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Next Governor Will Be Your Neighbor

AREA - The three political figures battling to become New Jersey's next governor all have roots in the local area.

Woodbridge Mayor Jim McGreevey, the 1997 Democratic nominee, will face either Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco, whose state senate district includes the western part of Union County, or Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler, who grew up in Woodbridge and Westfield.

The latest statewide poll, released last week by Quinnipiac University, indicates an early lead for Democrat McGreevey over both DiFrancesco and Schundler.

McGreevey leads with 40 percent compared to DiFrancesco's 32 percent in the poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The Woodbridge mayor leads Schundler by 46 percent to 22 percent.

McGreevey's lead in the Quinnipiac poll is similar to the results of a recent Star-

Ledger/Eagleton poll that showed the Woodbridge Township mayor would get 39 percent of the vote, with DiFrancesco picking up 26 percent, and 31 percent undecided. Four percent interviewed in that poll said they would vote for someone else or not vote at all.

McGreevey came a hair's breadth away from upstaging former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman when she sought re-election to a second term in 1997. As Senate President, DiFrancesco recently took over the state government when Whitman resigned to become head of the EPA.

Although the survey took place from Jan. 30 through Feb. 3, a period that included heavy news coverage of DiFrancesco's installation as acting governor, many voters say they don't know much about the candidates.

Maurice Carroll, director of Quinnipiac's polling, said the poll included telephone interviews with 1,156 New Jersey registered voters.

A sample of 310 registered

Republican voters questioned about a DiFrancesco-Schundler primary, showed the Jersey City mayor trailing DiFrancesco by 45 percent to 16 percent, with a margin of error of plus or minus 6 percentage points.

McGreevey, a former state legislator who worked two jobs in high school to help pay his way through Columbia University, Georgetown Law Center and Harvard University Graduate School, comes from a middle class working family.

As the mayor of New Jersey's sixth largest town McGreevey, 43, worked with businesses to create over 4,000 new jobs, revitalize Woodbridge's downtown, cut crime, stabilize taxes and restore a spirit of community pride.

Schundler was an All-State football lineman at Westfield High School, studied at the University of Haifa in Israel and graduated with honors from Harvard University.

Following a stint as an Executive Assistant to a Democratic Congressman and



as a Field Coordinator with Gary Hart's 1984 presidential campaign, he became a securities brokers at Salomon Brothers and at C. J. Lawrence.

DiFrancesco, 56, has served as President of the New Jersey Senate since 1992. He was first elected to the Senate in 1979 after serving in the Assembly since in 1977. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and Seton Hall University School of Law.

A political insider largely unknown outside Statehouse circles, DiFrancesco will serve out the one year remaining on Whitman's term.

Veterans Site Renovation Plan Approved

SAYREVILLE-The Borough Council recently approved plans to refurbish the Veterans' Monument in front of Borough Hall.

Council members approved a \$150,000 bond ordinance to fund the project. They also

awarded a \$114,760 contract for the project to Green Construction of South River.

The remainder of the project funds will cover engineering and contract-bidding costs.

The renovations will include bronze plaques to des-

ignate the five branches of the armed services, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm, as well as a plaque for peace. A handicapped-accessible walkway will replace existing stairs

at the monument, and one thousand personalized paver bricks honoring borough veterans will line the way.

The renovations are slated for completion by Memorial Day.

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County College Professor Receives American Poetry Award

EDISON—Emanuel diPasquale, assistant professor of English at Middlesex County College, has been selected as the recipient of the 2000 Raiziss/dePalchi Fellowship by the Academy of American Poets. The \$20,000 award will allow Professor diPasquale to complete *Sharing a Trip*, his translation of the poetry of Silvio Ramat, as well as provide a six-week residency at the American Academy in Rome.

The author of three collections of poetry in English, Professor diPasquale has published many translations from the Italian, including the forthcoming *Sharing a Trip*, to be published by Bordighera Press in 2001. In 1998 he won the Bordighera Poetry Prize for his translation of Joe Salerno's *Song of the Tulip Tree*.

Born in Sicily in 1943, Professor diPasquale came to the United States in 1957 and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Adelphi University and New York University, respectively. His poems have appeared in *American Poetry Review*, *Chelsea*, *The Nation*, *The New York Times*, *The Sewanee Review* and in many other periodicals and anthologies, including *An Introduction to Poetry* by X.J. Kennedy and Dana Gioia (1994). He has been teaching at Middlesex since 1968 and makes his home in East Brunswick.

ShopRite's Dental Central And The NJDA Team Up To Bring Students Great Smiles

AREA—February marks National Children's Dental Health Month and this year, students in grades 1-4 will be reminded to take good care of their teeth by ShopRite's Scrunchy the Bear and the New Jersey Dental Association's popular Dudley the Dinosaur.

ShopRite is providing 350 schools throughout the state with curriculum that promotes the importance of dental health. The kit includes a teacher's guide, activity sheets and a wall poster all designed to teach children the fundamentals of dental care and daily oral hygiene.

According to Dr. Jeffrey A. Mermelstein, whose practice is in Livingston, one in three children are not brushing their teeth before going to bed. "Children should brush their teeth twice a day with the optimal times being before and after breakfast; unfortunately too many are simply not doing it," said Dr. Mermelstein. One activity that encourages children to follow this advice is a take-home chart that helps them keep track of their daily brushing and flossing.

"We are delighted to partner with the NJDA to bring this program to schools in our community," said Ron Haselmann, Senior Category Manager Oral Care Products, for ShopRite Supermarkets. "This program is part of our commitment to bring our customers valuable dental health information and an extensive selection of dental care

products for their entire family."

ShopRite began the Dental Central program with the launch of its Dental Central Website almost one year ago. The site includes a brushing and flossing demo, dental care themed games for kids, product information, articles and newsletters filled with the latest dental information and regularly scheduled online chats with dental health care professionals.

"The NJDA has a tradition of sponsoring activities for school children during the month of February," said Dr. Richard D. Riva, NJDA President. "When ShopRite approached us to work with them on this program, we were pleased to lend our expertise." The NJDA is also providing teachers with an 800 number to arrange for a dentist to visit their classroom to enhance the value of the program. "It's a well-rounded program with a goal to remind children that taking care of their teeth is not only important during the month of February, but all year long," said Dr. Riva.

According to a survey by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) in association with Oral B Laboratories, parents believed that they had plenty of information regarding their own as well as their children's dental health. However, their behavior proved that they were not following the expert's advice.

For those schools not participating in the program, parents can find the information online at www.shoprite.com. Simply click on the Dental Central icon and visit the "for kids only" section of the site.

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ShopRite would like to thank the NJDA for their help and expertise in providing information for the Dental Central program.

For more information on the NJDA or to find a member dentist in your area, go to www.NJDA.org.

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"Valentine"

Love Is Never Having To See This Movie



By Michael S. Goldberger



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♥ The truly bloodthirsty and depraved, as well as a good portion of our teen-aged population, will be disappointed. "Valentine," a typically formulaic slasher flick directed by Jamie Blanks, makes the horribly embarrassing mistake of thinking it has something to offer besides hardcore revulsion. That it might be something more than the unmitigated garbage it really is.

As a result, the film doesn't fully concentrate on the bedlam and mayhem expected of it. Oh sure, there's the dozen or so dastardly murders perfunctorily sprayed throughout the doings: Figure on at least one hot tub electrocution, several piercing crossbow incidents, and numerous Jack The Ripper-style body excavations. But don't expect any real artistry served up with your slayings.

Blame some of it on a wan script by Donna Powers. The usual array of well-scrubbed, semi-familiar faces are paraded to the slaughter when, about ten years after he is rebuffed and ostracized, a middle-school nerd seeks revenge. But oops, forget that. Wipe it from your memory. Because after dedicating no less than a full opening scene to this premise, the director then spends the rest of his inane effort trying to convince us that the killer may not really be Jeremy Melton, goofy dork that he was. Yeah, that's too obvious.

Well then, pray tell, who is snuffing out Jeremy's entire peer group?

Several young men, suitors of the movie's female popula-

tion, are each made to look like they might be the mad killer. It would make the director happy if you could actually believe that one of them is the murderer. Of course, Mr. Blanks doesn't see the necessity of attaching a motive to any one of these, er, suspects. But go ahead anyway. He needs all the help he can get.

The cast is a bore. All good looking in a soap opera sort of way, no doubt many of these would-be stars have been sliced and diced before.

For such is often the recipe one must follow if he or she wishes to make it to Hollywood's main course. Only by now this crew is a bit ripe. All in their twenties, they can't pass for teens anymore. And though you never see them on the job, but only in their cool little apartments, they supposedly have gained careers beyond camp counselor. Of course that doesn't stop the petulant clique from carrying on as if they were still back in school.

They flit from gallery opening to party, breaking for a mandatory funeral without missing a beat. Molded in the post-adolescent image of the viewers who will flock to this flick no matter what any critic—let alone an adult one—says about it, their hormones are set for high and the dialogue level is turned to low. Ahh, the sexual arrogance of youth. Hey, sure they're getting killed left and right, but that's to be expected, man. At least they're dating. And we're just jealous.

Getting down to cases, though, "Valentine" is a rather

anemic example of its genre. Heck, there's not even one beheading. That's right, decapitation freaks, not even one toppling of a wide-eyed noggin, staring with terror as it wobbles toward the audience. Any horror movie worth its spewed bone matter and severed ligaments knows you have to have at least one wayward skull to get things rolling, in a manner of speaking. What kind of horror movie is this anyway?

Fact of the matter is, director Blanks exhibits no great flair for the macabre or the ghoulish. Only one scene with a power drill shows the slightest hint of creativity. Setting the bulk of the murders in the art deco California manse of poor little rich girl Dorothy (Jessica Capshaw), he allows the body count to amass in the catacomb-like basement. But only the audience knows about it. One must assume that the intentional delay in corpse discovery is meant to cause suspense and tension. Perhaps we're supposed to be concerned for the folks upstairs, where the party rages on and no one is the wiser. Wrong. I've known flatware that deserved more empathy than these cardboard cutouts.

Meanwhile, and even more curiously, there are also two or three other victims still lying

around town that were dispatched over the last few days.

No one knows about them either. One's in a dumpster after falling down an elevator shaft. Doesn't this burg pick up its garbage?

But here's the kicker. Based on just the one murder, the police are looking for a serial killer. What a great guess! The logic is dumbfounding.

It's as if the filmmaker were inadvertently handed the wrong movie to direct, but proceeded anyway. He knows he's supposed to kill off people, but doesn't quite know what to do after that. Where he'd really like to go is unclear. He makes

a half-baked and ultimately inept attempt at saying something about dating among the twenty-something set. Sort of like TV's "Friends" but with butcher knives, hatchets and a homicidal maniac skulking around in a cherub mask. And although you do have to give director Blanks credit for a surprise twist ending, it's apparent he just doesn't have his heart in "Valentine."

"Valentine," rated R, is a Warner Brothers release directed by Jamie Blanks and stars Marley Shelton, Denise Richards and Adam Carr. Running time: 92 minutes.

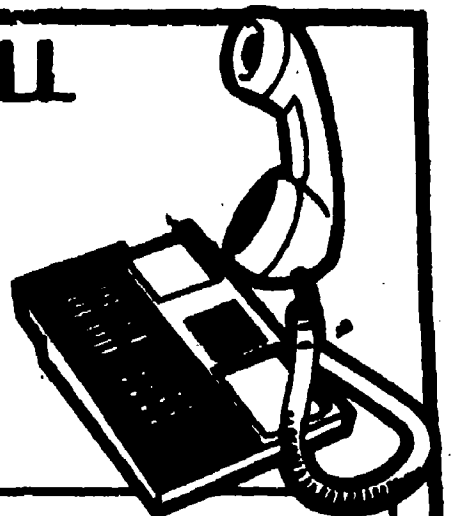
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Materials which residents must not bring and will not be accepted at the drop-off days are tires, explosives and munitions, infectious waste, unknown materials and empty containers.

The Drop-off Days are sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and conducted in cooperation with the Township of Woodbridge, the County Roads Department, Middlesex County College, and the Township of Old Bridge. The events are open to residents of Middlesex County only and are free of charge. Items should be brought in clearly marked containers.

For further information, residents may contact the Division of Solid Waste Management by calling (732) 745-4170, by e-mailing mcswm@superlink.net or by visiting the following web sites at <http://www.njhazwaste.com/midhome.htm> or <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us>.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny, but cold.	Cold with a starry night.	Several hours of sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Mainly cloudy and windy.	Times of sun and clouds.	Some sun.	Mostly cloudy.
35	24	42/26	42/31	49/39	47/26	42/32	49/38

THE WEEK AHEAD...
Temperatures

NATIONAL SUMMARY
A stormy weather pattern will cover the West during the period. Rain and snow will be common across the Northwest, Great Basin and California. The stormy weather will keep temperatures below normal across the regions. Warmer air will push northward into the Southeast and Middle Atlantic. A storm will bring precipitation to the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes and Northeast.

THE WEEK AHEAD...
Precipitation

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Allanta	50	35	sh	58	41	pc	61	43	c	63	39	sh
Boston	30	21	s	37	24	pc	36	27	s	41	36	c
Chicago	23	17	pc	35	24	pc	37	26	c	42	23	c
Cleveland	19	19	pc	34	23	pc	38	28	c	47	30	r
Denver	40	20	pc	40	24	c	43	26	pc	49	33	pc
Des Moines	26	20	pc	39	24	c	39	27	sn	41	24	c
Detroit	25	12	pc	30	22	pc	36	28	c	41	29	sn
Houston	60	46	pc	68	48	c	70	50	t	70	44	c
Indianapolis	26	22	pc	40	28	pc	41	32	c	50	27	sh
Kansas City	30	22	c	40	34	sn	46	30	r	50	29	c
Los Angeles	60	45	c	62	47	c	59	47	c	61	46	r
Miami	82	66	pc	80	67	pc	79	67	pc	80	64	pc
Minn.- St. Paul	18	2	c	24	12	c	30	18	sn	26	6	c
New Orleans	62	48	c	64	48	c	68	52	sh	70	46	pc
New York City	30	24	s	36	26	sn	38	30	pc	46	40	c
Omaha	30	20	c	42	27	c	44	25	r	43	28	c
Phoenix	75	51	c	64	45	c	66	48	c	67	49	c
San Francisco	58	46	r	47	39	pc	48	46	r	49	42	r
Seattle	51	37	c	48	38	c	49	39	c	50	43	r
Washington	36	28	c	38	26	pc	42	30	pc	50	43	r

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:41 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
Fri.	6:40 a.m.	5:41 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	6:38 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Fri.	7:09 a.m.	6:04 p.m.

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
			
Feb 23	Mar 2	Mar 9	
Mar 16			

Weather (W):

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	45	35	pc	37	27	pc	34	25	sn	32	24	c
Berlin	40	27	pc	33	25	c	29	21	sn	28	20	sn
Buenos Aires	82	67	pc	82	66	pc	77	67	r	77	66	c
Cairo	63	44	pc	63	46	pc	68	48	s	70	51	s
Jerusalem	50	36	s	47	39	c	53	38	pc	57	42	s
Johannesburg	76	60	c	79	66	pc	74	59	sh	78	62	pc
London	53	39	pc	43	29	pc	34	26	pc	38	28	pc
Madrid	63	38	pc	62	43	pc	53	36	r	46	30	c
Mexico City	73	47	pc	71	46	pc	71	46	pc	74	48	c
Moscow	24	23	sn	27	20	sn	21	11	sn	21	16	sn
Paris	49	36	pc	41	29	pc	33	22	c	35	24	pc
Rio de Janeiro	80	69	pc	82	70	pc	83	70	pc	81	69	pc
Rome	62	45	s	65	44	pc	58	44	c	53	30	pc
San Juan	81	71	pc	84	70	pc	83	68	pc	81	68	s
Seoul	58	42	s	49	34	c	46	27	s	40	24	s
Sydney	72	61	c	77	68	pc	85	71	s	82	68	pc
Tokyo	60	52	c	58	47	c	50	37	c	52	35	pc
Toronto	5	5	pc	20	-7	pc	31	28	pc	40	27	sn
Winnipeg	9	-9	pc	14	2	c	20	11	sn	21	9	c
Zurich	44	37	pc	42	30	pc	33	21	sn	31	22	sn

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Hospital Opens Blood Donor Room**

AREA — Rahway Hospital, in conjunction with the Community Blood Council of New Jersey, Inc., will open a new Blood Donor Room available for all community members to make donations at their convenience, year round, rather than waiting for annual blood drives.

The Donor Room will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the hospital located at 865 Stone St., Rahway. Free parking is available for all donors. For more information about blood donation, or to schedule an appointment, call toll-free at 1-866-2GIVE-NJ. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Updated HCFA Publications Available

AREA—The Health Care Financing Administration has updated a number of their publications aimed at Medicare beneficiaries for the year 2000. They are available at your local Social Security office and many are available for downloading from the Internet at www.medicare.gov.

Medicare Prevention Services provides updated information about covered preventive services including certain cancer screening tests, bone mass measurement, diabetes monitoring and shots, like flu shots.

Your Medicare Benefits explains Medicare's Part A and Part B benefits, including preventive services. It also provides contact numbers and referral to sources for more detailed information.

The flyer, *Do You Need Help to Pay Health Care Costs?*, provides information about help with paying health care costs, and also includes new income levels for qualifying for help.

The flyer, *Medicare Appeals and Grievances*, explains Medicare's appeals and grievance processes.

Medigap Policies and Protections explains Medigap policies and what they cover, as well as Medicare beneficiaries' rights to buy a Medigap policy when their health coverage changes.

The 2000 Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare provides information about

Medicare supplemental insurance, including purchasing and using Medigap insurance and other private health insurance.

Medicare Savings for Qualified Beneficiaries provides information about help with pay-

ing Medicare costs. It also provides information on new income levels for 2000.

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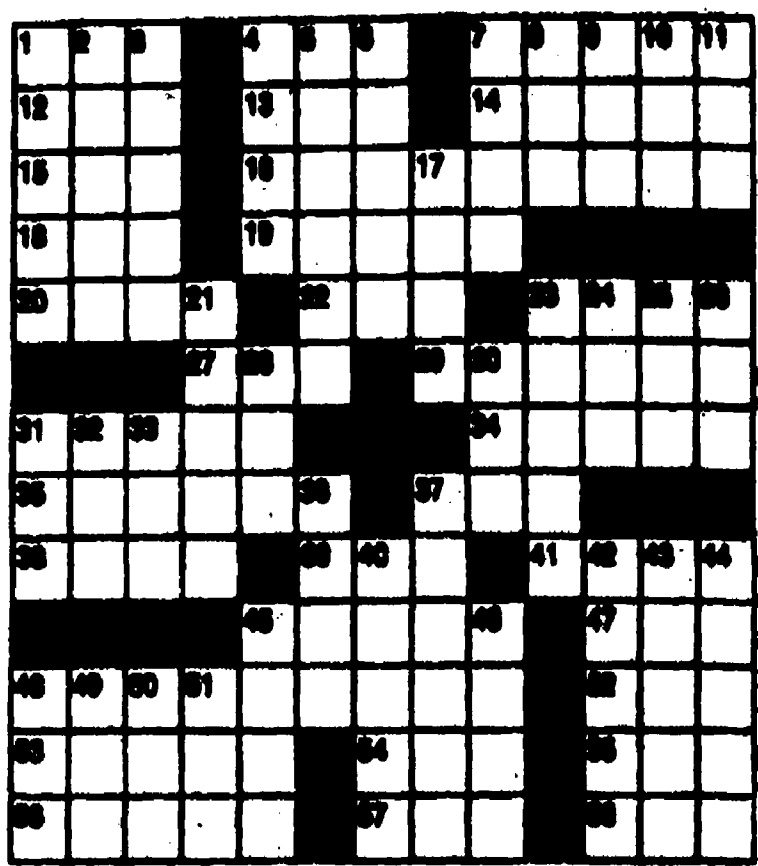
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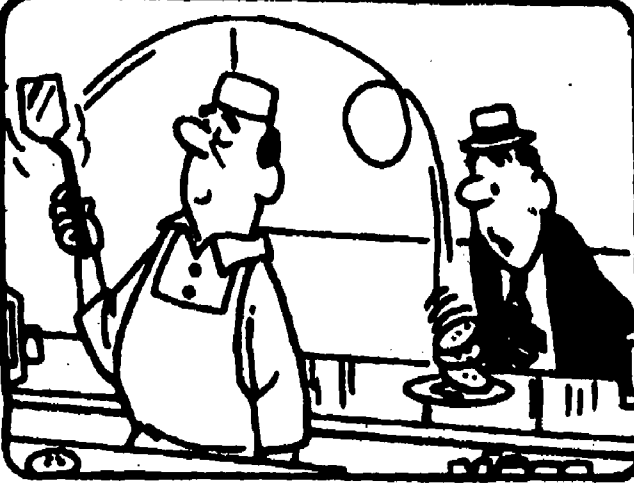


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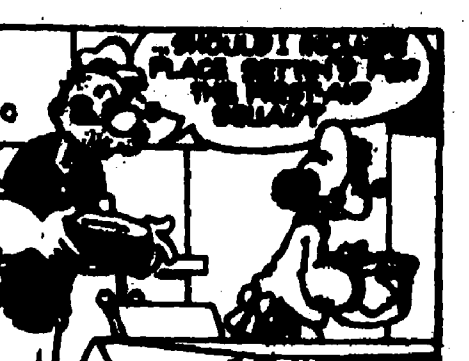
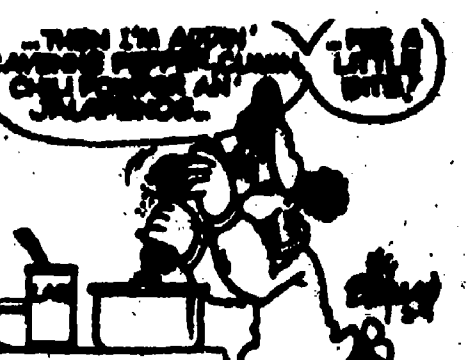
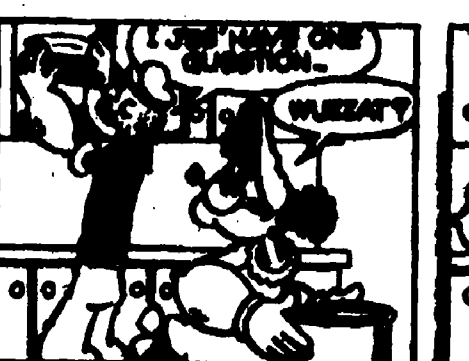
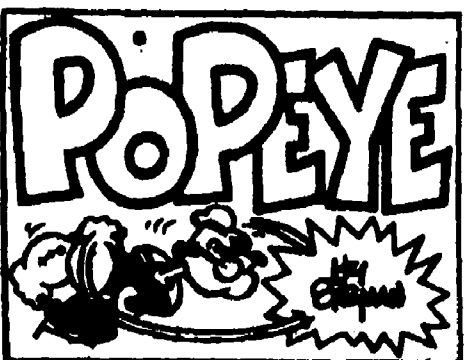
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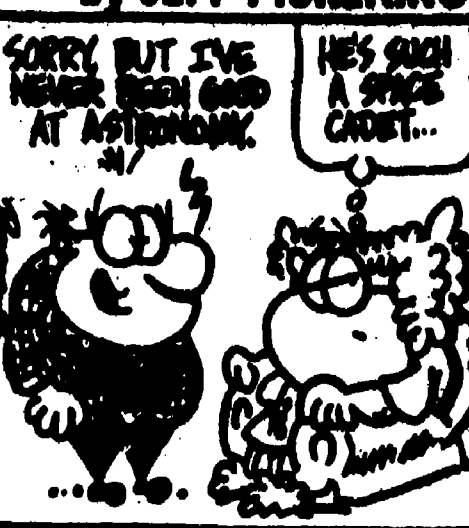
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THE SPATS



by JEFF PICKERING



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Unclogging America's Traffic Arteries

(NAPSA) — If you are an average driver in the United States, you spend 34 hours stuck in traffic each year. Simply put, it takes more time and fuel to reach destinations now than even just a few years ago, according to the Texas Transportation Institute.

The future is expected to bring even more congestion. For instance, planning officials in the Northeast's Delaware Valley predict a 43 percent increase in vehicle-miles-of-travel and one million more cars by the year 2025.

But efforts to unclog America's traffic arteries are already helping many travelers. Advanced traveler information and traffic management systems assist drivers in reaching their destinations more easily, safely, and quickly, says a member of the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America).

"The key to helping drivers is by providing highly accurate, real-time information and making our transportation infrastructure smarter. Digital maps that can be used in our vehicles, affordable Global Positioning System technology, and wireless connections to the Internet have exploded onto the scene as the foundations for intelligent transportation systems," says Robert Denaro, senior vice president for Rand McNally's Global Business Solutions business-to-business unit. His unit develops travel- and location-based products for commercial clients worldwide.

Experience shows that incidents account for 60 percent of highway delay. In North Carolina, incidents from across the state, ranging from construction activities to vehicle crashes, will be entered into a single traveler information system on the Web and will be prioritized by high,

medium or low impacts to traffic. Travelers can check the site before their journey or along the way.

ITS solutions also include a variety of devices that provide traffic surveillance, speed and volume data, and weather conditions. These technologies allow traffic managers to respond to accidents quicker, put real time messages on roadside signs and retune a series of traffic signals to respond to special events or emergencies.

Also, in a number of states,

electronic toll collection is eliminating the need for motorists to get in line and pay tolls at automatic coin machines or manually with attendants. In Florida, electronic toll collection means lanes are able to process up to 1,800 vehicles per hour—300 percent more than the capacity of a regular toll lane.

"We now have the tools to change this country's road transportation heritage into a totally new and better experience for consumers and commercial operators," says Denaro.

ITS America is an educational and scientific public-private partnership of over 900 member organizations promoting the use of advanced technologies in surface transportation to save lives, time and money and improve the quality of life. For additional information on intelligent transportation systems, write: Communications Department, ITS America, Suite 800, 400 Virginia Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20024-2730, or visit the ITS America Web site at <http://www.itsa.org>.

Gas Price Near \$1.50 Per Gallon As Oil Profits Soar

STATE — Nationwide, the average price of regular unleaded gasoline is \$1.492 per gallon — up 1.5 cents from last month and 13.1 cents higher than one year ago, AAA's monthly Fuel Gauge Report shows.

In New Jersey, the average price of gasoline per gallon is \$1.41 for unleaded, \$1.51 for mid-grade, and \$1.57 for premium. Compared to January 2001, these prices are down \$.01 for mid-grade and remain the same for unleaded and premium gasoline. As the nation sees an increase from last month's prices, New Jersey motorists are seeing a slight decrease.

As motorists in the United States are enduring the 13th consecutive month of gasoline prices in excess of \$1.30 per gallon, the major oil companies are reporting huge fourth-quarter profits, AAA noted.

Regionally, gasoline price movements have been mixed across the U.S. during the last month.

According to AAA, the national average prices for self-

serve regular unleaded gasoline for the last five years in February were: 2000, \$1.361; 1999, \$.96; 1998, \$1.114; 1997, \$1.287; and 1996, \$1.129.

In New Jersey, the average prices for unleaded gasoline over the past six months were: January, \$1.41; December, \$1.46; November, \$1.50; October, \$1.51; September, \$1.54; and August, \$1.55.

AAA's Fuel Gauge Report is based on data from Oil Price Information Service — the

nation's most comprehensive source of petroleum pricing information.

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CRUISIN' QUESTIONS

By Greg Zyla

Q: I am writing to you in reference to a color post card of a 1961 Rambler American, a copy of which I have enclosed. Does this card have any value as a memorabilia item, and, also, can you give me the pricing of actual Rambler Americans on today's collector car market?

Best regards,
Larry Goldenberg,
Philadelphia

A: First, the postcard may have some value to Rambler collectors, however items like these go for anywhere from a few dollars up to perhaps \$10. Your best bet would be to check pricing on similar items on eBay or one of the computer auction sites.

The car itself if it is going for \$7,100 in fully restored condition. On average, though, it goes for \$2,850 for a good running original. The most expensive Rambler/AMC car is the '68-69 AMX, which goes for a high of \$14,000, followed by the muscle car Rambler Hurst S/C in 1969 which commands a \$13,000 tag. The Hurst S/C was quick enough to out-accelerate a Corvette, much to the surprise of many a street racer back in the '60s.

Greg Zyla writes weekly columns on all things automotive. Write to him in c/o King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 or send an e-mail to lfws@hearstsc.com.

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Report From Trenton

Audrey Webb and Edith Detviler are sisters. They lived in California, worked at the same job, at the same company, started and retired on the same day. Audrey was born in 1916 and Edith was born in 1917. That year difference, while it may not seem like much, allows Audrey to collect \$735 a month from Social Security while Edith only collects \$583 a month. Seems unfair? Audrey's not alone. There are many "Audreys" in New Jersey, and across the country.

People born between the years of 1917 and 1921 receive less money in their Social Security checks than do their friends born before or after them. These people are lovingly called "Notch Babies". Audrey Webb is a Notch Baby. Every year, members of Congress introduce bills to correct this problem. So far, not one has made it to the floor of either House for a vote.

So are Notch Babies receiving less money than they are supposed to? The truth is that while Notch Babies do receive less money, it is because they are not benefitting from a mis-

take that Congress made. People born before them benefit from that mistake. Allow me to explain.

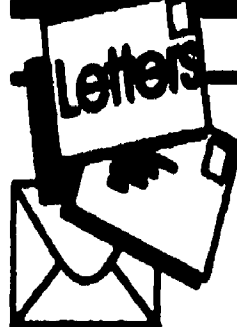
In 1972, Congress decided to index Social Security benefits to inflation. The benefits were calculated to include cost-of-living increases which were tied to the Consumer Price Index. A mathematical error resulted in giving retirees benefits that reflected a double-inflation. It was soon discovered that within a few years, not only would this calculation be giving retirees more than 100% of what they made instead of an average of 42%, but that the Social Security system would be bankrupt by 1981.

In 1977, Congress decided to fix the problem. It was decided to phase in the new formula for benefits over a five-year period. People born between 1910 and 1916, who had already been drawing their benefits in 1977, were "grandfathered" and allowed to keep their benefits at the inflated rate. People born between 1917 and 1921, who in 1977 were generally not collecting their benefits, would have their benefits gradually reduced over five years, stopping at the correct amount.

The problem today is Notch Babies do not reap the same benefits as their older and younger friends do because of a mistake that Congress made.

In light of all this, Notch Babies, whose numbers stand at nearly 10 million and whose checks are at times \$200 smaller than their friends', understandably feel they are being cheated. We should help them. Some numbers suggest that if we give Notch Babies the equity they seek, it will cost taxpayers \$85 million, a mere drop in the bucket compared to the total amount of \$330 billion spent on Social Security benefits.

We should not just give them the money because the amount is inconsequential. We should give them the money because they are our grandmothers and grandfathers, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, friends and neighbors. We should give them the money because they have lived to the ripe young age of 80-something, have lived through the depression, WWII, the Cold War, and everything else life has thrown at them. We should give them the money because without Social Security, one-half of the senior citizens in this country would qualify as poor. Notch Babies belong to the group of people Tom Brokaw has called The Greatest Generation, and I agree. We should do it because it is the right thing to do.



Recognition All Over Due

Dear Editor,
New Jersey has

many statues. Most statues are in the likeness of servicemen and women who defended this great land. I'm writing this letter to your organization asking for a donation to fund another statue for New Jersey. This statue will be in the likeness of the young men who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps, commonly referred to as the CCC program.

On March 31, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt enacted the CCC program. This program brought together two major problems of the times. Number one was the great depression, which had thousands of young men unemployed. Number two was the erosion and destruction of our great land. From March 31, 1933 to July 1, 1942, over three million young men served in the CCC's, 90,000 from N.J. Through their

dedication and hard work our great land was saved. A statue would forever remind New Jersey of the historic deeds and sacrifices of the young men of the CCC.

At this time, I would like to introduce myself; My name is John 'Blackie' Meszaros, I am a veteran of the CCC's and now the president of Chapter 24 of NACCCA (National Association Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni). I will be the person in charge of this project. The proposed site for the statue is on Route 514 overlooking the Raritan River in Edison. There is a veteran's monument and senior citizen building next to the proposed site. You may mail all checks to Chapter #24 of NACCCA, 15 Driftwood Drive, Parlin, NJ. 08859.

John Meszaros
Pres. of Chapter #24
NACCCA, Parlin

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Honor Roll Students At Oak Ridge Heights #21 School

COLONIA—The Oak Ridge Heights School #21 in Colonia has announced their Academic Honor Roll students:

The following are honor roll students: Corey Chandler, Kianna Davis, Matthew Dougherty, Christian Dugenio, Courtney Garcia, Robert Higgins, Danielle Mahan, Kaitlyn Maty, Nuno Polese, Kenneth Rodriguez, JoAnne Segreto, Samantha Steffey, Jessica Zelaskowski, David Berger, Daniel Boczkus, Anthony Caposiena, Lindsey Cuccio, Eric Hoffmann, Sandhya Kambampati, Ekta Katariwala,

Michael Medini, William Mehegan, Chelsi Melendez, Jeffrey Munson, Paige Prior, Mariel Quintana, Meredith Sager, Alexander Weinstein, Justin Williams, Jennifer Bianchi, Brian Chandler, Philip Cirelli, Danielle Clifford, Kasey Daley, Rashi Garg, Ariel Girone, John Helbig, Kyle Horodyski, Lauren Kridzelis, Elizabeth Longenhagen, Christina Palmisano, Chelsea Finn, Brett Hoffmann, David Pelliscano, Vanessa Pizutelli, Lauren Weinstein, David Zalinsk, Alexander Gonzalez and Sarah Williams.

Colonia Civic Association

COLONIA — John McCormac, Woodbridge Business Administrator and Caroline Ehrich, Councilwoman, attended the Senior Citizen's Club of Colonia meeting. They did an excellent job of providing the club with detailed information concerning the future community center in Woodbridge. George Vasiliades, Senior Citizen's Club President, said that it certainly will be a great asset to the residents of our township.

The Senior Citizen's Club of Colonia has been involved in many successful community projects, and now has embarked on yet another one. They are laying the foundation for a Colonia Civic

Association for the betterment of the community. Invitations will be extended to organizations within the boundaries of Colonia that have a sincere desire to keep the community well informed, discuss the needs and problems of the community and working toward finding the solutions.

Organizations that will be contacted are Fire Dept., First Aid, Library, VFW, YMCA, churches, synagogues, Senior Citizens Clubs, schools, PTO's, and Indian Avenue Merchants Association, just to name a few.

If your organization would like to get involved with the Colonia Civic Association, call George at (732) 381-4613.

Asare-Boateng Graduates From Military Training

SAYREVILLE—Air Force Airman Roselyn B. Asare-Boateng has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Hannah and Alex Asare-Boateng of Parlin.

Asare-Boateng is a 2000 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School.

Chamber Antiques Show Seeks Dealers

METUCHEN—Antique dealers are being sought for the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce

"Brainy Boro Antiques Show" on Saturday, May 12 at the Presbyterian Church Social Center, Woodbridge

Avenue, Metuchen, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Merchandise for sale must be pre-1960 quality antiques; no reproductions or garage sale items will be allowed. Exhibitors must have a valid state tax identification number.

Interested dealers are asked to provide name, address and telephone number to the Metuchen Chamber of Commerce by phone at (732) 548-2964; fax at (732) 548-4094; or e-mail to mcc@metuchen-chamber.org.



Carney Recently Reported For Duty

WOODBIDGE—Marine Corps Pfc. Matthew M. Carney, son of Catherine A. and Michael A. Carney of Woodbridge, recently reported for duty with 8th Motor Transport Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Carney is a 2000 graduate of Woodbridge High School and joined the Marine Corps in July 2000.

Poetry Meeting

EDISON — The Edison Public Library is planning to form a poetry group. If you've been writing poetry all your life or only in the last few years and you would like to share your work with others, you are welcome to join our group. The first meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Avenue.

For further information, call Roberta at (732) 287-2298, ext. 227.

Whitman Won't Be Missed, Say Two-Thirds Of Voters In Poll

STATE — She rose to national prominence during her seven years as governor of New Jersey, but a new poll indicates that state's voters may not miss Christie Whitman.

Nearly two-thirds, or 64 percent, of those responding to a Star-Ledger/Eagleton-Rutgers poll conducted last month said they would not miss Whitman. The poll results were reported just four days after Whitman resigned to become administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in the Bush administration.

The poll interviewed 803 New Jersey voters between Jan. 24 and Jan. 30. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

The poll suggests Whitman left a state where she was respected, but not thought to be in touch with regular people.

Her ratings upon leaving office were below what they were in 1997, when she narrowly won reelection.

In the poll, only about half of the respondents, 49 percent, said Whitman was a strong leader. In a similar poll in 1997, 66 percent saw her as a strong leader.

"Positive views of Whitman seem to be based more on her competency as a manager than

on affection for her as a person," poll director Cliff Zukin said. "While New Jerseyans liked her, there was always some reserve and distance in the public's feelings for her."

Just over half the respondents, 51 percent, said Whitman did a good or excellent job as governor. Seventeen percent said she did a poor job. Republicans saw the governor more favorably than Democrats did.

The former governor was seen as someone who struggled to understand common people. Only 27 percent of respondents said Whitman understood common people, while 28 percent said she understood their particular concerns.

"Many of her issues, I agreed with," said Beth Tracey, a 33-year-old homemaker. "But on a personal level, I never felt that I could connect with her."

Poll respondents gave Whitman more blame for New Jersey's problems than credit for what has gone right.

More than 40 percent said she deserves most of the blame for the doubled state debt — \$15 billion — and another 30 percent or so gave her some of the blame.

She also received most of the blame from at least one-third of respondents for high auto insur-

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SOMEONE SPECIAL
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LET'S CHAT!
38 yr old, 5'5", fit, Afro American female, Christian, professional, never married, childless, enjoys movies, jazz music, reading, the outdoors and much more, is seeking a Christian male, of any race, for friendship first and maybe more. BOX 11546

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Single attractive professional black female, 28, 5'6". Enjoys traveling, hanging out with friends, laughing, movies, working out. Seeking a honest, caring, single professional male, 30 to 42. For a monogamous relationship. Race is not an issue. BOX 10827

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WE SHOULD MEET!

Divorced white female, 65 yr old, 5'2", 106 lbs, enjoys movies, reading, dancing, the outdoors, all music, animal, and much more. Seeking a single male, for great conversation to a night out on the town. BOX 10733

UPSCALE SENIOR

I need a new oriental, or Asian dance partner. I'm a blonde up scale senior, good looking, with an attractive figure. BOX 10873

LOVE TO HEAR FROM U

Single, tall, attractive, black female, 47, 5'8", 153 lbs, dark brown complexion, with no children. Seeking a tall, physically fit, single, divorced black or Hispanic male, 50 to 60, for friendship, and possible long term relationship, with a good sense of humor. BOX 11091

INTERESTED?

Seeking a tall, fit, single or divorced, spiritually sensitive, humorous, caring male, 30 to 60, for a possible long term relationship. Enjoys conversation, quiet evenings, music, dining out, theater. 5'8", 47 yr old, single attractive black female, 155 lbs, with no children. BOX 13807

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LET'S MEET
Single white, professional female, 27, enjoys nature hiking, traveling, theater, music and more. Seeking a single male, non-smoker with similar interests. BOX 11946

ON THE MINT
Are you looking for single white female, who's intelligent, attractive, and fun loving. If you are a single white male, non-smoker, between the ages 36 and 64, who likes dancing, New York and Atlantic City and live in the Union County area, give me a call. BOX 13253

ANGEL FROM UP ABOVE
Single white professional female, mid 40's, warm, sincere, and honest, non-smoker, social drinker, emotionally/financially secured. Looking for a male, with similar interests, and qualities for a monogamous relationship. BOX 13785

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
43 yr old, 6', 180 lbs, fit, single white male, never married, professional, educated, enjoys movies, working out, good conversations, the outdoors, hiking, and much more, is seeking a single female, mature, loving, caring, over 30, of any race, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 11595

THE RIGHT ONE BABY
Single white male, no dependents, non-smoker, drug free, 34, 5'9", 160 lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, professional, likes working out, tennis, theater, movies, running. Looking for that one right person, that I can share my life with, must be a professional, no children, non-smoker and drug free. BOX 11778

HONEST AND FRIENDLY
Single white male, 38, 5'10", 186 lbs, with blue eyes, nice looking. Wishes to meet a pretty white female, for companionship. Mammoth County. BOX 27942

HONEST, GOOD LOOKING
Single, white professional Jewish male, 28, 5'10", athletic, fit, brown hair, hazel eyes, good looking and friendly. Enjoys movies, shopping, book stores, dinner, conversations, quiet evenings. In search of single white female, 21 to 34, with similar interests. Friendship first, with possible relationship. BOX 26522

LOVELY WITHOUT YOU
Single male, 46, 5'9", 185 lbs, athletic build, good looking, professional fire fighter, enjoys boating, fishing, dining out, traveling, music, reading, and quiet evenings at home. Looking for a woman, 30 to 50, with no children, athletic, easygoing, good sense of humor. BOX 35062

ADVENTURE AHEAD!
Single white male, 39 yrs old, enjoys movies, reading, fine dining, the outdoors and much more, is seeking a single white female, 50 to 60, to share good time and maybe more. BOX 35069

COMFORT & LOVING
Single white male, 33, 5'8", 165 lbs, professional, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in meeting a latino woman, 40 to 55, petite, who would appreciate a guy, who is warm, confident, kind, and loving. Who enjoys going to the beach, reading, and walking. BOX 34358

ROMANCE 101
Single white male, 45 yr old, 5'8", 200 lbs, short brown hair, and green eyes, husky well proportioned build, never married, no children, enjoys dining out, movies, good music, spectator sports, outdoors, nice conversation, parks, malls, and museums. Looking for a single female, who is open, honest, and a good communicator. BOX 34370

TIME SEARCHING ON
Single male, 39 yr old, 6', 200 lbs, dark brown hair, and eyes, likes dining out, the shore, sports, movies, plays, music, looking for a single or divorced white female, slim build, no small children, 39 to 50, and likes to have fun. BOX 36942

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45 yr old, 5'11", 170 lbs, brown eyes and light brown hair, divorced professional, white father of two, college educated, financially educated, enjoys movies, biking, music, and much more. Seeking a caring, loving, Christian, single female, 38 to 48, fit to enjoy interests and friendship. BOX 37354

LOVE IS IN THE AIR
51 yr old, single white male, handsome, fit enjoys dining out, golf, walks, movies and the beach, seeking a single white female, 41 to 52, for a long term loving relationship. BOX 11657

BRIGHTEN UP MY WORLD
73 yr old, young widower, 6', 200 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, enjoys quiet times. Looking for a female, for companionship. BOX 10943

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Single white male, 6'1", enjoys poetry and more, seeking a single female, with similar interests. BOX 10424

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Single divorced white male, 6'2", 200 lbs, young 38 physically fit, honest, and fun to be with. Likes rollerblading, bike riding, outdoors, sports, movies, dining out, long walks, and much more. Seeking an attractive, physically fit, single white female, 35 to 48, with same interests. BOX 10699

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Single white male, 38, shy, 5'11", 175 lbs, smoker, home owner, employed, also has depression disability. Seeks a single female, child free, age open, for friendship and companion. BOX 11755

PLEASURES OF LIFE
Divorced white male, 51, 6'4", 230 lbs, happy, secure, professional, looking for a tall, thin, single female, 43 to 50, who enjoys the simple pleasures of life, for a possible relationship. BOX 13083

FIRE WANTED!
Single white male, tall, attractive, 38, high school grad, who enjoys dining out, dancing, swimming, and quiet romantic evenings. Seeking single white female, 25 to 45, non-smoker, with similar interests. BOX 13249

LET'S MEET
Wanted. A white female, school bus driver, who has free time in between runs to share a special polite relationship. I'm a white self-employed business man. Let's have lunch. BOX 13757

INTERESTED?
Single white male, 34, 5'11", 195 lbs, enjoys dining out, movies and more. Seeking a single black or Hispanic female, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13769

IS U READY?
Single white male, 45, 5'8", 190 lbs, brown hair, green/brown eyes, enjoys sports, movies, talks, the outdoors, quiet times and more. Seeking a single female, with similar interests, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 13830

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OBITUARIES

**Ida Del Conte, 81
of Edison**

Mrs. Ida Del Conte of Cocoa, Fla. (formerly of Edison) died February 3 in Cape Canaveral Hospital, Cocoa, Fla. She was 81.

Born in Rahway, she lived in Edison before moving to Cocoa in 1984.

She was a customer service representative for an industrial chemical manufacturer for many years.

Mrs. Del Conte was a volunteer with Meals-On-Wheels and the Chamber of Commerce, both in Cocoa and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6061, Colonia.

Surviving are three sons, Timothy, Burke and Ross; two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Grube and Andrea; and five grandchildren.

**John J. Gilligan Sr.
of Avenel**

Mr. John J. Gilligan Sr. of Avenel died January 27 in Hartwyck at Oak Tree Care Center, Edison. He was 88.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Avenel since 1945.

He was a toll collector for the Garden State Parkway for nine years before retiring in 1971. Earlier, he had been employed with the Singer Co., Elizabeth, for many years.

Surviving are three sons, John J., Neil and Donald; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Rose Lach, 80
of Avenel**

Mrs. Rose Lach of Avenel died January 30 in the Mary Anne Hale Pavilion of Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 80.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Avenel for 46 years.

She worked in the medical records department of the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division, for 25 years before retiring many years ago.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and Choir of St. Andrew's Church, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Woodbridge Senior Citizens Club, the Leadership Circle for the Preservation of Social Security and Medicare for Senior Citizens, the Proprietary House Association in Perth Amboy and the Golden Circle and Avenel Senior Citizens.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Linda Weingarten and Mrs. June Marie Lach-Rose; a sister, Mrs. Anne Dzuby; and two grandchildren.

**Catherine Watters
of Avenel**

Mrs. Catherine A. Watters of Avenel died February 4 in Rahway Hospital. She was 80.

Born in Newark, she lived in Avenel for the past 40 years.

Surviving are three sons, John, Thomas and Kenneth; four sisters, Mrs. Agnes Shanks, Mrs. Dorothy Kiss, Mrs. Rosemary Melton and Sister Janice of the Sisters of Christian Charity and five grandchildren.

**Robert Hendricksen
Worked in Edison**

Mr. Robert C. Hendricksen Sr. of Linden died February 5 in Elizabeth General Medical Center. He was 54.

Born in Elizabeth, he moved to Linden many years ago.

He was a carpenter at Joul'e Engineering, Edison, where he worked for 10 years.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Helen C. Melnik; a son, Robert C. Jr.; a brother, William and three grandchildren.

**Raymond Murphy
Lived in Edison**

Mr. Raymond Murphy of Edison died February 5 in the JFK Hospice Center, Edison. He was 70.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Edison for the last 36 years.

He was a truck driver for Anchor Motor Freight in Linden for 40 years before retiring in 1994.

Mr. Murphy was a past president of the Teamsters Local 469, Hazlet and the Central Jersey Retirees Club.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; a son, Raymond; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Holian; a brother, Joel and six grandchildren.

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Francisco Rodriguez of Edison

Mr. Francisco Rodriguez of Edison died February 3 in the JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 51.

Born in New York, he lived in Puerto Rico before moving to Edison in 1983.

He was an attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency in New York for two years, and previously for the Department of the Army at Picatinny Arsenal. Before that, he worked for the City of Philadelphia Public Defenders Association.

Mr. Rodriguez graduated from

the Inter-American University in Puerto Rico and the School of Law at Inter-American University.

He served on the Board of Directors for Puerto Rico Action, New Brunswick and was a member of the Edison Board of Education and the Ethics Committee for the Township Council in Edison.

Mr. Rodriguez served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife, Meg; his parents, Manuel and Antonia Rodriguez and a brother, Manuel.



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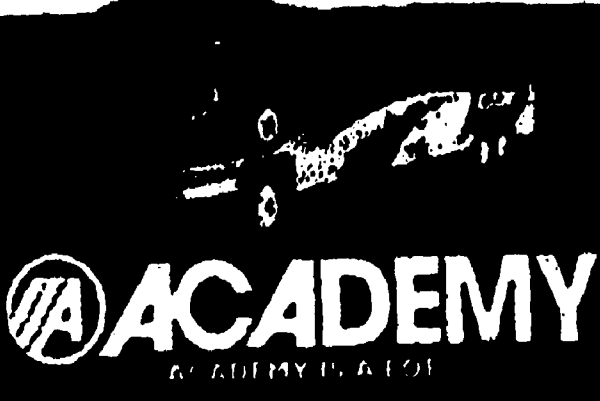
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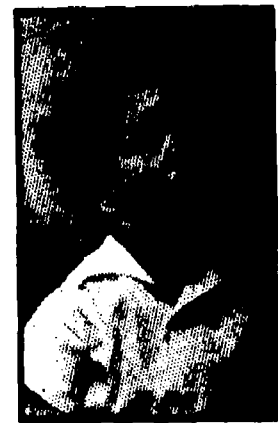
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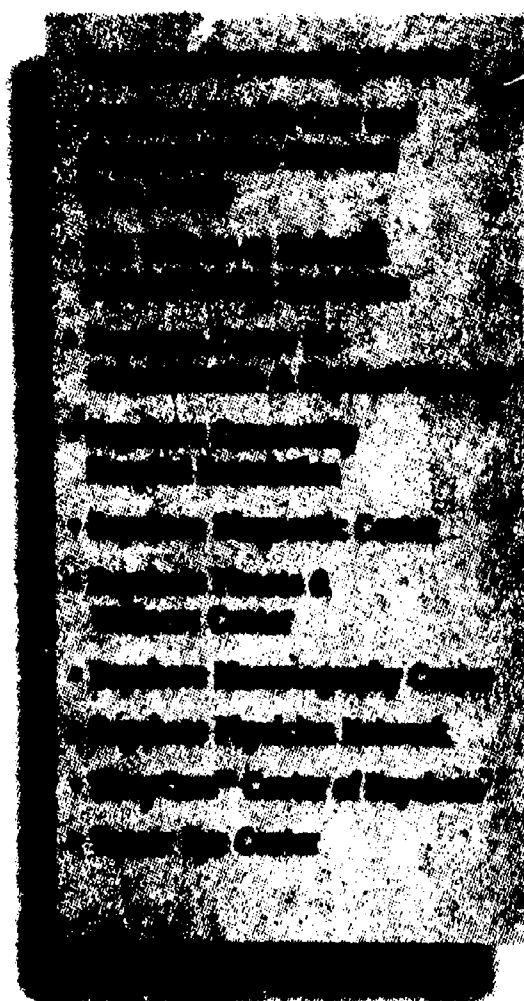
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