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Jersey National Guard Operations Update

STATE—As of Saturday, Oct. 6, The New Jersey National Guard is involved in security, recovery and logistical support missions, as well as military operations connected with the Sept. 11 Attack on America. At present there are over 900 NJ National Guard soldiers, airmen, and Naval Militia personnel called to duty for this emergency. To recap some of the missions and operations that the NJ National Guard is currently conducting:

The 177th Fighter Wing (177th FW) of the New Jersey Air National Guard, located at the Atlantic City International Airport, has been flying combat air patrol missions in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) since the morning of Sept. 11. Several hundred members of the wing are currently on duty for the emergency. Over two hundred of those airmen have been called to federal service by the Presidential Call-up.

The 57th Troop Command of the NJ Army National Guard is supporting "Task Force Respect" at the Fresh Kills Landfill, Staten

Island, N.Y. The Guard is providing a base camp and life support for the FBI and other law enforcement personnel working at the site. The Guard is supporting the site with mobile kitchen trailers, cooks, water medical teams, mechanics, refrigerated trailers, tents, generators, lights and other equipment as needed. The National Guard and NJ Naval Militia have chaplains at the camp for 24-hour religious/spiritual activities and pastoral counseling. NJ soldiers have also been providing a 24-hour guard force at the Homeport housing area on Staten Island where law enforcement workers have been staying since the emergency.

The 42nd Military Police Company is supplementing the active duty military police to help secure Fort Dix 24 hours per day. The conduct patrols and operate the checkpoints at every gate to the post. Also at Fort Dix, the National Guard Emergency Operations Center has been on duty 24/7 since the emergency began.

The 108th Air Refueling Wing (108th ARW) located at McGuire

Air Force Base has sent approximately 50 security police to Washington, D.C., to assist in providing security for key facilities and governmental buildings. Those personnel were part of the Presidential Call-up and will be deployed for up to a year's time. The 108th continues to fly routine refueling missions in support of the Air Force daily.

The 42nd Division Support Command, headquartered at Somerset, is operating the donation warehouse at the Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne. Over 30 members are providing daily warehouse support to the Salvation Army who is managing donations. Over 1000 tons of donated material has been received, sorted and warehoused to date.

More than 150 soldiers of the 50th Brigade of the NJ Army National Guard were called to duty by the Governor on Oct. 2 to provide additional security at three of New Jersey's airports. After strict screening and two days of specialized training by the FAA, these soldiers deployed to Newark, Mercer County and Atlantic City Airports where they are providing a "highly visible, armed force to enhance existing security and reassure the American people's faith in flying." Armed Guard soldiers are stationed at every security check-

point at each airport. Public reaction to the presence of National Guard soldiers has been very positive. The mission is expected to last four to six months until new federal security measures are in place in the nation's airports.

National Guard chaplains statewide have been providing round-the-clock counseling to families, deployed personnel and rescue workers in all locations from Ground Zero to Atlantic City since the start of the emergency.

Army Guard helicopters based at Trenton-Mercer airport have been providing daily support to the FBI and other federal agencies conducting post-attack operations. To date more than 110 missions have been flown by NJ Army National Guard helicopters since 11 September.

More than 1300 inquiries, requests for information and interviews have been answered by the Public Affairs Office at the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs since the start of the emergency. Additionally, more than 1100 images of operations and consequences of the attack have been processed since 11 September.

If you have any questions regarding NJ National Guard operations or missions, contact Col. John Dwyer, Public Affairs Officer at (609) 530-6939.

Cut-A-Thon With A Cause

SOUTH AMBOY—The Cutting Crew of Sayreville Plaza, South Amboy, is pleased to host a Cut-A-Thon to help raise funds for the relief efforts. On Sunday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., the Cutting Crew will open for business. The staff will be offering a shampoo and haircut for \$12.

One hundred percent will be donated to New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund. This fund

assists family and dependents of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It benefits all victims both injured and deceased, including innocent civilians, dedicated firefighters, policemen, port authority officers, emergency medical personnel and relief workers.

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EDISON—The Edison Recreation Scrabble Club is seeking players regardless of residence to participate in free weekly game nights from 7-10 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the

Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Avenue, Edison, and on the second and

fourth Tuesday of the month at Dorothy K. Drwal Edison Community Center, 328 Plainfield Avenue, Edison.

Beginners are welcome. Free instructions will be offered at all sessions from 8-9 p.m. by Walter Sundikovich. Further information may be obtained by calling Walt at (732) 721-9218 or Lois at (732) 906-5496.



YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Something To Walk About

MIDDLESEX COUNTY— "Substance Abuse Prevention—Something To Walk About" is the theme for the second annual statewide walk-a-thon sponsored by the Association of Alliance Coordinators and co-sponsored by the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Oct. 13. Roosevelt Park, Edison, will be the site for communi-

ties in Middlesex County.

There will be walks taking place in each county across the state. The goal of this event is to increase awareness and support for local municipal alliances. Each community has a municipal alliance that is responsible for providing prevention programs to address alcohol, tobacco and other drugs to the people of their community. Without the

alliance's efforts, program such as BABES, DARE, Forest Friends, EPIC, TIGS, Project Graduation, Parent Workshops, and Family/Community Unity Days would not be possible for our children and families.

This is a fun morning for

individuals and community groups to show their support for their community and demonstrate the importance of substance abuse prevention at the local level.

If you are interested in walking on Saturday you can register at Roosevelt Park at 9

a.m. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

For additional information, contact your local Alliance Chairperson or Doug Breen, Middlesex County Alliance Coordinator at (732) 745-4065.

Donations Needed For M.C.F.O.O.D.S.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (M.C.F.O.O.D.S.), the distribution center for 40 local soup kitchens and food pantries, is experiencing a shortage of non-perishable foods and childcare supplies.

"Usually the spring school food drive keeps us going through the fall, but lately, we've noticed our shelves are bare and there just isn't enough to go around," said Jennifer Apostol, M.C.F.O.O.D.S. coordinator for the MCIA.

M.C.F.O.O.D.S. is specifically looking for popular essentials

such as tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, tomato sauce and tomato products, stews, canned meats, pastas and baby items including diapers and wipes.

"We're giving out twice as many food bags this year," said Dick Johnson of Christ Episcopal Church, New Brunswick, which supplies approximately 75 families every week.

Middlesex County residents may donate canned and non-perishable food items year-round at M.C.F.O.O.D.S. drop-off sites, which include the public libraries in Dunellen, Edison, Milltown, Monroe, North

Brunswick, Plainsboro, South Brunswick and Woodbridge.

Residents may call M.C.F.O.O.D.S. at (732) 729-0880 for more information or for the location of the nearest food pantry or drop-off site.

M.C.F.O.O.D.S. also encourages local corporations to sponsor annual food drives. The organization's goal is to have at least one corporate food drive each month in order to sustain the local food pantries. Company representatives should contact M.C.F.O.O.D.S. at (732) 729-0880 for information.

Contribute Ideas In National Youth Effort

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex County Youth and adults who want to contribute to an effort to collect the nation's best ideas in youth development can join the Middlesex County Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century convened by 4-H on Friday, Oct. 12 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Middlesex County 4-H Center, Cranbury and Fern Roads, East Brunswick.

As a part of the centennial of the national 4-H youth development movement, 4-H is leading conversations in all 3,067 counties of our nation. In the Local Conversations, youth and adults are being asked to describe what youth need to achieve success in

their lives. Those who want to participate should contact the local 4-H office at 745-3446 or 745-3476 or e-mail bsmith@aesop.rutgers.edu.

The Local Conversation will lead to a State Conversation in each of 50 states, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and five territories. Marking the 4-H centennial year in 2002, in February 2002, youth and adults will meet in Washington, D.C. for the National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century.

Patterned after successful national conferences or small business and aging, the National Conversation will capture the

best ideas and programs for youth development in the 21st Century and present them in a report to the President of the United States, his cabinet and Congress. Moving ahead, 4-H intends to engage the nation in positive youth development programs, addressing youth problems, building youth skills, generating civic involvement and creating better communities.

"All of us have a stake in how youth develop in the future," says Donald T. Floyd Jr., president and CEO of National 4-H Council. "We're looking for involvement by youth, parents and professionals from all sectors of the community."

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What's New With University Women

EDISON—The new Mid-Jersey Branch of the American Association of University Women held their October general membership meeting on Oct. 10.

The branch is also planning a one day bus trip to Philadelphia on Oct. 20 that will be open to the public. For further information on the trip call: (732) 819-8540. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a national organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C. that promotes education and equity for all women and girls. The organization's commitment to these issues is reflected in their public policy efforts, programs and diversity initiatives. The Mid-Jersey branch is a recently formed group bringing together members of the Colonia and Metuchen-Edison branches and serving this area of New Jersey. Members currently come from communities ranging from Linden to New Brunswick.

There is no restriction on residence for membership. Membership is open to all graduates of four-year accredited colleges or universities. General meetings are open to the public. For further information, call (732) 494-9479 or (732) 225-4027.

Community Members Awarded For Excellence

PERTH AMBOY —The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD), Board of Directors and the Roberto Clemente Gala Planning Committee extend an invitation to all their friends, colleagues and supporters, to join them on Saturday, Oct. 13 when they will be celebrating the 15th annual Roberto Clemente Gala to be held at 7 p.m. at the Forge Inn, Route 9 North, Woodbridge.

During the event, they will be recognizing eight outstanding men and women of the community. An award ceremony will take place to recognize the Honorable Donald Hilliard, Jr., Bishop of the Second Baptist Cathedral Church, Eugene Troche, Esq., as an Outstanding Professional for his many accomplishments, Lorrissa Crespo, Thomas Ruperto and Anthony Morales as Outstanding Students, and Raritan Bay Medical Center as Outstanding Corporation. "During PRAHD's 27 years of service, the Medical Center has demonstrated excellent support for our agency programs and services by collaborating on joint projects for the betterment of the community we

serve and have always been interested in offering quality health care to the people of our community," indicated Lydia Trinidad, Executive Director of PRAHD. Yvonne Calcagno, former Board Vice-President is being recognized for her support and commitment to the agency and Remigio Roman will receive a Special Employee Recognition Award for his outstanding work and dedication to PRAHD.

PRAHD invites their friends from Perth Amboy and throughout the state to join them for this special celebration. The orchestra "Cundiamor" and "Trio Cristal" will provide the musical entertainment with Caribbean rhythms and romantic melodies. Two tickets to Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic or Florida will be raffled at the event. For more information, call (732) 442-1081.

Local Cadet Completes Training

WOODBIDGE—Cadet Thomas Joseph Spolizino, son of Anthony and Donna Spolizino of Colonia, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy.

Spolizino entered the military academy on July 2. Cadets learn basic military skills, including leadership, through a demanding Military Program which begins on their first day at West Point. Most military training takes place during the summer, with new cadets undergoing Cadet Basic Training—or Beast Barracks—the first year. Military training is combined with military science instruction to provide a solid military foundation for officership.

Spolizino graduated from Colonia High School in 2001. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2005 and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



Cadet Thomas Joseph Spolizino

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country; professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the Nation.

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American Heart Association's 3rd Annual Walkathon was held at Middlesex County College, Edison on Sept. 23. Pallets of bottled water and individually wrapped foods were donated by Matrix Companies.

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Free Report Reveals The Shocking Truth Your Doctor Might Not Know

Old Bridge N.J., — A controversial free report has just been released which is angering doctors all over the country. If you suffer from symptoms related to Carpal Tunnel Syndrome and are tired of wearing splints, taking pills, or hearing about surgery, then you need this Free report: To order your copy of this stunning new report and discover the amazingly obvious place doctors fail to check when they diagnose and treat CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME, call Toll-Free 1-800-417-5114 24-hr. recorded message.



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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Seeking Candidates For Cultural Exchange

STATE—The Rotary Clubs of District 7510 in Central New Jersey are currently seeking young professionals for a four-week cultural and educational exchange as part of its Group Study Exchange Program. This four-week program grants travel and accommodations for men and women that will be hosted by Rotarians in southwestern Mexico (States of Guanajuato, Michoacan & Queretaro).

This exchange gives the selected professionals an inside track to a vocational experience within their profession, and the culture of Mexico. During April 22–May 20, these professionals will study the Mexican institutions and ways of life, observe their own professions as practiced in Mexico, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas with their counterparts.

The program is open to young professionals with a minimum of two years experience in a recognized business or profession who will be given the four weeks time off by their respective employers. Applicants for team membership must be U.S. Citizens living or working in Mercer, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset or Union Counties. These professionals will travel as a group, but there will be individual arrangements for the specific vocational interest of each participant. Rotary will help prepare the individuals with cultural and language orientations and a Rotarian from Central New Jersey will accompany them and lead the group during its travel to Mexico.

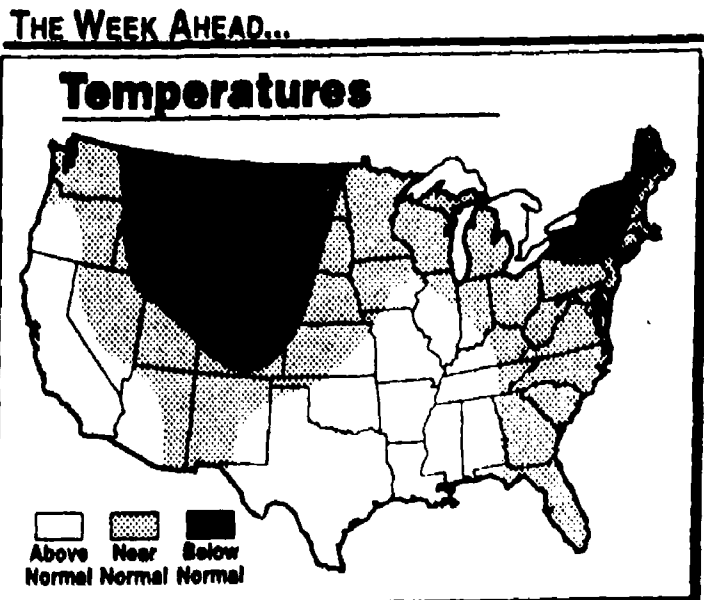
Interested professionals, living or working in Central New Jersey, should send a letter of interest by fax to (609) 298-8549 to: Frieda Applegate, Group Study Exchange Chair for District 7510 of Rotary International, or call (609) 298-0566, to request an application.

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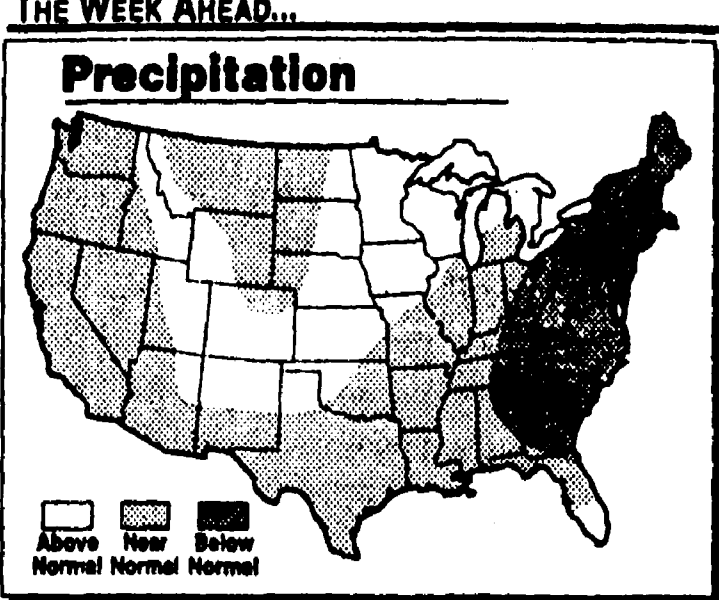
LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Nice with sunshine.	Fair.	Sunshine; it may shower.	Sunshine, a shower; warm.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Mainly cloudy and warm.	Times of sun and clouds.	Variable cloudiness.
71	54	71/55	73/56	71/59	73/58	70/49	64/52



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Temperatures in the East this period will rapidly fluctuate from below normal early in the period to above normal by the end. A strong storm across the nation's midsection will drag rain and snow into the northern Rockies and heavy rain into the Upper Midwest.



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	70	56	pc	72	56	pc	74	58	pc	74	60	c
Boston	70	56	pc	68	54	pc	68	54	c	66	58	c
Chicago	64	48	c	66	50	c	63	45	s	61	42	sh
Cleveland	66	49	sh	67	52	s	68	52	s	65	54	r
Denver	68	36	s	64	34	pc	66	32	pc	58	32	pc
Des Moines	66	46	pc	66	45	pc	60	44	pc	61	32	pc
Detroit	66	49	sh	68	51	pc	67	49	s	62	52	r
Houston	80	66	c	82	70	c	82	60	sh	81	58	c
Indianapolis	71	45	sh	70	51	s	68	48	sh	62	54	r
Kansas City	70	48	s	68	48	s	66	50	pc	62	34	pc
Los Angeles	84	64	s	84	64	s	88	64	s	81	45	s
Miami	86	76	pc	86	76	pc	86	76	pc	87	73	s
Minn.-St. Paul	58	40	pc	58	42	sh	56	36	r	50	30	sh
New Orleans	82	69	sh	82	68	c	83	67	sh	81	64	sh
New York City	72	56	pc	72	58	pc	72	58	s	69	62	s
Omaha	72	38	s	74	40	pc	64	42	s	52	30	s
Phoenix	85	62	s	81	60	s	83	63	s	85	50	s
San Francisco	72	54	s	72	54	s	80	54	s	72	45	s
Seattle	60	44	pc	62	42	c	65	44	pc	65	44	pc
Washington	74	58	s	78	58	c	78	58	pc	72	61	s

SUN & MOON

Sunrise Sunset
Thu. 7:04 a.m. 6:23 p.m.
Fri. 7:05 a.m. 6:22 p.m.

Moonrise Moonset
Thu. 12:29 a.m. 3:43 p.m.
Fri. 1:40 a.m. 4:25 p.m.

Moon Phases
Last New First Full
Oct 10 Oct 16
Oct 23 Nov 1

Weather (W):
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,
c-cloudy, sh-showers,
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	68	52	pc	68	59	pc	65	59	r	62	52	r
Berlin	62	52	pc	67	51	pc	69	57	c	68	55	c
Buenos Aires	68	57	pc	72	61	pc	74	56	pc	73	61	c
Cairo	91	64	pc	90	64	s	89	63	s	82	63	s
Jerusalem	82	58	s	79	53	pc	75	53	s	71	48	s
Johannesburg	88	59	s	91	59	pc	90	62	s	83	58	pc
London	71	53	pc	72	62	pc	68	56	c	64	48	c
Madrid	74	58	r	71	54	r	65	48	c	65	53	c
Mexico City	71	56	pc	65	56	sh	70	55	sh	70	57	sh
Moscow	54	51	sh	53	41	c	49	37	pc	48	47	r
Paris	66	49	s	72	57	c	64	57	r	59	52	r
Rio de Janeiro	71	58	pc	70	58	pc	70	56	pc	68	56	pc
Rome	81	60	pc	81	57	s	76	57	s	75	57	pc
San Juan	88	76	pc	89	76	pc	89	75	pc	88	75	c
Seoul	68	55	c	65	52	pc	68	55	pc	64	54	c
Sydney	75	63	r	73	47	s	70	51	pc	70	51	c
Tokyo	74	73	r	80	66	pc	70	58	s	70	58	s
Toronto	67	47	pc	60	42	pc	63	52	c	62	50	r
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Zurich	67	50	pc	71	54	s	69	52	pc	64	52	c

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Volunteers Honored At Community Day

WOODBIDGE—Woodbridge Township will salute volunteers on Woodbridge Community Day at Woodbridge Center, Sunday, Oct. 14.

"As we prepare for our annual salute to community volunteers at Woodbridge Center, it is most appropriate for Woodbridge Township to encourage and expand volunteerism, which is the richest quality of the American character," Mayor James E. McGreevey said.

Woodbridge will honor community volunteers during a ceremony at 12:45 p.m.

The Community Day Program will run from Noon-5 p.m. with displays and exhibits by community organizations and entertainment.

For more information, call (732) 602-6058.

K Of C Octoberfest

SAYREVILLE—Our Lady of Victory Council 2061 Sayreville Knights of Columbus is holding an Octoberfest Dinner and Dance on Saturday, Oct. 20. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Victorian Hall on Washington Road, in the Parlin section of Sayreville; the party goes to 12:30 a.m.

The celebration includes a complete dinner, an open bar as well as music and dancing. The cost is \$30 per person and all are welcome to attend. Profits from the event will be used to assist families affected by the World Trade Center disaster.

For tickets or further information, contact Nick at (732) 727-5186.

Girl Scouts Hold Relief Drive

SOUTH AMBOY—Local Girl Scouts recently conducted a relief drive for rescuers working in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 tragedy. The girl scouts raised \$1,300 for the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

The Girl Scouts were joined by volunteers from the surrounding communities. Businesses in South Amboy, Sayreville, Perth Amboy and Old Bridge also helped out.

The South Amboy First Aid Squad and the Independence Fire Co. were the drop-off points for donations, which included boxes, packing material, water, dishes and food bowls for rescue dogs.

Gala Banquet Honors Hispanic Leaders

PERTH AMBOY — The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc., (PRAHD) is proud to announce its 15th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala that will be held at the Forge Inn, Woodbridge, on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

PRAHD has been in existence since 1974 when it was incorporated by the Hispanic leadership of the Perth Amboy area. "It began small and today we have grown and expanded to a comprehensive service agency with eighteen social service programs that provide continued care for children, youth, elderly, and families, with an annual budget of 2.2 million dollars" indicated Lydia

Trinidad, PRAHD's Chief Executive Officer, who has been with the organization for the last twenty-one years. PRAHD is governed by a Board of Directors composed of eleven dedicated members, chaired by the Honorable Jose M. Cameron, Municipal Court Judge for the City of Perth Amboy. Among their membership PRAHD counts with the Honorable Mathias E. Rodriguez, Superior Court Judge for Middlesex County who serves on the Board as an Honorary Member.

This year's Gala is being planned and coordinated by nineteen outstanding committee members composed of commu-

nity leaders, representatives for local businesses and other concerned individuals, interested in the continue success of PRAHD and the progress of the City of Perth Amboy and well being of its residents.

The banquet Honorary Chairs are: The Honorable Joseph Vas, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy and Honorable Robert Menendez, U.S. Congressman. The Banquet Chairperson is the respectable and well-known former Commissioner of the State of New Jersey and currently a visiting professor at Rutgers University, William Waldman.

Through the years, and as part of its goal to continue pro-

viding adequate and quality services to the community, PRAHD has expanded by purchasing the properties located on 98 First Street, 110 First Street, 93 Madison Avenue and 97 Madison Avenue. At present, PRAHD provides work for thirty-eight full-time and seventy-four part-time employees and is actually in the process of developing a much needed preschool facility to house an additional 120 students. Again, this year, they are recognizing members of the community, board, staff and an area institution for their outstanding support and dedication for the betterment of the community.

Sierra Club Endorses McGreevey For Governor

AREA—The leader of the state chapter of the Sierra Club called Bret Schundler a "threat to the environment in New Jersey" and delivered a strong endorsement to his Democratic opponent in the governor's race, James E. McGreevey.

Jeffrey Tittel, director of the 24,000-member Sierra Club, said Schundler's positions on legislation affecting air and water quality, open-space preservation, shore protection and the enforcement of pollution controls put him at odds not only with most residents of New Jersey, but even with other Republicans who have sponsored such bills.

McGreevey, accepting the group's endorsement at a Trenton news conference, faulted his rival for opposing the execution of the State Development and Redevelopment plan, a blueprint for growth intended to curb suburban sprawl and steer new building projects to already dense areas.

"Mr. Schundler would condemn New Jersey to happenstance and the whim of the development community," McGreevey said.

The endorsement allowed McGreevey to open a new front in his effort to paint Schundler as an extremist, and produced a line that seems ready-made for bumper stickers: "Bret's a threat," said Tittel.

Already, Schundler, the former mayor of Jersey City, has come under fire for his opposition to abortion rights and gun control, two issues on which polls show a majority of New Jerseyans disagree with him, and for his support on legislation that would severely curtail the rights of labor unions, which represent 22 percent of the state's work force.

The environment, meanwhile, is another volatile issue in New Jersey, the nation's most densely populated state, most heavily developed and long one of the most polluted.

For the first that anyone in the club remembers, the endorsement vote was unanimous, even though Republicans, including some former elected officials, were among those on the endorsement panel.

Schundler had sought the club's backing by answering its

questionnaire and sitting for a lengthy interview.

But on issue after issue, Tittel said, Schundler took "positions that are on the extreme side of the political spectrum."

Schundler disagreed with the Sierra Club and McGreevey on more than two dozen questions, Tittel said.

For example, the Republicans said towns, not the state, should control whether new sewers are built in environmentally sensitive areas, though Tittel said that local, decentralized control over such decisions was "one of the major causes for sprawl in the state of New Jersey."

Schundler also opposes new rules protecting groundwater from septic systems, a bill to protect

reservoirs by controlling disturbances of soil on steep slopes and closing a loophole that allows development in sensitive areas of the shoreline.

He also said he opposed raising auto-emissions standards to match those in New York and Massachusetts, and restoring the offices of the environmental prosecutor and the public advocate.

And Schundler supported commercial development of Liberty State Park in Jersey City, development in the Hamburg Mountain Wildlife Management Area and what the Sierra Club called the Bush administration's "environmental agenda."

Schundler spokesman Bill Guhl said he was not surprised by the Sierra Club's endorsement.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN™
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By Michael S. Goldberg

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The title character of "Zoolander" is an idiot. No, scratch that...I'm being too kind. Derek Zoolander is an absolute idiot. In fact, few people have led a more useless life

than this male fashion model played by Ben Stiller. Considered the epitome of haute couture, the preposterous caricature is actually clueless. He is rich and famous

despite himself. But it's not what Derek does for a living that makes him such a total nincompoop. Rather, it is this pathetic numskull's absurd sense of self importance that makes him the proverbial fool on the hill. And it isn't until his reign as top model is in threat of being toppled that Derek decides to give something back. It is at this point when we are apprised of how truly stupid he is.

Much of "Zoolander" is merely silly in a "Dumb and Dumber" (1994) sort of way. This eventually grows tiring as one bit of tomfoolery is repetitiously one-upped by an even more shameful illustration of imbecility. We get it. Some people are capable of an astonishing vacuity. But to enjoy more than one or two laughs in the face of such lack of intelligence borders on bad taste.

Happily, the film has a much more clever side to it as well. And the divulgements are wickedly precious once Stiller the director's satiric views of the fashion world kick in to place. At its best, the screwball farce makes an acerbically funny statement about the folderol of vanity.

Less illustrious is the plot itself...a nutty lampoon of "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962), but with Will Ferrell instead of Angela Lansbury as the Svengali who brainwashes Mr. Zoolander. Admittedly, there isn't much of a brain there to wash. That's why Derek seems the perfect stooge to assassinate the prime minister of Malaysia.

You see, it's all an international conspiracy hatched by the fashion industry. We learn that said group of couturiers has been at the bottom of every historical cataclysm in the last several hundred years. And in this episode of that alleged continuum, Ferrell is Jacobim Mugatu, a high muckamuck in the rag trade faced with rising production costs. It seems the good prime minister is mucking things up by raising the minimum wage.

That includes sweatshop garment workers. Of course our dimwitted fashion plate couldn't possibly understand

anything about labor relations or economics. But Mugatu's plans just happen to run concurrent with the stirring to conscience that occurs as a result of Derek's humbling at the hands of Hansel (Owen Wilson), the new #1 male model. Thus to win Derek's trust, Mugatu offers to bankroll the waning celebrity's pet project: "The Derek Zoolander Institute for Kids Who Can't Read So Good and Who Want To Do Other Things, Too."

Sitting in a ChiChi's restaurant in Malibu and chomping on sprigs, this probably sounded like a pretty funny idea to Mr. Stiller and company. Unfortunately, the practical application leaves a little something to be desired. Ostensibly one comedy skit linked to the next, each successively telling the same joke but in a different way, "Zoolander" marches to the beat of its own rather deranged drummer. The chaotic ebb and flow would be more suited to abstract poetry than narrative prose. And obviously, telling a story is secondary to panning the fashion industry. However, when the kooky send-up does click, it's hilarious. Shallow values and decadent notions are given no quarter. And nary a worshipped golden calf escapes parodic scorn. But the fact that Mr. Stiller actually convinces us he is a male model despite his average, ferret-like looks, is perhaps the film's most profound accomplishment, and no small testament to the actor/director/writer's talent for comedy. Too bad the plot integration isn't half as phenomenal. Because outside of its fashion groove, "Zoolander" is primarily home to a menagerie of untamed ideas.

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"Zoolander," rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by Ben Stiller and stars Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Christine Taylor. Running time: 89 minutes

Harvest Festival
Will Be Fun For
Families

AREA—Mark your calendar for the sixth annual Reeves-Reed Harvest Festival, Saturday, Oct. 13 from 1-4



p.m. Admission is \$5 (under age 2, free) and includes face painting, music, crafts, pony rides, a petting zoo and much more entertainment for the entire family. There will also be food available for sale (hot dogs, pizza and beverages) as well as a baked goods sale. The festival will be held rain or shine on the Arboretum grounds, located at 165 Hobart Avenue, Summit.

"The day promises to be non-stop fun for the entire family and a perfect way to celebrate the autumn season," said Susan Hitchner, one of the chairwomen of this year's event. "In addition to the large selection of entertainment we will have at the festival, it's a great opportunity for a family to get acquainted with the wonderful local resource that we have in the Arboretum." There will also be a magician, a basket maker, and various demonstrations for children and adults alike.

Supporters of the Arboretum believe that the beauty and serenity of a green space away from modern hustle and bustle adds to the quality of everyday life. It also provides the community with a lovely setting in which to learn more about the native plants and flowers that surround the area. The Reeves-Reed Arboretum is simply a nice place to spend the afternoon.

The Arboretum is free to the public year-round and also has a garden shop on-site featuring gardening statuary, books and gifts. Members of the Arboretum also receive a discount on special programs, speakers, a newsletter on gardening interests, and Daehnke adds, "joy in knowing you're helping a worthy cause." For more information about Reeves-Reed Arboretum or the Harvest Festival, call (908) 273-8787.

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Twin Tower Recovery Effort

AREA — New Jersey Institute of Technology is playing a key role in the Twin Tower's recovery effort, helping the government monitor and map the disaster site.

A civil engineering unit here is helping to position planes hovering above the wreckage. The planes are taking three-dimensional digital aerial images and maps, which recovery crews then

use to assess the damage and orchestrate the clean up.

An antenna at NJIT's Global Positioning System (GPS) Center tracks the satellites and downloads the data into a computer at the university. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) hourly taps into the computers and uses the data to track planes

and record precise images.

Joshua Greenfeld, Ph.D., associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at NJIT, who manages the GPS Center, said for the past two years the Center has helped the government monitor the earth's crust for earthquakes. But after hijackers attacked and destroyed the Twin Towers, the government asked for aerial assistance, which Greenfeld was happy to provide.

The planes are equipped with advanced LIDAR (Light Detec-

tion and Ranging System) technology, which must work along with a GPS Center. The GPS Center, founded two years ago at NJIT, is located 10 miles from the World Trade Center site.

"What NJIT is doing is a great help to the recovery workers," said Richard Snay, a manager at the National Geodetic Survey, a division of NOAA.

Snay lauded NJIT for increasing the speed with which it records the locations of the planes. Every second, Snay said,

NJIT retrieves data on the satellites and sends it on to the government.

"The increased data collection rates," Snay added, "are critical for accurately positioning the aircraft used to map the disaster sites."

A private firm has been hired to produce the three-dimensional maps, which are "extremely helpful to recovery teams trying to clean up the rubble and identify unstable structures," he said.

Marine JROTC Program To Receive New Look By 2003

by Sgt. John Neal

AREA — The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps classes your child will attend in the 2002-03 school year is going to be a far cry from the classes taught in the previous years. This is in part to the changes to the curriculum made by classroom instructors at the Senior Marine Instructor Conference held Aug. 14-17.

The SMI conference is an

annual event designed to give instructors training for the upcoming year and keep them abreast of upcoming changes in the Marine Corps JROTC program, according to Marine Capt. James Utsler, coordinator of the JROTC program in the northeast United States.

"This will also provide them an opportunity to share lessons learned while teaching in the program in the last year," said

Utsler of the conference.

This year, instructors and Marines took on a big task of designing a new curriculum. According to Utsler, the Marine JROTC instructors are starting from a clean slate in determining what a cadet should know after four years of being in the program.

"Since the curriculum hasn't been updated since 1987, it's probably a good thing," said

Utsler. "We're expecting that to be out in probably another seven or eight months so it can be ready for the next school year."

The instructors plan to make more than 200 changes to the current curriculum.

"Everything from basic skills, like how to polish your boots, to the more complex requirements of platoon drill; anything you can imagine in there," said Utsler.

Currently Marine JROTC programs in the northeast United States come under the jurisdiction of the 1st Marine Corps District, a Marine recruiting district headquartered in Long Island. This

district ranges from western Pennsylvania and New Jersey up to Maine, with central and eastern Pennsylvania coming under the 4th Marine Corps District. A realignment of the recruiting districts by the Marine Corps Recruiting Command in Quantico, VA, will merge all of Pennsylvania into the 1st Marine Corps District. For the Marine JROTC program in schools in Pennsylvania, this will mean that they become a part of the 1st Marine Corps District this fall, and can expect to see the new JROTC curriculum next school year.

Scholarships Available To High School Seniors

AREA — The NJ Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) offers scholarships annually to NJ high school seniors who plan to major in accounting in college.

High school recipients are chosen based on their overall score on the NJSCPA's Scholarship Awards Examination scheduled for Sat., Nov. 17, and Sun., Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. This exam is a measure of general

aptitude skills and students do not need to be taking an accounting course now to be eligible to sit for the NJSCPA exam. All applications must be postmarked by Oct. 26.

Students may obtain more information by either contacting their high school guidance or math departments, by contacting Janice Amatucci at 973-226-4494, ext. 209, or jamatucci@njscpa.org, or by visiting www.njscpa.org.

www.njscpa.org/students/scholarships.cfm.

The NJ Society of Certified Public Accountants represents over 14,000 CPAs in business, industry, public practice, government and education. Through vision, value and leadership, CPAs help organizations prosper and contribute to the economic well being of New Jersey and its citizens.



A Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet goes on a rappelling exercise at the JROTC Leadership Development Academy in Fort Dix. Changes to the Marine JROTC program will affect how much cadets will learn while enrolled in the high school program. Photo by Sgt. Chanin Nuntavong.

N.J. Institute Of Technology Increases Tuition

AREA — N.J. Institute of Technology's (NJIT) Board of Trustees approved a \$200 per semester tuition increase for all full-time undergraduate students for the upcoming 2001-02 academic year, starting this fall. In-state undergraduate students will pay \$3,079 per semester, or an increase of 6.95%.

In-state, full-time graduate students will pay a \$264 per semester tuition increase of 7%. That amount will total \$4,033 per semester.

There will be a \$35 increase per semester in existing fees for graduate and undergraduate students, an increase of just over 7% since last year for both groups. Total undergraduate stu-

dent fees for full-time undergraduate students will be \$521 per semester and \$517 for graduate students. That money will help keep university academic facilities at the cutting edge and accessible to all members of the university community.

"We are pleased to be able to keep tuition and fees within the financial reach of our students and families, without compromising our commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and economic development," says NJIT President Saul K. Fenster. "Our dedication to these core principles is moving NJIT to the ranks of the nation's premier technological universities."

NJIT is a public research university enrolling over 8,800 students. The university offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral students in 80 degree programs through its five colleges: Newark College of Engineering, N.J. School of Architecture, College of Science and Liberal Arts, the School of Management and the Albert Dorman Honors College. Research initiatives include manufacturing, microelectronics, multimedia, transportation, computer science, solar astrophysics, environmental engineering and science, and architecture and building science. According to Yahoo! Internet Life magazine rankings, NJIT has been America's most wired public university for three consecutive years.

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**Conference To Discuss Financial Planning Issues**

by Dr. Karen Ensle,
RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — Rutgers Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a day long personal finance conference, "MONEY 2000™ And Beyond: Financial Strategies For Your Future IX," on Sat., Oct. 27. The program will be held from 9:45 am to 3:15 pm at the Cook College Campus Center, Dudley Road, New Brunswick. Registration begins at 9:15 am.

The conference is presented as part of a Rutgers Cooperative Extension program, called MONEY 2000™, designed to encourage NJ residents to increase their savings and reduce debt. The cost is \$22 for persons who were enrolled in MONEY 2000 between 1996 and 2000 and \$24 for all others. A continental breakfast, lunch, and printed materials are included in the registration fee.

The title of the keynote presentation will be "Defensive Investing: How to Cope with Market Volatility." The speaker is

Gary Schatsky, JD, a NY-based financial advisor who lectures nationally and is frequently quoted in publications such as *The Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg Personal Finance*. Schatsky has also been selected by *Worth* magazine as one of the best 250 financial advisors.

Exhibits by non-profit agencies providing financial services, a choice of six workshops, a luncheon presentation on "Consumer Rip-Offs: How to Avoid Them" by Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, Executive Director of New Jersey Citizen Action, and personal finance-oriented door prizes round out the day's activities.

Topics of the morning workshops are "How Are You Doing? A Financial Check-Up," "Changing Lanes On The Road to Retirement," and "Financial Planning With Retirement Assets." The afternoon workshop topics are "Creating Your Retirement Paycheck," "Insurance — What You Need and What You Don't," and "Credit Tricks and

Tips." There will also be an optional post-conference workshop, "Year-End Tax Strategies," with particular emphasis on 2001 tax law changes.

To register for the MONEY 2000™ conference, send a \$24 check (\$22 for MONEY 2000 participants) made payable to "Morris County Extension Service," to Family and Consumer Sciences Department, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County, P.O. Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900. Be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number, and morning and afternoon workshop choices.

The deadline for early registration is Fri., Oct. 19. After Oct. 19 and before Oct. 26, add a \$5 late fee. No registrations will be accepted after Friday, Oct. 26 or at the door.

To obtain a conference brochure, contact your local Rutgers Cooperative Extension office, listed in the "county government" section of the telephone book. For additional information, call Barbara O'Neill at 973-579-0985 or Pat Brennan at 973-285-8302 weekdays during business

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Free Workshops For Small Businesses

AREA — The Internal Revenue Service, together with the New Jersey Division of Taxation and the Small Business Development Centers, will be offering free Small Business Workshops at Rutgers University in Newark.

"If you are self-employed, a small business owner, an office manager or bookkeeper, you need to know how to handle various tax situations involved in operating a business. These free, informative Small Business Workshops are designed to present an overview of Federal and NJ State Tax information and the services available to small business owners," said IRS New Jersey spokesperson Gregg Semanick.

The IRS Small Business Workshops will be held on Fri., Oct. 19, and Fri., Nov. 16, at Rutgers University-Newark Campus located at 111 Wash-

ington Street in Newark. These free, all-day workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. in the Management Educational Center. You only need to attend one workshop, as the same information will be covered at each one.

You must register to attend. To do so, phone 908-301-2114, send a FAX to the Small Business Workshop on 908-301-2109, or send your e-mail to mittie.b.grayson@irs.gov. You can also register by writing to IRS-Small Business Workshop, 200 Sheffield St., Mountainside, N.J. 07092. Do not contact the workshop location directly for information or to register. You may also call 908-301-2114 and request that the New Jersey Small Business Workshop Schedule is mailed to you. A registration form is attached to that schedule.

New Jersey CPAs Offer Disaster Assistance

AREA — In an effort to assist the thousands of people and businesses impacted by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation, NJ CPAs have stepped forward to offer pro bono services and temporary office space.

In addition, a booklet, "Disaster Recovery Guide: A Resource for Individuals and Businesses," and a disaster recovery website (www.njscpa.org/recovery) are available offering resources to assist individuals and

businesses with the many details involved in a recovery process.

The NJ Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) Disaster Recovery Guide contains information on replacing personal documents, documenting damage and losses for insurance claims, avoiding disaster-related fraud and covering losses by amending tax returns.

The website offers an electronic version of the disaster recovery guide, along with

downloadable copies of all documents and links to additional disaster recovery sites, such as The United Way of New York, the IRS Disaster Relief Website and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.

To receive a free copy of the Disaster Recovery Guide or to arrange for a CPA's assistance, please call Jeanette Miller at the NJSCPA at 973-226-4494, ext. 246, or visit www.njscpa.org/recovery.

Consumer Bank Fee Guide Available

AREA — The Consumer Guide to Bank and Credit Union Fees is now available to help local residents save money when banking.

"This guide will allow consumers to comparison shop when looking for a new bank," said Assemblyman Wisniewski (D-Middlesex). "It can be a frustrating experience to open a bank account only to find out later that you could have been

paying less in bank fees by going elsewhere. I am glad to announce this guide for local residents so that they may keep some more money in their pockets."

The Dept. of Banking and Insurance conducted a survey of state banks and credit unions and compiled a list of the fees charged to bank customers. The guide includes a listing of nearly 800 checking account fees offered at more than 200 statewide banks and credit unions.

"I am pleased to announce this helpful guide for the residents of the 19th District," said Senator Vitale. "Residents will now have the information they need conveniently located in one booklet. I have no doubt that this guide will prove to be a valuable resource for consumers as they choose a bank."

The Consumer Guide to Bank and Credit Union Fees is now in its third edition and includes information about accounts available to consumers with low minimum-balance requirements. The Legislators said this information is vital to NJ families struggling to make ends meet.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Loving Care Pediatric Home Care, Inc. Announces Scholarship

AREA — Loving Care Pediatric Home Care, Inc., a leading provider of highly specialized, comprehensive private duty home care and support services for children and their families, has established a \$5,000 scholarship, announced Greg Karr, director of operations. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior graduating in 2002 who plans to attend an accredited college of nursing.

Application requirements include a written essay of 700 words or less highlighting the reasons for pursuing a nursing career, as well as a GPA of 3.2 or higher with a high aptitude in science.

This scholarship is open to all students throughout Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties.

"At Loving Care Pediatric Home Care, we truly value our registered and licensed practical nurses and want to encourage today's high school students to pursue this stimulating and rewarding career," said Karr. "Nursing is currently experiencing a critical shortage of qualified, skilled professionals, and Loving Care feels a sense of commitment to enhance the field of nursing by supporting

students who are pursuing this noble vocation."

"Managed care and innovative technology have propelled private duty nursing into a new era — one that is high-tech and clinically demanding," said Joanne Scillia, Loving Care's director of managed care and marketing, and president of the Society of Pediatric Nurses/Northern New Jersey Chapter. "Through this scholarship program, students who are considering a nursing career will be introduced to private duty care as a career alternative prior to embarking on their studies, and have the unique opportunity to go on patient visits to gain valu-

able insight regarding their chosen profession."

Applications should include the student's name, address, telephone number, school affiliation, guidance counselor and contact information, in addition to the typed, double-spaced essay. All submissions must be postmarked by March 28, 2002 and sent to Loving Care Agency, Inc., 440 West Street, 3rd Floor, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, Attn: Scholarship Committee.

For more information about the Loving Care Pediatric Home Care Scholarship Program, please call 201-363-9400.

Loving Care Pediatric Home Care, Inc. is a subsidiary of Loving Care

Agency, Inc., which was founded more than 10 years ago. Headquartered in Fort Lee, NJ, Loving Care provides highly specialized, comprehensive private duty home care and support services to children and their families on a short- or long-term basis, throughout New Jersey, including Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties. As a fully accredited and certified home care agency, Loving Care professionals include specially trained, registered and licensed practical nurses as well as home health aides. For more information about Loving Care Pediatric Home Care, please call 201-363-9400.

October is "Talk About Prescriptions Month"

AREA—Each year Americans take approximately 2 billion prescriptions costing nearly \$30 billion. Unfortunately, most patients do not ask questions about their medications. Not asking questions may lead to problems, including the over use or under use of drugs. Taking medication at the wrong time,

with respect to food can decrease the effects of some drugs and increase risk of side effects with others.

Since using medications improperly can cause side effects or failure of the medication to work properly, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System strongly

encourages patients to ask their health care provider questions about their medication. According to Bruce Ruck, Pharm.D., the following questions should be answered before taking any medication:

The name of the drug and what it is supposed to do; how and when to take it; how long to take it for; should I stop taking medication currently being taken?; what foods, drinks and other medications to avoid; what

activities to avoid; what are the common side effects?; and are there any activities that should be avoided?

You should inform your health care provider of the following: The name of all prescriptions and non-prescription medicines you are taking; if you are allergic to any medicine; if you are or could be pregnant; and if you are breast feeding.

If you are taking medication, be sure to ask your pharmacist

for the information you need to take it correctly. Accept the pharmacist's offer to counsel you about your medication. If you need information contact your pharmacist or other health care provider. If this is not possible the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System is available 24 hours a day to assist you. Help is just a phone call away! 1 (800) 222-1222.

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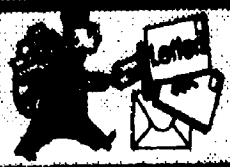
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EDITORIAL**Readers Commentary****Searching For Decency**

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the renaming of St. Mary's High School and Grammar School first to St. Mary and now to Cardinal McCarrick Regional School.

My grandfather John O'Brien, hauled bricks in a horse drawn wagon from the railroad yard to Augusta Street before the turn of the century. He pumped the organ in the choir when it was pump rather than electric driven. He went to St. Mary's. My father, John J. Vail, went to St. Mary's and I and three brothers and five sisters all graduated from St. Mary's.

The people who built St. Mary's did so with funds that were very hard earned. They called it St. Mary's rather than St. Mary for a reason. The apostrophe "s" in St. Mary's had great significance. It attested to the fact that the school had been dedicated over to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was if you will, given over to her care and custody. The students were regarded as being her children. The term "children of Mary" was commonly used in reference to the students at St. Mary's.

Now we are told that people from Metuchen have taken it upon themselves to take St. Mary's away from the Blessed Virgin and give it over to Cardinal McCarrick.

I ask by what divine right do they have to do this? Has a member of the Holy Trinity spoken to them and given them Godly power? Who are these people who take it upon themselves to assert authority over the property of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

And what of this Cardinal McCarrick? What does it say of this man's ego that he takes unto himself that which was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin

Mary? Is McCarrick now greater in the Church hierarchy than the Blessed Virgin?

The people who have done this, as far as I can tell, did not attend St. Mary's. I suspect they knew little or nothing at all about St. Mary's when they undertook to execute this high-handed maneuver.

The school is the focal point of the community. I say with a firm belief that St. Mary's school was the single most important entity in the lives of the people of St. Mary's parish. Indeed, it was the single most important entity in the lives of the people of South Amboy. This is what we had and now Cardinal McCarrick has taken over from the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All nine of us, the children of John and Marian Vail went to college after St. Mary's and all enjoy prosperity thanks in great part to the training we received there.

Let me close by saying this. When I went to Georgetown in the fall of 1950, I soon found out I was every bit as well prepared for college as were any of my "preppie" classmates. I along with my brothers and sisters and thousands like us owe a great debt of gratitude to St. Mary's and to our parents and to all the many other people whose toil and sacrifice made St. Mary's the great institution that it was. We owe nothing to Cardinal McCarrick. If Cardinal McCarrick has any decency at all he will recognize the enormity of this blasphemy and decline to accept this perhaps well-meant but totally inappropriate honor.

Judge John T. Vail
District Court of the Second Circuit
Walluku, Maui, Hawaii

Contributions Are Needed

For 50 years, fire fighters have been particular heroes of mine, both because of their tremendous fund-raising efforts for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and for the bravery they exhibit every time they're called upon.

We've all seen this remarkable courage and self-sacrifice in action this week in the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. MDA salutes the fire fighters and law enforcement and other emergency personnel who've responded so heroically to this unspeakable tragedy—many at the cost of their own lives.

I urge all Americans to rally to support of these lifesaving heroes during this time, in whatever way they see fit. One means would be to contribute to the New York Fire 9-11 Relief Fund, established by the International Association of Fire Fighters to provide

financial assistance to families of fallen fire fighters and EMS personnel. Send donations to: New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund, Attention: IAFF General Secretary-Treasurer, 1750 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Our emergency forces have given their all for us, time and again. Now it's time for us to provide them with help and hope.

On behalf of MDA, I extend deepest condolences to all those who've lost loved ones, and prayers for those who've suffered grievous injuries in the terrorist attacks.

God Bless America as we join hands in strength and hope in these difficult days.

Jerry Lewis
National Chairman
MDA

Patriotism Abounds

Dear Editor,

America has shown a magnificent display of patriotism in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 disaster. The world now realizes that America CAN patriotically unite.

I am sure when the world previously saw the apathy of Americans when we ignore our greatest liberty, voting to choose our leaders, they doubted our patriotism.

While our patriotic ardor is still at a high level, let's show the world we love our freedoms. Despite the fact that this

is an off year election, everyone should get out and vote on Nov. 6.

The world would love to enjoy our freedom. Let's show them we appreciate what we have. VOTE!

Phillip M. Peck
Woodbridge

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

In the free-wheeling meditative novel on a troubled and flawed humankind -- "God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater - Or Pearls Before Swine" -- author Kurt Vonnegut eulogizes volunteer firefighters as embodying the true spirit of greatness in America.

Vonnegut described volunteer firefighters as "the only examples of enthusiastic unselfishness to be seen in this land." If America were ever under attack, Vonnegut reasoned, firefighters would mount the successful defense of our nation.

Vonnegut's praises of firefighters hails from the 1960's, but never has his assessments ever been so apropos. When teams of terrorists crashed commercial jetliners in the World Trade Center's twin towers on September 11, the entire world witnessed the bravery, selflessness, and dedication of firefighters -- both paid and volunteer.

As horrifying as the experience was, the attacks showed how crucial firefighters -- and, for that matter, police and emergency response personnel -- are in the defense of this nation.

New York City's firefighters showed all of us how risking one's life in order to save others is the true meaning of unconditional love. They are the true heroes at the dawning of this new and uncertain century.

Now it is America's turn to repay the favor.

From October 7 to 13, the country will observe National Fire Prevention Week, an annual event that teaches people how to inspect their homes for fire hazards and that promotes greater public awareness of fire safety techniques.

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Keep us informed of your feelings and concerns so we can keep you better informed of the

All around the country, this year's Fire Prevention Week promises to be anything but a routine public-education exercise. In light of the devastating loss of hundreds of firefighters and other rescue personnel in the World Trade Center catastrophe, this week will be time of reflection for many Americans.

Indeed, there may be no better way for citizens to show their appreciation for firefighters than by making an extra effort to participate in the various programs and lessons that are being offered during this year's Fire Prevention Week.

Fire safety, after all, has become a critical element in the nation's defense. Anything we can do to reduce reliance on our nation's fire services -- whether paid or voluntary -- will make our country stronger in the long run. This means rooting out hazards that could cause home fires, or conducting home fire drills so all family members familiarize themselves with emergency escape routes, or checking fire safety devices such as smoke detectors.

The need to prevent fire and rescue calls can't be overstated. While fires and civilian deaths have generally declined in the United States over the past 20 years, the number of medical aid calls, false alarms, mutual-aid, and other non-fire calls have more than doubled in frequency.

All of this strains the resiliency of a valuable public safety resource -- our firefighters.

After so many fire professionals gave so much of themselves in recent weeks, we should it make it a patriotic duty to participate in this year's Fire Prevention Week.

Or as Kurt Vonnegut once wrote about the fire services: "There we have people treasuring people as people. It's extremely rare. So from this we must learn."

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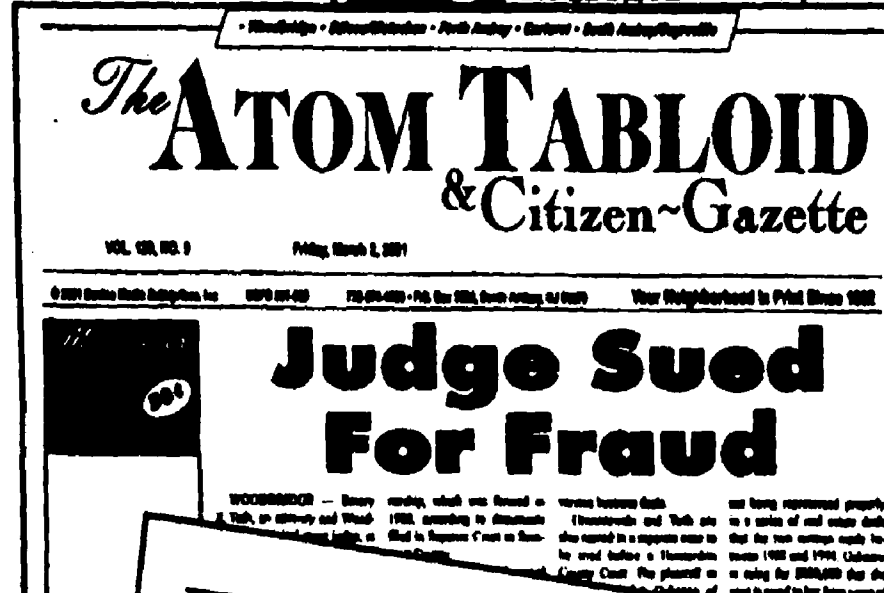
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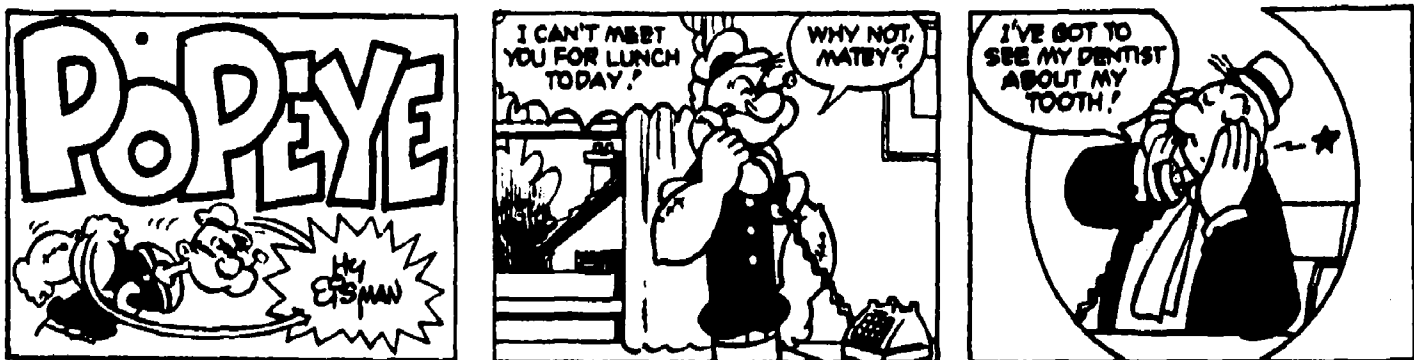
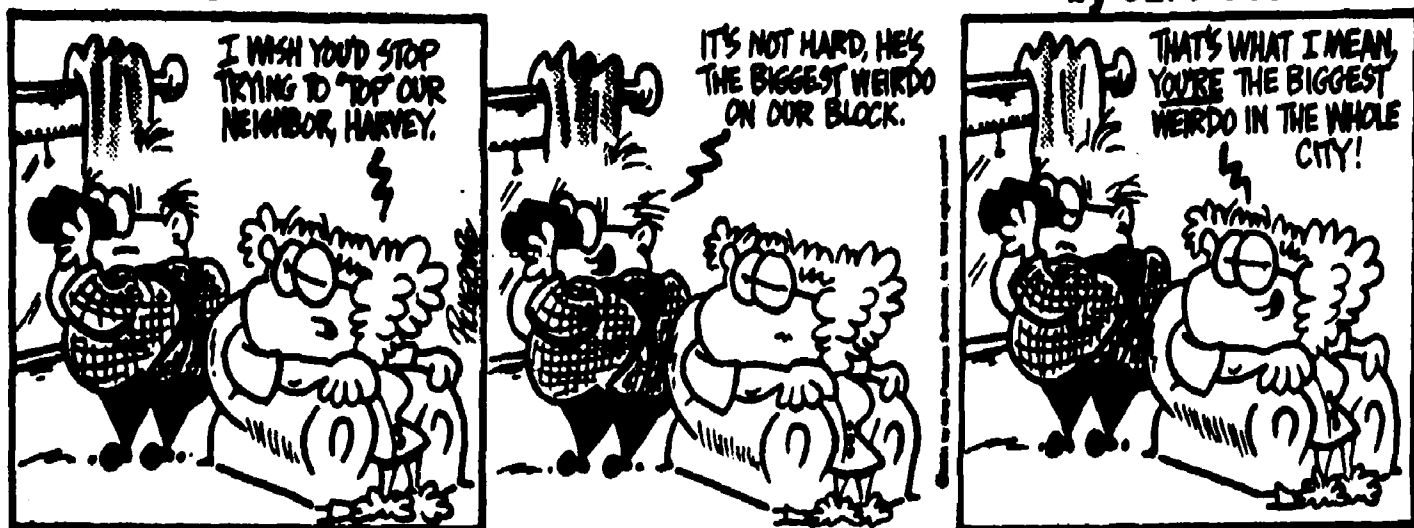
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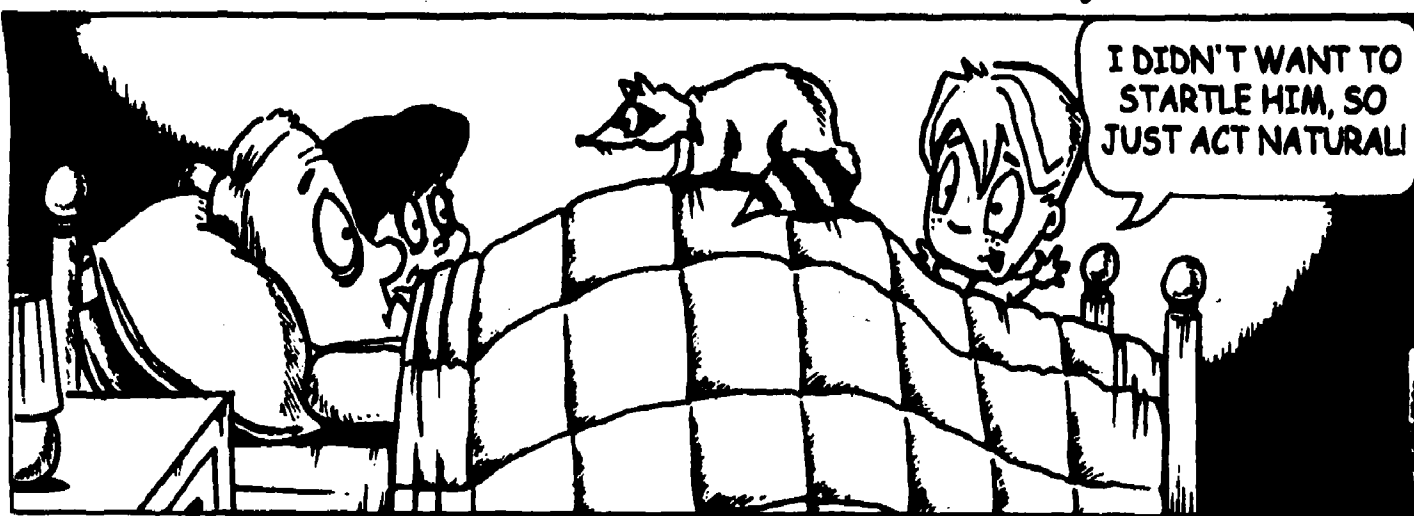
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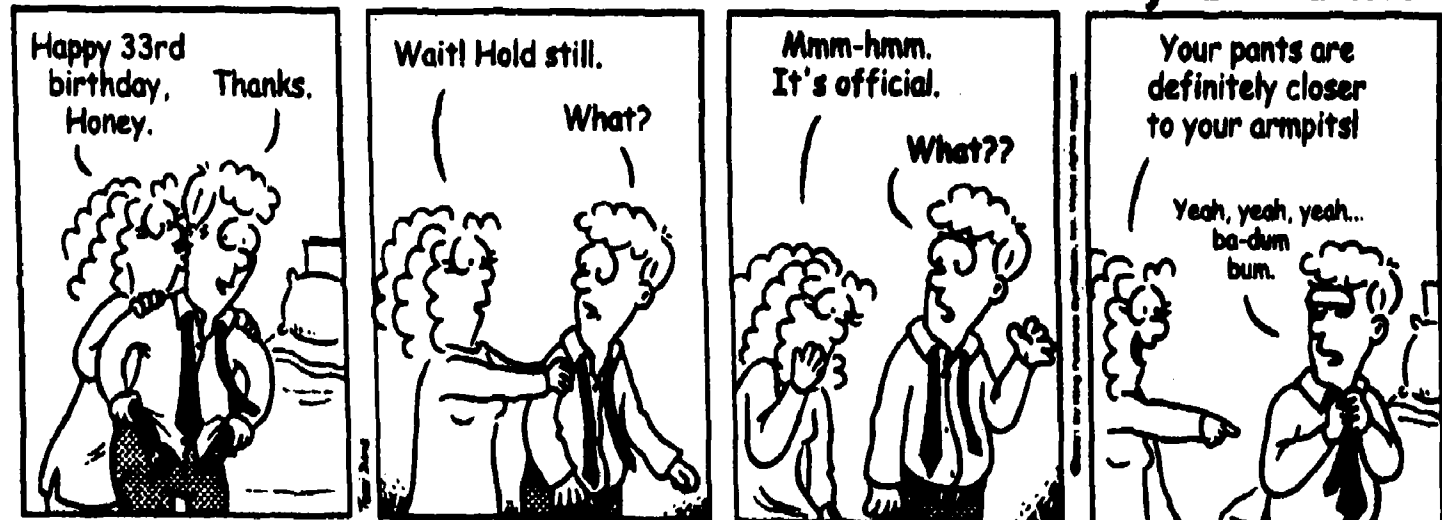
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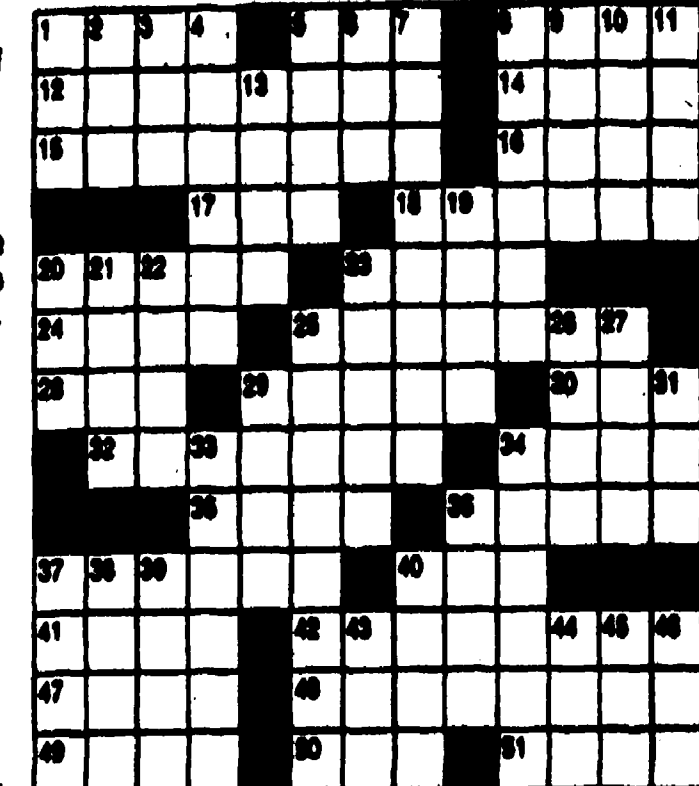
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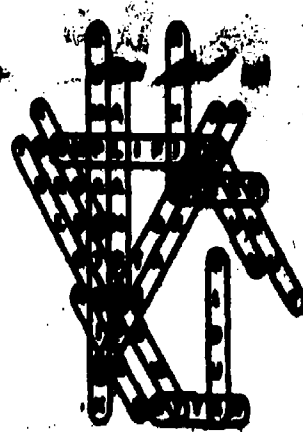
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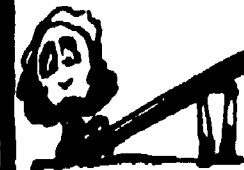
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Obituaries

Henry Heim of Carteret

Mr. Henry "Harry" Heim of Carteret died September 19.

Born and raised in Carteret, he was a lifelong resident.

He graduated from St. Joseph's Grammar School, Carteret and St. Mary's High School, Perth Amboy.

After high school, he served in the Navy during World War II. After serving in the Navy, he worked as a lab technician at GAF Corp., Linden, for 27 years and then at Englehard Corp, Menlo Park for 17 years, working as a research specialist.

He was also the treasurer for the Credit Union in Menlo Park for many years.

He appeared in many plays and musicals at the "Little Theater" of Central Jersey.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Carey Council 1280, and was a life member of the Star Landing VFW Post 2314, both in Carteret and the Carteret Elks Lodge 2235.

Mr. Heim was a past president, treasurer and vice president of the Carteret Senior Citizens. He was a parishioner and eucharistic minister of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, the former Ethel Pugner; two sons, Harry of Carteret and Kenneth of Belmar; a daughter, Michele of Brick; four grandchildren, Carrie and Allison, both of Carteret, Matthew of Belmar and Meredith of Toms River; and a brother, Warren of California.

Joseph M. Tomchik of Carteret

Mr. Joseph M. Tomchik of Carteret died September 18 at home. He was 71.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Carteret for the past 43 years.

He was employed as a process server with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office before his retirement.

He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Surviving are a sister, Alice Ondishin of Linden; a brother, Edward Tomchik of Middletown; a niece and nephew and two great-nephews.

Rose R. Rankin, 86 of South Amboy

Mrs. Rose R. Einhorn Rankin of South Amboy died September 10 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 86.

Born in New York City, she was raised in Staten Island and lived in Fords before moving to South Amboy a year and a half ago.

In Fords, she was a member of the Fords Democratic Club and the Ford's Women's Club.

She was also a member of the Holy Spirit Senior Citizens in Perth Amboy as well as the South Amboy Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Frederick Rankin, died in 1991.

Surviving are a son, Richard K. Rankin of South Amboy; three grandchildren, Lori Maloney of New Hope, Pa., Patti Miyagi of Phoenix, Ariz and Richard Rankin of Parlin; three great-grandchildren, Raelani, Austin and Caroline.

Leonid Jefimowicz of Sayreville

Mr. Leonid Jefimowicz, Jr. of Sayreville died September 10 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 52.

Born in Germany, he lived in Sayreville.

He owned and operated a body shop many years ago in North Brunswick. He was also a self-employed carpenter.

Mr. Jefimowicz served in the Marine Corps from 1967-69. He was a member of the Gospel Balalaika Orchestra in both South River and Union.

His parents, Leonid Jefimowicz Sr., died in 1995 and Emilia Jefimowicz died in 2000.

Surviving are his daughter, Crystal Force of Alabama; three sisters, Alice Applegate of Monroe, Helena Lanzi of Bridgewater and Nina Albanese of Florida; and six nieces and nephews, Wade Ernst, Steven, Julie and Joseph Applegate and Max and Leon Albanese.

Joseph J. Nehila of Sayreville

Mr. Joseph John Nehila of Sayreville died September 8 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in South Amboy before moving to Sayreville six years ago.

He retired 22 years ago as a truck driver with the Middlesex County Road Department, where he worked for 20 years. Previously, he was the head mechanic for 25 years at Polowitz Cadillac, Perth Amboy.

In the early 1930s, he was a star pitcher for the Perth Amboy High School. He was a pitcher with the Meadow Brook and North End semi-pro baseball teams for many years.

His wife, the former Pauline "Polly" Scimeca, died in 1990; and a son, Robert Nehila, died in 1983.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Nehila of Parlin; a daughter, Paulette Russell of Lambertville; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rabbi R. S. Port of Sayreville

Rabbi Robert S. Port of Sayreville died September 6 at home. He was 74.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., he resided in Jeanette, Pa., White-stone, N.Y., Norwich, Conn., and Middletown, N.Y. before moving to Sayreville in 1976.

He was named Rabbi of Temple Ohav Shalom, Parlin in 1976.

He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in education from New York University and was a member of MENSA.

Rabbi Port was formerly a member of the Rotary Club and the NAACP, both in Middletown, N.Y.

A daughter, Joan Cohen, died in August of 2000.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Deborah Fisch Port; a son, Andrew of Scotch Plains; two daughters, Reva Imm of Portland, Ore. and Lisa Weiss of Middletown, N.Y.; a brother, Yale Irwin Port of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and eight grandchildren.

Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.

- George Burns

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta' put up with the rain.

- Dolly Parton

Irene G. Stratton, 74 of Sayreville

Mrs. Irene G. Stratton of Sayreville died September 14 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 74.

Born in Morgan, she lived there before moving to Stuart, Fla., 31 years ago. She returned to Sayreville in 1995.

Before retiring in 1970, she was a clerk for NL Industries in Sayreville for 20 years.

Her husband, Raymond Stratton, died in 1994.

Surviving are two brothers, William Lockwood of Parlin and Joseph Lockwood of Port Salerno, Fla.; 12 nieces and nephews, 20 grandnieces and nephews.

Edward H. Costello of Edison

Mr. Edward H. Costello, a longtime resident of Edison, died September 4 in Port Orange, Fla. He was 79.

Born in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, N.Y., he resided in Port Orange for the past 14 years.

He was a firefighter for 26 years with the Edison Fire Department, retiring in 1982 with the rank of captain. He was formerly the assistant traffic manager for 17 years with Socony Mobil in Edison.

Mr. Costello was an Army sergeant in World War II, serving in the European Theatre of Operations from 1942-46.

He was a communicant and usher at St. Matthew's R.C. Church, Edison.

Mr. Costello was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Port Orange and was a life member of the Port Orange VFW.

He was also a member of the Daytona Elks Lodge; the Port Orange Eagles; Clara Barton American Legion Post 324; IAFF Local 283; the Exempt Firemen's Association and Raritan Engine Company 1.

A sister, Marion Metakes, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Agnes (Haas) Costello; three sons, Edward Costello Jr., current Edison Police Chief; Michael Costello of Kendall Park and Joseph C. Costello of Lake Wylie, S.C.; two daughters, Eileen Buesing of Houston, Texas and Patricia Wilner of Wheaton, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Florence A. Costello of Rego Park, N.Y.

Raymond Leslie of Metuchen

Mr. Raymond E. Leslie of Metuchen died September 6 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a resident of Metuchen for the past 51 years.

He was an electrician, employed by Jersey Central Power & Light Company for 37 years before retiring in 1982.

Also before his retirement, he was the owner and operator of R.E. Leslie Electrical Co.

Mr. Leslie was a communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen, and a member of the St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus, Metuchen.

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Surviving are his wife, the former Helen R. Reszko; a daughter, Karen Morrow of St. Augustine, Fla.; a son, Kenneth of Allentown, Pa.; four granddaughters, Angela Morrow of St. Augustine, Fla., Kali Baker of Metuchen, Tami Leslie of Germany and Jacqueline Leslie of Washington state; and a great-granddaughter, Samara Mok of Germany.

Madeline Mervin of Metuchen

Ms. Madeline Marvin of Southampton (formerly of Metuchen) died September 5 at home. She was 82.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong resident of Metuchen before moving to Southampton 12 years ago.

She was a secretary for 20 years with AT&T in Piscataway before retiring many years ago.

Ms. Mervin was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Metuchen.

A brother, Martin Mervin, Jr., died in 1995 and a sister, Ellen Mathiasen, died in 1996.

Surviving are three nieces, Carolyn Panico of Colonia, Beverly Morales of Edison and Kim Marcks of Parlin; three nephews, Russell Mervin of Avenel, Martin Marvin III of Middletown and Keith Mervin of Maryville, Tenn.

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**Rose Forte, 67
of Woodbridge**

Mrs. Rose Forte of Bayville (formerly of Woodbridge) died September 3 in Community Medical Center, Toms River. She was 67.

Born in Newark, she lived in Woodbridge for 28 years before moving to Bayville eight years ago.

She worked for the Woodbridge Township Board of Education for 18 years before retiring in 1993.

Surviving are her husband, Pat of 43 years; two sons, Michael and Patsy; a brother, Anthony DiChaira; and a sister, Mrs. Marie Vastano.

**Marie R. Baumann
of Woodbridge**

Mrs. Marie R. Baumann of Toms River (formerly of Woodbridge) died September 6 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. She was 71.

Born in Woodbridge, she lived there for 70 years until moving to Toms River last year.

She was a graduate of Middlesex County College, Edison and St. Mary's High School, Perth Amboy, Class of 1948.

Mrs. Baumann worked as an accountant with the Rouse Company, Woodbridge, for 25 years, retiring in 1992.

Previously, she worked in the Planning and Development Department of Woodbridge for 10 years, and had also been a telephone operator for NJ Bell Telephone, Woodbridge.

Mrs. Baumann was a member of St. James R.C. Church, Woodbridge, serving as an extraordinary minister. She was a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society.

Her husband, John F. Baumann, Jr., died in 1993. A sister, Sister Ruth Arway, R.S.M., is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Harris of Colonia; two brothers, Joseph W. Arway Jr. of Ohio and Robert J. Arway of Utah; three grandsons, Patrick, Daniel and Michael Harris of Colonia; and several nieces and nephews.

**Linda Cansian, 87
of Iselin**

Mrs. Linda M. (Vendrame) Cansian of Iselin died September 1 at Cedar Oak Nursing Home, South Plainfield. She was 87.

Born in Venice, Italy, she came to the United States in 1947, settling in Bayonne. She was a resident of Iselin for the past 21 years.

She worked for many years at Helmsley Spear Corp., New York City, in various capacities before her retirement in 1980.

Her husband, Vittorio Cansian, is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Marisa Rankin of Oklahoma, Fran L. Noack of Linden and Lois L. Cansian of Iselin; a son, Dennis V. Cansian of Carteret; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Ruth E. Randall, 73
of Fords**

Mrs. Ruth E. Randall of Fords died September 9 at home. She was 73.

Born in Jersey City, she was a resident of Fords for the past 23 years.

Mrs. Randall was a laundress for Champion Uniform of Fords, for five years before retiring in 1984.

She had previously been employed by Western Electric as an inspector. She was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Two sisters, Martha and Helen and two brothers, Arthur and Raymond, are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, William H. Randall, Jr.; a daughter, Kathleen Ruth Muench of Fords; a son, Kenneth Raymond Randall of Roselle Park; a brother, Robert Eberhardt of Toms River; two grandchildren, Eric and Amanda Muench.

**Alex Ziro, 104
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Alex Ziro of Perth Amboy died September 5 at Carriage House Nursing Home, Sayreville. He was 104.

He resided in Perth Amboy for 75 years.

He was a former carpenter in the Perth Amboy area.

His wife, Anna Smalley Ziro; and a son, Robert Ziro, are both deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Veronica Stathis of Sayreville; two granddaughters, Debra Osborne of Sewaren and Karen Armstrong of Edison; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Ziro of Woodbridge; and many nieces and nephews.

**William T. Nichols
of Iselin**

Mr. William T. Nichols III of Long Branch (formerly of Iselin) died September 7 in the Geraldine Thompson Care Center, Allenwood. He was 86.

Born in Scranton, he lived in Iselin before moving to Long Branch.

He was a warehouse supervisor with U.S. Plywood, Newark, and an assistant manager for Korvetts Furniture Store, Iselin, before retiring.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Mrs. Sharon Berse and three grandchildren.

**Anna Munn, 76
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Anna Munn (nee Komentch) of Barnegat (formerly of Perth Amboy) died September 9 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 76.

Born in Perth Amboy, she resided most of her life there before moving to Barnegat two years ago.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, William Munn, died in 1987; a daughter, Lillian Juliano, died in 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Mish of Perth Amboy; a sister, Helen Harmata of Hazlet; four grandchildren, Nicholas Juliano of Perth Amboy, Edward Mish Jr. of Old Bridge, Scott Mish of Parlin and Michelle DiMezza of Barnegat; five great-grandchildren, Bryan Crawford, Billy Crawford and Rachel DiMezza, all of Barnegat and Edward Mish III and Kristina Mish, both of Old Bridge; and several nieces and nephews.

**Angel Figueroa, 74
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Angel Vazquez Figueroa of Perth Amboy died September 9 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lyons. He was 74.

Born in Arroyo, Puerto Rico, he lived in Perth Amboy for the past 45 years.

He was an Army veteran serving the Korean War. He was disabled since the war.

His father, Angel Vazquez, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Rita (nee Droz) Vazquez; two daughters, Angeles Martinez and Nancy Hernandez, both of Perth Amboy; a son, Francisco Vazquez of Boston, Mass.; two brothers, Julio and Juan Vazquez of Puerto Rico; 19 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Anna Rusnak, 70
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Anna E. (Lucas) Rusnak of Perth Amboy died September 10 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 70.

Born in Ebervale, Pa., she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 52 years.

She was a floor lady with the Princeton Shirt Co., Hopelawn for 20 years before retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Rusnak was a communicant of Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Perth Amboy, where she belonged to the Holy Trinity Senior Citizens. She was also a member of the National Slovak Society.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, John Rusnak; a daughter, Theresa Stek of Perth Amboy; a son, John Rusnak Jr. of Allen, Texas; two sisters, Mary Horinko of Perth Amboy and Margaret Dinkelacker of Edison; a grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

**Valero Minucci, 81
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Valero Minucci of Perth Amboy died September 13 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 81.

Born in Port Reading, he lived in Union Beach for 30 years before moving to Perth Amboy.

Mr. Minucci was employed by AS&R Corp., Perth Amboy before retiring in 1971.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his sister-in-law, Tessie Minucci of Port Reading; several nieces and nephews, including Christina Makoski of Spotswood.



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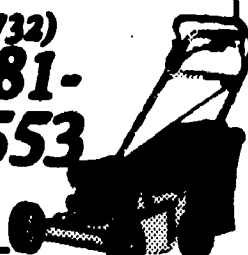
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New Design Plans In Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY — The Landings at Harborside, LLC will seek approval before the Perth Amboy Planning Board at the city's next meeting to move ahead with construction of its newly created design plans for the \$600 million project of the same name. The plans create a more vibrant and inviting community by blending the retail and residential components in a more harmo-

nious fashion.

The first phase will focus on the southern end of the project, beginning in the vicinity of the box factory on Rector Street, which is scheduled for demolition at the end of this month. The scope of Phase I has been expanded from 10.7 acres to 11.1, with nearly triple the amount of retail space.

The first phase, which was originally intended to have

27,000 sq. ft. of retail space, will now contain 60,000 of the project's total 150,000 sq. ft. of retail space. A pier that presently exists at the heart of the project will be converted into an open market. Architects have also changed the design of the retail space to flow parallel to the water, rather than perpendicular, in order to facilitate better traffic flow.

The number of housing

units, approximately 2,000, will remain the same. However, the height of "super-structure buildings," which had previously stretched beyond eight stories, has now been reduced to feature more four story structures with a combination of storefronts and residential units on the street level, thereby creating a more human scale.

The project will also include additional public waterfront space and will maintain the natural curvature of the shoreline, along with the 30-foot waterfront promenade that will stretch along the entire length of the project. An amphitheater has also been proposed as part of Celebration Square, which will be located along the water at the heart of the project.

Since signing a revised rede-

veloper's agreement in July, Landings hired a New York-based urban architect specialist-Liebman Melting Partnership-to create a more viable plan that would better meet the city's original vision of creating a cultural, commercial and residential center. Landings is now moving forward aggressively with the project and soon will begin pre-demolition work on the former box factory. American Wrecking Company of Perth Amboy has been retained to do the demolition work and expects to begin taking the building down by the end of October, marking the official start of Phase I of the project.

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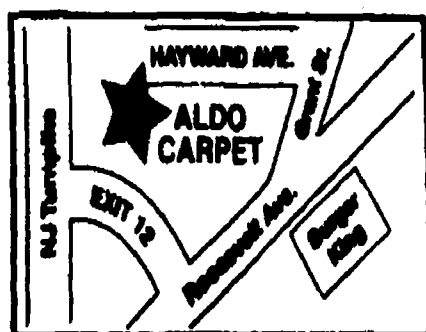
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County Roads To Be Resurfaced

"Our roadways must be maintained at proper condition to ensure maximum safety to residents."

WOODBIDGE--Improvements to two county roadways in Woodbridge Township will be conducted by Middlesex County this fall, Mayor James E. McGreevey announced.

"The need to keep Woodbridge thoroughfares in proper condition is critical to the safety of all who travel through our community," McGreevey said. "The resurfacing and reconstruction will result in safe traffic flow for residents of our community."

Councilman Frank Pelzman said the Woodbridge roads which are being improved by the County are scheduled for milling, paving and striping. The roadways are:

- * West Avenue from Port Reading Avenue to Arbor Street (Sept. 28-Oct. 11); and
- * Woodbridge Avenue from Harriott Street to West Avenue (Oct. 3-16).

"Woodbridge Township values the support and assistance which the Middlesex County Freeholders are providing for the roadways within our community," McGreevey said. "Our roadways must be maintained at proper condition to ensure maximum safety to residents."

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