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Two Women Share More Than Their Friendship

PERTH AMBOY — When Dawn DeBoer, a 31-year-old mother of four, and her family returned to Perth Amboy after living in Florida for a few years, she discovered that the condition of her friend of 11 years, Ivelisse Perez, was deteriorating due to a kidney disease. Ivelisse, 23, was on dialysis at home for three years. She was spending one hour during the day and nine

hours each night on the dialysis machine. Since developing the kidney disease she had to quit work and school. Her dreams of becoming a beautician were fading.

Ivelisse's hopes soared when her boyfriend offered to donate one of his kidneys to her. But because he only passed five out of six tests necessary to be a compatible donor, he was unable

to do so. Once again, her hope was dashed. Dawn remembered that she had the same blood type as her friend, Ivelisse, and volunteered to be tested for compatibility. This time the tests came out perfect. But, before Dawn could undergo surgery she would have to seek financial help as she would be out of work for more than a month recovering from the surgery.

Ivelisse reached out to the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD) of Perth Amboy and asked them if they could help raise the funds to sustain Dawn and her family during the recovery process. An appeal was sent out by Lydia Trinidad, executive director of PRAHD. The organization had established the Pedro A. Roman Kidney Transplant Fund with the purpose of assisting another Perth Amboy resident and his donor (Belinda Cuevas) with his transplant, and

they were happy to do the same for Ivelisse and Dawn.

The successful kidney transplant took place on Jan. 16 at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, New Brunswick. Both Ivelisse and Dawn are doing well. Dawn expects to return to her job in March and Ivelisse will resume her beautician classes in June.

"I never thought much about organ donation," said Dawn. "It boggles my mind to think that each of us has the ability to save a life of another person through organ donation. And as a living donor, I can truly see the miracle of transplantation on the face of my friend every time we meet," she continued.

"I'm overwhelmed whenever I think of what Dawn did for me," said Ivelisse. "She takes the word friendship to new heights and I will always be grateful," she expressed.

Space Photo Display

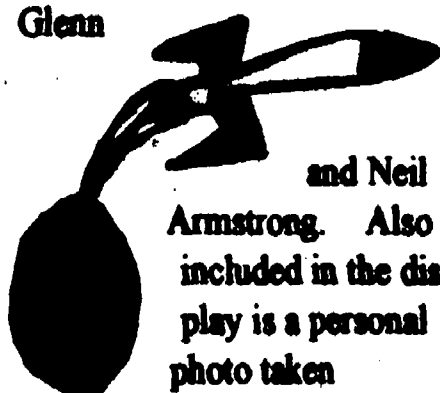
EDISON—The Children's Dept. of the Edison Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., is currently displaying space photos in conjunction with its summer reading program, "2001: A Reading Odyssey."

Photos on exhibit include an autographed picture of Kathryn Sullivan, formerly of Paterson, the first American woman to walk in space, and autographed photos of John Glenn

of Apollo 11 on the launch pad a few days before lift-off, along with a personal photos of Edison astronaut Mark Polansky's Feb. 7, 2001 space flight in the space shuttle Atlantis as it flew over New Port Richey, FL.

A drinking glass commemorating the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing is also on exhibit along with mission flight patches. The exhibit will be on display during library hours until the end of August.

For further information, contact Dolores Chupela, Children's Librarian at (732) 287-2351, ext. 3.



and Neil Armstrong. Also included in the display is a personal photo taken

St. Mary's Welcomes Inquirers

SOUTH AMBOY — St. Mary's Parish in South Amboy is now accepting registration for any adult (age 14 or older) who is interested in preparing for Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation. Sessions will be held on Sundays, led by the RCIA team. This will be the only preparation available for adults this year. Catholics must have celebrated all three sacraments in order to serve as godparents.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins with several weeks of inquiry. Following this period, participants are led through a gradual

process of Scripture-based formation in the teachings of the Catholic Church; this includes faith sharing by team members and support from the entire parish community. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary.

If you or someone you know has ever considered joining the Catholic Church or if you are already a Catholic, but have not yet celebrated First Communion and/or Confirmation for whatever reason, RCIA is for you.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

In-Home Caregiver Education Program Funded

by Margaret R. Chester
Executive Director,
Office on Aging

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — A new initiative, the In-Home Caregiver Education Program, has been funded under the Statewide Respite Care Program with \$8,000 of additional funding.

The purpose of the In-Home Caregiver Education Program is to provide one-on-one education in the home environment in order to improve caregiver ability and effectiveness. The program is designed for caregivers of seniors and persons over age 18 who are functionally impaired with a chronic disability, illness or disease.

Currently, caregivers receive only cursory training in assisting individuals with daily living activities when they are discharged from a hospital or rehabilitation center. This is an emotionally charged time for the caregiver, who may not understand the care instructions provided. The caregiver is typically

overwhelmed by the immediate crisis and cannot assimilate all the information immediately. It is evident that caregiver training cannot take place solely at the time of discharge.

The In-Home Caregiver Education and Support Program provides more support to the caregiver. In partnership with a registered nurse, caregivers will participate in an assessment of learning needs required for development of a comprehensive teaching plan. The plan will allow caregivers to identify and develop the skills necessary to providing care, including lifting, transferring, personal care, bathing, nutrition, disease, education and accessing community resources and programs.

As the agency responsible for administering the Respite Care Program, the Office on Aging will develop the new initiative this spring.

For additional information on the program, contact Punmi Adedokun or Bryce Berkowitz at (732) 745-3295.

From Planet Earth To Planet X

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The New Jersey 4-H Youth Development Program of Rutgers University has released a second volume of its award-winning science curriculum, according to Betty Ann Smith, Middlesex County 4-H Agent. Activities contained in it will enable staff and volunteers of community youth organizations, as well as classroom, home-schooling and after-school teachers, to provide science lessons to youth using a fun, learn-by-doing approach.

For decades, 4-H has shown that learning is fun when done with hands-on activities. With the newest installment of its Science Discovery Series curriculum, adults will be able to help youth in grades 4-10 learn important life skills and build science and math literacy at the same time. New topics include Weatherwise (meteorology), Spiderrific (spiders), Mountains High, Oceans Deep (oceanography), What is That Tree I See? (leaf and tree identification), Discovering Planet X (space exploration), Where Does Your Garbage Go? (waste manage-

ment alternatives and environmental conservation).

Volume 1 units, in use since 1996, have supporting "4-H Science Discovery Kits" that contain a lesson plan and nearly all of the teaching materials needed to teach the topic in a hands-on way. Kits can be borrowed free-of-charge from county Rutgers Cooperative Extension offices. Topics with kits are Geology Where You Live (rocks & minerals), Don't Trash The Planet! (recycling/solid waste), Tree-Mendous Fun (trees), Big As A Whale! (whales), Good To The Last Drop (water quality and conservation). All units have been developed by faculty and staff of Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Cook College.

A variety of educators, including youth group staff and volunteers, school teachers, museum and nature center directors, camp counselors, and 4-H club leaders, have found that the lessons contained in the Science Discovery Series are as fun and interesting to teach as they have been for youth to experience and learn. Units support the NJ Department of Education Core Curriculum Content Standards. In addition to printed materials, a Science Discovery Series web site (<http://discoverscience.rutgers.edu>) provides additional information and other resources. Participants agreeing to pilot test lessons in Volume 2 in their localities will receive a trial version of the leader-teacher lesson

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Middlesex College Honors Outstanding Students

EDISON—Distinguished students in Science, Mathematics and Health Technologies were honored recently by Middlesex County College at the annual divisional honors convocation. Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards were presented to 32 students who achieved grade point average of 3.5 or higher in at least 42 credits in courses in the Division, and Special Awards were given to 24 students who demonstrated academic excellence in a specific discipline or performed a special service to their Department.

Two of the students, Denise M. Acheson of Bedminster and Luz Marina Vega of Perth Amboy received the Frank M. Chambers Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement at graduation ceremonies. This is the highest award presented by Middlesex County College. Acheson completed her studies in Dental Auxiliaries Education and Vega, who will continue her education at Rutgers University, earned her associate's degree in Mathematics.

The Division of Science, Mathematics and Health Technologies Awards go to these students: Avenel: Mary C. Anderson, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Chemistry

and Physics, Science Transfer Chemistry; Carteret: Soraya Caso, Outstanding Academic Achievement and Special Award for Outstanding Clinical Performance in Nursing and Alicia Gastgaber, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing; Colonia: Michael Yatauro, Special Achievement in Mathematics and Leading Scorers Award in Mathematics League Test (Overall Highest Score); Edison: Yameng Gu, Leading Scorers Award in Mathematics League Testing, Dawn Mott, Special Service in Biology, Muntu Muwalo, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Treatment, Kavitha Sayala, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Respiratory Care, Barbara M. Skrodzki, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Dental Auxiliaries Education, Emmylou

C. Torres, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Chemical Technology; Fords: Kwasi Amankwa Anto, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Medical Laboratory Technology; Keasbey: Nicole Antonowicz, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Dental Auxiliaries Education, Luz Marina Vega, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Mathematics (Science Transfer Mathematics), the Renato Romano Award for Highest GPA in the Division, the Sam Landis Scholarship and the Frank M. Chambers Award; Metuchen: Elaine M. Blessing, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Biology; Perth Amboy: Joseph P. Silva, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Biology; South Amboy: Aneta Malysiak, Outstanding Academic Achievement, Chemistry and Physics Department, Science Transfer Chemistry.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

McCole New State Commander Of Legion

STATE—Daniel McCole, a resident of Milford, Pennsylvania, was elected New Jersey State Commander of The American Legion at its recent annual convention held in Wildwood.

McCole, a US Navy veteran of the Korean War, will head the state's largest veterans organization for the next year.

Having served as Sussex County Executive Committeeman and State ABC and High Point Chairman for the organization for many years McCole brings a substantial degree of expertise to the office.

His plans include the promotion of a variety of American Legion-sponsored programs particularly those which benefit our children and youth. He also intends to take an aggressive approach toward assuring that the federal government provides adequate funding for Veterans Health Care programs.

McCole is also keeping a close watch on the U.S. Senate support to amend the United States Constitution to allow Congress to establish laws protecting the U.S. Flag from acts of physical desecration.

McCole and his wife, Ruth, are the proud parents of Teresa and Dan Jr. and have three granddaughters; also a step-granddaughter. They look forward to a challenging but rewarding year.

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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
75	64	78/65	80/66	67/65	66/70	63/72	63/73

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Unseasonably cool across the Northeast and the mid-Atlantic during the period with showers and thunderstorms, which may be heavy at times during the period. Thunderstorms will continue across the northern Rockies and Upper Midwest. It will be mainly dry and hot across much of the central and southern Plains into the Southeast.

Precipitation

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	90	70	pc	93	74	pc	90	71	pc	91	70	pc
Boston	78	63	pc	79	64	s	75	64	c	79	67	c
Chicago	86	69	pc	84	69	pc	86	68	pc	84	66	t
Cleveland	81	64	pc	78	63	s	83	64	s	82	66	s
Denver	86	58	pc	88	60	pc	85	60	pc	86	68	pc
Des Moines	88	72	pc	92	70	pc	86	68	t	84	63	sh
Detroit	82	66	pc	79	64	s	83	65	s	84	67	sh
Houston	94	76	s	96	76	s	96	76	s	94	74	pc
Indianapolis	87	69	pc	86	68	s	84	68	s	86	72	sh
Kansas City	91	73	s	91	72	s	89	69	sh	90	69	t
Los Angeles	84	59	pc	86	59	s	86	58	s	92	52	s
Miami	90	78	pc	90	77	pc	90	78	pc	91	76	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	86	68	pc	88	66	t	84	62	t	82	62	c
New Orleans	92	78	pc	94	78	s	94	78	s	94	78	pc
New York City	76	66	c	80	66	c	78	64	pc	86	68	pc
Omaha	90	70	pc	88	70	pc	90	70	t	88	68	sh
Phoenix	103	81	s	102	82	pc	104	82	pc	105	78	pc
San Francisco	70	55	pc	70	56	pc	69	56	pc	70	44	pc
Seattle	71	55	pc	75	57	pc	76	58	pc	75	60	pc
Washington	82	68	c	84	68	c	84	66	c	87	68	c

SUN & MOON

Sunrise / Sunset
Thu. 5:42 a.m. / 8:24 p.m.
Fri. 5:43 a.m. / 8:23 p.m.

Moonrise / Moonset
Thu. 4:09 a.m. / 7:40 p.m.
Fri. 5:13 a.m. / 8:38 p.m.

Moon Phases
New First Full Last
July 20 July 27
Aug 4 Aug 12

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		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	66	56	sh	73	53	pc	68	55	c	70	56	c
Berlin	72	63	r	67	65	r	69	61	r	69	56	c
Buenos Aires	59	47	c	59	47	c	56	36	pc	47	30	pc
Cairo	102	71	s	101	72	s	101	71	s	95	68	s
Jerusalem	87	61	s	87	61	s	88	61	s	86	59	s
Johannesburg	69	39	pc	67	31	pc	55	31	s	63	34	s
London	65	51	r	71	58	pc	70	55	c	74	56	c
Madrid	84	50	s	89	57	s	94	60	s	95	62	s
Mexico City	78	55	pc	72	56	c	76	54	sh	76	54	sh
Moscow	89	68	pc	89	70	pc	87	69	pc	85	67	pc
Paris	66	51	r	68	49	pc	84	61	r	70	60	r
Rio de Janeiro	81	67	pc	82	67	s	82	66	s	80	67	s
Rome	78	57	pc	76	55	s	77	58	s	78	61	s
San Juan	89	77	pc	90	76	pc	89	76	pc	88	75	pc
Seoul	84	71	pc	84	73	pc	88	76	pc	88	75	pc
Sydney	59	46	pc	60	46	s	60	47	pc	60	48	c
Tokyo	87	77	pc	87	77	c	87	76	c	86	75	pc
Toronto	77	56	c	76	61	pc	77	54	pc	77	60	sh
Winnipeg	81	57	pc	81	54	r	76	50	sh	79	56	pc
Zurich	68	55	pc	62	50	sh	71	54	pc	73	64	c

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First Savings Bank Celebrates Its Centennial

WOODBIDGE—First Savings Bank was recently honored with a commemorative presentation on its 100th anniversary by Mayor Joseph Vas of Perth Amboy. In making the presentation to John P. Mulkerin, President and CEO of the Bank, Vas lauded the Bank on

its commitment and service to its communities and customers over the past century.

First Savings Bank was founded in Perth Amboy in 1901 by nine local businessmen as the Modern Building and Loan Association. Business commenced on the 17th of June in that year in offices located on the second floor of the Perth Amboy Post Office building. The building and loan association converted to a savings and loan in 1945, with the new name of First Savings and Loan Association of Perth Amboy. In 1987 the name was changed to First Savings Bank.

First Savings Bank currently has 22 full service banking offices in Middlesex, Monmouth, Mercer and Union Counties, and \$2 billion in assets.

From Planet Earth To Planet X continued...

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guide for the cost of printing. Copies can be ordered through the publications office at Rutgers University by calling (732) 932-9762.

Nearly five million boys and girls are in 4-H nationwide. Locally, 4-H serves over 500 youth, in Middlesex County. Children from all backgrounds and interests are involved in 4-H. Projects and activities are as diverse as rocketry, large and small animals, outdoor education, science, and home economics. 4-H youth are assisted by more than 100 adults serving as volunteers in Middlesex County.

For more information about the 4-H Science Discovery Series, or the 4-H program in general, contact the Middlesex County 4-H Office at (732) 745-3446. All youth, grades K-13 (one year out of high school), are welcome to join 4-H. In addition, the 4-H staff is ready to provide orientation and training for any adults interested in serving as 4-H volunteers.



STILL GOING STRONG—Mayor Joseph Vas of Perth Amboy presents a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of First Savings Bank to the Bank's President and CEO, John P. Mulkerin.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Awarded Grant

"We must develop an attitude of inclusion. Rather than referring patients with substance use disorders and disabilities to highly specialized addiction treatment programs out of state, which are few and far between, we need to develop programs within NJ that can accommodate the needs of our residents,"

PERTH AMBOY—Raritan Bay Medical Center's Center for Personal Recovery has been awarded a \$345,000 three-year grant from the Division of Addiction Services, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The grant will be used to develop a model outpatient treatment program for individuals with physical disabilities, including spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, as well as substance use disorders.

The DHSS is responsible for providing funding for prevention and treatment services to the public, including the disabled population. In an effort to better serve the specialized needs of this population, the state has been accepting treatment recommendation proposals to receive grant funding. Consequently, the DHSS will use the Center's developed model as the standard for which other New Jersey programs will be created.

The Center for Personal Recovery Program Manager Roberta Moore, Ph.D., wrote the proposal that was selected by the state. "We must develop an attitude of inclusion. Rather than referring patients with substance use disorders and disabilities to highly specialized addiction treatment programs out of state, which are few and far between, we need to develop programs within NJ that can accommodate the needs of our residents," explained Moore.

Raritan Bay Medical Center's program has five goals: educate the staff about various physical disabilities, develop a treatment curriculum for

patients, provision of treatment services, collaborate with other substance abuse agencies to provide disability education, and create substance use disorder information guides for distribution at independent living centers.

The Center for Personal Recovery offers four outpatient programs for chemical dependency. They are the Intensive Outpatient Program, treating patients in both day and evening programs; the Partial Hospitalization Program, providing intensive daily contact, while allowing patients to enjoy the comforts of home in the evening; Ambulatory Detoxification; and the Family Program, which is open to anyone affected by someone else's chemical dependency.

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You want to like "Cats & Dogs." It approaches an obligation. PG-rated, it holds the promise of bringing the whole nuclear unit together for 100 minutes of family entertainment. And somewhere along the trek of motion picture history it was decided that the world could be saved from imploding in a fireball of self-destruction if Jim, Peg, Kitten and Bud reg-

prefer that we go the way of the Romans.

Directed by Lawrence Guterman and starring the voices of Alec Baldwin, Tobey Maguire, Susan Sarandon and John Lovitz, the live action but mouth-animated comedy by John Requa and Glenn Ficarra tells the coming-of-age tale of Lou (Maguire). He's the beagle who becomes the proverbial,

Leading the cats in his fascist dream of master race supremacy is Mr. Tinkles (Sean Hayes), a white Persian who is otherwise the pet in an industrial mogul's very, very strange home. The German housemaid is especially fond of diminishing the feline dictator by dressing him in little girls' clothes. Just what that's about is hard to figure.

Fighting the good fight is his counterpart, Butch (Baldwin), a massive mastiff who, when he isn't spouting salt-of-the-earth aphorisms, is doing his bit to save the world for dogocracy. Sure, it seems like he's just some dog in a backyard. But he's really a secret agent in an Irgun-like organization, replete with all the exact same gizmos and gadgets Q is always supplying 007.

Taken under paw by the big guy, little Lou attempts to make his bones, so to speak, as the elder operative's protege.

How the cats and dogs got hold of all this cutting edge technology remains a mystery. Of course the fact that they can talk probably helped (though they never converse in the presence of humans). What I want to know is did they build the stuff or buy it? In either case you have to give them credit. For a pair of species without opposable thumbs, they sure have done quite

well for themselves. Yet you'd think that with all that brain power they'd be able to settle their differences peaceably. But then that's an old puzzle, isn't it?

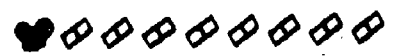
The problem is, director Guterman never gets his illuso-

ry world to take full flight. The fictional, parallel cat and dog universe he creates rarely provides the sort of inviting clime one needs to pique the adult imagination.

Young children won't mind the lack of dimension. But charming and inventive as some of the scenes in "Cats and Dogs" might be, they can't supersede the symbiotic fantasy that's already in place between master and dog. Why, just last night my Yorkshire Terrier Muffin and I had a lively discussion about fine art and cinema. Muffin proffered that Edward Hopper is to Norman Rockwell as Preston Sturges is to Frank Capra. Maybe his analogy has merit. I'm not sure. But that's not the point. The fact is, there's a magical camaraderie that's been going on since time immemorial....ever

since some bright primeval wolf figured to himself, "Hey, we might be able to cut a good deal with these guys." The so-called reality of these actual relationships is the stuff that Guterman and Co. should have tapped.

As it stands, the heavily derivative movie is "Lady and The Tramp" (1955) meets "Austin Powers" (1997) by way of "Babe" (1995) and the genre granddaddy of them all, "Francis, The Talking Mule" (1950). So call it convivial but not original. And thanks to computerization, the mouth-voice coordination has never been better. But when it comes to finding a soul of its own, "Cats and Dogs" winds up chasing its tale.



"Cats and Dogs," rated PG, is a Warner Bros. Pictures release directed by Lawrence Guterman and stars Elizabeth Perkins, Jeff Goldblum, Alexander Pollock and the voices of Alec Baldwin, Tobey Maguire and Susan Sarandon. Running time: 100 minutes

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

It's A Party! As The Circus Comes To Town

AREA—The all new, 2001 edition of Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus, "It's a Party!" is on its way, promising festive, fun-filled family entertainment provided by a cast of over one hundred human and animal performers.

Center Ring of the World's Largest Circus Under the Big Top features Nubian Lions and royal Bengal Tigers performing side by side, directed by Baltimore native Ted McRae. Racing the Whirling Wheel of Wonder, Peruvian-born Wilson Dominguez executes both forward and backward somers-



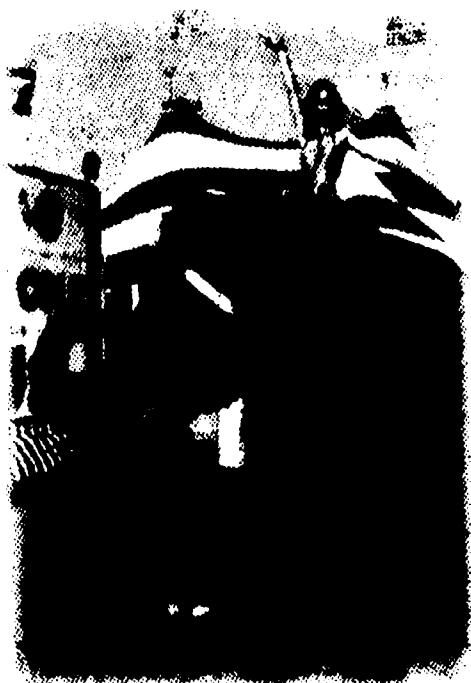
THE WORLD'S LARGEST CIRCUS UNDER THE BIG TOP—When the CLYDE BEATTY-COLE BROS. CIRCUS comes to town audiences will share the magic of America's Big Top presented in the three ring tradition that generations of Americans for three centuries have come to expect. Yet the all-new red and yellow state-of-the-art Big Top provides a preview of the many theatrical, staging, seating, and lighting improvements that have been made to guarantee that this year's circus experience at the "world's Largest Circus Under the Big Top," will be even more memorable than ever.

saults from the spinning sphere, alighting on its slick surface a split-second before it plummets to the ground. The Russian Air Force Extreme Flyers bring to Cole Bros. a stunning array of aerial acrobatics, leaping and soaring in the upper reaches of the arena.

Fine, feathered flyers and felicitous felines compete for attention when, for the first time ever in an American Big Top circus, Svetlana Shamsheeva displays her plethora of pigeons and peerless Persians. The Casalino Catastrophic Comedy Car and the Bumbling Beatty Beach Bums promise to tickle the funny bones of young and old alike. Aerial ballerinas and titillating trapezists

enhance Mighty Miro's breathtaking exhibition of skill and strength on silk ribbons suspended high above the hippodrome. Large and Lilliputian equines, captivating canines, and twelve tons of mastodonic might delight animal lovers. Vaulting, twisting and turning on stilts—from a narrow, flexible bar held aloft by two men, the Dotsenko Troupe present an astonishing display of daring and equilibrium.

The Human Cannonball, blasting off from the barrel of the World's Largest Cannon, signals the end of the circus party, but not the wonderful memories families share after viewing the Clyde-Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus.



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Free Beach And Family Fun Days

SEASIDE HEIGHTS — Every Wednesday and Thursday through August 30, Free Beaches and Family Fun Days will take place in Seaside Heights.

Once again, Pepsi and the Seaside Heights Business Improvement District will present Free Beaches and Free Family Fun days each Wednesday and Thursday (except holidays). Visitors can enjoy sparkling white sandy beaches and great family entertainment free of charge.

In addition, every Wednesday evening at 9 p.m., beginning on July 4, a Fireworks Display on the Seaside Heights beach will be presented by Pepsi. The summer long schedule of events for the Pepsi Family Fun Days includes such activities as Summer Story Telling at 11 a.m. on Thursdays provided by the Ocean County Library, Arts &

Crafts on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m., courtesy of the New Jersey State Aquarium, kite flying, beach parties, childrens shows and musical entertainment.

Most activities for Family Fun Days take place at the Carteret Avenue Stage and surrounding beach area.

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Annual July 5K Run At Jersey Shore

AREA—The NJ Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) will hold their 5th Annual 5K run Saturday, July 21 in South Belmar. Pre-registration will take place at Bar Anticipation Friday evening, July 20 from 7-9 p.m. Registration/T-shirt pickup at Bar Anticipation on Saturday, July 21 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Pre-registration fee is \$17; day-of-the-race fee \$20. Race fee includes a Tee Shirt and free post-race barbecue. For information, call CCFA-NJ at (732) 786-9960 or e-mail newjersey@ccfa.org.

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AREA—Everyone has a favorite cousin. Someone who is so much fun that you always want to be with him. Cousin Kenny is that favorite cousin!

Cousin Kenny is an unforgettable show for kids from 4-104, which will take place on Saturday, July 21 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 22 at 3 p.m. Ticket price is \$5. Adults and kids enjoy Cousin Kenny's wholesome, high-energy funny entertainment.

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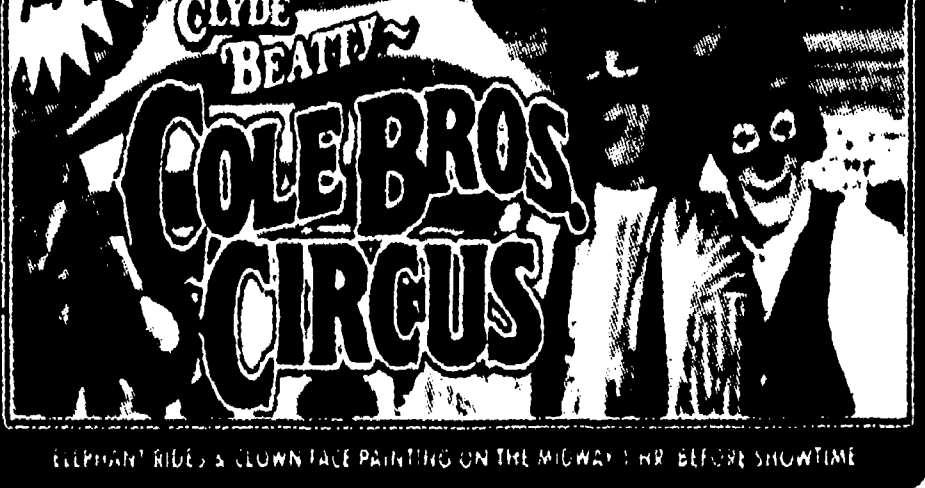
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

President Bush Announces Social Security Commission

Social Security's Consumer Price Index Fix

AREA — President Bush has announced the establishment of a bipartisan Social Security Commission to develop a proposal to modernize and restore Social Security's fiscal soundness.

The President set down a number of principles that he expects the recommendations to adhere to. They include

- Social Security benefits for retirees or near-retirees must not be changed.
- the entire Social Security surplus must be dedicated only to Social Security;
- Social Security payroll taxes must not be increased;
- the government must not invest Social Security funds in the stock market;
- Social Security's disability and survivors insurance must be preserved; and
- modernization must include individually controlled, voluntary personal retirement accounts to augment Social Security.

Public hearings will be scheduled to garner broad public opinion about modernizing Social Security.

The Commission is being asked to submit an interim report describing the challenges facing the Social Security system and the factors affecting

reform proposals. The final report, due in the fall, will include recommendations on how to strengthen Social Security with personal retirement accounts. To become effective, the recommendations would require legislative and Presidential action.

The 16-member Commission, appointed by the President, consists of eight Republicans and eight Democrats with a member from each party as a co-chair. The co-chairs are former Senator Daniel Moynihan and Richard Parsons, Chief Operating Officer of AOL/Time Warner.

AREA — Almost all individuals who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and/or Title VIII Special Veterans benefits will receive a one-time payment to compensate for a consumer price index error made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The error affected calculations for the cost-of-living adjustment for the year 2000, and beneficiaries received a 2.4% increase instead of a 2.5%. The payment should arrive by the end of July.

For most of the 45 million Social Security and six million SSI beneficiaries, the amount of the payment will be between \$12 and \$19, covering benefits paid from January 2000 through July 2001. (The shortfall for the majority of beneficiaries was \$1 per month.)

Regular monthly benefits, if affected, will be adjusted beginning with the payment received in August 2001.

Beneficiaries will receive a written explanation of their one-time payment and an explanation about their adjusted monthly benefit by the end of July 2001. Beneficiaries do not need to take any action to receive their adjusted benefits.

For eligible beneficiaries who have since died, their one-time payment generally will be made to an eligible spouse or child.

For more information, log onto Social Security's website, www.ssa.gov.

Lower Interest Rates Alone Won't Sustain Recent Home-Buying Frenzy

AREA — A cautious economic outlook could cool home sales over the next few months, easing competition and making homes more affordable, according to YHD Mortgage, the lending arm of YHD Realty, New Jersey's first full-service, technology-backed real estate agency, and the "home of the 2% commission."

With consumer confidence down for the fifth straight month, and other indicators suggesting a generally slower economy, home sales may weaken even as interest rates continue their decline. Home sellers need to plan accordingly, says Scott Einbinder, vice president for YHD Mortgage.

"Lower interest rates, while seemingly good for the consumer, are a sign that the economy is resisting growth," said Einbinder. "Nevertheless, mortgage rate reductions make it more affordable to buy a home. Assuming some home demand will fall in light of today's economic uncertainty, we're likely to see more realistic pricing for available homes."

Einbinder said that as consumer mood grows more watchful, purchases of large-ticket items like homes tend to become a lower priority. "Historically, as the economy slowed, we saw home purchases drop more immediately," he said. "This time, home sales are still relatively strong compared with other economic indicators. Recent reductions in mortgage rates have helped this cause."

While economic concern

could slow home sales somewhat, Einbinder is optimistic that today's lower interest rates will help to control the pace. He also adds that there is a strong demand for housing across the nation due to population increases, as confirmed by newly released information from the U.S. Census. In New Jersey, where the population has risen by nearly 9%, sales should remain steady although tempered from conditions in recent memory.

"The buying frenzy that drove up home prices over the past few years is all but over," he says. "Now it appears we'll see prices stabilize for a while. And coupled with lower borrowing rates, it will be somewhat easier and more affordable for the buyer," says Einbinder. He recommends that serious buyers become pre-approved for a mortgage to make them more viable to the seller.

What does this change in the competitive climate mean for the homeowner? "To sell the home

quickly, homeowners will need to be somewhat more flexible to a changing market," he says.

Here are his recommendations for improving a home's chances on the market:

- **Price to sell based on current data.** Don't expect to receive bids based on the inflated prices we saw until recently. Those prices are coming down, by varying levels, depending on location, he says. Be sure that any properties that you use to gauge your asking price are comparable to your home's features and limitations and that they sold within two to three weeks of your intended listing date. Keep in mind that you may want to be flexible and open to negotiating with qualified buyers.
- **Use an Agent With Access to Technology.** Work with a real estate who is both familiar with your area and able to access the best data and information on comparable-home sales. You want to be sure you're asking the

most for your home without pricing yourself out of the market. A good agent can present solid trend data on comparable properties and help you price the home to sell.

- **Curb appeal, both inside and out.** To get the most for a house, make your homes as presentable and attractive as possible. Make easy and quick repairs, and ensure that the home is exceptionally clean, including closets, cabinets, and stairwells.
- **Pay lower commissions.** Einbinder strongly recommends looking for real estate agents that collect a lower sales commission, so you can realize as much profit as possible. YHD Realty, for example, has capitalized on technology to offer a complete array of real estate services at commission rates starting as low as 2%. And, he adds, paying less in commissions could give an anxious seller more room to negotiate a lower sales price.

"Just because you have to price your home somewhat lower doesn't mean you can't make substantial profit," he said.

YHD Realty is headquartered in West Long Branch, serving the entire state through offices throughout New Jersey. The company has listed more than 2,600 homes, with more than 1,300 sold or pending sale, and over 1,200 currently in inventory for sale. In terms of market value, YHD Realty's sales reflect almost \$250 million in homes and translate into \$7 million in real estate commissions saved by New Jersey homeowners.



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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

It's Never Too Late To Register For Volunteer Training Class

AREA — CONTACT We Care, the 24-hour telephone crisis hotline, is still accepting registration for its upcoming Volunteer Training Class beginning July 20. The special intensive summer course, conducted over two weekends, will be held at the First Baptist Church, Elm Street, Westfield. Volunteers are urgently needed to staff the

phone lines of the 26-year-old non-profit organization.

"Our special intensive Summer Volunteer Training Program will enable prospective volunteers to complete the required training and begin to work on the phone lines much faster than usual," said Ilona Tomaszewsky, clinical director at CONTACT. "It is a wonderful alternative for

those individuals who cannot commit to the traditional 14 week training class."

For more than twenty-six years CONTACT We Care has recruited, trained and supervised adult volunteers to offer the gift of listening to callers who are lonely, depressed or in crisis. More than 1,000 calls a month are handled by the highly

trained volunteers. Callers may be dealing with unemployment, relationship issues, alcoholism, a loved one's death or even suicide. They need to know someone cares.

CONTACT We Care volunteers must be able to actively listen and deal with a broad range of human needs. Volunteers must approach their work in an

open and non-judgmental way.

CONTACT We Care is a member of the United Way, and affiliated with CONTACT USA, Life Line International and the American Association of Suicidology.

For more information or to register for the July Training Program, call (908) 490-1480.

The Cure For Cancer Could Be Just A Putt Away

AREA — Many golfers dream of a hole-in-one. But the golfers gathered at the American Cancer Society's upcoming golf outing are dreaming a bigger dream—finding a cure for cancer.

The American Cancer Society's 21st Annual Golf Championship returns to central New Jersey on Monday, July 23 at the Suburban Golf Club, Union.

Golfer registration will open at 10:30 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. lunch and a 12:30 p.m.

shotgun start. Cocktails and dinner will cap off the outing at 5:30 p.m.

Registration fees are \$325 and include greens and golf cart fees, player gifts, lunch and dinner reception after the tournament. The outing will feature numerous prizes, including the opportunity to drive away in a brand new automobile.

The event also offers a special opportunity to honor cancer survivors on a "dedication fair-

way." For a \$35 donation, a flag bearing the survivor's name will be placed along the 18th fairway.

Proceeds from the event help to support lifesaving American Cancer Society research, as well as education, advocacy and patient service programs in central New Jersey.

The American Cancer Society Golf Championship is the world's largest amateur golf tournament. The top two teams

in each flight will have the opportunity to advance to the State Championship, slated for Sept. 24 at Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg. The top team in each flight at Forsgate will then advance to the American Cancer Society Golf Championship, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at the PGA West Resort in La Quinta, Calif.

To register or for more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities,

call 1-800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information about the American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345 or visit its web site at www.cancer.org.

America's #1 Choice For Car Donations

AREA — Celebrate your independence from your used car, truck, or van this July. Donate it to a charity you know and trust, America's Number One choice for car donations: the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey. The Foundation will pick up the vehicle free of charge and issue a letter that may be used for tax purposes.

All donations help fund the Kidney Foundation, "America's #1 choice for car donations," in its fight against kidney, hyper-

tensive, and urologic diseases that affect one in four people.

Through programs funded by the public, including organ donor awareness, cutting edge research and support efforts that help families and patients, the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey is a crucial resource that touches the lives of thousands of people.

The National Kidney Foundation is dedicated to the treatment and cure of kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-

being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. The Foundation receives no government support and relies solely on the generosity of corporations and the general public. The Foundation also welcomes gifts of real estate and appreciated securities.

For more information on how you can make a donation of a car, truck or van, please call the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey at: 1-

800-63-DONATE.

Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable solicitation may

be obtained from the Attorney General of the state of New Jersey by calling 973-504-6215. Registration with the Attorney General does not imply endorsement.

Seeking People To Have A Special And Rewarding Summer

AREA—Summer is a time to relax and enjoy yourself. It's also a special time to share the pleasures of the season in ways not normally done. Community Access Unlimited (CAU) is looking for some very special people to join a Quality of Life Initiative for its members.

Perhaps you would like to join a traveling chorus or assist in creating gardens—indoor and outdoor. Can you teach arts & crafts? Do you like to play cards or bingo? Maybe you want to be

a mentor or companion. Why not decide to have an extraordinary summer by becoming part of the CAU Quality of Life Initiative? Enhance the quality of life for a disabled adult or at-risk youth. It will be a summer you will never forget.

If you are interested in finding out more information about this Quality of Life Initiative and how your particular needs and talents can fit in, call Laurie or Kelley at (908) 354-3040, ext. 319 or 303.

— A RANDOM THOUGHT —

A friend of mine confused her valium with her birth control pills. She had 14 kids, but she doesn't really care.

Warning To Back Pain Sufferers!

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EDITORIAL



ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WIMMER'S
**Report
From
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When we dial 911, we expect the first aid squad or fire department to respond quickly. In an emergency we don't really care about anything except getting the help that we need. And that's understandable. But many of us probably never stopped to think who was actually responding to provide the help that we need. In many communities throughout our state, fire departments and first aid squads are staffed by well trained volunteers. The accountant, the teacher, the retiree and newspaper delivery person are often the people in those uniforms at a time of need.

Volunteers. Some may think they are quaint reminders of a day long gone by. In reality, volunteers make up an important part of our state's emergency services. We depend on these volunteers not only for our safety, but for the money that they save us. Our volunteer emergency service personnel save the taxpayers millions of dollars every year. Imagine, instead of volunteers responding

to an alarm, paid employees responding. At the time of the emergency, perhaps no one would care who it is that responds. But when it came time to pay our taxes, the reality would sink in.

The Department of Community Affairs estimates that it requires 16 people to staff 1 piece of fire apparatus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. At an estimated \$60,000 per person, which includes wages, overhead, and insurance, this comes to roughly \$1 million per year. Even if the true amount is half that, multiply the number of pieces of fire apparatus in any municipality by that amount. That becomes a huge expense. So in addition to being there in a time of need, our volunteers save us money. A lot of money.

But volunteers are in short supply. The main culprit isn't a lack of community spirit, it's economics. Many jobs are no longer local. In Sayreville, for example, just four facilities once provided nearly 8,000 jobs. An ample group from which to draw volunteers. Now less than ten percent of that number remains. People travel farther to work, work longer hours and sometimes have more than one job. So the pool of

potential volunteers has dwindled.

The legislature has made attracting volunteers a priority. I co-sponsored legislation that created the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP). LOSAP was established to provide tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteer members of volunteer fire and first aid companies who meet certain conditions of service. LOSAP was created to encourage the recruitment and retention of our volunteer firefighters and EMTs. While it is a step in the right direction, it isn't enough.

I have sponsored legislation that creates another incentive for men and women in this state to become volunteers. A-2871 allows municipalities, at their option, to offer prescription drug coverage to retired members of the volunteer emergency services. To be eligible, a volunteer has to have been an active member for at least five years in order to receive these benefits.

Critics of this legislation and LOSAP say that it is just another burden on the taxpayer. And they are right. But it is a drop in the bucket compared to the burden on taxpayers if we had no volunteers

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LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Bad Hair Day

In 1989, Carolyn Humphrey began taking several hours to get ready for work. According to *The Sacramento Bee*, the 47-year-old medical transcriber's showering, combing, and dressing rituals would last from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.-or later. After being diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder, Humphrey sought treatment... but she kept missing appointments.

Her employer, Memorial Hospital in Modesto, CA, bent over backwards to accommodate her, by allowing her to start work any time within a 24-hour period. She was still MIA. The hospital issued two warnings in 1994, to no avail. Humphrey was fired in 1995 for absenteeism-after years of chronic absenteeism. So she (surprise!) sued the hospital, citing the Americans with Disabilities Act. A federal judge in Fresno threw her cast out of court.

Enter a three-judge panel of notoriously liberal Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Last February they decided to send her case back to Fresno for trial. The appellate court concluded that a jury could "reasonably" find that the hospital fired her because of a disability.

Of course! It's the hospital's fault! How dare they hire someone and actually expect her to show up for work-ever!

and then there's...

The Des Moines Register reports that in May 1999, a man walked into a Davenport, IA convenience store wearing a paper bag over his head and socks on his hands, it was about 4:30 a.m. After a greeting which cashier, Aimee Hahn remembers as either "Happy Halloween" or "Trick or Treat," the man asked Hahn to give him the money. After Hahn emptied the register, she was ordered by the man to lay on the floor so he could escape.

The perp, James Edward Heard, was arrested and charged with second-degree robbery, which is defined as theft committed during an assault or while putting someone in fear of immediate serious injury. Heard appealed the robbery conviction and won the Iowa Court of Appeals ruled that the legal definition of "robbery" requires physical contact, a menacing gesture, or "nonverbal physical movement." Heard's action, according to the appeals court, was not a threat of "serious injury" under Iowa law.

Give me a break! If this wasn't a "robbery," what was it exactly? Scott County attorney William Davis said he'll seek a review by the state supreme court. "It sends a terrible message," he says. Trick or Treat.

and then...

Well, chalk another one up for the American Civil Liberties Union. Police Chief Joseph Orosz and the trustees of Chester Township, Ohio have decided to nix the new emblem worn by township cops, reports *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*- because the image includes the 131 year old Chesterland Baptist Church. The move came after several Chester residents complained to the ACLU that the emblem also depicts the township gazebo and a school.

When the ACLU began to investigate whether the design was intended as a "favorable nod" to the Baptist Church, the town decided to scrap the emblem rather than divide the community. Officials said the church was chosen as a recognizable local landmark. However, township officials also said the church symbolizes the community's "spiritual strength" and according to Assistant Geauga County Prosecutor Rebecca Schiag, this probably put the logo in violation of the Constitution. Of course, we can't have that!



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Readers Commentary



On Abortion: Will All The Real Ayatollahs Please Stand Up

When it comes to abortion, too many politicians say that they think Americans do not like intolerance and don't want to elect an ayatollah. Too many politicians oppose abortion and then say they will enforce the present right-of-women-to-choose-law.

Don't these politicians understand that our present law is a tolerant law that allows a woman to choose to have an abortion of a troubled pregnancy or choose to give birth? If politicians cannot understand that choice is tolerance, then we have to expect that when such politicians are elected and have power, they will work to change and cripple the tolerance

of a woman's right to choose.

Forbidden and illegal "back alley" abortions of the past has caused the death of many women. Shame on these politicians for their deceptive ayatollah double talk. Our present law is the tolerant way, which is a woman's choice, when it comes to abortion.

Politicians should reconsider and change their intolerant view of abortion and a woman's right to choose. Politicians should be tolerant representatives of the people in our democracy and champion our current right-to-choose law. Why don't they focus their talk and effort on such issues as political campaign funding reform,

improving public education, heavy traffic, open space, pollution, prescription drug coverage, strengthening and sustaining social security, and the suspicious and serious misuse of zoning and planning variances which too often result in dangerous overdevelopment of our remaining scarce land.

Needed is more vigorous effort in the public interest. Most certainly, when it comes to abortion, our politicians must not force women to go back to the barbaric practices of the past.

Florence Caporaso
Colonie

New Jersey Needs To Follow The Lead

Dear Editor,

As a resident of New Jersey, I am concerned about our poor air quality. This is especially true now in the summer months when people with respiratory illnesses like asthma are warned to stay inside on nearly 1 out of every 3 days due to high levels of ozone, or smog.

I was pleased to know that New Jersey policy makers have introduced legislation to clean up one of the biggest sources of ozone and toxic air pollution in

New Jersey, emissions from cars and light trucks. Recognizing the public health benefits of cleaner air, New York and Massachusetts have already adopted this Clean Car Program, which requires manufacturers to sell the cleanest possible cars in those states.

I applaud Senator Joseph Kyrillos and Assemblymen Samuel Thompson and Joseph Azzolina for their leadership in co-sponsoring the Clean Car legislation and I hope other legislators in New Jersey will follow

their lead. Initiatives like these are what we need here in New Jersey to ensure a safer and healthier environment in which to live. I hope Jim McGreevey and Bret Schundler will show the same leadership as candidates for governor, and pledge to protect public health in New Jersey by supporting the Clean Car Program and other key environmental health protections.

Dalia Zaza
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OBITUARIES**Stanley F. Wlodarczyk
of Sayreville**

Mr. Stanley F. "Basil" Wlodarczyk of Sayreville died July 10 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 72.

Born in Sayreville, he was a lifelong borough resident.

Before his retirement in 1992, he was employed as a chemical operator with the E.I. Du Pont Photo Products Division in Parlin for 37 years and was a member of Du Pont's 10-Year and 25-Year clubs.

Mr. Wlodarczyk was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and a member of Sayreville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4699 and Sayreville American Legion Post 211.

He was a communicant of St. Stanislaus R.C. Church, Sayreville and was a member of the church's Holy Name Society, the Sayreville St. Stan's Seniors Club and the Stalkers Rod & Gun Club, Sayreville.

Two sisters, Veronica Puha and Bertha Jackubowski, are both deceased.

Surviving are his wife, the former Catherine Buffalino; two sons, Stanley Jr. of Brick and Kenneth of Point Pleasant; a daughter, Sheila Holthausen of Lexington, S.C.; four grandchildren, Terry, Carly, Jessica and Matthew; a brother, Edward "Ribs" Wlodarczyk of New Brunswick; and three sisters, Mary Mazuroski and Stella Wlodarczyk, both of Sayreville and Josephine Skarzynski of South Amboy.

**James G. Ashe, 66
of Parlin**

Mr. James G. Ashe of Tehachapi, Calif. (formerly of Parlin) died July 4 in Tehachapi, Fla. He was 66.

He was born in Long Branch. He moved to Tehachapi, Calif. in 1989.

He attended Yale University.

Mr. Ashe served in the Air Force from 1955-59.

He worked for General Motors for 36 years before retiring.

In Tehachapi, he worked part time at the local Travel Lodge and at Best Western Hotel.

His parents, James and Lillie Bell Ashe and a sister, Gladys O'Brien, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Betty H. Ashe; three sons, Thomas Ashe, James Ashe and Richard Ashe; three daughters, Lillie Peluso, Elizabeth Pinella and Dianne Urbanski; two sisters, Sophie Province and Elizabeth Brandauer; ten grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Jennie Lukach, 82
lived in Sayreville**

Mrs. Jennie (Gonzalez) Lukach of Sayreville died July 10 at Bayshore Medical Center, Holmdel. She was 82.

Born in Key West, Fla., she formerly resided in New York City and lived in the Sayreville area for the past 35 years.

Her husband, Joseph Lukach, died in 1986. A son, Joseph R. Lukach is also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Anthony Lukach of Old Bridge; a daughter, Gloria McArdle of Sayreville; and a sister, Olga Perez of New York City.

**Gertrude Kozlosky
of Edison**

Mrs. Gertrude Kozlosky of Edison died June 24 in the Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center, New Brunswick. She was 65.

Born in St. Clare, Pa., she lived in Edison for 34 years.

She was a technical secretary with the Department of Food Sciences at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, for 23 years.

Surviving are her husband, John S.; three sons, John, Michael and Joseph; a sister, Mrs. Joan Lepore; and a grandchild.

**Emily Duffy, 82
of Edison**

Mrs. Emily Duffy of Edison died June 27 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 82.

Born in New York City, she lived in Staten Island and Scotch Plains before moving to Edison.

She was an executive secretary with Lehman Brothers, New York City, for many years before retiring in 1972.

Surviving is a sister, Clara Winslow.

**Stanley Kicki, 85
of Parlin**

Mr. Stanley J. Kicki of Parlin died July 1 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 85.

Born in Newark, he resided in Parlin for the past 25 years.

Mr. Kicki was employed as a tool and die maker by Tansted Tool and Die Co., Newark.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Kicki was a member of Old Bridge Senior Citizens and the Monsignor John F. Brady 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council 0676 in Old Bridge.

Surviving are a brother, Edward M. Kicki of Edison; a sister, Sophie Wallinger of Parlin; and many nieces and nephews.

**Henry A. Kubacki
of Carteret**

Mr. Henry Alfred Kubacki of Carteret died June 27 in Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. He was 79.

Born in Newark, he lived in Carteret for 35 years.

He was a carpenter with the Carpenters Union Local 1342 for many years before retiring.

Mr. Kubacki served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Janet Fabricatore and Mrs. Veronica Wojcich; a son, Henry Jr.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Karen S. Bradley
of Edison**

Mrs. Karen S. Bradley of Edison died June 24 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 39.

Born in Boston, she lived in Metuchen before moving to Edison seven years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Michael H. Noto; her parents, Robert and Virginia Bradley of Delray Beach, Fla.; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Salvatore and Judith Noto of Lawrenceville; a sister, Eileen A. Bradley of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother-in-law and four sisters-in-law, Gregory Noto and Robin McClerran of San Francisco, Calif., Valerie Noto of Yardville, Lynn M. Noto of Los Angeles and Jennifer Noto and her fiancé, Ron Shiber of Bordentown; a nephew, Evan Walter Noto and a niece, Ruby Noto.

**John A. Bosze III
of Carteret**

Mr. John A. Bosze III of Carteret died June 18 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. He was 35.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Carteret most of his life.

He was a dock worker employed by Overnight Transportation Co., Carteret, for many years.

Mr. Bosze attended Brookdale Community College, Lincroft.

Surviving are his mother, Julia Bosze; and two sisters, Mrs. Joan Ferrelli and Mrs. Judee Dunn.

**Warren J. Mrak, 61
of Carteret**

Mr. Warren J. Mrak of Carteret died July 2 at home. He was 61.

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

Before his retirement, he worked for United Air Lines for 30 years as a ramp serviceman.

He was stationed at Lakenheath Air Force Base in England from 1957-61.

Mr. Mrak was a member of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret.

Surviving are his wife, Nadja (Nartowicz) Mrak; his mother, Lillian (Szabo) Mrak of Carteret; a son, Douglas Mrak of North Carolina; a daughter, Marlo Mrak of Austin, Texas; and four grandchildren, Brandon, Alex, Nick and Kate.

**Theresa Maraz, 75
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Theresa Mihalek Maraz of Perth Amboy died June 26 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 75.

Born in Hungary, she came to the United States in 1957. She lived in Bethlehem, Pa., and Arizona before moving to Perth Amboy eight years ago.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Maraz was a communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are her husband of 42 years, Ernest; two daughters, Irma Ovalle of Fords and Lilly Kish of Woodbridge; two sisters, Mary Hackl of Woodbridge and Helen Bataka of Bethlehem; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**John Padykula, 81
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. John "Teddy" Padykula of Perth Amboy died June 26 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 81.

He was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

He retired in the early 1980s from New Jersey Wood Finishing in Woodbridge after more than 43 years with the company.

Mr. Padykula was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

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

Mr. Padykula was a member of the Jeffries Pirates Athletic Club, Perth Amboy.

A brother, Joseph, died in 1996.

Surviving are a brother, Jacob of Perth Amboy; a sister, Stella Grobleski of Metuchen; and several nephews.

**Joseph Losiewicz
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Joseph Losiewicz of Perth Amboy died June 30 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 59.

A native of Poland, he lived in Perth Amboy for the past seven years.

He was a contractor since moving to Perth Amboy.

Mr. Losiewicz was a communicant of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy and a member of the Perth Amboy United Poles in American Zjednoczenie Polakow W. Ameryce in Perth Amboy.

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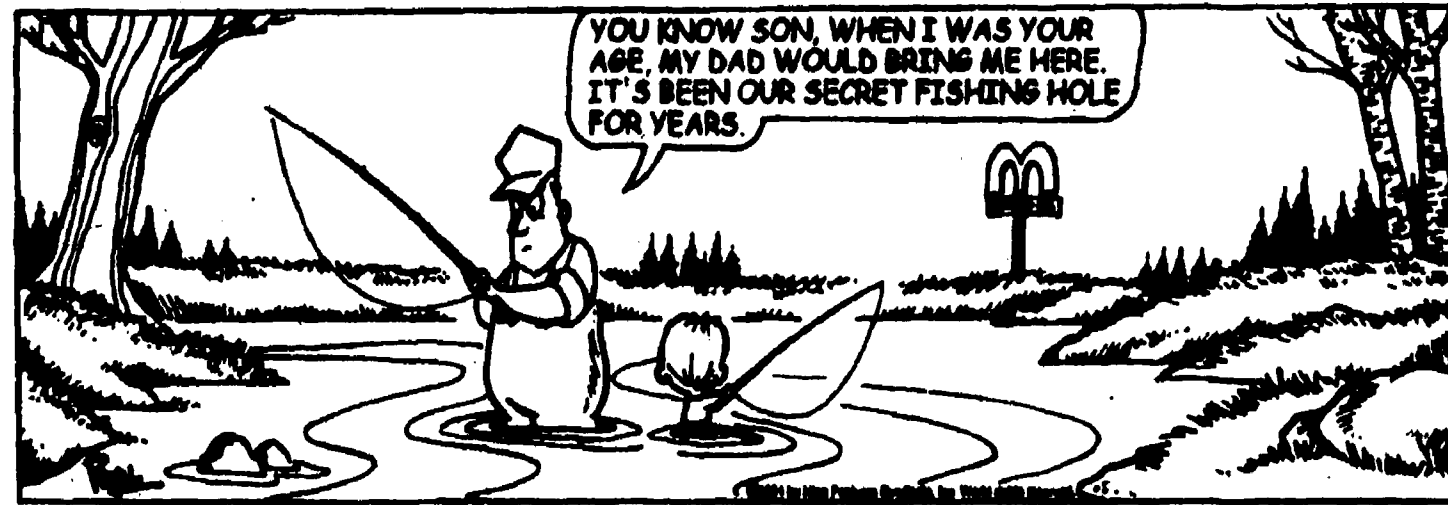


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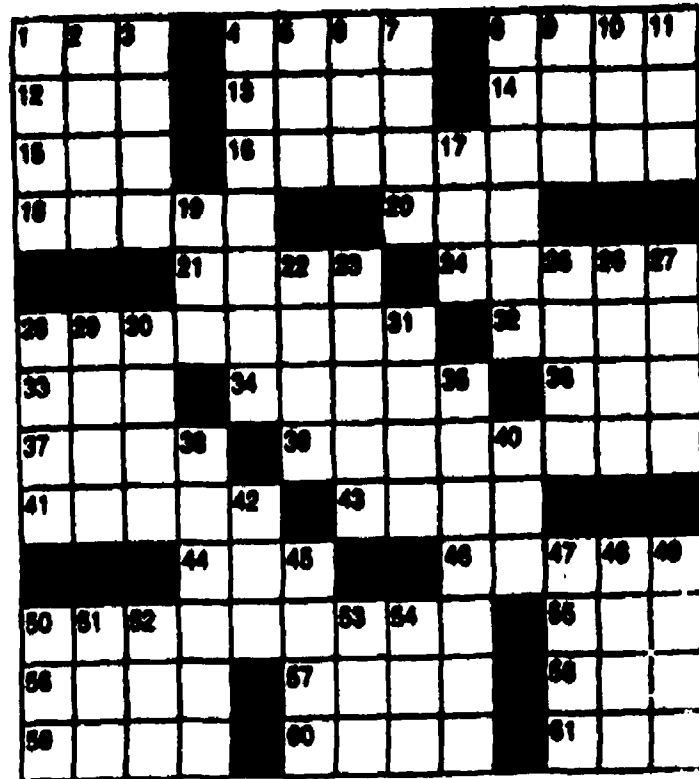
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- 1. Hanson or Nabors
- 4. Carefree episode
- 8. Yard trio
- 12. Past
- 13. Unyielding
- 14. Theater box
- 15. Opposed
- 16. Allowed to graze
- 18. Hot-dog topper, for short
- 20. "the Dog"
- 21. Wordworth
- 24. Computer hookup
- 28. Elsa's story
- 32. Mrs. Nick Charles
- 33. Medieval weapon
- 34. Colts and fillys
- 36. Lubricant
- 37. Year in two
- 39. Unpunished
- 41. Leg parts
- 43. Take on
- 44. Andersen's "High-"
- 46. Ancient Mexican
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- 55. Eventual aces
- 56. Partially mine
- 57. Merriment
- 58. Baseball's Hedges
- 59. Summer-time pest
- 60. Sleeping
- 61. The whole enchilada



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- 1. Holst
- 2. Composer
- 3. "Lisa"
- 4. Count-down follow-up
- 5. Schedule abbr.
- 6. Cavalier
- 7. Had more than a hunch
- 8. Wine bottle
- 9. Eternity
- 10. Silly Putty container
- 11. Fairway start
- 17. Aries
- 19. WB rival
- 22. God of love
- 23. Educate
- 25. "Let's Make a Deal" choice
- 26. War of 1812 battle site
- 27. Guy
- 28. Dog talk
- 29. The yoke's on them
- 30. Actress Russo
- 31. "The Time Machine" people
- 35. Wandered off
- 38. Hate
- 40. Shiner's chapeau
- 42. Ms. piggy
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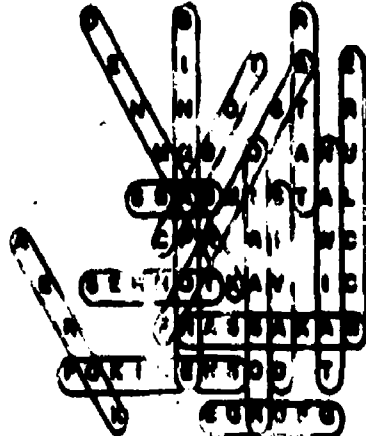
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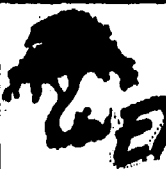
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gauze, antiseptic ointment, ice bags, and a first aid manual."

In addition, inspect your home using the following home safety checklist:

- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor; replace batteries twice a year.
- Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street so you easily can be located in an emergency.
- Have and rehearse an emergency evacuation plan in case of fire.
- Keep on hand and make sure family members know how to use lifesaving equipment, such as a fire extinguisher and an escape ladder (for two-story homes).
- Keep electrical cords out of children's reach.
- Set your hot water thermostat to no more than 125 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Put child-resistant safety latches on cabinets and drawers to prevent children from getting at harmful substances. Never store chemicals or medicines in food containers.
- Keep toys with small parts and other small objects out of reach of toddlers and young children.
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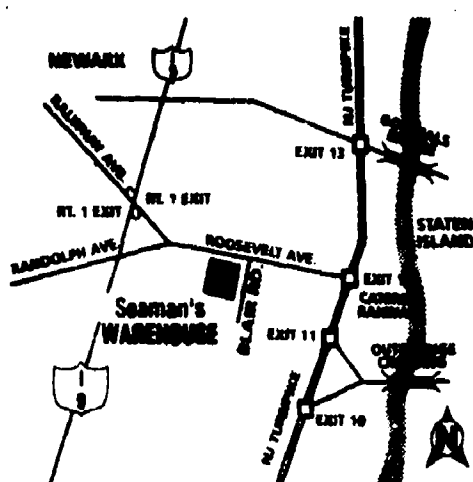
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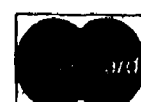
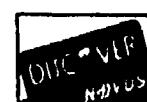
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