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Pop Warner Teams Travel In Style

SAYREVILLE—When the Morgan-Parlin Panthers Pop Warner football club headed to Giants Stadium to play at half-time on Aug. 16, they traveled on luxury buses donated by Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski.

"This is an excellent opportunity for this football club and I'm very excited for them," said Wisniewski. "When I heard that they were looking for a sponsor for the buses, I

was happy to step in and make sure they were sent off in style. I am pleased to be able to donate these buses."

Lori McLafferty, the parent of one of the players, came to Assemblyman Wisniewski asking for help in securing buses to transport the team.

"From the minute I told the Assemblyman about the project, he was completely supportive and offered to do whatever needed to be done," said

McLafferty. "Without his help, we would've had to put 65 little boys on a school bus to Giants Stadium with no bathrooms or air conditioning. It's fantastic what he was able to do for us. We're thrilled."

Wisniewski met the teams and parents before hand on Aug. 16 at Kennedy Park in Sayreville on Washington Road and sent the players on their way to Giants Stadium.



Assemblyman
John S. Wisniewski.

Coalition Declares Sports Complex Smoke-Free

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—On Aug. 1, the Middlesex County Communities Against Tobacco (CAT) Coalition hosted a ceremony

to declare the Allie Clark Sports Complex in South Amboy smoke-free. The goal is to keep this recreation area a clean and

healthy place in which to have fun. A sign was unveiled during the ceremony and various speakers addressed tobacco issues.

Coalition members and REBEL members cleaned up the park during the day in order to celebrate the park's new beginning. This is the first park to be declared smoke-free by the Coalition and hopefully will set a precedent for other parks in the county.

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

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

Volunteers Are Needed

COUNTY—The Superior Court of Middlesex County is seeking volunteers to serve on its Juvenile Conference Committees in Woodbridge, Carteret, Perth Amboy, South Amboy and Sayreville. Committee members hear first time juvenile complaints that are referred by the Superior Court, Family Division. They make recommendations to the Judge as to how the complaint should

be handled within the community. The goal is to involve community members in matters that have a direct impact on their neighborhoods as well as to provide young offenders with a second chance. Committees meet once a month in the evening from 6:30-10 p.m. Contact Margaret Fradella, Coordinator of Volunteers at (732) 981-2179 for more information.

Emergency Blood Drive - Please Give!

SOUTH AMBOY—Please note there is a critical shortage of blood this summer and if you can, please take a little time to donate! Where? At Sacred

a location nearer you.

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will be hosting a "blood drive" on Sunday, Aug. 26 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria, located on Cedar Street and Washington Road, South Amboy.

To make an appointment or for more information, call (732) 721-4208.

A cake sale will be held in conjunction with the blood drive.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

VFW Annual POW/MIA Program

COLONIA—A Candlelight POW/MIA program will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Greiner Towers, Inman Ave., Colonia, sponsored by Colonia Memorial Post 6061 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary.

The guest speaker is Past State Commander George Lisicki. Also participating are: State vocalist Carl Fabio; Auxiliary President Doris Morecroft; Post Commander Angelo Manna; Auxiliary Chaplain Kyle Kastner; Post Chaplain Charles Orgelsinger; Auxiliary Sr. Vice President Marilyn Lyons; Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor Berniece Symborski and Past Post Commander John Jauch.

There are over 1900 veterans of the Viet Nam War unaccounted for, including 59 from New Jersey, 3 of those are from Middlesex County. This annual program is in honor and is a tribute to these Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, we must not let our government forget about these veterans.



Chinese Auction

FORDS—There will be a Chinese Auction sponsored by Our Lady of Peace, Fords, Knights of Columbus Council #9199 on Sunday, Sept. 9. Doors will open at 1 p.m. and the Auction starts at 3 p.m.

It will be held at Our Lady of Peace, Fords in the church cafeteria. The cost is \$6, food will be available.

Prizes include: Giants tickets, 14K gold jewelry, Peter Max painting, toys, patio set, American girl doll, household items, sports memorabilia and much, much more.

All proceeds will be donated towards a new cafeteria ceiling.

For ticket info., call Rich Fetzner at (732) 346-0390, Jim Witos at (732) 738-0387 or Lowell Aube at (732) 738-5789.

Two Students Named To Dean's List

EDISON—Two local students enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Education were named to the Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

The students are Jaime Muhlgeier who is a junior majoring in sociology and Lara Petrusky who is a senior majoring in inclusive elementary and special education.

The School of Education at Syracuse University prepares students to become professional educators by effectively blending research, teaching and service into the curriculum. Students benefit from a wide range of opportunities to perfect their professional skills in on-campus clinics and off-campus student teaching assignments. Nationally prominent researchers and scholars and innovative professional programs have placed Syracuse among the top-ranked education schools in the country.

Dancel Looking To Learn

EDISON — Vincent Dancel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Concepcion Dancel of Edison, is newly enrolled in the network systems professional program at The Cittone Institute in Edison.

Mr. Dancel, a graduate of J.P. Stevens High School, Edison, previously attended Middlesex County College and the University of Massachusetts.

The Edison Cittone campus, located at 1697 Oak Tree Lane, is

one of 23 facilities operated nationally by Lincoln Educational Services. Open for day and evening sessions, it also offers programs in electronics and networking systems technology, computer programming with Web technology, software applications specialist, and help desk analyst. Cittone is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

Marino - Ryan

CARTERET—Toni Marie Marino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marino of Carteret was married to Scott David Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan of Carteret, on July 14, 2001 in St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Rev. Edward Pulco performed the double ring ceremony.

A reception followed at Fiesta. Escorted by her father, the bride had Kelly Ryan as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda DeAngelo, Erin Cerchio, Kelly Taglieri and Marisa Marino. Michael De-

Angelo served as best man.

Ushers were Brian DeAngelo, Jason DeAngelo, Kris McCrossen and Robert Marino.

Following a honeymoon cruise to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Port Reading.

Mrs. Toni Ryan is a graduate of Monmouth University and is employed by Columbus School as a Special Education Teacher.

Mr. Scott Ryan is a graduate of New Jersey City University and is employed by Benjamin Franklin School as a Special Education Teacher.



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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

The Circus Is Coming

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus, "The World's Largest Circus Under The Big Top," is coming to Middlesex County.

In a performance sponsored by Middlesex County Sheriff's PBA Local 165, the circus is coming to the Middlesex County Fairgrounds, Rt. 535 and Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick.

There will be shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8 and 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Tickets will be on sale before the show at North Brunswick Wal-Mart and Piscataway Wal-Mart at Customer Service, from www.tickets.com and by phone

at 1-888-332-5600, Sept. 8 and 9 tickets will only be sold at the Ticket Wagon on the Midway.

The circus is also coming to Edison Sept. 10 and 11. In a performance sponsored by St. Matthew's Father's Club and the Knights of Columbus, the circus comes to St. Matthew's Church grounds, 81 Seymour Ave. Showtimes will be 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., both days.

Tickets will be on sale until Sept. 9 at Buster Brown's Shoe Store, Menlo Park Mall; Meyer's; Dolls, Toys, Hobbies, Wick Plaza; through www.tickets.com and by phone at 1-888-332-5600. After Sept. 9, tickets will be on sale at the Circus Ticket Wagon on the Midway.



Wheelchair Champions Compete At Rutgers University

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — From the blow of the whistle, the Coca-Cola Bottling of North Brunswick stood behind the 18th Annual Junior National Wheelchair Champions. On July 22, 250 athletes, aging from 7-21, set out to compete in the events they excelled at best. For one week, over 4,000 fans watched these amazing individuals, who ranged from regional to international Paralympic athletes, compete in events such as track, weightlifting, and swimming, just to name a few. The Rutgers University Bauer Track & Field Complex welcomed the event. With the help of Coca-Cola and over 500 volunteers, the week was a success. Coca-

Cola, the exclusive beverage company of the 18th Annual Junior National Wheelchair Championship, donated PowerAde, Coca-Cola, and assorted beverages, along with love and care to the event. The event benefited the Children's Specialized Hospital, which extends its services to children with paralytic need. The involvement of wheelchair sports goes beyond the field. The athletes incorporate their athleticism into their successful careers in national government, education, physical therapy and business. Coca-Cola, friends, family and fans helped the athletes realize that life tastes good.



KEEPING COOL—Richard J. Pitta, Business Development Manager of Cold Drinks, providing water to C.J. Dodae of Westfield after C.J. completed the 5000-meter event on Sunday the 21st.

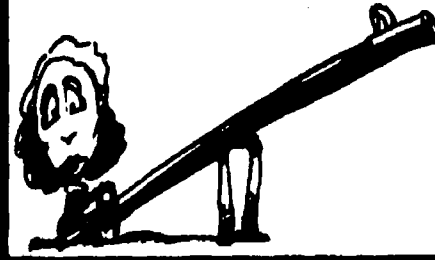
Networking Party

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce invites business owners and the community to their 9th annual Largest Networking Party. It's being held on Sept. 11 from 5-9 p.m. on the rooftop of the Hyatt Hotel, New Brunswick.

Guests will enjoy food from 30 of the area's best restaurants, music, giveaways and great networking.

Pre-paid advance tickets are \$25 each; tickets may be purchased at the door for \$35 each. Call (732) 821-1700 or visit www.mcrcc.org.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Adequate Energy Supply Will Carry State Through Summer

STATE—Although New Jersey currently has a good supply of energy, we can all help to keep it that way by using our energy wisely, said Carol J. Murphy, acting president of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU). Each consumer can play an individual role in conserving energy, she said, even through actions as simple as turning off a light when leaving a room.

"Your everyday decisions can make a big difference," Acting President Murphy said. "Even the simplest actions, like adjusting the thermostat when leaving the house,



can play a part. Not only can you help us all conserve our energy, but you can also help save money on your bill. While we may not be in the same situation as California today, it is extremely important to use energy wisely to prevent future shortages. There are many ways in which every homeowner and small business owner can conserve electricity and natural gas."

Consumers can learn more information about energy conservation on the New Jersey Energy Choice Web site www.njenergychoice.com. In addition to reducing energy consumption, consumers can also choose electricity suppliers that rely on renewable energy sources as a way to protect the environment. These sources can be found on the environmental label, which explains the environmental characteristics about the electricity being supplied.

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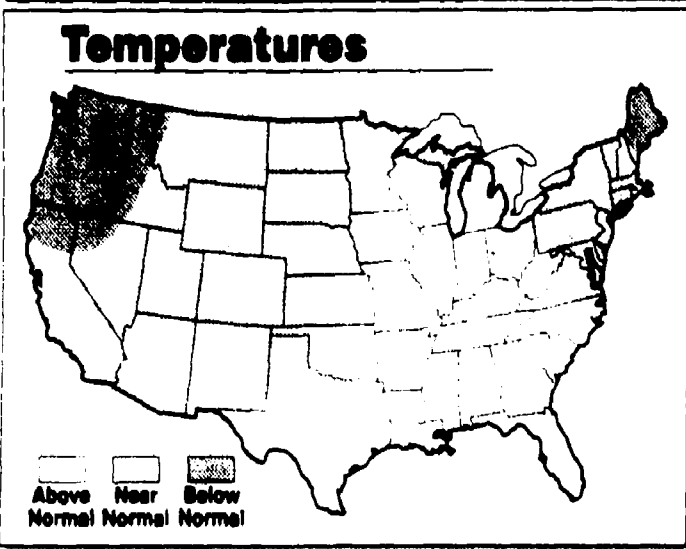
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Humid with periods of sun.	Patchy clouds and warm.	Humid with clouds and sun.	Humid with clouds and sun.	Humid with clouds and sun.	Mainly cloudy and humid.	A good deal of sun.	Sunny.
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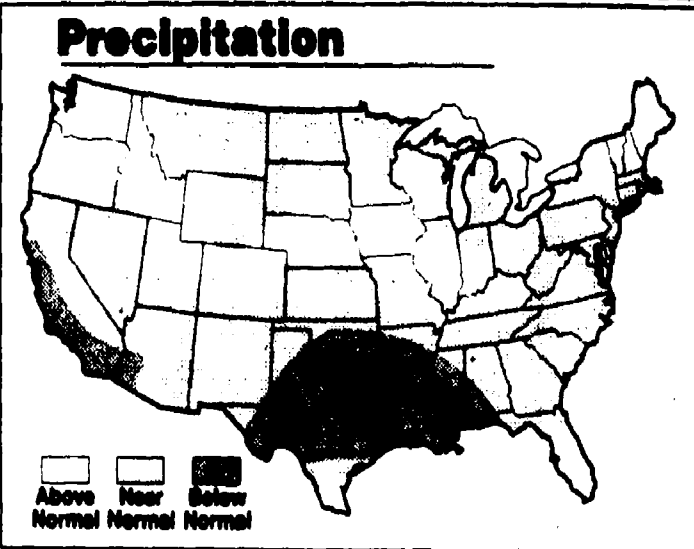
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Tropical Storm Chantal is forecast to move into the Gulf of Mexico and may affect northeastern Texas and far southern Texas later in the period. An upper-level trough over the Northwest will result in windy and cool weather along with rain at times. From northern New York through northern New England, there will be scattered showers and thunderstorms.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	91 72 s	91 73 t	90 72 s	91 69 s
Boston	84 67 pc	78 67 c	77 65 c	77 71 c
Chicago	82 68 t	82 64 pc	84 64 pc	84 64 pc
Cleveland	84 62 pc	82 64 pc	82 64 pc	78 60 pc
Denver	84 58 pc	84 54 pc	76 57 sh	81 61 pc
Des Moines	83 64 c	78 62 t	84 62 pc	81 60 pc
Detroit	82 62 t	82 62 pc	79 62 pc	81 56 c
Houston	93 74 sh	92 73 t	93 72 r	92 74 sh
Indianapolis	85 65 r	85 64 t	82 64 sh	84 58 s
Kansas City	88 66 t	86 66 t	88 66 pc	86 66 pc
Los Angeles	78 62 pc	78 62 pc	80 62 pc	93 56 s
Miami	92 78 pc	90 79 r	90 79 sh	91 75 c
Minn.-St. Paul	82 60 pc	84 62 pc	80 58 t	74 56 sh
New Orleans	93 77 s	91 76 t	91 76 s	91 72 s
New York City	88 72 pc	84 70 pc	84 70 pc	80 75 pc
Omaha	82 62 pc	80 62 t	84 62 s	82 62 s
Phoenix	98 78 s	100 80 s	102 81 s	104 75 pc
San Francisco	74 59 pc	73 57 pc	72 56 s	73 53 s
Seattle	64 56 sh	66 56 pc	72 54 pc	74 60 pc
Washington	90 72 pc	88 72 pc	86 70 pc	86 73 sh

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:15 a.m.	7:43 p.m.
Fri.	6:16 a.m.	7:42 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	11:29 a.m.	10:44 p.m.
Fri.	12:38 p.m.	11:16 p.m.

MOON PHASES

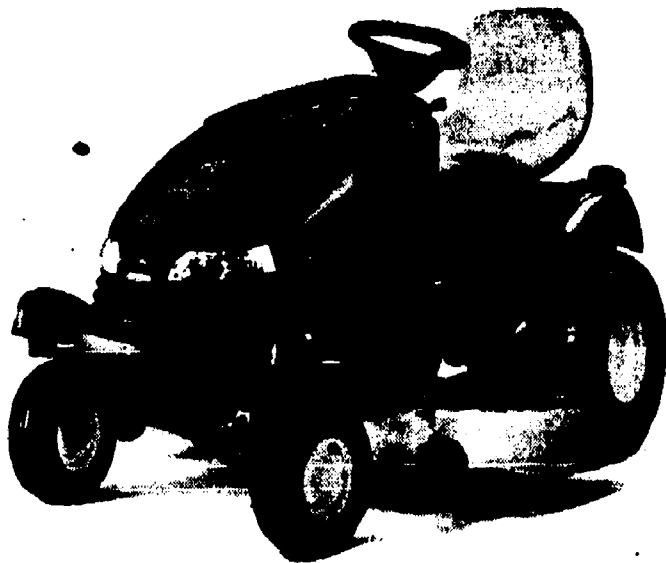
First	Full	Last	New
Aug 10	Sep 2	Sep 17	Sep 25

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s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,
c-cloudy, sh-showers,
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	83 66 pc	72 55 pc	68 56 pc	70 55 c
Berlin	80 59 s	85 64 s	76 60 r	77 58 pc
Buenos Aires	73 60 s	77 57 pc	68 53 r	66 44 c
Cairo	96 68 s	101 72 s	101 73 s	96 70 s
Jerusalem	86 60 s	86 60 s	88 62 s	85 59 s
Johannesburg	81 54 pc	72 56 pc	61 54 r	68 54 c
London	80 63 c	72 52 pc	69 55 pc	71 59 c
Madrid	99 60 s	98 61 s	100 64 s	94 68 pc
Mexico City	78 56 pc	70 63 r	70 60 r	69 60 r
Moscow	61 38 pc	63 47 pc	67 56 c	73 57 c
Paris	85 63 pc	78 52 c	73 54 s	77 62 pc
Rio de Janeiro	73 65 c	72 65 c	72 66 c	72 64 c
Rome	84 66 pc	82 65 pc	85 66 s	85 68 s
San Juan	90 77 pc	86 79 r	86 77 r	88 75 pc
Seoul	83 67 s	82 69 s	80 66 c	78 64 pc
Sydney	62 37 pc	62 39 pc	64 41 pc	64 47 pc
Tokyo	87 74 pc	84 74 pc	83 72 c	80 72 c
Toronto	77 57 pc	75 57 pc	78 64 pc	75 54 c
Winnipeg	79 53 s	79 56 pc	80 45 s	73 49 s
Zurich	85 63 pc	85 63 pc	81 61 c	82 62 pc

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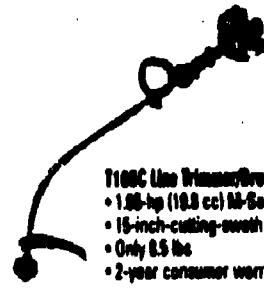
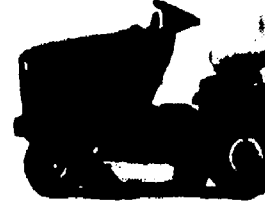


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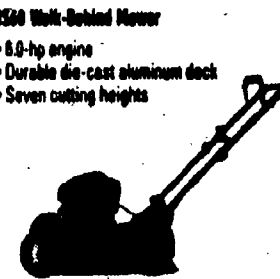
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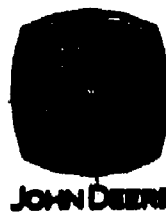
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Government Help Is Available To Help Pay For Air Conditioning

AREA — Is your air conditioner making your electric bill too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC has recently published a booklet, "How To Get

Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating and cooling bills.

"The federal government has budgeted over 1.8 billion dollars to help people who are struggling

to pay their energy bills. Many people do not know that this money is available for cooling as well as heating, or how to get it," says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "We've published a booklet that explains the program

and tells consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home. This money can also be used to buy energy efficient air conditioners and whole house ventilating fans."

Consumers can receive a copy

by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network, Government Help For Energy Bills, Dept GHEB-0801, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

The Benefits Of Social Security

AREA — Sure, everyone knows that Social Security provides retirement benefits to America's workers. But fewer people realize that there is more to Social Security than the retirement pro-

gram. Even fewer know to what extent it provides for the financial future of most Americans.

Social Security protects more than 150 million workers and pays benefits to more than

45 million people. Consider the following:

- Social Security pays monthly retirement benefits to more than 31 million retired workers and their family members.

- The agency pays monthly survivors benefits to about 7 million Americans, almost 2 million of whom are children.

- More than 5 million disabled workers under age 65 and 1.6 million dependents (including more than a million children) receive Social Security.

In 2001, Social Security pays an average monthly amount for the following benefits:

- A retired worker — \$845
- An aged widow(er) alone — \$811
- A widowed mother and two

children — \$1,696

- A disabled worker with a spouse and one or more children — \$1,310

The average survivors and disability benefits are worth a life insurance policy of \$374,000 for a surviving spouse and two children and a disability policy of \$220,000 for a disabled worker with a spouse and two children.

So, it is easy to see that your Social Security taxes provide for more than retirement benefits — much more!

Women Investors Alert! Free Educational Seminar

WESTFIELD—Women between the ages of 35 and 52 face the largest financial responsibilities due to college tuition for their children, saving for retirement and paying for everyday bills and expenses. With all these pressing expenses now, it's no wonder that more women than ever before are investing without the proper long-term goals that they would need to meet their eventual financial needs in the future. Financial security and long-term planning come hand in hand, and ensuring a financially secure life after retirement plans made decades in advance.

Many women don't know where to start when dealing with their finances. The first step in building the ideal financial portfolio means gaining the knowledge to do so through reading financial books and periodicals, attending seminars or finding the right financial advisor for assistance. Stewart A. Ritter, the Senior Vice President/Investments at Prudential Financial in Westfield, has been educating investors through his syndicated newspaper column, monthly newsletter and the countless lectures and seminars he has given to clubs and organizations.

Ritter has grown well accustomed to the topic of women investors, and after months of research and preparation, will be holding a free seminar on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at The Westwood

in Garwood entitled, "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them." With Stewart's anecdotal humor and degree of professional excellence that can only come after working 19 years in the business, his seminar promises to be educational and entertaining.

All clubs and organizations, as well as individual investors, are welcome to attend. For more information or to request tickets, call Lois Tuerff at (908) 789-7800. Women who have not

begun to address their financial security in the future, or are unhappy and apprehensive with their present portfolio need to address these concerns immediately. Education is the first step and "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them" seminar is the perfect chance for all investors to learn something more about investing, gain a better understanding of long-term financial planning and get a jump start on a wonderful life after retirement.



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Americans Say Dining Out Is In

(NAPSA)-A growing number of Americans rate dining out as one of the most important items on their entertainment plate. According to a survey conducted by Yankelovich Partners Inc., despite "sliding stock prices and rising recession fears," many people still choose to dine out on a regular basis. The majority of respondents (56 percent) reported dining at a luxury restaurant once a month, 22 percent dined at a luxury

restaurant once a week and an additional 22 percent said they dined at one once every two weeks. When it comes to choosing where to dine, most respondents (51 percent) had faith in their own taste and said they selected restaurants on their own. Most people who chose their own restaurants said the quality

of the food was the critical factor (73 percent), with service coming in a distant second (18 percent). Dining atmosphere was also found to be an important factor, with 67 percent of the respondents saying it was very important in the decision making process, while about one-third of luxury diners consider the



cost of a meal when making a decision. According to Bryan McGuire, general manager of the '21' Club in New York City, the survey's findings indicate a constant trend in American dining. "These findings underscore the fact that luxury dining in an interesting atmosphere never goes out of style," he says. The landmark restaurant features a Wine Cellar dining room dating back to the days of prohibition. The restaurant uses the unique room as a setting for

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Make An African Play-Date At The Bronx Zoo

AREA—From the vast plains of the Serengeti to the Ethiopian highlands, take a virtual trip around the world to see some of the Bronx Zoo's newest residents during *African Play-Date* weekend, presented by Hess and Fleet. Meet a female zebra, born on May 26 and still staying close to mom, at the Zoo's *African Plains*. A male gelada baboon, born May 10, shares an Ethiopian hillside with three litters of rock hyrax—also born in May. These small and social creatures are considered relatives of elephants, even though they only reach a length of about 19 inches and a weight of just 7 pounds!



On Saturday, Aug. 25 only, two members of the New York Mets will read from their favorite children's books as part of "2001, A Reading

Odyssey." This summer-long program, designed to encourage children to read, is sponsored by the Bronx Zoo, the New York Mets, and the New York City Public Libraries.

African Play-Date is the latest in a series of *Oh Baby!* special event weekends honoring animal newborns and toddlers. As part of the celebration, each family receives a free *Oh Baby!* activity guide (while supplies last). And don't forget to visit *Baby Central* at Zoo Central to see a reptile and amphibian nursery—including an American alligator and a frilled dragon lizard—and learn about the Bronx Zoo's efforts to save many animal species from extinction. Special event weekends also feature music, dance, face-painting, storytelling and crafts for kids. All activities are free with general admission to the Zoo.

Pets On Parade

AREA—On Sunday, Aug. 26, at North Branch Park, Milltown Rd., Bridgewater, the Dachshund Club of New Jersey, the only dachshund club in the state, will hold a Match Show & Obedience Trial.

This fun and practice event is an informal dog show where breeders and novice exhibitors come together to gain first-hand experience for themselves and/or their dogs. Entry fee will be \$6 a dog per entry. Entries for the show will be taken from 9–10 a.m. for the start of Obedience, from 9 a.m.–12 noon for the state of Jr. Showmanship and Breed judging. This action packed day will include a Parade of Title Holders and a Parade of Rescue Dogs and an intro to Agility Demonstration and Run-Throughs. Each rescue

dog comes with a heart-warming story.

Spectators are always welcome; bring your lawn chairs. Parking and admission will be free and refreshments will be available. The famous Dachshund Boutique will have many dachshund items that the serious and not so serious collector can't do without.

The Dachshund Club of NJ meets four times a year, usually in Bridgewater and puts on dog shows and field and den trials annually. DCNJ wants to remind all pet owners do not leave your pet in a parked car at this time of the year. The temperature can get to be dangerously high and your pet can get heat stroke and die.

For more information on the club or the Match Show, call (908) 832-7407 or (908) 996-4064.



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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon: A Labor Of Love**

AREA — The Labor Day weekend is fast approaching and to most Americans that can only mean one thing: the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Now in its 36th year, the Telethon will once again feature the unique combination of national and local segments that has helped it evolve from a television variety show into an institution of American culture.

For the seventh consecutive year, the national broadcast will originate from CBS Television City in Hollywood and will be carried by some 200 television stations, the MDA "Love Network." The national broadcast will air for 21½ hours starting at 9 p.m. EDT on Sun., Sept. 2. Locally, WWOR, Channel 9 will air the Telethon in our area.

Lewis, MDA's national chairman, has starred in the national broadcast that bears his name

every year since the program's inception, including the first-ever MDA Telethon, broadcast in 1952 in New York — with then partner Dean Martin. Since 1950, he's dedicated much of his life to MDA's mission to defeat progressive and often fatal neuromuscular illnesses through research and health care services.

Education takes the form of profiles of families affected by neuromuscular diseases, interspersed with interviews featuring the world's leading medical and scientific experts.

The entertainment lineup makes the Telethon a great American variety show.

Lewis will be joined onstage by his longtime friend and Telethon anchor, Ed McMahon. Helping Lewis and McMahon will be co-hosts Jann Carl of "Entertainment Tonight," TV personality Cynthia Garrett and Norm Crosby — comedian and

master of the comic malaprop.

Musical guests will represent a wide spectrum of genres, and will include such diverse performers as Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Eden's Crush, Gloria Gaynor, the Oak Ridge Boys, Charley Pride, John Tesh, Jaci Velasquez, CeCe Winans and Dwight Yoakam. In addition to performing live via remote from Boston, singer Maureen McGovern will debut her new music video, "A Small Star," recorded with inspirational vocalist Jana Stanfield.

With Lewis at the helm, the world of comedy will be represented from "A" (Max Alex-

ander) to "Z" (Bob Zany).

Other entertainers lined up at press time include: Bear from the popular children's television show "Bear in the Big Blue House," all-around performer and flamenco guitarist Charo, and tap dancer extraordinaire Savion Glover.

As in years past, the entertainment lineup will expand daily between now and airtime.

"Every year I ask, and people respond," says Lewis. "From our sponsors and the show-biz people who generously donate their talents, to our million-strong volunteer army and the wonderful American public — everybody

pulls together to make this happen every year for 'my kids.' That's why we're calling this year's show 'A Labor of Love.'"

In addition to being seen on the 200-station "Love Network," this year's Telethon will be available for viewing at www.mdausa.org.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and public health education. The Association's programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

New Jersey American Lung Association Warns Of Summer Air Pollution

AREA — Summer should be a time to enjoy the outdoor air, but despite improvements made, air pollution in New Jersey reaches hazardous levels nearly one out of every three days each summer. The state has already had 22 days that violated federal health standards (0.08 ppm/ 8hrs.) for ground level ozone this year.

Many people are not aware that air pollution can be a direct health risk and can cause major health problems even in healthy adults. Ground level ozone that is produced primarily from motor vehicle and power plant emissions, has been shown to cause asthma attacks and aggravate other lung diseases. Studies have shown that people who live in urban areas (Most of the people in New Jersey) are most seriously affected.

People with respiratory or cardiac problems should take special precautions during hot summer days to avoid outdoor activity. If you or anyone in your care are active outside be aware of symptoms of ozone exposure such as shortness of breath, chest pain,

wheezing and/or coughing.

To avoid exposure to high levels of air pollution try to avoid areas with heavy auto or truck traffic, avoid outdoor exercise when ozone levels are high (rush hours and hot afternoons are usually the worst), and check air pollution forecasts before planning outdoor activities. To get current air quality forecasts, call the Department of Environmental Protection's hotline at 1-800-782-

0160 or check their website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/airmon/>.

The American Lung Association of New Jersey is dedicated to the prevention of lung disease and the promotion of lung health. These goals are achieved through education, research and advocacy — with a major focus on asthma, tobacco, and the environment. For more information call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Children's Bereavement Group At JFK Medical Center

EDISON—The loss of a loved one is difficult to cope with for anybody but it is even harder for children. Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center provides a bereavement group for children to support and help them cope with issues surrounding their loss. The series of meetings will be offered in the fall, on Thursday evenings.

Age appropriate groups utilize play therapy to help participants identify and externalize their feelings. Activities such as

drawing, puppetry, mask making and storytelling are used to help children cope with issues surrounding loss and to prevent future conflict and emotional distress. Facilitators encourage children to use healthy methods of coping throughout their development. A parent/caregiver group runs concurrently. Participation to the group requires nominal fee.

To get more information, call Haven Hospice at (732) 321-7769.

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Top 100 Items, From A - Z, To Bring To Campus (And What To Leave Home)

AREA — The campus housing specialists at Rutgers University have seen and heard it all. Through years of helping students settle into residence halls, the staff has developed a keen sense for what is and is not needed for on-campus living. To help students and their parents avoid packing the contents of their homes for the big move to campus, Rutgers experts have created a checklist, from A to Z, of things they should be sure to bring, and suggestions on what to leave home. Roommates should discuss dividing the responsibility for bringing certain items such as televisions, telephones, rugs and audio equipment before arriving for the start of the semester.

WHAT TO BRING:

1. All housing assignment information
2. Alarm clock
3. Aspirin or other pain reliever
4. Backpack
5. Baseball or other cap for bad hair days
6. Bathrobe
7. Bathing suit
8. Belts
9. Bicycle
10. Blankets
11. Calculator
12. Can and bottle opener
13. Cassette tapes and CDs
14. Cleaning items
15. Clothing to last until the first trip home
16. Comforter or bedspread
17. Computer and printer
18. Contact lenses and solutions
19. Cough drops
20. Crates for storage
21. Cups, plates, pots, utensils, and napkins
22. Daily planner and/or calendar
23. Deck of cards
24. Dental floss
25. Deodorant
26. Desk and/or reading lamp
27. Dictionary, thesaurus, writer's guide
28. Envelopes

29. Extension cords under 6 feet with surge protector and power strips
30. Fan
31. First-aid kit
32. Flip-flops for the shower
33. Food
34. FunTack to hang posters
35. Glasses
36. Glue
37. Hair care products
38. Hairbrush and comb
39. Hangers
40. Highlighters
41. Hygiene items
42. Iron/ironing board
43. Jeans
44. Jackets - light and heavy
45. Laundry bag or basket
46. Laundry detergent and fabric softener
47. Mirror
48. Money for books, food, entertainment, school apparel
49. Music
50. Nail clippers
51. Names, addresses, phone numbers and policy numbers of medical, homeowner, credit card and auto insurance companies
52. Open mind
53. Pajamas
54. Paper clips
55. Patience
56. Pencil sharpener
57. Pens and pencils
58. Perfume or cologne
59. Pictures, posters
60. Pillow(s)
61. Q-tips
62. Quarters and lots of them for laundry, vending machines, laundry machines
63. Radio and/or stereo
64. Razors
65. Room decoration
66. Rug(s) or carpeting
67. Ruler
68. Scissors
69. Sense of humor

70. Shampoo and conditioner
71. Shaving cream
72. Sheets - extra long and pillowcases
73. Shoes
74. Shorts
75. Shower caddy
76. Slippers
77. Sneakers
78. Soap and plastic soap dish
79. Socks
80. Sports stuff - Frisbee, rackets, baseball
81. Stamps
82. Stapler and staples
83. Sweatshirt
84. T-shirts
85. Tape (duct and scotch)
86. Thermometer
87. Thumbtacks
88. Tissues
89. Tool kit
90. Toothbrush and toothpaste
91. Touch-tone telephone and answering machine (bring a telephone book, too)
92. Towels
93. Tupperware
94. TV
95. Umbrella
96. VCR and your favorite videos
97. Washcloths
98. Watch
99. Yearbook from high school as a conversation piece
100. Zest for learning

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME:

Housing officials want you to be comfortable and safe in your on-campus home, so some items are usually not permitted for safety reasons. Check with your college about the following:

- Cooking and heating devices such as electric toaster ovens, broilers, skillets, hot plates, hot-dog and hamburger cookers, electric woks, rice cookers, immersion coils, hot pots, micro-

wave ovens, space heaters, kerosene or oil lamps, alcohol burners

- Wall hangings made of burlap or other flammable materials, tapestries, fish netting, flags, firearms, other weapons, explosives
- Candles, incense, fireworks, sparklers, smoke bombs
- All flammable and combustible liquids, including art supplies such as thinners
- Chemicals
- Electrical wiring that is "homemade" or otherwise modified or transformed
- Extension cords exceed-

ing 6 feet

- Lofts, liquid-filled beds or similar structures
- Light dimmers, ceiling fans
- Combustible or plastic lamp shades or light fixture covers
- Torchier-type lamps with halogen bulbs
- Traffic and road signs

For more information, contact Dawn Burns Smith, assistant director at the Division of Housing and Conference Services, Rutgers University, P.O. Box 880, Piscataway, N.J. 08855-0880; (732) 932-1010; or visit the housing Web site at www.housing.rutgers.edu.



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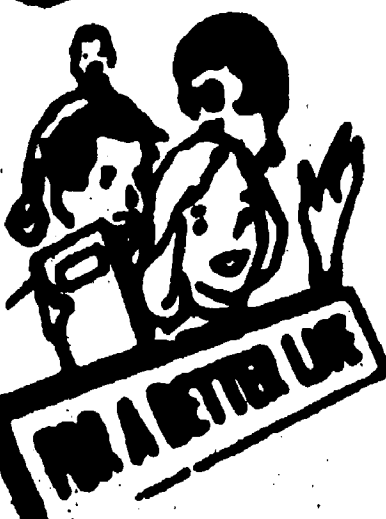
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Pro-Life Politics

by Tom Minnery

Dear Editor,

In the days following President Bush's decision on stem cell research, the media focused rather narrowly: on the number of cells available, the promise for cures, the President's difficult political circumstances and the arcane science of stem cell production.

Lost in the shadows was a more remarkable conclusion to be drawn from his carefully constructed speech. It reveals that President Bush holds the most ardent-opponents would say radical-pro-life view about the origin of human life available on the political spectrum today, the view that life begins at conception.

The president's position is even more remarkable given the circumstances of the abortion debate today. We are living in a time when the right to abortion is held by federal courts to be settled law, a time when even the most hideous of abortion procedures, the one known as partial birth abortion, has now passed its first test in the Supreme Court. And in the Senate debate over abortion we have now witnessed an acknowledgment by Sen. Barbara Boxer, (D-CA), that even a newborn may not deserve the right to life until its parents decide to take it home from the hospital.

This is the atmosphere in which the President boldly set himself on the side of those of us who believe that life begins—not with a born baby, not with an unborn third trimester

baby, nor even a first trimester baby early in pregnancy, but at the very first possible beginning of life, a fertilized egg. The president's action will be seen over the course of time as an historic advance for the pro-life cause.

Nothing in his words was explicit on this point, and that's probably why many commentators missed it in their rush to pick apart the president's decision. He said in his speech that he kept coming to two central questions. "First, are these frozen embryos human life, and therefore something precious to be protected? And second, if they're going to be destroyed anyway, shouldn't they be used for a greater good, for research that has the potential to save and improve other lives?"

He didn't answer either question in so many words, but in his decision his answer was clear. To the first question the answer was yes, life does begin at conception, and so no more embryos must be destroyed. (In a campaign interview on Meet the Press in November, 1999, the president did say specifically that he believes life begins at conception). To the second question, the answer was no. Although an excess of stored frozen embryos exists, the fact that they constitute human life eliminates the argument that they should be put to "good use."

Because the president spoke mostly about research on cells drawn from embryos, instead of building a case for the humanity

of embryos themselves, even some in the pro-life movement didn't note the historic and radical position of the president and they turned critical in the days following. They focused on the fact that the president decided to allow federal dollars to research those stem cells already harvested, from embryos already destroyed.

Nonetheless, in the days following the president's speech, those who had been arguing for unfettered research on all available embryos were beginning to voice their gloom over the very tiny crack in the door to the research lab left open by the president. Democrats in Congress were gathering steam to burst that door wide open, and the most courteous among them could call what he did only a good first step. They know that the decision was a far stronger pro-life than pro-research position.

In his speech President Bush resonated with nearly all Americans when he said he harbors great hope for cures from stem cell research. But then he added: "I also believe that human life is a sacred gift from our Creator." By his action he left no doubt about where he stands in the most emotional debate of our day, the question of when that life begins.

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ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WINIOWSKI'S
**Report
From
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New Jersey is an interesting place to live and we New Jerseyans have a lot to be proud of. The first baseball game played under modern rules was played in the Elysian Field in Hoboken in 1846. Drive in movie theaters originated in New Jersey, even though you cannot go to one today. They're history. New Jersey was the first state to build the now infamous traffic circle, set up in 1930 at Route 1 and Route 130. That's gone too. The light bulb and the phonograph were invented by Thomas Edison in New Jersey, right here in Middlesex County. They're still with us although the phonograph has become the CD. New Jersey residents have the highest per capita income in the country. And while we're a state with many proud firsts, there's one first that no one is too happy about. New Jersey residents pay the most in property taxes.

Since the beginning of the Whitman Administration, property taxes statewide have risen \$3.4 billion. Since just 1999, property taxes in New Jersey have increased 5%, more than double the national average. And while the current administration has been unwilling to fix this problem, the Legislature has taken steps to help homeowners offset their taxes. Three major programs that New Jersey currently offers is the Homestead Rebate, the NJ SAVER rebate, and the Property Tax Reimbursement Program. While this year's deadline for the NJ SAVER has been extended to August 31, the deadline for the Homestead Rebate has passed.

The Homestead Rebate is available for homeowners or renters who pay property tax directly or through rent. There are income limits for the program. For those residents 65 or older or those receiving disability benefits, the limit is \$100,000. For residents who are not 65 or older or disabled, the income limit is \$40,000. You're eligible for a Homestead Rebate check if your income is below those amounts.

The Homestead Rebate program began in 1977 when the state income tax was implemented. The last increase for the rebate was in 1990 when Democrats controlled the Legislature. For the past decade, the maximum Homestead Rebate has been \$300. At one time, however, all homeowners were entitled to the \$300 rebate. As part of his tax package, the Whitman Administration

that rebate for people under 65 to a mere \$100. So while property taxes have increased by \$3.4 billion, the maximum rebate should have increased as well. Thankfully, the Legislature recently voted to increase the maximum amount of the Homestead Rebate to \$750.

The NJ SAVER Rebate is for residents who own their home and have paid their property taxes for the year. The rebate represents equalized home values multiplied by the school tax rate. The amount of the tax rebate varies by municipality. The NJ SAVER Rebate was implemented in 1999 to help offset the amount of property tax that goes toward the schools in the municipality. The program was originally planned to be phased in over a period of five years. Recently the Legislature voted to speed up the pace of the program and increase this year's average check from \$360 to about \$500.

New Jersey also offers a Property Tax Reimbursement Program. It's also known as the Property Tax Freeze Program. If eligible, you'll receive a reimbursement for the difference between the amount of property taxes paid in the base year and the amount paid in the application year. If you're 65 or older, you're eligible provided your income does not exceed \$19,230 if you are single or \$23,589 if you are married. Additionally, you must be a New Jersey resident for 10 years and have lived in your current home for the last 3 years. Applying is easy, just fill out and file form PTR-1 by March 15.

These programs are by no means a fix to New Jersey's unfair and inefficient system of taxation. In fact, these programs are nothing more than tax band aids. What is needed is tax reform. But until that happens, these types of relief programs offer the best form of help to our overburdened property taxpayers.

All homeowners, particularly senior citizens on fixed incomes, deserve any relief the state can offer. I urge all New Jersey residents to take full advantage of any program the state offers to help offset the property tax burden. No matter what the amount may be, every bit of help that comes back to you is worth the time spent filling out the application. There's still time to file for the NJ SAVER Rebate. Those residents who have not yet filed for their NJ SAVER Rebate can call 1-877-633-2972 or can log on to <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation>. You can also contact me at my legislative office at (609) 316-1845. or e-mail me at john.winiowski@leg.state.nj.us

Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Last month, the following message appeared in huge letters on the sides of Washington, D.C. buses, courtesy of the District's public school system: "DC Public Schools Wants You!! Go To Class It a Blast!!"

The Washington Post reports that D.C. taxpayers were charged some \$45,000 on the bungled campaign—part of an effort to combat truancy. Public Schools Superintendent Paul L. Vance called the ungrammatical and misspelled signs "absolutely inexcusable" adding that "it reinforces the perception that we're less than

competent." (What was your first clue?).

And this isn't the first such instance. A year ago, school board officials distributed a program with the word "tomorrow" misspelled on the cover. And a school board member provided written testimony to the D.C. Council referring to "pubic" schools. Vance is trying to get his staff to double check grammar, and spelling and subject-verb agreement. He might also want to think about hiring someone who didn't attend public—or pubic—school.

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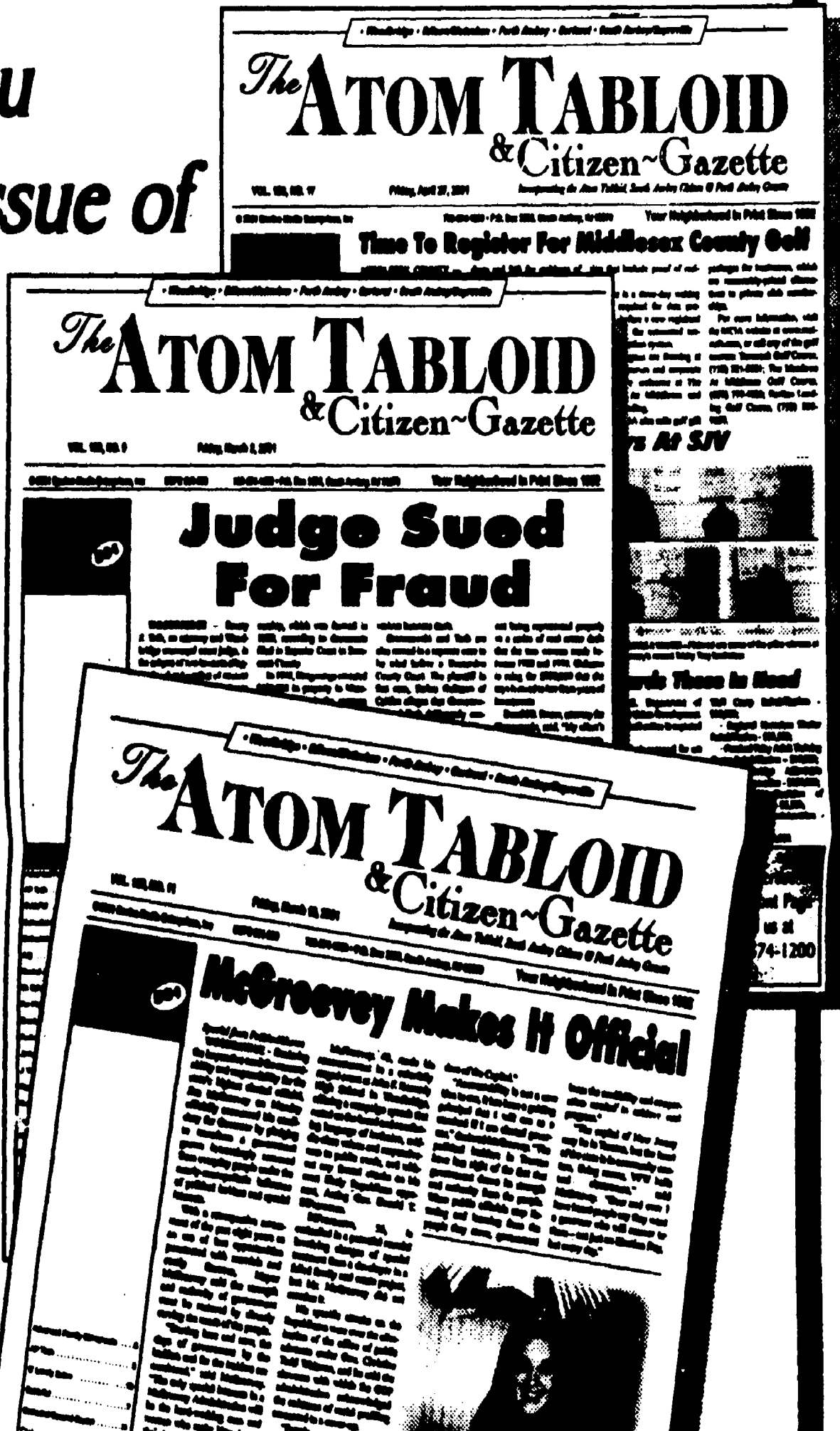
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PERTH AMBOY — The Perth Amboy YMHA, the JCC of Edison, Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy and Congregation Shaarey Tefilah of Perth Amboy asks that you mark your calendar now for a show by Ricky Pen at the Y on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Ricky is a dynamic, international singer, singing American, Hebrew, Yiddish and other favorites.

Coffee and...will be served at 10:30 a.m. After the program a brunch will be served, at a cost of \$5.

Call 442-0365 for reservations. The program will be held at the Perth Amboy Y, 316 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy.

Woodbridge Dems Reorganize

WOODBIDGE—The Woodbridge Democratic Organization has reorganized, re-electing Kevin P. McCabe as Chairman and Donna Jago as Vice-Chair.

"Woodbridge Democrats are a stable organization with the leadership and experience essential for success," McCabe said. "With five Council seats on the ballot this fall, our strength and stability will be critical to a Democratic victory in November."

Woodbridge Township's five Ward Council members—Charles Kenny, Rick Dalina, Frank Pelzman, Kevin Wertz and Robert Luban—are seeking re-election this year.

In addition to McCabe and Jago, the Woodbridge Demo-

cratic Organization elected Tom Henderson as Treasurer, Phil Peck as Recording Secretary, Frank Gagnon as Corresponding Secretary and Bob Bonsignore as Sergeant-At-Arms.

"The dedication and commitment of the individuals on our Executive Board has produced ten years of unprecedented success in Woodbridge," said Jago. "The team is ready, willing and able to produce a huge victory for Jim McGreevey and the Democratic ticket this fall."

In the Township's five Wards, the Chairs and Vice Chairs elected at the reorganization include:

Ward One: Joanne Gagnon, Chair; Rosemary Kosturski, Vice Chair.

Ward Two: Larry Mayerowitz, Chair; Sue Ligouri, Vice Chair.

Ward Three: Anna Pichalski, Chair; Frank Pelzman Jr., Vice Chair.

Ward Four: Rich Lorentzen, Chair; Bonnie Nolan, Vice Chair.

Ward Five: Jim Durek, Chair; Carol Henderson, Vice Chair.

"The Woodbridge Democratic Organization has been fortunate to continuously have quality people serving on our Executive Board and as our Ward leaders," said McCabe. "The tradition continues this year with an outstanding group of individuals serving in our leadership posts."

City Receives \$100,000 To Continue Neighborhood Preservation Program

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas is pleased to announce that the NJ Department of Community Affairs has awarded the City of Perth Amboy an additional \$100,000 grant through its Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP). The city first received a \$125,000 NPP grant in July of 1997 to help address home and infrastructure needs in the aging neighborhood bordered by Smith, Market, Elm and Herbert Streets.

The city was also promised an additional \$100,000 for each of the next four years, based on its performance and the administration of its programs. This latest

grant installment represents the fifth year of funding that the city has received and will allow the continuation of vital programs in the targeted neighborhood.

Since its inception, Perth Amboy's NPP has administered funding to help eligible residents conduct repairs and home improvements, remediate lead-based paint conditions and remove underground oil tanks. The NPP has also sponsored programs to help first-time buyers purchase homes, provide senior citizens with free home repairs, train teens for entrepreneurial fields and train residents to conduct their own home repairs.

Menendez Announces Grants, Contract Award For Area

AREA—Rep. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) recently announced a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant for Middlesex County and the Township of Woodbridge and a business contract awarded through the Department of the Interior National Park Service to Troop Construction and Electric, Inc., Elizabeth.

The HUD grant was awarded through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant.

The funding is part of the Fiscal Year 2001 Consolidation Plan submission. The Con-

solidated Plan benefits low-to moderate-income persons and addresses homeless needs through the provisions of public services, public facilities and improvements, substantial rehabilitation and other rehabilitation of housing and assistance to facilities that serve persons with AIDS.

The HUD funding was awarded as follows: Middlesex County HOME Investment Partnership Program, \$1,551,000; Middlesex County CDBG, \$2,073,000; Woodbridge CDBG, \$739,000; and Woodbridge HOPWA, \$734,000. The HUD grants for the 13th District total \$5,097,000.

"Today's announcement will provide assistance to our communities by providing loans for home ownership, funding for education and crime prevention programs, funding for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of properties, and assistance for persons living with AIDS," said Menendez. "These grants will help to improve the lives of our residents, and help to revitalize and reenergize our community and economy—I will continue my efforts here in Congress to secure such funding for the 13th District."

"I am also pleased to announce that an Elizabeth-based construction company, Troop Construction and Electric, Inc., was awarded a contract to construct, furnish and install a sprinkler and alarm system for historic structures at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Following a competitive bid process, Troop Construction and Electric was awarded this \$2,040,000 contract to install a fire suppression system for these historic buildings," said Menendez.



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OBITUARIES**Catherine Waters
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Catherine M. Waters of Perth Amboy died July 26 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 61.

Born in Washington Heights, N.Y., she lived in Englishtown and Spotswood before moving to Sayreville 10 years ago.

Her two sisters, MaryJane and Alice and a brother, Eugene, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Dawn Lemma of New York City; a son, Joseph Lemma of Astoria, N.Y.; a grandson, Joseph P. Lemma II; her former husband, Joseph Lemma of Point Pleasant; her companion, Elmer Boyce of Sayreville; and several nieces and nephews.

**Donna Reeve, 55
of Edison**

Ms. Donna Reeve of Fords died July 31 at home. She was 55.

Born in Metuchen, she lived most of her life there before moving to Edison. She later moved to Fords.

She worked as a domestic for private families.

Ms. Reeve was a past county president of American Legion Post 65, Metuchen.

She was an active member of the Reformed Church of Metuchen.

Her parents, Clyde and Norma Fitch, both died last year.

Surviving are a daughter, Dawn Guadagno of New Brunswick; a son, Alex Reeve of Fords; two granddaughters, Angelina and Lauren Reeve; a sister, Jean Yanchak of Alabama; a brother, Clyde Fitch of Georgia; her Aunt Kitty of Metuchen; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

**Ralph & Alexis Graves
of Edison**

Newborn twins Ralph and Alexis Graves of Edison died July 11 and July 12, respectively at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Surviving are their parents, Ralph and Janice Graves; three sisters, one brother, and their maternal and paternal grandparents.

**Julius A. Toth, 52
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Julius A. Toth of Perth Amboy died July 17 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 52.

He was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

Mr. Toth was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 87 and Elks Lodge 2116, both in Woodbridge.

He was a communicant of Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

His father, Julius Toth, Sr., died in 1998.

Surviving are a son, Jason Toth of Woodbridge; his former wife, Linda (Ulrich) Toth of Woodbridge; his mother, Elizabeth (Pastzurnicky) Toth and his brother, Arnold Toth, both of Perth Amboy.

**John G. Jackson
Lifelong resident**

Mr. John G. Jackson of Carteret died July 23 at home. He was 39.

Born in Hoboken, he resided in Carteret all his life.

He was employed by Middlesex County in the county's maintenance department.

He was an avid fisherman.

His mother, Marjorie (Dunn) Jackson, died in 1987.

Surviving are his father, Norman Jackson of Carteret; a sister, Nancy K. Vasilakos of Union Beach; a nephew, Michael Vasilakos and a niece, Leyani Vasilakos.

**Bertha M. O'Connell
of Carteret**

Mrs. Bertha M. Yursha O'Connell of Carteret died July 8 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 88.

Born in Carteret, she lived there all her life.

She retired as a customer service representative from Simon and Schuster Publishing Co., New York City, where she worked for many years.

Mrs. O'Connell was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her husband, Raymond, died in 1967. A son, Norman O'Connell is also deceased.

Surviving are a nephew, Michael Tomico of Mullica Hill; a niece, Marlene Karaska of Southampton; and three great-nephews and two great-nieces.

**R. E. Whalen, Sr.
of South Amboy**

Mr. Richard E. Whalen Sr. of South Amboy died July 31 at home. He was 51.

Born in New Brunswick, he lived in Woodbridge and Edison before moving to South Amboy over two years ago.

He was a building supervisor for J.C. Penny Company, Inc. in Woodbridge for over 18 years.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Wisniewski Whalen; two sons, Richard Jr. of South Amboy and Mark of Keasbey; a sister, Barbara Kelly of North Brunswick; a brother, James R. Whalen Sr. of Florida and three grandsons, Richard III, Matthew and Shane.

**Alice T. Yacullo, 71
of Edison**

Mrs. Alice T. Yacullo of Edison died July 17 in the Warwick, Md. home of her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Carlye. She was 71.

Born in Newark, she lived in Medford before moving to Edison.

She was a secretary with Edgewood Properties, Edison.

Earlier, she worked at Village Court Senior Apartments, Edison. Before that, she was a medical secretary with Briarwood Medical Center, Medford.

Surviving are a son, Carl; another daughter, Mrs. Joan Marnell; two sisters, Mrs. Marguerette Meyer and Mrs. Rose Anne Quinn; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Mary Purcell, 72
of Woodbridge**

Mrs. Mary Brigid Purcell of Woodbridge died July 23 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 72.

Born in Jersey City, she resided in Woodbridge since 1973.

Her husband, James Vincent Purcell, died in 1980 and both her brothers, John and Cornelius Cassidy, are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Purcell of Perth Amboy and Kathleen Gottlick of Colonia; two sons, William V. Purcell of Howell and John Purcell of Parsippany; six grandchildren, Christopher Gottlick, Kevin Gottlick, Brian Gottlick, John Purcell, Megan Purcell and Thomas Purcell.

**Ann Bufogle, 73
of Edison**

Mrs. Ann Aretakis Bufogle of Edison died July 10 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 73.

Born in New Brunswick, she resided in Edison for the past 45 years.

Mrs. Bufogle was a member of the Edison Senior Citizens.

Her husband, John Bufogle, Sr., died in 1987.

Surviving are a son, John Bufogle, Jr. of Edison; two sisters, Irene Gogas of Mount Laurel and Claire Pascarelli of East Brunswick; two brothers, George Aretakis of Basking Ridge and Thomas Aretakis of Edison; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Rochelle Firestone of Edison

Mrs. Rochelle Capik Buck Firestone of Little Silver (formerly of Edison) died July 31 at home. She was 64.

Born in Edison, she moved to Monmouth County 30 years ago.

She graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 1954, where she received the Horatio Alger Award presented by the American Schools and Colleges Association.

She graduated from Trenton State Teachers College in 1958. She taught in Colts Neck and Edison school systems for more than 25 years. She recently taught at Conover Road School, Colts Neck before retiring in 1996.

Pascal DeCicco, 48 of Iselin

Mr. Pascal DeCicco of Iselin died July 17 in the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. He was 48.

Born in Newark, he lived in Iselin for 17 years.

He was president of E.T.C.

**Michael J. Cleary
worked in Edison**

Mr. Michael J. Cleary of Ridgefield Park died July 4 in Pascack Valley Hospital. He was 40.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, he lived in Emerson and the Bronx before moving to Ridgefield Park.

He was a director of licensing with Westwood Entertainment in Edison for several years.

He was a 1981 graduate of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, earning a bachelor of science degree in marketing.

Surviving are his parents, Mary E. and Donald S. Cleary; two sisters, Anne P. and Mrs. Ellen C. Hall; and a brother, Robert E.

She was a recipient of the Governor's Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1994.

Mrs. Firestone was a communicant of St. Dorothea's R.C. Church, Eatontown, where she taught catechism.

Her father, Walter Capik, is deceased.

Surviving are her mother, Helen Capik Endlich of Red Bank; her husband, Lawrence S. Firestone; a son, Kenneth J. Buck Jr. of Oceanport; two daughters, Cathy Lee Finnegan of Rumson and Deborah C. Leahey of Seattle; three grandchildren; Ryan Finnegan, Eric Finnegan and Samantha Buck.

Corp., Florham Park, for two years.

Surviving are his wife, LuAnn, of 25 years; two daughters, Daria and Pamela; his parents, Dan and Lita DeCicco; and a sister, Mrs. Maria Shields.

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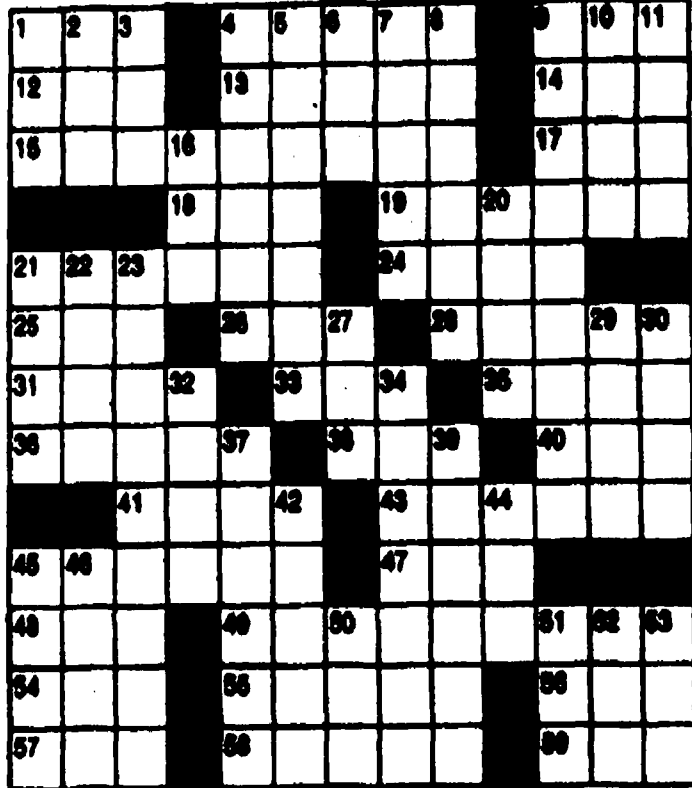
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- 4 Con games
- 9 "Cheers" bartender
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- 13 Landlord's sign
- 14 Comedian Phillips
- 15 Key question?
- 17 A billion years
- 18 Abby's sister
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- 21 Coffin
- 24 Connoisseur or Penn
- 25 Bulking brave
- 26 Wild a needle
- 28 Heart or tongue
- 31 Oil org.
- 33 Dooen-cumber
- 35 Monterey miss
- 36 Tough nut to crack
- 38 Understand
- 40 Napoleon's title (abbr.)
- 41 Laborious walk
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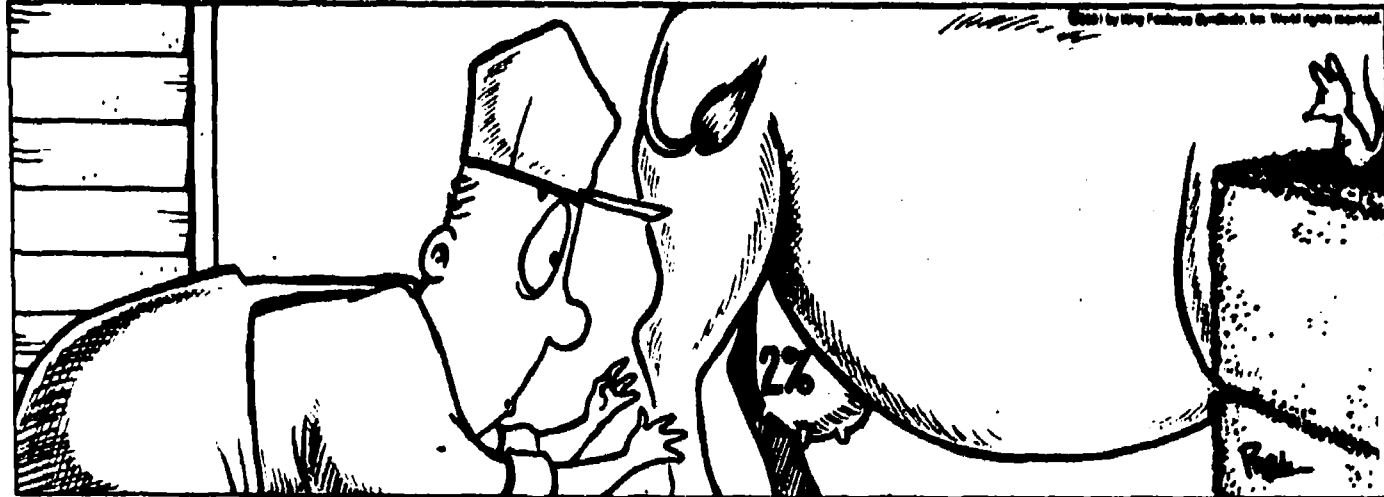


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- 58 Primed
- 59 Cavalier base
- 9 Having a fit
- 10 Uncontrollable
- 11 2000 movie, "Drowning -"
- 16 Tibetan beast
- 20 Crew supply
- 21 Non den
- 22 Dog food brand
- 23 Reacts to a baseball
- 27 Parake
- 29 "Don't throw bouquets -"
- 30 Sleets
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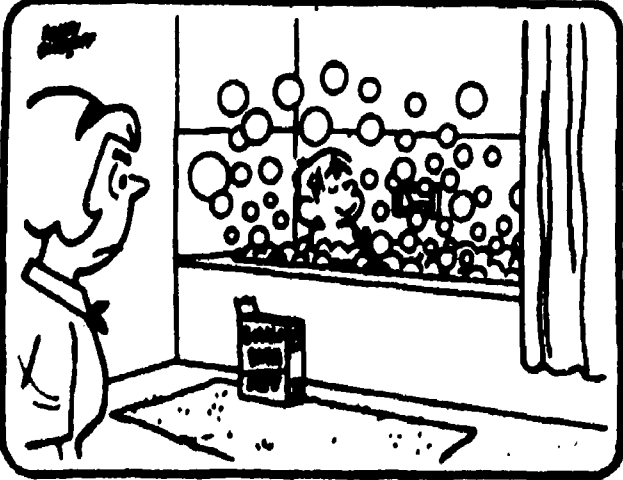
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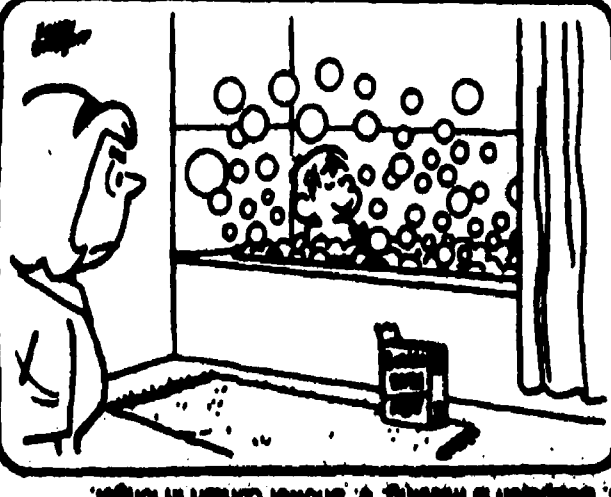
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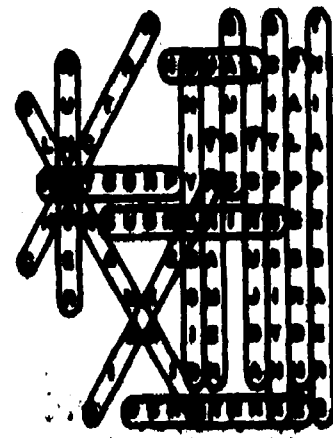


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

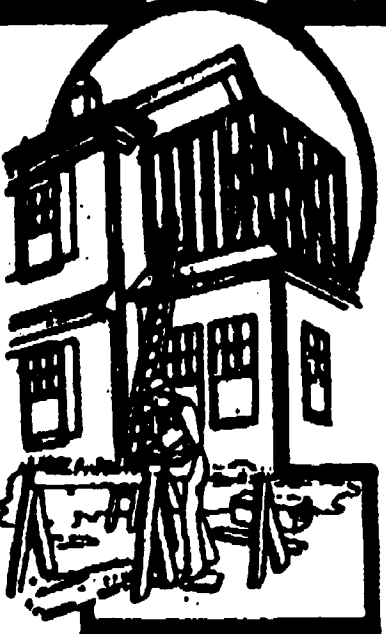


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Tips To Help You And Your Teen Choose The Right Vehicle

AREA—Your teenager is testing the waters of independence when important decisions, such as driving and buying a car, become a topic of discussion every night at the dinner table. Your teen wants a new vehicle, but you want your new driver to consider the practical necessities of a first car; affordability, safety and reliability.

These guidelines can help parents and their teens in selecting a first car:

Affordability:

- **Research insurance costs.** Before buying a car, consider the cost of insurance and the type that fits your budget.
- **Think twice about used cars.** Keep in mind that older vehicles get lower gas mileage,

may require more frequent trips to the mechanic; and usually don't have a number of key safety features, such as air bags. All of these considerations, come along with the price tag!

- **Consider a certified used car.** Although this option is typically more expensive, a certified used car offers you and your teen a late model vehicle, usually one just coming off lease or that is a single owner trade-in.

Safety

- **Choose a vehicle designed to reduce serious injury.** Crash protection in a vehicle is a must to reduce the chance of injury. Also, make sure the car is built solidly and

does not contain features that create visual blind spots.

- **Consider a vehicle's passenger capacity.** A crowded vehicle creates distractions for the driver, so choose a car that's spacious, but not overwhelming large.

- **Invest in a vehicle with modern safety features.** Make sure the vehicle you buy is equipped with driver and passenger-side airbags, adjustable seatbelts for all passengers, and anti-lock brakes.

Reliability

- **Look for a warranty.** If the car's original manufacturer's warranty has expired, consider purchasing an extended warranty.

- **Check the history.** Re-

view the vehicle's repair and maintenance history to familiarize yourself with any possible recurring problems. Also, consider opting for a Carfax vehicle history report.

- **Avoid excessive mileage.** Heavy mileage leads to wear and tear on a car's

components, so opt for a vehicle with low mileage, if possible.

- **Conduct a pre-purchase inspection.** Be sure to have your car reviewed by a certified inspection analyst to ensure it's safe and reliable.

Summer Gas Prices—'Driving Us Crazy'

STATE—Spring and Summer brings with it an increase in travelers. This increased demand for gasoline often leads to higher prices at the fuel pump. The Independent Insurance Agents of New Jersey offer the following tips to help keep money in your pockets during this busy travel season.

- **Don't blast your air-conditioner.** By using your air conditioning system sparingly, especially in stop and go traffic, you can conserve gas. Try running errands in the morning or evenings when it is cooler outside. Use a sun visor across the windshield to help keep the temperature in the car down.

- **Fuel efficiency decreases rapidly above 55 m.p.h.** Follow the speed limits and accelerate slowly. Jumpy starts guzzle gas.

- **Don't make needless trips.** Combine your errands where possible.

- **Maintain your car by checking the oil regularly and keeping the tires inflated properly.** Poorly maintained cars work harder and put a greater stress on the engine.

- **Avoid placing objects on the roof of the car.** This will prevent the strain that weight and wind resistance place on the vehicle.

- **Don't allow your car to idle for more than a minute.** Idling wastes much more gas than it would take to restart your car.

- **Mid grade and premium gasoline should not be purchased unless recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer or your mechanic.**

Finally, IIANJ would like to remind all motorists to never leave a child or pet in a parked car. Temperatures can reach over a hundred degrees in just a few minutes.

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AAA Offers Moneysaving Tips For Overpriced Vacation Phone Bills

AREA—You're on vacation. You're in a much-needed rest and relaxation mode until you check out of your hotel and realize your telephone charges are more than the cost of your trip. Even though you may think your hotel is overcharging you for long-distance phone calls, you must take into consideration that there are no state or federal guidelines that lodgings must follow when it comes to phone rates.

"Some lodgings don't post their telephone rates. If this is the case, you should contact the front desk for rate information. If you're unsure of where to look for phone rates, check on or near all the phones in your room," said Bob Housley, assistant vice president of travel for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park.

To help you keep your hotel phone charges to a minimum, AAA suggests considering these

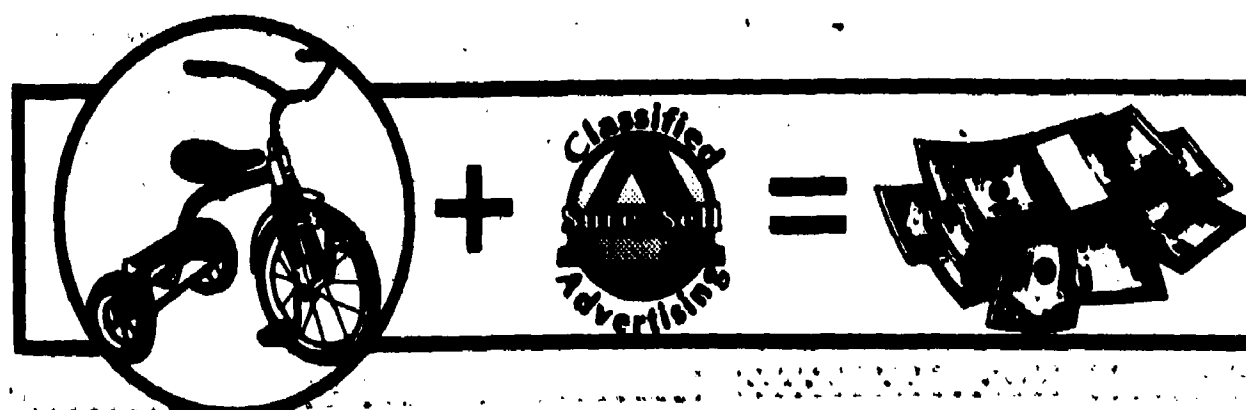
options before picking up the phone:

- **Own a cellular telephone?** Your cell phone is the easiest solution because it's available at all times and is usually less expensive (particularly if you have a calling plan with free long-distance minutes).

- **Locate a pay phone in your hotel's lobby.** It may not be right at your fingertips, but you can avoid any unnecessary usage fees and most likely will be able to make calls at a cheaper rate.

- **Use a calling card that charges calls to your home telephone.** But remember, if you call from your room, you may still be charged an access fee for using a hotel phone.

- **Buy a prepaid phone card from a local convenience store or while you're on vacation.** Keep in mind, you may still be charged an access fee by the hotel for using their phone.



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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Perth Amboy To Fund Major City-Wide Capital Improvements

PERTH AMBOY — The Perth Amboy City Council introduced an ordinance proposed by Mayor Joseph Vas at a recent City Council meeting authorizing the issuance of \$4.68 million in municipal bonds to fund numerous city-wide capital improvements. The multi-million dollar bond ordinance will allow the city to conduct the following projects:

- * The 2001 Road Resur-

facing Program

- * Dublin neighborhood road improvements

- * Improvements to the intersection of Fayette Street, Goodwin Street and the Route 440 Connector Road

- * Water Street Harborwalk Reconstruction

- * Reconstruction of Harborwalk from Lewis St. to the Raritan Yacht Club

- * Front Street Parking Lot

and Harborwalk extension

With the 2001 Road Resurfacing Program, the city will continue its ongoing infrastructure improvement effort by resurfacing another 13 streets. Nearly \$1.5 million will be spent to mill and resurface the following streets, which represent a vast grid throughout the city: 1. Barry Street; 2. Franklin Avenue; 3. Carson Avenue; 4. Jennetty

Court; 5. Hazel Avenue; 6. Edward Place; 7. Kelly Avenue; 8. Forbes Avenue; 9. Lincoln Drive; 10. May Street; 11. Fayette Street (from the western end to Kirkland Place); 12. High Street (from City Hall Circle to Sadowski Parkway); and 13. Krochmally Avenue (from Rt. 35 to Amboy Avenue).

In conjunction with the 2001 Road Resurfacing Program, the city will also make good on its pledge to cap the revitalization of the Dublin neighborhood by resurfacing another 10 streets. The Dublin area had been forced to endure the constant barrage of heavy truck traffic over the last 20 years until the city completed the construction of an industrial bypass road last September. With over 400 daily trucks removed from the residential neighborhood, the city will now mill and resurface the following streets (south of Market Street), replace the sidewalks and curbing and plant new trees, at a total cost of just over \$1.82 million: 1. Oak Street; 2. Prospect Street; 3. Walnut Street; 4. Olive Street; 5. Grant Street; 6. Meade Street; 7. Sherman Street; 8. Sheridan Street; 9. Gordon Street; and 10. Colfax Street.

Another significant road improvement will take place at the intersection of the Route 440 Connector Road, Fayette Street and Goodwin Street. The city and the county will jointly fund this \$615,000 project so that a much-needed traffic light can be installed at this highly trafficked area. The present "hump" that exists just east of Goodwin Street, due to the former railroad crossing,

will be eliminated and the street will be leveled and resurfaced.

The city also plans to construct major improvements to the existing Harborwalk system in order to make it more durable for withstanding weathering and erosion. The present "fish-hook" design of the Harborwalk, which juts out into the bay at the most vulnerable point of the city's shoreline, will be re-aligned along Water Street. The existing edging, brickpavers, benches, lighting and railing will be removed and realigned so as to straighten the Harborwalk and eliminate the increased potential for erosion during storms.

The city also plans to reconstruct the Harborwalk from Lewis Street to the Raritan Yacht Club. Due to the uneven settling of the brick pavers, the city will relocate the walkway to a level grade and provide bollard type lighting for increased safety. Both Harborwalk improvements will total just over \$407,000.

The city also plans to address the increased need for parking along the waterfront by expanding the existing city-owned parking lot at the southern end of Front Street, adjacent to the Raritan Yacht Club. The city will take advantage of the underutilized portion at the lot's western end, which will be redesigned, while the entire lot will be milled, resurfaced and restriped. This \$129,000 project will also include the re-contouring of the Harborwalk so that it connects to the existing Yacht Club brick paver walkway, rather than terminating at the southerly side of the Yacht Club.

Koupal Is Named To Dean's List

COLONIA — Andrea Koupal, a senior from Colonia, majoring in illustration was named to Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts' Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

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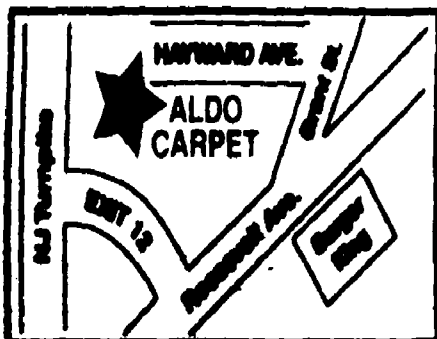
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