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## Dowdell Library Of South Amboy Opens ELSA

SOUTH AMBOY—What is ELSA, and what does it mean to South Amboy? ELSA is the Electronic Library of South Amboy. For residents of South Amboy this means they now have "two" libraries to choose from: 1) the traditional brick and mortar structure at 100 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, on South Amboy's water front; 2) a new virtual electronic or e-library, located on the Internet with the address of [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org).

Just like at the traditional library those visiting ELSA can check the library's computerized card catalog to find out what

books, magazines, videos, dvds, computer software and compact discs are available. A visitor to the e-library can also receive help when they forget the title of a novel by using the electronic reader's advisory. Once visitors find what they want, titles can be reserved for them for future pick up at the library. They can also find out what materials they currently have checked out and whether any fines are owed.

If the library does not own something, visitors to ELSA can either check to see if a nearby library owns it and then go there to borrow the book or start the

process of requesting to have the book sent to the traditional library where it can be picked up.

For those who need a library to do research, ELSA is also the answer. Full-text articles from over 1,200 magazines appropriate for all ages are available. ELSA also has full text newspapers, *The Bergen Record*, *Star Ledger*, *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, which can be searched as far back as three years. ELSA users can also search on-line encyclopedias.

The Electronic Library of South Amboy also alerts visitors to upcoming events and programs

at the library. Parents can even register their children for story hours from a direct link found on the Children's Page.

The Electronic Library of South Amboy has been made possible by the Mayor and City Council of South Amboy, the New Jersey State Library, which provided a \$22,570 grant and Library's Board of Trustees.

Additional information is available at ELSA, 24 hours a day/7 days per week, and can be reached at [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org) or by calling the library at (732) 721-6060, or by e-mailing [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

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## Over 700 Take To The Streets

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In Woodbridge, friends, families and co-workers joined together for the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at The Club at Woodbridge, on Sun., Oct. 14. Participants in the five-mile, non-competitive walk raised \$70,000 to help support lifesaving research, education, advocacy and patient and family services, all while having a good time.

Participating in the event were Jessica Carpluk, of Menlo Park, who along with three other cheerleaders in her squad at JFK High School, Iselin, successfully completed the entire walk. "My cheerleading group joined together to show support and raise money for a good cause" stated Carpluk.

"We are so grateful to everyone who came out to support this event," added Young. "The community's participation saves lives by making early detection possible and improves the lives of women currently fighting breast cancer."

The American Cancer Society is also grateful to the corporate sponsors who have assumed a leadership role in the fight against breast cancer. This year's sponsors are: The Club at Woodbridge; Jack Hila, Esq.; and the Township of Woodbridge.

For additional information about the day's activities and to find out more about breast cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information about the American Cancer Society, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit our website at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



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## Mark Your Calendar Now...

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — If you're looking for discounted shopping without the crowds, visit Menlo Park Mall in Edison on Sunday, Nov. 18 for The Arc of Middlesex County's second annual Evening of Giving. The mall will be open between 7-10 p.m. With the purchase of an \$8 ticket, you'll enjoy discounts and

door prizes from retailers.

There will also be live music, a disc jockey and children's activities. Proceeds will benefit people with developmental disabilities and the Simon Youth Foundation. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. Call The Arc of Middlesex County at (732) 247-8155.

## County Economic Corporation Seeks New Facility

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) announced plans with the Borough of South River to open a new Head Start child care facility. MCEOC and the Borough are exploring options which would bring a Head Start program back to South River after a 10 year absence.

According to Szegeti, the proposed new Head Start Center will also serve Sayreville, Old Bridge and Monroe Twp., in addition to South River. Presently, the nearest Head Start facility to serve this area is located in South Amboy.

"MCEOC is proud to be working with South River to create new resources in the Borough. Head Start programs not only help educate children before they enter school, but also expand the possibilities for employment for working parents," said Carroll, Thomas, MCEOC's Executive Director.

As part of the arrangement between MCEOC and the Borough, a committee has been established to explore possible sites in South River to house the Head Start Center. MCEOC will

provide technical assistance to purchase the building and set up the Center.

MCEOC has more than 36 years of experience in providing pre-school services through its Head Start program and serve more than 650 children each year at 16 state-licensed centers throughout Middlesex County. Head Start is a federally-funded program, offering classroom education, medical, dental and mental health services, nutrition, transportation and family services at no cost to families.

The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency, whose programs enable self-sufficiency to low-income households in Middlesex County. MCEOC provides social services through four divisions: Children's Programs, Basic Needs, Community Services, and Housing and Economic Development. The MCEOC is a part of a national network of nearly 1,000 local Community Action Agencies which assist millions of Americans across the country.

## WALK RAISES \$190,000 AND COUNTING



Pictured at the American Heart Association's recent Middlesex County American Heart Walk event at Middlesex County College are (L.-R.) Chris Paladino, 2001 co-chairman of Middlesex County American Heart Walk and president of New Brunswick Development Corp.; Elaine M. Flynn, the 2001 American Heart Walk "red cap survivor ambassador" and County Clerk of Middlesex County; and Larry Daniels, 2001 co-chairman of Middlesex County American Heart Walk and general manager of the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick. Close to 1,200 people came out to Middlesex County American Heart Walk to raise more than \$190,000 (with money still coming in). For more information about CPR, defibrillators, heart disease and stroke, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1.

## Senior Residents Get Crafty

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Bayshore Health Care Center will hold its Thirteenth Annual Holiday Craft Sale on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 715 North Beers Street, Holmdel.

This year's event will fea-

ture exciting seasonal crafts such as hand-made wooden and ceramic pieces, home-baked goodies and a trash and treasure table. These projects are made by residents and staff of the Health Care Center as well as other area vendors.

All proceeds will benefit the residents' recreation fund.

All are invited to attend for some great holiday shopping. For more information, call Mary Ellen Burns at the Bayshore Health Care Center at (732) 739-9000, ext. 8227.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

WTC Widow Sues Taliban And bin Laden

STATE--A New Jersey woman whose husband died in the World Trade Center sued the Taliban and Osama bin Laden for at least \$5 million recently, the first lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court on behalf of a family victimized by the Sept. 11 attack.

The wrongful death lawsuit was filed on behalf of a pregnant woman with four children identified only as Jane Doe. The defendants also included the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

James E. Beasley, the Philadelphia lawyer who brought the lawsuit, said substantial assets will be available for families of victims to claim because the United States has frozen bank accounts and assets belonging to the terrorists.

The law suit seeks at least \$5 million, but Beasley said the claim could be worth more.

The victim, identified as "T.S." in the lawsuit, had climbed to the roof of One World Trade Center after it was struck by American Airline Flight 11, the lawyer said.

A co-worker with T.S. in the financial services industry got through to his wife on a cellular phone to say they were fine, Beasley said.

"In the meantime, here's the wife (of T.S.) watching the consequences of this, knowing her husband was at that floor and watching it collapse," Beasley said.

He declined to specify the town or county where the wife resides, saying he wanted to protect her safety.

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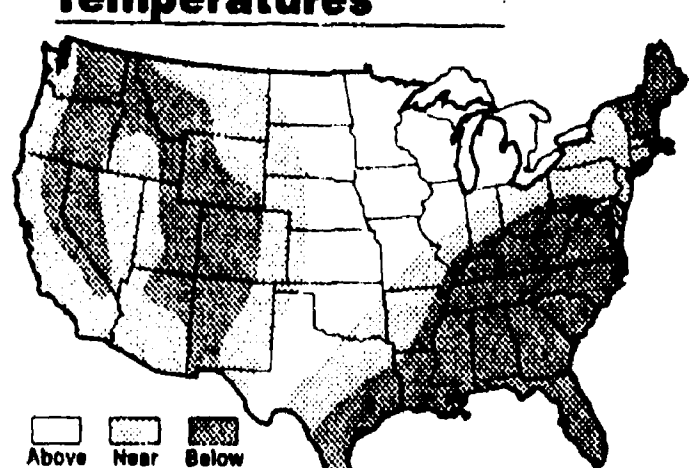
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| LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST                                                                               |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                 |
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| Thursday                                                                                           | Thu. night                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                             | Saturday                                                                                                        | Sunday                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                              | Wednesday                                                                                                       |
| <br>Mostly sunny. | <br>Fair and breezy. | <br>Mostly sunny. | <br>A good deal of sunshine. | <br>Mostly sunny. | <br>Variable clouds and cold. | <br>Partly sunny. | <br>A good deal of sunshine. |
| 58                                                                                                 | 43                                                                                                    | 55/36                                                                                              | 54/43                                                                                                           | 55/35                                                                                                | 49/29                                                                                                            | 46/35                                                                                                | 59/41                                                                                                           |

**THE WEEK AHEAD...**

**Temperatures**



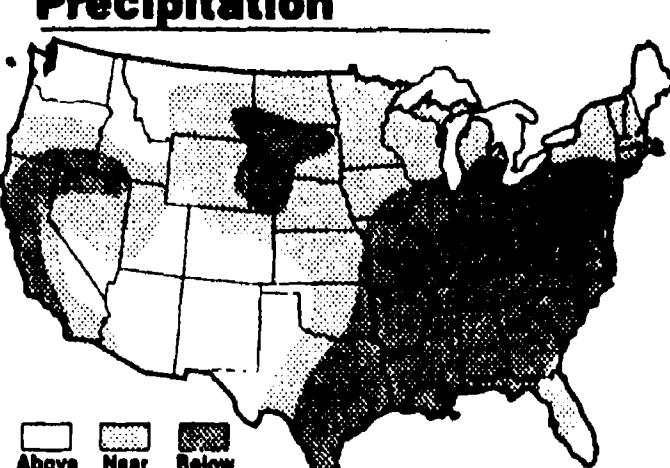
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**NATIONAL SUMMARY**

A storm early in the period will bring precipitation and cold weather to much of New England. Prevailing southerly winds will keep much of the Plains and Midwest warm. Clouds and rainfall early will bring cooler weather to the central and southern Rockies.

**THE WEEK AHEAD...**

**Precipitation**



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| City                   | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday   | Sunrise                           | Sunset    | City                    | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday   |
| Atlanta                | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  | Thu. 6:35 a.m.                    | 4:46 p.m. | Amsterdam               | 46 32 pc | 43 40 pc | 54 42 c  | 48 40 c  |
| Boston                 | 54 38 pc | 50 36 pc | 50 40 s  | 54 33 s  | Fri. 6:36 a.m.                    | 4:45 p.m. | Berlin                  | 42 30 sh | 33 26 pc | 45 42 c  | 46 37 c  |
| Chicago                | 56 34 sh | 60 34 s  | 60 44 s  | 50 37 pc | Moonrise Moonset                  |           | Buenos Aires            | 73 61 pc | 73 61 pc | 75 51 pc | 73 53 s  |
| Cleveland              | 56 37 sh | 51 37 s  | 50 36 s  | 53 36 pc | Thu. 11:41 p.m.                   | 1:26 p.m. | Cairo                   | 78 62 pc | 79 59 pc | 80 61 pc | 82 55 s  |
| Denver                 | 54 28 pc | 62 32 s  | 64 30 s  | 66 32 s  | Fri. none                         | 2:02 p.m. | Jerusalem               | 69 53 pc | 66 52 pc | 70 54 pc | 72 49 pc |
| Des Moines             | 56 33 pc | 51 31 s  | 52 36 s  | 51 39 pc | Moon Phases                       |           | Johannesburg            | 69 55 c  | 65 53 sh | 72 52 pc | 72 54 pc |
| Detroit                | 56 37 sh | 52 34 s  | 49 35 s  | 51 33 c  | Last New First Full               |           | London                  | 51 32 s  | 48 47 pc | 59 43 c  | 50 42 c  |
| Houston                | 78 52 pc | 78 54 pc | 71 52 s  | 76 50 pc | Nov 8 Nov 15 Nov 30 Nov           |           | Madrid                  | 66 40 s  | 65 43 pc | 62 46 c  | 59 42 c  |
| Indianapolis           | 57 38 s  | 57 38 s  | 55 37 s  | 53 41 s  | Weather (W):                      |           | Mexico City             | 67 41 pc | 64 42 pc | 65 41 pc | 65 43 pc |
| Kansas City            | 58 38 pc | 62 38 s  | 60 40 s  | 60 46 pc | s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,        |           | Moscow                  | 33 31 c  | 37 36 sh | 42 32 c  | 45 37 c  |
| Los Angeles            | 79 51 s  | 74 50 s  | 72 47 s  | 73 44 pc | c-cloudy, sh-showers,             |           | Paris                   | 47 29 sh | 42 38 pc | 52 42 pc | 48 39 c  |
| Miami                  | 78 66 s  | 80 68 s  | 80 68 s  | 80 62 c  | t-thunderstorms, r-rain,          |           | Rio de Janeiro          | 79 66 pc | 75 64 pc | 77 66 pc | 78 73 c  |
| Minn.- St. Paul        | 48 30 pc | 52 32 s  | 54 36 sh | 48 32 pc | st-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ico. |           | Rome                    | 65 52 pc | 61 34 pc | 50 38 pc | 60 45 pc |
| New Orleans            | 73 51 s  | 73 51 s  | 70 51 s  | 71 48 s  |                                   |           | San Juan                | 85 72 pc | 85 71 pc | 85 71 s  | 84 72 pc |
| New York City          | 60 46 s  | 58 42 pc | 54 42 s  | 57 39 s  |                                   |           | Seoul                   | 52 48 c  | 53 43 c  | 58 41 pc | 59 46 pc |
| Omaha                  | 54 30 pc | 60 32 s  | 60 34 s  | 56 40 s  |                                   |           | Sydney                  | 64 52 c  | 67 65 c  | 73 57 r  | 79 58 pc |
| Phoenix                | 83 58 s  | 81 57 s  | 74 54 c  | 73 52 pc |                                   |           | Tokyo                   | 58 50 s  | 63 53 pc | 59 48 pc | 62 57 s  |
| San Francisco          | 62 49 pc | 63 50 pc | 62 50 pc | 63 47 c  |                                   |           | Toronto                 | 48 27 c  | 46 27 s  | 50 33 pc | 49 28 c  |
| Seattle                | 52 44 c  | 50 44 c  | 53 44 sh | 52 50 r  |                                   |           | Winnipeg                | 41 29 pc | 49 29 pc | 45 28 c  | 43 27 c  |
| Washington             | 64 44 s  | 62 40 s  | 60 38 s  | 61 40 s  |                                   |           | Zurich                  | 44 29 sh | 37 29 c  | 41 37 c  | 48 38 c  |

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# Senior Citizens

## "Watchdog" Program Kicks Off

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas held a press conference in conjunction with Perth Amboy's Office on Aging, the Middlesex County Office on Aging and the United States Postal Service to kick off the new "Carrier Link Program" designed to create a safety network for older adults that live alone or do not have family in the area.

"Unfortunately, there are many older adults in our community that do not have contact with family, friends, civic or religious groups on a daily basis. If they become ill or unable to function independently, they can easily go unnoticed for a great deal of time. By partnering with the U.S. Postal Service, we hope to

eliminate this peril and provide a watchful eye for this sector of the community," stated Mayor Vas.

Carrier Link was initiated in May during "Older Americans Month" by the county Office on Aging and has since been expanded to include 21 municipalities (including Perth Amboy). The program is designed to aid vulnerable residents who need help by enlisting the assistance of mail carriers who will be trained to look for danger signals such as: a change in appearance or behavior, signs of confusion or disability, accumulation of mail, etc.

Older adults interested in registering with the program need only fill out an application and a liability waiver,

which are available at the Olive Street Community Center's Office on Aging. They will then receive an identification decal, which will alert the postal carrier of their enrollment. Should the mail carrier recognize any of the warning signs while delivering their route, he/she will then notify their supervisor who will, in turn, notify Perth Amboy's Office on Aging for assistance.

The program is free to those who wish to participate. An external mailbox is required for the decal identification location. Anyone interested in receiving an application can either stop in to the Olive Street Community Center during business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) Monday-Friday, or call (732) 826-1690, ext. 4325.

## Women Victims Of Domestic Violence Receives Funding

EDISON—Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) has been awarded a grant of \$149,831 from the U.S. Office of Justice Programs to expand its Domestic Violence Representation Project, which provides free legal representation to low-income women victims of domestic violence. The new funding, made available through the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program, covers an 18-month period and will enable LSNJ to add a full-time attorney to the staff of its DVRP.

Nancy Goldhill, senior attorney at LSNJ and current supervising attorney for the DVRP, indicated that LSNJ "has established a formal collaboration with the Immigrant Rights Program of the American Friends Service Committee and Mavani, an agency that serves South Asian victims of domestic violence living in the U.S. Also joining the collaboration are the New Jersey Coalition

for Battered Women and the New Brunswick battered women's shelter, Women Aware.

Both the Coalition and Mavani will provide training for LSNJ staff." Goldhill also noted that "the new attorney will enhance the DVRP's outreach to and collaboration with other victim service providers, aimed at informing victims about their legal rights and services available to them from LSNJ and others, and training staff members of domestic violence service providers in legal matters."

Legal Services programs are the primary vehicle by which society provides essential legal aid in civil matters to people who could not otherwise afford lawyers. New Jersey has fifteen Legal Services programs: fourteen local field programs, providing direct service to clients in all twenty-one counties of the state, and LSNJ, the statewide coordinating office in Edison.

### MAYOR HONORED BY COUNTY ECONOMIC CORPORATION

Carteret Mayor James A. Falce (left) receives the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation's (MCEOC) Community Service Award from MCEOC Executive Director Carroll Thomas (right) for his commitment to the new Carteret Family Services Center. Scheduled to open next year, the Center is a joint project between MCEOC and the Borough of Carteret. The new facility will house the County Head Start and Child Care program, comprehensive social and family services and the Carteret Community Action Council Offices. Mayor Falce, along with the Borough Council of Carteret, were honored at a recent fundraising event aboard the Cornucopia Princess.



### Military Briefs...

#### Alcindor Reports For Duty

AVENEL—Navy Seaman Iceland. Alcindor is a 1992 graduate of Willingboro High School in Willingboro. He joined the Navy in May 1998.

#### Cuffy Graduates Basic Military Training

SAYREVILLE—Army Pfc. Joel M. Cuffy has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During infantry training, he

developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the cousin of Daryl Stephenson of Sayreville and Rosetti Alphonse of South Amboy.

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**YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS****Challah Baking Workshop**

UNION—The YM-YWHA of Union, in conjunction with the annual Chanukah Book Fair (12/2-9) will sponsor a Challah Baking Workshop on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. This popular cooking program fills up every year, as participants learn the secrets of preparing the special Jewish bread used on Shabbat and holidays.

Taught by Goldie Mandel, an

experienced cooking instructor, the workshop lasts about two hours; while the breads are rising and baking, special cookie and cake recipes will be made.

The cost is only \$5 per person, \$1 discount for Y members. Registration deadline is Nov. 23.

For more information, call Jani Kovacs-Jonas at the Y at (908) 289-8112. The Y is located at 501 Green Lane, Union.

**"JAZZ etc."; 2001 Concert Series**

RAHWAY—The 2001 Concert series 'JAZZ etc.' at the Arts Guild of Rahway concludes on Friday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. with Marlene VerPlanck. All seats are \$10 payable at the door. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Call (732) 381-7511 for reservations/information and directions.

Marlene VerPlanck is a little lady with a big crystal clear voice. She first came to national attention on radio and TV as the

voice of such advertising jingles as "Weekends were made for Michelob" and "Mmm mmm good, mmm mmm good, that's what Campbell's soups are." Her career had actually begun years before as a vocalist for Charlie Spivak and Tex Beneke Big Bands.

Part of Ms. VerPlanck's early career was spent on NY's busiest studio singer, doing back-up for such talent as Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Tony Bennett,

Blood, Sweat & Tears and Kiss to name a few. After appearing on the celebrated radio series "American Popular Songs" she emerged as a leading solo performer in clubs and concert halls in the 1970's.

In her concert at the Arts Guild of Rahway on Nov. 9, she will perform tunes from the Great American Songbook—music from Gershwin, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Johnny Mercer and more.

Call (732) 381-7511 for reservations.

**Experience The Wonder At New Jersey's Professional Theatres**

AREA—New Jersey's professional theatres are bustling with excitement and anticipation as they prepare to launch the 2001-2002 theatre season. From McCarter Theatre's world-class productions of world-class plays, to the scintillating new plays developed at Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey and New Jersey Repertory Company, to the tender humor offered by What Exit? Theatre Company... there's something for all of New Jersey's discerning theatergoers. No matter where

you are, there is a professional theatre nearby that can challenge, excite and entertain you.

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional theatres, offers a free, comprehensive calendar that details the entire season's offerings. They also offer a discount ticket package that makes it all more than affordable, even when you want to take the whole family.

The Theatre Sampler Series consists of three plays at three different theatres for only \$60. This package can save you up

to 50 percent off the price of single tickets and is only offered through the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

Another popular publication available through the Alliance is the Savvy Singles Guide to New Jersey's professional theatres detailing special performances at theatres offering pre and/or post play receptions where discriminating single theatre-goers can meet, greet and mingle. These evenings afford a great alternative to the bar scene, and are available as part of a Theatre Sampler

Series package. Theatregoers connected to the web can also subscribe to the New Jersey Theatre E-news, a weekly e-mail listing special offers and discounts at member theatres only available to online subscribers. The E-news, sponsored by Verizon, also contains listings of "what's playing" across the state.

To receive a free schedule of events, for more information on the Theatre Sampler Series and the Savvy Singles Guide or to subscribe to the Theatre E-news, call (973) 593-0189 or e-mail

njtg@nj.com. Visit the New Jersey Theatre Alliance website at [www.njtheatrealliance.com](http://www.njtheatrealliance.com).

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## YOUR HEALTH NEWS

## Free Foot Screening At Wound Care Center — November Is American Diabetes Month —

AREA — Some warnings, like the blowing of a far away train whistle, may be disregarded without consequence, but ignoring the warning signs of diabetes can have serious ramifications that may eventually include chronic wounds, and, ultimately, amputation.

Neuropathy, or nerve damage, is one of the most common complications of diabetes. It develops gradually, usually in the feet, and results in numbness — a diabetes warning sign — and the loss of the protective

sensation that signals pain in body extremities, especially the legs and feet.

The Diabetes Care and Control Center and the Wound Care Center at Saint Peter's University Hospital will be hosting a free Foot Screening for people with diabetes on Tues., Nov. 27, from 1-4 p.m. in the Wound Care Center, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, fifth floor of the main hospital. Forty appointments are available, so early registration is encouraged. For more infor-

mation or to register, call 732-846-6199.

It is extremely important for people to know the warning signs of diabetes, particularly those signs that could be mistaken for something else and ignored. If untreated, symptoms could be precursors of blindness, kidney disease and other complications, including nerve disease and amputation. Because of the difficulty of recognizing diabetes symptoms, it has been called the "silent disease." It goes undiagnosed in as many

as 5.4 million of the nearly 16 million Americans believed to have it.

If untreated, a minor injury like a small cut can become a serious wound resulting in chronic infection, gangrene and even amputation. Something as easy as using a mirror to check the bottoms of feet for small cracks or cuts could help make a difference. Proper foot care and a simple test for nerve damage also can prevent or lessen the likelihood of injuries, sores and infections.

Physicians affiliated with the Curative Health Services' national network of Wound Care Centers are using a pock-

etsize testing device to test nerve sensation in the feet and legs. At Saint Peter's University Hospital, the Wound Care Center program considers a chronic non-healing wound to be one that has not demonstrated notable improvement after four weeks, or has not healed after a period of eight weeks.

At Saint Peter's Wound Care Center, 30 percent of the patients are diabetics. Overall, the healing rate at Saint Peter's for all patients with these chronic, non-healing wounds is 84.7 percent for those completing the program. That is higher than the national average.

## Orthodontics In The 21st Century

AREA — Orthodontic treatment has come a long way in its first century. Not too long ago, the process of putting braces on could take several long, uncomfortable appointments. Braces were attached to teeth with steel bands that had to be individually fitted around each tooth. The second century of orthodontics begins with major advances such as technology adapted from NASA, smaller braces applied directly to the tooth surface, high-tech adhesives and computer-software to make orthodontic treatment a much more comfortable and simplified process.

One of the most dramatic breakthroughs in orthodontics came from NASA: heat-activated nickel-titanium alloy wires that effectively move teeth when the wires reach mouth temperature. These new wires apply gradual, precise and gentle pressures, and yet retain their teeth-moving abilities longer than their predecessors. In contrast, stainless steel wires were less resilient needed more frequent adjustments by the orthodontist.

Some of today's braces are translucent or tooth-colored. Additionally, metal brackets are now smaller and less noticeable. With multi-color elastic ties that attach the wires to the brackets, today's braces are also fun. Many young orthodontic patients enjoy color coordinating their rubber bands as a fashion accessory—but this is an accessory that will help them achieve a healthy smile that's good for life.

Bracket adhesives have advanced into the 21st century as well. Some continuously release fluoride to help protect tooth enamel underneath brackets, while others are for-

mulated to withstand moisture.

Orthodontics in the 21st century can also provide a "glimpse into the future," showing the results that orthodontic care could provide for an individual. New computer-software programs can generate "virtual faces," helping orthodontists plan treatment and patients visualize potential results.

The AAO has a free computer-imaging program called "Smile Bank" available to people considering orthodontic care for themselves or their children. Interested individuals can send a photo of the potential patient smiling, and an orthodontist will prepare a computer-generated "after braces" picture.

Today more adults are having orthodontic treatment because of greater awareness of the health benefits of a proper bite and the increased self-esteem that comes with an attractive smile. "Given today's technological advances and the affordability of treatment, patients of all ages are improving their smiles," Dr. Preis says.

Juliet didn't start treatment until she was in her 40s. She, like countless others who feel embarrassed about their crooked teeth, would reflexively cover her mouth whenever she laughed or smiled. Now she beams, and wonders what took her so long to seek treatment.

Five million people in the United States and Canada are presently in orthodontic treatment, according to the AAO. One in five is over age 18. Some patients are in their 50s, 60s and older. Less visible, more comfortable braces make treatment more appealing than ever. Healthy teeth, bones and gums of almost any age respond well to treatment.

Identifying Problems Early

While orthodontic treatment can be successful at almost any age, early detection of orthodontic problems may prevent complications in the long run. Early guidance of jaw growth, in some cases, may decrease a patient's need for more involved procedures later on.

Many parents assume they must wait until a child has all of his or her permanent teeth before visiting the orthodontist, only to find treatment could have been much easier if started earlier. Some orthodontic problems are best treated while the face is still developing. Therefore, the AAO recommends that every child have an orthodontic check-up no later than age 7.

Regardless of when orthodontic treatment is started, orthodontics can ease physical and emotional trauma. A child whose teeth are crooked or whose jaws obviously are out of alignment may suffer from more than just the thoughtless teasing of other kids. Teeth that aren't in the right position are also prone to injury.

About the American Association of Orthodontists

Founded in 1900, the Amer-

ican Association of Orthodontists (AAO) has more than 13,500 members in the United States, Canada and abroad. The AAO supports research and education leading to quality patient care and promotes increased awareness of the need for and benefits of orthodontic treatment.

Orthodontists are uniquely qualified to correct "bad bites." To be a specialist in orthodontics the American Dental Association requires at least two academic years of advanced specialty training in orthodontics in an accredited program, after graduation from dental school.

Anyone interested in the AAO

"Smile Bank" and seeing how they might look after braces may send a photo of the potential patient facing the camera and smiling a natural, "toothy" smile to: SMILES, AAO, 401 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141-7816. Please include the name, address and a day-time phone number.

For a free video packed with valuable information about orthodontics, "A Smile That's Good for Life," call 1-800-STRAIGHT (1-800-787-2444). Additional information can be found on the AAO's Web site at [www.braces.org](http://www.braces.org).

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**YOUR SCHOOL NEWS****Step Ahead Of Economic Slowdown**

AREA — Despite the spirit of uncertainty that pervades our economy and our country's security overall, you can still rise above layoffs and other negative employment trends by developing an effective resume and honing your job interview skills. This semester, Union County College will offer three, single-session workshops during November in these areas. These include a newly introduced seminar specifically geared toward people with technical backgrounds in computers, the sciences, medicine, and other areas of high technology.

The workshops are designed for persons who recently experienced a layoff, those who

believe they may face a job loss, as well as those who wish to upgrade their status in a chosen field or change direction and start an entirely new career path. New graduates are also assisted through the workshops. The seminars are practically oriented and provide participants with significant opportunity to address their own personal concerns. Considerable dialogue is encouraged to enable participants to learn from their peers as well as from the instructor.

New this semester is "Resume Writing for 'Techies,'" a seminar designed to help people with technical backgrounds to convey their skills and accom-

plishments in "plain English", while still conveying a positive message of their technical expertise. Participants will learn to balance industry jargon with concrete language designed for a reading audience much broader than might be anticipated at first glance. The College will offer the workshop from 7-9 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 19 at its Cranford Campus.

Other related workshops that have been offered by the College in the past and will be presented again:

"Make Your Resume Work for You" will enable participants to discover the rationale behind effective resume and cover letter writing, and how it can be

worked to the individual's advantage. The class will review the mechanics of writing a resume and cover letter that are clear, concise, and highlight one's individuality. Participants will learn to balance marketability with accuracy, and become familiar with the do's and don'ts of good editing practices, layout, and professional printing strategies. The College will conduct the seminar from 7-9 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 12 at its Cranford Campus.

"Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will enable participants to develop strategic selling skills for the employment marketplace. They will learn techniques to prepare effectively for the job interview. This effort can thus help to ease

the stress of the experience and equip participants with the ability to refine their presentation for optimal impact. Participants will learn to conduct preliminary research, the importance of networking, handling "trick" questions, types of questions the interviewee needs to ask, negotiating for the salary, and how to close the interview to one's advantage. Role playing will be included as time permits. The College will conduct the seminar from 7-9 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 26 at its Cranford Campus.

Those interested in further information should call the College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

**Local Students Included In The National Dean's List**

AREA — A total of 30 students from this area are among the approximately 140,000 students included in the 24th Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List*, 2000-01. *The National Dean's List*, published by

Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans,

registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students. To learn more about *The National Dean's List* visit [www.honor-ing.com](http://www.honor-ing.com).

Local students selected include:

**Carteret**  
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**Woodbridge**  
Gary Ahladianakis, Ramapo College of NJ; Sylvia Banga, Rutgers State University at New

Brunswick; Nicole G. Basiaga, Ramapo College of NJ; Jodi A. Bolognese, Fairfield University; Richard Cicerone, Middlesex County College; Shaun Frame, Ramapo College of NJ; Smriti Ganerwalla, Fashion Institute of Technology; Ulla Golden, Middlesex County College; Kelli A. Kaelber, Albright College; Catherine Marlow, Kean University; Thomas Miller, IN University at Bloomington; Yong Chi Park, Rutgers State University at New Brunswick; John A. Radzik, Kean University; and Barbara Stilwell, Caldwell College.

**Sayreville**

Strahimir Antojak, Rutgers State University at New Brunswick; Lovelace Baiden, Middlesex County College; Agnieszka Czarnicka, Rutgers State University at New Brunswick; Samantha Landon, Montclair State University; Jessica Nelan, Rutgers State University at New Brunswick; Funmilola Okuyemi, Rutgers State University at New Brunswick; Calvin P. Osei, Temple University; Agnieszka Piasecka, De Vry Institute; Mikka Pineda, Brown University; and Cheryl Zonkowski, University of Florida.

**Junior Achievement Joins Org Website**

AREA — Junior Achievement (JA) has announced that the organization has joined the White House's [libertyunites.org](http://libertyunites.org) Web site due to JA's mission of educating young people in America about free enterprise. JA will be listed in the "More Ways to Help" section of the Web site.

Junior Achievement's purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. JA recently created five activities to help adults educate students about the economic impact of the recent events in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

For more information, please visit [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org) or [www.libertyunites.org](http://www.libertyunites.org).

Junior Achievement is the world's largest and fastest-grow-

ing organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and free enterprise. Through age-appropriate curricula, JA programs begin at the elementary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers. JA programs continue through the middle and high school grades, preparing students for additional key economic and workforce issues they will face in the future.

Today JA reaches more than four million students through 156 offices nationwide and nearly two million students in 112 countries worldwide. In New Jersey, Junior Achievement programs are taught to more than 45,000 students statewide annually.

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## Strategies For Investing In A Volatile Market

by Dr. Karen Enale,  
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**AREA** — The stock market has really been like a roller coaster lately with wide swings in prices each day. Worse yet, specific market sectors, such as technology stocks, have really taken it on the chin. What is a poor investor supposed to do these days? Hang tight, invest systematically, and stick with a game plan.

Below is some advice for nervous investors:

- Realize that market volatility is normal. Among the causes recently are the increased flow of financial information to consumers (e.g., CNBC, the Internet), competition among mutual fund managers who are "chasing return" to keep their jobs; increased globalization and effects of the world economy; and a short term focus by many

people who trade frequently.

- Dollar-cost averaging is a recommended investment strategy. This means investing a regular amount at a regular time interval, such as \$50 per month. Over time, the average cost of shares is reduced.

- Another recommended strategy is diversification by investing in different industries and asset classes. An investment research firm called Callan Associates produces a brightly-colored chart that shows the annual return for various asset classes (e.g., small company stock, large company stocks, bonds, etc). The message is clear: one year's top asset class can be next year's loser so you buy them all. Large company growth stocks, for example, topped the chart for four years in a row from 1995-1998 but were next to last in performance in

2000 with a minus 22.07% return.

- Make sure that your mutual funds don't hold the same stocks. Otherwise, you won't have much diversification. A good reference tool for mutual fund decisions is Morningstar, available in the reference section of many public libraries. Avoid heavy concentration in specific market sectors (e.g., technology). This reduces an investor's diversification and increases their portfolio's volatility.

- Some technology exposure is appropriate for almost everyone due to its dominance in the U.S. economy. The specific percentage will depend on an investor's risk tolerance. Other industry sectors that are predicted to well in the future include health care, biotechnology, financial services, and real estate

investment trusts (REITs).

- Take the time to develop an asset allocation model for your portfolio. In other words, the percentage of their invested funds in different types of investments. Without a diversified portfolio, investors will give back a lot of their earnings during market downturns. On average, the stock market has three bad years per decade.

- Investors should then "stay the course" and follow their model in both bull (rising) and bear (declining) markets. Rebalance back to the original weighting if these percentages change by a certain amount (e.g., 2%). Realize that successful investing in value stocks takes patience and time.

- Investors should also carefully consider their risk tolerance level. Most people are more concerned about downside risk than upside earnings potential. Many mutual fund company Web sites have simple risk

assessment tools. Think about possible losses in dollar figures, rather than percentages, when assessing your risk tolerance (e.g., losing \$3,000 versus losing 9%).

- Don't chase stocks or funds "after the fact." In 1999, many people got caught up in "dot com euphoria" without carefully researching their investments and lost big in 2000. Investors can use stop loss orders to put in some safeguards for their stock price gains.

- The best advice for coping with investment volatility is to follow a disciplined investment strategy and do not deviate from it. Buy quality investments with below-average expenses (e.g., low expense ratios on mutual funds) and hold them. If you make exceptions to your plan once, you'll do it again.

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## Merck Profit Up 6 Percent

**AREA** — Merck & Co. earnings increased 6% in the third quarter, driven by sales increases of six key drugs and growth of its Merck-Medco prescription benefits business.

Merck reported that its third-quarter earnings reached \$1.95 billion, or 84¢ per share, compared with \$1.84 billion, or 78¢ per share, a year ago.

Sales grew nearly 13% to \$11.92 billion for the quarter.

Merck's earnings matched the expectations of Wall Street

analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call.

Cholesterol medication Zocor was the company's best seller, with worldwide sales of \$1.7 billion for the quarter, up 28% over third-quarter 2000.

Sales of the company's Vioxx arthritis and pain drug reached \$795 million for the quarter, an increase of 29%. But the company noted that several lawsuits have been filed over the safety of Vioxx, alleging that users may face an increased risk of

heart attack or gastrointestinal bleeding. Merck said it believes the lawsuits are without merit and will defend them vigorously.

The company also noted sales increases for blood pressure medicines Cozaar and Hyzaar, up 33% to \$540 million; osteoporosis drug Fosax, up 25% to \$450 million, and asthma medication Singulair, up 49% to \$350 million.

The Merckmedco.com Internet pharmacy business also performed well, the company said, processing about 1.9 million prescriptions, a 63% in-

crease over a year ago.

For the nine months ending Sept. 30, Merck reported earnings of \$5.4 billion, or \$2.33 per share, up from 5.1 billion, or \$2.15 per share, a year ago. Sales for the period grew 22% to \$35.2 billion.

Merck said it was comfortable with its full-year earnings-per-share estimate of between \$3.12 and \$3.18. The consensus of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call is \$3.14 for the year. The company earned \$2.90 for all of 2000.

## Guide Reveals Credit Cards With No Annual Fee

**AREA** — Shopping with a credit card is a way of life for most Americans. More than 100 of the largest major credit card companies and US banks are offering low interest credit cards with no annual membership fee. *The Directory of MasterCard & Visa Credit Card Sources* reveals the names, addresses and background information on over 100+ banks and credit card companies offering the lowest interest rate credit cards in the nation. Included are details on the various issuers and programs, membership fee (if any), toll-free phone numbers to apply (by phone or request an application), interest rate, credit line range, grace period, step-by-step instructions on

how to fill out credit card applications, and more.

The directory is available for \$20 plus \$3 shipping and handling from Timely Information Concepts, 3282 Mc Math Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 34684. The directory even includes about 80 Secured Bankcards for those with bad, damaged or no credit. It is fully indexed which makes it possible to find:

- The lowest rate cards ranked by interest rate for both regular and gold cards.

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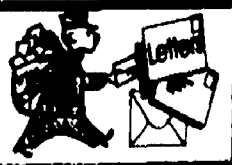
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**EDITORIAL****Readers Commentary****An Obligation To Our Nation**

Dear Editor,

Since the terrorist attacks in September, American flags adorn almost every home and most cars sport at least a decal, bumper sticker or a flag duct taped to the antenna. The singing of "God Bless America" has become a most welcomed addition to pre-game and half-time shows from high school to the major leagues. It is pretty easy to be Patriotic these days.

With the recent call-to-arms by our Commander-in-Chief George W. Bush, a whole new generation of "Veterans" is being created. But, George Washington once said, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their Nation."

On Sunday, Nov. 11, the residents of the Woodbridge community will have an opportunity to demonstrate their gratitude to our Nation's Veterans as Mayor James E. McGreevey and the Veterans of Woodbridge Township host the tenth Annual Veterans Day Commemoration. This program will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 600 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge and will begin at 7 p.m.

The celebration of Veterans Day has always been important and this year it has taken on a whole new meaning. It is probably the most misunderstood and least appreciated holiday of them all. Veterans Day was not established as a way of getting an extra day off from work or a long weekend. And, it was not intended to mark the beginning of the Holiday Season with super sales in all the stores and malls!

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation designating Nov. 11th as the day through which "a grateful nation may pay proper homage to all its Veterans who have contributed so much to world peace and the preservation of our way of life."

And that is why Commemorations, such as the one to be held on Nov. 11th, serve an ever-

increasingly-vital role in our society. We've got to make people remember the sacrifices of our Veterans and we have to keep the current Patriotic spirit alive!

That evening we will honor all who served in our nation's Armed Forces, because credit for our freedom and continued security belongs overwhelmingly to our Veterans. We salute their sacrifice and thank them for supporting this nation in every hour of need.

As we commemorate Veterans Day, we proudly and gratefully recognize the hardships and sacrifices demanded from, and faithfully accepted by, the millions of men and women who have defended our land in war and peace. Our Veterans believed so much in freedom and possessed such a strong sense of duty and honor, that they were willing to risk death for it.

This patriotic holiday is also a reminder that we have an obligation to safeguard the precious legacy of our founding fathers—a legacy of freedom, justice and liberty. A legacy that forever commits the nation to preserve our sovereignty, respect our heritage and instill in us the responsibilities of citizenship. Today men and women are answering this obligation as they willingly leave family and friends behind to join the war on terrorism.

Veterans Day serves to remind us that cowards did not build this great nation, nor will cowards preserve it. America can remain the land of the free only as long as it is the home of the brave!

The Commemoration on Nov. 11th will seek to prove, once again, that the community of Woodbridge appreciates the sacrifices of our Nation's Veterans. The public is invited to attend. Come! Enjoy the music and poetry and help us say "thank you" to those who have served and continue to serve our Nation.

**Robin A. Goodrich, Chairman 2000  
Veterans Day Commemoration**

## Sayreville Dog Owners Should Be Considerate Of Their Neighbors

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to all dog owners. I live in the Parlin section of Sayreville. Although many people don't realize it, some people work off-hours. When I am up all night at work, I come home to sleep in the morning/early afternoon.

In this area, almost everyone, including me, has a dog. Some people are considerate, but others allow their dogs to bark all day long, starting early in the morning. These are the people who are at work, so they don't hear their dogs, but I do. I allow my dog out, and when he barks,

I immediately bring him in.

Also, when we are having dinner, it is a bit annoying to have a dog barking constantly during our cherished family time. I bet you wouldn't like it if I let my dog outside at night during your cherished sleeping time.

People need to realize that other people don't just work 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Unnecessary noise pollution can be avoided. Horn beeping is a whole other topic. Let's try to be considerate of our neighbors.

**Rose Tarantino  
Parlin**

**Profiles Encouraged**

Dear Editor,

No one likes "racial profiling," "ethnic profiling," or "religious profiling."

But I see it this way: If groups of terrorists took out two huge buildings and part of the Pentagon and killed 5,000 people and then decided to unleash anthrax and it emerged that those terrorists were all middle-aged American blonde women who tend to dress in blue jeans and t-shirts and like to go by Catholic churches and light candles, I would be deeply upset

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**SnigLett's**

**LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN**

**In Hiding**

The horrible events of Sept. 11 have forced lefty groups to take a hard right turn. The Sierra Club abruptly yanked its ads off the air, halted phone banks, and removed all material from the web that could be perceived as anti-Bush. "For now," they say, "we are going to stop aggressively pushing our agenda and will cease bashing President Bush." The Ruckus Society, which teaches young commie wannabes how to demonstrate against institutions like the World Trade Organization, has suspended activities at a "training camp," where preparation for disrupting the next World Bank meeting was underway. Berkeley's International Rivers Network, another Wako group, suspended a Nationwide protest of Morgan Stanley for financing dam projects. Morgan Stanley occupied 50 floors of office space in the Twin Towers.

All this isn't sitting well with ultra-left-winger Alexander Cockburn, who complains that these groups are "hot to present themselves as staunch flagwavers." Relax, Mr. Cockburn, after we're through making the world safe for democracy, the wackos can come out of hiding. In the meantime...enjoy the peace and quiet.

not only because the terrorists had done what they'd done.

I would also be upset because they were just like me! I fit their profile! I look like them! I act like them!

Everywhere I went people would notice me and give me hard looks and watch what I am doing. I would feel terrible about this. But you know what else I'd do? I'd suck it up. I'd understand. I wouldn't like it, but I'd get it, and I'd accept it.

Because under very special circumstances—and these are

special circumstances—you sometimes have to sacrifice. You have to drop your burly pride a little and try to understand and be accepted and accommodating and generous-spirited.

I think we're going to require a lot of patience from a lot of innocent people. And you know, I don't think that's asking too much. And when it's not given, I think we should recognize that as odd.

**Peggy Noonan**



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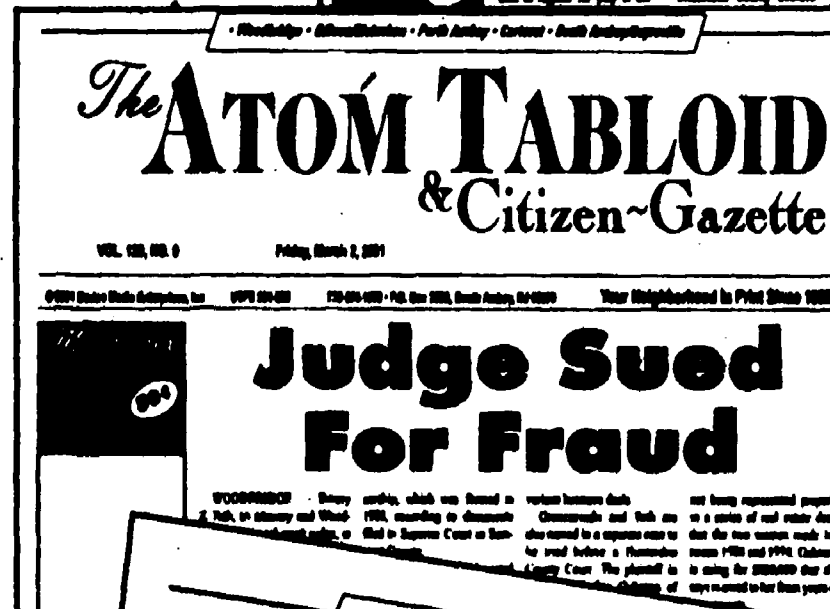
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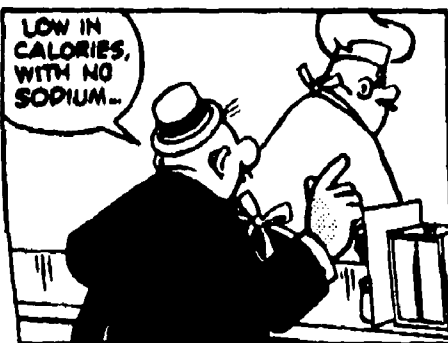
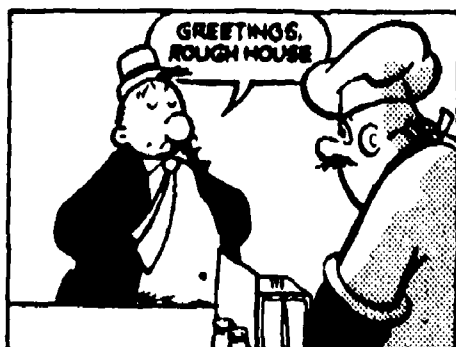
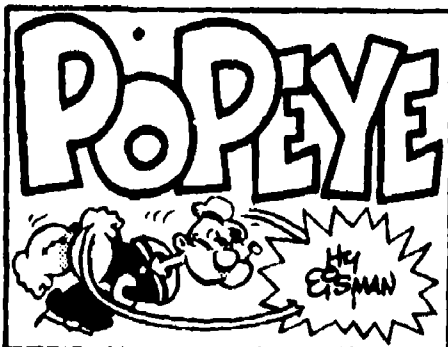
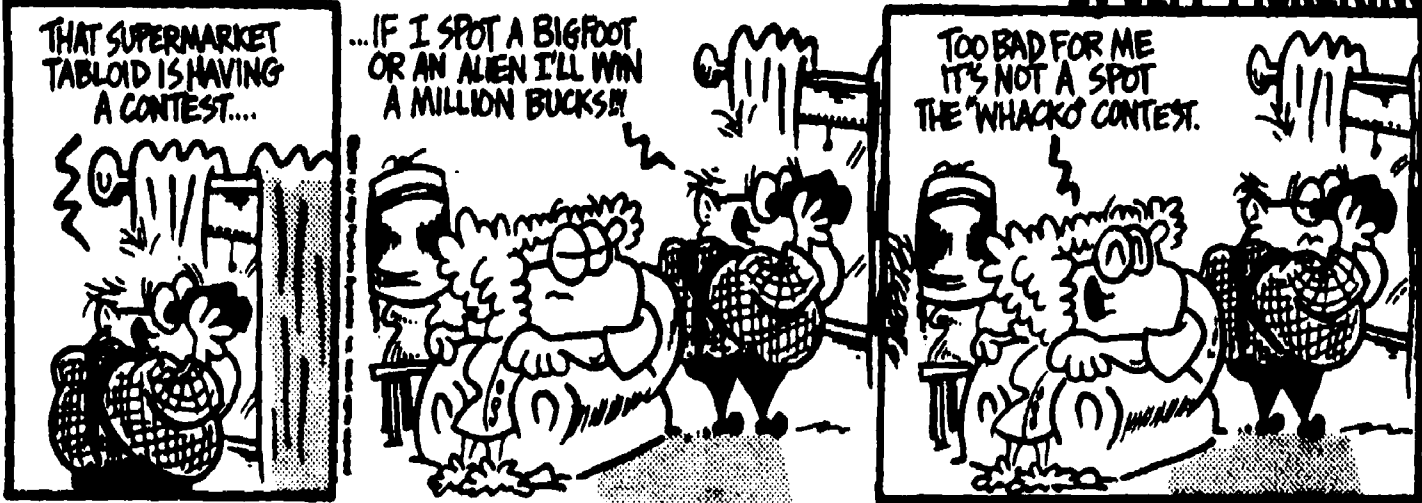
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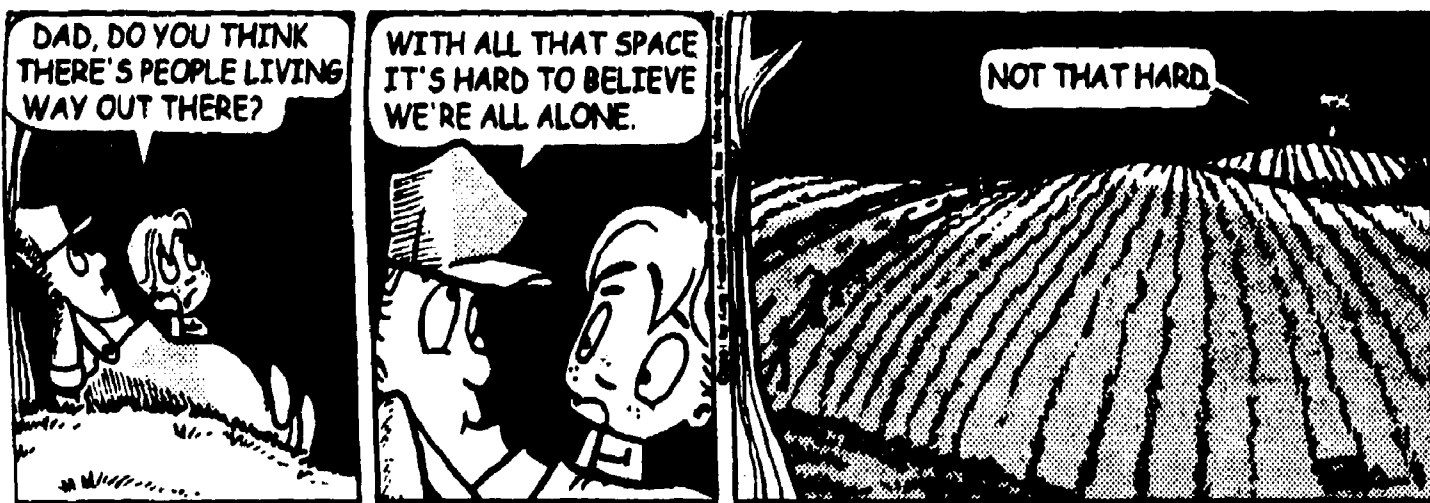
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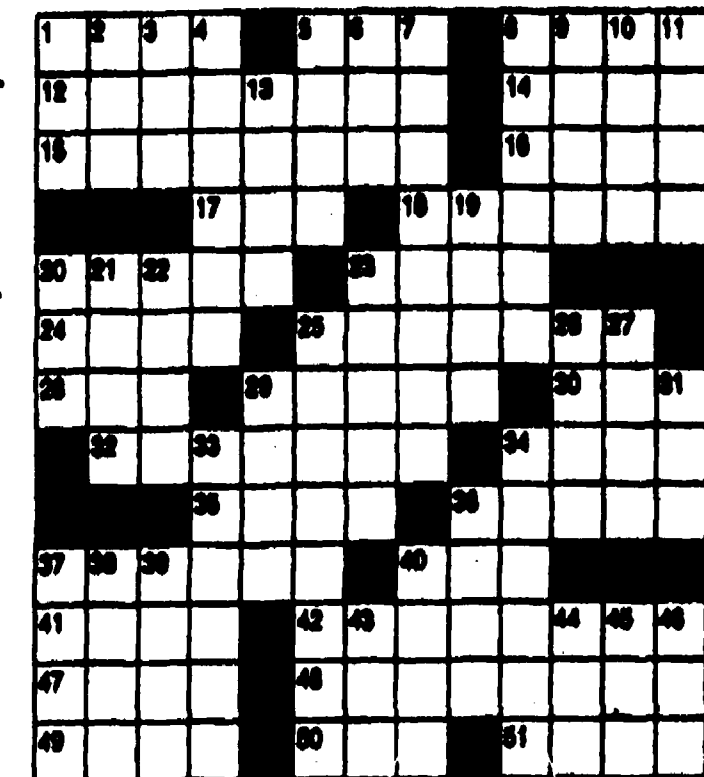
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Differences: 1. Tree is missing. 2. Boy's hat is different. 3. Boy's jacket has buttons. 4. Tree has extra branch. 5. Leaves missing from tree on left. 6. Girl's shirt is longer.

## ACROSS

- 1 Submarine sandwich
- 5 French nobleman
- 8 Bridge user's fee
- 12 Pay off in installments
- 14 Theater award
- 15 Or character
- 16 High time!
- 17 Celebration
- 18 Fare, sometimes
- 20 Dull
- 21 Short skirt
- 24 On in years
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- 28 Actor Wins
- 29 Male and female
- 30 Scooted
- 32 Breaks a promise
- 34 Comic strip poem
- 35 "When I was -"
- 36 Sequence
- 37 India city in 1984
- 40 Pass
- 41 "The Walrus -"
- 42 1925 Eisenstein classic
- 47 Height (Pvt.)
- 48 Cooking ingredient
- 49 Benefit



- 38 Neither mate
- 39 Serviette
- 34 Hot late
- 36 Praiseful poetry
- 37 Split the beam
- 38 Hawaiian city
- 39 Aware of
- 40 King of Norse myth
- 43 Battering brass
- 44 Apartheid when
- 45 Lustrous million
- 46 Born
- 50 "Agnes -"
- 51 Killer inspiration
- chums
- 11 Optical aid
- 13 Sound of dull impact
- 19 Change for a five
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- 21 Cultural medium
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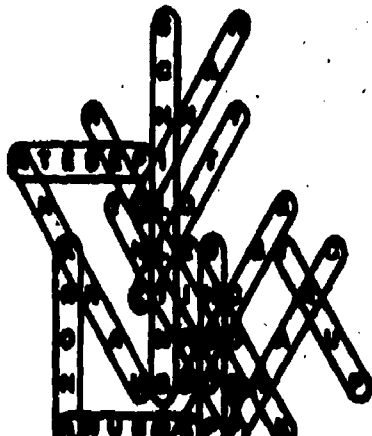
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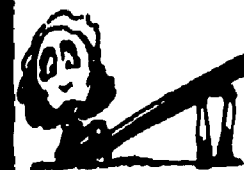
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Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between 66-75. I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc..please write. ID# 1034

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### WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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

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

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### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless,

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

voluptuous, buxom, NS. Loves homelife, movies, music, quiet times and travelling, for long term relationship. ID# 1037

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

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

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

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

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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

28 yr old - Hispanic male looking for someone in her 20's, who likes to have fun and enjoys romance. I like dancing, romantic walks, sports and motorcycle

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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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ARTIST 38 -Seeks a female model, somewhat rubenesque/ buxom for lifedrawing. 18-65 years of age. ID# 1002

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**YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS****Bill Creates Retirement System For Workers' Compensation Judges**

STATE—The Senate recently approved Assembly Deputy Minority Leader Neil M. Cohen's legislation that would create a separate retirement system for workers compensation judges, removing them from the standard public employees system.

Cohen's bill (A-2804) would create the Workers' Compensation Judges Retirement System (WCJRS). They currently are classified as enrollees in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

"The new retirement system would provide an incentive to keep older judges in their positions ensuring that their pension won't be placed in jeopardy as a result of extended service," said Cohen (D-Union).

The bill provides that any member of the retirement system who reaches the age of 70 shall be immediately retired. The measure also would require that any member who has served at least 10 years as a worker's compensation judge and who has reached the age of 70 shall be retired. Under the bill, a member who has served at least 15 years and reached the age of 65, but not 70, also could retire. Additionally, a member who has served at least 20 years and reached the age of 60, but not 65, may retire.

The bill details the amount of each possible pension for varying scenarios of service. The bill also makes provisions for disability retirement, including certification of disability and periodic medical

examinations. The bill provides for both ordinary and accidental disability. Widow and survivor benefits also are outlined under the bill. Finally the measure provides that a workers' compensation judge presently serving would automatically become a member of WCJRS unless, within 30 days of the effective date of the bill, the judge files an irrevocable notice of intention to continue in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

Currently, judges of compensation are members of PERS, as are municipal court judges, Judges of the Office of Administrative Law and the few county court judges leftover after court unification.

Cohen said there are 50 judges and 1 director who would be eligi-

ble to join this new pension system.

The Advisory Council on Safety and Health, which supports efforts to enhance the workers' compensation system, favors the bill because they believe in some ways the legislature has recognized the workers' compensation judges as Superior Court Judges and Justices since they have been given the same salary as those judges and are subject to the same mandatory retirement at age 70.

The Advisory Council also supports the bill because (1) since mandatory retirement was instituted, about 14 workers' compensation judges will be forced to retire without the pension they had planned to have in PERS; and (2) mandatory retirement actually

works as a disincentive to older persons becoming interested in these judgeships because of the lesser benefit in PERS.

"These judges serve an important function in our judicial system," said Cohen. "Mandating their retirement at the age of 70 necessitates their pension be assigned to a separate system rather than be subject to PERS, which will not take the mandatory retirement into account."

The measure, which also is sponsored by Assemblyman David Russo (R-Bergen, Passaic), was approved 30 to 6 and now heads to the Acting Governor's Desk who may sign it, veto it, or modify it in the form of a conditional veto.

**Attorneys To Provide Pro Bono Assistance**

AREA—On behalf of New Jersey residents that lost loved ones during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Essex County Bar Association ([www.essexbar.com](http://www.essexbar.com)) will offer free legal assistance. The pro bono gesture follows a similar service being provided by New York City lawyers but is intended to help New Jersey residents manage legal matters specific to New Jersey law.

The Essex County Bar Association will use its Lawyer Referral dedicated line as a bi-lingual (English and Spanish) hotline at (973) 622-7753, which is

open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Family members of victims, as well as victims are welcome to contact the Essex County Bar Association to receive a free consultation with an attorney specializing in the area of concern.

"Complicated legal processes, confusing tax laws, and the maze of state and federal agencies available should not be compounded by concern over legal fees," said Maureen E. McCully, Executive Director of the Essex County Bar Association. "We simply want to help relatives of the victims and the victims themselves get through the details

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Many of the relatives of the estimated 2,000 victims from New Jersey reside in Essex County, as well as Bergen,

Hudson, Morris, Monmouth, and Union Counties. The Essex County Bar Association is enlisting the support of the bar associations from within those counties in a statewide effort to remove legal roadblocks from the victims and/or their families, but has indicated that they will assist any New Jersey resident, regardless of where they reside, if the help they need is not available within their county.

Thanks to the cooperation of the New York State Bar Association, the Essex County Bar Association hopes to have Web sites available to New Jersey residents in the very near future

dealing with many of the questions arising from this disaster.

The Essex County Bar Association is the professional association of the Essex County Bar founded in 1899. With 3,000 members, it is the largest county bar in New Jersey. It is also the most diverse. Since its inception, the ECBA has enthusiastically implemented programs and aggressively embraced positions to meet the needs and concerns of the Essex County legal community and the community-at-large. One Riverfront Plaza, 7th floor, Newark, NJ 07102.

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STATE—The name on the diploma was Joseph John Pycior Jr. but the hands that received and

held it belonged to his widow. Joined by sons Joey, 10 and Robbie, 8, Terri Pycior made her

way through the line at Thomas Edison State College, accepting her husband's bachelor of arts degree in history.

Joseph Pycior was killed Sept. 11 when terrorists crashed a hijacked jet into the Pentagon, where the 19 1/2-year Navy veteran worked compiling military data.

The graduation ceremony at the Trenton War Memorial paid tribute to Pycior, who earned the degree and a 3.7 grade-point average through online and evening courses. He would have turned 40.

Pycior had hoped to retire from the Navy next year and become a middle school history teacher.

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**OBITUARIES****June Johnson, 37 Lived in Metuchen**

Mrs. June Carol (Rossi) Johnson of Rahway (formerly of Metuchen) died September 11 after a brief illness. She was 37.

Born in Rahway, she lived there for a few years. She later resided in Metuchen for 34 years before returning to Rahway one year ago.

She received her formal education in Metuchen public schools. She earned a pharmaceutical technician certificate and was a licensed real estate agent for ERA Queen City, Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Johnson was employed by Raritan Bay Medical Center at its Perth Amboy Division as a physician's exchange operator.

She was a communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral

in Metuchen. She was head administrator of Reaching Out Productions, an outreach ministry in the tri-state area.

Her son, Douglas Ian Coleman, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Brad Johnson of Rahway; her mother, Doris Rossi of Metuchen; her father, Reginald Rossi of Lauderhill, Fla.; her maternal grandmother, Lillian Storey of Rahway; her paternal grandmother, Mary Rossi of Colonia; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Martha and James Johnson of Elizabeth; three sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, close friends and other relatives.

**Francis Garner, 73 of Port Reading**

Mr. Francis Garner of Port Reading died September 18 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 73.

Born in Jersey City, he was a resident of Port Reading for the past 11 years.

He was presently employed as a bus dispatcher for Academy Bus Company, Perth Amboy.

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

His wife, Florence, died in 1981. His two brothers, Bishop Robert Garner, died last year; and Michael, died in 1982 and two sisters, Catherine Garner,

died in 1983 and Claire Garner, died in 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Douglas of Toms River and Lawrence of Newtown, Conn.; four daughters, Diane Garner of Little Rock, Ark., Mary Roessner of Port Reading, Joan Nimon of Kendall Park and Sally Ann Mulkeen of Bayonne; three grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jaclynne and Michael; three sisters, Sister Maria Michael of Bloomfield, Mary Berkowitz of Jersey City and Irene Keegan of North Brunswick; and many nieces and nephews.

**Eleanor B. Urban of Edison**

Mrs. Eleanor B. Urban of Edison died September 9 at Somerset Medical Center, Somerville. She was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Edison for the past 47 years.

She was a clerk for DuPont in Parlin for 37 years before retiring in 1981 and was a member of the DuPont 35-Year Club and

the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mrs. Urban was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church, Fords.

Her husband, Louis, died in 1989; and a sister, Martha Hornyak, is also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth of Edison and a sister, Genevieve Bor of Wilton, Maine.

**Aniela Goraj, 95 of Edison**

Mrs. Aniela Goraj of Edison died September 9 at home. She was 95.

Born in Poland, she lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Edison five years ago.

She retired from Raritan Sportswear in Perth Amboy, where she worked as a seamstress for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Goraj was a parishioner of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy, where she was a member of the Rosary Society. She was also a member of the

United Poles in America, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Jan, died in 1964. A sister, Wanda Szozda, is also deceased.

Surviving are two sons, John of Augusta, Maine and Joseph of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; five daughters, Marcelina Herc, Jane Ternes and Theresa Kiwalle, all of Toms River, Daniella Witek of Edison and Alina Kowalski of Perth Amboy; 21 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Mary T. Elder, 87 of Edison**

Mrs. Mary T. Elder of Edison died September 10 at JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates, Edison. She was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, she resided in Edison for most of her life.

She was a factory worker for Ethicon, owned by Johnson & Johnson in Somerville before her retirement and was a member of the J&J Retirees Club.

She was also a member of the Lindeneau Senior Citizens and the Guardian Angels Senior Citizens, both in Edison.

Her parents, Michael and Anna (Peleck) Obszarny; her husband, James G. Elder; a brother, John Obszarny and a sister, Stella Tierce-Ruddy, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, James T. Elder of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; a daughter, Mary Anne Zogg of Edison; three grandchildren, Debbie DaGrosa of Edison, Richard Zogg of Charleston, S.C. and Anne Marie Ko of Kissimmee, Fla.; seven great-grandchildren, Michelle DaGrosa, Valerie DaGrosa, Corey Zogg, Jared Zogg, Rachael Zogg, Austin Ko and Amie Ko.

**Arthur F. Jakubczak of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Arthur F. Jakubczak Sr. of Perth Amboy died October 9 at home. He was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived there all his life.

He was a 1943 graduate of Perth Amboy High School and earned his engineering degree from Rutgers University in 1954.

He worked as an engineer for Gulton Industries in Metuchen from 1957 until his retirement in 1982.

Mr. Jakubczak was a Navy veteran of World War II, having served in Saipan.

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

His wife, Anna, died in 1985. A brother, Henry Jakubczak is also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Arthur R. Jakubczak Jr. of Perth Amboy; a daughter, Pamela of Piscataway; a sister, Costance Erdeck of Edison; four grandchildren, Christopher McNeil, Cheryl Jakubczak, Jennifer Ring and Thomas Ring.

**Lorraine Ruchalski of Carteret**

Mrs. Lorraine (Steier) Ruchalski of Carteret died October 24 at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City. She was 70.

Born in Jersey City, she settled in Carteret in 1960.

She was a homemaker.

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

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Joseph Ruchalski; two sons, Keith of Carteret and Richard of Parlin; four grandchildren, Brian, Kyle, Samantha and Lauren Anne.

**Augusta C. Harris of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Augusta C. Harris of Perth Amboy died October 28 at Mount Vernon Nursing Center, Alexandria, Va.

She was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

She retired from Flagstaff Foods after more than 55 years of service.

She had been active with Hadassah, Deborah and a senior-citizens group in Perth Amboy.

She liked to travel.

Her parents, William and Annie Harris, are deceased. A sister, Essie Simon and two brothers, Al Harris and Bert Harris, are all deceased.

Surviving are a niece and nephew, Dr. Stephen and Willa Simon Goldberger of Alexandria; and grandchildren and great-grandchild; and other relatives.

**David Saunders, 43 of Perth Amboy**

Mr. David Michael Saunders of Perth Amboy died October 26 at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. He was 43.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived there all his life.

He was a 1977 graduate of Perth Amboy High School.

He was employed by Staten Island University Hospital as a substance-abuse counselor.

Surviving are his parents, David L. Saunders of Washington, D.C. and Nannie E. Saunders of Perth Amboy; three sisters, Brigitte Saunders of Elizabeth, Sharon Saunders of Perth Amboy and Colette Pringle-McNulty of Seattle, Wash.; and a nephew, Jamal Ricks and a niece, Lauren Brower, both of Elizabeth.

**Irene M. Springer of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Irene Marie Springer of Morgan (formerly of Perth Amboy) died October 11 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lynda Pasteka. She was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there for 28 years before moving to Morgan 49 years ago.

She was a customer service agent at Pathmark, Old Bridge, for 15 years before retiring in 1985.

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**YOUR LOCAL NEWS****Petrie — Wingler**

AVENEL—The engagement of Patricia T. Petrie of Avenel to Michael Wingler of Avenel, son of Minnie C. Wingler, a 99-year-old patient at Roosevelt Hospital, Edison, has been announced.

Ms. Petrie is a graduate of Dickinson High School, Jersey City. She is a certified nurses aide with Prism Health care, Parlin.

Her fiancée is a graduate of Perth Amboy High School and is a security supervisor with Haynes Security, Newark.

Both members are from the Rahway Elks Lodge #1075. The reception is at Colts Neck Inn at 5 p.m. Music will be provided by



Patricia T. Petrie and Michael Wingler  
Steve Berger, formerly played at the Landmark Inn, Woodbridge.  
The wedding will be March 2, 2002.

**All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner**

SAYREVILLE—The First Presbyterian Church, located at 150 N. Broadway, South Amboy, invites one and all to their Spaghetti Dinner. The event is planned for Friday, Nov. 16 from 5-7 p.m. Take-out orders are available.



Tickets sold at the door for only \$7 for adults and for children under 10 years old, the cost is \$3. For more information, call (732) 721-6848.

**Woodbridge Township Students Keep Woodbridge Green**

WOODBIDGE—Through a shared service grant with the municipal government and the New Jersey Tree Foundation, the Woodbridge Township School District received two green ash trees 1'-2' in height for each of our 24 schools. *Make A Difference with Trees: Keeping Woodbridge Green* is a K-12 Service-Learning environmental project. Ecology clubs, science clubs, science classes, English classes and student

councils throughout the school district are involved in the project. Students are studying the impact of trees on the environment, reading about trees, writing poetry and reflection pieces on trees, conducting soil tests and identifying tree-planting sites. The Woodbridge Township Department of Public Works donated mulch for the project. The grant stipulates that all trees must be planted on public property.

*Keeping Woodbridge Green* was initiated by Woodbridge Township Planning Director Marta Lefsky and District Supervisor Patricia Osborne. The tree-planting project is part of the school district's Character Education program that stresses respect, responsibility, caring and good citizenship. "In addition to supporting the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards, the tree project highlights the life-long concept that we are all stewards of the earth," said Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Kuchtyak. Over 5,000 trees were planted in New Jersey in celebration of the New Jersey Tree Foundation's *Make A Difference with Trees* and *National Make a Difference Day*, Oct. 27.

**Band Parents Sponsor Radio City Trip**

SAYREVILLE—The Sayreville War Memorial High School Band Parents Association will sponsor a Nov. 18 trip to New York City to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular.

The bus will depart at 11 a.m.



from the high school parking lot, Washington Road. Return is set for 7 p.m.

Cost is \$75 per person and includes round-trip bus transportation and a ticket to the show.

For more information and to reserve, call Sandy at (732) 254-0455 after 5 p.m.

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