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Perth Amboy Firefighters Honored At Annual Valor Awards Dinner

PERTH AMBOY—The St. Barnabas Burn Foundation presented members of the Perth Amboy Fire and Police Department with a Team Effort Award during the Fourteenth Annual Valor Awards held on Oct. 25.

Each year the Burn Foundation, established in 1987 to support The Burn Center at St. Barnabas, New Jersey's only certified burn treatment facility, recognizes firefighters from throughout the state for their heroic endeavors in the line of duty. Honored firefighters are nominated by their respective departments and selected by a committee of peers. This year more than 60 New Jersey firefighters were honored.

Firefighters Zolton Bodi, Hugo Fleites, Robert Kuchie and Eric Wilhelm of the Perth Amboy Fire Department and Police Lieutenant R. W. David Joy and Police Sergeant Steven Verdi of the Perth Amboy Police Department were honored for the events described below.

The Perth Amboy Fire

Department was called to a residence on Friday evening, Nov. 17, 2000. Upon arrival, there was heavy visible fire on the second floor and residents trapped on the third floor balconies on two sides of the building. On the north side, two residents were trapped in heavy smoke with fire advancing from below. Firefighter Kuchie, Police Lieutenant Joy and Police Sergeant Verdi secured a ladder to the balcony. Firefighter Kuchie climbed up the ladder to assist the residents and encountered a three-foot wire barrier above the balcony railing. He reached over this obstruction and pulled a 14-year-old girl and her 46-year-old mother onto the ladder and handed them to the policemen. Firefighters Kuchie and Joy and Police Officer Verdi and the two victims were all treated for smoke inhalation and later released.

At the same time, Firefighters Wilhelm and Bodi observed three residents trapped on the south side of the building in a heavy

smoke condition. They set up a ladder and removed a six-month-old infant and her mother. They had difficulty placing the father on the ladder due to the victim's physical disabilities and were assisted in the rescue by Firefighter Fleites.

These firefighters and police officers performed heroically, saving lives under extremely dangerous conditions without the protection of hose lines to control the advancing fire.

In addition, more than 60 other New Jersey firefighters were honored at the dinner. Recipients of the prestigious 2001 Valor Award included Firefighter William Weidele of the Newark Fire Department; Lieutenant Joseph Wurtzbacher and Firefighters Scott Mallon and Eric Evers of the Summit Fire Department; Captain Melvin Barrett and Firefighter Jerome Fryer of the East Orange Fire Department; and Captain Kevin Krushinski and Firefighter Barry Eck of the Sayreville Fire

Department. Special Recognition Awards went to Fire Departments from Carlstadt, Englewood, North Hudson Regional and South Old Bridge.

The Civilian Award will be presented to New Brunswick resident Issac Williams who rescued a trapped woman from the second floor of a house fire. In addition, Ed Segall of Long Branch, a former patient, was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award in appreciation of his tireless fundraising efforts and support of the St. Barnabas Burn Foundation.

The St. Barnabas Burn Foundation provides supportive services and counseling to burn victims and their families treated at The Burn Center at St. Barnabas. In addition, the Foundation's educational programs teach burn awareness, prevention and fire safety to thousands of people of all ages through the state. To learn more, or make a donation, call (973) 322-4344.

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WELL DESERVED HONORS—Special Award Winners from the Perth Amboy Fire and Police Departments are pictured with Sari Kaplan, assistant vice president of Critical Care Services at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

YOUR COUNTY NEWS

State Police Recruits Complete Training

STATE—Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr., and Colonel Carson J. Dunbar, Jr., Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, presented badges to 75 of New Jersey's newest state troopers during graduation ceremonies at the historic Convention Hall/Paramount Theater in Asbury Park.

Attorney General Farmer noted that the 37 men and women of the 125th State Police class and the 38 men and women of the 126th class are the most recent trainees to graduate from the State Police Academy's intensive 21-week

training program and to undergo instruction as part of an entirely new training concept known as Action Adult-Based Learning Methodology—a training format that utilizes advanced facilitation methods, training scenarios, role-playing exercises and student presentations to accomplish training objectives.

According to Col. Dunbar, the recruits represent the next generation of New Jersey state troopers to graduate from the State Police training academy. The recruits embarked on their career choice nearly one year ago on Oct. 16, 2000 with the

filing of initial applications. The graduates include two white females, one black female, three African-American males, two Hispanic males and three Asian males. Three additional State Police recruit classes are currently undergoing the training regimen and are slated to graduate later this month and in March of 2002.

According to Captain David S. Leonardis, Commandant of the State Police Training Academy, the Training Bureau has undergone significant changes during the past year. Changes include a new recruit evaluation system designed to compliment the adult-based learning methodology, wireless internet laptop research supported by a newly appointed academy librarian, significantly smaller class size for pre-service training, use of firearms simulation training scenarios and the implementation of an instructor/recruit mentor program. Additionally, each individual lesson plan used during the course of pre-service training was completely reviewed to insure conformity with independent training requirements. Also, the trooper recruits have been fully trained in the use of police computer systems and each will utilize a portable laptop computer from

which police-related information can be quickly and accurately obtained and police reports can be entered directly into the revamped State Police data collection systems.

The classes were also challenged in the specific areas of constitutional search and seizure with the implementation of revised State Police guidelines and exhaustive classroom and practical training scenarios involving the legal use of search and seizure procedures. The recruits participated in extensive training and role-playing exercises which focused on responding to and handling domestic violence situations, human dignity and human relations exercises, cultural diversity and awareness and sensitivity training and the State Police initiative of community policing and community relations. In the area involving cultural diversity and minority instruction, the trooper recruits received extensive and detailed instruction from experts outside of the State Police, including representatives from ethnic, cultural, community and professional organizations. Such interactive training included extensive lecture, practical exercises and role playing in cultural diversi-

ty and awareness especially as they relate to the role of police in our society.

Yet another training initiative that has been successfully integrated into the State Police curriculum is an intensive training course which details 'Spanish for Law Enforcement Officers.' This course exposes State Police recruits, and on-duty troopers, to extensive language instruction geared to enable them to better communicate with Spanish speaking individuals about police-related matters and to better assist injured persons, disabled motorists, and in communicating with Spanish speaking victims and witnesses.

Dunbar said that as probationary troopers, the graduates will be assigned to stations throughout the state and, over the next 11 weeks, the new troopers will begin their careers under the watchful eye of their newly trained and experienced Trooper/Coaches and supervisors.

Locally, the graduates from Middlesex County are: Michael K. Brodziak; Adam L. Grossman; Matthew M. Lonczak; David H. Penna; Joseph Botti; and Michael F. Donnelly.

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FAITH-BASED PARTNERS MEET—The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC), a non-profit Community Action Agency, recently held a Faith-Based Summit. The event brought together the Agency's faith-based partners and State representatives to focus on the important relationship between Community Action Agencies and religious organizations in helping New Jersey's low-income population. Pictured at the event are (L.-R.) Rev. Mark McCreary, Second Baptist Church, Metuchen; keynote speaker John Adams, The African American Community Action Leaders; Debra Chumies, Anshe Emeth Community Development Corporation, New Brunswick; Dr. Leo Graham, Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, New Brunswick; and Rev. Neva Lawson, First Baptist Church, Sewaren. MCEOC works with these organizations to provide Head Start and child care, family support counseling, computer literacy training, labor apprenticeship screening, mentoring and adult literacy programs, among other programs.

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Free Annual Christmas Party For Handicapped Children

WOODBIDGE—The Handicapped & Crippled Children's Committee of the Woodbridge Elks #2116 will once again host their annual Christmas party for the handicapped children of the area on Dec. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge.

This is an event that is looked forward to, with great anticipation, by special children between the age of 8 and 18 years. Edward Gladis, Sr., chairperson of the event, promises that this party will be even greater than last year's which was fantastic. There will again be a live band that the kids enjoy so much. Food, drinks and goodies of all kinds will be served and of course, there will be a special visit from Santa who is loading his sleigh with wonderful gifts for his favorite kids.

To join in the festivities, tell your school teacher/principal that you wish to attend and give them your name, age and gender, so they can contact the Elks. If you do not attend school, contact Mr. Gladis at (732) 634-5561. Remember, a parent or guardian must attend with each child.

Holiday Parade Set For Dec. 2

WOODBIDGE—Woodbridge Township's Annual Holiday Parade, one of the largest in the state is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

"More than 100 contingents featuring marching bands, floats and a host of dignitaries and celebrities will be on hand for the festivities," said

Mayor James E. McGreevey.

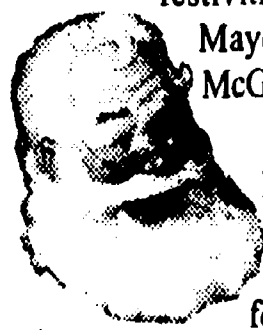
"The parade provides an excellent opportunity for families to

celebrate the holiday season," the Mayor said.

Presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the parade will begin at Woodbridge High School at 1:30 p.m. and proceed down Amboy Avenue to Main Street past a reviewing stand outside the Municipal Building.

Woodbridge Township is celebrating the holiday season with 'WinterWorks,' a variety of special events for residents and their families.

Additional information about the parade and other holiday events may be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation, (732) 634-4500, ext. 6418.



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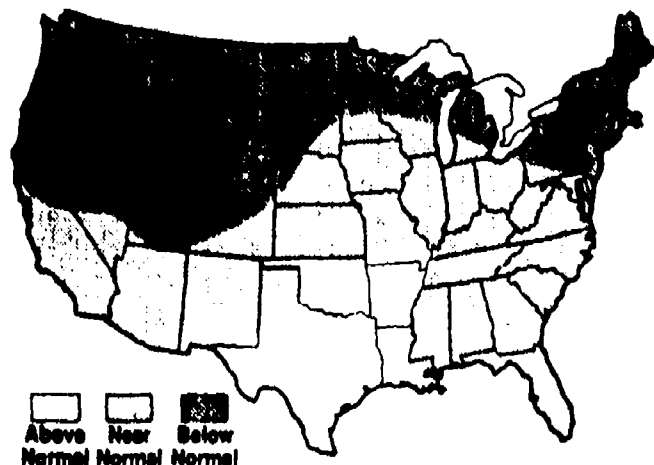
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Heavy rain in the morning.	Rain; cloudy and windy.	Mainly cloudy and windy.	Plenty of sunshine.	Mostly cloudy.	Cold with clouds and sun.	Cold with clouds and sun.	Clouds and sun.
57	43	52/35	52/38	50/26	39/25	38/26	43/29

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

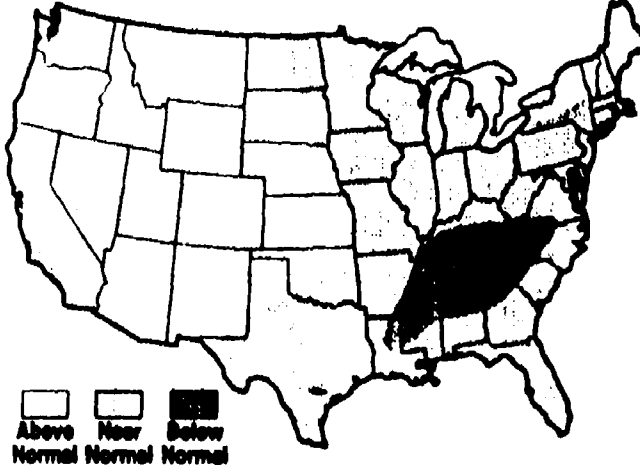


NATIONAL SUMMARY

Stormy weather will cover the western half of the nation during the time period. Storms will spread rain and mountain snow across the Pacific Northwest, Great Basin and Southwest. Temperatures across much of the West will average 10 to 15 degrees below normal. Elsewhere, dry and mild weather is expected across the Southeast. A storm will bring precipitation to the Great Lakes and Northeast.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	56 38 sh	56 40 pc	58 42 c	55 30 c
Boston	51 44 r	48 30 r	49 38 s	49 29 c
Chicago	38 24 c	42 30 pc	39 28 c	33 23 pc
Cleveland	40 30 sh	40 32 c	45 34 c	40 23 c
Denver	46 28 pc	41 19 pc	42 25 s	45 28 pc
Des Moines	38 22 pc	42 22 c	38 18 c	36 22 pc
Detroit	40 28 sh	37 26 sl	43 32 c	38 22 c
Houston	56 34 pc	60 38 pc	66 46 c	66 44 pc
Indianapolis	38 26 c	42 33 c	45 31 c	39 24 c
Kansas City	36 26 c	45 29 c	43 24 c	44 25 pc
Los Angeles	66 54 r	66 50 pc	67 42 s	64 45 pc
Miami	81 66 s	79 67 pc	80 66 pc	79 65 pc
Minn.- St. Paul	26 24 pc	32 21 sn	27 17 c	25 15 c
New Orleans	58 44 pc	63 54 c	68 52 c	65 43 c
New York City	54 44 r	52 36 c	48 38 s	51 30 c
Omaha	38 20 pc	42 24 c	40 22 c	40 20 pc
Phoenix	64 43 s	67 44 pc	67 45 s	71 46 pc
San Francisco	57 46 r	56 46 pc	57 48 c	59 40 sh
Seattle	46 40 sh	46 38 c	48 39 sh	46 44 c
Washington	58 42 r	52 36 c	50 38 pc	50 27 pc

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:59 a.m.	4:31 p.m.
Fri.	7:00 a.m.	4:31 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	3:59 p.m.	5:27 a.m.
Fri.	4:35 p.m.	6:34 a.m.
Moon Phases		
Full	Last	New
Nov 14	Dec 30	Dec 7
		Dec 22
Weather (W):		
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	49 48 pc	55 50 r	54 42 r	45 39 c
Berlin	36 29 pc	38 33 pc	44 38 c	44 37 pc
Buenos Aires	73 59 pc	73 55 pc	71 52 pc	73 56 pc
Cairo	77 56 pc	74 50 pc	70 48 s	71 52 s
Jerusalem	68 51 pc	65 45 pc	58 43 pc	62 45 s
Johannesburg	69 63 sh	73 66 sh	78 64 r	78 62 c
London	56 53 c	56 47 sh	52 40 c	46 36 pc
Madrid	55 39 pc	48 46 sh	55 30 r	44 37 c
Mexico City	69 42 pc	69 42 s	69 45 s	63 44 c
Moscow	27 23 c	29 21 pc	30 22 pc	29 20 pc
Paris	47 46 sh	51 49 sh	50 37 r	40 31 c
Rio de Janeiro	80 71 c	76 73 r	77 66 r	76 65 c
Rome	53 43 pc	55 46 pc	62 54 c	61 50 r
San Juan	84 70 s	84 71 s	84 71 pc	84 72 pc
Seoul	50 32 c	39 32 pc	33 19 c	33 20 pc
Sydney	74 62 c	82 57 pc	69 52 c	68 50 pc
Tokyo	54 50 pc	63 43 s	56 45 pc	50 34 s
Toronto	36 24 sn	35 22 c	39 29 c	35 21 c
Winnipeg	13 11 c	17 10 sn	11 3 sn	11 3 sn
Zurich	40 39 pc	45 44 sh	53 45 sh	46 44 r

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Flight Training "Takes Off"

AREA—People flying out of Newark International Airport no longer have to begin their trip snarled in traffic.

A New Jersey Transit train recently began providing the first direct rail link between the airport and lines that run from Manhattan to Trenton and Bay Head.

The project required extending the airport's monorail a mile across Routes 1 & 9 to the Northeast Corridor rail line, which also includes stops in Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway, Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, Metropark Station in Edison, Metuchen and South Amboy.

The new monorail station will enable Amtrak and New Jersey Transit riders to get to all three terminals at the airport.

The project cost \$415 million and took four years to complete.

A Call For Poems

AREA—Write a poem and win the \$1,000 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their talent." The deadline for entering is Dec. 8.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

The Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo

AREA—Atlantic Coast Exhibition's of Palm Coast, Fla., announced that it will present the Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo in conjunction with the Westfield Stamp Club.

The show will take place on Dec. 1-2 at the Holiday Inn, Springfield. The Holiday Inn is located at 304 US Rt. 22, Westbound. Show hours are Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission and parking are free and the general public is invited to attend and experience the "Joys of Stamp Collecting."

The Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo is New Jersey's largest and best attended stamp event. The Expo features exhibits by exhibitors from nine states, displaying a combined total of over \$5 million in stamps. Several exhibits are the life long accomplishments of their owners.

In addition, a bourse of forty stamp dealers buying and selling stamps of the world will be present. Free door prize drawings for over \$500 in merchandise will be held.

A large Youth Area with free stamps and collecting materials will be available for all kids that attend. A Boy Scout merit badge registered counselor will be on duty to answer questions concerning the acquisition of the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. Several area stamp clubs will have displays and members on hand to offer guidance and extend a welcome to people interested in becoming new members.

Art Auction To Raise Funds For Children With Asthma

AREA—The American Lung Association of New Jersey (ALANJ) and Ross Galleries will present an Art Auction on Friday, Nov. 30 at Brighton Gardens, by Marriott, 1350 Route 22 West in Mountainside. The event, sponsored by Brighton Gardens by Marriott, will benefit the ALANJ's Camp Superkids—the only camp in the state of New Jersey that offers specialized care and education for children with asthma.

A preview of the artwork will begin at 7 p.m., with the auction beginning at 8 p.m. Included will be originals and prints by artists such as Wooster Scott, Rockwell,

of their groups. Free appraisals of stamps and stamp collections are being offered by licensed appraisers.

A special exhibit of the rare 1901 *Inverted Train Stamp* will also be on display. This stamp which was issued to commemorate the 1901 Pan-American Exposition held in Buffalo, N.Y. in that year, was mistakenly printed with the center upside-down. Of the 160 million of this stamp produced, only 140 were mistakenly printed in this manner. Of the 140 stamps produced, 98 are now accounted for, of these this is one of the two best examples of this rare stamp. The stamp has been valued at \$75,000. Recently many record prices have been obtained for some of the world's rarest stamps. A stamp was recently purchased in a New York auction for \$2.7 million.

Further information about the Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo can be obtained from Atlantic Coast Exhibitions, 42 Baltimore Ln., Palm Coast, FL 32137-8850 by mail. By phone at (386) 445-4550 or via E-mail at mrstamp2@aol.com. Locally from Fred Lisciandro at (732) 750-8937, or at the Holiday Inn Springfield at (973) 376-9400 on the show days. Detailed information including a listing of the dealers attending, show features, directions with maps may be found at the Beach Philatelics website at <http://www.beachphilatelics.com>.

Play Packages For Gift Giving

AREA — The Theatre Group from the YM-YWHA of Union County is very pleased to announce four plays and shows that will be available through the Community Center for the Holiday season. Tickets for plays and shows make wonderful holiday gifts. The "Y" has been very active for the past five years in offering play, show and concert "packages," along with round-trip transportation to and from the Y.

The plays are as follows: "Fosse," on Saturday evening, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. at NJPAC. Front orchestra seats w/transportation

are \$75 for Y members and \$80 for non-members.

"42nd Street" on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. matinee, on Broadway, Dress Circle seats w/transportation are \$105 for Y members and \$115 for non-members.

"Thoroughly Modern Mille" on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. matinee. Orchestra seats w/transportation are \$95 for Y members and \$100 for non-members.

"Fiddler on the Roof" on Thursday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m. matinee at NJPAC. Orchestra seats w/transportation are \$40 for

Y members and \$50 for non-members.

Anybody who purchases tickets for two or more shows will receive a \$10 discount. All tickets are limited and sold on a first come, first serve basis. Sales for this group of plays will begin on Dec. 2. For all Broadway shows, the luxury buses leave the Y at 12 noon, allowing time for a stroll or lunch in Manhattan.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Low-Income Workers, Families Can Get Free Eye Exams**

AREA — Low-income, uninsured workers and their families in NJ can sign up now through January to receive eye care at no charge in 2002 through a program called VISION USA.

Each year, optometrists who are members of the NJ Society of Optometric Physicians are among over 7,000 optometrists nationwide who donate their

services through VISION USA, to provide comprehensive eye exams at no cost to low-income people. Although this service helps people of all ages, VISION USA 2002 will continue its commitment to "America's Promise — The Alliance for Youth," a program founded by Ret. Gen. Colin Powell that brings together business, government and non-profit organi-

zations to help youth.

To qualify for the free eye care, people must: Have a job or live in a household in which at least one member is working part-time; have no health insurance that covers eye exams; meet certain income criteria based on household size; and not have had an eye exam at a doctor's office within the last two years. The application form, along with other information about VISION USA, is also available on the American Optometric Association's Web site

(<http://www.aoanet.org/visionusa.html>). Internet access is often available at public libraries.

People can also obtain application forms from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 23, 2002, according to Shelby Baker O.D., Burlington, NJ, the VISION USA coordinator for NJ.

Applicants will also be screened for eligibility by

phone, but only from Jan. 2 through 31, 2002. The number to call then is 1-800-766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (CST). Interested persons are encouraged to apply early in writing because of the heavy demand for the phone lines in January.

Administrative costs for VISION USA are being funded by an exclusive grant from Vision Service Plan, the nation's largest provider of eye care wellness benefits.

Consumer Seminar On Holiday Eating

AREA — Are food and weight the focus of your holiday season? Do you remember feeling so tired and stressed out during last year's holiday season that you didn't enjoy it? Do you feel you lose control of your weight, not just during the holidays but also throughout the year?

These are just some of the questions that will be addressed at the upcoming consumer seminar, *Healthy Holidays: Living*

Well in the New Millennium. This seminar is designed to educate the public on identifying and avoiding stress around food and body size during the holidays. In addition, tools will be provided for incorporating exercise into our busy lifestyles during the holidays and throughout the New Year.

Presenting the program will be Angela Grassi, MS, RD. Ms. Grassi has a master's degree in Nutrition from Northern Illinois

University where she also completed her dietetic internship. She is a Nutrition Therapist at The Renfrew Center in Philadelphia, PA, and consults with individuals regarding eating disorder and weight management issues.

Healthy Holidays: Living Well in the New Millennium will be presented by The Renfrew Center Foundation on Tues., Dec. 4, at The Radisson Inn Paramus, 601 From Road,

Paramus. The event will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 for two. To register, call Debbie Lucker at 1-800-RENFREW. For more information about the seminar or for directions, contact Nancy Graham, LCSW, Professional Relations and Education Coordinator, The Renfrew Center of Northern NJ at 201-615-1475.

The Renfrew Center Foundation, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to research, education and advocacy in the field of women's mental health.

The Foundation grew out of the work of The Renfrew Center, the nation's leading organization for the treatment of women with eating disorders and mental health issues. The Renfrew Center of Northern NJ, located in Allendale, offers a full range of outpatient services including an Intensive Outpatient Program, individual, group, couples and family therapy, nutritional counseling, and psychiatric consultation. For more information please call 1-800-RENFREW or visit www.renfrew.org.

Depression Around The Holidays

By Stephanie Fitzsimmons, RN, NP

AREA — The holidays are approaching, and this can be a tough time of the year for many people. Holidays are milestones, and reflection of past and future events occur with dates. If a family member or friend has died or moved, this time of year can be rough. Sept. 11th is on everyone's mind, and it will be a long time before we realize the full emotional impact of that event.

Depression affects nearly 10 million Americans of all ages, social-economic classes, races and cultures. Depression often goes undiagnosed in older adults because they either do not recog-

nize their feelings as signs of depression or they do not want to admit that they are feeling depressed. Many people are convinced that feeling sad all the time, having persistent aches and pains, and becoming forgetful are just part of growing older — that nothing can be done about it.

Most people experience some form of depression at some point in their lives. Depression can range from a minor problem to a major life-threatening illness. Depression usually is treatable, and for many people, treatment can mean a whole new life.

Depression is a significant public health problem and it is the most common and, happily,

the most treatable psychiatric disorder among older adults. Almost 80% of all people with serious depression are successfully treated and return to health.

Depression often involves a combination of factors, including family history, chemical imbalance and a person's ability to deal with stress. Illness, loss of a loved one, major life changes, medications and certain medical conditions can trigger a depressive episode.

Signs & Symptoms of Depression:

Sadness; Crying; Anxiety; Brooding; Irritability; Paranoia; Withdrawal from usual activities; Decreased sex drive; Inability to

express pleasure; Feelings of worthlessness; Unreasonable fears; Fatigue; Statements of feeling sad, "blue," "depressed," "low" or "down in the dumps" and feeling that nothing is fun; Self-reproach for minor failings; Criticism aimed at self and others; Increased or decreased body movements; Pacing, wringing hands, pulling or rubbing hair, body, or clothing; Difficulty getting to sleep, staying awake, waking early; Decreased or (sometimes) increased appetite; Weight loss or (sometimes) weight gain; Preoccupation with physical health, especially fear of cancer; Inability to concentrate, think clearly, or make decisions; Slowed speech, pauses before answering, decreased amount of speech, low or monotonous speech; Thoughts of death; Suicide or suicide attempts

What Can You Do If You Have Signs Of Depression?

• Take care of yourself. Eat

well — a balanced diet is essential.

• Exercise — regular exercise is good for your body and mind.

• Adequate sleep is important.

• Do not drink alcohol or use medications that have not been prescribed by your doctor.

• Seek out social activities with people that you enjoy.

• Seek out professional help for counseling or medication. Do not hesitate to get help.

Depression is treatable. Sometimes people cannot see that they are depressed. If you have a friend or family member that you suspect is depressed, bring this to their attention. Depression is an illness just like any other illness, and deserves to be treated.

Stephanie Fitzsimmons is manager of Geriatric Community Services, Monroe, for Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick.



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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

SBA Provides A Record 2,125 Loans

STATE — NJ small business owners received a record number of loans and dollars from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

According to SBA acting NJ district director, James A. Kocsi, the SBA approved a record

2,125 loans for \$444.2 million to NJ small business owners during the agency's Fiscal Year 2001 (the period of Oct. 1, 2000 through Sept. 30, 2001).

The 2,125 loans approved during FY 2001 is a 16% increase over the 1,834 loans approved in

FY 2000. The \$444.2 million is a 7% increase over last year's total dollar amount of \$413 million.

SBA loan approvals to minority business owners were up 23% over last year's total. In FY 2001, the SBA NJ District Office approved a total of 646 loans for \$140 million to minority firms compared to a total of 525 loans for \$117.2 million approved in FY 2000.

Of the 646 SBA loans approved to minorities, African-Americans received 136 loans for \$17.5 million; Hispanic-Americans received 145 loans for \$21.8 million; and Asian-Americans received 339 loans for \$96.3 million. During FY 2000, African-Americans received 121 loans for \$13 million; Hispanic-Americans received 122 loans for \$20.4 million; and Asian-Americans received 272 loans for \$82.4 million.

Woman business owners received a record 425 loans for

\$62.8 million in FY 2001 compared to 384 loans for \$60.1 million in FY 2000. Veteran business owners received 168 loans for \$33.2 million in FY 2001. Loan approvals to veterans increased 37% and the dollar amount increased by 39% over FY 2000 totals.

Overall, MicroLoan approvals are up 39% this year, while the dollar amount is up 43% over 2000 totals. In FY 2001, SBA MicroLoan Intermediaries approved a total of 159 MicroLoans for \$2.9 million compared to 114 MicroLoan approvals for \$2.1 million in FY 2000.

In addition to its record lending activities, the SBA NJ District Office provided business counseling to 13,000 businesses and start-up companies through its network of Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Chapters and NJ Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs). An additional 20,475 clients

attended 950 training programs sponsored by SCORE and the SBDC.

Another 4,630 people visited SBA's Business Information Centers (BIC) in Newark and Camden, and an additional 1,015 women were counseled through the Women's Business Center (WBC), a program sponsored by the SBA and the NJ Association of Women Business Owners. "We realize the importance of providing our customers with business training and counseling," said Kocsi. "The services offered by SCORE, the SBDC, the BIC and the WBC are invaluable to our customers' success and growth."

The SBA NJ District Office also provided NJ small disadvantaged companies with 166 federal government contracts worth \$74 million. The contracts were issued under the agency's 8(a) Business Development Program.

Consumer Boat Loan Veteran Sees Window of Opportunity

AREA — With the winter boat show season just around the corner, boat owners should know that boat loan rates are at record low levels. Now may be the best time to get a loan or refinance a loan for a new or pre-owned boat. "I've been with BoatU.S. for 21 years and I've never seen interest rates more favorable to the consumer," said Charm Addington, BoatU.S. Vice President for Boat Financing.

BoatU.S. has loan interest rates as low as 6.75 % for loans over \$100,000; 6.99 % for loans \$50,000 - \$99,999 and 7.25 % for loans \$25,000 - \$49,999 (the minimum loan offered is \$25,000). Down payments can be as little as 15% - 20% with terms up to 15 years. A 20 year term is available on loans over \$100,000. Addington reminds boat owners that boat loan interest is deductible for federal tax purposes as long as the loan is secured and the boat has a head, sleeping facilities and a galley.

The BoatU.S. application processing is fast, often requiring less than 24 hours. In fact, the BoatU.S. settlement service can

coordinate the transaction of buying or selling a boat and can handle the filing for state registration and/or documentation in the new owner's name.

For loan information, an application and the latest rates, go to BoatUS.com or call 800-365-5636. At the BoatU.S. web site visitors can consult the "BoatU.S. Consumer Guide to Buying and Selling a Boat" as well as request a free used boat valuation from the BoatU.S. Value Check service. BoatUS.com can also help prospective owners find a marine surveyor, get a quote for group rate marine insurance and even access a database of boat names for that new bundle of joy.

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) is the largest organization of recreational boaters in the world. With 530,000 members, BoatU.S. offers more than 25 membership benefits, including on the water towing assistance as well as the association's award winning BOAT/U.S. Magazine. For a comprehensive look at what BoatU.S. has to offer go to <http://www.BoatUS.com>.

Social Security Protects More Than 150 Million Workers

AREA — Social Security provides an umbrella of protection for over 150 million workers. This includes retired workers and for workers and their families who face a loss of income due to disability or the death of a family wage earner. Almost 45 million people receive retirement, survivors and disability benefits from Social Security.

Social Security should be the base for your individual financial planning. The agency offers a number of tools to help American workers plan for their future.

The Social Security Statement, sent yearly to workers age 25 and older, shows the worker's earnings history and gives estimates

of his or her Social Security retirement, survivors and disability benefits.

Online benefit calculators can be found on Social Security's website, www.ssa.gov/planners. The calculators allow you to use different assumptions about your future earnings or when you will stop working. The calculators allow you to explore different options and see how these options may affect your benefit amounts.

More than 90% of America's workers are protected by Social Security. The benefits provided by Social Security, together with financial planning, will help them maintain their standard of living in the future.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS**Writing Contest Calls On Kids To Imagine Life In Another's Shoes**

AREA — Have you ever wanted to hit a home run in a major league baseball game, meet with world leaders and decide U.S. policy, teach a classroom of students to add and subtract, or star in a blockbuster movie? Kids ... here's your chance.

The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant is asking students to think about trading places with someone for a day and write about it during the sixth annual

Pasta Tales national essay writing contest. Young writers, ages 7 to 16, must answer in 250 words or less, "If you could trade places with anyone for a day, who would it be and why?"

A grand prize winner will be chosen along with a winner in each age category. The grand prize is a trip to New York, dinner at the Olive Garden in Times Square, and a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. Winners in each

age category receive a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond and a dinner with their families at their local Olive Garden.

"Pasta Tales helps young people experience the power of creative writing," said Steve Coe, spokesperson for Olive Garden. "We're proud to sponsor a program that sparks the imagination of students and encourages them to communicate their thoughts through writing."

Pasta Tales is designed to encourage writing and inspire creativity. A panel of judges from the Quill and Scroll Society of the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Iowa reviews each entry and rates the best essays based on creativity, organization, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Entry forms for this year's Pasta Tales contest will be available at local Olive Garden

restaurants or on the Olive Garden Web site, www.olivegarden.com. Entries must include the writer's name, address, city, state, zip code, area code and phone number, and date of birth including year. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 3 and sent to Pasta Tales PMB 2000, 6278 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308-1916. For more information, call 954-776-1999 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST.

High School Seniors Nominated For Wendy's High School Heisman

AREA — High school is a vital time for teenagers as they develop self-discipline, set goals and build confidence to help them achieve success in all walks of life: as students, athletes, role models and leaders in their communities. With this in mind, the Wendy's High School Heisman Program honors the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a supreme "scholar-citizen-athlete."

Several area students have been nominated. They are: William J. Andrews of Edison, from Edison High School; Jasmine N. Bauknight of Roselle, from Mother Seton Regional; Harold D. Brown of Perth Amboy, from Wardlaw-Hartridge School; Marc I. Cangemi of Edison, from St. Joseph High School; Christopher S. Dobrowolski of Carteret, from St. Marys High School; Marybeth Kuenne of Holmdel, from St. John Vianney High School; Kristan L. Lucas of Edison, from Edison High School; Monica J. Vargas of Sayreville, from Bishop George Ahr High School; Jaimie A. Wirkowski of Edison, from Stevens High School; and Yifu Wu of Edison, from Stevens High

School. These students were chosen based upon their admirable performances on the field, in the classroom and in their local community.

Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Trophy, is the program's spokesperson.

"I strongly believe in enriching education and encouraging accomplishments through everyday life achievements - mental or physical," said Griffin.

The program was created through a partnership between Wendy's International, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club (DAC) — the home to the Heisman Memorial Trophy since 1935. The Wendy's High School Heisman Program recognizes high school seniors nationwide who have learned to collaborate and appreciate the interrelation of academics, athletics and community service.

Principals from across the country's estimated 23,000 high schools were invited to nominate one male and one female student who fulfill the minimum program

requirements. Students are judged based on academic achievements, community service involvement and athletic accomplishments.

The Wendy's High School Heisman Program currently constitutes five phases — Nomination, State Finalists, State Winners, National Finalists and National Winners. Entries are initially evaluated by the scholastic review service CTB/McGraw Hill during the State Finalist and State Winner phases and then passed on to a distinguished panel of judges — including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients, and education, business and community leaders — to elect the National Finalists and National Winners.

12 National Finalists will be granted the opportunity to fly to New York City on December 6-9 to participate in the Heisman weekend festivities. ESPN2 will feature all 12 National Finalists during the Wendy's High School Heisman Awards Ceremony that will air right before the live ESPN broadcast of the College Heisman Memorial Trophy Awards, featuring the two National Winners, on December 8. The presentation will be made by Wendy's CEO & President,

Jack Schuessler, program spokesperson Archie Griffin and Dr. Gerald Tirozzi, National

Association of Secondary School Principals executive director.

Support To The NJ College Bound 2008

STATE — The NJ School Boards Association has endorsed an initiative to increase opportunities for NJ students to attend the state's four-year public colleges and universities. Spearheaded by the NJ Association of State Colleges and Universities (ASCU), the effort — NJ College Bound 2008 — is geared toward increasing the capacity of the state's four-year colleges to 15,000 by 2008.

The project calls for expanding facilities and technological capacity, as well as helping families understand, predict and afford college costs. NJSBA joined education and business organizations at an event to announce the project on Oct. 9 at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton.

"NJ College Bound 2008 is consistent with NJSBA policy that supports expanded higher education opportunities for our students and efforts to help New Jerseyans plan for their children's education," said Edwina M. Lee, NJSBA executive director. "We

are pleased to work with ASCU and other education and business organizations in supporting an initiative that will benefit our children's education."

While the increased number of NJ high school graduates is expected to crest in 2008, NJ still ranks near the bottom of the nation (44th) in terms of undergraduate slots available for every 1,000 people, according to Daryl Greer, ASCU executive director. Approximately 80% of the state's high school students plan to attend college. However, the Garden State, as the nation's leading exporter of college students, will send a large proportion of these students to out-of-state schools. ASCU officials also point to a recent study by the Southern Technology Council, which found that a student who attends high school and college in the same state is ten times more likely to remain in that state after graduation.

The NJ School Boards Association is a federation of more than 600 local boards of education. Established more than 80 years ago, NJSBA represents the education and related health and safety interests of New Jersey's 1.2 million public school students and advocates the positions of the state's local school districts. The Association also provides inservice training and technical assistance to the state's 4,800 local board of education members. School board members, who serve without compensation, are the largest group of elected and appointed public officials in the state.

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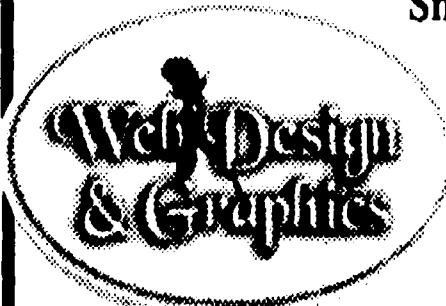


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Increasingly popular is buying used cars online, at sites such as www.ebay-autotrader.com, where choice, convenience and the absence of haggling has taken the pain out of the process.

"The Internet can level the playing field for car buyers," says Chip Perry, president and CEO, AutoTrader.com. "Buying in an auction-style format can give consumers greater control over how much they spend," adds Simon Rothman, vice president of eBay Motors.

To get the most out of buying

are feedback ratings, or some other system that provides information about sellers, and good customer support. Also look for services such as online financing, inspections, escrow, title transfers and shipping which can significantly add to the convenience and efficiency of the sale.

3. Look over the merchandise and the information available. Is the description detailed and objective? Do the photos show the car inside and out? Is an inspection certificate listed? Are payment terms spelled out?

Is there info on the seller's reputation? If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the seller directly for more information.

4. Begin the bidding. Once you've zeroed in on a car, simply place your bid. Follow the sale to know when to bid again since the car will go to the highest bidder. Keep in mind that typically the final few hours see a lot of action.

5. Don't lose your cool if the bidding gets hot. Decide on a budget in advance and stick to it.

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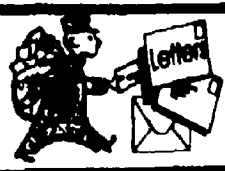
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Readers Commentary



The Rule Of Law: Our Strongest Weapon

by Robert E. Hirshon,
President

American Bar Association

As Americans move forward from the shocking events of Sept. 11, we must develop actions that permit prompt and effective investigation and prosecution of those responsible for these heinous acts. Additionally, we must prepare ourselves for war against those rogue nations that have aided and abetted the terrorists. But despite the special measures we will need to take to battle terrorism, we must remember that our strongest weapon against anarchy and human destruction continues to be the rule of law.

The terrorists who attacked our country would like nothing better than to destroy the fabric of our democracy. We cannot allow them to do that; we must keep our passions in check and remain firm against ethnic or religious scapegoating. The terrorists also seek to affect our daily lives by putting us in a state of fear so that we cannot

conduct business as usual. We must fight these fears by maintaining control of our lives and by finding a new comfort zone of living.

We know that some things will not be as they were before the terrorists struck. Our leaders already have united to address such complex issues as electronic surveillance, wiretapping, computer encryption and immigration procedures. As a country, we need to be ready for inconveniences, restrictions and the possible loss of some liberties. We must make sacrifices to find and combat the zealots who respect neither law nor religion.

As Americans we share a common burden, a responsibility created by our citizenship. It is one for which lawyers are particularly prepared, and which we are ready to embrace.

To help this effort I have created the American Bar Association Task Force on Terrorism and the Law. The task force draws on a range of experts: a former general coun-

sel of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency; a retired brigadier general from the United States Army; and experts in the law of business, immigration, civil liberties, aviation, international affairs, technology, crime and civil liability. The task force already is analyzing congressional and Administration proposals, and is prepared to help find an appropriate balance between national security and individual liberty. The task force's work will form a thoughtful basis for recommendations to federal leaders on these critical matters.

We in the American Bar Association are confident that our nation can achieve this delicate balance, and preserve the principles that have allowed our country to thrive for more than 200 years. We stand ready to assist our leaders in efforts to eradicate terrorism and preserve the rule of law throughout the world.

Zero helping in the rescue efforts.

I am also grateful for the way in which Americans have come together in this time of crisis. Americans have donated tremendous amounts of money, food, and clothing to relief funds established for the victims' families. Americans have donated their time and their labor to help untangle the mess left in the wake of September 11th. For these and many other reasons, I am thankful.

In the nearly three months since the attacks, many of us have reverted back to our old routines. After all, we know life must go on. But it has become evident that although we have done our best to pick up where we left off, and we have done our best to get everything back in order, our lives will never be the same again. We have lost the innocence we once carried. Many have lost friends, co-workers, and loved ones. But a quick survey of homes and storefronts in our communities will prove that one thing we have not lost is our resolve. Although it took a tragedy to bring Americans of different religions, races, and creeds together, Americans have unit-

ed in a common cause to fight terrorism. For this I am thankful.

In our efforts to combat terrorism our Armed Forces have deployed troops to foreign countries, seeking out those responsible for the attacks. Courageous young men and women have agreed to fight for what we revere most: freedom. Like the brave veterans before them, they are willing to lay down their lives for their country and for our freedom. For this I am thankful.

Earlier this month I was re-elected to my fourth term in the New Jersey General Assembly to represent the citizens of the 19th District. During my tenure in the Legislature, I have been fortunate enough to help structure some of the laws that keep our families and our children safe. I have met a great number of extraordinary people through my experiences as a legislator. And for this I am thankful.

During this holiday season, I hope we all take some time to reflect upon what we are each thankful for and share it with their families and friends. Have a healthy and joyous holiday.

SnigLe'ts

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Be Confident--And Careful

Historical lessons are more like tea leaves than neon signs, so anyone who claims to see one clearly had best look again. My own imperfect vision conjures up two district pictures, one-farsighted and one nearsighted.

The farsighted view suggests that our current national trauma is less ominous than several earlier challenges, to include the American Revolution, the Civil War, and the Great Depression. The fate of the American republic is not really at risk. As the shock of those horrible scenes subsides, history will restore a sense of proportion.

The nearsighted view, based on our own experiences during the Cold War, suggests that we should avoid making the campaign against terrorists into a moral crusade in the Evil Empire mode. That approach inevitably releases domestic demons of its own making and with its rhetoric of limitless convictions, tempts us into military commitments we cannot keep.

In short, we need to be confident and we need to be careful. The former view is rooted in our resilience and longevity. The latter is rooted in our innocence as a recently arrived world power. If we manage to put both pictures together, we shall at last be capable of irony.

Clueless Clueless

According to study published in *The Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, incompetent people are the least likely to realize their own incompetence. Psychologist Dr. David Dunning, the author of the study, theorizes that the skills needed for competence are the very skills required to notice it. He says this may explain why many people who can't tell jokes insist on doing so. Dunning studied poor students, many of whom highly overrated their own abilities. Justin Kruger, Dunning's assistant says, "Not only do incompetents reach erroneous conclusions and make unfortunate choices, but their incompetence robs them of the ability to realize it." My friends, think Madaline Albright. Case closed.

Wind-Breakers

Sheep and cattle Down Under are about to get new shots supposedly to combat global warming. I am not making this up. Why? Because as far as greenhouse gasses go, methane is "worse" than carbon dioxide. And animals produce a lot of it. In fact, Australia's 114 million sheep and 27 million cattle produce annual methane emissions equivalent to 60 million tons of carbon dioxide. So scientists want to test a vaccine that inhibits some of the organisms in their digestive systems. Bob Kelly, head of the Australian government's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, told the BBC that the vaccine won't stop sheep and cattle burps or flatulence. But it will reduce--by about 20 percent--the methane content of their, er, emissions. "If we can reduce methane," Kelly promised, "we can also reduce the effects of global warming."

Amazing how the planet ever survived this long, isn't it, with uncontrolled, full methane flatulence everywhere.

Editorial Policy



The Atom Tabloid & Citizen ~ Gazette wants to hear from you. Letters to the editor will be published weekly on the editorial page, as space allows.

All letters should be typed and must include a daytime telephone number at which the writer may be reached for verification. Letters should be as concise as possible.

Letters to the editor must be in our office by noon Friday for consideration for publication the following week.

Keep us informed of your feelings and concerns so we can keep you better informed of the events that are affecting your life.

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

Every year at the end of November many Americans celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. In 1621, the Pilgrims invited a group of Native Americans for a feast to celebrate the bountiful harvest, grateful that they would have enough food to last the upcoming winter. They had encountered a particularly harsh journey to America and an even more severe winter the previous year. The Pilgrims felt as though their future was really looking up. They were thankful. A tradition we carry on to this day.

In addition to the many things I've always been thankful for at Thanksgiving, my family being foremost and paramount, I've decided to add a new group of people to my list. This year, I am particularly grateful to the rescuers, firefighters, and police officers who risked their lives to help others and to those who lost their lives to save others. I am grateful to emergency personnel in the 19th District, many of whom spent time at Ground

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Corporate Telecom Proudly Announces Its Grand Re-Opening

AVENEL—On Nov. 20, Corporate Telecom, a Cingular Wireless store, unveiled its beautiful newly renovated store in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township. The new building is now much larger with plenty of

show room space for browsing the latest in wireless products, including new high-tech cell phones such as the Motorola-V60, the smallest and sleekest cell phone with added functionality as well as other Nokia and Ericsson

phones. Other products include pagers, satellite television dishes, and DIRECTV for access to the Internet using any television. Professional installation is provided for DIRECTV and for Dish Network.

"This new building is a sign of our growth and dedication to serving our customers better in the future," said Scott Schoner, Co-owner, Corporate Telecom. "We are very excited and believe our new look will have a positive impact on our customers and local residents who will be curious to stop in and see what we've done on Route 1," said Todd Albaum, Co-owner, Corporate Telecom.

Corporate Telecom's Premiere Grand Re-Opening will be held on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. To celebrate, food, entertainment and giveaways will be provided to those who stop by and a ribbon cutting ceremony and proclamation will also take place. Promotions on accessories and cell phones will run from Dec. 1-31.

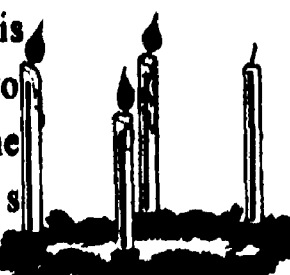
Corporate Telecom, a wireless products store carrying cell phones, pagers, satellite TV and DIRECTV, is one of the largest authorized agents of Cingular

Wireless in central New Jersey with locations in Avenel, Middletown, North Brunswick (inside Walmart) and Princeton (Princeton Market Fair) and Wall Township (opening to be announced). As a well respected business in the communities it serves, Corporate Telecom prides itself on being an independently owned company for the last 14 years that focuses on meeting and exceeding the needs of all its customers. Corporate Telecom has also been the proud recipient of several awards from Cingular Wireless including; Agent Over Quota Award in Central New Jersey in 1999, 1998 and 1997, the Quality Service Award for Central New Jersey 2000, Recognition of Outstanding Growth and Development and Outstanding Sales Achievements both in 1995, The Circle of Excellence Award for Outstanding Sales Performance in 1995 and Honors for being a Member of the Circle of Excellence in 1994.

For more information, visit www.corporatetelecom.com. or call (732) 636-6722.

Fifth Annual Advent Family Night

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staff for a special evening on the First Sunday of Advent. Each family will have the opportunity to make an Advent Wreath, share a meal and participate in a closing Prayer Service. It will be a great way to begin preparation for Christmas. The items necessary to make the wreath as well as dinner will be provided.

The Family Night will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of three or more. Please call to make reservations at (732) 442-7688.

Unity Bank Puts Trees In Its Branches

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — As of Friday, Nov. 16, Unity Bank had a "Giving Tree" in each of its twelve branch offices. The trees are part of a holiday program that benefits foster and adoptive children statewide.

Dozens of paper ornaments, each listing the approximate age of a child, decorate the Giving Trees. Staff, customers and visitors are being asked to take an ornament off the tree and return it attached to an appropriate, unwrapped gift. Unity Bank will collect gifts for three weeks, until Friday, Dec. 7. On Dec. 8, the Bank will deliver the gifts to Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS), a nonprofit organization. Bank personnel will also help FAFS to wrap the gifts.

Kelly Stashko, Unity Bank's Senior Vice President, Marketing, commented, "Unity Bank prides itself on its community involve-

ment and neighborliness. We are delighted to be involved with FAFS this year. Several of our staff have already donated time and effort and we know that the drive will be successful."

Gifts collected by Unity Bank will go to children living in Hunterdon and Middlesex Counties. Charlene Edwards, Support Specialist for FAFS, says that her organization attempts to reach all 6500 children in the state's foster and adoptive care system with one or more gifts.

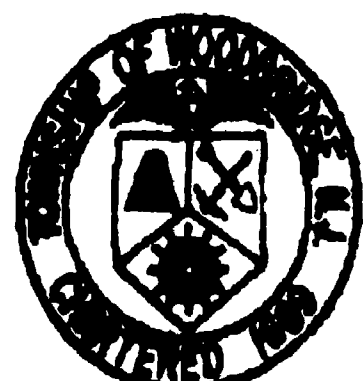
Unity Bank is also participating in other charitable efforts. In December, when the FAFS drive concludes, the bank will collect on behalf of the Marine's Toys for Tots program. The bank is also actively fundraising for the World Trade Center victims.

The public may call 800-618-BANK for the location of the closest Unity Bank branch.

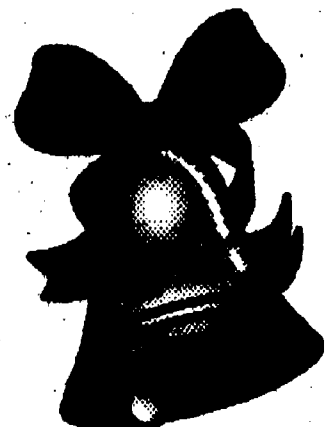


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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SWF 19, college bored, athletic and top heavy, seeking much older man 50-60ish, for different kind of education. Must have read some R.L.Stine and have at least one body piercing. Submit a daring photo with letter. ID# 1041

SWF 41, -Enjoys fun times, walks in the country, sight seeing, historic landmarks, dining out, reading. Seeking non-smoking SWM 40-50 for long term relationship. ID# 1045

WWF, widow, seeking a nice man for companionship between 65 and 70yrs of age. I enjoy movies, walking and dining out, TV and reading. I am also an animal lover. ID# 1043

SWF, 50's, 5'1". petite, attractive, romantic, seeking a white tall man 5'8"+ professional 49-56. Someone who is nice so we can both enjoy our time together. ID# 1042

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SWF, semi-retired, down to earth, kind and independent, compassionate, homebody but adventurous. Seeking same in senior man. ID# 1044

SHF, 45 years old, 120lbs. I am studying English, I'm from Peru. I like to read, listen to music, dance, talk, cook and go for walks. I'm sensitive, kind, honest and enjoy family. I am Catholic. No smokers/drinkers please. ID# 1036

Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

66-75. I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc..please write. ID# 1034

SWF, Looking for a 70-ish male with a flair for living. Nice appearance, college educated and financially secure, brownish hair. Love to cuddled by Mr. Affectionate. ID# 1033

SWF 69, A compassionate and caring 69 year old SWF is looking for a 70's plus man who likes dining out, walks, theatre, good conversation with a good sense of humor and down to earth, trusting and caring. ID# 1032

SWF 39, Petite, attractive, romantic, adventurous. Enjoys candlelit dinners, traveling, cooking, snuggling. Seeking romantic, honest, outgoing SWM 39-46 for long term relationship. (picture?) ID# 1030

SWF 50's, Seeking gentleman 45-55 who enjoys ballroom, latin & swing dancing, for friendship and possible relationship. ID# 1028

Sincere 54, Professional, DWF, We have recently seen how precious and short life can be. I do not want to go thru life without meeting a man of substance, with a twinkle in his eyes, for a sincere relationship. He will be 55-65'ish, 5'10" or taller, white, single/divorced, broad/large framed. ID# 1021

SWF 57, 5'6", very attractive, blue eyes and 125lbs. Looking to meet a man for love and a long term relationship. Give me a try. You won't be sorry! Hispanic a plus! ID# 1019

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

SWF 52, In search of SWM, 50-57. Must be honest, sincere and caring. Compatibility and understanding a must. Enjoy traveling, music, dining out, movies, flea markets & laughter. Looking for someone to grow old with and enjoy all that life has to offer. ID# 1014

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

SWF 67, Seeks SWM, 65-70 years of age. Non-smoker, Enjoys the beach, movies, walks, drives. Looking for a friend. Long-term relationship. ID# 1015

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Retired WWM, trim, fit, 5'9", 155lbs, blue eyes, hair graying, n/s, artistic nature. Enjoys dining, dancing, music, old movies, theater, beaches, mountains. In search of WF dating partner, 50-60, similar traits and interests, need not bat 1000, in the ball park is fine. ID# 1047

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Hi, I am a SWM, 49, 6'1" and 185lbs. I am looking to meet a woman for love and LT relationship. I'm sensitive, easy going, sensual, very secure and honest. Give me a try-nothing to lose. ID# 1039

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless, 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 45-60 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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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

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

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

DWM 48 - 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

FRIENDS

ARTIST 38 -Seeks a female model, somewhat rubenesque/ buxom for life-drawing. 18-65 years of age. Pays \$14 an hour, 3 hrs one Sunday a month. ID# 1002

ALTERNATIVE

SWM 38 -ISO of other SPM or BM, 21-38 yrs old, enjoys the beach, movies, clubs, smoker/social drinker. Seeking LT relationship, into cuddling, very romantic passionate, seeks same/likes to party, hang out, muscular, send pic w/phone #. ID# 1046



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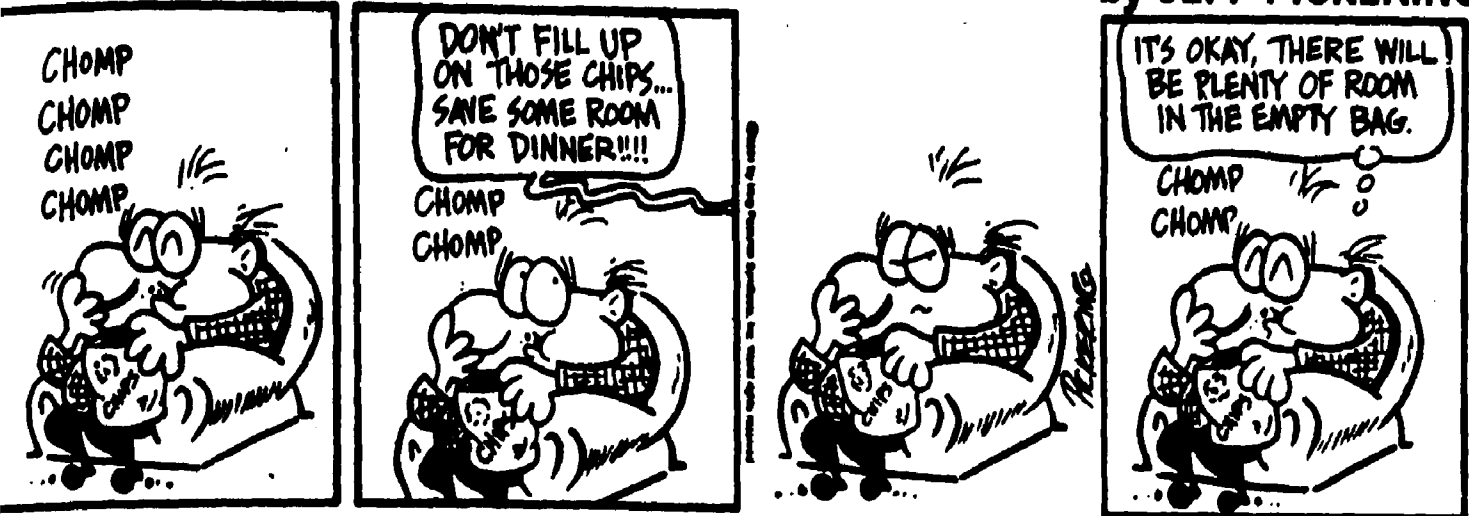
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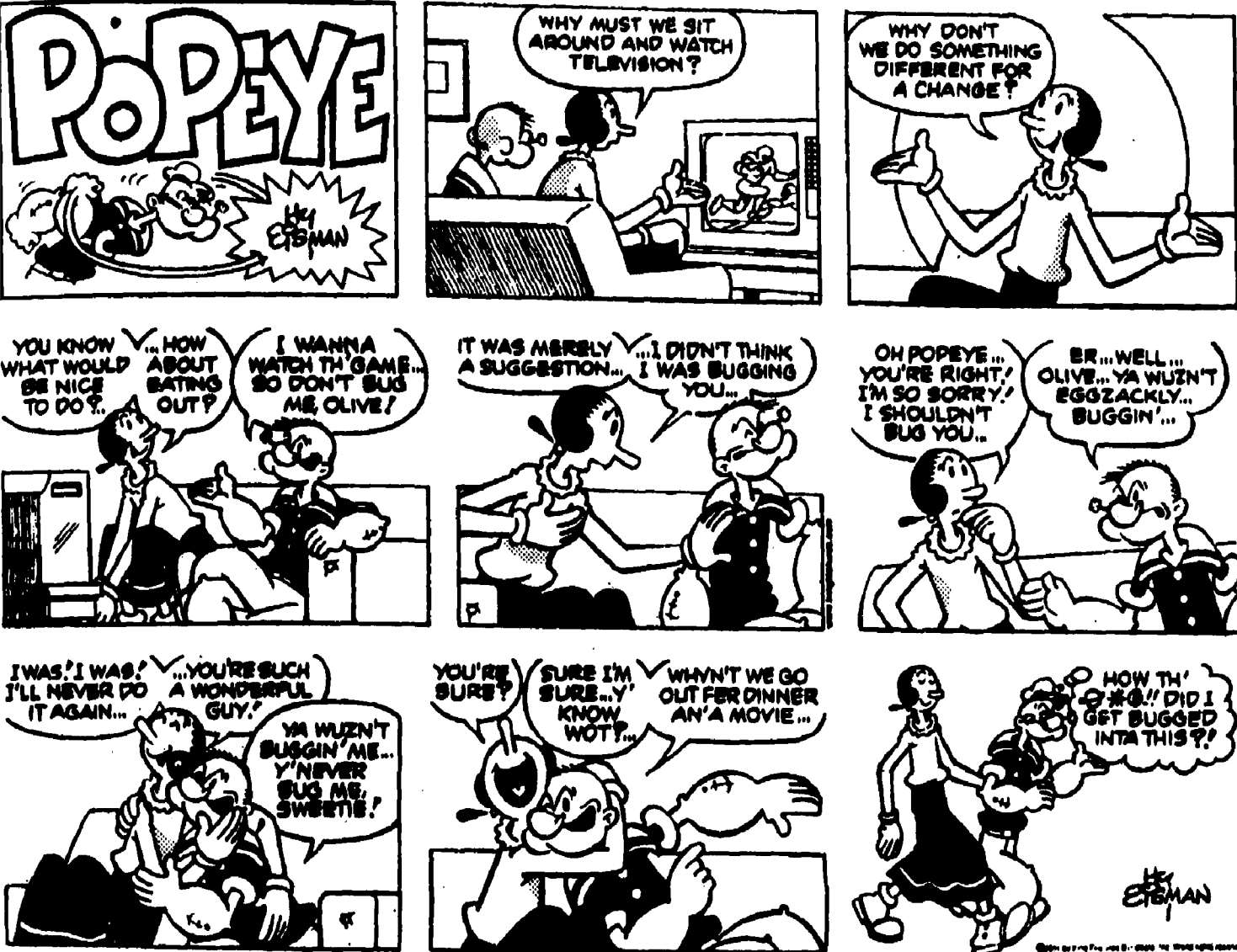
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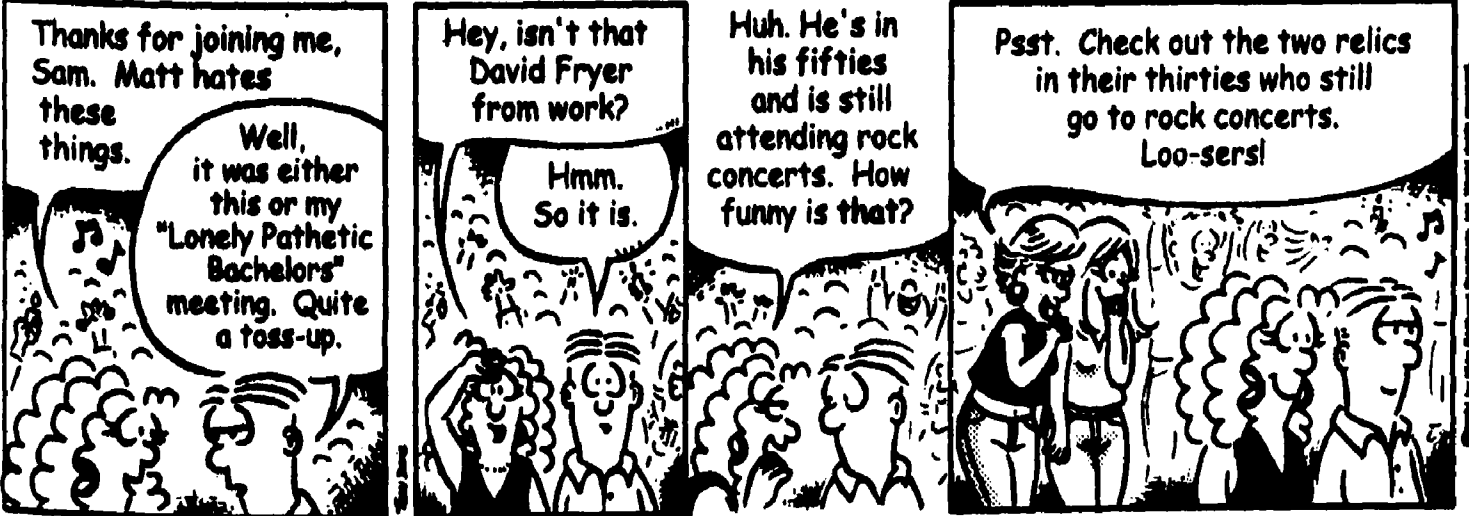
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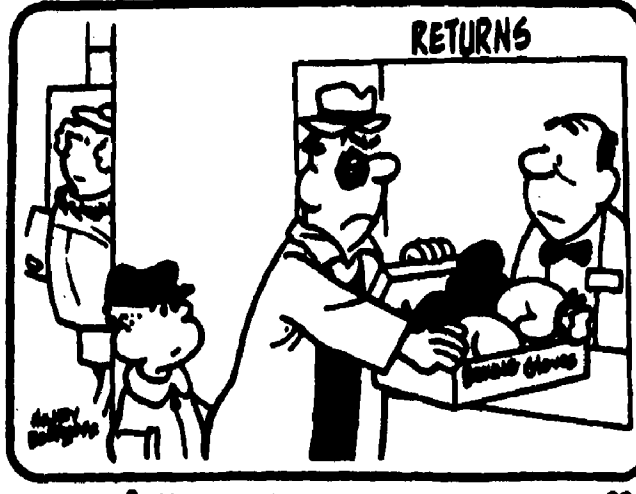


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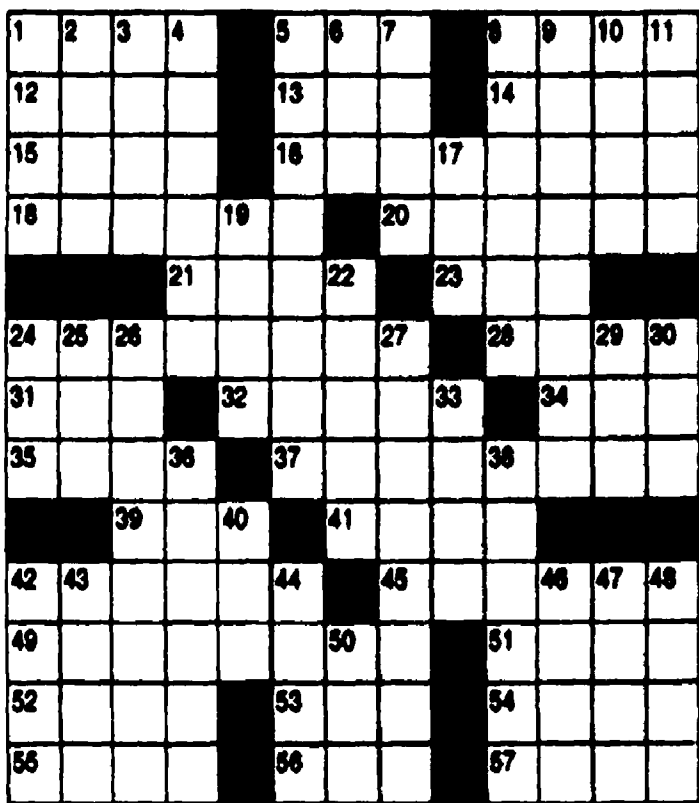
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Differences: 1. "Return" sign is different. 2. Boy's hat is turned forward. 3. Woman's color is different. 4. Boy's is bigger. 5. Gloves are black. 6. Man's tie is missing.

ACROSS

- 1 Builds a wing
- 5 Peace (Sp.)
- 8 Cat call
- 12 Ernie's pet
- 13 Kimono tie
- 14 Sicilian spouter
- 15 Tolerate
- 16 Stretch out
- 18 Merchant ship
- 20 Moderate red
- 21 Yuletide beverages
- 23 Cow's comment
- 24 People of India and Bangladesh
- 28 Boot attachment
- 31 Hosp. area
- 32 "M*A*S*H" locale



- 34 Infuriate
- 35 Porter's "Let's..."
- 37 One percent of a million
- 39 Old French coin
- 41 Incensed
- 42 Old-style "Shoo!"
- 45 Kourikova's equipment
- 49 Means of balancing yin and yang
- 51 Big name in jazz
- 52 St. Louis landmark

- 53 Hill dweller
- 54 Burn somewhat
- 55 Bar orders
- 56 Actress Carrere
- 57 Faxed

DOWN

- 1 Swedish pop quartet
- 2 Antelope's playmate
- 3 Pull
- 4 Mighty
- 5 Multi-linguist
- 6 Copper head?
- 7 Galvanizing material

- 8 Subway systems
- 9 Addis Ababa's country
- 10 Individuals
- 11 Lessen
- 17 Jewel
- 19 Drench
- 22 Paddock parents
- 24 Auction action
- 25 Environmentally friendly
- 26 Pest
- 27 Madrid miss
- 29 Coffee shop dispenser
- 30 Cincinnati athlete

- 33 Taj Mahal site
- 36 Ruffians
- 38 Kindergartners' break
- 40 We (Ger.)
- 42 Somewhere out there
- 43 Extremely
- 44 Just one of those things?
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- 47 Verve
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- 50 Start of cycle?

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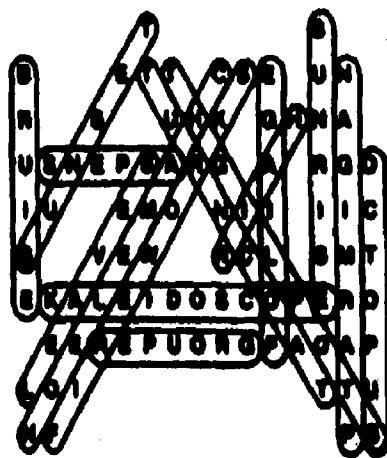
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- Aspens Foliage Leaves Sunrise
- Bruise Grouper Octopus Sunset
- Chameleon Hair Plamigan Turncoat
- Fireworks Kaleidoscope Stoplight

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OBITUARIES

James F. Lynch, 47 of Edison

Mr. James F. Lynch of Woodbridge (formerly of Edison) died September 11 in the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center. He was 47.

Born in New Brunswick, he lived in Edison until moving to Woodbridge in January of this year.

He graduated from St. Matthew School, Edison, in 1968, St. Joseph High School, Metuchen in 1972 and Lincoln Technical Institute in Union in 1973. He earned an associate's degree in science, majoring in criminal justice from Middlesex County College in 1982.

In 1975, he worked as a New Jersey State Corrections Officer, serving at Rahway State Prison (now East Jersey State Prison) and Trenton State Prison.

He was a Conrail police officer from 1976-79, serving as a uniformed and plain-clothes officer and a K-9 handler with Saber, his German shepherd.

Mr. Lynch joined the Port Authority Police Department in April 1979. He served in a variety of assignments including working in the Port Authority Bus terminal in NYC and at Port Elizabeth. His most recent responsibilities were in emergency services and hazardous materials response at the World Trade Center.

He earned many certifications in different aspects of police work and attended many training programs, including Conrail's K-9 training course, the Police and Fire Academy

of Bergen County and the Port Authority's training course.

Mr. Lynch was an avid fisherman and was certified as a charter captain by the U.S. Coast Guard in 1990. He ran a charter service in Brielle called Finaddict.

He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves from 1984-87, serving as a port security officer and 3rd class petty officer.

Mr. Lynch coached with the Edison Boys Soccer and the Edison Boys Baseball leagues for several years.

He was a member of the St. Joseph's Alumni Association, New Jersey Patrolman's Benevolent Association Local 116, and the New Jersey Fraternal Order of Police. He was also a former member of the Point Pleasant Charter Boat Association and The 1000 Fathoms Club.

His father, James K. Lynch, died in 1969.

Surviving are his mother, Elizabeth Gavin Lynch of Metuchen; a son, James C. Lynch and mother, Evelyn Lynch of Edison; two sisters, Margaret Dugdale of Metuchen and Carol Penna of Janesville, Wis.; three brothers, Peter of Ringoes, Bill of Philadelphia and David of Edison; his grandmother, Mildred Gavin of Metuchen, nine nieces and nephews, Erin Dugdale, Matthew and Rebecca Lynch, Alyssa, Michael and Nicole Penna and Bethany, Claire and Ashlyn Burns-Lynch and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dorothy V. Baker of Edison

Mrs. Dorothy V. Baker of Edison died October 7 at Roosevelt Care Center, Edison. She was 83.

Born in Newark, she lived in Keansburg and Milltown before moving to Edison in 1992.

Her parents, Albert and Edna (Wood) Williams, are deceased. Also deceased is her husband, John Fieseler who died in 1954, and a grandson, Robert L. Dill, Jr. who died in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane Dill of Coral Springs, Fla.; a brother, Edward Williams of Brick; a stepson, William Baker of Florida; a granddaughter, Debbie Slovinsky of East Brunswick; and two great-granddaughters, Denise and Stephanie Slovinsky.

Mary Pilkinton, 90 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Mary Burke Pilkinton of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (formerly of Woodbridge) died September 17 at home. She was 90.

Born in Carteret, she grew up in Woodbridge before moving to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She graduated from Woodbridge High School in 1929.

She was employed by Texas Oil Co., New York and Denver, Colo. and retired as a methods and systems analyst for McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.

For many years, Mrs. Pilkinton was a soloist in the choir of St. James R.C. Church, Woodbridge.

Her husband, Philip, is deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Alice Connors of Wharton; and eight nieces and nephews including Dorothy Hennessey of Wharton, James Burke and William Burke, both of Woodbridge.

Bill Gambocz, 76 of Edison

Mr. Bill Gambocz of Edison died Sept. 30 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 76.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. He was a recipient of three battle stars and the Air Medal.

Mr. Gambocz was a self-employed real estate broker and appraiser, operating Barton Agency, Edison, for many years before his retirement.

In the late 1950s and early 1960, he served as secretary of the hospital development committee for the planning of JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Surviving are his wife, the former June Pollen.

Phillip T. Nork, 65 lived in Fords

Mr. Phillip T. Nork of Fords died October 12 at home. He was 65.

Born in Newark, he lived there before moving to Fords 34 years ago.

He was a retired truck driver for the past eight years and was a county employee with the Middlesex Department of Records and Archives.

From 1969-79, he was active with the Fords Clara Barton Little League.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Patricia Kopack; two sons, Philip J. Nork of Hillsborough and Peter Nork of Short Hills; two daughters, Pam Mendez of Fords and Linda Chorba of Langhorne, Pa. and four grandchildren, Marisa, Mark, Brianna and Brendan.

Kanter Sheldon, 53 of Edison

Mr. Kanter Sheldon of Edison died Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center in New York City. He was 53.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Port Reading for 12 years before moving to Edison 10 years ago.

He was an avid New York Yankee and New York Giants fan.

Mr. Sheldon was vice president of systems support/development for the Cantor Fitzgerald/Espeed brokerage firm for the past 18 years on the 103rd floor of Tower No. 1.

Surviving are his wife, Tami; two sons, Evan and Adam; and a host of other relatives including cousins, aunts and uncles.

Violet Elko, 95 of Metuchen

Mrs. Violet (Martin) Elko Wall (formerly of Metuchen) died October 7 at Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune. She was 95.

Born in Trenton, she was formerly of Metuchen and lived most of her life in Fords before moving to Wall three years ago.

She retired many years ago from Westinghouse Corporation in Edison, where she was an assembler for many years. Prior to that, she worked at Raritan Arsenal during World War II.

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

Her husband, Michael Elko, died in 1965.

Surviving are a daughter Helen E. Schuler III of Wall; two grandchildren, Kevin Schuler of Bricktown and Valerie Myers of Boiling Springs, Pa.; and two great-grandchildren, Brent Schuler and Aaron Myers.

Paulette Berry, M.D. of Woodbridge

Paulette Christine Rodriguez Berry, M.D. of Woodbridge died October 13 in Old Bridge. She was 31.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a former resident there. She lived in Woodbridge for the past five years.

She was a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology at JFK Medical Center, Edison.

She was a graduate of

Bishop Ahr High School, Edison, Columbia University, Barnard Women's College and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She served her residency at University Hospital, Newark, Morristown Hospital, Summit Medical Center and Hackensack Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Officer Christopher Berry of

the Woodbridge Police Department; her parents, the Honorable Mathias E. Rodriguez, judge of Superior Court of New Jersey and Elisa Rodriguez of Perth Amboy; two sisters, Suzette Rodriguez of Perth Amboy and Raquel Rodriguez of Jersey City; and a brother, Marc Rodriguez of Perth Amboy.



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OBITUARIES

**John D'Oliveira, Jr.
of Avenel**

Mr. John M. D'Oliveira Jr. of Avenel died October 20 at the Mary Anne Hale Pavilion of Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 78.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he resided in Newark before moving to the Avenel section of Woodbridge 39 years ago.

He was employed as a boiler-room station mechanic with Public Service Electric and Gas Co., at its Essex and Sewaren generating stations for 34 years before retiring in 1980.

After his retirement, he was employed as a bus driver for Howard Bus Co., Avenel.

Mr. D'Oliveira served in the Navy during World War II aboard the USS Belleau Wood, an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

He was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church, Avenel, and belonged to the Holy Name Society and was a former member of the church choir.

He was a third-degree member of St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus Council 5088, Avenel and a fourth-degree member of the Rev. John J. Griffin General Assembly, Woodbridge.

Mr. D'Oliveira was a life member of the Avenel-Colonia First Aid Squad and was active with the North Jersey Blood Bank.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, the former Lillian Pereira; a brother, Frederick M. D'Oliveira of Hudson, Fla.; two nieces, Susanne Sawyer of Spotswood and Denise Marques of Washington state; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

**Ralph Parse, 81
of Sayreville**

Mr. Ralph Parse of Sayreville died October 20 at home. He was 81.

Born in Springfield, he resided in Sayreville for the past 43 years.

Before his retirement 20 years ago, he was a security guard with Wells Fargo Security, Piscataway, for 15 years.

His wife, Helen Elizabeth Pennington Parse, died in 1991. A sister, Dorothy Wieneke, died in 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Eileen Parse of Sayreville; two sons, Timothy Parse of Old Bridge and James Parse of Sayreville; and four grandchildren.

**Amparo Cartagena
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Amparo Cartagena of Perth Amboy died October 24 in Edison. She was 50.

Born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, she lived in Puerto Rico for most of her life. She moved to Perth Amboy four years ago.

She was employed by Relizon Corp., Edison, for the past four years.

Surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth and Edith Vargas, both of Perth Amboy; three sons, Alexis and Kenny Vargas, both of Perth Amboy and Michael Vargas of Puerto Rico; his mother, Luz Ruiz of Perth Amboy; four sisters, Maria Corcoran of Piscataway, Nilda Cartagena of Perth Amboy and Sonia Cartagena of Philadelphia and Olga Cartagena of Puerto Rico; two brothers, Orlando Cartagena of Philadelphia and Miguel Cartagena of Puerto Rico and four grandchildren.

**Margaret E. Grieco
worked in P.A.**

Mrs. Margaret E. Grieco of Parlin died October 20 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. She was 70.

She worked for Boro Motors, Metuchen and the Margaretten Agency, Perth Amboy before retiring.

Mrs. Grieco was a member of the Madison Park Homeowners Association, the Third Ward Democratic Club, Old Bridge; the Woodbridge Democratic Club and the Woodbridge Elks Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, George of 13 years; a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Martino; two sons, Louis and Anthony Baio; two sisters, Mrs. Julie Baio and Mrs. Elizabeth Crowning; a brother, Stephen Chontos; and two grandchildren.

**M. Nanci Hansen
of Avenel**

Mrs. Margaret Anne "Nanci" Hansen of Avenel died October 22 at Rahway Hospital. She was 44.

Born in The Bronx, N.Y., she lived in Woodbridge Township for 20 years, the late eight years in the township's Avenel section.

She was a homemaker.

She was vice president of Park Place Condo Association, Avenel.

Her brother, William Toohey, died in 1997.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Hansen of Avenel; her father Frank Toohey of Woodbridge; a daughter, Jessica Hansen of Avenel; a stepson, Robert Hansen of Rahway; a stepdaughter, Kristin Fee of Howell; a sister, Susan Pisano of Carteret; and a brother, Michael Toohey of Easton, Pa.

**Stephen Moroz, 72
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Stephen M. Moroz of Perth Amboy died October 22 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 72.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a lifelong resident of the City.

He was employed as a fireman at Carborundum Corporation, Keasbey, for 30 years before retiring in 1993.

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

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His parents, Charles and Mary Balich Moroz; a sister, Anna; and two brothers, Charles and John, are all deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Catherine Pacansky of Avenel and Mary Glowacki of South River; three brothers, Nicholas and Michael, both of Perth Amboy and George of the Dominican Republic.

**Frank J. Hildebrandt
of Carteret**

Mr. Frank J. Hildebrandt of Carteret died October 19 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 80.

Born in Newark, he moved to Carteret in 1956.

He was a self-employed accountant in Carteret for 50 years before retiring in 1991.

Mr. Hildebrandt was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Catholic War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2314, Carteret.

Surviving are a son, Michael; three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Gavin, Mrs. Frances McCarthy and Mrs. Kathleen Siecinski; a brother, Joseph; two sisters, Mrs. Peggy Merlino and Mrs. Evelyn Watkleuciz; and nine grandchildren.

Christine Redhing of Carteret

Ms. Christine (Holowatch) Redhing of Carteret died October 29 at Rahway Hospital. She was 50.

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

She was a 1968 graduate of Carteret High School where she was voted "Most Popular" and was also the Homecoming Queen.

Ms. Redhing graduated from Eastern School for Medical Assistants in New York City. She received her nursing degree from Middlesex County College and went on to earn her accreditation to teach nursing from Seton Hall University. She was a registered nurse at Rahway Hospital, where she also taught

**Marina C. Hart, 64
of Carteret**

Mrs. Marina C. (Psaltis) Hart of Carteret died October 25 at her daughter's home in Holmdel. She was 64.

Born in Port Chester, N.Y., she lived in Jersey City before moving to Carteret 12 years ago.

She retired from Bright Star Day Care, Carteret.

Mrs. Hart was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carteret.

Her husband, Milton Hart, died in 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Ciccone of Carteret and Christine Nemati of Holmdel; two sisters, Margaret Bruno of Keansburg and Cleo Mashellari of Jersey City; a brother, George Psaltis of Carteret; and six grandchildren, David and Daniel Ciccone and Tony, Denny, Jessy and Joey Nemati.

nursing for the last 20 years and a number of years ago she was voted "Nurse of the Year" at Rahway Hospital.

She was a Heal The Children volunteer and traveled to El Salvador in 1994 and to the Dominican Republic in 1996.

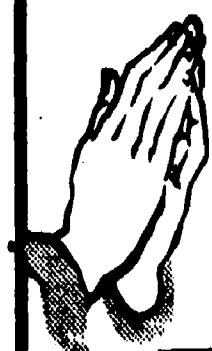
Ms. Redhing was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her father, Michael Holowatch, is deceased.

Surviving are her mother, Catherine Holowatch of Carteret; a brother, Michael Holowatch Sr. of Carteret; a nephew, Michael Holowatch Jr.; and a niece, Michele Holowatch, both of Carteret; several aunts, uncles, cousins and her companion, Chet Homicki.

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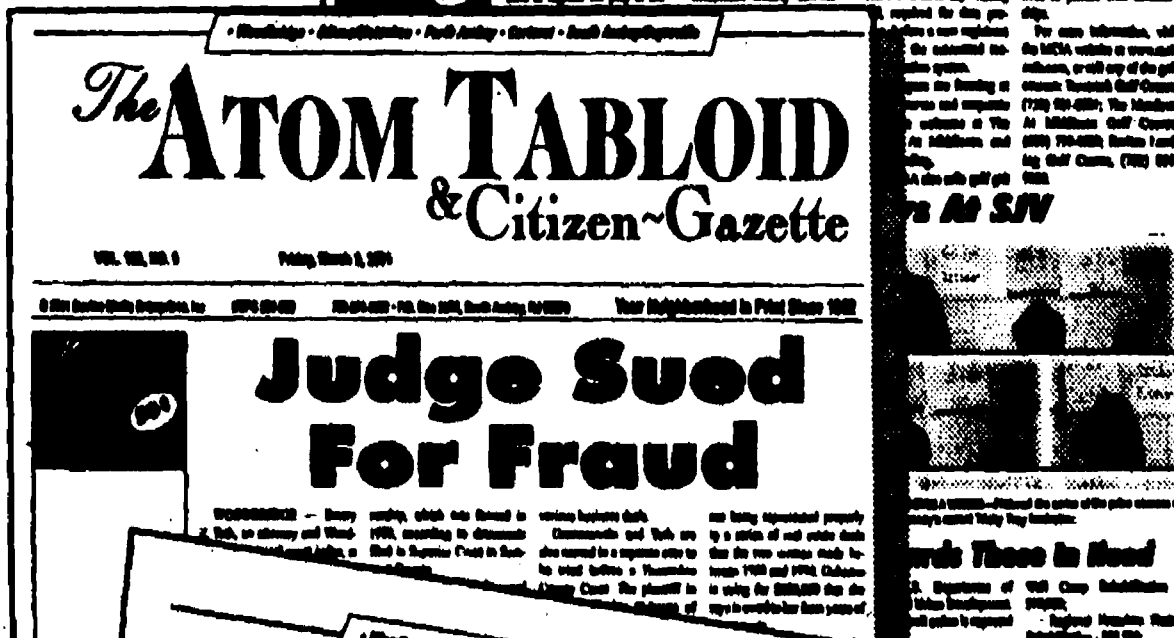
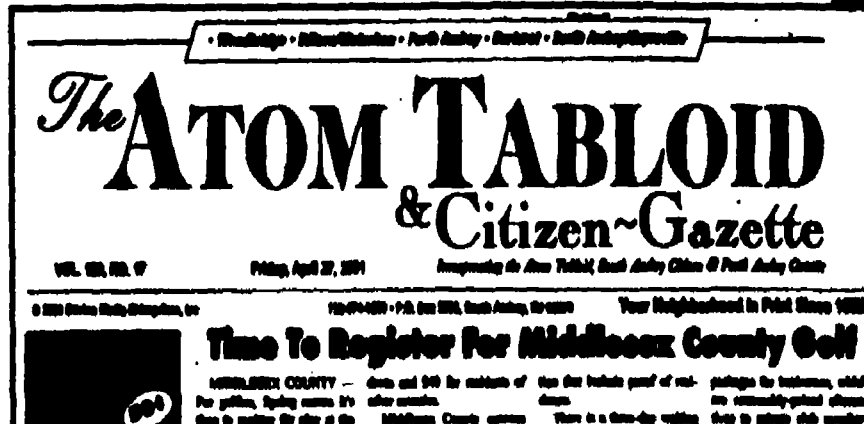
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