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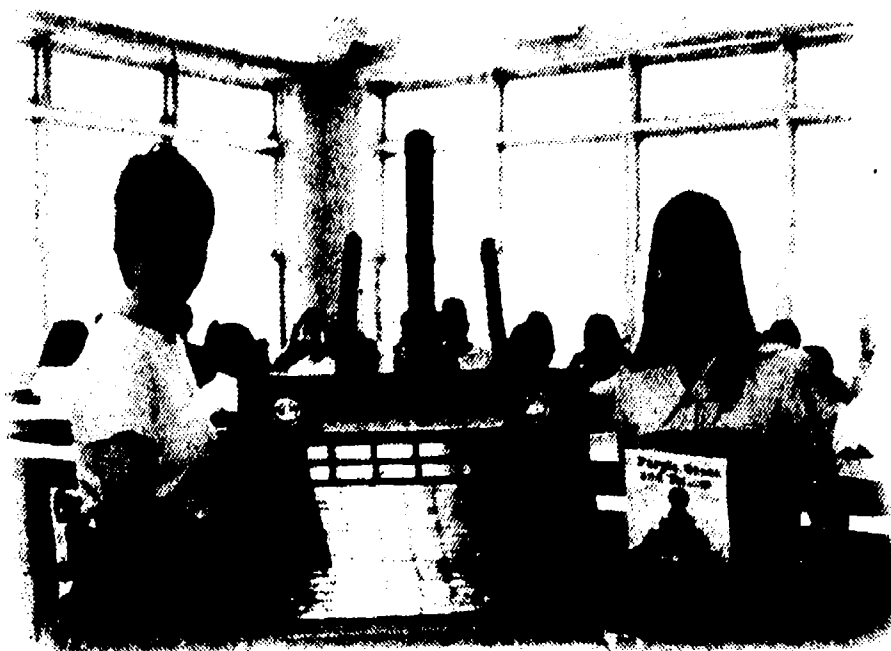
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PTA Dedicates Books And Recognizes Donors

SAYREVILLE — On Tuesday, June 5, the Emma L. Arleth School PTA, faculty and students dedicated books donated towards the new library at the school along with a commemorative plaque. The Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, the Mayor and Council and Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski were all invited to participate in the dedication.

Earlier this year, the community dedicated a long awaited addition to the school in the Parlin section of Sayreville, which included a new library. The Arleth School PTA sponsored a *Stack the Shelves* book drive through which students, parents, supporters and businesses donated funds to acquire books for the new library. The *Stack the Shelves* book drive, co-chaired by PTA members Debbie Wisniewski and Patricia Latham, yielded nearly \$6,000 from more than 150 contributions.

The dedication ceremony featured the unveiling of a commemorative plaque listing the names of all those who contributed to the *Stack the Shelves* book drive. It also included chime performance by Arleth School fourth graders.



STACK THE SHELVES—Debbie Wisniewski and Pam Gunter, Arleth School Media Specialist, are pictured with the commemorative plaque listing the names of those who donated to the "Stack the Shelves" book drive.

Resident Named Honorary Member of Lions Eye Bank

SOUTH AMBOY — ing year, succeeding James Andrew J. Pillar of South Amboy was named an Honorary Member of the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware

The Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley at its 44th Annual Meeting held recently at the Woodbine Inn in Pennsauken.

Pillar is a member of the Morgan Lions Club of New Jersey District 16-D, and is a Past District 16-D Governor.

John E. Allen of the Freehold Township Lions Club was elected as the Eye Bank's new Chairman/Chief Executive Officer for the coming year, succeeding James J. Minnich of the Wilmington Gateway Lions Club of Wilmington, Delaware.

The Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1957 and is supported by more than 500 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in the states of Delaware, New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania.

To date, the Eye Bank has supplied more than 22,500 corneas for corneal transplantation in their "Gift of Sight" Program.

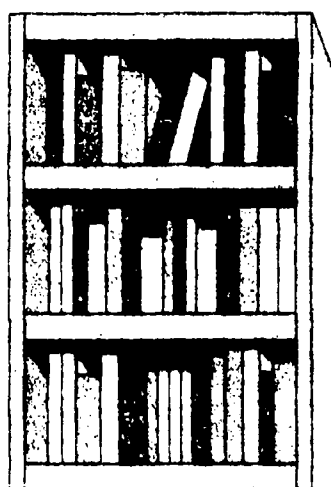
Club Read Ready To Begin

SOUTH AMBOY—The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is pleased to announce the start of CLUB READ, the adult reading club, for those 21 years old and over, which has no dues and no meetings, on Monday, July 2.

This is the third year the library is offering this program which is loosely patterned on children's summer reading programs which are so successful in libraries all over the country.

Registered club participants keep track of the books they read all summer and receive "raffle tickets" for each book completed. There are weekly drawings for prizes. At the end of the summer all entries will be eligible for the grand prize drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate to a local bookstore, provided by the Friends of Dowdell Library.

Interested readers may register at the library immediately, or join the club at any time during the summer.



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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

John F. Kennedy High School Selected as a New Jersey 2000-2001 Best Practice School

WOODBIDGE—Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Kuchtyak proudly announced that Iselin's John F. Kennedy

Memorial High School was selected by the State of New Jersey Department of Education as a 2000-2001 Best Practice School. JFK High School is one of four schools in the State to be selected as a Best Practice School for its Service-Learning Program in the category of Citizenship/Character Education. "This is indeed a tremendous honor for the school district, the staff at JFK and Principal Mike Cilento. JFK is the first school in the district to be recognized as a Best Practice School. All

Service-Learning projects address genuine community needs and support the New Jersey Core Content and Cross-Content Workplace Readiness Standards. Best of all, these projects afford opportunities to our students to work with Woodbridge residents of all ages and community-based organizations," continued Superintendent Kuchtyak.

Over 800 applications were reviewed twice by educators throughout the state and the field was narrowed to 50 semifinalists. After an onsite visit to review the program, activi-

ties and supporting data, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School was awarded the Best Practice title. The Service-Learning program was cited because of its innovative practices that promote high student achievement. J.F.K.'s Service Learning Program will be included in the Office of Innovative Program and Practices Annual Report, as well as the State Department's website. The program will serve as a model for other schools. In addition to the Best Practice title, the school will receive a check for \$500. This

award must be used to expand the current practice, or to replicate the practice in another school in the district.

John F. Kennedy's Service-Learning program is coordinated by English Department Head Joanne Shafer and District Supervisor Patricia Osborne. In addition to Best Practice honors, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School was selected as a 2000 National Service-Learning Leader School by the Corporation of National Service.

WMS Talent Show Benefits St. Joseph's Nursing Home

WOODBIDGE—Forty students at Woodbridge Middle School participated in a Talent Show on May 22 to raise money for St. Joseph's Nursing Home as part of a Community Service-Learning project. Eleven acts were presented and students performed gymnastics, danced or sang to background music or a cappella. This project called *Make a Senior Jolly* raised \$510 through 50 cent ticket sales and the sale of jolly rancher lollipops. On May 30, Sister Ursula of St. Joseph's Nursing Home spoke to the participants about the value of community service.

State Delegates Selected

COLONIA—Colonia Unit #248 American Legion Auxiliary has selected two Colonia High School juniors to represent the Unit at the 2001 session of Jersey Girls State, also two Alternates.

Delegates to participate in this annual program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Jersey are Roseann Lake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lake and Heidi Santiago, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santiago, both of Colonia.

Alternates are Jenna DeMaria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeMaria and Rachel Friedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Friedman, both of Colonia. Jersey Girls State will be held at Rider College in

Lawrenceville from June 24-29 inclusive. Five hundred plus high school juniors throughout the state will be attending this year.

They will live together as self-governing citizens of a mock state learning government at the municipal, county and state levels as it exists in New Jersey today. They will participate in the organization of political parties, campaigns, elections, enactment and enforcement of their own laws,

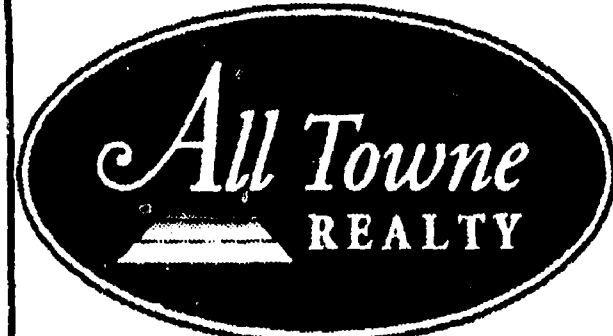
culminating in the election and inauguration of a Jersey Girls State governor.

Misses Lake, Santiago, DeMaria and Friedman were invited to attend the Middlesex County Girls State Tea being held at the T. Nulty Legion #471, May 20, where they learned of the happenings at Rider College from the Chairman and last year's delegates who are invited back to the tea. Unit 248's Citizen is Michelle Miller.

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EDISON—The Poetry Club at the Edison Public Library has changed to a Creative Writing Club. If you've been writing poetry, stories, or essays all your life, or if you're just beginning, and you would like to share your work with others, you are welcome to join the group. The next meeting will be Tuesday July 3 at 7pm at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. For further information call Roberta at (732) 287-2298 ext. 227.

Church Celebrates 78th Anniversary

METUCHEN—New Hope Baptist Church of Metuchen celebrates its 78th year throughout the day on June 24 at the church, 45 Hampton Street, Metuchen. Services at 8 and 11 a.m. will be presided over by Rev. Ronald L. Owens, Senior Pastor of New Hope. Rev. John

Borders and congregation of Morning Star Baptist Church of Boston are the special guests at the 4 p.m. service.

The public is invited to attend. A free will offering will be taken. Call (732) 549-8941 or visit <http://community.nj.com/cc/nhbc>.

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Perth Amboy Signs Ferry Lease: Vessel Makes First Sail To Manhattan

PERTH AMBOY—The past gave way to the present recently as Mayor Joseph Vas hosted a ceremony at Perth Amboy's historic ferry slip to officially sign the redeveloper lease agreement with Lighthouse Fast Ferry, Inc. for the operation of high-speed ferry service to Manhattan. Following the ceremony, nearly 200 invited guests made their way to the adjacent marina to board one of the Lighthouse's ferry vessels for a trial run to Manhattan.

"This is a monumental occasion for Perth Amboy. For over 300 years, ferry service has played a crucial role in the City by the Bay. We are pleased to join with Lighthouse Fast Ferry in re-establishing this timeless

transportation mode and making commuting easier and more enjoyable for everyone," stated Mayor Joseph Vas.

Lighthouse Fast Ferry—a publicly traded company from West Caldwell, trading under the symbol "LHFF"—will operate its line from the Southwest—Area 1 of Perth Amboy's FOCUS 2000 Redevelopment Plan, which lies along the Raritan River near the Victory Bridge. Rather than operating from the historic ferry slip which is now a registered landmark on both the state and national register of historic places, PARA will lease LHFF approximately nine acres of the IGI property that is being conveyed to the agency. The lease

features an option for LHFF to ultimately purchase the land.

LHFF will also be responsible for all of the upland improvements, including construction of an access road to connect with the new industrial road built by the city. They also plan to construct a ferry terminal facility that will include enclosed waiting areas, restrooms, ticket offices and approximately 600-750 parking spaces.

LHFF has already retained the firm of Langan Engineering & Environmental Services of Elmwood Park to prepare the plans. Pending approval of all applications from the NJ Department of Environmental

Protection, LHFF hopes to begin construction within three to six months and have the ferry service fully operational within the next year.

LHFF will operate two 250-passenger ferries between Perth Amboy and Pier II on Manhattan's East River. The ferries will operate three hourly trips into Manhattan on weekday mornings from 6:10-8 a.m. and five hourly return trips in the evening between 4:10-8 p.m. Cruising at 35 knots, the ferry service will make two stops in lower Manhattan. The Wall Street-Pier II stop will be easily reached in 40 minutes and the Manhattan Pier 34 stop in just under 50 minutes.

"This trial run demonstrates

how easy and hassle-free commuting to Manhattan can be. Why bother with the hassles of traffic, congestion and rising gas costs when you can relax and enjoy the luxuries that Lighthouse Fast Ferry offers?" stated Mayor Vas.

Ferry passenger amenities will include a galley serving coffee, pastries, soda, beer and snacks, a TV/VCR system, an audio/stereo system, comfortable seating with tables and outside viewing areas for use during warm weather months. LHFF has also proposed use of the ferries for excursion services and possibly personal charters.

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

Thomas Kletz "An American Hero"

"They did their duty in a tough environment, away from home and never far from danger..."

AREA — An Admiral in Washington says Thomas Kletz of N. Brunswick is truly an American hero. Rear Admiral Henry C. McKinney, U.S. Navy (Retired), president of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, announced that the name of Thomas Kletz has been enshrined in the Navy Log at the U.S. Navy Memorial, the national monument in Washington, D.C. which honors all who have served in America's naval services. The Log is in the Naval Heritage Center next to the Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue midway between the White House and the Capitol.

Kletz's record of service is permanently inscribed and celebrated on the Heritage Center's Log Room interactive video display. "This is where we keep

track of some real American heroes who have served their country in the naval service. They did their duty in a tough environment, away from home and never far from danger. The founders of the Navy Memorial consider them heroes," said Admiral McKinney. The Log is also on the Internet at www.lone-sailor.org, where surfers may click on a "Navy Log" button to initiate a name search.

The Navy Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization which built and now operates the Navy Memorial and adjoining Naval Heritage Center. Navy Log enrollments help support the Foundation's values-based naval heritage educational programs. Information about enrolling in the Log may be obtained on the website or by writing Navy Log, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 123, Washington, DC 20004.

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Funds Will Buy Fiction And More

EDISON—The Edison Twp. Free Public Library recently received \$10,000 from the *Collection Development and Evaluation Grant* sponsored by the New Jersey State Library.

Funding from this grant will allow the library to expand its audio book collection in the areas of adult and young adult fiction and non-fiction, mysteries, biographies, documentaries, foreign languages, English as a Second Language and instructional topics.

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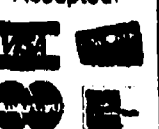


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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Turn Out The Lights

AREA—Some environmentalists are proposing an alternative to George W. Bush's energy policies and lack of emphasis on efficiency, conservation and alternative fuels. There will be a voluntary rolling blackout on the first day of summer, June 21, from 7–10 p.m. "It doesn't matter what time zone you are in, what state, what country," said one of the organizers. "If we all turn out the lights at 7 p.m. regardless of where we live, the "blackout" will roll across the planet!" It's a simple protest and a symbolic act. Turn out your lights, televisions, radios, and more from 7–10 p.m. on June 21. If it plugs in, turn it off!

Light a candle to read by, kiss your lover in the moonlight, take a stroll in the dark, tell your children ghost stories, or make up a new and innovative activity that requires no electricity. All you have to do is have fun in the dark.

Comcast Recognized For Excellence At Conference

AREA—The technical department of Comcast of New Jersey was recognized for its outstanding performance at Comcast's National Engineering Conference held recently.

The cable system, based in Union, was given the Comcast's Eastern Division's Excellence in Engineering Award for combining four head-ends, Video On Demand (VOD) wiring and other special projects completed last year. The system, which serves 42 municipalities throughout Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union counties, has more than 275,000 customers.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy. 77	Cloudy, frequent showers. 60	Cloudy, it may shower. 77/60	Mainly cloudy, a shower. 77/60	Mostly cloudy with rain. 81/67	Cloudy with a shower. 80/64	Warm with clouds and sun. 86/66	Mainly cloudy and warm. 84/69

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Wet weather early in the period will yield to a cool dry airmass with temperatures well below normal in the northern Plains. The East and west coasts will be warm. Little if any precipitation is expected in the west.

Precipitation

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	84 66 t	80 63 sh	82 65 sh	84 62 c
Boston	74 56 sh	72 58 c	74 58 pc	76 66 c
Chicago	70 50 s	76 54 pc	76 59 s	79 54 pc
Cleveland	74 54 pc	72 56 s	74 58 s	76 56 pc
Denver	84 56 pc	88 58 pc	88 58 pc	90 56 pc
Des Moines	78 56 s	77 58 s	81 62 s	81 58 s
Detroit	70 50 pc	72 56 pc	76 59 s	78 55 s
Houston	90 70 pc	88 68 t	90 70 pc	91 64 pc
Indianapolis	76 56 pc	73 57 s	78 60 s	80 57 pc
Kansas City	77 59 pc	78 61 s	82 63 s	83 60 c
Los Angeles	94 65 s	89 61 s	86 58 s	87 51 s
Miami	88 76 pc	90 77 t	89 77 t	90 75 t
Minn.- St. Paul	74 54 s	78 58 s	80 58 s	78 56 pc
New Orleans	87 72 r	88 70 sh	88 71 s	88 64 s
New York City	76 64 c	78 62 c	78 62 c	79 68 r
Omaha	78 57 pc	80 61 s	82 61 s	83 56 s
Phoenix	108 82 s	109 80 s	106 80 s	104 78 s
San Francisco	74 54 s	72 53 s	69 52 s	68 44 pc
Seattle	73 54 pc	68 51 c	68 50 c	69 43 c
Washington	82 64 c	80 62 c	80 64 r	80 68 r

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	5:20 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Fri.	5:21 a.m.	8:31 p.m.

Moonrise Moonset

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	5:24 a.m.	8:57 p.m.
Fri.	6:23 a.m.	9:58 p.m.

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
June 21	June 27	July 5	July 13

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	74 55 pc	71 52 s	74 60 s	79 63 pc
Berlin	74 55 c	74 54 pc	75 58 s	79 61 pc
Buenos Aires	59 45 pc	59 43 pc	44 32 c	46 34 c
Cairo	101 68 s	102 68 s	100 67 s	94 64 s
Jerusalem	88 59 s	89 58 s	86 57 s	83 53 s
Johannesburg	68 41 s	70 42 s	68 43 s	64 39 s
London	79 61 s	80 61 pc	82 63 pc	74 60 r
Madrid	99 62 s	99 62 s	95 55 s	84 53 s
Mexico City	73 52 pc	73 54 c	73 55 sh	74 55 sh
Moscow	84 62 pc	78 57 c	74 52 pc	69 52 c
Paris	77 58 pc	80 58 pc	81 60 pc	79 63 sh
Rio de Janeiro	68 55 pc	70 58 pc	72 61 pc	72 60 c
Rome	77 57 pc	79 59 pc	78 60 pc	79 60 pc
San Juan	89 77 pc	89 76 pc	89 75 pc	88 75 pc
Seoul	79 62 c	81 66 pc	80 66 pc	83 65 pc
Sydney	62 49 pc	63 51 pc	66 52 pc	67 49 s
Tokyo	73 63 c	72 64 c	74 68 pc	75 74 sh
Toronto	62 44 pc	68 46 pc	73 48 s	72 52 pc
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Zurich	74 64 pc	76 58 pc	79 59 pc	82 64 pc

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

County College Honors Long-Time Employees At Spring Convocation

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex County College paid tribute to 61 employees at the annual Spring State of the College assembly for faculty and staff. Four were recognized for personal excellence and 57 long-time employees were honored on five significant anniversaries. Dr. John Bakum, president of the College and Mrs. Carole Kurtz, chair of the Board of Trustees, presented each of the long-time employees with gifts of appreciation and commended them on their loyalty and dedication.

Those noted for their personal commitment to excellence were Patricia A. Graber, of Woodbridge, professor of Business Administration and Management; Alan Rebold of Marlboro, adjunct faculty in the Mathematics department; Lynn Bartels of Woodbridge, Printing and Communications specialist and Neil Sachnoff of Edison, executive director of Information Technology. In addition to a personal gift, the names of each of the recipients will be engraved on a plaque permanently displayed in the Performing Arts Center. The employees honored for their years of outstanding service are:

35 Years of Service: Louis Egry-Grade 1 Mechanic, of Edison; 30 Years of Service:

Francis Burke—Associate Professor, Computer Science, of Edison, Niki L. Luther—Departmental Assistant, Library, of Edison, Marcia L. Weitzner—Senior Student Records Analyst, Office of the Registrar, of Edison; and Michael L. Greenhouse—Associate Professor of History and Social Behavior, of Metuchen. 25 Years of Service: Joan Utrecht—Word Processing Specialist, of Edison. 20 Years of Service: Dorothy Bridges—Senior Programmer/Analyst, of Edison; 10 Years of Service: Diane Grant—Bookstore, of Colonia; Janet Hartman Baker—Assistant Professor, Biology, Marie Chaloka—Cashier, Business Office, and Marta Amalia Torres—Assistant, Child Care Center, all of Edison, Ada Desmond—Student Accounting Assistant, Business Office of Metuchen, Barbara Gross—Coordinator, Counseling and Career Services of Metuchen, Anthony Raniero—Custodian of Perth Amboy, Patricia Zagata—Payroll Specialist of Sayreville and Victoria Foy—Student Appeals Analyst, Office of the Registrar of South Amboy.

Following the assembly, a luncheon for the entire College faculty and staff was held on behalf of all the honorees.

Plays-in-The-Park's 2001 Season To Open With "Cabaret"

COUNTY—Freeholder Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina announced today that Middlesex County's prestigious theater, Plays-in-the-Park will open their 2001 Summer Season with the exciting Kander and Ebb musical "Cabaret".

The show will open on Tuesday evening, July 3 at 8:30 PM and play for 10 performances, closing on Saturday night, July 14. There will not be performances on Wednesday, July 4 or Sunday, July 8.

The box office at the Stephen J. Capestro Theater in Roosevelt Park, Edison opens at 5:30 pm on performance nights and patrons may place their low-back lawn chairs out on the seating area immediately after purchasing a ticket. Adult admission is \$3.00 with children 12 and under admitted free.

Even though a revised production of "Cabaret" is currently playing at Studio 54 in NYC, Plays-in-the-Park's production is closer to the original version of the show. It is being directed by Gary P. Cohen, with choreography by Michelle Masse and musical direction by Mark Baron.

The theater is located off of Route 1 South, 1 block past the Menlo Park Shopping Mall, in Roosevelt Park, Edison. For further information please visit our website at www.playsinthe-park.com or call the theater at 732-548-2884.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County REBEL (Reaching Everyone by Exposing Lies) chapter is proud to inaugurate their three anti-smoking ads beginning June 1 at four local movie theaters: Loews Menlo Park; Loews, New Brunswick; Regal Commerce Center, North Brunswick and Mega Movies, East Brunswick. The slides will be shown in every auditorium before every film at these movie theaters for four weeks.

The slides were developed and produced by Middlesex County REBEL members during the last few months and reflect the character of the group. The purpose of the slides is to bring awareness to the community about the health and environmental dangers of tobacco.

REBEL is a statewide anti-smoking youth movement developed to empower youth to prevent and reduce the spread of tobacco use among their peers and other members of the community. This activity is supported by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program and funded by the Master Settlement Agreement.

For more information, contact Shirley Rodriguez or Amy Glick at (732) 254-3344.

Monthly Business Meeting After Hours

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business After Hours at The Brunswick Zone-Carolier Lanes on Thursday, June 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Attending monthly events is the best way to develop new sales leads and increase your professional network. Bring lots of business cards! Enjoy an evening of refreshments, door prizes, networking and fun. Pre-registration is requested and gets you on the networking list.

NJ Transit Honors Safe Bus Operators

AREA—Each year, NJ Transit presents Safe Driving Awards to its bus operators with 10, 20 and 30 or more years of accident-free service. Accident-free driving is defined as a bus operator not having an "at-fault" accident.

NJ Transit recently honored 94 bus operators for many years of accident-free driving. Together, they have accumulated a collective 1,417 years of safe driving. The drivers from our area are as follows:

Middlesex County residents: George Buzinky of Old Bridge, for 10 years of safe driving; Luis Palacio of Colonia, for 10 years of safe driving; and Willie Billips of Avenel, for 10 years of safe driving.

"At NJ Transit, safety always comes first," said NJ Transit Executive Director Jeffrey A. Warsh. "Our customers, our

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employees and all residents of New Jersey deserve no less. It is with great pride that we at NJ Transit salute our outstanding bus operators who work so hard every day and are committed to the Corporation's goals for excellence. When you think about the millions of miles driven on very congested, rush-hour roads the accomplishment is truly incredible."

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN
"Swordfish"

Doesn't Cut It as a Main Course



popcorns

By Michael S. Goldberger

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

Feeling deprived because you haven't seen a hyperactive action film with a flying bus in it yet this summer movie season? Rejoice. Your ship, er, bus, has come in. Just when it looks like the cacophonous "Swordfish" couldn't possibly deliver one more special effects cliché, up, up and away goes the twenty-ton vehicle, courtesy of an undoubtedly very strong helicopter.

Naturally, said conveyance being towed between the skyscrapers of Los Angeles is loaded with innocent hostages. And just to make it all perfect, every one of those hostages is wrapped in a ball bearing-filled bomb. "Each one of 'em is in effect a living claymore mine," says John Travolta as Gabriel Shear, who may or may not be the head of a secret anti-terrorist government agency called Swordfish. You say, "Now this is theater."

"Swordfish" is concocted by director Dominic Sena, who

genre within the action/adventure phylum that feels its pyrotechnics and rock video sensibilities don't need to be justified by an accompanying plot. And for many of its intended victims, er, viewers, that would be correct.

But don't think that cinema coxswain Sena and his cutting edge ilk have it easy filling this specific trough with new thrills. Faced with an increasingly jaded audience whose resistance grows with each administration of nihilism and destruction, these filmic descendants of P.T. Barnum must forever raise the dosage of their celluloid insanity. Nuances to the audio-visual bedlam must continually be conceived and updated if they're going to ensnare that sucker born every minute.

And in this respect Mr. Sena is successful. The "oohs" and "ahs" quotient among a recent weekend audience attested to the efficacy

of his latest rollercoaster ride posing as a movie. Of course, that "gasp!" and "yipes!" emanating from yours truly's side of the theater was all for show, lest I be



made his last major contribution to Western Civilization with the car heist thriller, "Gone in 60 Seconds" (2000). It belongs to that technically arrogant sub-

discovered as an outsider. But just to be sure my sub-rosa status wasn't compromised, two or three times I screamed "more gratuitous violence."

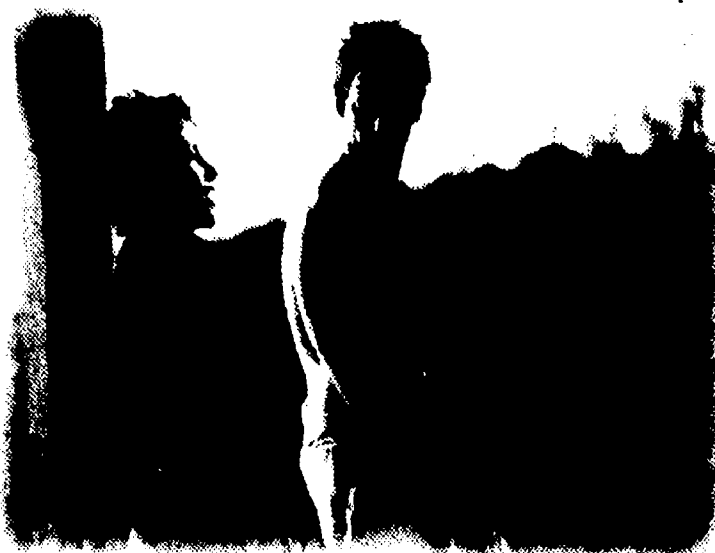
Odds are it was for naught. For who could hear me over the din of the explosions, the blaring background score and the crying of the resident babies? Plus let's not forget the relentless sound of shattering glass. It's the director's signature favorite, a glazier's dream come true; he has streaming shards of the crackling stuff cascading like waterfalls at every opportunity.

Oh, and lots and lots of people get killed.

Yet truth be told, there's probably a little more of a plot here than can be found in most pictures of a similar stripe. Not that it's Shakespeare either. Still, there are a few twists, if not a matching number of turns, and things are helped along by a competent cast, all of whom have proven themselves in real movies.

Hugh Jackman is especially good as Stanley Jobson, a computer hacker par excellence barred by the U.S. Government from plying his specialty. In a cyber variation on the ordinary man tossed into extraordinary circumstances, Stanley could sure use the \$10 million the mysterious Mr. Shear wants to pay for a bit of his expertise. But what will he have to do for it? And will they really kill him if he doesn't play ball?

Coincidental or not, there is a curious parallel between the zealous goals of John Travolta's self-proclaimed world saver and the film's attempt to blow the socks off of audiences no matter what outlandish stunts it takes. You see, the tale is all about the end



justifying the means, and this gives the filmmaker plenty of leeway to depict all manner of mayhem as being necessary to the supposedly humanitarian goals of his protagonist. Self-serving? Yes. Effective? Ditto.

However, while not to deflate the much touted disclosures Halle Berry makes as Shear's girl Friday, the most interesting facet of the production is watching John Travolta take another step in his career path to goad knows where. Lurking somewhere between villain and anti-hero, his shady Gabriel Shear is a logical follow-up to the roles he played in "Face/Off" (1997) and "Broken Arrow" (1996). Granted, there's a bit of self-parody in the portrayals, as if to hint that he hasn't quite given up on being the romantic lead. He's rather engaging nonetheless.

Sporting a Charlie Chan-like tuft beneath his lower lip and a bulked-up physique suggesting a successful player in international intrigues, it makes one wonder if the heartthrob of "Saturday Night Fever" (1977) is transmuting before our eyes into an albeit handsomer Sydney Greenstreet. But such speculation aside, there's very little to wonder about "Swordfish." No catch of the day, you can toss this overblown fish tale right back into the swamp from whence it sprang.



"Swordfish," rated R, is a Warner Bros. Pictures release directed by Dominic Sena and stars John Travolta, Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry. Running time: 113 minutes

University Affiliate
Artist Performs On
Tango Bar CD

AREA—Allison Brewster Franzetti, Affiliate Artist in Piano at Kean University, is one of seven musicians performing on a CD entitled *Tango Bar* released on the Chesky Records label. Containing 17 tracks, the CD covers tangos from the 1940s and 1950s.

"It was a fascinating experience to perform and record these wonderful tangos," Brewster Franzetti said. "Having been born in the United States, I was the only musician in *Tango Bar* who didn't grow up in the Argentine culture that produced this beautiful music. To become immersed in it and to adapt to its needs was a challenge I welcomed and would welcome again."

"The CD beautifully captures the essence of tango with elegance and panache," a critic for Chesky Records wrote. "Despite the passage of time since these tango pieces were originally composed, the works are still fresh, as the tango remains a most poignant expression of our deepest human emotions."

The seven artists who performed on *Tango Bar* are: Allison Brewster Franzetti, piano; Raul Jaurena, bandoneon, arranger and music director; Tito Castro, bandoneon; Leonardo Suarez Paz, violin; Humberto Ridolfi, violin; Pablo Aslan, bass; and Washington Galli, vocals.

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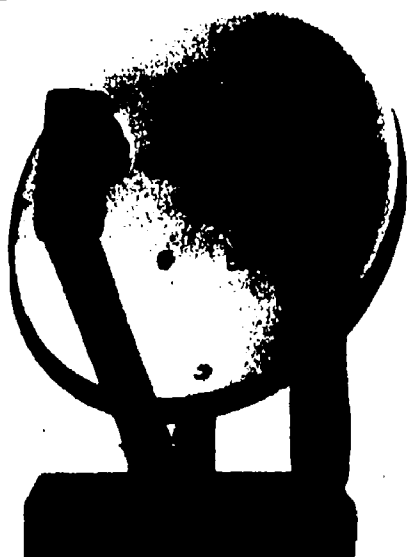
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Evening Of Music And Art To Open Rutgers Summerfest 2001

AREA—An evening of explosive music by the Afro-Cuban All Stars and leading edge art by established and up-and-coming artists will open Rutgers SummerFest 2001, a month-long celebration of art, film, music and dance produced by the Mason School of the Arts at Rutgers-New Brunswick, June 28–July 28.

Since it was established in 1987, Rutgers SummerFest has earned the distinction as one of the most exciting arts festivals in New Jersey. This year, SummerFest returns to its interdisciplinary roots with a vibrant season of music, dance, art and film events, all with a new international flavor. While continuing to spotlight distinguished soloists and chamber-music ensembles and the Rutgers Festival Orchestra, SummerFest will present such diverse groups as the Afro-Cuban All Stars, Maharaja and the Jose Limon Dance Company to New Jersey audiences. Under the direction of Sato Moughalian, SummerFest 2001 promises to deliver its liveliest season yet.

Two gala receptions will welcome SummerFest patrons to the openings of concurrent art exhibitions, *Installed Collections/Collections Installed* being mounted for the festival by Mason Gross and The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum. The receptions, free and open to the public, will take place at the Mason Gross Galleries at Civic Square at 33 Livingston Ave., and the Zimmerli Museum on Rutgers' campus at George and Hamilton streets, 5–7:30 p.m.

Installed Collections, the exhibition at Mason Gross Galleries at Civic Square, features work from seven private collections ranging from American prints to contemporary leading edge artists. Works by Peggy Bacon, George Bellows, Grant Wood, Thomas Hart Benton, Edward Hopper, Winslow Homer, Will Barnet, Deborah Butterfield, Nancy Cohen, Nan Golden, Catherine Opie and James Goebel are presented by theme. The collections are stunning and vast, including sculptures, lithographs, politically satirized engravings, prints, photographs and paintings.

The works are from the collections of Shirley Aidekman-Kaye, Sigmund Balka, Norman

Dubrow, Elaine and Julian Hyman, Harvey Isbitts, Muriel and Leonard Moss and Judith Targan. Judith K. Brodsky, founding director of the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper and professor, Department of Visual Arts, curates this exhibition.

The Zimmerli show focuses on work by recent distinguished graduates of the Master of Fine Arts Program in the Visual Arts Department at Mason Gross School of the Arts. In selecting the artists to be included in this exhibition, Professor Lynne Allen and Senior Curator Jeffrey Wechsler were struck by how many artists of this last decade collect objects to create their work, inspiring the second half of the exhibit title: *Collections Installed*.

Installed Collections/Collections Installed runs through July 28 at the Mason Gross Galleries and through July 29 at the Zimmerli Art Museum. Gallery hours at both institutions are Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; weekends noon–5 p.m. Both the Mason Gross Galleries and the Zimmerli Museum will be closed on July 4. The Mason Gross Galleries are open other days and times by appointment through calling (732) 932-2222, ext. 838. The same number can be called for special services for people with disabilities. Admission to the Mason Gross Galleries is free. Admission to the Zimmerli Museum of Art is \$3 for adults over 18, and free to museum members, children under 18 and Rutgers staff/students/faculty.

For more information and tickets to this or any other Mason Gross event, call the Mason Gross Performing Arts Center Ticket Office at (732) 932-7511.

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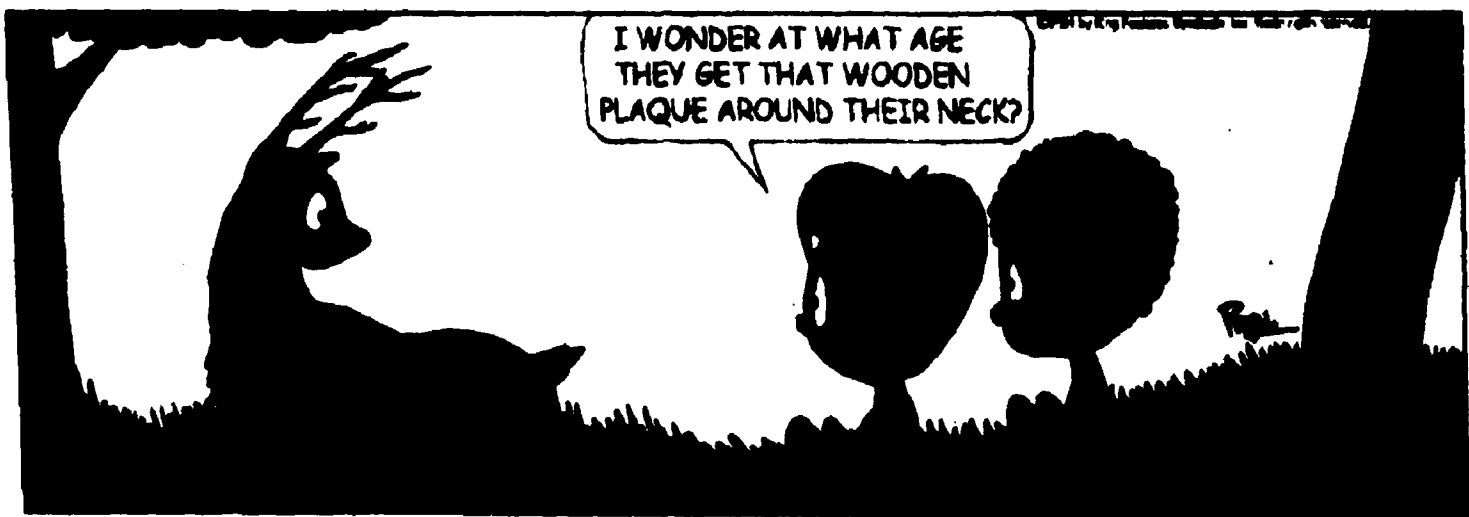
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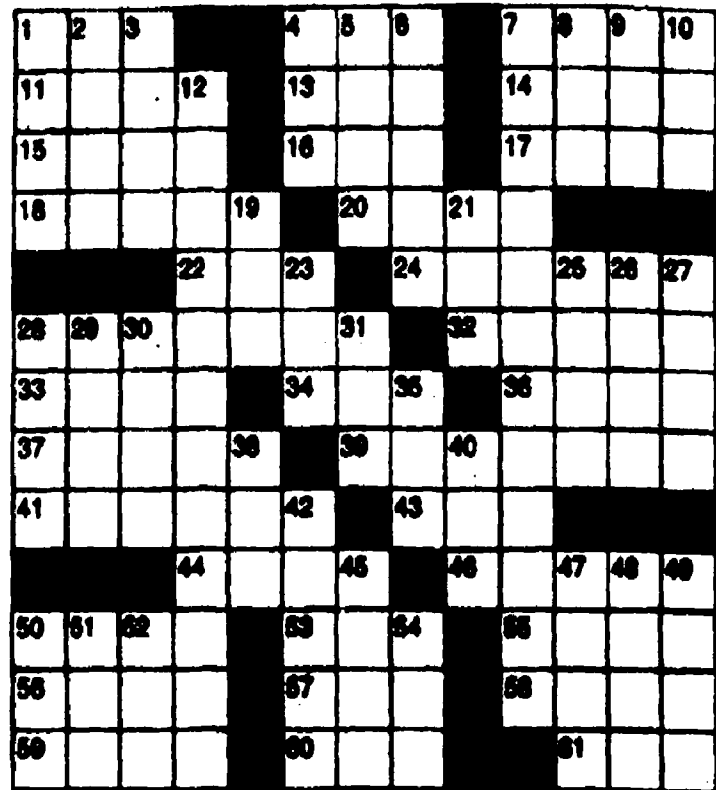
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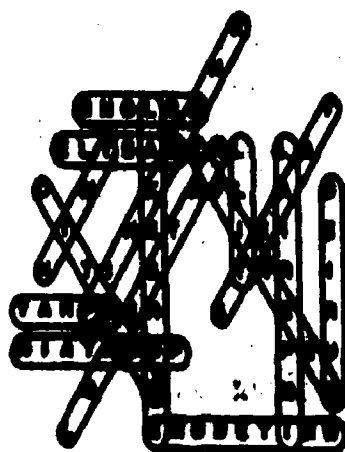
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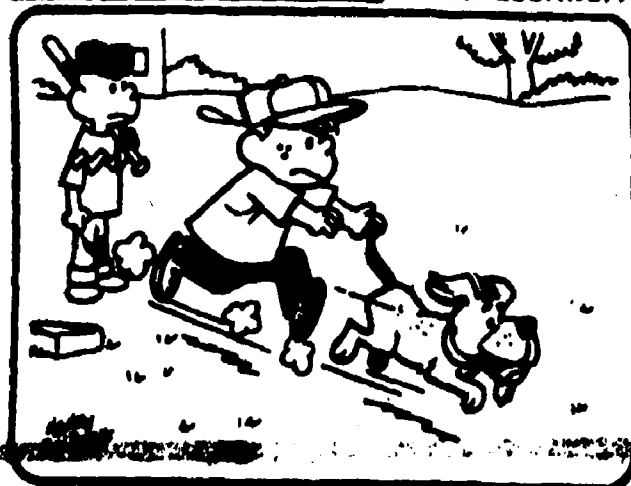
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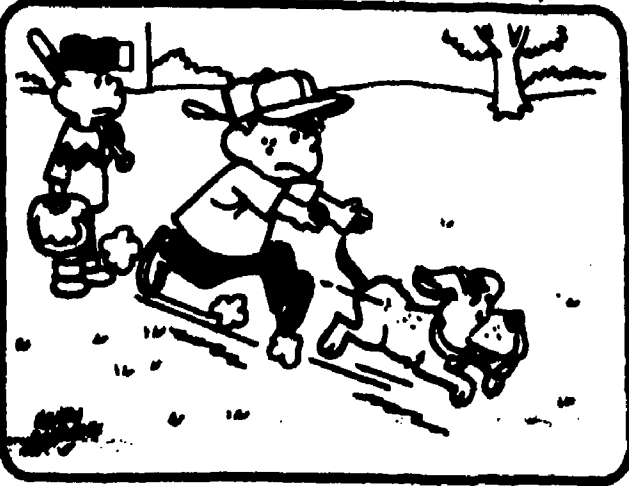


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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

IRS Informs Taxpayers Of Advance Payment Checks To Arrive By Mid-July

AREA--More than 3 million checks will be mailed to New Jersey taxpayers as the Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department begin sending out advance payments later this summer under a new tax law passed by Congress and signed by President Bush.

"The first checks will go out the week of July 23, and most of the mailings will be completed by the end of September," announced Gregg Semanick, IRS spokesperson in New Jersey. "Here in New Jersey that will mean more than

\$1.3 billion dollars."

Single taxpayers, and married taxpayers who filed separately, who paid federal income taxes for 2000 could receive up to \$300. Heads of households could get up to \$500, and married couples could receive up to \$600. Anyone who could have been claimed as a dependent on another person's 2000 tax return is not eligible for a check.

Taxpayers will learn by mid-July how much they will receive. The IRS will send taxpayers a letter describing the check

amount and the week it will be sent. The agency will also send a letter of explanation for taxpayers not eligible for the advance payment.

"We want to make this process as simple as possible for taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "These letters should give people all the important details they need."

"This process will be extremely easy," noted Semanick. "This is a case where the check really will be in the mail."

Taxpayers don't need to call, fill out special forms or do anything else to receive the check. All you need to do is open your mailbox. We'll take care of everything else."

Generally, the last two digits of the taxpayer's Social Security number will determine when the checks are mailed, so people may get a check at different times than neighbors or even other family members.

The IRS reminds taxpayers of several key points on the payments:

Taxpayers don't need to do anything to receive the checks.

Taxpayers should keep a copy of the letter sent in advance of the check for their records.

Individuals who have not yet filed a tax return for 2000 will not get any advance payment check until the IRS processes that return.

Taxpayers who have moved should file a change of address form with the U.S. Postal Service to ensure the checks go to the correct address.

Book Describes Low Cost Investments

by Dr. Karen Enslie,
RD, FADA, CFCs

AREA — In a new book called "The Thrifty Investor," author Craig Israelson describes strategies to invest with small dollar amounts. The premise of the book is that it is possible to identify investments than can fit almost everyone's budget.

The book begins with a discussion of compound interest. Israelson repeats Albert Einstein's famous quote that "The most powerful force in the universe is compound interest." Stocks are recommended for long-term investment goals (at least five to seven years in the future). U.S. stocks have historically had almost three times as many years with positive returns than negative ones since 1926.

Readers are advised to invest for the long term to allow the general upward trend of stock prices to work in their favor. The most important ingredient in a successful investment plan is time. Given enough time, invested money grows exponentially.

In Chapter 2, investment risk is defined as the amount of volatility in the annual returns of an investment. In other words, the swings between high and low prices. Small company U.S. stocks have historically produced higher highs and lower lows than large company stocks. Why? Many small companies don't survive while others that start small (i.e., Wal-Mart and Dell Computer), grow to become large companies over time.

According to Israelson, the best performing stock during the 1990s was Dell Computer. A \$500 single lump sum investment at the start of 1990 was worth \$429,000 by the

end of 1999. Since it is almost impossible to identify the "next Dell" in advance, however, readers are urged to diversify across a variety of companies or purchase mutual funds that purchase hundreds of stocks, bonds, or other securities. Israelson uses the phrase "core and explore" throughout the book. By this, he means that mutual funds are excellent core holdings that provide diversification and balance. Individual stocks can provide additional investment focus.

An extremely helpful feature of the book is the "Frugal Forty" list. Of more than 6,800 available stock mutual funds, Israelson lists 40 that can be purchased with an Automatic Investment Plan (AIP) of \$50 or less. AIPs are electronic withdrawals from an investor's checking account to purchase fund shares. There is also a list of companies with direct stock purchase plans of \$25 per month. Investors can purchase stocks from a company itself or through the web site www.share-builder.com, where there are over 2,000 stocks available for purchase.

Another "thrifty" investing strategy is purchasing low-cost investments. A chart in the book lists stock mutual funds with an expense ratio of .50 (one half of one percent) or less. A .50 expense ratio means that 50 cents of every \$100 of account value is used to pay fund expenses.

The book concludes with a chapter called "Battle Plan" that outlines the process for becoming a thrifty investor. Steps include deciding how much you can invest by analyzing household spending, deciding how to invest (e.g., Roth IRA, tax-deferred plan at work), picking low-minimum stocks and/or mutual funds, and being patient.

Israelson likens investing to rearing children: the "payoff" may take a while. He also advises readers to keep good records and to enjoy the process. "Investing isn't a goal, but rather a means to many important ends."

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Changes In Student Beneficiary Payment Process

AREA — If you are a high school student receiving Social Security benefits, a change in the law will affect you. You will receive a form from Social Security about three months before you turn 18, instead of five months as under previous law, requesting information on your school plans. Completion of the form will determine whether your benefits will continue after age 18. More than 200,000 students annually are expected to receive the notices.

Social Security pays benefits to the dependents of retired and disabled workers and to the survivors of deceased workers. Ordinarily, benefits stop when the child turns age 18; benefits may continue until age 19 for students still in high school.

To receive benefits after age 18, students should take the following steps:

- Complete Form SSA-1372

with the information about their school plans.

- Take the form to the school for certification.

- Return the form to the local Social Security office by mail or in person.

- Leave a reporting form with the school.

Students may call the nearest Social Security office and get help in completing the form by phone. The form will then be mailed for a signature. Failure to sign and return the form could result in benefits being stopped.

The new payment process is expected to require less work for the schools, resulting in fewer contacts regarding student beneficiaries and providing more current information to Social Security. It provides for certification of the student's status up front, and additional contacts will be required only if the information provided changes.

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EDITORIAL

Readers Commentary



Farmers And Clean Fuel

"...the use of ethanol in gasoline already reduces our national dependence on foreign oil by as much as 100,000 barrels per day..."

Dear Editor,

Win-win situations between our state's environmental and business sectors don't come along very often. But when it comes to what we use in our vehicle's gas tank, New Jersey motorists might be in a position to both improve the environment and help preserve the open space of farmland.

State and federal policymakers are wrestling with the use of oxygenated fuels and the additive MTBE. For all the good MTBE does to increase gasoline's oxygen content, resulting in better engine performance and increased fuel economy, it pollutes groundwater. Fortunately, there is an alternative.

Some farm policy experts believe that the time has come to replace MTBE with ethanol. Ethanol as a fuel isn't a new idea and it's not a new product. It's commonly used in the Midwest in places like Chicago and even goes back to the birth of the automobile and Henry Ford's Model T.

As the environmentally friendly alternative to MTBE, ethanol would allow us to pursue Clean Air Act Standards in existing vehicles, foster continued development of Flexible Fuel Vehicles using new technologies such as fuel cells, reduce dependence on foreign oil and keep New Jersey's farmers farming. That's a huge win-win.

As a farmer and not a being a scientist, I'll leave the details about air quality and high-tech future alternatives for the internal combustion

engine to the experts. But I am interested in reducing our reliance in foreign oil and in ways to keep our farmers farming, which keeps open space open.

The use of ethanol in gasoline already reduces our national dependence on foreign oil by as much as 100,000 barrels per day. By replacing MTBE with ethanol, ethanol demand would go from 1.6 billion gallons today to 3.2 billion gallons by 2004. That's where New Jersey's farmers and farmers throughout the county, would benefit.

Ethanol is made from corn, which is distilled to make the alcohol fuel. Corn is something Garden State farmers grow quite well. So as I travel through New Jersey, I can't help but see that we have two key ingredients right here to help the switch from a known-pollutant, MTBE, to clean ethanol—farmers who need new, profitable ways to keep productive farmland in use and in-state oil refineries that need this oxygenated fuel to continue clean air improvements as well as boost octane in gasoline.

The final piece of good news for New Jerseyans is that the cost to produce and use ethanol is less than that of MTBE, leading to no negative impact on prices at the pump.

Should the state ban MTBE? Yes. Give refiners flexibility? By all means. Is there a clean alternative to MTBE? Yes. It's ethanol and the farmers of New Jersey are anxious to help provide it.

John Rigolizzo, Jr.
President
NJ Farm Bureau



ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton

Once again that time of year has come when those little pests start coming around again. No, I don't mean candidates going door-to-door. I am talking about those pesky little bugs called mosquitoes. And it isn't bad enough that we have to put up with these pests in our backyard and at Little League games, we now have to worry about them carrying the West Nile Virus. It is pretty hard to avoid being bitten by a mosquito. However, you can certainly decrease your chances of being a snack by taking a few precautionary steps.

I don't want to alarm anyone into not enjoying their summer. Not all mosquitoes carry the West Nile Virus. This disease is spread to humans after a mosquito has been feeding on infected birds. Humans and horses seem to be the most at

risk for becoming sick after being bitten by an infected mosquito. If someone is bitten by a West Nile infected mosquito they may experience flu-like symptoms including body aches, fever, headache, swollen glands, and an occasional skin rash. In the elderly, the sick or young children, a severe infection can sometimes produce paralysis, convulsions, neck stiffness, high fever, disorientation, and even possibly death.

By taking some precautionary measures, we can decrease the amount of mosquitoes around our homes and therefore decrease the chances of being bitten. First, if you spend an extended period of time outdoors for barbecues or outdoor activities, use mosquito repellent lotions and sprays. But that only keeps them off of you for awhile. A more permanent solution is to make sure all standing water near your home is removed. Empty the water from your pool covers and turn over plastic wading pools and wheel-

barrows when not in use. Clear your yard of old tires, ceramic pots, and other containers that hold water. Stagnant water is a mosquito's Club Med. Also, make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens and repair those that have tears. Make sure your gutters drain properly so there isn't standing water where mosquitoes can breed.

Woodbridge and Edison have begun spraying parts of their towns with chemicals that will kill mosquitoes. This worked well last year and hopefully this year there will be similar results. But remember, should you find a dead bird in your yard make sure you or your children don't touch it. Instead, call the Middlesex County Department of Health at 732-745-3100.

If we just take the extra time to protect ourselves and our children we can avoid problems this summer. As the Boy Scout saying goes, "Be prepared." Have a safe and happy summer!

Valuable Advice

With spring's arrival, many of you will soon receive offers from companies or individuals who are willing to provide paving services for your driveways and parking lots. The members of the New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association (NJAPA) who provide and install hot mix asphalt strongly advise you to check references before hiring any company to perform paving work.

NJAPA member firms want you to feel confident that companies working for you are experienced and reliable. Any solicitation for paving with a claim that the material is left over from another project and came from a particular local hot mix plant should be verified by calling that hot mix asphalt pro-

ducer.

Members of the New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association who produce hot mix asphalt are listed in the local yellow pages of your telephone directory under "asphalt." The New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association offices are another source of producer location information. We can be reached Monday-Friday at (732) 738-5664 or on our web page at www.njapa.com.

There are many fine and reputable driveway and parking lot paving contractors. Please take the time to check references to insure that you receive full value for your paving dollar.

Richard L. Forman
NJAPA Executive Director

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Weird Science

You wonder how the Democrats get away with peddling junk science? A two-year study by John Hubisz, a North Carolina State University physics professor, found that science texts used in American middle schools are overflowing with errors. A total of 5,000 pages of errors were found in 24 of the most popular books, used by 85 percent of children in the United States. One book shows a map with the equator passing through the southern United States. Another has a photo of Linda Ronstadt captioned "Silicon Crystal." A text book even misstates Newton's first law of motion. "The books have a very large number of errors, many irrelevant...experiments that could not possibly work and drawings that represented impossible situations," said Hubisz. He told the Associated Press that one of the problems is that the publishers "get people to check for political correctness, then try to get as much cultural diversity as possible. Even if they know they are dead wrong they don't want to offend any one group. They just don't seem to understand what science is about. It's about right and wrong. They don't seem to mind we are going to have a brand new crop of idiots!"

And then there's...

According to an item in *The New Scientist*, researchers say they have discovered that female brown trout fake orgasms. A bunch of scientists at the National Board of Fisheries in Sweden (which may explain a lot) watched 1117 pairs of trout "hook up" in an aquarium. They claim to have discovered that the female trout tricked the male trout on 911 occasions.

How could they tell? Apparently two trout preparing to mate quiver intensely, with mouths open. (Sounds like routine fish behavior to me, but hey—this is science). The quivering precedes the release of eggs and sperm. But researchers observed the female trout holding back the release at the last moment, waiting to see if a superior male (or males) would come along presumably with better sperm. She would then try to mate with the new guy in town. Males never held back, and never deceived. Just a little tidbit from nature folks.

Senate Gives Approval To Put Bigger Elevators In Apartment Buildings

SOUTH AMBOY — A Senate panel has approved legislation Assembly Democratic Deputy Conference Leader John S. Wisniewski sponsored that would require apartment building elevators to accommodate first-aid stretchers.

Wisniewski's measure (A-1706) is in response to problems that local first-aid personnel have encountered at the senior citizen residence at Shore Gate Village condominiums in South Amboy. The South Amboy First Aid Squad have complained that the building's elevator can not

accommodate a stretcher in the horizontal position, a factor that could create problems in an emergency situation.

Squad members have said precious life-saving minutes would be wasted if residents must be carried down stairs in an emergency.

"The size of elevators is an important safety factor in residential buildings," said Wisniewski (D-Sayreville). "In a life or death situation, the elevator is the fastest way down in a multi-level building."

The bill would require the Commissioner of Community

Affairs to modify the State Uniform Construction Code to require all newly constructed building elevators accommodate a dimension of 24 inches by 76 inches, which would allow an ambulance stretcher to lie flat in the horizontal position.

News articles in recent months have outlined the problem the South Amboy First Aid Squad encountered in

multi-level apartment buildings like Shore Gate Village. The squad members said their stretchers don't fit in the elevator when a patient is lying down.

Squad members said they would have to resort to rushing the patient down the four-story building, stopping at each floor to perform CPR or other treatment.

"Emergency medical per-

sonnel have more important decisions to make than contemplating how to fit a stretcher in an elevator," said Wisniewski. "Bigger elevators are necessary and can save lives."

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee approved the bill by a vote of 4 to 0. It now goes to the Senate President, who may post it for a floor vote.

Wisniewski Attends Bicycle Rodeo

SAYREVILLE—Assembly Deputy Minority Conference Leader John S. Wisniewski joined the Sayreville PBA and DARE at their Bicycle Rodeo recently at Burke's Park in Sayreville.

"Now that summer's coming and more children will be out riding their bikes, we have to look out for their safety," said Assemblyman Wisniewski (D-Sayreville).

The Sayreville PBA and DARE program sponsored the event to increase children's safety while riding their bicycles. The police officers held a bicycle and helmet inspection. The children rode their bicycles from Sayreville War Memorial High School to Burke's Park on Washington Road in Sayreville. The Annual DARE picnic followed the Rodeo.

Assemblyman Wisniewski attended the Rodeo not only as an Assemblyman who is concerned for safety of all our children, but also as a father of three daughters.

"I wish to congratulate the

police officers and all the participants in this year's Rodeo for a job well done!" said Wisniewski.

The Assemblyman said that adults have to be careful when riding bikes as well.

"Parents and other adults have to be mindful of the example they set when riding their bikes, too," said Wisniewski. "We need to show children that it's important to wear helmets and pads when we are out riding. We can accomplish that by wearing helmets and pads ourselves. Taking the necessary precautions before you and your children set out for that ride can prevent a serious injury."

Assemblyman Wisniewski also said that it is extremely important for adults to keep an eye out for children on bicycles when driving in their cars. Heightened awareness for children on bicycles, particularly during the summer months, can prevent a tragedy.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Free Summer Support Group**

AREA — Eating disorders are serious problems which can be life threatening. A free support group for persons with anorexia nervosa, bulimia, and compulsive eating problems will meet on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. throughout the summer. The group will begin on

Thurs., June 25, and will meet at 514 South Livingston Ave., Livingston.

To register or receive free information and referrals, call the New Jersey Eating Disorders Helpline at 1-800-624-2268. From New York, call 1-973-740-1262.

How To Eat Healthier

AREA — Vice President Dick Cheney's heart problems should be a wake-up call to all Americans, Democrats and Republicans alike. We've lost far too many patriots to this preventable disease.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans, and science tells us it's caused largely by eating meat. In fact, the only doctors in history who have successfully reversed heart disease, Dr. Dean Ornish and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, use programs revolved around a vegetarian, mostly vegan diet. Their

findings that a low-fat vegetarian diet can actually reverse the build-up of plaque on the arteries have been published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Lancet*, *American Journal of Cardiology* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Here's wishing the Vice President a speedy recovery — and a low-fat veggie burger with all the fixings. If you'd like your own free, heart-healthy vegetarian recipes, call PETA at 888-VEG-FOOD.

Diabetes Disease Management Program

STATE — Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (Horizon BCBSNJ), in cooperation with Matria Healthcare, a leading disease management company, launched a diabetes education and care coordination program for its 230,000-member Horizon HMO subsidiary.

According to company officials, Horizon BCBSNJ signed an agreement with Matria to provide services for the more than 12,000 HMO members who have diabetes.

In Matria's diabetes management program, eligible members with diabetes are identified and

risk stratified to the appropriate level of care. Interactive health profiles are compiled and supply and medication requirements are collected and updated every six months. The program provides members with self-education materials, proactive care calls and individualized care coordination for those diabetes patients with more advanced care requirements.

Matria Healthcare, Inc. (NASDAQ:MATR) is the leading provider of comprehensive population-based disease management programs, telemedicine services and fulfillment services to health plans and employers

for women's health and the chronic conditions of diabetes and respiratory disorders. Headquartered in Marietta, Georgia, Matria has more than 40 offices in the United States and internationally. More information about Matria can be found online at www.matria.com.

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, with headquarters in Newark, is New Jersey's largest health insurer, providing coverage to 2.4 million individuals. The company has annual revenues of \$4.8 billion. Horizon BCBSNJ's company web site is located at www.horizon-bcbsnj.com.

Free Prescription Medicine Is Available

AREA — Are you one of the financially challenged individuals who is choosing daily between buying food or prescription medication? If so, a new service from the Patient Assistance Network in Washington D.C. may help.

The Patient Assistance Network helps people to apply for enrollment in one or more of the many patient assistance programs now available. This process is accomplished with the cooperation of the applicant's physician. The majority of these programs provide prescription medication free of charge to individuals in need regardless of age, if they

meet the sponsor's criteria.

"Many drug manufacturers have patient assistance programs that provide free or low-cost medication for qualified individuals, but they rarely, if ever publicize the programs," says Paul Richard, a volunteer staff member at the organization. "The majority of our applicants are individuals living on retirement income, welfare checks, disability or are among the working low to middle income. Most of our clients have too much income to qualify for government assistance with their medication but not enough to purchase private prescription

drug insurance coverage."

Consumers can receive a personalized prescription application instruction package by sending \$5 to cover administrative costs for each prescription. The name of the patient, name and address of the prescribing physician and the name of the drug are required to process the information. Patient Assistance Network, Dept. PPA-0109, P.O. Box 60382, Washington, D.C. 20039-0382. For additional information, visit the Network's web site: www.PatientAssistanceNetwork.org or call the organization's 24-hour hotline: 202-595-1038.

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JAL-CON 2001 Convention

STATE—The New Jersey Al-Alon/Alateen 26th Convention will be held July 27-29 at the Parsippany Hilton. "Circle of Hope" will be the theme. The statewide convention is open to members of Al-Anon, Alateen and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). The weekend program offers over 30 different work-

shops presented by Al-Anon, Alateen and AA members. The Saturday Banquet program includes speakers from Al-Anon, Alateen and AA.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their com-

mon problems. They believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Membership is open to anyone who is concerned about someone else's drinking.

For more information, call our voicemail: (201) 508-1548, ext. 2030.

Brain Injury Support Group

AREA — Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation hosts a monthly support group for adults with acquired brain injury on the first Wednesday of each month from 6-7 p.m. at Kessler Chester facility located at 201 Pleasant Hill Rd. The Brain Injury Support Group provides the opportunity for individuals with brain injuries to meet and discuss issues of social, financial and emotional importance.

Individuals with such injuries

often experience physical impairments, functional deficiencies, (such as difficulty walking or dressing), behavioral difficulties, emotional consequences, and social/interpersonal limitations. Additionally, significant cognitive deficits (such as limited attention span and poor memory) may underlie and worsen these problems.

The Brain Injury Support Group at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation provides individ-

uals with a comprehensive treatment program to help them achieve the highest possible level of function and to prepare them for the future.

For more information about the The Brain Injury Support Group, please call Karen Lowenstein, Cognitive Therapist, Cognitive Remediation Program, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation at 973-252-6300, x. 2657.

OBITUARIES

Victor J. Stasiak of Edison

Mr. Victor J. Stasiak of Edison died June 10.

Born in Newark, he moved to Edison 45 years ago.

He was employed by the Hyatt Roller Bearing Co., Clark, for 30 years before retiring many years ago.

He served in the Army during World War II.

Mr. Stasiak was a member of the Edison Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Christine Stepnowski, Mrs. Nancy Palmblad and Carole; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Goldye Herman, 75 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Goldye Erika (Fischer) Herman of Rio Grande (formerly of Perth Amboy) died June 4 at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital, Cape May Court House. She was 75.

Born in Novisad, Yugoslavia, she emigrated to the United States in 1952 and moved to Woodbridge until settling in Perth Amboy, where she resided for 25 years. She moved to Rio Grande in 1980.

She worked as a nurse's aide at the former Perth Amboy General Hospital (now Raritan Bay Medical Center) for many years.

Mrs. Herman was a former member of the Hungarian Reformed Church, Perth Amboy and the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church of the Villas.

At the time of her death, she was residing at the Victoria Manor Nursing Home with her husband, Victor.

A daughter, Marie Rosalie Warga, is deceased.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Julianne Jordan of Pepperell, Mass. and Anita Fauser of Ruther Glen, Va.; six stepchildren, Maria Quaid of Houston, Texas, Robert Herman and Edward Herman, both of Cape May Court House, Rose Abade of Cleveland, Ohio, Tommy Herman of Santa Monica, Calif., and Charles Herman, of Cape May Court House; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and 16 stepgrandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

John Manolopoulos of Edison

Mr. John Manolopoulos of Edison died June 9 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 77.

Born in Lowell, Mass., he lived in Watertown before moving to Edison 32 years ago.

He was a service technician for Caloric Corp., where he worked out of his home in Edison for many years before retiring.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 518, Teaneck, Local 1518, of Clifton and Local 868 of New York.

Mr. Manolopoulos served in the Air Force during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Scott A.; a daughter, Mrs. Stacy Brenner; and two grandchildren.

Dorothy V. Strauss of Parlin

Mrs. Dorothy V. Strauss of Parlin died June 7 in Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. She was 87.

Born in New Haven, Conn., she lived in Hillside before moving to Parlin 17 years ago.

She was a member of the Sayreville Senior Citizens Thursday Club, the St. Bernadette Senior Citizens Club and the Catholic Daughters Court.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Marinucci and three grandchildren.

Louis Literate, 64 of Iselin

Mr. Louis John Literate of Iselin died June 9 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 64.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Woodbridge before moving to Iselin 38 years ago.

He was a senior research scientist in the Personal Care Product Division of the Colgate-Palmolive Technology Center,

Victoria Moe, 50 of South Amboy

Mrs. Victoria A. Gilbert Moe of South Amboy died June 12 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 50.

Born in South Amboy, she was a lifelong resident of that town.

Mrs. Moe was employed as a clerk at Jersey Wholesale Tire Corp., Parlin.

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

Her father, Stephen Gilbert, died in 1990. Her twin brother, George A. Gilbert, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Charles S. Moe of South Amboy; her mother, V. Ida DiMella Gilbert of South Amboy; a sister, Priscilla A. Gilbert of South Amboy; a brother, Stephen A. Gilbert of Englishtown; and her dear friend, Butch Mulvey of South Amboy.

Daryl G. Johnson of Perth Amboy

Mr. Daryl G. Johnson of Perth Amboy died June 4 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division.

Born in the Bronx, he lived in Westwood before moving to Perth Amboy 15 years ago.

He was a toll collector on the New Jersey Turnpike.

He served in the Air Force during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline; a son, Darius; a daughter, Clarissa; his parents, Edwin and Lillie Johnson and a brother, Eric.

Ruth C. Paulmann of Edison

Mrs. Ruth C. Paulmann of Edison died June 7 at home. She was 82.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Clark for 39 years before moving to Edison four years ago.

She was a bank teller and had worked in the mortgage department with City Federal Savings Bank, Hillsborough. She worked at the bank for 39 years before retiring in 1981.

Mrs. Paulmann was a founder and past president of the City Federal Savings Retirees Club.

She was a member of the Clark American Association of Retired Persons and the ladies auxiliary of the Clark First Aid Squad and had been a member of the ladies auxiliary of the Clark Elk's Lodge.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy and Janet; and two grandchildren.

J. B. Connaughton of Edison

Mr. James B. Connaughton of Edison died June 12 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. He was 91.

Born in Plainfield, he lived in Edison for 54 years.

He was a route salesman with Sealtest Dairy Co., Plainfield, Newark and New York City for a total of 38 years before retiring in 1970.

Mr. Connaughton was a member of the Watchung Council 552 Knights of Columbus, Plainfield.

Surviving are two sons, Benedict D. and James F.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

John L. Milone, Jr. of Woodbridge

Mr. John L. Milone Jr. of Woodbridge Township died May 26 at home. He was 54.

Born in Cold Springs, N.Y., he lived Poughkeepsie, N.Y. before moving to Woodbridge Township 29 years ago.

Mr. Milone was a machinist for 25 years.

He was a coach with the soccer and baseball leagues in the Clara Barton section of Fords.

Surviving are his wife, Jane; a son, John L. III; two sisters, Mrs. Theresa Marsh and Mrs. Nancy Mendoza; two brothers, John Milone and George Hartkem; and two grandchildren.

Robert Lazzeri, 68 of Avenel

Mr. Robert J. Lazzeri of Avenel died May 26 at Rahway Hospital. He was 68.

Born in Baltimore, Md., he resided in Avenel for the past 42 years.

He was employed as an electronic technician with Electro Dynamics in Avenel for 27 years before retiring in 1996.

Mr. Lazzeri served in the Army from 1953-55. While in the Army, he played in the U.S. Army Marching Band.

He was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church, Avenel.

His parents, Gino and Ida Dreucci Lazzeri and a brother, Louis Lazzeri, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Alma Gasparri Lazzeri; a son, Kenneth J. Lazzeri of Indianapolis, Ind.; three daughters, Susan Dobias of Bethlehem, Pa., Barbara LiPira of Huntersville, N.C., and Christine Schwinge of Iselin; two grandchildren, Katie and Allison Dobias; a brother, Edward Lazzeri of Largo, Fla. and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews.



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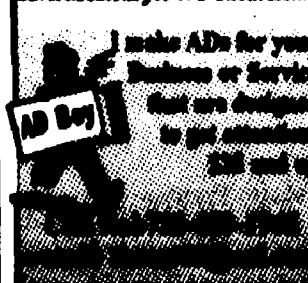
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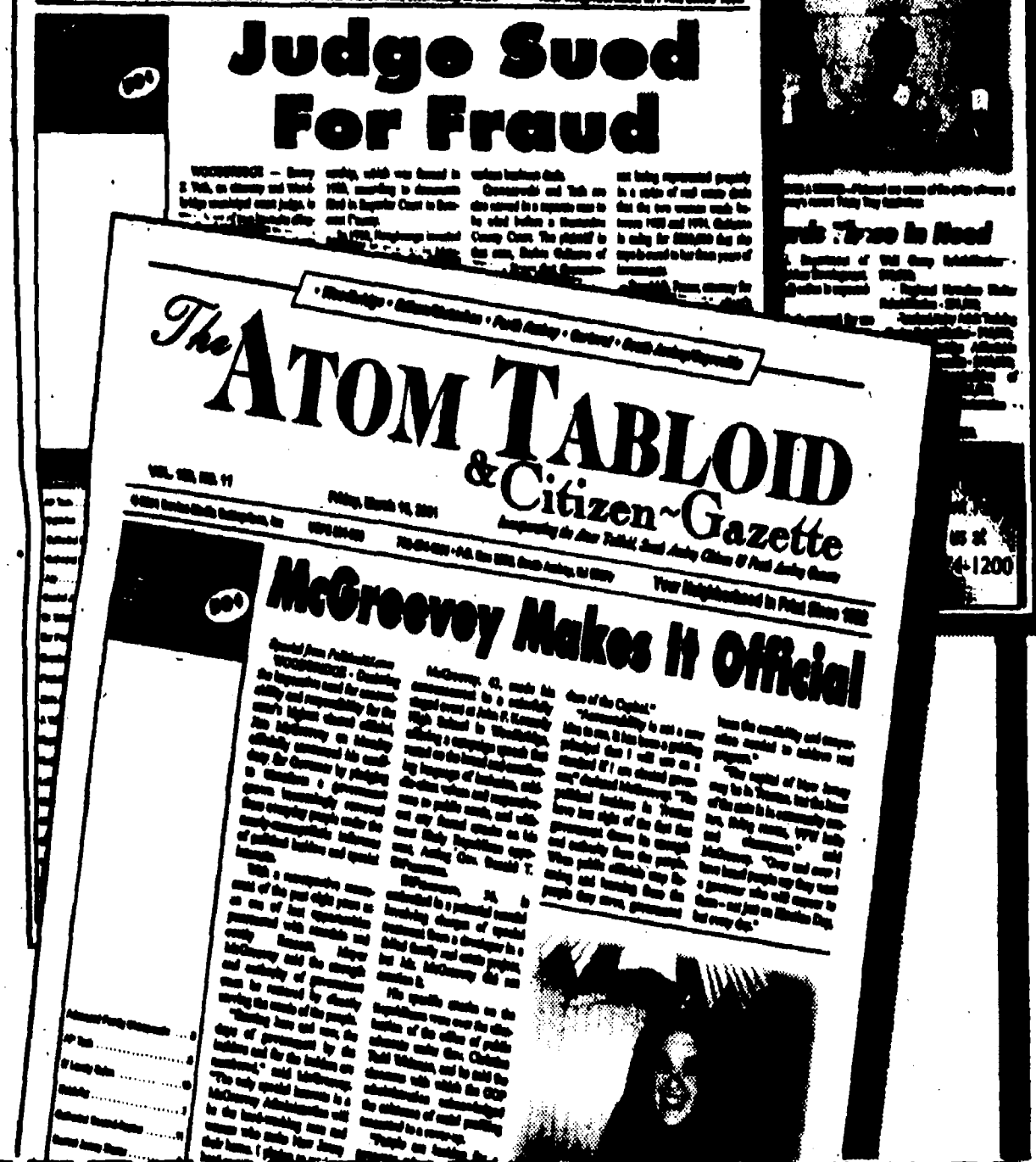
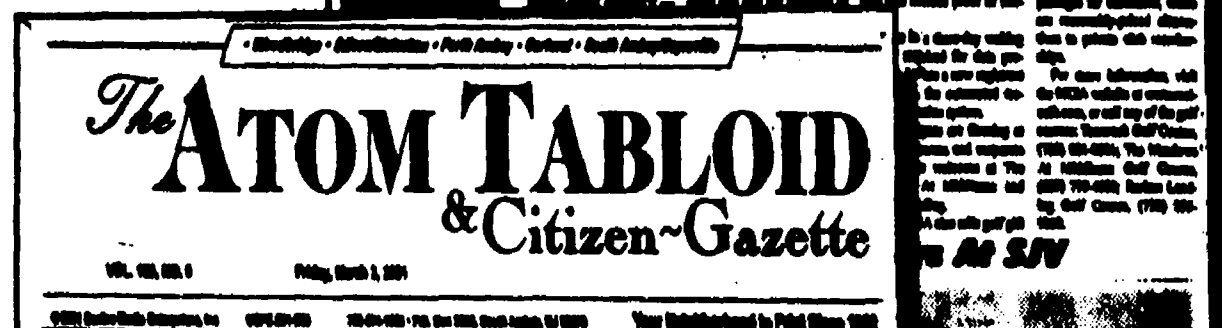
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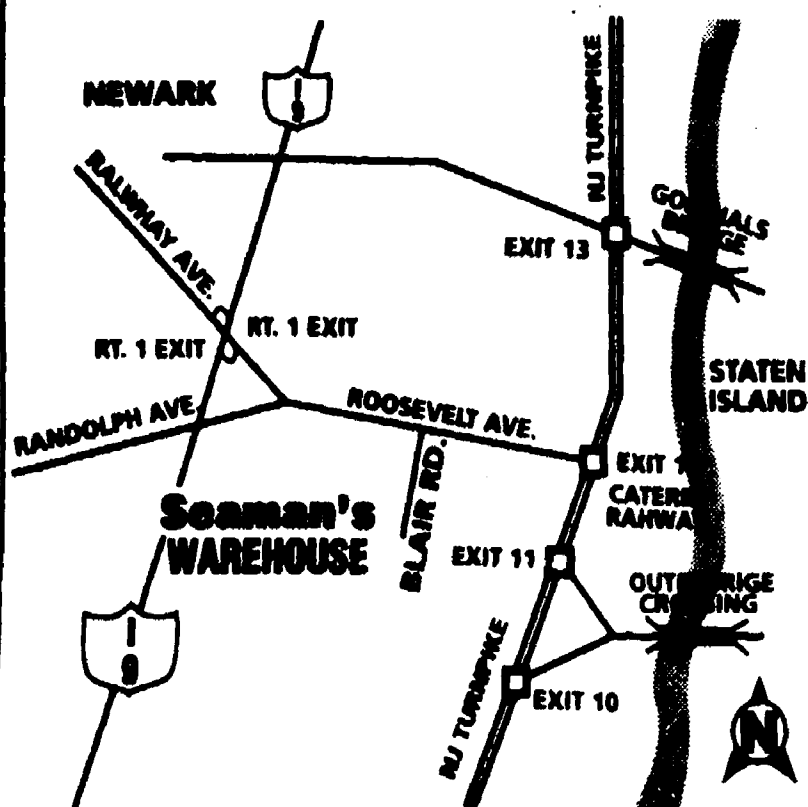
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YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR HUGE SAVINGS

450,000 sq ft of Furniture Must Be Liquidated!

• **Over 2 Million Dollars in Merchandise must go** •

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AVENEL, NJ

Directions to 433 Blair Road

1. NJ Turnpike to Exit 12, make right (West Cateret/Rahway) on Roosevelt Ave. approximately 1 mile to Blair Rd (3rd light). make left go 1/8 mile, Seaman's is on the right.
 2. South US 1-9 to Rahway Ave., go 2 lights, left on Randolph Ave. Which becomes Roosevelt Ave. Make right onto Blair Rd.
- (732)-382-7770

