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OUR HOUSTON NEWSPAPER

Resident Named to Redevelopment Agency

CARTERET - An economics professor with municipal budget experience is the latest borough resident to be appointed to the Carteret Redevelopment Agency.

Albert Walsh, a member of the housing authority who was among the original appointees, asked that he be removed from the redevelopment panel.

Councilman Dan Reiman proposed the appointment of Olu Onafowora.

Mayor James Failace asked the council to appoint the Rev. Amos Dickerson, pastor of People's AME Zion Church.

"Anyone that allows their name to be put up for consideration to a volunteer position should be thanked, regardless of whether they are eventually chosen to serve by the council or residents," Reiman said.

"We are fortunate to have so many active residents in Carteret and to have a community that cares deeply about the causes that they embrace through the various boards in town," the councilman said.

Onafowora teaches as a Professor of Economics at Kean University and Essex County College.

A Carteret resident who is married and has four children, Onafowora is also director of financial operations at Essex County College.

He previously served as the senior budget officer for the City of Newark.

Reiman said, "I have known Mr. Onafowora for several years

through his involvement in town. I know him to be a good, honest, hardworking individual."

Failace has criticized the council's appointments to the redevelopment panel, suggesting they are not good people.

Reiman responded to those complaints saying, "the individuals that we have appointed to the redevelopment agency are good people. To allow him to make the appointments political is outrageous."

Fazekas requested that each Council member submit a list of names for consideration.

Dickerson, is a moving force behind a Chrome political organization, the Carteret Community Action Council (CCAC).

The group plans quarterly voter-registration drives and other political activities.

Council members said they have nothing against Dickerson but they prefer to see residents serve on the agency.

Dickerson does not reside in Carteret.

"Democracy is an amazing thing - it calls for many checks and balances and in our country even the President is responsible to a higher authority, be it the people," said Reiman.

"No one simple anoints someone as ruler, and as Mayor of Carteret, Jim Failace must be responsive to the community and their council representatives," said Reiman.

Three of the Mayor's original appointees were approved by the Council.

Reiman said, "For him to attack the seven commissioners that have been appointed to the redevelopment agency is indeed the worst case of partisan politics."

Councilman Ron Rios said

Failace should "finally accept the will of the people, voiced during the last two elections and allow the council to do the work of the people."

Failace's allies were routed in recent elections, with many speculating that the mayor will abandon the Democratic Party before his term expires in 2002.

Rios went onto say that "he would encourage every resident to become active and to attend the redevelopment agency meetings."

Of the Mayor, Reiman said, "We welcome him to join with us in governing for the good, but promise to battle him on every issue where he stands against the people and against progress."

The council went onto appoint Onafowora by a 4-0 vote at their regular business meeting on March 1. Fazekas was absent and Councilwoman Reme Quinones abstained.

Failace's nominee failed to get a single vote for the appointments.

School Board Candidates File Petitions

AREA - Candidates filed petitions for the April 17 school board election last week. In each of three area communities, - Carteret, Edison and South Amboy - three incumbents are being challenged by one newcomer.

There will be no contested school board seats in Metuchen and Perth Amboy.

CARTERET

Three 3-year terms

Sally Bonventure (Incumbent)
Dennis Cheropaki (Incumbent)
Greg Satar (Incumbent)
Suzanne Loufy

EDISON

Three 3-year terms

Barry F. Miller (Incumbent)
Bruce A. Polkowitz (Incumbent)
Susan C. Scarbo (Incumbent)
Alma Szilagyi

METUCHEN

Three-year terms

William McDuffie (Incumbent)
Laura Kahn (Incumbent)

PERTH AMBOY

Three 3-year terms

Edna I. Alex
David Banyola (Incumbent)
Eric Collado (Incumbent)

In Sayreville, five candidates will compete for the three seats at stake.

The largest field of candidates is in Woodbridge, where seven candidates will vie for three school board seats.

In addition to the candidate choices, voters will have the opportunity to approve or reject the annual school budget.

SAYREVILLE

Three 3-year terms

Peter Barone (Incumbent)
Curtis L. Clark III (Incumbent)
Lois M. Bobchin
Pasquale "Pat" Lembo
Joseph Myers

SOUTH AMBOY

Three 3-year terms

Edward Campbell (Incumbent)
Elizabeth DeLucca (Incumbent)
Cindy Zammit (Incumbent)
Barbara Rone

WOODBIDGE

Three 3-year terms

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**Women in Business
Inaugural Meeting**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce announces the formation of a new group "Women in Business." The mission of this new group is to enhance the professional and personal life of women in business through education and support.

The first meeting of the Women in Business group will be held on Monday, March 26 from 12-1:30 p.m. at La Bella Dona restaurant, Route 130 North in North Brunswick. For the inaugural meeting they will welcome Sandra Lohr, Director of Advertising and Marketing for the Star Ledger. All women in business are welcome to attend.

Admittance including lunch is \$18 for chamber members, \$25 for non-members, full lunch is included. Pre-registration is requested, space is very limited.

Call (732) 821-1700 for more information and directions. Register on line at www.mcrc.org.

**County Employer
Legislative
Committee**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Employer Legislative Committee announces its monthly program, March 21 from 8 a.m. They will welcome Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski.

The program will be held at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center, 999 Route One South, North Brunswick. A full breakfast is included in the \$20 admission charge.

The ELC is the grassroots program of New Jersey Business & Industry Association. The ELC gives the business community an opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss issues affecting businesses in an informal environment. Key government decision makers and NJBIA's government affairs specialists are also present to provide insight into critical legislation and changing regulations.

For reservations or information, contact the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce at (732) 821-1700 or visit www.mcrc.org.

Irish Traditions Start Early

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission welcomes, for the seventh year, Mick Moloney to Middlesex County. The Irish Renaissance Man, Mick Moloney returns on March 7 at East Brunswick Vocational High School. Beginning at 7 p.m., Mick and fellow musicians and dancers create an evening of rousing and soulful music, stories and spirited dance. East Brunswick Vocational High School is located at 112 Rues Lane, East Brunswick.

Mick Moloney ignited the major resurgence of Irish American music, dance and culture in the United States. His accomplishments as a teacher,

producer, performer and scholar include shaping the Irish component of the *Smithsonian Bicentennial Festival of American Folklife*, co-founding the acclaimed *Greenfields of America* touring group, consulting and performing for the documentary *Out of Ireland* and performing at numerous Irish Festivals across the United States.

Mick Moloney, a recognized tenor banjo player, also sings and plays mandolin, mandola, bouzouki and guitar. In 1999, he was honored with the nation's most prestigious recognition, a National Heritage fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Folklife Program for New

Jersey brings folklife programming to Middlesex County without charge to audiences. However, registration is required. To register, contact the Commission at (732) 745-4489. For those with hearing impairments dial (732) 745-3888 TTY or 711 via the New Jersey Relay Service. Sign language interpreters can be available with a two-week notice. Materials are available in large-type print and Braille with request. Funding is provided by Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Board of Chosen Freeholders and New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

County Preserves Monroe Farm

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex County has just preserved its nineteenth farm according to Freeholder Director David B. Crabel. "We are very pleased that we now have over 2,450 acres of permanently preserved farmland in the county," stated Freeholder Crabel.

The latest farm to be preserved is the 144 acre Gasko Ltd. Partnership farm which has 126 acres located in Monroe and 18 acres in Manalapan,

Monmouth County. Various field crops such as soy beans are grown on this farm. The landowners received \$698,814 for the development value of the farm and in turn the deed restricts the use of this land to farming forever. The costs were shared by the State contributing \$476,480; Middlesex County \$143,855; Monroe \$50,686; and Monmouth County and Manalapan \$27,791.

Freeholder Camille Fernicola, Freeholder liaison to the Middlesex County Agriculture Development Board noted, "Middlesex County has received over \$13 million in State grants towards farmland preservation. Within the next year, we anticipate preserving an additional eight farms for a total for almost 400 acres."

Chairman of the Middlesex County Agriculture Development Board (CADB) Peter Cantu is notifying farmers that starting March 1-June 30 the CADB is accepting applications for the easement purchase/farmland preservation program. "It is an excellent time to apply," stated Chairman Cantu, "since the State through the Garden State Trust Fund is currently providing substantial funds for farmland preservation. We are strongly encouraging Middlesex County farmers to take advantage of these funds now because future funding availability is uncertain."

Those landowners interested in applying may call Linda Busch at (732) 745-4014 for more information and an application.

**Household Hazardous Waste
Drop-Off Schedule**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Division of Solid Waste Management is pleased to announce its Spring Household Hazardous Waste Days scheduled for Saturday, March 17 at the Woodbridge Recycling Center/Public Works Yard, 225 Smith Street, Keasbey. Other upcoming dates include Saturday, April 21 at the Middlesex County Road Department, Apple Orchard Lane, off of Route 130 North in North Brunswick and Sunday, May 20 at the Middlesex County College, 2600 Woodbridge Ave., Edison. All collection times are 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Household hazardous wastes which are improperly disposed of are identified as a danger to children and animals, a potential cause of

ground water pollution and a potential threat to garbage collection crews.

Acceptable materials which County residents can bring to the events for disposal include but are not limited to: pesticides/herbicides, flammable liquids, solvents, pool chemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, paints, car batteries, household batteries, anti-freeze, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs (no broken bulbs) and asbestos. Residents wishing to bring asbestos must pre-register by calling the Division.

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 and Middlesex County College.

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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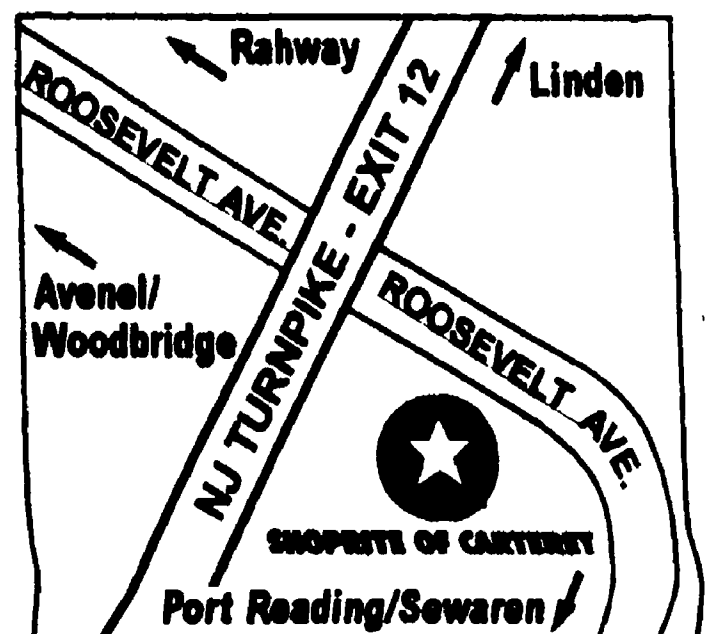
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Law Points answers such questions as how retirement will affect benefits; the differ-ence between supplemental security income and Social Security benefits; and what to do about harassment from a bill collector.

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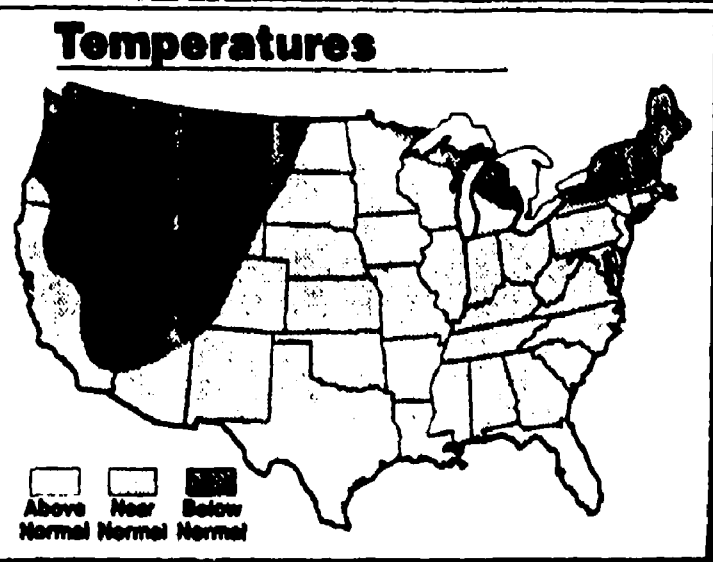
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy most of the time.	Variable clouds.	Some sun.	Sun and some clouds.	Partly sunny.	A few showers.	Cloudy; windy with rain.	Clouds giving way to sun.
45	31	45/34	47/34	50/30	50/41	53/41	58/34

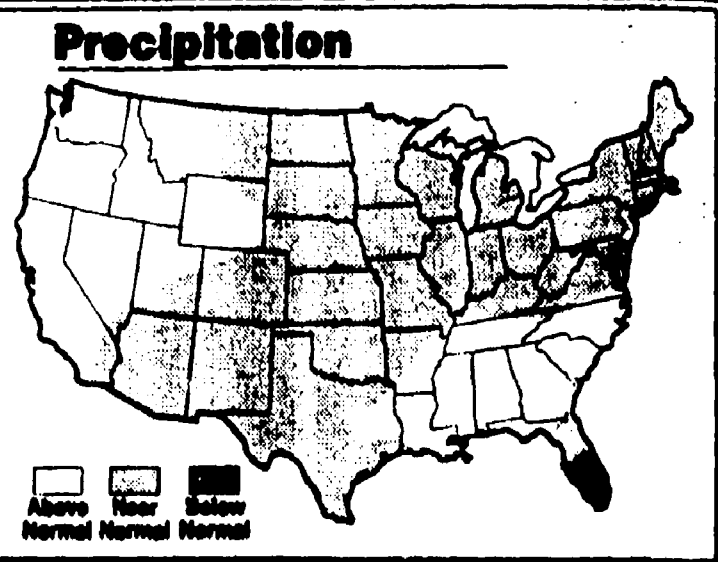
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

The jet stream will guide storm systems across the southern Plains and Southeast during the period. Storms will spread rain and mountain snow across the Northwest. Temperatures will remain below normal across the Northwest and northern Rocky Mountains. Cooler air will continue to push across the Northeast and Great Lakes. Dry weather will continue to affect central and southern Florida.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	54 36 c	53 36 sh	55 37 pc	58 41 pc
Boston	37 28 c	42 33 c	43 32 r	45 29 c
Chicago	34 22 c	36 24 pc	43 30 pc	43 37 c
Cleveland	36 25 c	39 27 pc	41 28 s	42 36 pc
Denver	40 22 c	44 26 pc	40 24 sn	42 26 s
Des Moines	36 25 pc	42 27 s	41 27 c	42 37 c
Detroit	38 24 sf	30 20 sf	36 28 pc	40 34 c
Houston	70 43 c	68 40 c	65 50 c	68 60 sh
Indianapolis	38 26 c	37 25 s	44 31 pc	51 40 c
Kansas City	42 28 pc	48 31 s	50 33 pc	48 42 c
Los Angeles	62 45 c	60 46 c	60 46 c	60 34 c
Miami	74 61 s	79 61 pc	76 61 sh	77 57 s
Minn.- St. Paul	32 14 pc	34 20 pc	38 22 sn	34 16 c
New Orleans	70 53 c	62 42 c	62 45 s	67 60 pc
New York City	42 32 c	36 28 c	42 34 pc	44 34 c
Omaha	40 26 pc	45 27 pc	42 26 c	44 33 c
Phoenix	68 52 pc	72 54 pc	70 50 c	68 44 c
San Francisco	60 48 c	58 46 c	58 47 pc	59 38 c
Seattle	53 41 c	53 39 c	51 39 c	49 35 c
Washington	46 32 c	42 32 pc	46 34 pc	51 34 pc

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	
Thu.	6:20 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	
Fri.	6:19 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	
	Moonrise	Moonset	
Thu.	4:49 p.m.	5:59 a.m.	
Fri.	6:05 p.m.	6:36 a.m.	
Moon Phases			
Full	Last	New	First
			
Mar 9	Mar 24	Mar 16	Mar 31
Weather (W):			
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, st-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice			

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	55 45 pc	46 43 c	45 36 r	48 46 r
Berlin	52 50 sh	52 43 c	51 39 r	46 35 c
Buenos Aires	82 72 c	79 72 pc	84 69 l	84 57 s
Cairo	79 55 s	65 53 pc	72 56 c	73 58 c
Jerusalem	68 47 pc	64 44 pc	58 45 pc	58 48 c
Johannesburg	83 64 pc	83 63 pc	88 63 pc	83 54 pc
London	53 47 c	48 45 r	48 39 pc	51 42 r
Madrid	52 45 pc	58 50 sh	57 51 r	63 39 pc
Mexico City	76 45 s	76 46 s	75 46 pc	76 46 pc
Moscow	29 26 pc	35 31 c	40 35 sn	42 33 r
Paris	51 44 c	48 39 c	46 35 c	48 43 r
Rio de Janeiro	83 71 pc	84 70 pc	81 69 pc	80 69 pc
Rome	58 49 r	61 51 pc	62 45 c	60 45 pc
San Juan	83 71 pc	84 71 pc	85 71 s	85 71 s
Seoul	29 15 pc	31 28 pc	34 20 s	36 25 pc
Sydney	75 68 sh	75 69 sh	77 72 sh	83 68 pc
Tokyo	43 26 pc	40 29 s	43 39 c	41 30 pc
Toronto	23 18 sn	26 13 pc	28 21 sf	36 31 c
Winnipeg	29 11 pc	29 11 pc	17 9 sn	14 -7 c
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YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEWS**Gas Price Increasing On Expected OPEC Oil Cutback**

AREA — Nationwide, the average price of regular unleaded gasoline is up slightly from one month ago in advance of an expected announcement of a cut in crude oil production by OPEC nations.

Jan. 16's average price of self-serve regular gasoline is \$1.473, up .4 cent from \$1.469 on Dec. 16 and 18.3 cents higher per gallon than last year. Regionally, price movements have been mixed across the United States during the last month.

In New Jersey, the average

price of gasoline is \$1.41 for unleaded, \$1.52 for mid-grade and \$1.57 for premium. These prices are down \$.05 for unleaded and mid-grade and \$.06 for premium from last month's averages.

Although gasoline prices had been falling during the Christmas and New Year holiday, they turned upward again in recent days on the expectation that OPEC countries will cut oil production in response to slowing economic activity in the United States. OPEC countries formally met on Jan. 17, in Vienna.

During the last month, prices increased 6.3 cents in the Great Lakes region to average \$1.539. Prices are up an average 1.3 cents in the Mid-West to \$1.467 since mid-December.

In the West, gasoline costs 9.2 cents less than in December, and now averages \$1.593. Prices fell an average 7.2 cents in New England to average \$1.524. Prices are down 4.9 cents in the Mid-Atlantic region and average \$1.475. In the Southwest, prices fell 4.5 cents during the month to \$1.42 per gallon. Prices declined the least in the

Southeast during the month, down 1.1 cents to \$1.41 per gallon.

Nationwide, the price of self-serve, mid-grade averages \$1.564 per gallon, a decrease of .3 cents from last month, but 19.4 cents more expensive than last year.

Self-serve premium averages \$1.621, down .4 cents since mid-December, but 20.2 cents higher than one year ago.

The national average prices for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline for AAA's January survey for the last five years were: 2000-\$1.29; 1999-\$1.979; 1998-

\$1.159; 1997-\$1.288; and 1996-\$1.139.

In New Jersey, the prices for unleaded gasoline over the past six months were: December, \$1.46; November, \$1.50; October, \$1.51; September, \$1.54; August, \$1.55 and July \$1.57.

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Brain Trauma Common In Automokile Accidents

AREA — Every fifteen seconds someone in the United States suffers a brain injury — and motor vehicle accidents are one of the leading causes of these injuries. In fact, the news is filled with stories about such accidents, but few are as tragic as that which claimed the life of legendary driver Dale Earnhardt at this year's Daytona 500.

Though most of us do not drive at excessive speeds under hazardous racing conditions, accidents *do* happen and all drivers are susceptible to traumatic brain injury.

"Traumatic brain injury can occur in one of two ways," according to Dr. Jonathan Fel-

lus, Director of Brain Injury Services, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. "There are penetration injuries, when, for example, an object like a bullet pierces the skull, or, closed head injuries, which are more commonly associated with automobile accidents."

A closed head injury results when the moving head is abruptly stopped, as when hitting a windshield, or when the head undergoes a rapid forward or backward movement, such as when a person experiences whiplash.

"A closed head injury is basically the brain crashing into the hard bony surface inside the

skull," noted Fellus.

Either case can cause localized or widespread damage to the brain. Many head injuries appear mild with symptoms disappearing over time. Others are more serious and can cause permanent disabilities and even death.

However, Fellus said, "Fewer people are dying from head injury due to increased safety education, improved trauma care and the implementation of airbags and head gear. Therefore, more people are living with the effects of traumatic brain injury."

The effects of a brain injury may include:

- Cognitive Deficits — thinking, planning, memory, problem solving and judgement.

- Motor Deficits — coordination, balance, movement

control and paralysis.

- Perceptual Deficits — sensation, touch, vision and hearing.

- Behavioral Deficits — personality, irritability, depression and inappropriateness.

- Speech and Language Deficits — reading, writing, speaking and understanding.

For the best defense against brain injury while driving, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, a leader in the field of traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, recommends the following:

- **Wear your seatbelt.** "A large majority of motor vehicle accidents involving unrestrained drivers result in traumatic or fatal brain injuries," reports Danielle Gall, Senior Physical Therapist on the Traumatic Brain Injury Unit at Kessler. "This includes both front and rear passengers."

As an adult, set an example and buckle up. Make sure, as

well, that children are securely fastened. A car seat, placed in the backseat and facing forward, is necessary for children less than forty pounds; children under twenty pounds should be in a rear car seat facing backward.

- **Take a break.** Learn to recognize the signs of sleepiness — involuntary eye closure, inattention, yawning, and difficulty staying in a lane. Falling asleep while driving is among the leading causes of motor vehicle accidents, according to the American Automobile Association for Traffic Safety. To avoid any problems, AAA recommends you try stopping, drinking a caffeinated beverage, rolling down a window, listening to the radio, or, if possible, changing drivers. Better yet, try getting a full night's rest before you travel and drive only those hours when you are normally awake.

- **Don't drink and drive.**

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Military Briefs...

Oprandy Returns From Deployment

FORDS—Marine Corps Cpl. Christopher L. Oprandy, son of Tom Oprandy of Fords, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the deployment, Oprandy's unit defended U.S. policy and supported international interests in the Middle East and Europe.

He visited cities in Croatia, Italy and Spain.

Oprandy is a 1995 graduate of Woodbridge High School and joined the Marine Corps in April 1997.

Binetti Featured Speaker At Legal Seminar

WOODBIDGE—Edison resident Maureen S. Binetti, Esq., a shareholder in Woodbridge based Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., was a featured speaker at a seminar of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Institute of Continuing Legal Education. The seminar is entitled "Trial Techniques for Em-



Maureen S. Binetti, Esq.

ployment Lawyers," a "hands on" program covering trial techniques for experienced litigators, held on Feb. 3 at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick.

Ms. Binetti heads the firm's Employment Law Department, and has extensive experience in all aspects of employment law,

Mayor Keeps Promise, Vetoes Laws

CARTERET—Mayor James Failace recently followed through with his promise to veto three ordinances adopted earlier this month by the Borough Council.

Failace vetoed a five-year residency requirement for borough employees, a measure to provide health care for the mayor and council, and an ordinance eliminating the deputy mayor's position. Even though the mayor vetoed the measures, the council can still override his actions.

Before Councilmen Ron Rios and Dan Reiman were sworn in in January, the all-Democrat council voted to have a one-year residency requirement for borough employees and eliminate health care coverage for the mayor and council. After they took office, those measures were revisited.

Failace said the five-year residency requirement is unfair.

He criticized the health-insurance plan because of its cost. If the mayor and all council members each use a family plan, the cost to taxpayers would be \$84,000, or an additional \$12 for the averaged assessed home in Carteret. Councilwoman Janet Santoro said that the borough is expected to spend \$30,000 this year for insurance.

Councilwoman Remy Quinones, the mayor's lone supporter said, "Given that the budget seems tight this year and the cost of providing for insurance has increased tremendously, the money could certainly have been more appropriately utilized for items which benefit the entire community."

Failace vetoed the measure to eliminate the deputy mayor's post because he saw no reason to eliminate the unpaid position. The former deputy mayor, Jeffrey Pino, answered telephones and represented the mayor on matters when he was unable to do so.

Rios said that Failace has an aide - Joseph Gentile. "I don't have a problem creating a title for the mayor's aide. The deputy mayor's title could be misleading, thinking the deputy mayor has more power than he does," Rios said.

particularly the litigation of sexual harassment, sex, age, race and disability discrimination, wrongful discharge and restrictive covenant claims, both in the state and federal courts.

Ms. Binetti is perhaps best known for her successful representation of the plaintiff before the New Jersey Supreme Court in Fuchilla v. Layman and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J., a sexual harassment and civil rights action. She is a frequent lecturer and author on sexual harassment and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Ms. Binetti is a 1982 graduate of Rutgers Law School-Newark, and graduated with honors from Douglass College of Rutgers University in 1977. She was admitted to the Bar of the State of New Jersey in 1982 and is a long-time member of numerous bar associations, including the American Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association of New Jersey and the Middlesex County Bar Association. She is a member of the New Jersey State and American Bar Association Labor and Employment Sections and co-chairs the Legislative Committee of the American Bar Association Section.

Tech 2000 Featured At Technology Conference

WOODBIDGE—The Woodbridge Tech 2000 program will be spotlighted at the N.J. Association of School Administrators' Technology Conference, Techspo 2001, this month.

"The invitation to participate in NJASA's Technology Conference demonstrates the success Woodbridge Tech 2000," Mayor James E. McGreevey said.

Techspo, which takes place at Bally's Park Place Hotel in Atlantic City on Jan. 25 and 26, will feature a presentation by Michael Esolda, Director of Woodbridge Information Systems; Lois Rotella, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Instruction and Curriculum and Pam Chesky, Supervisor of Technology, Media Centers and Staff Development.

The presentation, "Tech Academy: Staff Development for a Community of Learners," will highlight the Academy of Excellence program conducted collaboratively by the Township and the Woodbridge Board of Education last August. More than 150 Township teachers received intensive technology training during the program.

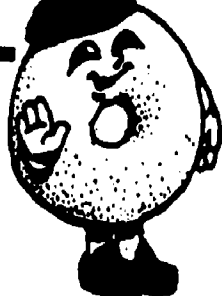
"With Woodbridge Tech 2000, we are realizing a vision for the future of our community—an edu-

cation system in which we ensure that our students acquire the skills to become productive citizens ready to take their place in an information rich society," McGreevey said.

"This is an important component of our curriculum," added Rotella. "Employers consistently rate information literacy as the most desirable workplace readiness skill. We must make certain we have the tools to develop this skill within our curricula offerings."

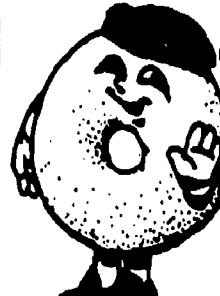
Woodbridge Tech 2000 is a three year/three phase program to install 3000 networked computers with Internet access and state of the art software into the 24 Township schools and four administration buildings. The program also includes a rigorous training program for teachers, administrators and employees by 2001.

The program is a partnership between the Woodbridge Township municipal government, Woodbridge Township public school district, private schools and the business community. The Woodbridge Information System Division at Town Hall, serves as the center for communications servers, routers, Internet connections, application servers and shared training center.



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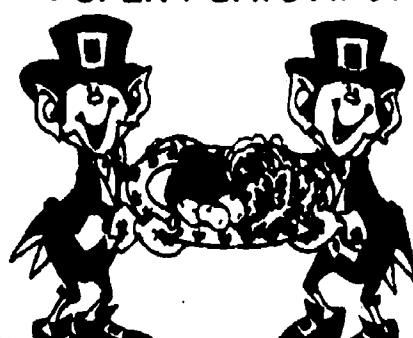
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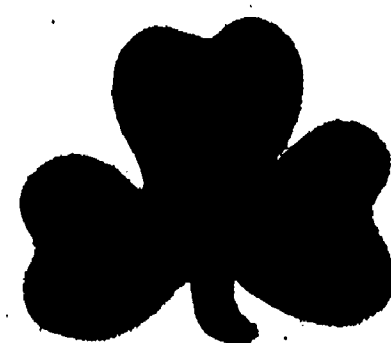
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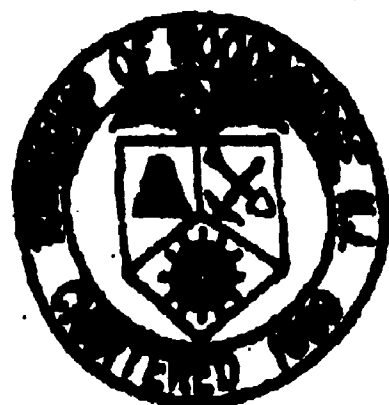


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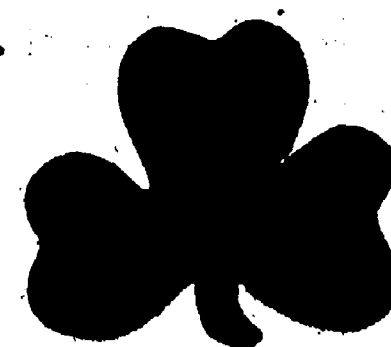
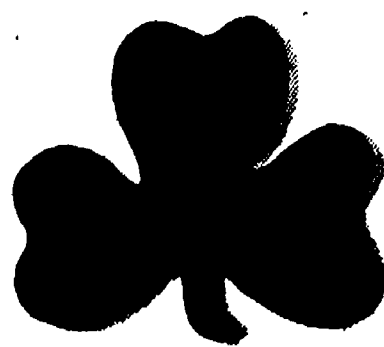
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN "Down To Earth"

Doesn't Quite Take Off



By Michael S. Goldberger

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent



I have a good friend who is average in every way. He married the girl next door, made certain to have 2.2 obedient children, and has savored career satisfaction at the same job for over thirty years. Of course he is much older than me. But the point is, on him mediocrity looks good. He has found bliss in his uncomplicated ordinariness. And so there is something to be said about simple aspirations and the lack of pretense. For one, there is nothing commonplace about his loyalty and friendship. Unfortunately for funnyman Chris Rock and everyone else concerned with making "Down to Earth," only to a much lesser degree can these same virtues of mundaneness work to a movie's advantage. At best, directors Chris and Paul Weitz's low-achieving farce manages a pleasant harmlessness.

Put it this way. If you saw it on a plane, you wouldn't squawk. It would probably take your mind off of crashing, at least for a while. And when your loved ones greeted you at the terminal and asked if you saw a movie and how it was, you could answer, "Yeah, I saw 'Down to Earth.' Not bad, actually."

Nothing special...some good moments, though. Chris Rock is always fun, but the writing doesn't really inspire one of his better performances.

At this point you want to impress those who have greeted your arrival by displaying the motion picture knowledge you've gleaned from an in-flight magazine article previewing the movie in question. You note that "Down to Earth" is actually the third coming of "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" (1941), reincarnated first as "Heaven Can Wait" when Warren Beatty and Buck Henry directed it in 1979. However by this time you've reminded your

loved ones what a pedant about film you can be. So in the hope she can politely switch you to food critic mode, Aunt Sadie asks: "Did they serve a full meal, or just give you nuts?"

You take the hint. But after you inform that "An albeit ambitious chef supplied whimsy but not wit to a dish he christened 'Balsamic Meat Loaf Adventure at 31,000 Feet,'" they'd just as soon you went back to discussing the film. Hence Aunt Sadie, apparently the gang's designated hit-man, asks: "So in the movie, this Chris Rock is Lance Barton, a comedian who an angel kills by mistake, right? And the bigwigs in Heaven promise to make it up to him...to send him back down to Earth until it's his time. Am I right so far? See, I know my movies, too. Only the problem now is that Chris Rock's

body is gone, and they only have a rich old white guy's body to give him. So how's he gonna be a black comic in a white body? Tell me that!"

Thinking the question is rhetorical, nobody in the family welcoming committee answers. It throws off the former Rockette's timing for a second. But Aunt Sadie recovers nicely and resumes: "So where was I? Oh yeah, I remember. And then the African-American guy who's in a white body falls in love with Regina King, this pretty black community activist woman named Sontee who's demonstrating against the Brooklyn hospital the rich white guy owns. Which gives you a May-November, interracial love story with a little class struggle thrown in for good measure. Right, right? See I know, I saw a show about it. But I'm sorry. What do I really know? You go ahead and finish now, Mr. Film Critic. Was it funny? How many thumbs up?"

By now you are insulted. To think you rushed home to this. You could have stayed that extra

week. Indeed, you should have. If the ingrates want a film critique, they'll have to look elsewhere.

And that's where I come in, assuming Aunt Sadie doesn't mind. Actually, the old gal covered most of it. And rather astutely at that. And to answer her inquiry with a question, you know those polite "heh, hehs" you manage to emit when your friend who can't tell a joke to save his life insists on struggling through the process anyway? Well, "Down to Earth" delivers a quality of laugh a little better than that. But not much.

Occasionally funny, but only in a convivial, non-challenging sort of way, alas, in large part the problem is in "Down To Earth's" genealogy. A third iteration of the original fantasy, this edition handles the plot novelty at its core with jaded matter-of-factness. And although four writers including Mr. Rock penned this latest permutation, they certainly

haven't been able to compound upon the creative efforts of the seven scribes credited with authoring the first two versions. One would think the heir apparent to Richard Pryor's throne would be provided with a better star vehicle for his talent.

Instead, what results is the intentional dumbing down of a good idea for profitable feeding to the masses. It's sad. Because it sells Chris Rock short. And because it intentionally aspires to mediocrity, a quality much more preferable in a friend than a movie. At least the friend can be counted on to pick you up at the airport.

"Down To Earth," rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures and Village Roadshow Productions release directed by Chris and Paul Weitz and stars Chris Rock, Regina King and Chazz Palminteri. Running time: 90 minutes.

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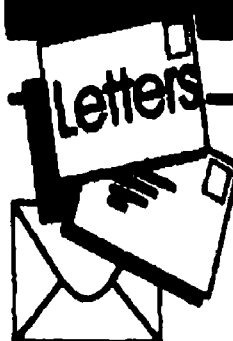
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READERS COMMENTARY



Strengthening The Chain Of Survival

Dear Editor,

Wouldn't it be a tragedy if you had the opportunity to save the life of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest—a co-worker, patron or customer, family member or friend—but couldn't, simply because you weren't prepared for cardiac emergencies with a strong *chain of survival*? The American Heart Association refers to the *chain of survival* as a four-step process that can potentially save the life of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack or other medical emergency.

As managers and executives of New Jersey businesses and major public venues, we understand the critical importance of a strong chain of survival. The American Heart Association has called early defibrillation—or a shock to restart the heart using an automated external defibrillator (AED)—the single most important life-saving maneuver in the *chain of survival*.

The American Heart Association is urging the public to Be An American Heartsaver! and Be Prepared for Cardiac

Emergencies! by *strengthening the chain of survival*. Know the warning signs or red flag for sudden cardiac arrest and heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately in such an emergency, and perform early CPR. As New Jersey businesses and public venues, we join with the American Heart Association to urge public places, where large numbers of people work or visit, to establish defibrillator programs. Acquire AEDs and have personnel trained to use the device, to help improve survival rates from cardiac arrest.

Liberty Science Center was the second museum in the country and the second major public place—after Harrah's Atlantic City—in New Jersey to establish a defibrillator program. There are two AEDs available at Liberty Science Center. Harrah's Atlantic City now has 20 AEDs and has responded to 15 incidents of sudden cardiac arrest since 1998. Twelve of those people survived, or 80 percent, compared to a national survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest of 5 percent. Investors Savings Bank became

the largest financial institution in the Garden State to place AEDs in all branch offices (34) and in corporate offices. More than 300 Investors Savings Bank employees have been trained to administer CPR and use an AED.

The American Heart Association says that sudden cardiac arrest kills 220,000 Americans, young and old, annually, but barely 5 percent of victims survive because AEDs arrive on the scene of the emergency too late, if at all. Every second counts with cardiac arrest. For each minute that passes there is a 7 to 10 percent reduced chance of survival. We urge more New Jersey businesses, public places and law enforcement agencies to establish defibrillator programs.

For more information, call your local American Heart Association or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721).

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Oversized Promises

Dear Editor,

Promises, promises! Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien campaigned on one major issue, stopping overdevelopment. He promised to return to Sayreville its small town feel. Well so much for promises. Since he's been in office nothing has been done to stop or even slow development. And now Mayor O'Brien's Planning Board has not only given its blessing to the Kaplan Development Corporation building 270 new

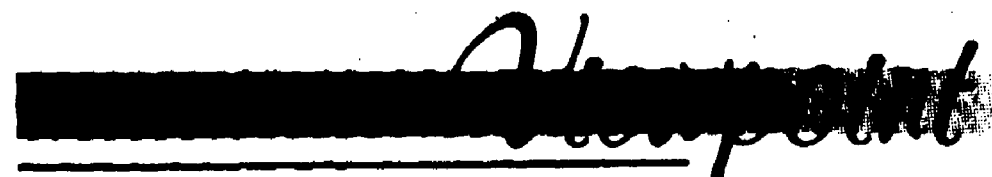
homes in town, but it's allowing them to build oversized houses on undersized lots.

While, it is true that Planning Boards cannot always stop a development from being built, they certainly can refuse to grant variances that will result in larger homes on smaller lots. These "oversize" homes will appeal to families with more children. The results of which will be added pressure and expense to our already overburdened school system and over-

crowded roadways.

When questioned about the application, Kennedy's Planning Board Chairman is quoted as saying, "Kaplan said he can do it all, he gave us verbal assurances..." It seems to me that we better stop taking the "verbal assurances" of big developers and pandering politicians, come on Mayor, let's see your actions live up to your words.

Thomas Pollando
Sayreville



Assemblyman
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton

ads to read: "Irish need not apply." But even the most poor and destitute worked hard and sacrificed so that their sons and daughters knew a better life than they did.

Can you imagine every year on March 17, celebrating St. Maewyn's Day? Of course not, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. But did you know that St. Patrick was not named Patrick nor was he from Ireland. He was born Maewyn Succat and was born in Scotland. Around the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery where he spent six years tending sheep. St. Patrick is known for converting Ireland from Druidism to Christianity and for his explanation of the Holy Trinity using a shamrock. But he is probably best known for the legend that tells he drove all the snakes in Ireland to the sea and they drowned.

St. Patrick's Day is a great way to celebrate Irish culture and heritage even for those who aren't Irish. But the history of the Irish is not all parades and corned beef. Like many before and many after, the story of the Irish is one that is riddled with suffering and loss.

Around the beginning of the 1800s, Britain was at war with France and relied on Ireland for foodstuffs. There was a baby boom in Ireland as well as an agricultural boom. Potatoes became the primary source of sustenance for Ireland.

But things had changed by 1815 because Britain and France were no longer at war so Britain no longer needed Ireland to provide food for them. The situation only got worse. A fungus began to attack and destroy the potato crops throughout all of Ireland. It has been said that every crop in Ireland was infected. Twenty percent of Ireland's population—1.5 million people—died of starvation.

These hardships left many Irish people with no choice but to emigrate to America. The people who could not afford the expensive tickets made the 6-8 day journey in the lower, overcrowded decks. The conditions were unsanitary. There was often no food and illnesses were spread.

Some Irish leaving poor and destitute conditions for a better life in America didn't always find it better in America. Many Irish lived on the street or in the slums of the cities. The Irish were faced with prejudice and bigotry. There was a time when it was acceptable for classified

While many of the Irish who came were poor and unskilled, there were also those who were educated and often became very successful in America. It became common for Irish men to be police officers or work on the railroad. Eventually, the prejudice following the Irish faded and many Irish-Americans became well-known and contributed greatly to our society.

Our libraries are filled with the literary masterpieces of great Irish-American authors like F. Scott Fitzgerald, Flannery O'Connor and Frank McCourt.

The stages and big screens were graced with the presence of many actors including James Cagney, Gregory Peck, Grace Kelly, Eugene O'Neill, and Gene Kelly, to name a few.

Sandra Day O'Connor, Irish-American, was the first woman to sit on the Supreme Court.

The presidency has been filled by Irish-Americans twice in the history of our country: Andrew Jackson, our 7th President, and John F. Kennedy, our 35th president.

The presidency is not the only realm of politics where Irish-Americans have made their mark. Most of the Kennedy clan has been involved in politics, particularly Joseph, Bobby, and Edward. Eugene McCarthy was a Congressman from Minnesota and presidential candidate in 1968.

This time next year with all our help, New Jersey will have an Irish-American as governor when our own Jim McGreevey, Mayor of Woodbridge, is elected and takes his oath.

We know all of these Irish-Americans who made great contributions to our country. We can add to them the millions of nameless Irish-Americans who work every day to make our towns and our country a better place.

America is filled with people from all walks of life, from all different races and ethnicities, Irish just being one. On March 17th, everyone can don a green sweater and a "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" pin and be Irish for the day.

St. Patrick's Day is just another way to celebrate the diverse population of America. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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A *traumatic* injury is an injury that results from a specific event, such as a fall or specific episode of lifting.

An *occupational* injury is one that usually takes place over a prolonged period of time, often over years of exposure to harmful substances or injurious work conditions.

The Statute also provides for a *dependency* case which allows the dependents of a deceased worker to file a claim for dependency benefits.

You should check with a workers' compensation attorney regarding the Statute of Limitations and Notice Provisions for your particular claim.

For more information, please call Stephen A. Spitzer, Esq., at 732-855-6089

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REPRESENTING THEIR SCHOOL—Pictured with Bishop Breen are Samantha Peters and Brian Guterl of St. John Vianney School, Colonia. Samantha and Brian were asked to represent their school because of their National Recognition in Cross Country Track. Both had to qualify in the top 30 runners in the state, then they moved on to the Regionals in Buffalo, N.Y. Samantha placed 49th out of 249 girls in a 3K race and Brian placed 174 out of 255 boys in a 4K race. A lot of dedication goes into this sport, the children run from August until December in sun, sleet, rain and snow.

Perth Amboy Ranked In Top 5 Among Cities

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas is pleased to announce that Perth Amboy has been ranked #5 by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of the most livable cities in the entire state. In its March issue, *New Jersey Monthly* analyzed all 566 of the state's cities, boroughs, towns, townships, and villages and ranked them into three categories: cities, suburbs and villages.

"We are extremely pleased that *New Jersey Monthly* has recognized Perth Amboy's many assets. Hopefully, this article will help others realize just how much Perth Amboy has to offer so that they will take advantage of our growing

housing stock, low crime rate, magnificent waterfront and revitalized economy," stated Vas.

In the interest of objectivity, the magazine used the following measurable criteria to determine its rankings: crime, quality of education, cost of living, economic health and the variety and amount of cultural and leisure activities. Within each of these categories, the municipalities received a numerical ranking, with the top ranked town assigned a score of one (1).

Taking into account Perth Amboy's economic revitalization efforts, the magazine gave the city's economic health a rat-

ing of 3 with other comparable cities such as Jersey City and New Brunswick receiving a 5 and 6, respectively. With more than a 50 percent reduction in crime over the last seven years, Perth Amboy received a rating of 6 in the crime category, well above Jersey City's and New Brunswick's respective 11 and 13 ratings.

In the various other categories, Perth Amboy received a 9 in culture/leisure, a 10 in cost of living and a 13 in education, for an overall ranking of 41, making it the fifth most livable city in New Jersey.

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I'm a 53 yr old, single white female, with a great sense of humor, enjoys dining out and music. Looking for a single man, 53 to 58, with similar interests. BOX 35584

SINGLE MOM

Catholic divorced white mother of two, female, 42, 5'8", non-smoker, social drinker. Enjoys adventure, traveling, music, dining out and walks on the beach. Seeking a white male, 35 to 50, tall, financially secure, with good sense humor. BOX 35683

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51 yr old, single white female, attractive, honest and sincere. Looking for a single gentleman to share good and bad times together, for friendship first. Let's grow old together as a couple and enjoy what life has to offer. BOX 39582

WE SHOULD MEET!

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

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HONESTY IS THE KEY

Divorced white, single mom, non-smoker, pretty dark eyes, loyal, intelligent. Enjoys writing poetry, movies, dancing is vivacious, versatile. Seeking single male, 42 to 60, non-smoker, non-drinker, educated, children okay. Seeking someone with similar qualities. No head games. Hudson County. BOX 29251

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LOVE TO HEAR FROM U

This 39 yr old female is looking to meet a special, single, Jewish professional male, 35 to 45, who enjoys New York City, working out, dancing and more. If you can make a woman feel special, I would love to hear from you! BOX 35460

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Very pretty, and sweet single Jewish female, 35, never married, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, down to earth, very caring, and passionate, likes helping others. Looking for a sweet, caring, Jewish white male, never married, 32 to 44, who likes movies, parks, picnics, science and reading. BOX 42759

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Attractive, 23 yr old, Hispanic female, who is tired of games, is seeking a single white male, 25 to 35, handsome, passionate, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 35172

KNOW WHAT I WANT

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

EXPLORER

Single white female, 36, 5'1", never married, no children, professional, blonde hair, green eyes, attractive, fairly fit. Enjoys dining in/out, museums, all types of music, and movies. Looking for a single white male, 30 to 50, who enjoys good conversation, evenings out, weekend trips, and day trips. BOX 37301

BE MY VALENTINE

Single white female, 26, petite, with dark eyes and dark hair. In search of a single white male. 26 to 33. I enjoy going out for long walks, movies, dining out, hiking, going to the beach and traveling. BOX 16143

SPOIL ME WITH YOUR

Affection... Passionate, creative, intelligent, loving, professional single white female, 44, 5'8", attractive, fit, blonde/green, financially secure. Loves the outdoors, quiet dining, art, movies. Seeks white male, 39 to 50, warm, caring, playful, affectionate, financially secure, humorous, for special times, long term relationship. Hudson County. BOX 29254

GREAT LOOKING LADY

White female, seeking gentleman, 64 to 73. I like to dine out, dance, travel and many other things. I would like someone sincere and honest, for possible long term relationship. Middlesex County. BOX 26712

NATURAL BEAUTY

Divorced female, 39, 5'5", natural red head college educated, seeks divorced or single male up to 45, caring, sincere and educated, who enjoys music, outdoors and family. BOX 29268

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED

Professional, 46 yr old, divorced white female, with brown hair, and green eyes, enjoys long walks, movies, hiking, golfing and much more, is seeking a single male, with similar interests, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 35040

TALL AND ATTRACTIVE

36 yr old, green eyed, tall, voluptuous brunette female. I enjoy working out, music, comedy clubs, shooting pool, sports, and movies. Looking for a tall, spontaneous, single man with a good sense of humor. BOX 36287

I ONLY NEED YOU

Single female, 34, attractive, very outgoing, single mother of two, financially comfortable, likes movies, the shore, and dining out. Looking for a single white male, 37 to 40, with a medium build, who is financially secure. BOX 37758

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Single white female, 5'3", fit, attractive, dark brown hair and light brown eyes, enjoys animals, movies, reading, the outdoors, music and much more. Is seeking a single white male, 30 to 40, for dating and possible relationship. BOX 10771

LATINA MINDS

Attractive single male, 31, 175 lbs, professional. Seeks attractive, friendly Latin female, for possible committed relationship. I enjoy walking, theatre, dining out and travel. Hudson county. BOX 28461

GREAT TIMES AWAITS

I'm a divorced white male, 68, 5'9", 190 lbs, non-smoker, enjoys country music, swimming, movies, dining out and outdoors. Seeking a white female 58 to 65 petite for good companionship maybe more. BOX 42784

VISION OF LOVE...

51 yr old, 6'1", 185 lbs, single white male, enjoys romance, dancing, movies, theatre, museums and quiet time at home. Seeking an attractive, smart, humorous female, 45 or older, for dating. BOX 12296

WARM EMBRACES

Single white male, mid 40's and attractive, non-smoker, very likeable and enjoyable to be with. Enjoys the outdoors, museums, dining out and in. Looking for an open, honest single woman, with like interests. If you're interested, call me. BOX 35865

LET ME ROMANCE YOU

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Divorced, successful, professional, white female looking to share... Enjoys talking, walking, jazz, theater, arts, city/country water... I like new adventure, touching souls and honest folks. If you are looking for a relationship to complement your life, let's talk. Hudson County. BOX 29242



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GUY NUMBER!

I'm a divorced 48, 5'5" male romantic, affectionate, active, and a non-smoker, enjoys dancing, hiking, reading and movies. Seeking a female 40 to 50 yr with same similarities. BOX 13138

LOSER BY CHOICE

Single, 35, white male, 5'10", 170 lbs, handsome, loyal, low key, smoker, non-drinker, no drugs, reclusive type, contractor, child free, likes camping, rock and country concerts. Seeks child free woman, 18 to 40, maybe move out west, maybe not. Warren County. BOX 27929

WHERE ARE YOU?

Single white male, 30, 5'5", good shape, handsome, down to earth, great sense of humor, brown hair and eyes, outdoorsy, intelligent, warm. Enjoys travel, movies, hiking. Looking for a smart, cute female, 25 to 30, for possible long term relationship. Hudson County. BOX 23458

YOUNG LOOKING

Single white Aquarian male, 34, 5'10" with medium build, good looking and a former Marine War Hero, would like to meet a good looking Asian female, 28 plus, to hold hands and laugh with. Non-smoker preferred. Friendship first. BOX 12244

MARRIAGE ORIENTED

44, 5'10", 170 lbs, blonde/blue, trim, athletic build, Irish/German, handsome, financially established, soft spoken gentleman, with traditional Mid Western values. Enjoys country drives and quiet towns. Seeks warm, caring, feminine woman, 34 to 42, with attractive figure, family oriented. Children welcome. BOX 29250

ALL ABOUT ME...

6'3", 190 lb male, dark skin with athletic build, humorous, outgoing and very romantic. BOX 36796

SEARCHING AMBERGLY

48 yr old, single male, with salt and pepper gray hair, enjoys dining out, the movies, comedy clubs and the shore. Looking for a single or divorced white female, for friendship and companionship. No games! BOX 12213

SIMILAR DELIGHTS

30 yr old, 6'3", 220 lb, single male, enjoys the outdoors, country music and more. Seeking a single white female, 25 to 35, who share similar delights. BOX 11578

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

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

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

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

FOR WANTING!

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

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

R 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

CLASSICAL MUSIC...

...lover. Single white gentleman, European, U.S. Citizen, seeking a lady for possible long term relationship. I am modest and educated, my great entertainment is classical music because it brings us to a higher level. The lady I seek need not like it, however, she should be understanding. BOX 15636

HARD TO FIND

Single white professional male, 35, looking for a single female, age, race, or nationality unimportant. Likes quiet times at home and romantic evenings. BOX 15974

IS THERE A FUTURE

Single white male, mid 50's, 5'6", 140 lbs, sincere, caring, easygoing person, brown/gray hair, blue eyes. Enjoys sports, dining out, movies, music and sharing new interests with someone special. Looking for a petite, single white female, 44 to 54. BOX 16221

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, quite evenings. In search of single white female, 21 to 34, with similar interests. Friendship first, with possible relationship. BOX 26522

BERGENCOUNTY COUNTY

37 yr old, single male, never married, is seeking female, with or without children, 28 to 36, for a honest, caring and loving relationship, possible long term commitment. Monmouth County. BOX 27924

HONEST AND FRIENDLY

Single white male, 34, 5'10", 166 lbs, with blue eyes, nice looking. Wishes to meet a pretty white female, for companionship. Monmouth County. BOX 27942

START AS FRIENDS

Looking for an attractive, humorous, young lady, 30 to 40, who enjoys dancing, ice skating and is athletic. BOX 29258

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Wall Street Journal Columnist Provides Financial Advice

AREA — Jonathan Clements, columnist for The Wall Street Journal and author of "25 Myths You've Got To Avoid If You Want To Manage Your Money Right," was the keynote speaker at Rutgers Cooperative Extension's sixth MONEY 2000 personal finance conference. The title of his presentation was "Seizing Control of Your Financial Life in Seven Easy Steps," which are described below:

1. **Accept what you can't control** (e.g., stock market volatility) and **control what you can** (e.g., amount of money contributed to an IRA or 401(k) plan).
2. **Control your emotions** (e.g., panic selling of stock when market indices plummet).
3. **Control your greed** — Due to generous market gains during the 1990s, many investors think "they're smarter than average." They're not. Also, buying penny stocks and day trading amounts to gambling. Smart investors don't gamble. They pick quality stocks for the long term.
4. **Control your spending** — There are two ways to accumulate more money: earn higher returns or decrease spending and

save the difference. Many people spend on impulse and "forget" about tomorrow. Clements advised signing up for an employer 401(k) or 403(b) plan and stock or mutual fund automatic investment plans and investing windfalls such as tax refunds and insurance reimbursement checks. Business owners should fund an SEP or Keogh retirement plan.

5. **Control your investment costs** — High expenses reduce investment returns. Not surprisingly, many investors never "beat the market" and, in fact, lag it by 2% to 3% per year. Clements advised buying stock the cheapest way possible through index funds. For broad exposure to the market, buy a "total stock market" index fund that tracks the Wilshire 5000 (an index of U.S. companies of various sizes: small, medium, and large). To get even broader stock exposure, Clements advised putting 75% of assets in a U.S. stock index fund and 25% in an international index fund.

6. **Control your taxes** (e.g., cut out day trading, which produces short-term capital gains, and make full use of tax-deferred retirement plans).

Clements noted that employer tax-deferred plans, such as 401(k)s, provide a "triple play": a federal (not NJ) tax deduction for the amount of the contribution, tax deferral of investment earnings, and, in many cases, employer matching.

7. **Control your portfolio's risk level** — Clements advised having three types of accounts: a "safe money account" in low-risk investments for emergencies and short-term goals, a "growth account" for long-term goals such as college and retirement, and a "fun money account" (if people want one) of no more than 3% to 5% of one's portfolio. "Fun money" can be used to day trade or place in speculative securities to provide the "thrill" that many investors seek.

Investors must consider their risk tolerance, of course, but should keep at least half of their portfolio in stock, according to Clements. Even if a person is 65, they will probably live to 85 or 90, which is plenty of time to ride out market volatility. He also advised buying shares of quality stocks and mutual funds when prices decline and likened this to "a big sale at Macy's" (department store).

Senior citizens were advised to set aside up to five years of

expenses in "safe money" accounts (e.g., money market funds) and invest the balance of their portfolio in stocks. When the market does well, use some of the stock gains to replenish the safe money account. When an investor is within five years of their goal, funds should be withdrawn from stocks and moved to less volatile assets.

In response to a question about how much money to put in companies of various sizes, Clements advised following their market weighting. He advised putting 10%, 15%, and

75% in small-, mid-, and large-cap stocks, respectively. "Cap" is an abbreviation for "capitalization," which is the price of a company's stock multiplied by the number of outstanding shares.

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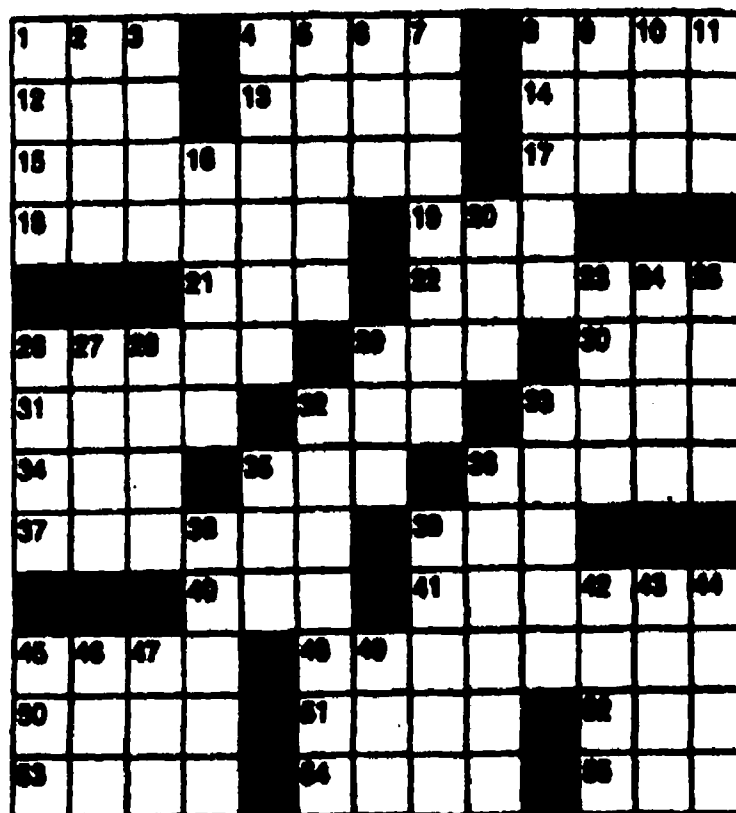
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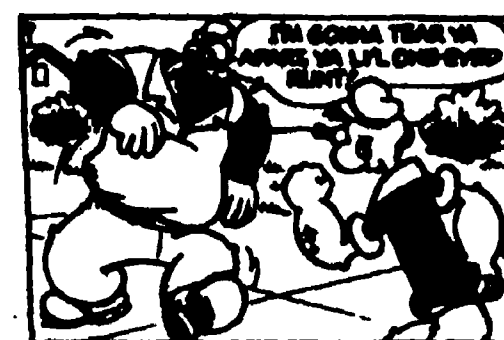
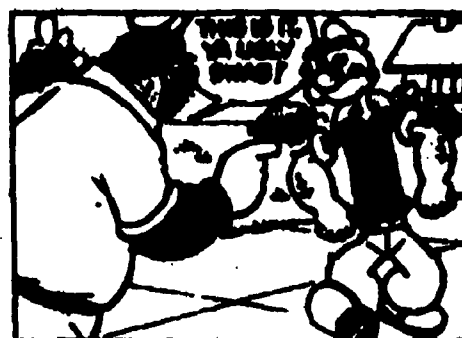
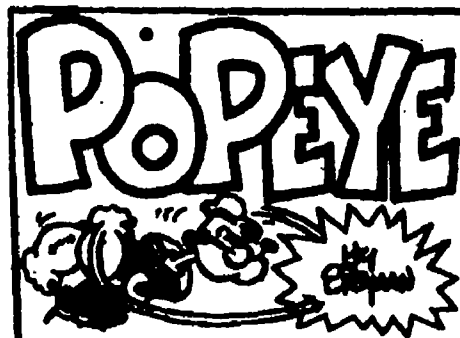
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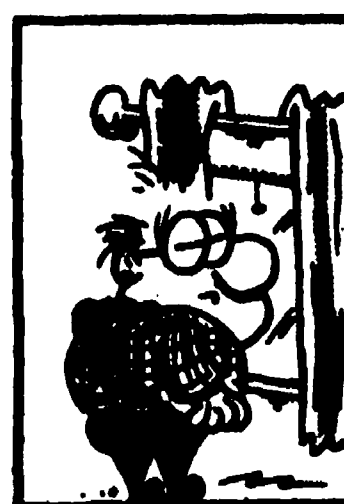
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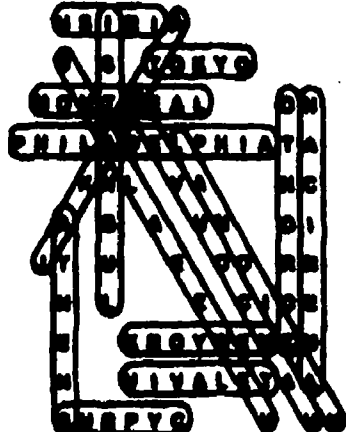


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Theodore Kuchar of Woodbridge

Mr. Theodore Kuchar of the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township died February 24 in the Atlantic City Medical Center, Mainland Division, Gallo-way Township. He was 84.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Roselle before moving to the Avenel section of Wood-bridge Township 41 years ago.

He was a setup man with Western Electric, now Lucent Technologies in Kearny, for 44 years before retiring in 1981.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Julia; three sons, Theo-dore J., Roger T. and Jeffrey A.; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Lazo and seven grandchildren.

Harold C. Winkler of Iselin

Mr. Harold C. Winkler, Jr. of Iselin died February 23 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 69.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Newark for 25 years before moving to Iselin 25 years ago.

He was a construction work-er with Halprin and Fish Construction of Edison for 15 years before retiring eight years ago.

He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Mr. Winkler was a member of the American Legion Post 471 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2636, both of Iselin.

He was a member of St. Cecelia's Knights of Columbus, Iselin, the Moose Lodge of Edison and the Deutcher Club, Clark.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond and Robert Charles; a sister, Mrs. Joan Abbott; two grandchildren; and his compan-ion, Mickey Finzel.

Nelson Crespo, 40 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Nelson Crespo of Perth Amboy died February 24 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 40.

Surviving are his wife, Darlene Crespo; three daugh-ters, Christine, Celez and Tara; four brothers, Ralph, Jimmy, George, Frank and the late Felix Jr.; five sisters, Miriam, Marilyn, Noemi, Marie and Theresa.

Michael J. Styraneć of Carteret

Mr. Michael J. Styraneć of Carteret died February 25 in Bayou Medical Center, Hous-ton. He was 45.

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

Mr. Styraneć was a senior sales executive for Eagle Global Logistics, Edison, for three years.

He was a member of the Rossmoor Golf Club, Monroe Township.

Surviving are two daughters, Nicole and Ashley; and a brother, John M.

Anthony Zinna, 77 Lived in Metuchen

Mr. Anthony Zinna of Keansburg (formerly of Metuchen) died February 27 at home. He was 77.

Born in Belleville, he lived in Metuchen before moving to Keansburg seven years ago.

He was a self-employed remodeling contractor for 30 years before retiring 25 years ago.

Mr. Zinna served in the Army during World War II.

He was a bingo caller on Wednesday and Friday after-noon and Saturday nights for St. Helena's Church.

Surviving are his wife of 22 years, Bernadette; three sons, Daniel, Donald and Leonard; a daughter, Mrs. Maria Yurow and five grandchildren.

Warren A. Beck, 50 of Edison

Mr. Warren A. Beck of Edison died February 25 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 50.

Born in Detroit, he lived in California before moving to Edison in 1985.

He was president of Edison Research, a financial consulting firm that advises U.S. and European clients on invest-ments in the biotech field. Prior, he worked as a broker in New York City for ten years and taught history at Fullerton Junior College, California.

He received his bachelor's degree from California State University at Fullerton and a master's degree in history from Wayne State University, De-troit.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; a son, Richard; his mother, Mrs. Phyllis Beck; and two brothers, James and Kent.

Aliyyah Kyla Williams of Edison

Infant Aliyyah Kyla Williams of Edison died in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was an infant of 18 months.

Born in New Brunswick, she is survived by her parents, Dana Lorraine and Stanton Asbury Williams; a sister, Safiyyah; two brothers, Ahmid and Terrell; her grandparents, Wamell and Geraldine Huff and Thurman and Jean Webb and two great-grandmothers, Mrs. Lillie Belle Huff and Mrs. Lorene Prince.

Herbert H. Colton of Perth Amboy

Mr. Herbert H. Colton of Perth Amboy died February 24 in Cedar Oaks Care Center, South Plainfield. He was 85.

Born in Newark, he moved to Perth Amboy in 1983.

He was a real estate agent for various firms in the Central Jersey area for many years before retiring.

During the 1920s and 1930s, he was a singer and dancer who performed at Madison Square Garden and for President Calvin Coolidge at the White House.

Surviving are two sons, Edward and Sid; and a brother, Erwin.

Daniel J. Birardi, 40 of Sayreville

Mr. Daniel J. Birardi of Sayreville died February 23 in Robert Wood Johnson Uni-versity Hospital, New Bruns-wick. He was 40.

Born in South Amboy, he lived in the Parlin section of Sayreville for 30 years.

He worked for the Inter-national Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers Local 373, Perth Am-boy.

Mr. Birardi served in the Navy from 1982-85.

Surviving are his daughter, Elizabeth Ann; his mother, Mrs. Mary "Jenny" Cooney; two sis-ters, Mrs. Michele Candelora and Michele; and a brother, Joseph "Paul."



Walter S. Wadiak of Carteret

Mr. Walter S. Wadiak of Carteret died February 25 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 85.

Born in Carteret, he was a lifelong resident.

Prior to his retiring in 1981, he worked for the Carteret board of education. He previ-ously worked for Foster-Wheeler Corp., Carteret, for 30 years.

Mr. Wadiak was a commu-nicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

He served in the American Merchant Marine during World War II, participating in the D-Day invasion.

His parents, Basil and Anna Wadiak, two brothers, Alex-ander and Charles Wadiak and four sisters, Mary Kaskiw, Sally MacDonald, Olga Potocnig and Julia Wadiak, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, the former Madeline Balzarini; two sons, Walter J. Wadiak of Houston, Texas and Robert Wadiak of Danielsville, Pa.; two daugh-ters., Ann Gloff and Susan Naples, both of Carteret; a brother, Ambrose of New York City; two sisters, Helen Sitarz of Pittsburg, Calif. and Evelyn Wadiak of Bayville; two grandsons, Walter P. Wadiak and Matthew Wadiak; two granddaughters, Michelle Kowaleski and Amy Naples; and several nieces and nephews.

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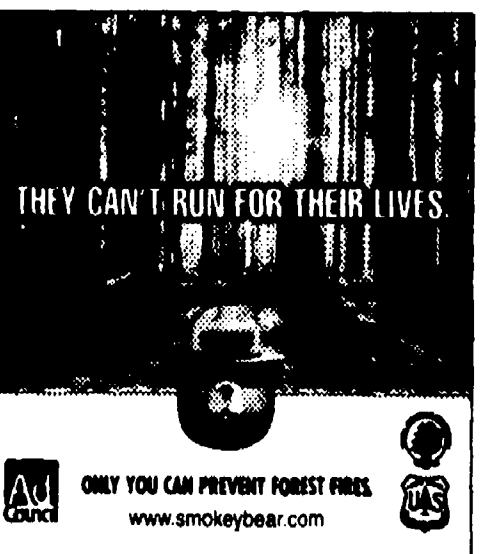


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Mosteller has been praised by the New York Times as a singer with "feeling for style, nuance, and emotional content that (make) her gifts seems quite special." She has appeared on both the concert and operatic stage in Europe and the United States and is the winner of numerous international competitions. In addition to her solo work, Mosteller teaches at her studio in Metuchen and is a cantor at

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John Charles Schucker is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music in New York City. Mr. Schucker has performed as a soloist, chamber musician, and accompanist. He has performed throughout the Northeast and Los Angeles, including Lincoln Center and the Waterloo Festival in New Jersey. His performances have been broadcast on WQXR and telecast on PBS. Schucker is presently Director of Music at Corpus Christi Church, Chatham.

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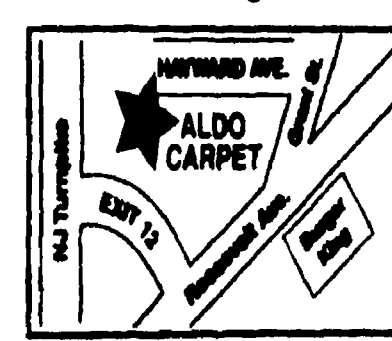
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