressed

In Ventura County, CA, Superior Court Judge Melinda Johnson has ordered James and Bertha Culp to support their 50-year-old son, David. Indefinitely.

David, you see, suffers from depression and bipolar disorder. A Stanford University graduate, David practiced law for almost 20 years. But according to court records, in the late 1980's he became "verbally abusive" toward judges and attorneys in court. Eventually, reports Scripps Howard News Service, a therapist advised him to quit his law practice. So he did. Voila, no more income.

After his wife and children bolted (go figure), out-of-work lawyer David sued his parents. Judge Johnson ruled they must pay David \$3,500 a month for living expenses, since he was "incapable of supporting himself." Johnson based her decision on a state law which reads in part: "the father and mother have an equal responsibility to maintain, to the extent of their ability, a child of whatever age who is incapacitated from earning a living and without sufficient means." Jeff Jennings, David's attorney, admits that "every parent I talk to get shivers when they hear about (this ruling)." Suggestion to the Culp: claim depression and sue your son's attorney. See how this works?

YOUR LOCAL NEWS



Military Briefs...

Andras Completes Basic Military Training

CARTERET—Marine Corps Pvt. Rebecca L. Andras, daughter of Debbie A. and Frank Andras of Carteret, recently completed basic military training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Andras successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Andras spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning, first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Andras and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Andras is a 2000 graduate of Carteret High School.

Students Set To Make A Difference

SAYREVILLE—The children of the Emma L. Arleth Elementary School are planning on visiting the residents of the Carriage House Manor nursing home on Sat., Oct. 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. as part of "Make a Difference Day." Make a Difference Day is a national day of volunteering established by the Points of Light Foundation and USA Weekend Magazine. Last year, the students of the Arleth School created packages for pediatric patients at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

The visit to the nursing home on Ernston Road in the Parlin section of Sayreville will include the singing of songs and the presentation of candy and gifts. The students are being encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes during the visit.

The project was organized by Debbie Wisniewski and Lori Mulligan, members of the Arleth School PTA.

Debbie Wisniewski said: "The student's enthusiastic support for the school's Make a Difference Day project has been heartwarming and they should be commended for their generosity. We are looking forward to continuing the Arleth tradition of "Making a Difference"

in our community by visiting with some of our elderly citizens and providing some companionship and good cheer."

Dolores Grudziecka, principal of the Arleth School said: "It is always a rewarding experience to see children enthusiastic about helping someone perhaps less fortunate than themselves. The children and their parents are to be congratulated for their involvement in this worthwhile project."

Halloween Tricky Tray Slated

SAYREVILLE—Children's Halloween Tricky Tray, sponsored by St. Stan's Athletic Association, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Stan's School Gym, 221 MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville.

Admission is \$2. Tickets sold at the door only. Prizes will be awarded for costumes. Costume parade at 1:30 p.m. Drawings begin at 2 p.m. The kitchen will be open.

A "Living Room" Retreat

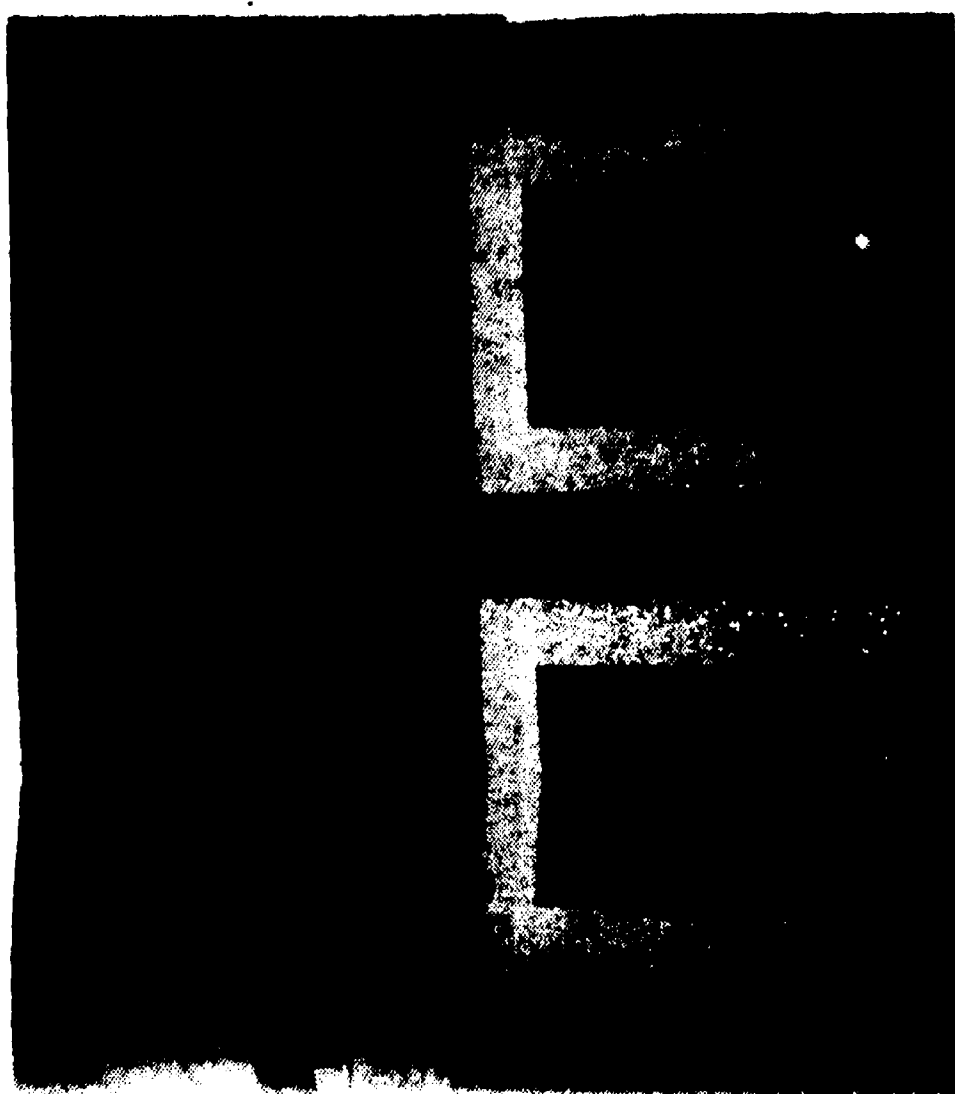
PERTH AMBOY—Based on the teachings of St. Ignatius Loyola, this twelve week program promises a deeper understanding of the scriptures through group spiritual direction and at-home spiritual exercises.

The group will meet every Tuesday (except holidays) through Jan. 15. Donation is \$90.

Sr. Susan McGrath, SMG will direct this retreat from 7:30-9 p.m. Call Emmaus House at (732) 442-7688 for reservations.

Kids Capture The Essence Of Beauty

EDISON—Zach of Edison, a special needs student at the Children's Institute in Verona and a participant in the S.E.E. (Special Eyes on the Environment)-2001 Program, proudly presents his photo display at Schering-Plough Corporation in Kenilworth. S.E.E. was funded by a \$5,000 grant from Schering-Plough Foundation and a grant from the Ruth Bass Foundation. Zach's work is part of an exhibition that contains 60 black-and-white environmental photographs taken by students at the Children's Institute. The general public can view the students' work at Schering-Plough from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. throughout October.



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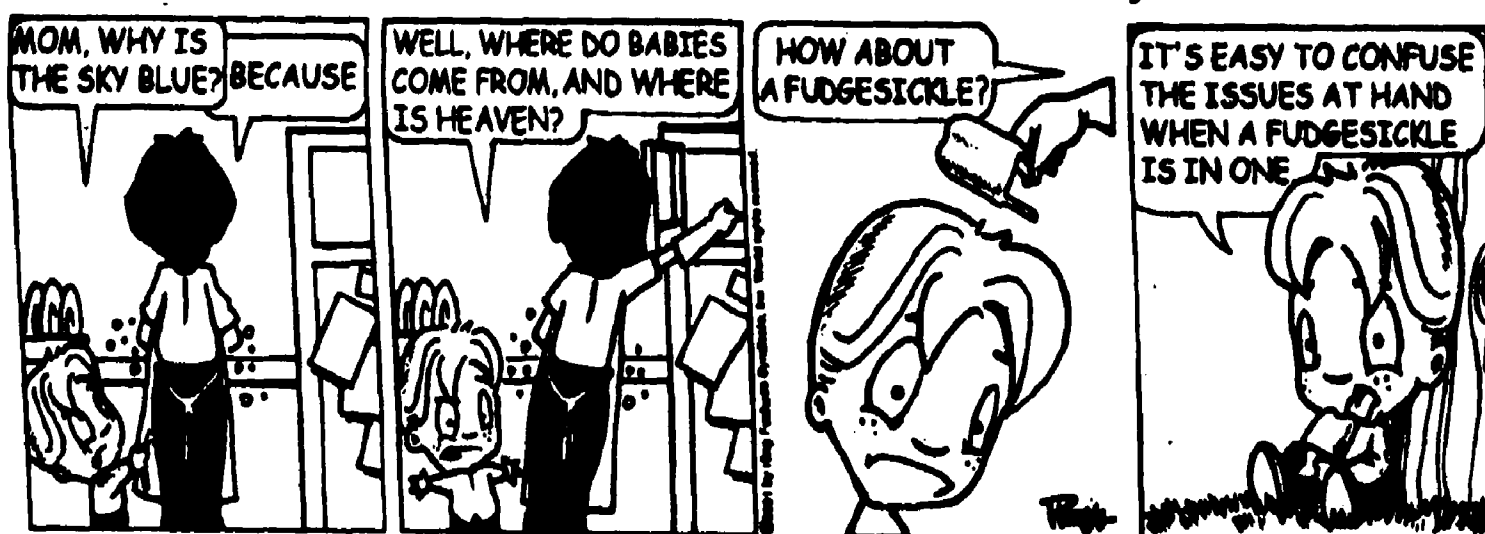
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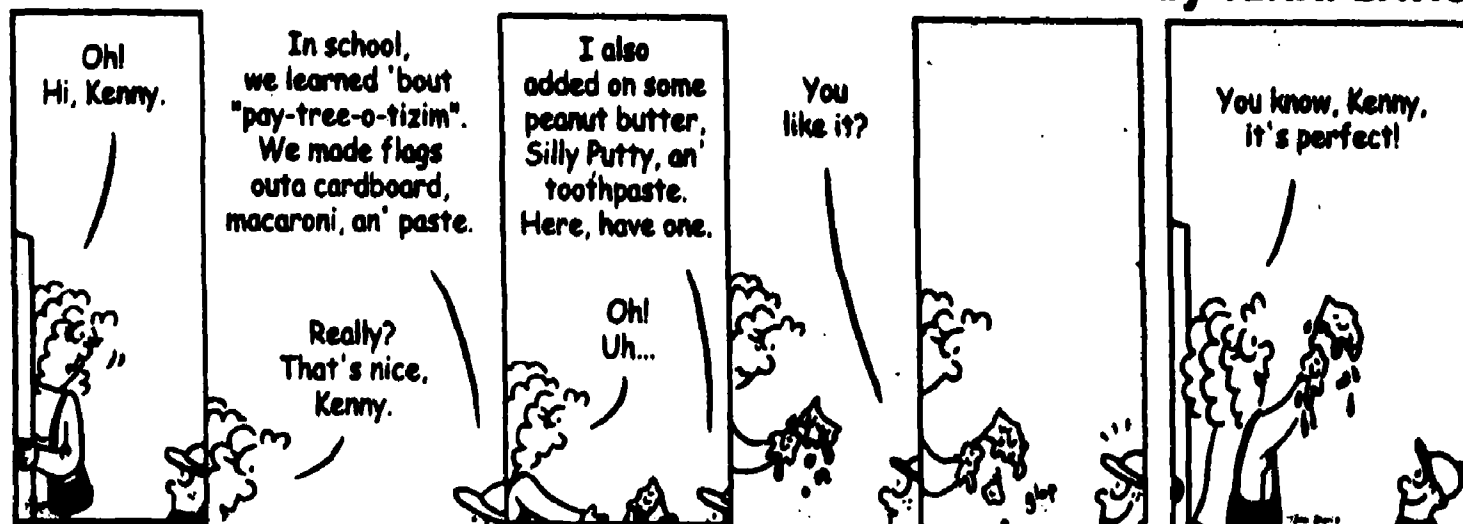
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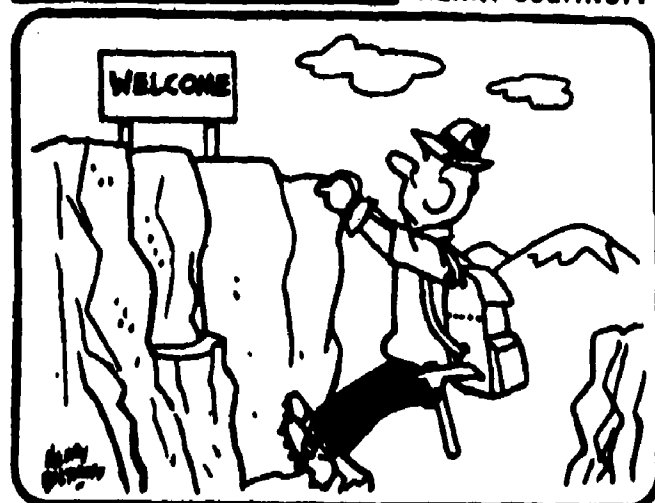
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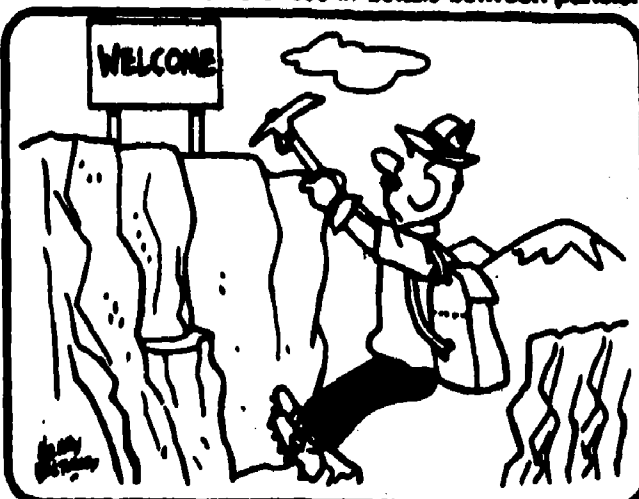
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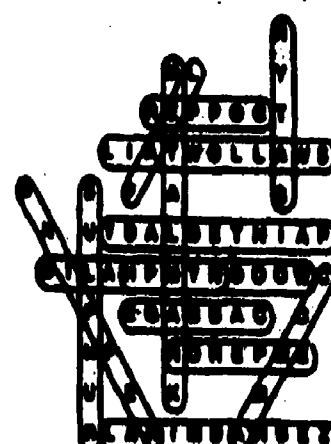
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man, for friendship. I'm Catholic and a non-smoker/non-drinker. If you're what I'm looking for then lets talk. ID# 1017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marriage-minded WWM 50- 6' 190 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, sensitive, humorous, down to earth, no children, financially secure. Looking for same 45-55 yrs old, kids ok, smoker ok. Middlesex County area. Lets live life. ID# 1009

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

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

26 yr old - Hispanic male looking for someone in her 20's, who likes to have fun and enjoys romance. I

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

like dancing, romantic walks, sports and motorcycle riding. So if you are someone who likes these things and is looking for a companion, please respond. ID# 1006

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

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Obituaries

Sophie M. Hoyda of Fords

Mrs. Sophie M. (nee Maskowitz) Hoyda of Fords died October 4 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 84.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Fords for 51 years.

Mrs. Hoyda was a communicant of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption, Perth Amboy. She was a member of St. Ann's Society, the church Senior Citizens, Pyrohy Group and League of Ukrainian Catholics of New Jersey.

She was a Middlesex County poll clerk for many years. She worked for International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Perth Amboy for 20 years, retiring in 1980.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1971. A brother, Michael Maskowitz and three sisters, Katherine Helmski, Esther Potskanik and Stephana Smink, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Hoyda of Fords; a daughter, Jo Ann Camp of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren, Roger S. Hoyda, Kevin W. Hoyda, Deanna Camp and Dayna Camp; and a great-grandson, Matthew Hoyda.

John P. Chmiel, 90 of Edison

Mr. John P. Chmiel of Edison died September 10 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 90.

Born in Newark, he resided in Hillside for 65 years before moving to Edison eight years ago.

He was machinist for Kaye & McDonald, an engineering company in East Orange, for 30 years before retiring in 1975.

He also worked part-time at the Union Drive-In Movie Theater for 25 years.

His wife, Stella (Pakulski) Chmiel, died in 1965.

Surviving are a son, Walter of Milford; a daughter, Frances of Edison; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Frank P. Janer, Jr. of Woodbridge

Mr. Frank P. Janer, Jr. of Delran (formerly of Woodbridge) died September 15 at home. He was 74.

Born on Staten Island, N.Y., he lived in Woodbridge before moving to Delran.

Mrs. Janer served in the Army during World War II.

He worked for Liquid Carbonics in Bethlehem, Pa.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus Don Bosco Council 5809, Port Reading, a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Woodbridge Assembly and was a past district deputy of the Knights of Columbus and a member of its Color Corps.

Mr. Janer was a former member of St. Anthony's Board of Education in Port Reading, a former CYO basketball coach and a member of the Holy Name Church Council in Delran.

Surviving are his wife, Mary M. (Sucheski); a son, Frank P. Janer III of Delran; a daughter, Carol Janer-Hasselman of Clarksboro; and a grandson, Kyle Hasselman.

Bernice Rice, 75 of Edison

Mrs. Bernice Rice of Edison died September 8 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 75.

Born in New Brunswick, she lived in Plainfield, Newark and North Brunswick before moving to Edison.

She was previously employed as a dining hall worker for Rutgers University in New Brunswick for 20 years.

Two sisters, Ella Crisp and Delores Gibson and a brother, Warren Rushing, are all deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Katherine Berry of New Brunswick; a goddaughter, Blondie Davis Edmond of Somerset; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Truman Jewell, 84 of Woodbridge

Mr. Truman W. Jewell of Woodbridge died September 18 at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. He was 84.

Born in Long Island City, N.Y., he lived in Woodbridge for the past 57 years.

He was a truck driver for 35 years at the Perth Amboy Dry Dock, retiring in 1979.

He was a member of the International Association of Machinists Chapter 367-North West in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Jewell was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy.

He previously served in the Army infantry.

His wife, Helen (Boka) Jewell and a sister, Marjorie Bosko; and three brothers, Milton, William and Ellsworth Jewell, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, Howard of Woodbridge; a brother, Thomas of Keyport; a sister, Grace King of Williamsport, Pa.; and a granddaughter, Krystle.

Alex S. Kennedy, Sr. of Edison

Mr. Alex S. Kennedy Sr. of Edison died September 6 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 50.

He was a lifelong resident of Edison.

He worked for J.B. Hunt in East Brunswick. Earlier, he was a truck driver for 17 years at Paul's Trucking, Carteret.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; a son, Alex Jr.; a daughter, Audrey; his parents, Alexander and Audrey Kennedy; three brothers, William, Mark and Gary; and a grandchild.

James R. Lemmons of Edison

Mr. James R. Lemmons of Edison died September 10 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 73.

Born in Newark, he resided in Edison for the past 42 years.

He was previously employed as a manager with Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company for 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth (O'Neill) Lemmons; a son, James R. Lemmons; a daughter, Maria A. Knaup; and four grandchildren, Kaitlin, Cassandra, Connor and Garrett.

Mary Buchan, 84 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Mary (Yackulich) Buchan of Woodbridge died September 17 at home. She was 84.

Born in Edison, she lived in Perth Amboy for 25 years before moving to Woodbridge in 1942.

Mrs. Buchan was a parishioner of St. Cecelia's R.C. Church, Woodbridge.

Her husband, Charles, died in 1989.

Surviving are a brother, John Yackulich of Woodbridge; seven sisters, Irene Yackulich of Woodbridge, with whom she lived, Anna Szarkowski of Perth Amboy, Betty Lotz of Matawan, Bertha Smoyak of Fords, Julia Buglovsky of Sherburne, N.Y., Alice Pfarr of Laurence Harbor and Vernoica Buglovsky of Denver, Colo.; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Martha Roscoe, 98 of Edison

Mrs. Martha Roscoe of Edison died September 10 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. She was 98.

Born in Germany, she came to Newark in 1905 and lived in Mountainside before moving to Edison 17 years ago.

She was a telephone operator for N.J. Bell Telephone Co., for 10 years in Newark until her retirement in 1948.

She was a member of the Mountainside Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marlene Schmidt; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Gustavo A. Diaz, 83 of Metuchen

Mr. Gustavo A. Diaz of Fort Myers, Fla. (formerly of Metuchen) died September 9 at home. He was 83.

Born in the Dominican Republic, he came to the United States in 1936 and resided in Metuchen for most of his life. He moved to Fort Myers, Fla. in 1987.

He was a buyer-exporter, and owned and operated Regal Exports, New York City, before retiring in 1986.

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

Surviving are his wife, Lourdes (Espaillet) Diaz; two sons, Gustavo of Oxford and Edward of Fort Myers; two daughters, Lourdes Biebelberg of Metuchen and Blanche Lambert of Beachwood; and seven grandchildren.

Alice M. Smith, 83 of Avenel

Mrs. Alice M. Smith of Rowland, Pa., (formerly of Avenel) died October 12 at Cozy Corner Assisted Living, Honesdale, Pa. She was 83.

Born on Grey Island, Newfoundland, Canada, she resided in Avenel for the past 50 years before moving to Rowland last year.

Her husband, William Smith, died last year.

Surviving is a daughter, Geraldine Greck of Rowland.

Anna Heenan, 91 of Metuchen

Mrs. Anna (Kriss) Heenan of Metuchen died September 11 at home. She was 91.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there and in Keasbey before moving to Metuchen in 1954.

She was a seamstress at Roosevelt Hospital, Edison, for 11 years before retiring in 1975. Previously, she worked as a seamstress with Franklin Simon in Menlo Park for four years.

Mrs. Heenan was a communicant of St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen, where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society, the Catholic Daughters of America, the church's Senior Citizens Group and volunteered for many years laundering the Altar linens of the church.

She was also a volunteer at Roosevelt Hospital, Edison.

She was a member of the Women's International Bowling Congress and the Central Jersey Bowling Association. She bowled with the Metuchen Golf & Country Club League and was elected to the Women's Bowling Hall of Fame in 1980.

Mrs. Heenan was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117, Edison. She was a former swimming instructor for the Perth Amboy YMCA and a member of the Metuchen Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Francis T. "Peaches" Heenan, died in 2000. Two brothers, Joseph and John Kriss and a sister, Helen Borkowski, are all deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Heenan-Garbe of Glendale, Ariz. and Patricia Acquisto of Woodbridge; a son, Francis T. Heenan Jr. of Perth Amboy; three grandchildren, Andrea Cziko, Lisa Fenton and Shannon Acquisto; a brother, Andrew Kriss; two great-grandsons, Ryan and Jared Cziko.

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**Charles Kopcho, Jr.
of Carteret**

Mr. Charles Kopcho Jr. of Carteret died October 4 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 45.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Carteret.

Mr. Kopcho was a communicant of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy.

He was a master mason and carpenter for Sherman and Zalenko of Woodbridge for 15 years.

His mother, Joan Kopcho, died in 1997.

Surviving are his father, Charles Kopcho of Bayville; a son, Charles Nibbs Kopcho of Bricktown; a daughter, Brooke Ellen Kopcho of Manasquan; three brothers, Richard Kopcho and Brian Patrick Kinsey, both of Colorado and Thomas of Arizona; four sisters, Diane Conti of Texas, Debra Jean Kopcho and Margaret Mary Martin, both of Avenel and Dawn Vozar of Colorado; 17 nephews and nieces; and two great-nephews.

**Samuel Brown, 69
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Samuel Brown of Perth Amboy died September 8 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 69.

Born in Perote, Ala., he was a resident of Perth Amboy for the past 47 years.

He was employed by U.S. Metals for 20 years and had also been employed by the City of Perth Amboy for 10 years before retiring.

Surviving are his wife, Wyvonne Brown of Perth Amboy; two sons, Randolph Crudup of Rochester, N.Y. and Gregory Edwards of Union Springs, Ala.; two daughters, June P. Brown of Union Springs and Debra Darby of Troy, Ala.; three brothers, Clinton Ousley of Perth Amboy, George Tarver of Montgomery, Ala. and Charles Ousley of Piscataway; four sisters, Eria Ephriam of Birmingham, Ala., Ruth Ousley of Perote, Ala., Elma Lampley of Perote, Ala. and Annie Lee Haines of Chicago; an aunt, Cora Lee Stanley of Perote, Ala.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

**Matthew DeFilippis
of Carteret**

Mr. Matthew DeFilippis of Carteret died October 9 at CentraState Medical Center, Freehold Township. He was 68.

Born in Bayonne, he resided in Carteret for 35 years before moving to Perrineville eight years ago.

He was employed by Western Electric for 25 years and then with Halls Motor Transit for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

He previously served in the Army.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Mary D'Amore DeFilippis; a son, Matthew DeFilippis of Somerset; a daughter, Michelle Blash of Perrineville; two brothers, James and Anthony of Bayonne; four sisters, Mary Matuck and Millie Colterelli of Bayonne, Louise O'Gorman of Allenhurst and Theresa Winning of Rahway; and three grandchildren, Michael, David and Matthew.

**George Magyarics
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. George J. Magyarics of Perth Amboy died September 17 at Raritan Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 72.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived there for most of his life.

He was employed as a civil servant for Raritan Arsenal in Edison, the Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, Pennsylvania and Fort Monmouth for many years before his retirement in 1981.

While working for Letterkenny, he was placed on special assignment in Cambodia and Iran for six months.

Mr. Magyarics was a communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church, Perth Amboy. He was a member of the choir and active in many church activities such as bingo and kolbasz sales.

He was also a member of the Holy Name Society and Fellowship Club of the church.

Surviving are three sisters, Rose Magyarics of Perth Amboy, Ann Lucas of Renondo Beach, Calif. and Helen Bednarz of Perth Amboy; two nephews, one niece; two great-nephews and a great-niece.

**Nellie M. Condit, 78
of Carteret**

Mrs. Nellie M. (Kroll) Condit of Carteret died October 4 at home. She was 78.

Born in Pittston, Pa., she lived in Carteret for 44 years.

She was a machine operator for 12 years at G&L Tool Company, Carteret before retiring in 1985. Prior to that, she worked at Metro Glass, Carteret.

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

Her husband, Charles Condit, died in 1987.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Pascal of Carteret and Cathy Craig of California; two sisters, Anne Jennings and Helen Kovalski; a brother, Stanley Kroll; three grandchildren, Terri, Tracy and Michael; and two great-grandchildren, Michael and Joey.

**Rev. R. Helfrich, 54
of Sayreville**

Rev. Robert Helfrich of Sayreville died October 11 in the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. He was 54.

Born in Baltimore, he lived in Vandergrift, Pa., for 11 years before moving to Sayreville 12 years ago.

He was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville before retiring in July.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara of 29 years; a son, Keston; his parents, John V. K. Helfrich Jr. and Mrs. Edith Knowles and a sister, Mrs. Valerie Benedik.

**M. Prusinowski, 38
of Sayreville**

Mrs. Margaret Dekanski Prusinowski of Hillsborough (formerly of Sayreville) died October 11 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 38.

Born in Poland, she moved to Sayreville and lived there for 26 years. She then moved to Hillsborough six years ago.

She worked for Federal Express, Somerset, for 13 years as a customer-service agent.

Her mother, Stefania Ciesielska Dekanski, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 13 years, Andrew Prusinowski; her father, Richard Dekanski; two brothers, Joseph Dekanski of Colonia and John Dekanski of North Carolina.

**Anna R. Bilka, 91
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Anna R. (Walas) Bilka of Perth Amboy died September 19 at home. She was 91.

Born in Sayreville, she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 65 years.

Mrs. Bilka was a communicant of Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Stephen Bilka; three sisters, Mary Maria, Frieda, Sophia and five brothers, Frank, Henry, Joseph, John and George Walas, are all deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen Jr. of Deerfield Beach, Fla. and Richard of Holmdel; a sister, Jennifer Sumski of Sayreville; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**A. Flanagan, 94
of Sayreville**

Mrs. Alexandria "Alice" Fenton Flanagan of Sayreville died October 4 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. She was 94.

Born in Newark, she lived in Kearny before moving to Sayreville 20 years ago.

Before her retirement, she was an operator at United Presbyterian Hospital, Newark.

Her husband, John, died in 1984; two sons, John, died in 1999 and Joseph, 2000; and two sister, Olga Marflock and Anastasia Connell, are both deceased.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Angie Flanagan of Parlin; a sister, Mary Sager of Bloomfield; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

**Mary Baranowski
of South Amboy**

Mrs. Mary Baranowski of South Amboy died October 7 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. She was 92.

Born in Oakland, Calif., she lived in South Amboy for over 60 years.

Prior to her retirement in 1973, she was an inspector of the Photo Products division of E.I. Du Pont in Parlin for 25 years and was a member of Du Pont's 25-Year Club.

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

Her husband, George S. Baranowski, died in 1968. Two sisters, Helen Neff, died in 1974 and Genevieve Brockie, died earlier this year.

Surviving are a son, George A. Baranowski of South Amboy; two daughters, Marilyn Patten of Green Valley, Ariz. and Joan Creed of South Amboy; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Marie F. Bakir
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Marie F. Bakir (nee Ladzinski), died October 5 at home. She was 94.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong city resident.

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

She worked at Nabisco in New York as a floor lady.

Her husband, Harry Bakir; five brothers, Frank, Anthony, Joseph, William and John Ladzinski; and three sisters, Helen Revello, Clara Stanko and Josephine Waltz, are all deceased.

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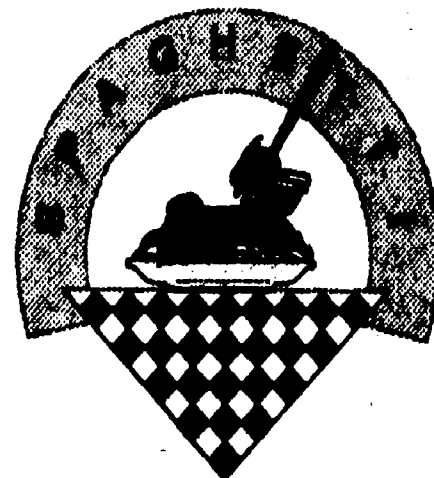
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Memorial Service For Rudy Bacchus

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A memorial service was held on Sat., Oct. 20 at The Cathedral-Second Baptist Church.

Spaghetti Dinner



WOODBIDGE — A spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Don Bosco Columbiettes, will be held Fri., Nov. 9, from 5-7 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 290 Old Rd., Port Reading.

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