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Patrick Martin To Lead South Amboy Schools

SOUTH AMBOY - When Robert Bloodgood retires as South Amboy's superintendent of schools on June 30, he will be replaced by Dr. Patrick Martin.

At Monday's reorganization meeting, the school board voted to appoint Martin, the director of secondary education in Wayne, as the district's next superintendent.

Also at the meeting Cindy Zammit was re-elected president and Edward Campbell was named vice president, replacing Joseph Connors.

Zammit, Campbell and Elizabeth DeLucca, who were unopposed for re-election to the board last month, took the oath of office for their new three-year terms.

Martin was selected from a field of 32 applicants for the top job in the school district.

Martin, an educator for more than 20 years, began his career

as a middle school English teacher. He also served as a middle school principal, a high school vice principal and an elementary school teacher.

Martin has been working in Wayne for more than four years.

Martin grew up in a small town, Jamestown, N.Y., and said he will feel comfortable working in South Amboy.

"I'm really the product of a small town, so I felt very much at home," he said.

"I think he has the ability to take South Amboy where we need to go," said the board president.

"We're pleased with Dr. Martin," said Zammit. "I really believe he is a strong leader."

"I'm thrilled," said Eugene Reagan, a member of the superintendent search committee.

"He can take the district to another level. He seems like he has the get up and go to get up

and go," Reagan said.

Several board members and representatives from the parent-teacher association met with Martin in Wayne last month and he came to South Amboy on April 10, meeting school officials, teacher, students and parents.

"I really got to know some of the people in South Amboy — their concerns and desires," said Martin. "I felt good about what I heard about their long-range plans for the district."

The district's new top educator has three children who attend schools in Wayne, so he said he has no immediate plans to move. Among Martin's priorities in South Amboy will be improving test scores and the construction of a new elementary school.

Superintendent for the last four years, Bloodgood, 62, began his career 34 years ago as

an industrial arts teacher at the South Amboy High School.

"I don't think there's a job except for guidance counselor that I haven't done," Bloodgood said.

Bloodgood became acting superintendent in 1997, replacing Robert Dicker. He was vice principal and principal of the intermediate school,

as well as director of special education and director of curriculum.

Bloodgood is to retire from his \$112,000 post on June 30. Bloodgood said he is proud of many accomplishments, particularly noting the district's preschool program, which he helped launch 30 years ago.

"I knew it was the foundation for all to follow," Bloodgood said. "We were way ahead of the vanguard for preschool programs."

Mayor Kicks Off Fundraiser To Save Lives, Promote History

PERTH AMBOY — The Kiwanis Club of Perth Amboy kicked off a fundraising drive aimed at purchasing defibrillators for the city's Police Department.

"Thanks to the generous contribution of Francis McGinley and the assistance of the Perth Amboy Kiwanis Club, we hope to equip our police department with the tools to save lives while promoting Perth Amboy's rich history in the process," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

Tapping into the Perth Am-

boy's history, the Kiwanis Club will help the city promote the sale of original lithographs from native Perth Amboy artist Francis McGinley.

McGinley donated a rendering of the late 1940's early 1950's Perth Amboy police station and courthouse specifically for sale as part of the fundraiser.

The lithographs will be sold for \$35 each and will be used towards the purchase of defibrillators for Perth Amboy's First Responder Program, which pairs police officers and

firefighters with the First Aid Squad in order to provide quicker responses to life-threatening emergencies.

The original rendering is being donated by Mr. McGinley to be displayed in the new Perth Amboy Police Headquarters, which is planned as part of Perth Amboy's upcoming Public Safety Complex.

"The police department appreciates the efforts of the Kiwanis Club in helping to raise money for the purchase of additional defibrillators for our

emergency services. As proven, defibrillators can make the difference in saving lives," said Police Director Thomas Cetnar.

In addition, the Kiwanis Club will be selling approximately 15-20 copies of McGinley's Millennium Edition lithograph of Perth Amboy City Hall. These renderings will sell for \$100 and will be applied towards the Kiwanis Club's annual scholarship program.

Anyone wishing to purchase either lithograph should contact Det. Sgt. Joe Britton at (732) 324-3867.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

School Food Drive Brings In 27 Tons Of Food

AREA—Students and teachers from 105 Middlesex County public and private schools collected more than 27 tons of canned goods and other non-perishables for the Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (M.C.F.O.O.D.S.) sixth annual spring food drive.

From March 12-23, students and teachers placed soup, pasta, rice, canned fruit and vegetables and personal hygiene items in Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) bins in their schools.

"All of the students and faculty members should be proud of themselves. The M.C.F.O.O.D.S. distribution center is well-stocked right now because

of their generous donations," said Middlesex County Freeholder Jane Z. Brady, who chaired the food drive.

This year's effort included 16 schools that have participated for four years in a row, 23 new participants and 19 more schools than last year.

All supplies were brought directly to M.C.F.O.O.D.S. new facility on Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, which opened in mid-March. "Having storage and distribution services both under one roof now makes it easier on M.C.F.O.O.D.S. volunteers and representatives from the 40 food pantries and soup kitchens we serve," said Jennifer Apostol, the M.C.F.O.O.D.S. coordinator at the MCIA.

The next M.C.F.O.O.D.S. event is the Letter Carriers' Food Drive on Saturday, May 12. Carriers need help at the New Brunswick Letter Carriers Annex to unload donations from their trucks, sort the items, and box them for warehouse delivery. If you are interested in helping, contact M.C.F.O.O.D.S. at (732) 729-0880.

"Monthly food drives help M.C.F.O.O.D.S. serve local pantries and soup kitchens year round. Most food donations tend to take place during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. But people need to eat three times a day every day and the spring school and post office drives help to make this happen," said Freeholder Brady.

Along with the special school efforts, M.C.F.O.O.D.S. encourages local corporations to sponsor annual food drives at their own facilities. The organization's goal is to have at least one corporate food drive each month in order to sustain the local food pantries. Company representatives should contact M.C.F.O.O.D.S. at (732) 729-0880 for information.

Middlesex County residents may donate canned and non-perishable food items year-round at M.C.F.O.O.D.S. drop-off sites, which include the public libraries in Dunellen, Edison, Milltown, Monroe, North Brunswick, Plainsboro, South Brunswick and Woodbridge.

Residents may call M.C.F.O.O.D.S. at (732) 729-0880 for more information or for the location of the nearest food pantry or drop-off site.

Free County Composting Seminar

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Residents can now learn how to reduce waste and improve their soil by composting their yards waste and kitchen scraps right in their own backyards. The seminars will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Classes will run approximately two hours and will be held at the Cook College Agricultural Extension Education Conference Center on College Farm Road, Rutgers University. Pre-registration is required.

The instructor for the Backyard Composting seminars will be Virginia Lamb, former recycling coordinator for Monmouth County. Ms. Lamb has extensive knowledge in composting and has taught numerous composting classes. The classes are sponsored by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

Seminar attendees may also pick up pre-purchased compost bins at the seminar. Bins available for purchase include the Handy Composter (\$5 each), Earth Machine (\$25 each) and Home Composter (\$29.99 each). Purchase of a bin is optional. Again, there is no registration charge to just attend the classes.

To register for the classes or for further information about this opportunity, call the Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.



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

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

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Operation Recognition Ceremony Scheduled

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Veterans Advisory Council is hosting an "Operation Recognition" ceremony in June to present qualified veterans from Middlesex County with the high school diplomas they did not receive because of their military service during WW II. The ceremony is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 24, between 2-5 p.m. in the East Brunswick Technical and Vocational High School auditorium. Prominent speakers involved in veterans affairs will address the veterans and families in attendance.

The Middlesex County "Operation Recognition" ceremony is part of a statewide effort to recognize and thank New Jersey WW II veterans who left high school to enter the military and did not receive their high school diplomas. Through the joint effort of the N.J. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the N.J. Department of Education, these veterans can now receive a state endorsed high school diploma.

This program is referred to as "Operation Recognition". Michael Warner, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, has stated, "This is a small recognition we give in appreciation to those who sacrificed their education to ensure our freedom."

To be eligible for participation in this event the veteran must be a resident of Middlesex County, be a current veteran having left high school to enter the military between Sept. 16, 1940 and Dec. 31, 1946, and be honorably discharged. Diplomas may also be issued posthumously and surviving family members of eligible veterans are encouraged to apply.

Those wishing to participate in this event and/or would like to receive their high school diploma, should call the Middlesex County Veterans Services office at 1-800-591-9867.

Requests for diplomas must be received by Friday, May 18 in order to be processed before the June 24 "Operation Recognition" ceremony.

Women In Business Luncheon

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

The second meeting of the Women in Business group will be held on Monday, May 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick.

They will welcome Arlene Reiter Esq. to discuss "What Every Woman Must Know About Her Legal Rights."

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.

Three Scholarships To Be Awarded

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Freehold Soil Conservation will award three \$1,000 scholarships in the summer of 2001. The Neal W. Munch, Mac Clark and Freehold SCD Scholarships are awarded to college students majoring in a field related to the conservation of our natural resources. The Munch and Clark Scholarships have been awarded annually since 1979. All applications must be:

- * A New Jersey resident of Middlesex or Monmouth County
- * Entering their junior or senior year of college in the fall of

2001

* Majoring in a field related to the conservation of our natural resources; i.e., forestry, environmental science, agriculture, resource management, conservation, soil science, etc.

Applications are available through Freehold Soil Conservation District at (732) 446-2300 ext. 25, fax (732) 446-9140, e-mail FSCD@webspan.net or online at www.webspan.net/~fscd/fsmain.htm.

Application deadline is June 8.

United Way Awarded \$600,000 Grant

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — United Way of Central Jersey is very pleased to announce the award of a \$600,000 grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in a 12-month support of the 2000-01 annual fund drive.

The grant money will be used "to support increased efforts for programs addressing a variety of health care problems of the 'at risk' population served by our community-based agencies. Initial needs assessment indicators show that although New Jersey's performance in addressing health issues has improved in the category of infant mortality, and the decrease in births to teen mothers, there are service areas that have not improved."

Upon receipt of the notification, George E. Heinze, Chair, issued these sentiments: "Our sincere thanks to the Foundation for the continued support given in the form of this large monetary grant. The awarding of this subsidy will go a long way in helping us continue the very serious and necessary work constantly ongoing in our service area."

United Way of Central Jersey is a not-for-profit agency serving the population of Middlesex County and Franklin

Township since 1930. It funds 43 member agencies and awards grants to others to support more than 120 community healthcare and human services programs.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It con-

centrates its grant making in three goals: to assure that all Americans have access to basic healthcare at reasonable cost; to improve care and support people with chronic health conditions; and to reduce the personal, social and economic harm caused by substance abuse... tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs.

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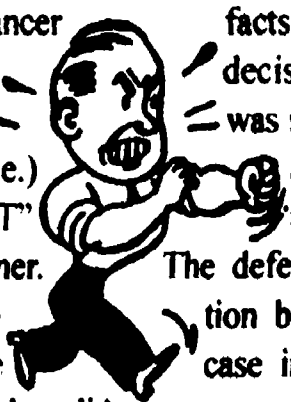
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

St. John Vianney Students Kick Butts

COLONIA—St. John Vianney students VS the Tobacco Companies on Kick Butts Day. The SJV eighth grade students held a mock trial in its school cafeteria and the eighth graders played all the parts of the courtroom. They were court reporters, artists, defense, prosecution, bailiff, witnesses including the Governor, Cancer Society, Surgeon General, victims addicted to smoking, (i.e.) Wheeze and Mr. Big "T" Tobacco Company Owner. The students in the sixth and seventh grade were the jury. The eighth graders did the research on the issues of smoking from both perspectives and with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Ellis, they organized the information into the

script for the trial. Mr. Falzone presided over the case as Judge Falzone. The trial was for a criminal case and the charge was endangering the lives of children with a dangerous and illegal substance. Falzone instructed the jury to listen to all testimony clearly and to take notes on facts—using facts only to make their decisions. Each witness was sworn in by the bailiff and then cross-examined by both parties. The defense and the prosecution both summarized their case in their closing statements. Judge Falzone instructed the jury on the task of deciding Guilty or Not Guilty. Upon the return of the jury, the student body found the Tobacco Companies Guilty!



Women's Day Celebration

METUCHEN—New Hope Baptist Church will hold Women's Day at the church, 45 Hampton St., Metuchen, on May 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Tracey Brown of Ruth Fellowship, Plainfield is the guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend this celebration of the accomplishments of women in the church. White attire by women is optional.

Call (732) 549-8941 or visit <http://community.nj.com/cc/nhbc>.

Brainy Boro Antiques Show

METUCHEN—On Saturday, May 12, the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an Antiques Show at the Presbyterian Church Social Center, Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Donation is \$3 and verbal appraisals are \$5 each with a limit of three items.

Food and beverages will be available as well as a variety of quality antiques.

For more information, call (732) 548-2964.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Congressman Mike Ferguson (R.), Lincoln Educational Services Chairman and CEO David F. Carney (C.) and former Congressman Bob Roe (L.) announced a \$18,000 scholarship program for residents of the 7th Congressional District for any course of study at The Clitane Institute in Edison. Information on the scholarship is available from Susan English at (732) 548-8798. Photo credit: Tim McNary Photography.

RAZE THIS...!



PIECE OF HISTORY RAZED—Once utilized as the main Fire Station for the United States Army on the property of Middlesex County College, Edison, this vintage building built in the early 1930's was taken down last Thursday. The college acquired ownership of the property and now a roadway and parking lot expansion project has led to the structure's demise. The building, history and structural records on on file in Washington, D.C. RB Network News.

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Military Briefs...

Rivas Completes Marine Corps Training

CARTERET—Marine Corps Pvt. Peter R. Rivas, son of Maria Y. and Thomas Y. Rivas of Carteret, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

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

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

Rivas is a 2000 graduate of Carteret High School.

Colon Completes Basic Military Training

EDISON—Marine Corps Pfc. Roberto C. Colon, son of Consuelo Villegas of Edison, and George Friedman of Colonia, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank.

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

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

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

Colonia is a 2000 graduate of John P. Stevens High School, Edison.

Acevedo Is Half-Way Thru Deployment

PERTH AMBOY—Navy Airman Jaclyn G. Acevedo, daughter of JoAnn E. Magyar of Perth Amboy and George L. Acevedo of Fords, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

While on deployment, crewmembers from Acevedo's ship participated in damage control olympics, a competition designed to train the crew to properly handle a crisis at sea. The events included a fire-fighting gear race, a hose-manning competition, a protective suit dressout and desmoking compartments.

Acevedo's ship also visited Souda Bay, Crete where she had the opportunity to shop, sight-see and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Acevedo is a 2000 graduate of Perth Amboy High School and joined the Navy in August 2000.

Keating Is Half-Way Thru Deployment

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

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

Keating's ship also visited Souda Bay, Crete where he had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

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

Mayor Vas Warns Residents Of Possible Scams

PERTH AMBOY — Residents, especially senior citizens, should be alert to any strangers who may want to gain entry into their residence for any reason.

"The safety and well-being of our residents is our number one priority. It is our hope, that by issuing this statement, we can avoid any unnecessary and unfortunate incidents that might otherwise occur," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

Residents may be approached by only one individual, but these transient criminals work in teams of two to four people, although the homeowner may only encounter one individual on a face-to-face basis. The others in the team are involved in the theft of money or valuables from the home.

Residents should be alert to the following:

- * Anyone posing as a water meter reader, cable repair person, tree trimmer or other utility worker
- * Anyone asking for a glass of water to take medicine
- * Anyone feigning illness and just needing to rest awhile
- * Anyone introducing themselves as soon-to-be neighbors

* Anyone asking for a pen or paper to write a note

* Anyone asking information about your neighborhood or just wanting to engage in general conversation about neighbors

These individuals may be male or female or a combination of both. Any citizen encountering any suspicious per-

sons should close their door immediately to avoid persistence on the stranger's part to enter the residence. Instead, they should contact the Perth Amboy Police Department immediately at (732) 442-4400 and await a police officer's arrival before doing anything further.

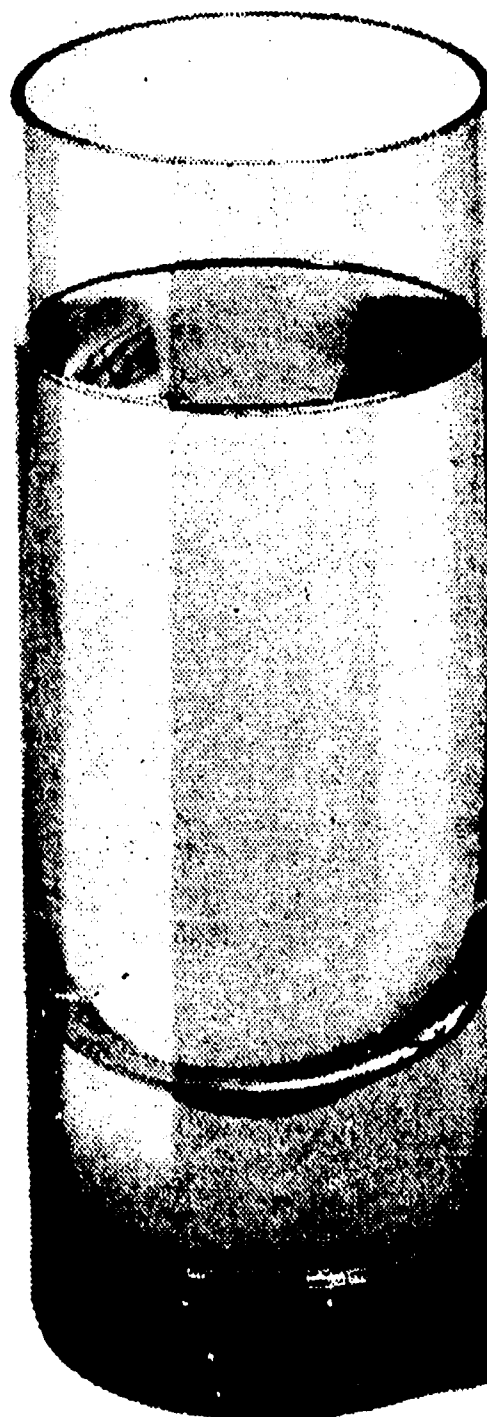
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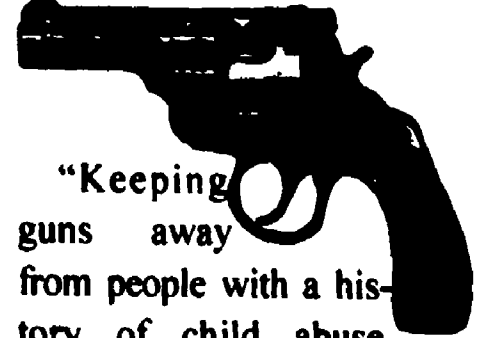
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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Bill To Bar Domestic Abusers From Owning Guns

STATE—The State Senate recently approved Senator Joseph F. Vitale's bill to bar people convicted of child abuse, domestic violence and stalking from owning guns.



"Keeping guns away from people with a history of child abuse, domestic violence or stalking is a matter of common sense," said Senator Vitale, D-Middlesex, whose bill, S-283, was approved by a 40-0 vote.

Senator Vitale's bill, which is also sponsored by Senate Majority Leader John O. Bennett III (R-Monmouth), would permanently disqualify people from possessing firearms when convicted of crimes involving domestic violence or stalking. In addition, those convicted of the lesser crime of disorderly persons offense domestic violence could not own firearms for two years beyond their conviction or term of incarceration.

The bill would maintain the existing prohibition against anyone convicted of child abuse from possessing any firearms.

"New Jersey already has some of the toughest anti-gun laws in the country. This bill tightens restrictions further, which may make the difference in saving a life or at least keeping a potential abuser away from the intended victim."

The measure now goes to the assembly for further consideration.

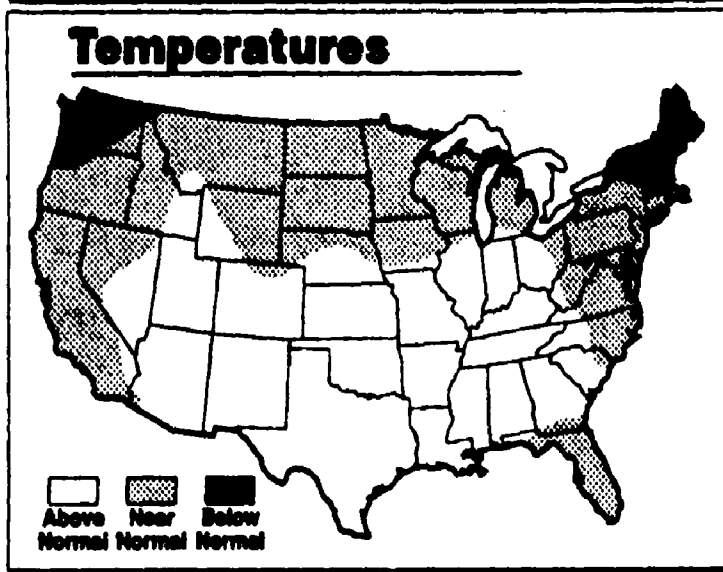
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Some sun and warm.	Patchy clouds and warm.	Some sun and warm.	Partly sunny.	Sun and some clouds.	Partly sunny.	Some sun.	Lots of clouds and windy.
83	62	84/54	71/52	73/38	59/45	69/56	69/58

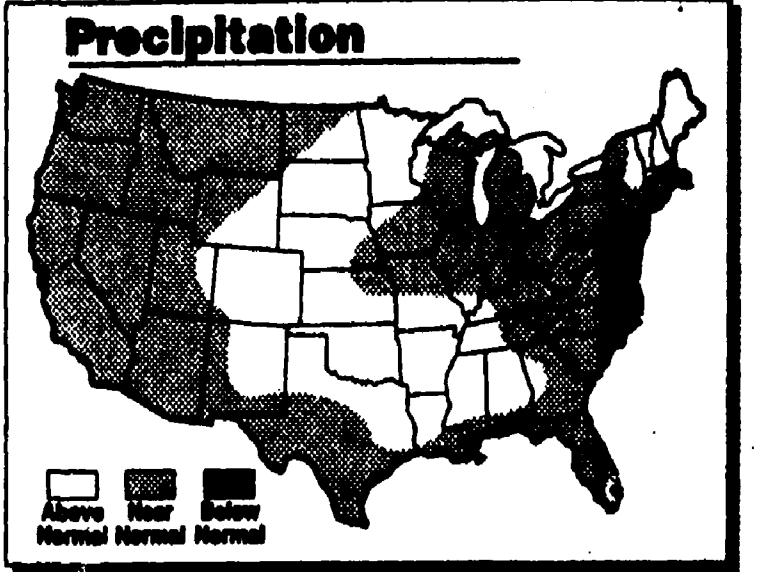
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Stormy weather will cover the Plains and Mississippi Valley during the period. Storms will bring rain to portions of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Minnesota. Meanwhile, warm weather will cover much of the Southwest and Southeast. Temperatures across the Southeast may average 10 to 15 degrees above normal. Cool air will move across the Northeast and northern Great Lakes.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Boston	82 60 pc	78 61 c	81 60 pc	76 59 pc
Chicago	82 57 pc	73 48 pc	61 46 c	67 36 c
Cleveland	78 57 pc	72 52 c	69 45 s	72 47 s
Denver	82 55 s	76 49 s	67 47 s	74 43 s
Des Moines	46 34 c	58 38 c	65 42 pc	70 44 pc
Detroit	74 55 pc	72 50 c	69 49 s	72 55 s
Houston	84 56 pc	76 49 sh	67 46 s	75 44 pc
Indianapolis	86 70 pc	86 70 c	84 72 c	86 70 c
Kansas City	80 59 s	81 52 pc	71 52 pc	77 50 pc
Los Angeles	78 59 pc	76 54 pc	73 53 c	75 58 c
Miami	64 45 s	67 49 pc	71 52 pc	74 47 pc
Minn.- St. Paul	83 71 l	84 69 pc	85 70 pc	85 72 pc
New Orleans	65 43 r	69 45 pc	66 44 s	72 51 s
New York City	80 65 pc	83 68 s	83 67 s	83 65 s
Omaha	86 64 pc	82 62 pc	74 52 c	79 48 c
Phoenix	66 51 c	66 50 c	72 51 pc	74 56 pc
San Francisco	82 58 s	83 62 s	87 63 s	92 58 s
Seattle	69 47 s	67 49 s	64 49 pc	66 48 pc
Washington	63 44 pc	66 46 pc	63 47 c	62 38 c
	86 64 pc	86 58 pc	78 52 pc	79 48 c

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	
Thu.	5:53 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	
Fri.	5:52 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	
	Moonrise	Moonset	
Thu.	3:36 p.m.	4:06 a.m.	
Fri.	4:46 p.m.	4:36 a.m.	
Moon Phases			
First	Full	Last	New
			
Apr 15	30 May	May 7 22	May
Weather (W):			
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice			

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Berlin	62 37 s	60 43 pc	55 37 c	55 38 pc
Buenos Aires	61 38 pc	59 40 pc	52 42 sh	57 35 c
Cairo	64 50 pc	64 48 pc	66 48 pc	66 48 pc
Jerusalem	90 56 s	92 58 s	93 57 s	96 58 s
Johannesburg	70 44 pc	73 45 s	76 47 s	76 49 s
London	72 52 pc	69 52 c	72 47 pc	65 43 pc
Madrid	64 39 pc	62 44 pc	61 35 c	51 39 pc
Mexico City	63 48 r	59 45 sh	63 45 r	63 45 sh
Moscow	80 51 s	81 52 pc	80 53 pc	81 52 pc
Paris	73 48 pc	61 37 pc	48 39 sh	56 47 sh
Rio de Janeiro	67 48 r	60 45 c	62 40 pc	54 42 c
Rome	82 69 pc	81 67 pc	80 68 s	79 67 pc
San Juan	74 50 pc	74 54 s	74 54 c	69 48 s
Seoul	86 73 pc	85 73 pc	86 73 pc	85 73 pc
Sydney	73 55 s	72 55 pc	75 59 s	80 58 s
Tokyo	67 53 s	64 53 pc	66 51 s	64 50 s
Toronto	63 57 c	67 60 pc	62 58 r	71 59 pc
Winnipeg	70 54 c	71 48 pc	62 32 pc	65 38 c
Zurich	62 32 pc	66 36 s	70 42 s	69 45 pc
	71 52 r	66 51 c	63 49 r	59 51 r

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Mother's Day

- MAY 13TH -

Do Something Special With Mom On Mother's Day

AREA—Mother-daughter relationships are among the most complicated we experience. They often comprise many conflicting feelings such as love, anger, worry, resentment, envy and need. According to *Mayo Clinic Women's HealthService*, this critical relationship changes as both mother and daughter age, and there are several ways to improve it along the way.

Here are some suggestions for enhancing your relationship with mom:

- * Look through old photo

albums and have your mother identify the people in them.

- * Listen to your mother tell stories from her past. It's your history too.

- * Tell your mother stories about your day, but don't complain and don't expect her to solve your problems anymore.

- * Prepare an old family recipe together.

- * Plant a garden, take a class or start a book club together.

- * Create a memory jar. Write down a memory of your mother each day and put it in a container. At the end of the year, present it to her.

- * Send your mother flowers on your birthday. It's her day too.

This Mother's Day, Mayo Clinic is offering a woman a free copy of *Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource*, a monthly newsletter filled with accurate answers and timely advice for women to use in their daily lives. The newsletter helps women recognize the warning signs of illness, provides tips to reduce stress and gives guidance about nutrition, exercise, aging and weight control.

For your free issue, write to: Mayo Clinic, Mother's Day Offer, Centerplace 5, 200 First St., SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Mark This Date For Moms

AREA—On Wednesday, May 23 at 10 a.m., the senior department of the YM-YWHA of Union is offering a free facial, massage and beauty consultation for Mother's Day. Jeannie Cohen, a Mary Kaye beauty consultant, will provide the facials along with other Mary Kaye representatives. Jeannie Cohen is very experienced in makeover techniques and will provide our seniors with a luxurious morning of beauty and pampering. Facials and massages are also available for men. Jeannie Cohen has facial massage techniques that rejuvenate

the skin of both women and men.

Members of the Y will be given first priority but non-members can also participate but must register before May 18. There is no fee for Y members and a \$3 charge for non Y members. Call Susan or Jani at the Y at (908) 289-8112 to register.

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by Kaye T. Bieg

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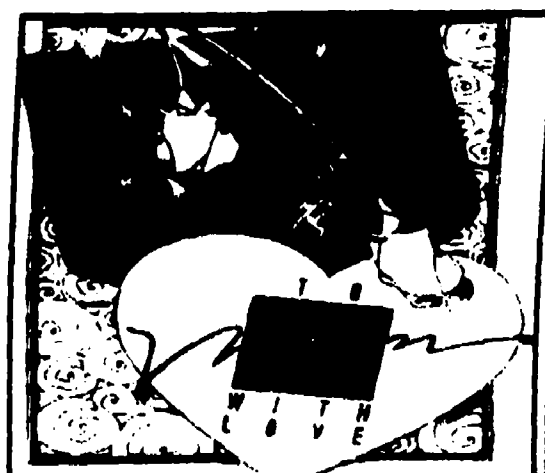
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YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

Automakers Key Component Of Jersey's Economy

AREA—The automobile industry is a key component of New Jersey's economy, accounting for 162,000 jobs in the state, a new University of Michigan study shows.

Auto manufacturing is the largest manufacturing industry in the country and more than 4 percent of New Jersey's workforce is employed in the automobile industry.

Key findings of the study include:

- The automotive industry directly employs 32,000 work-

ers in New Jersey, including production workers, engineers, sales and marketing employees and other staff.

- 53,200 jobs are related to the auto industry, including suppliers of parts and components, suppliers of raw materials and support services.

- When spin-off employment is included, a total of 162,000 New Jersey jobs are dependent on the auto industry.

- The auto industry generates more than \$7 billion in wages and benefits, including

spin-off employment, in New Jersey.

- New Jersey has 644 new-car dealerships, which generate about \$20.5 billion in annual sales.

"New Jersey isn't normally a state one thinks of as being an

auto state, but tens of thousands of auto industry workers in the state prove otherwise," said Alliance President & CEO Josephine S. Cooper.

The landmark study, "Contributions Of The Automotive Industry To The U.S. Econ-

omy," was prepared by the University of Michigan and the Center for Automotive Research. In addition to the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers also sponsored the study.

For more information, log on to <http://www.autoalliance.org>.

"The Arm" Would Improve Truck Driver's Vision

AREA — Invention Submission Corporation announces that one of its clients, a professional truck driver from New Jersey, has developed a truck accessory that would allow a driver to see the rear of the truck when reversing.

The Arm is designed to provide a view of the back end of a tractor trailer, school bus or straight truck when reversing into a delivery port or area. In an effort to eliminate the inaccuracies of guesswork when reversing a trailer, The Arm would make it safer, easier and faster to

pull the truck in properly.

Not only could this invention increase a driver's confidence, but it could also decrease or eliminate the potential for accidents that could damage the truck, a nearby structure or person behind the truck. The Arm would be fully portable and may reduce the frustration drivers feel when attempting to get the process right.

It could even result in less traffic congestion since the tractor-trailer wouldn't be blocking roadways in busy urban areas. The inventor said, "I drive in

New York city and parking and backing a large rig in city traffic is very difficult. All tractor-trailer drivers need more safety and confidence on the road. The Arm will give them both."

The original design was submitted to the Newark office of Invention Submission Corporation. It is currently available for licensing or sale to manufacturers or marketers.

For more information, write Dept. 00-NWK-1140, ISC, 217 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, or call (412) 288-1300, ext. 1368.

Gas Prices Rocket Higher

STATE — Nationwide, the average price of regular unleaded gasoline has jumped more than 15 cents per gallon to \$1.587 and could move higher in the weeks ahead, according to AAA's monthly Fuel Gauge Report.

AAA said the large and rapid increase in fuel prices is mainly attributable to high crude oil prices, the industry's traditional

switch from winter-grade to more costly to produce summer grade fuels and industry preparations to re-introduce a variety of cleaner-burning reformulated gasolines on June 1 in many major markets.

In New Jersey, the average price for unleaded gasoline is \$1.44 per gallon. Mid-grade is \$1.54 per gallon and premium gasoline is \$1.60 per gallon.

These prices are \$.07 more than the average prices per gallon in March.

In April of 2000, New Jersey motorists were paying \$1.46 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, \$1.56 per gallon for mid-grade and \$1.62 per gallon for premium.

This month the nationwide average price of gasoline is 7 cents higher than one year ago when the average price was \$1.49 per gallon. April is the 15th consecutive month of gasoline prices above \$1.30 per gallon.

In New Jersey, prices for the unleaded gasoline per gallon over the past six months were: March, \$1.37; February, \$1.41; January, \$1.41; December \$1.46; November, \$1.50; and October, \$1.51.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN™

"Freddy Got Fingered"

Gets Totally Out of Hand

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By Michael S. Goldberger

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The current crown prince of youthful rebellion, comedian Tom Green as would-be animator Gord Brody ventures beyond the pale in his quest to shock and disgust. And while more obnoxious than genuinely daring, he is successful in that dubious pursuit.

"Freddy Got Fingered" takes bad taste to a new low while raising the bar on genuinely lousy filmmaking. And what's worse, while straining for laughs in this feature length glob of extreme potty humor, director, star and co-writer Green is not very funny at all. It's bad enough the film is obsessed with body parts. But what makes it even more beastly, literally and figuratively, is that those parts, replete with various and sundry body fluids, usually belong to animals. But have no fear. We are assured that not one animal was harmed during the making of this film. Too bad we can't guarantee the same for those humans who view Mr. Green's feeble-minded swill.

The MTV-bred absurdist embarrassingly reminds of the adolescent who has just acquired his first clump of dirty words. The child must then zealously squeeze each and every one of those bon mots into every sentence he utters from that point on. Furthermore, the self-centered annoyance doesn't care what anyone thinks of his irritating mania. It becomes tiresome. And thus twenty minutes into "Freddy Got Fingered," after it is obvious that Mr. Green has spewed all the shock treatment he has to offer in his rather limited understanding of motion picture construction, the exit signs begin to beckon.

Of course in this situation, like the captain of the Titanic, the film critic cannot leave his assignment. That's just in case he's wrong and some miraculous story twist saves the day and vindicates auteur Green. Like when his character delivers a baby much against the wishes of the horrified mother (who would have preferred a doctor). He then proceeds to swing the newborn around the room by its umbilical cord, tether ball style, spurring blood adorning the walls like a Dracula-inspired Jackson Pollock.

If you haven't left the theater by this point, it's time to check if your health plan covers psychiatric care. Again, I can't leave.

How would it look if the film critic walked out and the ages later decided that Mr. Green was really his generation's Lenny Bruce...an important social critic and defender of free speech? Yeah, right.

The story line itself, a wretched bit of garble about father-son relationships, would make Freud himself cringe. A slacker living in his parents' basement, twenty-seven-year-old Gord wants to be an animator. He also wants his dad to be proud of him. Problem is, his drawings are neither funny nor particularly interesting. Another problem is,

he's an absolute idiot. But when the Portland, Oregon, resident lands a job in Hollywood as a cheese sandwich maker, Dad (Rip Torn) is so happy to be rid of the dolt that he buys him a car for the odyssey. In an extraordinary display of skill and purpose, Mr. Torn manages his usually solid performance despite the impossibly pathetic morass around him.

Once ensconced in Los Angeles, where he can shop his cartoons around when he's not creating a disaster at the sandwich works, Gord meets love interest Betty (Marisa Coughlan), a wheelchair-bound lass with aspirations of being a rocket scientist....what else? In any case, her paraplegia gives Green the opportunity of combining jokes about infirmity with some rather inept bits of sexual perversity.

Meanwhile, Gord's younger brother Freddy, who is gainfully employed and no burden to his parents, receives little or no attention from Dad. And so just to add insult to injury, the young adult is mistakenly institutionalized in a home for molested children when a frustrated and crazed Gord deceitfully blows the whistle on his father.

For starters, Mr. Green's bad boy act is bogus. For all his naughtiness, when compared to those acerbic wits who really know what they're doing, he is a rather tepid satirist. Then, there is the snickering arrogance prevalent throughout, like when real-life girlfriend Drew Barrymore makes a cameo appearance; it's an uncomfortable indulgence, and assumes that we'd be interested in what is ostensibly Mr. Green's big budget home movie....a place for him and his

pals to act out their private jokes and boring neuroses.

But one wonders if he is actually cognizant of his biggest achievement. For try as he may to abash or anger, no stunt Mr. Green perpetrates on screen can match the outlandish feat of actually getting this stunning waste of celluloid made. Which makes him the Hollywood equivalent of a used car salesman. I won't tell you what was or wasn't done to Freddy. But rest assured it's not as bad as what Tom Green is doing to anyone who plunks down good money to see this awfully bad movie.

"Freddy Got Fingered," rated R, is a Twentieth Century Fox release directed by Tom Green and stars Tom Green, Rip Torn and Marisa Coughlan. Running time: 90 minutes

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Behavior Change Generally A Gradual Process

by Barbara O'Neill, Ph.D.

AREA — According to a leading theory, personal behavior changes, such as saving money and losing weight, take place in defined stages over a period of time. This theory, called the Transtheoretical Model of Change, has been applied to a variety of behaviors including weight control and addictions (e.g., smoking). It has been used in numerous research projects on various topics sponsored by government agencies and major corporations. Recently, this theory has also started to be applied to changes in financial behavior (e.g., reduced spending).

According to the Transtheoretical Model, there are five major states of change. At the *pre-contemplation* stage, people may not even be aware that a problem (e.g., high debt load) exists or that a change should be made in their life. At the *contemplation* stage,

they gain knowledge about alternative behaviors and begin to understand ways to change (e.g., reduce spending). At the *preparation* stage, people commit to make a change and gain required skill (e.g., taking a course in personal finance). At the *action* state, they "take the plunge" and actually change their behavior. In the *maintenance* stage, people work to sustain their change and reap the rewards of their efforts (e.g., increased bank balance).

The Transtheoretical Model also defines several major processes of change that relate to one or more of the behavioral change steps. The remainder of this article discusses these processes and how they can be used to change financial behavior. In the pre-contemplation and contemplation stages, a key process is *consciousness-raising* or raised awareness. An example is that news stories about the benefits of

saving small dollar amounts on a regular basis might cause a person to think, "I should save some money." This can "plant the seed" that regular saving grows substantially over time.

The *social liberation* process means taking advantage of alternatives in one's external environment that encourage people to begin or continue a change. Non-smoking areas in public places and low-calorie entrees in restaurants are examples of social liberation. An example in the financial arena is the availability of employer 401(k) plans to both save money and reduce income taxes.

The *emotional arousal* process is a sudden emotional experience related to a behavioral change that is experienced on a deep, feeling level. Perhaps this is why books and game shows about millionaires are so popular lately. Dramatic stories of how other people's lives have changed may

encourage some folks to save themselves.

Self-reevaluation is a fourth change process. This means thoughtfully assessing a problem and what could happen if you conquer it. In other words, imagining how your life could be better if you changed your behavior. For example, "If I start to save, I could afford to send my children to college."

Commitment takes place during the preparation stage of change. Here people acknowledge that "if it is to be, it's up to me." An example of commitment is "I will save \$25 per paycheck." At the action stage of change, *counteracting* is an important process. This means substituting a healthy response (e.g., saving \$3 per day) for an unhealthy one (e.g., spending \$3 on lottery tickets). Another action stage process is *environmental control*. This means restructuring your environment to

reduce the probability of a problem-causing event. An example is signing up for a mutual fund automatic savings plan (e.g., \$50 per month) so money can be invested in fund shares before it is spent.

Personal change is hard and it doesn't happen just because we want it to. Most successful changes require persistence, positive thoughts, and a strong support system. Are you ready to make changes in your health habits, interpersonal relationships, or finances? Additional information about the Transtheoretical Model of Change can be found in the book "Changing For Good" by Prochaska, Norcross, and DiClemente.

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Borrow Smarter And Pay Less Interest

by Dr. Karen Ensle, RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — Debt repayment is a major expense for many families. Some people spend a day's pay (or more) per week repaying car loans, credit card bills, and other debt. Not only is this expensive, but the payments are unavailable for other expenses. Below are a dozen tips for smarter borrowing:

1. Contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension (579-0985) for a PowerPay analysis. This computer program will help accelerate debt repayment by printing out a repayment calendar that adds monthly payments from paid-off debts (e.g., Sears credit card) to

remaining debts (e.g., MasterCard), resulting in hundreds, even thousands, of dollars of interest savings.

2. Borrow as little as possible by making the largest downpayment you can afford (e.g., car). When car payments end, continue making the previous monthly payment to yourself to build up a downpayment for your next car.

3. Shop for credit, just like other purchases. Compare at least three credit issuers (e.g., banks) for the lowest annual percentage rate (APR) and fees.

4. Consider a home equity loan to consolidate and/or repay higher-rate loans or credit cards.

Interest on up to \$100,000 of home equity debt is tax-deductible.

5. Instead of using credit cards, consider lower-cost sources of money such as a credit union or loans against a 401(k) or cash value life insurance policy. Repay the loan promptly to protect your future financial security.

6. Separate borrowing decisions from purchasing decisions. In other words, don't just accept the financing arrangement offered by a merchant (e.g., car dealer or furniture store). Shop around.

7. Always pay more than the minimum monthly payment. Otherwise, it could take years, even decades to repay a loan. Even small amounts added to minimum payments produce awesome results. For example, send \$25 a month more on a 17% cred-

it card with a \$5,000 outstanding balance and you'll save \$7,192 in interest and 352 payments (almost 30 years).

8. Say no to credit life or disability insurance if you already have adequate individual or group policies. If you don't currently have life or disability insurance, and need it, shop around for more affordable coverage.

9. Avoid being "upside down" on a car loan. This means that you owe more than a car is worth. To sidestep this problem, shorten the length of the loan or make a larger downpayment.

10. Pay credit card bills promptly to reduce the average daily balance on which interest is charged. Avoid cards using the two-cycle average daily balance calculation method because it generally increases finance charges. The balance on which interest is charged is the sum of

the average daily balances for two billing cycles.

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Guest Editorial

Support The Boy Scouts Against Increased Attacks

by Toni Meyer, Sr. Research Analyst for the
New Jersey Family Policy Council

Since the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the Boy Scouts have the right to determine the requirements for being scout leaders, homosexual activists have mounted an all out assault on scout troops in the state and on the local level in an attempt to force them to change their position. The latest of these attacks is an effort by the NJ Department of Education to get the state school board to include "sexual orientation" in its anti-discrimination policy. In effect, this would forbid school districts from renting space to the Boy Scouts and even some religious groups, because they teach that homosexuality is morally unacceptable. Not only would this violate the equal access law, but even the NJ Chapter of the ACLU has said that the state can not prohibit local school districts from renting their public facilities to any particular group, even groups with discriminatory policies.

In further defense of the Boy Scouts, there is a great need to clarify two very critical misconceptions that people have with regard to homosexuality, and in turn with the Boy Scout's policy stance. The first misconception involves equating homosexuali-

ty with an immutable or unchangeable characteristic. On what basis do we give up our right as a society to hold a moral stance against the practice of homosexuality? And on what basis do we instead accept, embrace, or be "tolerant" of homosexuality as something our children should be taught to view as an *innocuous* alternative lifestyle? Parents have the right to expect that when they send their young boys to participate in a scouting program that teaches them how to be men, that the leaders can be trusted to reflect and reinforce the healthiest sexual and moral values as well.

Secondly, there is valid scientific justification for the Boy Scout's policy of excluding homosexuals from being scout leaders and for parents and community leaders to have legitimate concern about their boys spending time alone with openly homosexual scout leaders. Distributing statistics are documented in the latest publication of Dr. Judith Reisman, a world-renowned researcher of homosexuality, expert witness before the attorney general's commission on pornography, and author of "Kissey, Crimes &

Consequences." Based on U.S. Dept. of Commerce statistics for 1991 (a comparable base year), 17 to 24 percent (est.) of all boys under 18 were victimized by homosexuals and about 25 percent (est.) of all girls under 18 were victimized by heterosexuals.

In fact, the latest July 2000 U.S. Department of Justice statistic shows that 64 percent of forcible sodomy victims are boys under 12 years of age.

We must speak up in support of the Boy Scouts to our community leaders and not allow them to be unfairly and unethically pressured to go against their standards. For 91 years, the Boy Scouts have been a safe haven for young boys, keeping them off the streets and out of mischief, and have taken a clear moral stance that provides important protection and guidance for our young people. To allow them to be denied the support they need or public privileges they are entitled to, because of that stance, would be a total disservice to, and a potentially dangerous decision for society and our local communities.

by Jack McGreevey

Thoughts On America

Thomas Jefferson in reminding people of American greatness wrote, "How little do my countrymen know what precious blessing they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy." I believe that statement may be as valid today as it was when first spoken. Our people seem to take so much for granted.

The history of America is truly remarkable and blessed. When our first president gave his inaugural address in New York in 1789 he launched the United States into history. We had no Navy, a rag tag Army and about four million citizens most of which lived on the eastern seaboard.

Early on it was questionable

if we were going to make it as a nation—democracy was the new kid on the block. The idea of a free community of states linked by friendship and ideals was distinctly American. And yet as the United States entered into her second 100 years we were destined to grow from an isolationists society into the pre-eminent position as the leader of the free world. We became the world's leading economic, military and cultural power. Our citizens came to enjoy a standard of living unknown in the history of the world. By comparison to older nations we seem to have it all.

As we move into the new millennium and look back on

the trials and triumphs of the past century in which America rose to greatness one thing has remained constant, that is, the dedication and commitment of our veterans to the survival and strength of this great nation. Historians have stated that the greatest accomplishment of this past century was the spread of freedom throughout the world. Our U.S. troops did more to spread democracy than anyone at any time in all of human history. Our veteran community sustained western civilization by acts of courage, generosity and vision unparalleled in the history of man. What a great legacy to leave our children.

Sniglets

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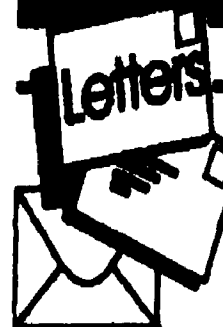
Globaloney

For those of you who were taught from bogus science books, let me inform you: According to the preponderance of scientific evidence, global warming isn't happening. Now an international team of scientists has found yet another sign that the global warming house of cards has collapsed. According to new findings published in the influential journal Geophysical Research Letters, a key method of measuring supposed change in temperature was off by almost 40 percent. Oops.

While scientists have used weather station instruments to measure land temperatures, they've had to rely on ships to make measurements over the oceans. Temperatures were taken by dipping buckets into the sea or into the water that flows through ship engine intakes. This, my friends, was the "scientific" method to map

the temperatures of the seas—which, let me remind you, cover three quarters of the earth. Scientists assumed a simple link between the temperatures of seawater and that of the air above it. But they were wrong. Buoys in the Pacific measuring sea and air temperatures at the same time show there is no such correlation. As The London Telegraph reported in an article titled "Global Warming Claims Based on False Data," it turns out that measurements of seawater have grossly exaggerated global warming over the seas. Add this to the fact that satellites measuring temperatures have detected no-*zip*, zero, nada—sign of global warming. British team member David Parker of the Hadley Center for Climate Prediction and Research at the Met Office said this new finding "shows we don't understand everything." No kidding, Sherlock!

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George Vassiliades,
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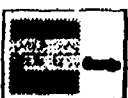
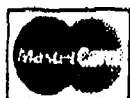
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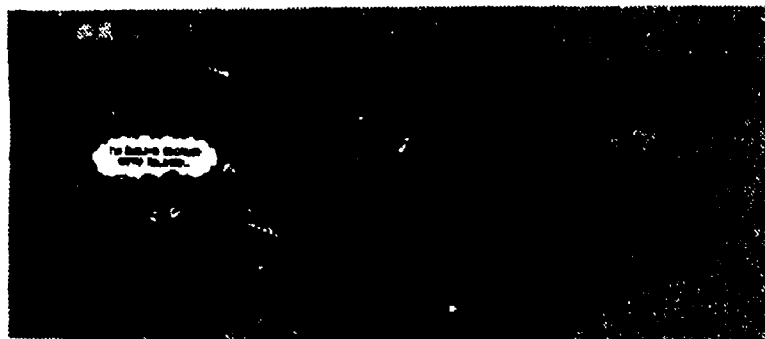
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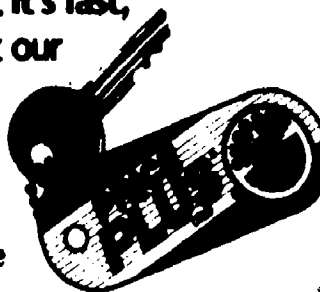
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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

"Who Wants To Be A Teacher?"

AREA — Fruit baskets. Balloon bouquets and flowers. Messages on billboards and banners in the sky. For the past 16 years, communities have found countless ways to shower teachers with thanks and recognition in celebration of National Teacher Day. On May 8, parents, students, and businesses will once again present gift certificates, sponsor luncheons, and generally show teachers they are honored and valued.

But beyond the gifts and hoopla, National Education Association President Bob Chase says National Teacher Day, celebrated annually on the second Tuesday in May, is an opportunity to express concern about the nation's current

teacher shortage and stress the need to make teaching a viable career option for the next generation.

"Of all the ingredients for good schools, a sufficient quantity of talented teachers is the most basic," said Chase. "We cannot afford to allow the trend to continue where newly minted college graduates ignore the teaching profession or leave it altogether."

To their credit, today's teachers are better educated and more experienced than at any time in history. According to NEA's research report, *Status of the American Public School Teacher*, more than half of teachers nationwide (56.2%) hold one or more advanced degrees. About

half (52.4%) have been educators for at least 15 years, and more than a third (38.1%) have two decades of teaching under their belts.

Yet with this level of education and experience comes a troublesome fact. The median age of teachers is 42 years old — glaring evidence that new graduates are not entering the teaching field. Even more disturbing is the poor retention rate for new teachers. Twenty percent of all new hires leave teaching within three years, and only half of new teachers in urban public schools are still teaching after five years.

"There are everyday heroes in classrooms throughout America," Chase said. "But we must

face the fact that our current teachers are getting older, and our newcomers are leaving the profession too early. We have to make sure that our top graduates enter the teaching profession and stay in teaching so the heroic acts will continue and multiply."

In partnership with the National PTA, NEA has celebrated National Teacher Day since 1985. It is the signature event of Teacher Appreciation Week, designated as the first full week in May.

"No other professionals touch so many lives in such a lasting way," said Chase. "We owe teachers our gratitude every day. National Teacher Day is simply a special time to show our appreciation for their dedication and commitment."

This year's National Teacher

Day theme, "Quality Teachers ... Achieving Students ... Outstanding Classrooms," salutes teachers for their role in the nation's academic success: dropout rates are down, SAT and ACT scores are rising, and more young people are going on to college and earning four-year degrees.

For more good news about teachers, students and public schools in your state, go to www.nea.org/publiced/good-news/.

The National Education Association is the nation's largest professional employee organization, representing 2.6 million elementary and secondary teachers, college faculty, educational support personnel, school administrators, retired educators, and students preparing to become teachers.

Voters Show Solid Support For School Budgets

STATE — Budget approvals in the Annual School Election indicates continuation of New Jerseyans' strong support for public schools and recognition of prudent fiscal practices by local boards, the executive director of the New Jersey School Board Association said recently.

Voters approved 81.1% of the 552 proposed school budgets on the ballot, down slightly from last year when they passed 88% of the proposals, the highest approval rate on record.

"In spite of a shifting economy, voters remained strongly supportive of their public schools," said Edwina M. Lee,

NJSBA executive director. "They also recognized that school boards have been fiscally prudent in developing budgets."

Approximately 13.3% of the state's registered voters participated in the recent election. "Voter turnout in the school elections continues to be a disappointment," said Lee. "These are important elections with much at stake financially and educationally for our communities. However, low voter turnout can also indicate that there is no broad-based dissatisfaction with the school operations."

Lee noted that the school elections this year fell at a time when many school districts are on spring break and families are away.

Voters also approved 65.6% of 93 "second ballot questions," according to state education department figures. Last year, they approved 70% of these proposals, which request spending above a school district's budget cap.

Voters also selected candidates in 556 districts with elected school boards. "It's interesting to note that roughly half — or 1,117 of the total 2,168 candidates — were incumbents seeking re-election and about half were fresh faces," said Lee. "Voters throughout the state were able to enjoy selecting from a balanced mix of both experienced public servants as well as the infusion of new people."

The New Jersey School Boards Association is a federation of more than 600 local boards of education. Established more than 80 years ago, NJSBA represents the education and related health and safety interests of New Jersey's 1.2 million public school students and advocates the positions of the state's local school districts. The Association also provides inservice training and technical assistance to the state's 4,800 local board of education members. School board members, who serve without compensation, are the largest group of elected and appointed public officials in the state.



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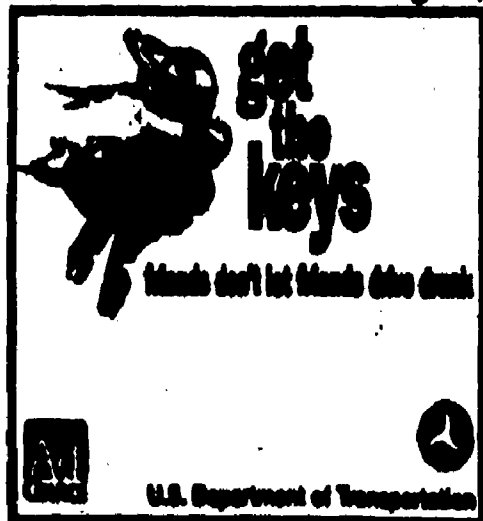
students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year, in a program sponsored by the American International Youth Student Exchange Program (AIYSEP).

The students, age 15 through 18, will arrive late August,

attend local high schools and return to their home country in June, next year.

The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by school representatives in their home countries and will have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA 94920; 1-800-347-7575. You may also visit our website: www.aiysep.com or email aiysep@aol.com.



YOUR LOCAL NEWS

ShopRite Celebrates Grand Re-Opening

AREA Sitar's Supermarkets will host a Grand Re-Opening of its Carteret ShopRite on May 6.

Carteret ShopRite has long been the central gathering point of the 4.4 sq mile borough and has undergone a major remodel to add several new departments and products.

The store, located at 801 Roosevelt Avenue in Carteret, originally opened at this location in 1981, and had undergone a major remodeling in 1993.

The new store will serve residents from the forward to serving new pharmacy and Carteret community as well as our existing customers with the freshest product, and biggest selection around, as well as broadening our customer base to attract new shoppers," said Leonard Sitar, President & CEO of Sitar's Supermarkets.

"We are looking forward to serving our existing customers with the freshest product, and biggest selection around, as well as broadening our customer base to attract new shoppers," said Leonard Sitar, President & CEO of Sitar's Supermarkets.

"This will be the biggest Grand Re-Opening Celebration in ShopRite History," explained Dan

Reiman, co-manager of the store. "From give away's to raffles, and from free money savings coupons to in store demonstrations this Grand Re-Opening promises to be an event not to be missed."

Reiman has promised the celebration will be, "an outstanding day for the whole family."

"We will have programs for the kids including Dee Dee the magic clown, cotton candy and popcorn as well as moonwalks and Carteret's own Lou Kady," said Reiman.

Along with a new pharmacy and prepared foods sections, the store has expanded it Meat, Dairy, and Frozen departments.

A brand new Delicatessen offers customers the option of ordering their cold cuts from a touch screen computer called 'Dexter.'

"They simply touch the screen to select the product they want, send the order and shop; 20 minutes later when their done shopping they can pick up their order already cut and packaged waiting for them," said Store Manager Bob Potucek.

Busy Holy Family Seniors

CARTERET—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret announce the following trips which are open to the public:

May 30 (Wed.)—Earhardt's on Lake Wallenpaupack Waterfront, Hawley, PA. Railroad trip, lunch, family-style and entertainment. Cost \$50. Depart 8 a.m.; June 19 (Tues.)—King Henry Show and Buffet Lunch at Mt. Airy Lodge, Mt. Pocono, PA. Depart 8 a.m. Cost \$47; July 11 (Wed.)—"Producers" NYC Musical with Nathan Lane. Bus, dinner; Sept. 15–21–7 Day trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan includes casino, Agawa Canyon railroad tour, cruise thru Sault St. Marie Locks; Frankenmuth and more. Cost \$750 per person double occupancy. Call for itinerary.

Also trips on the following dates to Atlantic City, Caesar's Casino; package. Depart 9 a.m. Cost \$15. Call Chester Milik at (732) 541-7164 for reservations. April 19, May 17 and June 21.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Answers To Spring Allergy Questions

AREA — While most people gratefully welcome the longer days and warmer weather of spring, more than 35 million people in the United States dread the itchy eyes, runny nose, and sneezing that comes with the season. These people suffer from seasonal allergies, more scientifically known as seasonal rhinitis. National Jewish allergist Maria Gutierrez, M.D., answers several common questions about seasonal rhinitis and

what can be done to ease the discomfort.

Q: What causes my allergies to flare up in the spring?

A: Pollen is the most likely cause. Your immune system has mistakenly learned to remember the pollen released by various plants as potentially harmful, and responds with the familiar allergic symptoms. Each species of plant releases pollen at about the same time every year. Trees are usually the first plants to

release pollen, usually in the early spring. Grasses come next in the spring and early summer. Weeds generally release their pollen in late summer and fall. The specific types of pollen and the time of their release depends upon the local climate and varies around the country. People with seasonal rhinitis are often allergic to more than one type of pollen.

Q: How can I tell whether I have allergies or just a cold?

A: Generally, allergies last longer than a cold, often for a few weeks. If you notice a pattern in which you suffer the same symptoms at the same time year after year, you are likely suffering from allergies. Frequent sneezing and itchy, watery eyes are more frequently associated with an allergy rather than a cold.

Also, a clear nasal discharge suggests that you are suffering from allergies. When you have a cold, the mucus is more often greenish or yellowish. A fever is also indicative of a cold. Sometimes it can be hard to tell the difference between seasonal allergies, a cold, or another condition. That's where a skin test comes in.

Q: What is a skin test? How does it work?

A: A skin test detects the presence of antibodies to a particular allergen, a substance that causes an allergic reaction. A positive test suggests that you may have an allergy to the particular substance. However, your doctor will review your skin-test results, your medical history, and a physical exam to confirm which allergens are causing your symptoms.

The test is performed by placing a drop of an allergen extract on the skin then pricking the skin with a needle. If you have a positive reaction to the extract, a red welt will appear on your skin in about 20 minutes. The size of the welt indicates the strength of the reaction. If you do not react to the extract you are most likely not allergic to the substance.

Q: What can influence the severity of the allergy season?

A: Weather can influence the timing and severity of the season. A mild winter often leads to a more severe pollen season. The grass season varies the most. If the spring is warmer and wetter than usual, that can provoke more grass to grow earlier, leading to a more severe season during the late spring and summer. Rain does have benefits, as well. It washes pollen that has already been released out of the air.

Q: How do I treat seasonal allergies?

A: There are three main strategies: 1) avoidance; 2) medication; and 3) immunotherapy.

Avoidance — Although it can be difficult to avoid pollen, there

are several steps you can take to reduce your exposure. Keeping your windows closed and using air conditioning even on days that are not extremely warm can keep pollen outdoors. You can also avoid outdoor activities during the peak pollen times of day. Grass pollens are most prevalent during afternoon and early evening, while ragweed pollens are most prevalent during early midday. Pollen counts are also commonly high during dry, windy afternoons. It can be helpful to take a shower after spending time outside; a shower washes off the pollen that can stick on your skin or in your hair.

Medication — Prescription inhaled steroids are often used to decrease nasal congestion. Antihistamines can reduce runny nose, sneezing and itchy, watery eyes. Over-the-counter antihistamines, however, can cause drowsiness. Non-sedating antihistamines are available by prescription from your doctor. Itchy eyes can be helped by antihistamine eye drops, also available by prescription. You should talk to your doctor to decide what medications are best for you.

Immunotherapy — If avoidance and medications fail to control your symptoms, immunotherapy can usually help. Also known as allergy shots, immunotherapy consists of a series of injections containing the allergen that triggers your symptoms. Over time, the shots reduce your sensitivity to the allergens. Immunotherapy usually begins with injections of a weak solution of the allergen given once or twice a week. The strength of the solution is gradually increased. Once the strongest dose is reached, shots continue about once a month until the allergy symptoms are controlled, often three to five years.

Q: Does immunotherapy cure my seasonal allergies?

A: No. Right now, there is no cure for allergies. Immunotherapy can, however, provide a protective effect for up to several years.

For more information on spring allergies visit the National Jewish Web site at <http://www.nationaljewish.org> or talk to a LUNG LINE nurse by calling 1-800-222-LUNG.



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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Crisis Hotline Warns About Risks Of Suicide

AREA — As Suicide Prevention Week is held May 6 through 12, CONTACT We Care, the 24-hour telephone crisis hotline serving Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Morris and Essex Counties, reminds everyone that suicide is preventable.

"Suicide is currently the 8th leading cause of death in the United States with one occurring on average every 17 minutes," said Michael Nicholson, executive director of CONTACT We Care. "The numbers

are staggering. 775,000 Americans attempt suicide each year. Suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 19. Experts believe that most suicidal individuals do not want to die. They just want to end the pain they are experiencing."

Since 1975, CONTACT We Care has been recruiting, training and professionally supervising adult volunteers who offer the gift of listening to individuals in crisis.

"Our volunteers are not only trained to work directly with depressed or suicidal callers, but can lend invaluable support to the countless individuals who have been directly affected by a suicide. It is estimated that there are more than 4.5 million people in the United States who have been affected by suicide," said Nicholson.

CONTACT We Care, a United Way agency, affiliated with the American Association of Suicidology, reminds everyone

that when suicidal behaviors are detected early, lives can be saved.

Warning signs of suicide may include:

- talk about suicide, death and/or no reason to live
- preoccupation with death and dying
- withdrawing from friends and/or social activities
- loss of interest in work, school, or hobbies
- preparation for death
- giving away prized possessions

- previous suicide attempts
- recklessness, impulsivity
- loss of interest in personal appearance
- increase in drug or alcohol use
- hopelessness
- history of violence or hostility
- facing failure or a humiliating situation
- unwillingness to connect with potential helpers

For CONTACT's 24-hour crisis hotline, call 908-232-2880.

Second Annual Walk The Walk Event

STATE — Hundreds of New Jersey residents will join the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey on Sun., May 6, for a full day of fun, food, giveaways, fabulous prizes and a two-mile stroll on Jenkinson's Boardwalk for *Walk the Walk* — a walk-a-thon in support of organ and tissue donation — at Point Pleasant Beach.

Walk the Walk creates awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation and educates the public on how easy it is to become a donor. "Organ donation not only saves lives, it restores individuals to productive participation in society,

often helping them to return to work," said Dr. Ira Greifer, President of the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey.

Money raised will directly benefit programs of the Foundation, which include research, patient services, public and professional education. *Walk* funds generated by participants will help provide the gift of life for more than 7,000 people currently awaiting transplants in the New York/New Jersey area.

In addition to helping save lives by raising much needed funds for the National Kidney Foundation, participants will have the opportunity to receive

fabulous giveaways and prizes, including a grand prize of a trip for two to London, compliments of Virgin Atlantic.

Those interested in participating in the *Walk* can join in on the fun and excitement individually or in teams of five or more — perfect for families and cor-

porations. For more information, a registration form, or to request a *Walk the Walk* Team Captain's Kit, please call the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey at 1-800-63-DONATE or log on at <http://www.kidneynynj.org>.

The National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey is dedicated to the treatment and

cure of kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. The Foundation receives no government support and relies solely on the generosity of corporations and the general public.

Let Your Generosity Bloom This May: Donate Your Used Vehicle

AREA — Let your generosity bloom this May: donate a used car, truck, or van to a charity you know and trust: the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey. The Foundation will pick up the vehicle free of charge and issue a letter that may be used for tax purposes.

All donations help fund the Kidney Foundation, "America's #1 choice for car donations," in its fight against kidney, hypertensive, and urologic diseases that affect one in four people.

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

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

For more information on how you can make a donation of a car, truck or van, please call the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey at: 1-800-63-DONATE.

Domestic Violence Treatment For Men

AREA—The Mental Health Association of Union County, with locations in Elizabeth, Cranford and Westfield, is pleased to announce a new addition to its Alternatives for Men program.

Individual Counseling for Men is now available for men who struggle at keeping their shouting, name-calling and other offensive behaviors toward women in check. The counseling sessions are designed for men who may be concerned sometimes about being "out of control" with their marriage or dating partner. We wish to provide a service to those men who would seek assistance if it were confidential and non-judgmental.

The Association provides confidential one-on-one counseling weeknights in Cranford and Westfield.

This new program adds to the Association's existing group therapies for men that are offered in Cranford and Westfield on weeknights and on Saturday mornings in Elizabeth. The Association has been providing treatment on domestic violence issues since 1986.

For further information, contact the Mental Health Association of Union County at (908) 272-0300, ext. 124. Our Cranford office on Alden Street is located just two blocks from the Cranford train station.

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THURSDAY

- Pastoral Teaching Service 6:30pm

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Ernestine Barnes of Edison

Mrs. Ernestine Barnes of Edison died April 7 in the Somerset Medical Center, Somerville. She was 55.

Born in Whiteville, N.C., she lived in Jersey City before moving to Edison 19 years ago.

She was a financial analyst in the stock and bond division of AT&T in Piscataway and Berkeley Heights.

Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Black Alliance of Telecommunications Workers and the American Red Cross Blood Services.

Surviving are two sons, Antone and Baron; her parents, Evelyn and Laddie McKenzie; and five sisters, Mrs. Alice Louise George, Mrs. Jeanette Goodson, Mrs. Lois Harper, Mrs. Ella Lanier and Mrs. Roxanne Cathcart.

Steven Reichel, 56 of Edison

Mr. Steven Reichel of Edison died March 31 in Memorial Sloan-Keating Cancer Center, New York City. He was 56.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Staten Island before moving to Edison 24 years ago.

He was a dentist with the Metuchen Dental Group for five years. Earlier, he maintained his own dental practice in Edison for 20 years.

Mr. Reichel was a 1966 graduate of Rutgers University, Newark and a 1970 graduate of Temple University Dental School. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.

He served in the Navy as a lieutenant from 1968-1974.

Surviving are his wife, Karen; two sons, Robert and Jonathan; and a brother, Bruce.

Francis J. Lampart of Perth Amboy

Mr. Francis J. Lampart of Perth Amboy died April 17 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 66.

He was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

He was a 1953 graduate of St. Mary's High School, Perth Amboy.

Before retiring in 1989, he was employed as a dockman for 20 years at Shell Oil Company, Sewaren. Prior to that, he worked for Anaconda Copper Works and General Cable.

Mr. Lampart was a communicant of the Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church of the Assumption, Perth Amboy.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, serving 13 months.

He was a member of the Hubs Baseball League in Perth Amboy and a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, the former Arlene Maretta; a daughter Maryann McGinnis of Madison, Ga.; a son, Francis Paul Lampart of Plainsboro and a grandson, Zachary McGinnis.

Florence E. Ryan of Edison

Mrs. Florence E. Ryan of Edison died April 5 in the Roosevelt Care Center, Menlo Park. She was 87.

Born in Summit, she lived in Westfield and Felton, De., before moving to Edison in 1994.

Surviving are a son, Norman; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Carol Chiurco, 45 Lived in Colonia

Ms. Carol Chiurco of Scotch Plains (formerly of Colonia) died April 17 at home. She was 45.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Colonia for 22 years and Cranford for a year before moving to Scotch Plains five years ago.

Joseph Migulski of Perth Amboy

Mr. Joseph Migulski of Perth Amboy died April 15 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 73.

Born in Poland, he had been a resident of Perth Amboy since the early 1950s.

He retired from Revlon Cosmetics in Edison, where he was employed as a mechanic.

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

Surviving are his wife, Janina; a son, Bogdan of Perth Amboy; a daughter, Regina White of Keansburg; and his stepmother, Mary Migulski of Woodbridge.

Edward Woj, 39 of South Amboy

Mr. Edward Woj of South Amboy died April 19 at Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark. He was 39.

Born in New Brunswick, he was a lifelong resident of South Amboy.

He was employed as a financial analyst by A&E Products in Secaucus, where he worked for 21 months. Prior to that, he worked for CPS Chemical Co. (now Allied Colloids) in Old Bridge for 12 years.

Mr. Woj was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, South Amboy.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Burke Woj, two daughters, Lindsey and Melanie; his parents, Edward and Margaret Walczak Woj of Brick; two sisters, Debra Mondoro of Holmdel and Carolyn Cox of Rockville, Md.; and three nieces and three nephews.

She was a services analyst for Verizon in Cranford. She started her career, 20 years ago, with the company as an operator when it was part of Bell Telephone Co.

Ms. Chiurco was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Axel Johnson, 85 of South Amboy

Mr. Axel Johnson of South Amboy died April 18 at Manor by the Sea Nursing Home, Ocean Grove. He was 85.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived in Rahway and South Amboy before moving to Toms River 20 years ago.

Prior to his retirement in 1980, he worked as a lab technician for 40 years at GAF Inc., Linden.

Mr. Johnson was a communicant of St. Catherine's R.C. Church, Seaside Park.

He served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Johnson was a Golden Glove champion in 1932 in the Linden-Rahway area.

He was a member of the National Audubon Association, a volunteer with the Silverton Fire Department in Silverton and a volunteer with the Resorts Hotel & Casino Polo Team, Atlantic City.

He was a member of the Kennedy Community Hospital Bowling League at JFK Medical Center and a former member of the Rahway Yacht Club. He was an avid bird-watcher.

His wife, Suzanne LeGault Johnson, died in 1988 and a son, William M. Johnson, died in 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Christopher of Altone, N.Y. and Craig of Toms River; three daughters, Claudette Kircher of Matawan, Jacqueline Kozna of South Amboy and Jodi Fama of Bradley Beach; a sister, Helen "Gootie" Schumacher of Rahway and eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Local 827, East Windsor, where she served as a union and medical representative.

Surviving are her parents, Dominick and Keren; a sister, Mrs. Patricia Lynn and two brothers, Eric and Damian.

Anthony Mottola of Colonia

Mr. Anthony Mottola of Colonia died April 17 in the Haven Hospice, Edison. He was 72.

Born in Newark, he lived in Union before moving to Colonia 38 years ago.

He was a truck driver with Union Trucking in Kenilworth for 38 years before retiring in 1993. During this time, he was also a partner with his son, Robert, of RAM Trucking & Rigging in South Plainfield for 21 years.

Mr. Mottola served as a shop steward with the Teamsters Local 478 for 25 years.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, of 54 years; a son, Robert; four daughters, Mrs. Donna Hart, Ms. Dawn Mottola, Mrs. Christine Sanko and Mrs. Deneen Donnellan; and 11 grandchildren.

Theresa Chernosky of Avenel

Mrs. Theresa Chernosky of Avenel died April 18 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 70.

Born in Gilberton, Pa., she resided in Avenel for the past 42 years.

Mrs. Chernosky was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church, Avenel.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, John Chernosky; three sons, John Chernosky Jr. of Bricktown, Charles Chernosky and Anthony Chernosky, both of Avenel; a sister, Helen Grow of Philadelphia; a brother Leonard Hendricks of Gilberton, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

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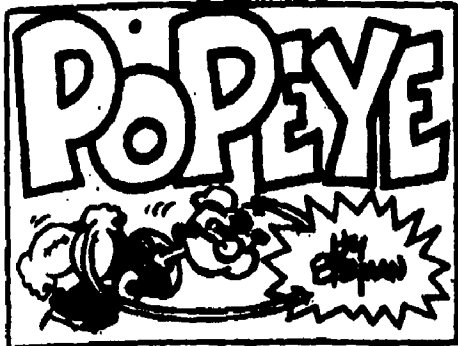
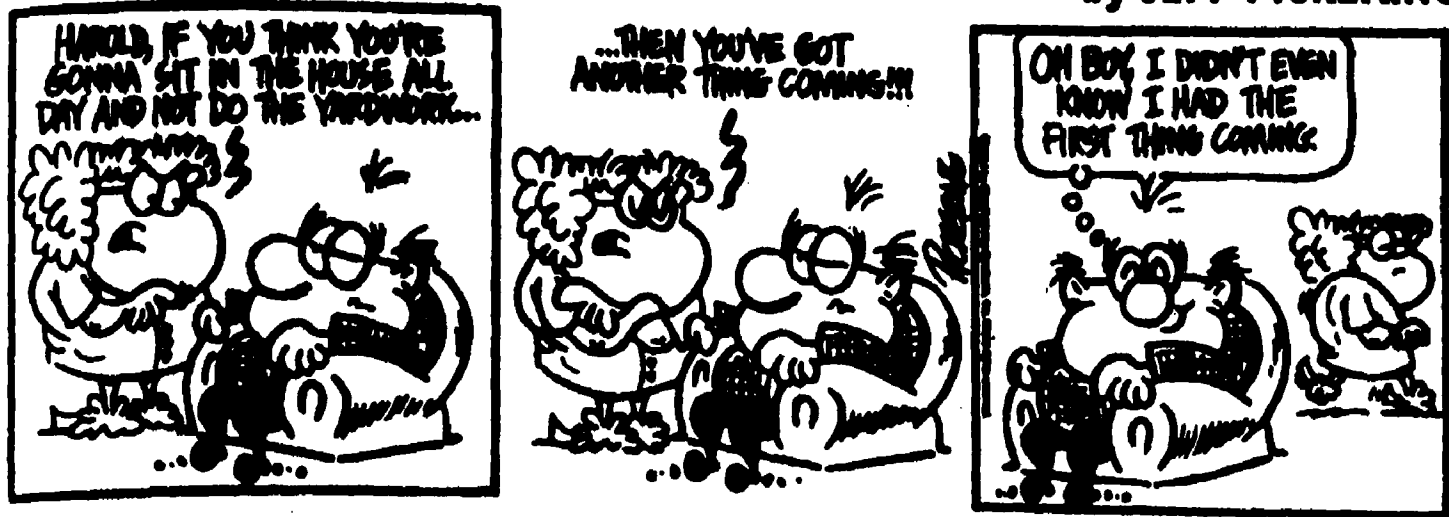


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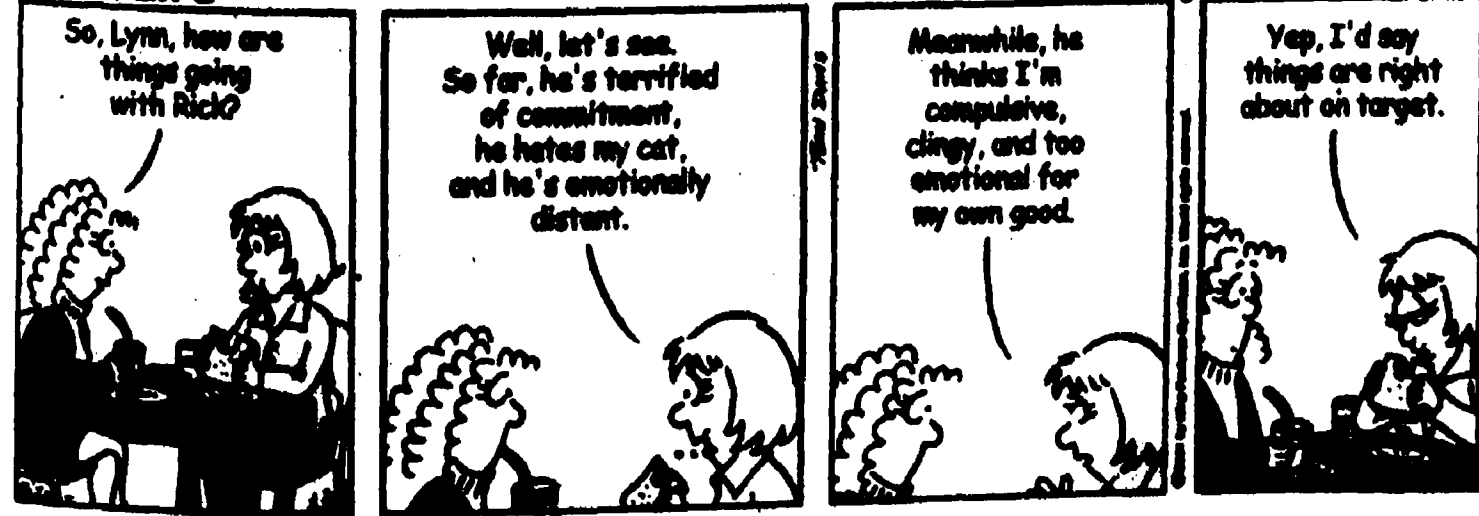
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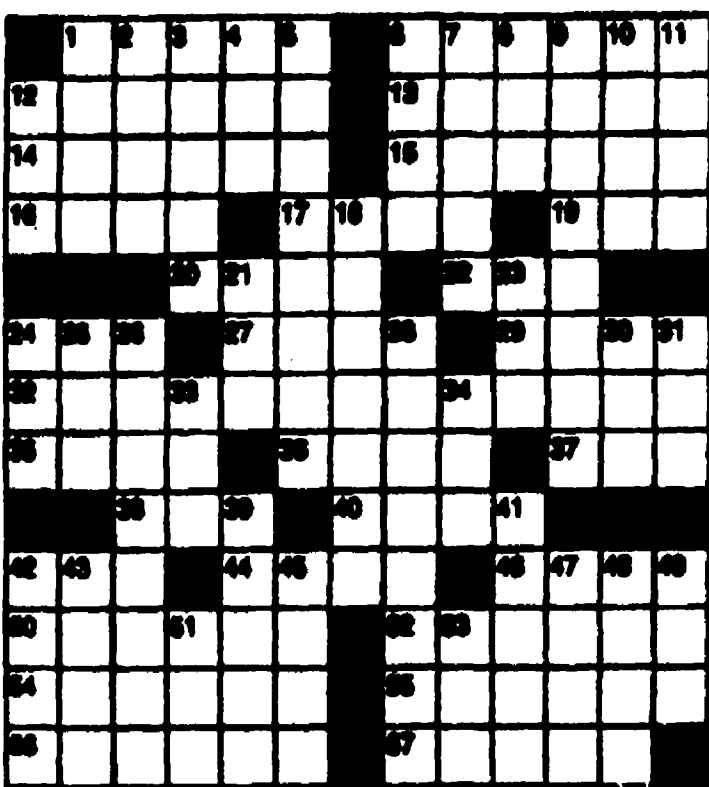
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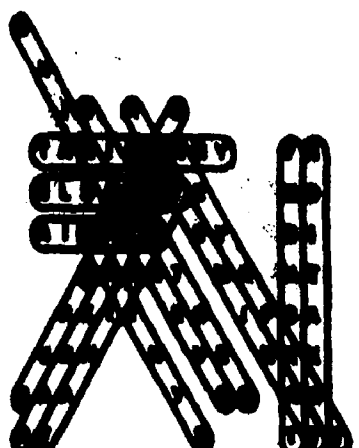
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AREA — As the warm weather approaches, you envision barbecues and lazy summer afternoons on your deck with family and friends. Yet, this pleasant thought can be quickly clouded by the daunting prospect of preparing your deck, especially after the harsh weather our region has endured this winter.

"Decks can be easily repaired, beautified and made comfortable for your enjoyment," says Larry Katz, a partner in Siperstein's Paint and Wallpaper, one of New Jersey's oldest family-owned-and-operated chains of paint and decorating centers, founded in 1904. "There are various deck products on the market today. To ready your weathered deck for summer fun, you need to choose a quality product for the job and follow several simple steps such as stripping, cleaning and finishing."

Here are some guidelines from Katz, who has more than 40 years of experience in the home decorating product business, that will give you a better understanding of the deck improvement process. They will also help you make an informed decision about deck products.

STRIPPING. Stripping agents remove the old, beaten stain or clear finish on the deck, preparing the deck surface for refinishing. It is important that the stripping agent you choose be bleach-free as bleach can damage wood and is not compatible with the ingredients in waterproofing finishes.

CLEANING. Deck cleansers work to restore your deck to its natural color from the gray, battered hue imposed by winter. In the process, the cleanser also removes stains and mildew further readying the wood for finishing. The product should also be bleach-free as bleach can lessen the durability of the waterproofing by as much as fifty percent.

WATERPROOFING. Waterproofing your deck is essential to its longevity and appearance. It is important to use a product specifically designed for decks. Those products protect against ultraviolet (UV) rays, fight mildew and repel water. Products like Formula 77 are clear solutions that can be applied to the deck to prevent the damaging effects of the elements.

STAINING. A deck stain provides

protection to the wood, while adding the hue you want, thus, helping you achieve a certain look. Deck stains can lessen the visible wood grain. Cabot deck stains are great products that have been rated among the top quality stains on the market by a leading consumer magazine.

In addition to staining, there are a number of other options for finishing your deck, according to Katz. Among them are traditional deck paints, solid color stains and the innovative deck and wood protectors, such as Formula 77 Plus.

The crowning touches to your outdoor living environment may be flower pots, outdoor lighting and landscaping. Your rejuvenated deck is that extra room you have been dreaming about all winter. Enjoy it and have fun sprucing it up!

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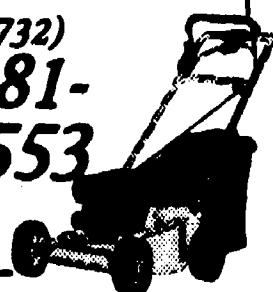
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Son Of Woodbridge Couple Serving Aboard USS Harry S. Truman

by Jane E. Lucas
WOODBRIDGE—There is no such thing as a routine deployment for Sailors stationed aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier. When the crew of the USS Harry S. Truman left their homeport in November, they had no way of knowing the excitement that awaited them. When the dictator of Iraq decided in February that it was time to ruffle the feathers of America, it was the crew of the Navy's newest aircraft carrier that put him in his place. The pilots on

board the carrier placed ordnance on target when radar sites threatened the aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone.
James J. Keating IV, son of James and Carolyn Keating, of Woodbridge, graduated from Woodbridge High School in 1992 and joined the Navy in January of 2000. Now he is a serving aboard USS Harry S. Truman, an aircraft carrier homeported in Norfolk, Va., which is on deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf operating areas.

Keating said there were many reasons he chose to enlist. "I joined the military to serve my country," Keating said. "I think that if you enjoy your freedom, you should serve for it. Also, both my father and grandfather served in the Navy."
Working aboard an aircraft carrier, Keating is always busy. "I work on the flight deck. My job is called a hold back operator. I hook up a bar to the aircraft and the catapult. This keeps the plane steady while at full throttle," he said. "I

Flea Market Finds

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Colonia Student Named Phi Beta Kappa

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James J. Keating IV

like my job because it is very exciting being a part of the flight deck crew. I remember the first time I worked at night watching the planes take off and all of the stars. It was an awesome experience."

Keating has learned a lot from the Navy and is making plans for his future. "I have learned that if you work hard, you'll get more. I work as hard as I can," said the airman. "I think that when my enlistment is over, I am going to join the Coast Guard. But I will always remember the people. I love meeting people from all over the world."

Whatever his future holds, Keating will look back on this time of his life with fond memories. He'll also have the pride that comes with serving in a Navy uniform.

Jane E. Lucas is a journalist assigned to the Public Affairs Center, Norfolk, Va.

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