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"Rock For A Cure" Benefit

METUCHEN — Dan McDonough, a sophomore at St. Joseph's High School, Metuchen, is a student with a cause. McDonough is combining two of his passions — music and making a difference — with an anticipated outcome expected to rock the house, literally.

McDonough is the primary organizer of the school's first-ever "Rock for a Cure" and he hopes to sell 1,500 tickets to a six-band concert to be held on Friday, April 27 from 7-11 p.m. in St. Joseph's gymnasium, located at 145 Plainfield Avenue, Metuchen. All proceeds raised from the event will go to the New Jersey Neuro-

science Institute at JFK Medical Center, and will be designated for programs and services focusing on young patients diagnosed with neurological diseases or disorders. Tickets for the rock event are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

"I've wanted to do something like this for a long time," says the Edison resident. "A good friend of mine died five years ago after a battle with leukemia and since then I've wanted to make a difference for young people who are sick like that."

McDonough's voice gets quieter when he talks about his baseball buddy and dear friend,

Jonathan Helman. "He's the reason behind this project. This concert is going to be done in his memory," says McDonough.

In addition to McDonough's own band, "Self Denial," five other bands will perform between 30 and 45 minute sets. "There was a lot of interest in this project from the beginning," McDonough says, "and 15 bands wanted to perform."

While he's enjoyed the freedom to organize "Rock for a Cure," McDonough acknowledges that it is through the support and assistance of others that his dream will culminate in a successful event. "The administration and

some of the students at St. Joseph's have been helpful and the student council has been supportive. In particular I should mention my parents (Kathy and John McDonough, D.M.D.), Brother Dennis Wermert, Dr. Gobernot and Ms. Perditis. They have been really helpful throughout this process." Brother Wermert is from Sacred Heart in Metuchen and Dr. Gobernot and Ms. Perditis are teachers at St. Joseph's High School. Tickets for the event may be purchased in advance by calling (732) 548-3221.

For more information about the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, call (732) 321-7950.

Competing To Become A State Champ

PERTH AMBOY — What started off as a mere interest in the globe, for Roman Barrantes turned into a race to be a champion.

Barrantes, an eighth grader of Perth Amboy Catholic School, recently earned an opportunity to compete in the National Geographic Bee state finals April 6 at Rutgers University, Piscataway. Barrantes successfully completed a comprehensive written geography test distributed to all school level winners by the NGB competition.

If successful at the state-level, Barrantes would repre-

sent New Jersey and win an all expense paid trip to the NGB championships May 22-23 in Washington.

Barrantes, who hopes to be a scientist when he gets older, said he visits the National Geographic website everyday to answer sample questions in order to prepare for the contest.

On the upcoming competition, Barrantes said he is a little nervous "because when I went on the National Geographic web site, they posted some of the questions for the winners and they were really hard."

But no matter, he added, "I am good at it and I like it."

Democrats Name Marcinczyk And Pollando

SAYREVILLE—The Sayreville Democratic Organization selected Tom Marcinczyk and Tom Pollando, two political newcomers, as their candidates to run for Borough Council.

Although new to politics, neither Pollando nor Marcinczyk are new to the community. As the head of the Sayreville Athletic Association, Tom Pollando has developed strong ties with the community and its children and will continue to do so as a Council member. Pollando is also a member of the Morgan Lions.

"I am proud to live in a great community like Sayreville," said Pollando. "By strengthening the link between the Council and the residents of Sayreville, we can also strengthen the sense of community and make it an even

better place to live."

Tom Marcinczyk, the owner of a small business in Sayreville, said one of his goals on the council would be to make Borough government more accessible, more user friendly and more effective.

"I am honored to have been nominated by the Democratic Committee for Borough Council," said Marcinczyk. "Our residents and local businesses are important and they have been ignored. I want to change that so that Sayreville can live up to its credo 'Succeed in Sayreville.'"

Democratic Chair Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski said that the selection of Marcinczyk and Pollando represent a new direction for the Democratic Party of Sayreville.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

**St. Joe's Class
Of 1961 Reunion Set**

CARTERET — If anyone out there knows where to find any of our 8th Grade classmates, please pass on the date (June 9, 2001) and the place (Reunite's, 835 Roosevelt Ave.).

Let us know if there are any questions, suggestions, comments, or if you have any leads on anyone. We still have 50 MIAs. Some names are: Kevin Miller, Tony Musco, Bob Sabo, Paula Devitt, Nancy Page, Bernie Phillips, and Dolores Fago.

Please reply to Judi (Meyers) Roberts, e-mail: robtz@juno.com.



FIRST PLACE POET—Elizabeth Reilly, Colonia, (R.), a junior at Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, tied for first place in the poetry category of the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English Writing Contest 2001 for grades 10-12. The poem is entitled "Medusa." As a result of this achievement, she will receive a nomination to the Governor's Awards in Arts Education Program. Awards ceremonies will be scheduled in May. Also pictured is Joan Mangan, an English teacher at Mother Seton.

**SCHOOL NO. 27 WINS EXXON
MOBILE EDUCATIONAL**

GRANT—Pennsylvania Avenue School No. 27 in the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township received a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance. The grant was sponsored by Tony Singh who owns Tony's Exxon on Inman Avenue. The grant will be used to fund a series of poetry workshops for 5th graders at School No. 27. "The Poetry Jar" program will be presented by Cheryl Racanelli, poet and writer. Accepting the grant for School No. 27 are: Denise O'Donaghue-Smith, Principal; Tony Singh, Exxon Retailer; Eve Vogt, 5th Grade Teacher; Jamie Glock, Media Specialist and Sue Bazaral, 5th Grade Teacher.

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Freshness!**Military Briefs****Valentin Completes
Marine Basic Training**

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Pfc. Joel Sanchez Valentin, son of Carmen L. Valentin of Perth Amboy and Segundo Sanchez Esteves of Isabela, P.R., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Sanchez Valentin successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, he spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Sanchez Valentin is a 2000 graduate of Perth Amboy High School.

**Zapata Completes
Marine Corps Training**

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Juan C. Zapata, a 1998 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

He successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, he spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

He is the son of Maria I. Polanco of Passaic.

Wallo Enlists In Army

PERTH AMBOY—Joshua J. Wallo, a resident of the Queen Anne Hill area of Seattle, Washington, has enlisted in the United States Army.

Sergeant First Class Michael S. Quiban, of the US Army Recruiting Station in Seattle, says that Wallo has enlisted as a

M1 Abrams Systems Maintainer and recently left for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

He is a 2000 graduate of Perth Amboy High School and is the son of James U. Wallo of Seattle, Washington and Patricia M. Ronquillo of South Amboy.

Comments of Criticisms...

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Annual Memorial Award Presentation

COLONIA — This year's, Joseph Cisnaji Memorial Award was presented to Chet Komoroski of Colonia at the Annual Awards Night, which was held at the Sheet Metal Workers' Local #22 auditorium in Cranford. The award was presented to Komoroski by Howard Taylor, President of Paul Miller Sheet Metal Company, Linden. The award consisted of a \$1000 check and a memorial plaque.

Komoroski maintained an outstanding scholastic average and



excellent attendance record in the Five Year apprentice program for which he earned the recognition and award. He is employed by Casale Industries, Garwood, in the sheet metal trade, full time. He is planning to advance in his trade and eventually become a sheet metal trades instructor.

Komoroski graduated from Rahway High School in 1991 with honors. He continued his education and attended Union County College for two years. At age 21, he decided to pursue a career in the Sheet Metal Trade.

He joined Local #22 where he has completed his five year apprenticeship, while being employed by Casale Industries.

The Award was presented in the memory of Joseph Cisnaji who died in an industrial accident while a member of the Local's apprentice program.

(R.-L.) Thomas Fischbach, Albert O'Neill Bus. Manager, Chet Komoroski, Scott Taylor, Paul Miller Sheet Metal Co., Jack Connolly, President SMWIA Local #22, Charles Beulitz, Actg. ITI Coordinator.

High Schools Sponsor Blood Drive

WOODBIDGE—Members of the community are invited to participate in the Woodbridge Township Community Blood Drive, which will be held on Friday, April 27. As part of a Service-Learning project, the National Honor Society at JFK Memorial High School and the Interact Club at Colonia High School have formed a partnership to replenish the blood supply at the Central Jersey Blood Bank. If you are interested in donating blood, visit the JFK Memorial High School gymnasium or the Colonia High School gymnasium between the hours of 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

To donate blood you must meet the following qualifications set forth by the Blood Bank of New Jersey:

- * Be at least 18 years of age (17 year olds may donate with a parent signature on pledge card)
- * Weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.
- * Wait 12 months after getting a tattoo or having ears/body piercing.
- * Wait 72 hours after having any type of dental work, includ-

ing routine cleaning.

* Wait to donate if cold or flu symptoms are present.

* Call the blood center if traveled outside of the United

States in the past 12 months for eligibility guidelines.

* You must not donate if you are at risk of getting or spreading the AIDS Virus.

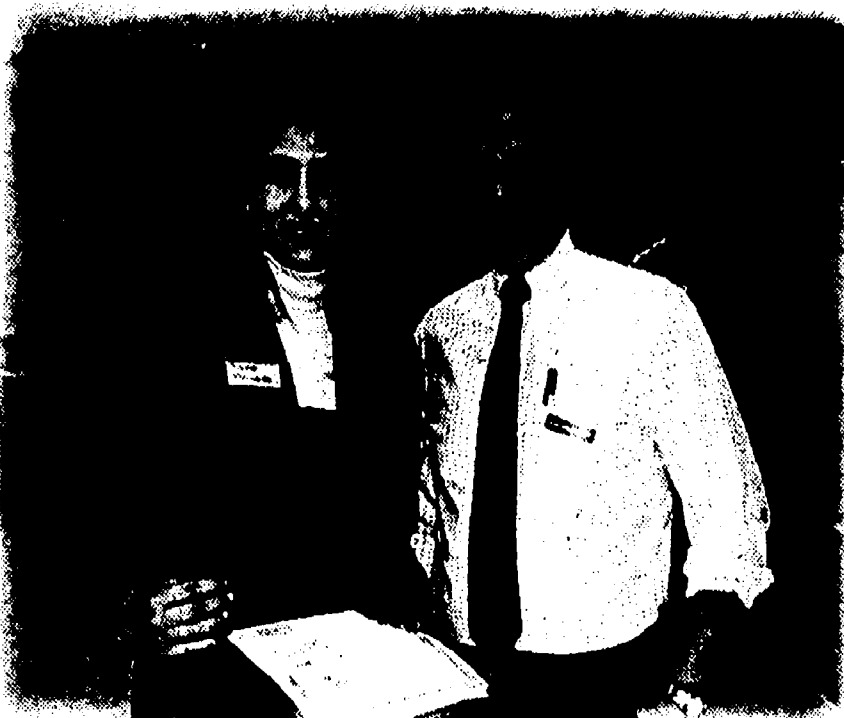
Baseball League Seeks Players

AREA—The Garden State Baseball Wood Bat League is in search of competitive teams and players' ages: 19-24. In this league you are guaranteed pure competitive baseball.

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all-star games, pro minor league stadium play, standings kept on the Internet, season end awards ceremony, player talent showcases—scouts invited and much more.

For more information, call (732) 750-5506 or visit their web site: www.gardenstatebaseball.com, or e-mail to Gsabi2000@aol.com.



EDISON RESIDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP—Mona Alawahdi of Edison has won a Kean Federation of Teachers (KFT) Scholarship. Alawahdi was awarded \$1,200 by KFT President Richard Katz, Ph.D., at a reception held in the Kean University Center. The contest, which is held each year, requires entrants to write an essay describing the history of a union in any industry. Alawahdi chose to write her essay about the United Transportation Union.

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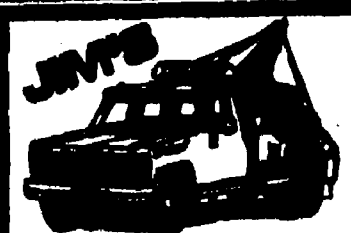
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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Street Performers Enhance Outdoor Shopping Experience

AREA—Meadowlands Flea market, the largest outdoor shopping marketplace in the Northeast, will bring global street performers to its facility at Giants' Stadium starting in April. In the tradition of such great live Marketplaces as London's Covent Garden and San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, the Meadowlands has issued a "global" call for street performers to add international family fun to the flea market's highly acknowledged bargain shopping experience.

Every Saturday, from April through December, high quality entertainment surprises will capture you and your family's imagination. Jugglers, magicians, puppeteers, circus and variety entertainers will be on hand from Australia to Brooklyn...and from points in between. "Street performance is art," states Ted Kilmer, one of the few knowledgeable curators of street and ambient performance in America today and the producer of the international street performances at the Meadowlands. "Elements of surprise, discovery and participation remove distance between audience and performer, while reviving the true spirit of celebration."

The Meadowlands Flea Market is a totally different type of shopping experience with over 300 vendors offering high-quality, new merchandise at below retail prices. Open every Thursday and Saturday from April through the end of December, the Meadowlands provides unlimited free parking at the Sports Complex in East Rutherford and the best outdoor shopping entertainment under the sun.

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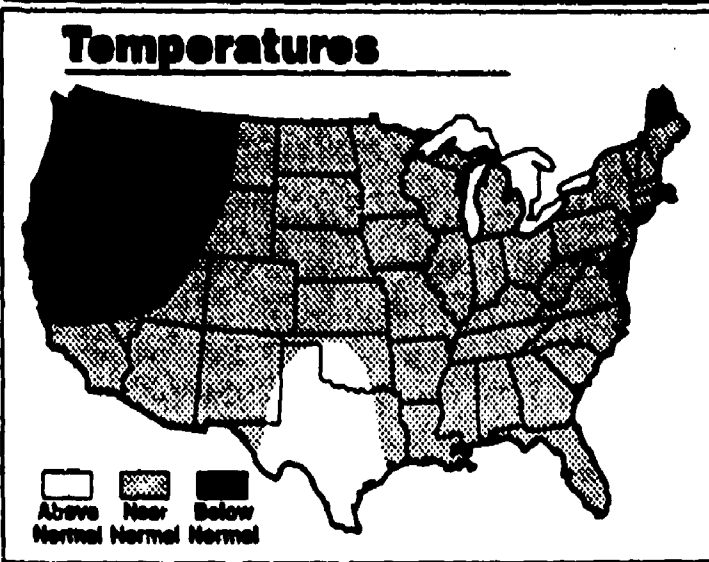
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Some sun and breezy.	Mostly clear.	Partly to mostly sunny.	Cloudy with rain; windy.	Plenty of clouds.	Some sun; a few showers.	Cloudy with rain.	Cloudy with showers.
53	39	60/47	66/51	67/46	62/47	59/55	66/55

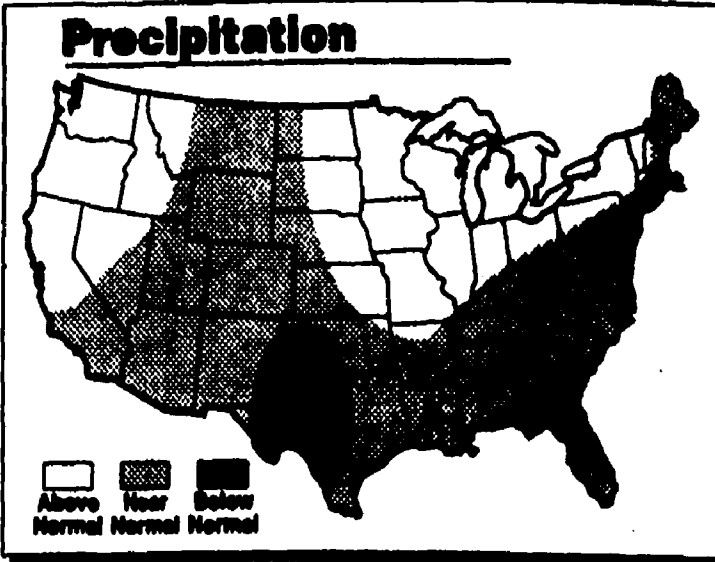
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Normal temperatures will return to most of the Northeast for the period. The storm track for the period will allow for above-normal precipitation for the northern Plains and Upper Midwest. Meanwhile, a dry and warm pattern will occur for Texas over the period. The West Coast will experience below-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation as the storm tracks over this region of the country.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	62 46 s	70 52 s	74 56 c	76 63 pc
Boston	50 37 pc	55 43 pc	61 46 sh	59 41 c
Chicago	51 38 c	53 44 r	62 43 c	63 49 c
Cleveland	47 34 s	53 41 c	64 44 sh	61 39 s
Denver	70 40 pc	68 38 pc	67 40 pc	67 44 pc
Des Moines	66 50 c	72 46 pc	66 46 pc	63 53 c
Detroit	50 35 pc	52 39 c	60 45 c	62 38 c
Houston	78 62 pc	82 66 pc	84 68 c	84 66 c
Indianapolis	57 40 pc	62 47 c	68 50 r	66 55 c
Kansas City	66 48 c	68 51 r	67 49 c	68 57 c
Los Angeles	68 52 s	66 52 c	63 43 c	62 37 c
Miami	80 64 s	84 68 s	84 70 pc	84 67 pc
Minn.-St. Paul	58 42 sh	60 44 c	56 38 c	58 40 c
New Orleans	75 62 s	81 66 s	85 67 s	84 67 s
New York City	48 38 c	58 46 pc	62 46 c	66 48 c
Omaha	70 52 pc	70 50 l	66 44 c	65 53 c
Phoenix	88 59 pc	81 59 s	82 58 s	79 48 c
San Francisco	60 50 c	55 49 sh	56 49 c	58 39 c
Seattle	56 42 sh	58 42 pc	59 45 c	58 45 c
Washington	54 38 pc	64 46 c	70 50 r	72 55 c

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:13 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Fri.	6:11 a.m.	7:41 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	4:42 a.m.	3:44 p.m.
Fri.	5:09 a.m.	4:44 p.m.

Moon Phases			
New	First	Full	Last
Apr 23	Apr 30		
May 7	May 15		

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	47 35 c	45 32 c	47 42 pc	47 39 r
Berlin	41 38 r	45 33 r	45 31 c	46 41 r
Buenos Aires	68 52 pc	64 50 pc	67 52 pc	69 58 c
Cairo	94 58 s	93 66 pc	96 69 pc	96 71 s
Jerusalem	78 47 s	80 53 s	83 57 s	83 62 s
Johannesburg	83 59 pc	81 57 pc	74 55 pc	77 53 pc
London	42 29 pc	42 30 pc	44 37 c	47 46 c
Madrid	66 41 pc	64 43 c	66 40 pc	66 42 s
Mexico City	80 51 pc	79 55 pc	80 56 pc	83 53 s
Moscow	50 44 sh	50 42 c	52 44 r	57 49 r
Paris	42 30 pc	43 28 c	45 30 c	47 35 c
Rio de Janeiro	76 65 s	80 69 pc	82 69 pc	80 69 pc
Rome	57 44 c	62 39 pc	57 36 pc	54 37 s
San Juan	85 74 pc	84 73 c	84 73 c	84 73 c
Seoul	75 53 s	66 48 pc	65 48 s	72 50 s
Sydney	81 65 s	79 56 s	68 49 s	63 49 s
Tokyo	71 55 s	69 58 s	68 60 sh	63 55 c
Toronto	35 22 pc	43 39 c	52 45 r	50 32 c
Winnipeg	53 34 pc	53 29 pc	48 29 pc	45 36 c
Zurich	47 30 c	43 31 pc	43 29 an	46 33 sh

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Conference To Address Financial Planning Concerns

by Dr. Karen Ensle,
RD, FADA, CFCF

AREA — Rutgers Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a day-long personal finance conference, "MONEY 2000™ and Beyond: Financial Strategies For Your Future VIII," on Sat., May 12. The program will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Hagerty Education Center at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 53 East Hanover Ave. in Morristown.

The conference is presented as part of an ongoing campaign called MONEY 2000™, designed

to encourage New Jersey residents to increase their savings and reduce household debt. The cost is \$22 for MONEY 2000™ participants and \$24 for all others. A continental breakfast lunch and printed materials are included in the registration fee.

Richard Evans, author of *The Index Fund Solution*, will present the first general session, with the same title as his book. He will discuss advantages of index mutual funds, types of market indexes that are tracked and how to use index funds to

build an investment portfolio.

The second general session speaker is David Dietze, JD, CFA, who will discuss "Investing For The Long Haul: Structuring Your Portfolio Using Individual Stocks." This session will explore asset allocation strategies for the long-term investor.

Exhibits by non-profit agencies providing financial services, a choice of two afternoon workshops, a luncheon presentation on "Making Your Life Less Taxing" by Linda Schaeffer, CPA, and personal finance-oriented door prizes

will round out the day's activities.

The afternoon workshop choices are "Why Smart People Do Dumb Things With Their Money: Fixing Your Financial Mistakes" by Pat Brennan, CFP, of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County and "New Investment Choices For 2000 and Beyond" by Dr. Barbara O'Neill, CFP, of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Sussex County. There will also be an optional post-conference workshop from 3:15 to 4 p.m. on "How to Start and Run a Successful Investment Club." The speaker is Joseph F. Smith, vice president of the New Jersey chapter of the National Association of Investors Corporation (NAIC-NJ).

To register for the "MONEY 2000™ and Beyond" conference, send a check for \$22 if you were enrolled in MONEY 2000™ or a \$24 check if you were not. Make the check payable to "Morris County Extension Service" and mail it to Family & Consumer Sciences Department, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County, P.O. Box 900, Morris-

town, NJ 07963-0900. Be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number, and afternoon workshop choice.

The deadline for early registration is Fri., May 4. After May 4 and before May 10, add a \$5 late fee. No registrations will be accepted after Thurs., May 10, or at the door.

To obtain a conference brochure, contact your local Rutgers Cooperative Extension office, listed in the "county government" section of the telephone book. For additional information, call Barbara O'Neill at 973-579-0985 (Sussex County) or Pat Brennan at 973-285-8302 (Morris County) weekdays during business hours or send an e-mail message to oneill@aesop.rutgers.edu. Information about this and previous conferences is available on the Web site www/rce.rutgers.edu/money2000.

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NJ Residents Still Owed Money By IRS

STATE — There is a check for more than thirty thousand dollars waiting for a New Jersey resident to claim it and Senator Robert Torricelli would like to make sure the money makes it to its rightful owner soon. More than 3,000 New Jersey residents are owed \$2.64 million in unclaimed tax refunds. The Internal Revenue Service is trying to locate the taxpayers whose refund checks were returned due to an incorrect name or address. The list of taxpayers due money is now posted on Senator Torricelli's website at http://torricelli.senate.gov/press/needed_cash.htm.

"This is not the government's money; it's your money and I

would like to see it returned to you," said Senator Torricelli. "For more than three thousand New Jersey residents, all it will take is a phone call to claim money that rightfully belongs to them. I encourage every taxpayer to check my website and look over the list we received from the IRS."

The average tax refund check owed to a New Jersey resident is \$781, with the single largest refund amount of \$30,977 and the lowest single refund amount of \$1. The refunds were returned to the IRS because a taxpayer moved and did not notify the U.S. Postal Service of their new address. A death or name change

may also result in a returned check. Estate executors should explore whether a refund check might be due and newly married taxpayers are urged to contact the IRS with their name change.

If you think you are due a tax refund and haven't received it, or if you find your name on the list of taxpayers owed refunds, you can call the IRS toll-free assistance number at 1-800-829-1040. Taxpayers can avoid delays in getting their refunds by sending the IRS their new address on Form 8822, "Change of Address," when they move. This form is available by calling 1-800-829-3676 or by downloading it from the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Small Business Micro Loans

AREA — The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC has just published a new booklet, "Directory Of Micro Loan Sources." The booklet includes information on how and where to get Micro Loans of up to \$25,000 from participating non-profit intermediary lenders.

Under the Micro Loan Program, the Small Business Administration makes funds available to qualified non-profit organizations, which act as intermediary lenders. The intermediaries then funnel the funds — in the form of loans — to new and existing small businesses.

"The directory contains a state by state listing of participating non-profit intermediary lenders. This directory also includes direct contact numbers and e-mail addresses for the individuals responsible for approving and disbursing the loan funds," says Paul Richard, a researcher at the Institute.

Consumers can receive a copy of the directory by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Micro Loan Sources, Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O.

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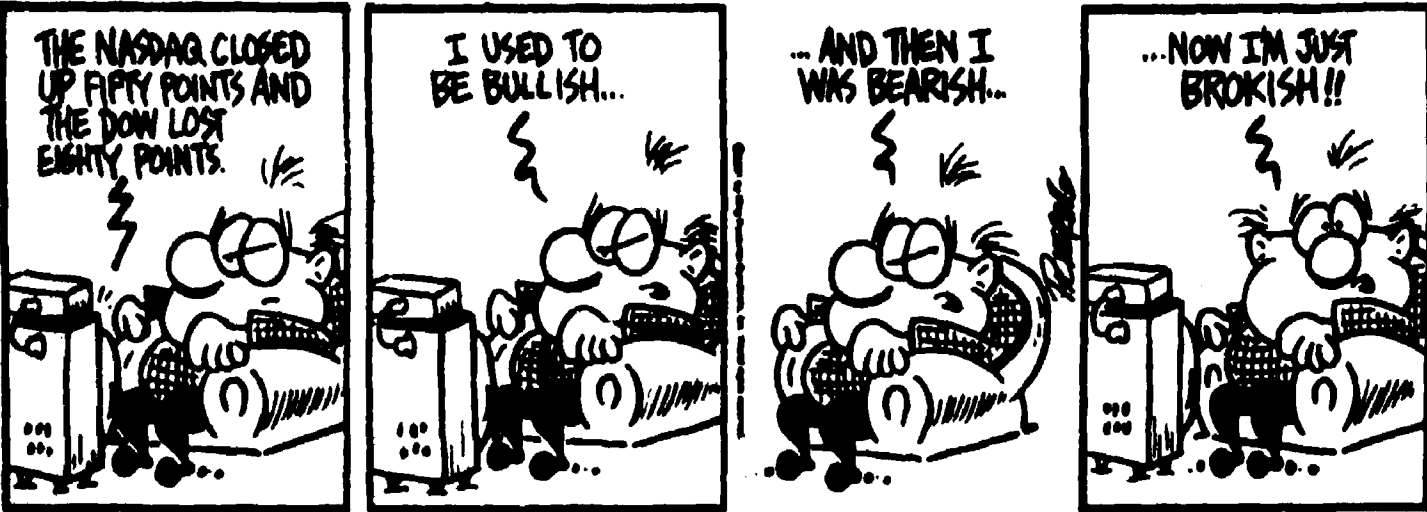
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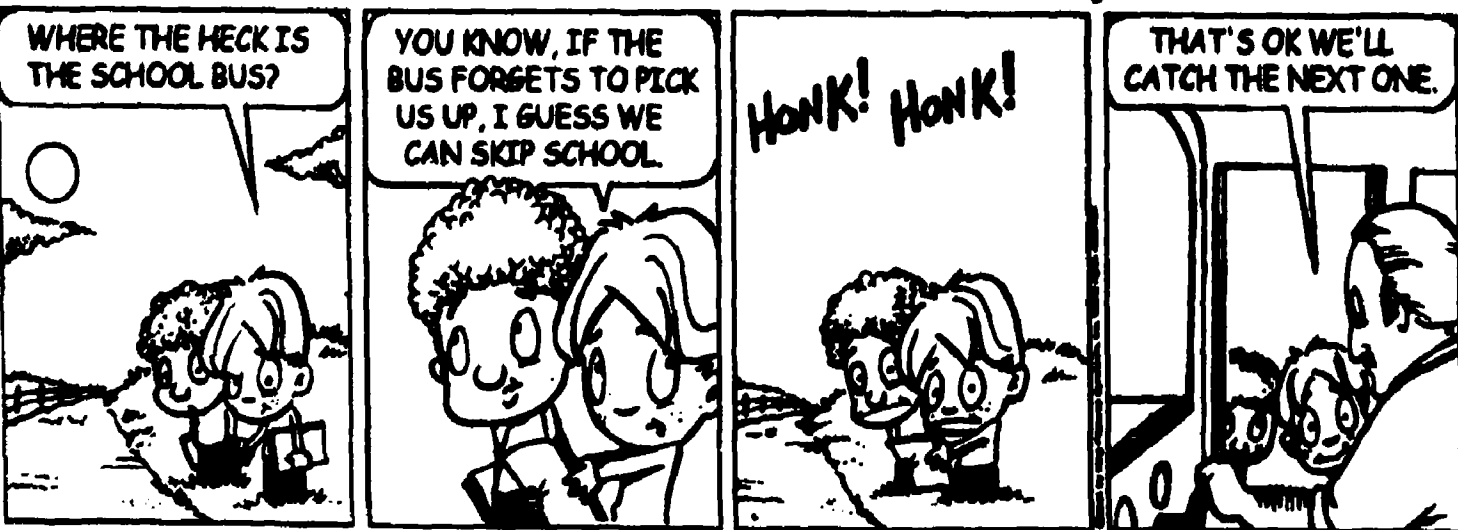
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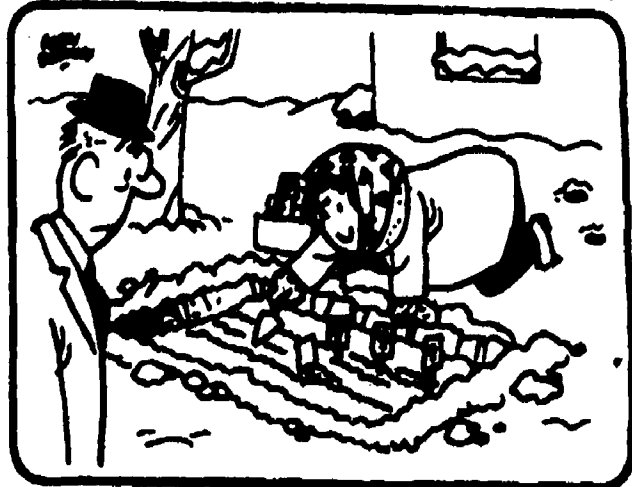
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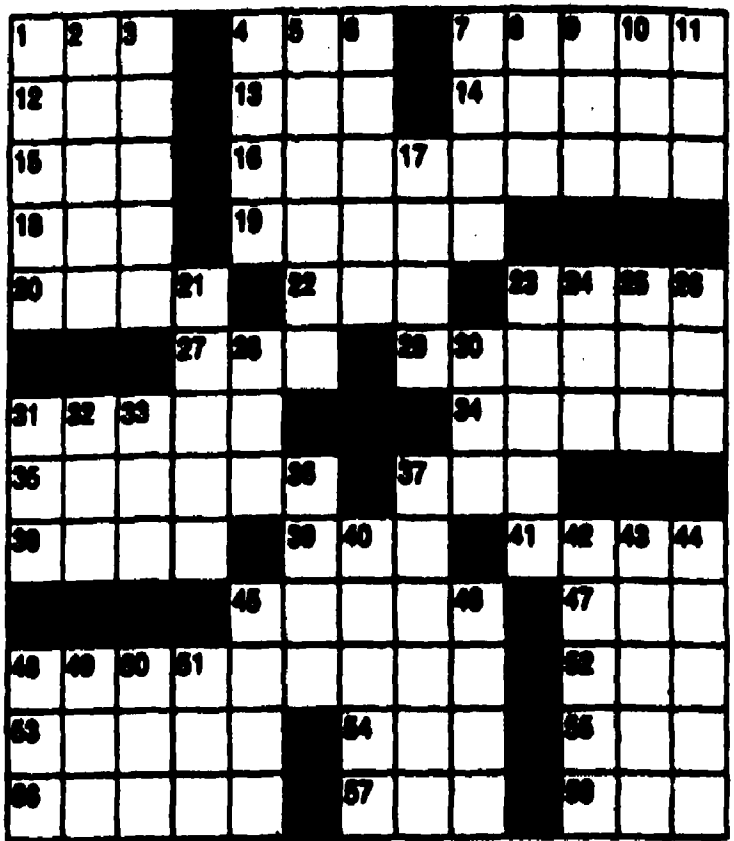
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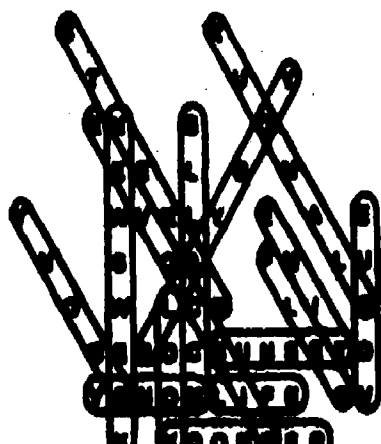
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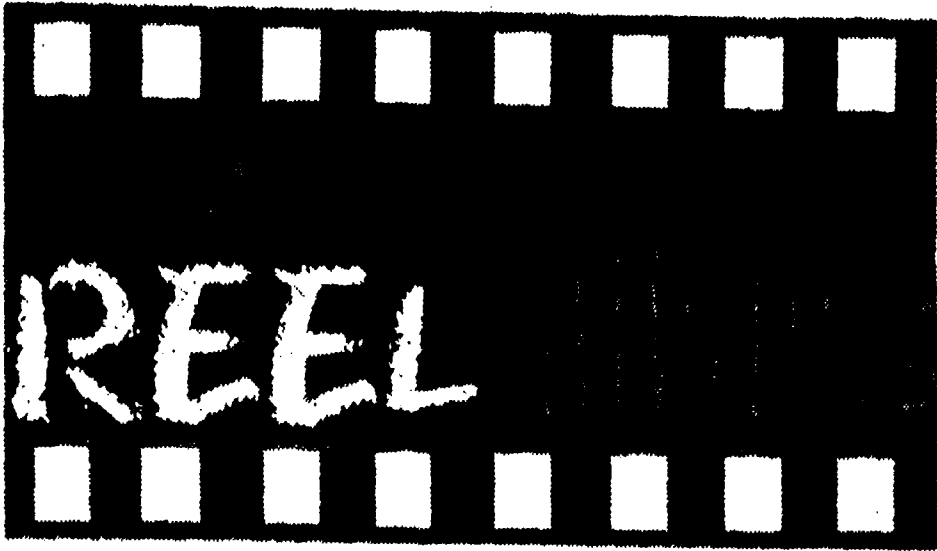
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



"Bridget Jones's Diary"

According to Bridget Jones (Renee Zellweger) "singletons" (unmarried women in their thirties) worry about their weight, how much they smoke and drink and who they should or shouldn't bestow their



female favors upon. Bridget seems more angst ridden than most, but maybe that's because she writes all her woes into that diary of hers.

Her job at a public relations firm is going worse than nowhere. When her unctuous boss, Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant) makes a pass at Bridget, she lets her libido be her guide. "V" (for very) bad decision," as Bridget might write in one of her diary entries. She soon discovers that Daniel is a cad. What could be worse than that? Apparently Mark Darcy (Colin Firth), her mother's choice for a perfect matrimonial match, is a cad, too. At least according to Daniel.

And that's not all she has to contend with. In addition to a band of neurotic friends who like to compete against each other for top spot on the misery index, she has to worry about her mum (Gemma Jones) and Dad (Jim Broadbent). Mummy has come to the conclusion that Bridget's father is too boring for her. V. repressed sour, dear

man. So she dumps him for a shopping channel host, becoming his on-the-air (and off-) mistress of ceremonies.

How does it make Bridget feel when she sees her family disintegrate? Like reaching for some more of those "alcohol units." But, as she soon discovers, booze only makes it harder to answer her questions about the nature of true love. The blurred vision doesn't help, especially since the answer is clearly right before her eyes.

The charming character of Bridget first appeared in the popular novel by the same title, written by British author Helen Fielding. The big question surrounding this film is how well Bridget will fare in her conversion from printed page to cinematic stage, especially when she's played by a Yank. I'm happy to report that the transition is a delightful success.

Zellweger carries the role



with verve, adding a layer of depth to Bridget's endearing naivete that was missing from

the book. Zellweger's British accent is well done and her on-screen allure is simply...well, charming. Hugh Grant as her sin-filled boss has a great time playing his part, proving perhaps that bad boys do have more fun. Colin Firth does a reprise, of sorts. He played Mr. Darcy in the 1995 mini-series of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." The TV show was part of the novel's plot and casting Firth, as the modern Mark Darcy in this movie is a delicious bit of irony for anyone who admired him in the mini-series.

Bridget's character remains remarkably consistent in its transition between mediums. Why? I think it's because her original creator, Helen Fielding, was on the screen-writing team. Of course, it didn't hurt that Fielding had two of Britain's most skillful screenwriters as writing partners: Andrew Davies ("Pride and Prejudice" mini-series)



and Richard Curtis ("Notting Hill" and "Four Weddings and A Funeral"). Documentary filmmaker Sharon Maguire, Fielding's real-life model for Bridget's best friend Shazzer, did a fine first-time job of directing this truly funny grown-up movie. Whether you're a "smug married" or still a happy "singleton" this film is a great date-night treat. Check local theater listings for the April opening of this film.

(Rated R for language and strong sexuality).

(...Popeorn will return next issue....)

'Jazz, Etc.' Concerts At The Arts Guild

RAHWAY — The 2001 Music Series, "Jazz, Etc." introduces a second concert at the Arts Guild of Rahway on Friday, April 27 at 8 p.m. They present Jimmy Halperin on tenor sax with Don Messina on bass and Bill Chattin on drums. Admission is \$10. There is limited seating and reservations are recommended.

This trio is a synthesis of two different groups: Messina and Chattin are currently part of a trio with pianist Larry Bluth for over twenty years; while Jimmy Halperin is the leader of many different groups, some of which employ Messina and Chattin. The instrumentation for the April 27 concert is unique: groups without piano or guitar are unusual today. By not employing a chord instrument, the trio has more harmonic and rhythmic freedom in their improvised lines; however, it is a challenge to create at a high level in this format. Trumpeter Roy Eldridge was one of the first jazz musicians to perform using this format during the 1950s. Since then, saxophonists Warne Marsh, Sonny Rollins, Lee Konitz and Gerry Mulligan have used this combination.

All the music and arrangements will be created spontaneously as the group improvises on tunes by Cole Porter, Jerome Kern and George Gershwin; they will also improvise using compositions by Charlie Parker, Lennie Tristano, and Warne Marsh and a few of their own pieces.

The trio always tries to swing and to create beautiful music in the moment.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving Street, Rahway, at the corner of Seminary Avenue. It is easily accessible by the Garden State Parkway, NJ Turnpike, Routes 1&9 North and South and St. Georges Ave. (Route 27). Call (732) 381-7511 for information, reservations and directions.

This program has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

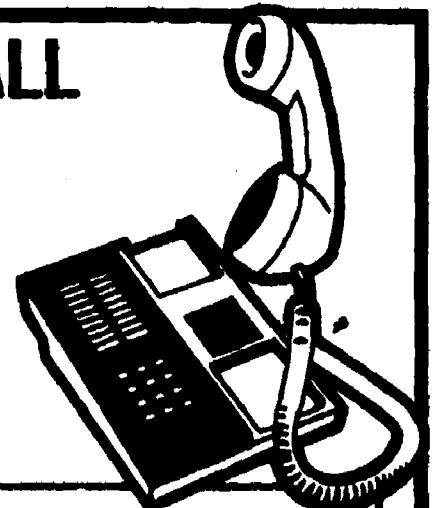
Acoustic Cafe Presents Musical Series

AREA—On April 20, the Metlar/Bodine Acoustic Cafe, the Metlar/Bodine House Museum's coffee house music series held on the third Friday of each month, is pleased to present folk singer Jodee James, who specializes in the contemporary and traditional music of England and Wales. The New Orleans folk duo, Danzig & Wooley will open the evening. All of the artists are natives of New Jersey.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Performance begins at 8 p.m. \$8 per person. Beverages, coffee and desserts are available for purchase. The museum is located at 1281 River Road, Piscataway. For information, call (732) 463-8363.

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Next time you are watching your favorite television show, by the time you'll make it through the second round of commercials another person's name will be added to the national organ transplant waiting list. More than 75,000 people are on this list waiting for an organ transplant. That's more than the populations of Sayreville, Carteret, and South Amboy combined. Of these 75,000, only one third will receive an organ. And while 60 people receive an organ transplant every day, unfortunately another 16 people on that list die because there are simply not enough organs available.

The numbers are staggering. Right now, over 48,000 people are waiting for a kidney transplant. Another 17,000 are waiting for a new liver. A few thousand people are waiting for a new heart and another few thousand are waiting for a lung transplant.

April 15-21 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. The week is sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation and its purpose is to encourage Americans to become donors and help save lives. According to the foundation, just one donor can poten-

tially save or improve the lives of up to 50 people. Right now, only 5,000 people annually donate organs and tissue. If we could only double that, to 10,000, no longer would there be a waiting list. Truly, never have so few people had the power to do so much.

Unfortunately, there are many myths associated with organ donations. For example, many people fear that doctors in the emergency room will not work as hard to save their lives if the doctor knew the patient was a donor. In fact, a family is approached only after all efforts to save your life have been exhausted and after you've been pronounced dead or brain dead. Organ donation is not a subject of discussion before that time.

We are all routinely urged to sign donor cards expressing our wishes or to check the boxes on the back of our driver's licenses. But, just because you fill out the card or check the box on the back of your license, it doesn't necessarily mean you're a donor. When that time comes for the organ donation, the final decision is left up to the family.

Often, families say no to a donation because they are unaware of the person's wishes to donate or they don't want to make the wrong decision. So if you really want to be a donor, make sure you tell your loved ones and next of kin. It is the best way to ensure your wishes are carried out.

The National Kidney Foundation and the Department of Health and Human Services advise potential donors to fill out two cards — one to carry at all times and another to give to their family. The card that is given to the family is used to begin the discussion of organ donation and to clarify the donor's wishes. To get a card you can call the National Kidney Foundation at (800)622-9010 or you can download a form at www.organdonor.gov.

Becoming an organ donor is one of the most generous acts you can make. You are giving someone a gift they can never repay — the gift of life. Imagine being able to help someone live, years after you're gone. Imagine giving someone the ability to prolong their life or their health while you are no longer here. Imagine giving someone the gift of keeping their mom or dad, son or daughter alive with such a special gift.

This week, do a truly charitable act and become an organ donor. If you have concerns or questions, the National Kidney Foundation is ready to answer your questions and provide you with any information you need. They can be reached at 800-622-9010 or www.kidney.org.

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LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Pure Poetry

Dona Nieto, a performance artist who calls herself "La Tigresa" is saving the ancient Redwoods from loggers in northern California with poetry. "Goddessbased nude Buddhist guerrilla poetry," that is. La Tigresa has been going around reading poems to timber crews. And whenever she does, they cease working to avidly focus on her works of art. Because, naturally, she reads her poems bare-breasted.

"They stop their chainsaws and they stop their trucks and they pay attention," LaTigresa

told Reuters. "I've changed some of these guys' lives. But I'd like to change the laws, and I'd like to change history."

Changing history is possible, Ms. Tigresa. After all, we've been wondering what Bill Clinton's new career might be, with Hillary busy in the Senate trying to scrap the Constitution. With bare-breasted environmentalist wako poets on the loose, Bill might just grab himself a chainsaw, dig out his copy of Leaves of Grass and head out west to become a lumberjack. Timber Baby!

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

"A Home Of Her Own" In Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY — New Jersey Citizen Action will bring hundreds of women together in Perth Amboy, on Saturday, April 21 to honor women who have achieved homeownership over the last few years and explore the possibility of participants becoming first-time homeowners themselves. The event, *A Home of Her Own: Women's Housing Initiative*, will be held in the auditorium of Perth Amboy High School, from 2-4 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by Citizen Policy & Educational Fund, Sovereign Bank, United National Bank and the City of Perth Amboy.

Women who have already gone through NJCA loan counseling will describe their experiences, including the roadblocks they first encountered and the counseling process through which they finally attained home ownership. Representatives of NJCA's free loan counseling program will also give brief presentations outlining the counseling process, common credit problems, down payment requirements and other relevant issues.

All women heads-of-household who are interested in becoming first-time homebuyers are invited to attend this free event. Limited childcare is available to pre-registered participants. Call New Jersey Citizen Action at (973) 643-8800, ext. 16 to register now.

Jesus Stopped The Funeral

PERTH AMBOY—Blessed Destiny Music & Productions proudly presents the dramatic gospel musical "Jesus Stopped the Funeral," inspired by the book written by Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr. and in support of the Kaleidoscope Project at The Cathedral-Second Baptist Church. All proceeds for this performance will be used to benefit the Kaleidoscope Project, a community outreach ministry.

The musical will be presented on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at The Cathedral-Second Baptist Church, 277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy.

For further information, call (732) 290-7727. Advertisements for the "Praise Bill" (Playbill) are presently being accepted. All seats are free and a free will offering will be taken.

Crafters Sought For Fund Raiser

WOODBIDGE—In conjunction with the 332nd anniversary of the signing of the charter for Woodbridge Township, the Mayor's Advisory Committee is sponsoring a craft show. All of the money raised will go directly toward the renovation of the Parker Press Park building and the surrounding park area.

The show is scheduled for June 2 in Parker Press Park with the following week, June 9, as a rain date. Any interested crafters are invited to call Belinda at (732) 636-7036 or Terry at (732) 634-5840 for information and application forms.

You're Invited!

WOODBIDGE — You are invited to the district-wide Bilingual Connection Project Workshop and Bilingual Parents' Council meeting to be held at Woodbine Avenue School #23 on Tuesday, April 24 from 7-9 p.m. The topic of this meeting will be: "Math Games to Improve Math Grades."

Parents, friends and teachers of students in the ESL/Bilingual Program are all invited to attend. Those who have need of interpreters are encouraged to bring someone.

Kennedy Park Goes To Finals

ISELIN—Fifth grade students from Kennedy Park School #24 will be competing in the WCTC Spring Spell Down Finals on April 28 in New Brunswick Square Mall. Fifth graders Ross Tuason, Nabil Choudhury, Jennifer Hornig, and Amar Bhavsar won their preliminary round on the WCTC Spell Down broadcast live on April 4. Alternates supporting the team are Venkatesh Brahma and Brianna Maxwell. Parents and friends are invited to the finals.

Bizmania 2001

AREA—Join Chambers of Commerce from across Central Jersey and area restaurants for Bizmania 2001. This exciting expo and networking event is being held on Monday, April 23 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Royal Albert's Palace, Fords. You'll mingle with business and community leaders and enjoy tasty speciality dishes from local restaurants! Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

For information on Bizmania 2001, April 23, call (732) 636-4040.

Military Briefs...

Gennaro Completes Six Month Deployment

COLONIA —Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph P. Gennaro, a 1977 graduate of Colonia Senior High School, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the destroyer USS Fletcher, home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

During the deployment, Gennaro's ship participated in maritime interception operations which enforced U.N. sanctions restricting trade with Iraq. Sailors inspected vessels suspected of violating the sanctions by transporting contraband cargo in and out of Iraq.

The USS Fletcher teams also boarded and inspected merchant vessels transiting to and from Iraq, making sure their cargo and paperwork were legal.

Gennaro's ship visited Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Singapore and Dili, East Timor, where Sailors had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy local culture and cuisine.

Keating Is On Six-Month Deployment

WOODBIDGE—Navy Seaman James J. Keating, Jr., son of Carolyn and James Keating of Woodbridge, is currently on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

While on deployment, crewmembers from Keating's ship participated in damage control olympics, a competition designed to train the crew to properly handle a crisis at sea. The events included a fire-fighting gear race, a hose-manning competition, a chemical protective overgarment suit dressout and desmoking a compartment through the use of a smoke generator.

Keating is a 1992 graduate of Woodbridge High School and joined the Navy in January 2000.



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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Autism Awareness

AREA — April is National Autism Awareness Month. In celebration, The New Jersey Center for Outreach & Services for the Autism Community, Inc. (COSAC) is planning many exciting activities to educate the public about this often-misunderstood developmental disability.

Now in its second year, COSAC's Autism Awareness Ambassador Program gives family members and friends of people with autism the opportunity to reach out to their com-

munities to teach others about this lifelong disorder. More than 320 Ambassadors, representing every New Jersey county, are organizing activities such as library displays, "Dress Down for Autism" fund raisers, and presentations to community groups across the state. "It makes me feel good to educate others," says Debra Yocum, an Ambassador from Carlstadt. "I feel that I'm really making a difference for both my son and for our community."

New Jersey state government

is also doing its part to increase awareness of autism. Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco has issued a Proclamation declaring April 2001 as Autism Awareness Month in New Jersey. In addition, more than 40 municipalities throughout the state have shown their support by issuing Proclamations.

"Public awareness of autism is vital," says Paul Potito, Executive Director of COSAC. "As a matter of fact, most people will encounter someone with autism in their lifetime, whether they be a relative, a neighbor, or a student. Through community

education, we can make New Jersey a better place for people with autism and their families."

Autism, a neurologically/biologically-based disorder that affects up to 18,000 people in New Jersey, is the third most common developmental disability, surpassing even Down Syndrome. Individuals with autism exhibit atypical, repetitive behaviors and have deficits in social and communication skills. There is currently no known cause or cure for autism, but early intervention and appropriate treatment can be very effective.

COSAC is a non-profit agency providing information and advocacy, services, family and professional education, and consultation to New Jersey's autism community. COSAC is dedicated to ensuring that all people with autism receive appropriate, effective services to maximize their growth potential and to enhancing the overall awareness of autism in the general public. For more information about autism or COSAC's services, please visit www.njcosac.org or call 1-800-4-AUTISM (in NJ) or 609-883-8100.

Marcovecchio Named Honorary Chairman For MS Walk 2001

AREA — The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Greater North Jersey Chapter has named Dean Marcovecchio of Rochelle Park honorary chairman of its MS Walk 2001, announced Nancy Lorenzi, chapter president. Marcovecchio, a dedicated Chapter volunteer, will be making his second consecutive MS Walk in the nationwide annual event on April 22.

"We are pleased to have Dean as this year's honorary chairman," Lorenzi said. "His commitment to the Chapter and the MS Walk has helped support program functions and fundraising efforts that are part of the Society's work to fight multiple sclerosis."

Marcovecchio was diagnosed

with multiple sclerosis 15 years ago, at age 19. "I was in denial about it for a long time," he recalled. "I tried to hide the MS from people but I was really hiding it from myself. I kept it a secret for many years, until I had to let it be known because my condition was worsening."

One of the few people he told about it was the woman who would become his wife. Gina and Dean Marcovecchio will celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary in May. Two years into the marriage, however, Marcovecchio's condition worsened and he had to give up a promising career as a claims adjuster. He sought help from the MS Society's Greater North Jersey Chapter, which provided the

Marcovecchios with a variety of services. "They are simply the best," he said. "They are organized and have some great programs that really help. The MS Society is much more than a fund-raising organization — it's an organization that helps, and on that someone with MS can always count on."

Realizing that he needed to accept his challenge and do something positive, Marcovecchio began to volunteer at the chapter office. With his condition appearing stabilized at this time, he also started to volunteer as a reading tutor at Hackensack High School and the Maywood Public Library.

Last year, Marcovecchio organized "The Rock-N-Rollers,"

a team of eight family and friends who joined him for the MS Walk. This year, they expect to have a group of 40. "Taking part in the MS Walk has shown me that a lot of people are interested in it and affected by it. Last year, it snowed and people were walking. I was impressed by their determination and willingness to support the cause and to help raise funds to eliminate this devastating disease."

MS Walk 2001 will take place on Sun., April 22, at thousands of walk sites across the country, including nine exciting routes in northern New Jersey. The day will feature prizes, refreshments, entertainment and a fun way to join with others to help make a difference in the

community. Funds raised in the MS Walk will help support vital programs and services for people with MS and their families in the North Jersey area, and also will go toward national research to help find a cure for MS.

MS Walk 2001 sponsors include: The Children's Place, Berlex Laboratories, Inc., Daily Record, Deloitte & Touche LLP, News 12 New Jersey, Windmill Health Products, ShopRite and Investors Savings Bank.

For information about joining the MS Walk or volunteering assistance for the event, call 201-261-WALK or visit the web site www.mswalk.org.

16th Annual Dream Car Raffle

AREA — If you've ever dreamed of owning a luxury car, your dream could become a reality this year.

The National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey, in cooperation with SAAB Cars of North America, has announced

the 16th Annual Dream Car Raffle, in which some lucky person will drive home the Grand Prize: a sleek, new 2001 SAAB 9-3 Convertible.

The drawing will take place at the New York International Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center on April 22. The winner need not be present to

claim his or her prize.

The seller of the winning ticket will receive a \$5,000 US Savings Bond. Both the buyer and seller of the Second Prize winning ticket will receive a \$500 US Savings Bond and the buyer and seller of the Third Prize winning ticket will each receive a \$200 US Savings Bond.

Everyone who participates in the Dream Car Raffle is already a winner by supporting the goals of the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey.

Tickets are available for a suggested contribution of \$5 each or a book of six (6) tickets for \$25. You may purchase the tickets yourself or sell them to family, friends, neighbors and

business associates.

Raffle books may be paid for by check or money order, Mastercard, American Express or Visa. To order your raffle books, phone the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey at 212-629-9770, or visit its web site at www.kidneynynj.org. Checks and money orders should be made payable to: National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey and mailed to 1250 Broadway, Suite 2001, New York, NY 10001-3795.

Since 1989, the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey has provided area research grants and fellowships totaling more than \$4 million, making it the largest private contributor to nephrology research and training in the northeast. Kidney disease affects nearly 20 million Americans. It is the ninth leading cause of death in the U.S. and one of the costliest illnesses in the country today.

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OBITUARIES

Irene Schnabel, 83 of Metuchen

Mrs. Irene K. Schnabel of Metuchen died March 14 at Manahawkin Rehabilitation Center, Manahawkin. She was 83.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in the Fords-Edison area before moving to Metuchen 33 years ago.

Before retiring in 1990, she had worked for the Edison board of education as a third-grade teacher at Menlo Park School for over 10 years. Prior to that, she had been employed as a payroll secretary for many years with Public Electric and Gas Co., Newark.

Mrs. Schnabel was a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption, Perth Amboy and was a member of the St. Ann's Society at the church.

Her husband, George J. Schnabel, died in December, 2000.

Surviving are a son, George S. Schnabel of Cedar Run and two grandchildren, Bonnie and Steven Schanbel.

Charles Szabo, 80 of Edison

Mr. Charles Szabo of Edison died March 20 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 80.

Born in South River, he was a longtime resident of Edison.

He retired from Union Carbide Co., Bound Brook.

Mr. Szabo served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 214, South River.

He was also a former member of the First Reformed Church, South River.

His brother, Bert Szabo, died in 1973 and his parents, Steven and Mary Szabo are also deceased.

Surviving are a brother, Manhart Szabo of East Brunswick; and two nephews and a niece.

Charles H. Reed, 88 of Edison

Mr. Charles H. Reed of Edison died March 15 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 88.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Edison for the past 44 years.

He was formerly employed as a salesman with Roy's Young Men's & Boys Shop, Perth Amboy.

Mr. Reed was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Edison and had been a volunteer in the Thrift Shop at the church.

He was a member of the Perth Amboy Chapter of Deborah and the Clara Barton First Aid Squad Auxiliary, Edison.

Mr. Reed was a Middlesex County Republican Committeeman in District 46-Edison.

He studied history, especially the Civil War. He was a member of the Perth Amboy Naval Reserve.

He was predeceased by three brothers and three sisters.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, the former Helen Tatsch; a sister, Ruth Diller of Perth Amboy; a sister-in-law, Betty Kanold; four nieces, Robin Baumlín, Peggy Ann Lapenta, Carolyn Dzama and Anne Sak; a nephew, H. Carman Janes Jr. and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Edward C. Black, Jr. of Woodbridge

Mr. Edward C. Black Jr., of Woodbridge died March 15 at Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City. He was 52.

A native of Jersey City, he lived in Woodbridge for the past 14 years.

He was a Jersey City Police Officer for the past 22 years.

Mr. Black served in the Navy during peacetime as well as during the Vietnam War. He also served in the Army during peacetime.

He was a member of the Jersey City Police Emerald Society, the New York Police Emerald Society, the Police-men's Benevolent Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Honor Legion, the AM VETS and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 266 in Jersey City.

Mr. Black was a member of the Perth Amboy Marina and a former member of the Gong Club in Jersey City.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Henne Black; two sons, Edward C. Black III and Christopher R. Black and three brothers, Gene, William and James.

Roland Pellegrini of Edison

Mr. Roland Pellegrini of Edison died March 17 at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield. He was 75.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived there for 21 years and in Hoboken for 18 years. He resided the last 37 years in Edison.

He was an electrical contractor for 35 years with Quick Electric Corp., Edison, retiring in 1988.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving aboard the USS Newcomb.

Mr. Pellegrini was a member of the Edison Moose and the Italian American Club, Edison. He was an avid boater.

His wife, Grace, died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond and David, both of Edison; three daughters, Linda Dellafave of Edison, Nancy Cimaglia of East Brunswick and Donna Kramer of Edison; a brother, Mario of North Brunswick; two sisters, Ida Moscola of Staten Island, N.Y. and Argentina Todd of Tarboro, N.C.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ignatius Cangemi of Edison

Mr. Ignatius Cangemi of Edison died March 17 in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Sayegh, Egg Harbor Township. He was 83.

Born in New York City, he lived in Brooklyn for 43 years before moving to Edison in 1999.

He was a bookbinder with the John S. Swift Co., Teterboro for 37 years before retiring in 1981.

Surviving are a son, Michael P.; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Sayegh; a brother, Carmelo; a sister, Mrs. Sadie Tinerino; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Spring Cleaning Recycling Reminders

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Spring clean-up time is here and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) has tips for residents on what to do with old, broken or unwanted but re-usable items.

* If you have a larger-than-normal amount of recyclables to put to at the curb, call the MCIA recycling office at 1-800-488-MCIA, several days before your regular pick-up date.

Remember that items not accepted outside on recycling days include: drinking glasses, window glass, mirrors, Pyrex® dinnerware, light bulbs, plastic toys, polystyrene or Styrofoam, plastic wraps, aluminum foil,

gardening or garage plastics, and any #3, #4, #5 or #6 plastics.

* If you plan to dispose of any hazardous household items—automobile fluids, herbicides, pool chemicals, etc.—the MCIA has two scheduled drop-off dates this Spring: Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Middlesex County Road Department, Apple Orchard Lane, North Brunswick and Sunday, May 20 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at Middlesex County College, Mill Road, Edison.

For a list of household items considered hazardous and accepted at the drop-off sites or for directions, call the MCIA Recycling Division office at 1-

800-488-MCIA or visit our web site at www.mciauth.com.

* Paint or paint related products can be dropped off every Saturday at specific sites in Middlesex County where products are collected, recycled and properly disposed of. Two sites—one in the northern part of the County and one in the southern part of the County—are open each Saturday.

For specific dates and site directions, call the MCIA Recycling Division office at 1-800-488-MCIA or visit our web site at www.mciauth.com.

* The MCIA has published a "Reuse It!" manual to help residents donate used furniture, appliances, infant car

seats and strollers, computers, clothing and other items. The manual is organized both by commodity and by participating organizations that accept

items for further use.

For a copy of "Reuse It!" call the MCIA at 1-800-488-MCIA, or e-mail us at mcia-recy@superlink.net.

Create The First Images Of The 21st Century!

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission is sponsoring a photography contest for young people of all ages. The objective for the contest is to create an image on film that captures New Jersey in the 21st century. The subject may be of an event, person or group of people, or a place that epitomizes New Jersey in the new millennium. The photography contest is in conjunction with the Commission's current exhibit *Portrait of a Century: A Photographic Retrospective of New Jersey 1900-1999*. The exhibit, at the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex Museum, remains on display until Nov. 30.

Young people under the age of 17 may enter in one of three categories: 7-10, 11-13 and 14-17. Selected entries will claim first, second, third prizes, and honorable mention. Contestants must include their name, address and date of birth on their entry form, with a description of their photograph, including the date and place it was taken and a brief sentence or two describing its subject and why it is important. Contestants are limited to one entry. All entries must be post-

marked by April 30. The winner will be announced at the museum at the end of May. To receive a brochure and entry form contact the Cornelius Low House Middlesex County Museum at (732) 745-4177.

The Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum is located at 1225 River Road, Piscataway. Exhibit materials are available in large-type print and Braille. The first floor of the museum is accessible. For more information, contact the Museum at (732) 745-4177. For those with hearing impairments dial (732) 745-3888 TTY or 711 via the New Jersey Relay Service.

Funding for the exhibit and contest is from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey Historical Commission, a Division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State, the New Jersey Council on the Humanities, a Partner Agency for the National Council on the Humanities, Colgate-Palmolive Global Technologies, The Star-Ledger and the New Jersey Historic Trust.

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