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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Firefighters Express Holiday Wishes, Remember 9-11

"That thread is the Fire Service. They will sacrifice everything, their time, their energy, their families, precious time with their children, financial gain at work just to be there when you and I call for help..."

SOUTH AMBOY — Chiefs Larry Parsons, Mark Herdman, Mark Coman and the members of the South Amboy Fire Department and First Aid Squads wish you and your family a very happy holiday season.

"In our prayers, we keep the victims and families of the recent terror attacks of Sept. 11," said the leaders in a joint statement expressing their holiday sentiments to the community.

The South Amboy Fire Department has a volunteer

force of over 180 firefighters covering a 1.4 square mile area with about 8,000 residents.

The department's fleet of vehicles includes four engines, one 85-foot Snorkel, one

"...They can't be bought. It's not about the money. It's about Duty, Service, History and a worldwide fraternity of brothers..."

chief's car and a special air and light unit. The department's history dates back to 1890.

According to the fire department's website, which can be found at <http://www.southamboyfire.org>, for over 110 years, people have risen to the challenge of being one of "South Amboy's Bravest."

"Selflessly, they answer a call to duty that many do not understand. Being a firefighter draws uncommon courage from otherwise common people," it says.

"The department is made up of your son or daughters' soccer coach, your neighbor, the plumber, the banker, the carpenter, your town council representative. They come from all walks of life with a common thread that bonds them together.

"That thread is the Fire Service. They will sacrifice everything, their time, their energy, their families, precious time with their children, financial gain at work just to be there when you and I call for help. They can't be bought. It's not about the money. It's about Duty, Service, History and a worldwide fraternity of brothers."

When New Jersey Fire and EMS agencies implemented disaster plans in response to the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center, South Amboy's Independence Engine 7 responded to the call.

The fire department website includes a touching story about the community's participation in that terrible day, written by one of the local heroes who served at <http://www.southamboyfire.org/liberty.htm>.

Library Board Dates Set

EDISON—The Edison Township Free Public Library Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2002: Jan. 8, Feb. 19, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Sept.

10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. There will be no meeting in August. All meetings will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Edison.

Happy New Year To All

PERTH AMBOY—On the first Wednesday of the New Year, Jan. 2, members of the YMHA Senior Club are invited to enjoy a line dance class at 11 a.m. with Phyllis McGarry followed by an exercise session with Lois Tobias. The program

is held at the Y, 316 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy.

A light, free lunch is served at 12:15 p.m., followed by a discussion of "New Years: the Old Days and the New Ways." The discussion will be followed by club meeting.

Youth Support NJ Transit Adopt-A-Station Program

METUCHEN—Under a program with New Jersey Transit, the Coalition In Support Of Youth has arranged for the formal adoption of three NJ Transit train stations.

The formal adoption ceremony was held at the Metuchen Train Station on Dec. 3 with Jeffrey A. Warsh, Executive Director, NJ Transit, Assemblyman Samuel D. Thompson, Ph.D., legislator and member of the Coalition In Support Of Youth, Mayor Edward O'Brien, Borough of Metuchen, Howard Beyer, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Commissions, Charles Ellis, Director of Operations, together with members of the Coalition In Support of Youth, all in attendance.

Locally, youth from Edison Prep adopted the Metuchen Station.

NJ Transit's Adopt-A-Station Program has local community groups, businesses and individuals who wish to help the community and improve the environment at their local train stations and make a positive impact. NJ Transit has

dedicated a plaque at each of the three train station locations of each group for their commitment to enhancing them.

Edison Prep Residential Group Center is a residential dormitory style living arrangements for up to 55 adjudicated young men, located on the grounds of the Edison Job Corps Center, Middlesex County. The residential setting provides round-the-clock coverage by trained counselors, participation in household duties, and mutual sharing in groups counseling.

Under the leadership of Rita M. Fielder, the Coalition has gathered an outstanding group of professionals in business, academia, religious communities, and state and local government to help youthful offenders become aware of career opportunities and to provide them with role models and motivation to better their lives.

The Coalition In Support of Youth has been recognized by both the NJ General Assembly and State Senate for their efforts and commitment to community service.



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New Museum Hours And Upcoming Events

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum's exhibition *Portrait of a Century: a Photographic Retrospective of New Jersey 1900-1999* closed to the public on Nov. 30. However, a monograph on the exhibition is now available. This spectacular publication contains sixty historic images from *Portrait of a Century*, with an accompanying narrative written by the exhibit's curator Hillary Murtha. It also features a preface by renowned New Jersey historian John Cunningham. Both the

exhibition and the monograph are the first ever to track New Jersey's history from the beginning of the twentieth century to its conclusion. The monograph is available from the Commission or the Museum upon request, and without charge for as long as supplies last. To order your copy contact the Museum at (732) 745-4177 or the Commission at (732) 745-4489.

The Museum's new exhibit is *Uncommon Clay: New Jersey's Architectural Terra Cotta Industry*. This exclusive exhibit opens March 3, 2002. Featuring

artifacts, oral histories, written materials, hands-on workshops, and educational programs for students and educators. *Uncommon Clay* directs our attention to New Jersey's former terra cotta industry. At one time, this New Jersey trade dominated the United States in terms of factories, tradesman, materials and production. Since then, terra cotta has almost entirely disappeared due to the increased use of other decorative building materials.

It is believed that in twenty years or so, almost no one will be able to provide the information and first-hand experience that

relates to this industry. Area residents are generously donating their personal histories, materials, and resources for this exhibit. The Commission is grateful to those participating in this project and proud to facilitate the preservation of this aspect of our region's heritage.

The Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum is located at 1225 River Road, Piscataway. The museum is closed for public tours while *Uncommon Clay* is being assembled. For more information, contact the museum at (732) 745-4177. Those with hearing disabilities

may dial (732) 745-3888 TTY or 711 via the New Jersey Relay Service. The first floor of the Museum is accessible and assistive listening systems are available as well. Funding for Museum projects are provided by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, New Jersey Historical Commission, a Division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State, and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment of the Humanities.

Birth Announcements

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The following are Raritan Bay Medical Center birth announcements for the month of November, 2001.

Kimberly Anne Marney and Elasio Gomez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Nicholas Trinidad Gomez**, born November 1, 2001.

Nayellen and Joel Nunez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jaylyn**, born November 1, 2001.

Romona E. Mojica and Coaldino Cardona of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Galilen D. Cardona**, born November 2, 2001.

Chetekia Heard and Leslie K. Johnson of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Ajahm Kyle Johnson**, born November 7, 2001.

Marilyn Coronado and Franklin Abreu of Keasbey are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Julina Abreu**, born November 8, 2001.

Rosa Suriel and Martin Diaz of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Emmanuel Diaz Suriel**, born November 9, 2001.

Julissa Payano and Luis Enrique Robles of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Jonathan Luis Robles**, born November 10, 2001.

Emely M. Padilla and Fernando Antonio Valerio of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jerelen Fernanta Valerio**, born November 11, 2001.

Jaamine E. Rosa and David Guzman of Keasbey are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Elias Guzman**, born November 12, 2001.

Karina Galvez and Albel Guzman of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Anthony Angel Guzman**, born November 13, 2001.

Abida Nasreen and Muhammad Ashraf Gioraya of Carteret are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Salman Ali Ashraf**, born November 14, 2001.

Rocio Gutierrez and Aleriberto Gallegos of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Michelle Victoria Gallegos**, born November 18, 2001.

Keyla Morel of Perth Amboy is proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Hailey Marie Morel**, born November 24, 2001.

Joselin Cruz and Lazaro J. Ramos of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Ashley Marie Ramos**, born November 26, 2001.

Yvette Carina and Hansel Michael Alvarado of Colonia are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Hansel Alexis Alvarado**, born November 27, 2001.

Nadja Perales and Paul Pagan of Keasbey are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Iziah Paul Pagan**, born November 27, 2001.

Darlene Abreu and Yojansa Cabreja of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Yordelle Cabreja**, born November 29, 2001.

Kenia D. and Edwin R. Bido of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Kyara**, born November 28, 2001.

Maribel Pelayo and Pascual Luna of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Ashley Anahl Luna**, born November 30, 2001.

Savings In Bulk

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The chairman of the Middlesex County Department of Public Works, Freeholder H. James Polos of Highland Park, reports that the county will be saving \$105,400 in the purchasing of road salt tonnage for the winter driving season ahead.

Freeholder Polos cited the efforts of Alan W. Haag, county road supervisor and Jack Garber, county purchasing agent as being

fundamental in bringing that level of savings to the county. Polos pointed out that the per-ton price reached through negotiation by Haag and Garber is \$5.27 less than the going price of the state contract.

The per-ton cost, established for the county is \$32.49. The Common Cents program engineered into existence by Freeholder Polos allows all participating communities in the county

to purchase a wide range of supply needs through the county at a preferred and money saving fixed price.

The program was started in 1998. Polos is encouraging municipalities in Middlesex County wishing to take advantage of the cost cutting process on rock salt to contact Haag at the county road department in North Brunswick.

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For further information, contact any VFW Post in your area or call Jack Kane at (973) 542-0114 or send e-mail to Jack_Patty_Kane@msn.com. You may also contact the Trenton Headquarters by calling (609) 393-1929 or e-mailing them at VFW.NJ@Verizon.net.

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Two NJ Residents Among War Casualties

STATE—A New Jersey man is identified as the Tenth Mountain Division soldier who died in Central Asia. Private Second Class Giovanni Maria was from Camden.

Defense officials have previously reported that the 19-year-old infantryman from the Fort Drum army base in northern New York died of a gunshot wound but his death wasn't the result of enemy action.

A Fort Drum spokesman says the incident remains under investigation. Maria arrived at Fort Drum in September and had been in the Army since May.

Maria was the first member of the division killed in the nation's war against terrorism. About 1,000 members of the Tenth Mountain are stationed in Uzbekistan providing security at an air base near the Afghani border.

Meanwhile, another state resident was among five servicemen wounded in a recent explosion in Afghanistan. The Oakland NJ resident identified only as "Captain Kevin," was injured during the bloody prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif.

He was hospitalized with a broken pelvis and is expected to return home later this week. Military officials say that victim's team was hit by an enemy U.S. missile.

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Launch Of Nationwide Talent Search For Creative High School Students

STATE—Calling all creative high school students who dream of becoming an architect. The School of Architecture (SOA) at New Jersey Institute of Technology announces the 12th annual, 2002 National Architectural Design Competition for High School students. Registration will be open through Feb. 1, 2002; the project submission deadline is April 4, 2002.

"Every year we ask students to design a project based on a new theme," says Urs Gauthier, SOA Dean and the creator of the competition. "This year's project is to design an e-

station for your hometown. This would be a new building type that combines the function of a sheltered bus station and stop with facilities and equipment that would provide mass transit users with ready access to the Internet.

"Since this project is not an established building type, the designer is challenged to conceive a whole new spatial concept and public image for the e-station."

SOA is one of the largest degree accredited architecture schools in the U.S. granting both bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture, the only archi-

tecture school in New Jersey offering the bachelor's degree in architecture and a national leader in the integration of computer-aided design into the studio curriculum.

Past competition winners include New Jersey residents as well as students throughout the U.S. In 2001, Christian Howell of New Albany, Indiana, won first prize. In 2000, Jason King of Edmond, OK, took top honors.

The first prize winner receives a five-year full tuition scholarship worth \$40,000 for in-state students and \$60,000 for out-of-state students. Sec-

ond prize is one five-year half tuition scholarship with a \$20,000 value for in-state students and \$30,000 value for out-of-state students. Four, third prizes \$250 cash awards are also distributed.

An awards jury comprised of distinguished faculty members and architects will select six prizewinners. Winners and their sponsors will be invited to the awards ceremony at NJIT on May 6, 2002.

Eligibility for the competition requires admission to SOA before scholarship prizes can be awarded. U.S. citizens and permanent residents cur-

rently attending high school may enter. Students must also have a teacher from their high school sponsor their project. An affidavit stating the work is unassisted is also required.

To register, contact your local high school guidance department for an entry form that must be submitted by Feb. 1. Or, print the registration form at www.njit.edu, at the architecture icon. Send completed forms to Tim Wood, Architect, Competition Coordinator New Jersey of Architecture, New Jersey Institute of Technology University Heights, Newark, NJ 07102-1982 or FAX (973) 596-8296.

ACT Provides Financial Aid Tips for Students

AREA — The start of a new year is quickly approaching and that means one thing: It's financial aid time again. Experts at ACT offer the following information to help families find the resources they need to complete their financial aid paperwork.

"The most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Begin-

ning Jan. 1, students will be able to submit the form that determines eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Students will need family income statements from their 2001 earnings to complete the form. Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms. The FAFSA is

available from high school counselors or at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Financial Aid tips from ACT:

- Apply early for admission and financial aid.
- Check with your college to determine if other financial aid forms are required.
- Apply for scholarships and grants.
- Look into Work Study programs.
- Surf the web for financial

aid information.

Try these websites:

Financial Aid Need Estimator and financial aid information -- www.act.org/fane

Free college scholarship search -- www.collegenet.com

The Financial Aid Information Page -- www.finaid.org

The Federal Government Financial Aid Page -- www.ed.gov/finaid.html

Free Application for Federal Student Aid -- www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarship scams -- www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship

For more financial aid specifics, please visit with your counselor or visit www.act.org.

Industry Leaders Commit To New Initiative

AREA — The Eastern Heating and Cooling Council ("EHCC") announced their new program to train and certify HVAC/R technicians in New Jersey. EHCC has committed to having 1,400 technicians become NATE-certified in three years and has instituted an incremental plan to certify at least 500 technicians annually. "What this means for residents of New Jersey," Harry Roth, Executive Director of EHCC said, "is that for the first time, the technician who calls to install or service an air conditioner has met stringent nationwide standards; standards which are the same from northern New Jersey down to the Jersey Shore. The contractors employing these technicians have made substantial investments for their technicians to improve, maintain and acquire additional job skills. NATE certification will verify those technicians' knowledge and skills. For the first time, customers in New Jersey will have a level of assurance for the technician who comes to their residence."

"So far the level of acceptance and commitment in the industry has been high. It's very gratifying. Technicians want to become certified; contractors, utilities, wholesalers, and manufacturers want to raise the bar in the HVAC/R industry. Consumers want to know how to differentiate good technicians from those who are run of the mill. NATE certification is the answer. At EHCC, we're responding to a grass roots demand and the results are gratifying," stated Tom Rostron, Chairman of EHCC's Board.

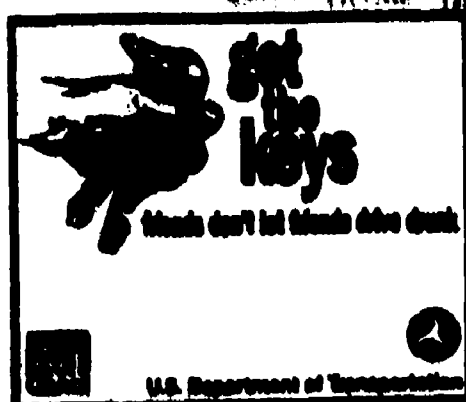
Randy Boston, EHCC's Director of Education added: "There's a statewide high level of acceptance. The people in the industry are solidly behind our initiative. In New Jersey, man-

ufacturers Lennox, York and Amana have already scheduled training and testing dates. Carrier, Goodman and Sears have said they will conduct training and testing but have not yet decided upon these dates."

Mr. Boston continued: "Our training programs and guidelines are ready. EHCC's Fall & Winter Training & Testing schedule is in place and is currently in the process of being filled quickly. At a recent review session which EHCC held before the NATE certification test was administered at Comfortech 2001 in Nashville, TN, over 80% of the test takers passed the specialty test. Train-

ing is the key to certification and the key to a better technician. At EHCC, we'll put our training program up against any in the industry."

For additional information and details about EHCC's training and certification initiative, contact the Eastern Heating & Cooling Council at 1-800-247-6547 or visit their web site at www.eh-cc.org.



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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Make The Most Of Year-End Tax Strategies

AREA — Don't wait until April 1 to assess your tax situation or you just may find yourself unnecessarily putting money in Uncle Sam's pocket. The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) recommends that, in particular, you consider the impact of lower tax rates and other changes resulting from the Tax Act of 2001 when planning your year-end strategy.

Typically, it makes sense to defer income and accelerate deductions if you expect to be in the same or a lower tax bracket next year. Given the reduced tax rates, more taxpayers will find themselves able to take advantage of this traditional strategy.

Smart Ways to Defer Income

If you are self-employed or a freelancer, you can defer income by delaying billing until late in December. That way, you won't receive payment until next year.

It's more difficult for employees to defer wage and salary income. You might try deferring a bonus until January and hold off on exercising stock options. When it comes to regular pay, however, you probably don't have a choice. Waiting to cash your check won't work either since income is taxable in the year it is "constructively received."

How to Accelerate Deductions

Self-employed individuals can accelerate deductions by stocking up on office supplies, prepaying subscriptions and shopping

for business equipment. For tax years beginning in 2001, small businesses may write off up to \$24,000 in business equipment purchases rather than depreciating the cost over a period of years. Be aware that in order to qualify, the equipment must be "placed in service," that is, be physically in your office and ready for use by Dec. 31. Simply ordering and paying for equipment by year-end does not make the purchase deductible.

There are a number of things taxpayers can do to move more deductions into 2001. For starters, make your January 2002 mortgage payment in December and you'll get to deduct the interest paid a full year earlier. You also may be able to speed up deductions by paying your property tax bill and state income taxes by Dec. 31.

Time Stock Sales and Mutual Fund Purchases

Whether you're thinking of selling certain investments or buying mutual fund shares, careful timing can bring tax benefits. If you've sold stocks at a gain, check your portfolio to see if the time is right to sell off some losers. Capital losses can be used to offset capital gains on a dollar-for-dollar basis, plus you can use up to \$3,000 of net capital losses to offset other income, such as your salary. Any excess losses can be carried forward for use in future years.

If you're thinking of investing

in a mutual fund before Dec. 31, check on the fund's plans for year-end capital gains distributions. Many mutual funds make them toward the end of the year, and if you buy before that date, you'll immediately be faced with a tax. It's better to wait until after the distribution date to make your investment.

Step Up Charitable Contributions

If you plan to itemize deductions on your 2001 tax return, consider whether you can afford to increase your charitable contributions. With tax brackets going down next year, your tax savings will be higher this year on the same donation.

Bunch Deductions

Some deductible expenses, such as medical and miscellaneous itemized, may not be written off unless they exceed a certain percentage of adjusted gross income. In some instances, phase-out rules also apply. Given these rules, CPAs say it is wise to use a strategy known as "bunching." Bunching allows you to defer deductions one year and accelerate them the next so that you can benefit from itemizing deductions every other year, while taking the standard deduction in between. For example, if you already have had a number of qualified medical expenses this year, you may want to take care of some optional medical matters, such as laser surgery for your eyes. This would make you

eligible for a medical deduction — which is limited to qualified expenses exceeding 7% of your adjusted gross income.

Make "Catch-Up" 401(k) Contributions

Contributions to 401(k) plans can be made with pre-tax dollars, thus lowering your taxable income for the year. The maximum 401(k) contribution for 2001 is \$10,500. Generally, 401(k) contributions must be made throughout the year, but some companies permit employees to "catch up" on 401(k) contributions for the current year. If you haven't already set aside the maximum, check with your plan administrator to see if you can have additional contributions deducted from your pay. Keep in mind that this is one of the most

tax-smart ways to save for your retirement.

If you would like additional advice about cutting your 2001 tax bill, consult with a CPA. When April 15 rolls around and the holidays are a distant memory, you'll be glad you did.

If you would like to receive more information on various financial matters, subscribe to E-CPA, the NJSCPA's free, monthly email newsletter. To subscribe, visit www.njcpa.org/finances.

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Social Security Retirement Benefits

AREA — Social Security is part of almost everyone's life. It protects more than 150 million American workers and pays benefits to more than 45 million people. Its package of insurance protection includes survivor's and disability benefits, but the most well known program is the retirement program.

Social Security pays monthly retirement benefits to more than 31 million retired workers and their family members. More than nine in ten American who are age 65 or older get Social Security retirement benefits.

Full retirement benefits are now payable at age 65 for those people born before 1938, with reduced benefits available as early as age 62. The age for full benefits is gradually rising, until it reaches age 67 in 2027 for people born in 1960 or later. (Reduced benefits will still be available at age 62.)

Average monthly Social Security retirement benefits, as

of January 2001, are shown below for low, average and maximum wage earners who retire at age 65:

- Low — \$636
- Average — \$1,051
- Maximum — \$1,536

The benefit amounts above are based on steady lifetime earnings from age 22 through the year before retirement (2000). For 2000, these earnings are estimated to be approximately \$14,300 for a low earner, \$31,900 for an average earner, and \$76,200 or above for a maximum earner.

Married workers can receive retirement benefits based either on their own work record or their spouse's, whichever is higher.

For more information or to file for retirement benefits on line, check out Social Security's website, www.ssa.gov.

You may also call us toll free at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office.

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PICK 3

PICK-IT DATE	#	STRAIGHT PAY OFF	BOX	PAIR
FRIDAY, Dec. 14				
Mid-Day	663	\$267.50	\$89.00	\$26.50
Evening	715	\$204.00	\$34.00	\$20.00
----- It Pays To Advertise -----				
SATURDAY, Dec. 15				
Mid-Day	373	\$280.00	\$93.00	\$28.00
Evening	325	\$212.00	\$35.00	\$21.00
----- Read our ATOM TABLOID -----				
SUNDAY, Dec. 16				
Mid-Day	737	\$195.00	\$65.00	\$19.50
Evening	007	\$343.50	\$114.50	\$34.00
----- Subscribe Now -----				
MONDAY, Dec. 17				
Mid-Day	146	\$340.00	\$56.50	\$34.00
Evening	999	\$143.50	\$0.00	\$14.00
----- Read our NEWS RECORD -----				
TUESDAY, Dec. 18				
Mid-Day	648	\$398.00	\$66.00	\$39.50
Evening	008	\$295.50	\$95.00	\$28.50
----- Read our CLARK PATRIOT -----				
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19				
Mid-Day	040	\$204.00	\$68.00	\$20.00
Evening	783	\$275.50	\$45.50	\$27.50
----- Don't Miss A Single Issue -----				
THURSDAY, Dec. 20				
Mid-Day	583	\$288.00	\$48.00	\$28.50
Evening	081	\$310.50	\$61.50	\$31.00

PICK 4

Number	Straight	Box
FRIDAY - Dec. 14 - Devine Media		
Mid-Day 9799	\$2,145.00	\$536.00
Evening 6952	\$3,050.00	\$127.00
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 1-2-23-36-38		
BIG GAME ... 6-27-28-29-42/36		
SATURDAY - Dec. 15 - Devine Media		
Mid-Day 4860	\$2,330.00	\$97.00
Evening 1434	\$2,766.50	\$230.50
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 1-7-12-23-24		
LOTZEE ... 24-46-54-67		
SUNDAY - Dec. 16 - Devine Media		
Mid-Day 7820	\$3,052.50	\$127.00
Evening 3903	\$3,235.50	\$269.00
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 3-13-14-19-29		
MONDAY - Dec. 17 - Devine Media		
Mid-Day 4831	\$4,068.50	\$194.50
Evening 1846	\$2,032.50	\$84.50
PICK SIX ... 2-18-26-34-47-48		
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 8-19-21-25-27		
TUESDAY - Dec. 18 - Devine Media		
Mid-Day 1212	\$391.50	\$65.00
Evening 9064	\$3,883.50	\$161.50
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 17-19-24-29-33		
BIG GAME ... 3-12-29-37-47/16		
WEDNESDAY - Dec. 19 - Devine Media		
Mid-Day 0902	\$1,474.00	\$122.50
Evening 7475	\$2,481.00	\$206.50
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 5-11-14-26-32		
THURSDAY - Dec. 20 - Devine Media		
Mid-Day 8830	\$3,124.00	\$130.00
Evening 8063	\$3,023.50	\$125.50
PICK SIX ... 3-8-7-17-18-30		
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 2-8-23-26-32		

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Order Your 2002 Golf Privilege Cards Now!

AREA—The 2002 Golf Privilege Cards will soon arrive from The American Lung Association of New Jersey (ALANJ). The Golf Privilege Card is a coupon booklet that allows golfers the opportunity to play golf at 21 of the state's finest golf courses at a discounted rate or at no cost. December 2001–January 11, 2002, the ALANJ is offering a holiday. "Buy Two Get One Free" special on their golf card or you can purchase three for \$50!

Participating golf and coun-

try clubs are sponsoring the promotion to help New Jersey children with asthma to attend Camp Superkids. This one-week, residential program provides children with asthma, ages 7–13, the opportunity to learn how to better manage their condition. Campers attend classes taught by medical professionals, while enjoying an exciting camping experience and specialized care.

This year's participating course by county are: Atlantic County: Buena Vista Country Club, Hamilton Trails Golf

Club, Mays Landing Golf Club and Seaview Marriott Resort & Spa; Burlington County: Ramblewood Country Club; Camden County: Freeway Country Club, Pinelands Golf Course, Ron Jaworski's Valleybrook Golf Club; Cape May County: Avalon Golf Club, Ponderlodge Golf Course; Cumberland County: Cohan-zick Country Club, Eastlyn Golf Course; Mercer County: Cran-bury Golf Club; Monmouth County: Pebble Creek Golf Club; Morris County: Bowling Green Golf Club; Ocean

County: Ocean Acres Country Club; Salem County: Centerton Golf Course and Holly Hills Golf Course; Somerset County: Mattawang Golf Club and Bunker Hill Golf Course; Warren County: Fairway Valley Golf Club. *Please note that carts are required at all clubs and some restrictions apply.*

Golf Privilege Card booklets can be purchased by calling 1-800-LUNG-USA, and making a \$25 donation to the ALANJ. MasterCard, VISA and AMEX phone orders are welcome, in

addition to checks made payable to the American Lung Association of New Jersey.

The American Lung Association of New Jersey is dedicated to the prevention of lung disease and the promotion of lung health. These goals are achieved through education, research and advocacy, with a major focus on asthma, tobacco, and the environment.

For more information, call 1-800-LUNG-USA or log onto www.lungusa.org. Support your local lung association—because, "when you can't breathe, nothing else matters."

Marvelous Multiples® Comes To New Jersey

AREA—A new class at St. Peter's University Hospital called Marvelous Multiples® is designed to help couples expecting a multiple birth, by providing educational resources during a four-week course that offers tools and information about multiple pregnancy and birth. St. Peter's is the only hospital in the area to offer the program. The program will be offered every 6–8 weeks in the hospital's Sister Marie dePazzi Conference Center, Room 1, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick. Six couples are participating in the first series of classes and five are expecting twins, one expecting

triplets. The next session will be scheduled in February.

Twins, triplets and higher-order multiples are much more common today than ever before. Based on current statistics from the National Center for Health Statistics, about one in every 35 live born babies is a multiple. As women wait until later in their childbearing years, they are more likely to have multiples. They may naturally become pregnant or, like many women over 30, they may conceive their multiples through assisted reproductive technologies such as IVF.

Multiple pregnancy is high-

risk, with most complications two to three times more likely than for a pregnancy with one baby. Nearly every part of the multiple birth experience is different. Women carrying two or more babies need more calories, higher weight gain, more rest and more intensive prenatal care. Labor and delivery are more complicated and cesarean birth is much more common. Caring for and raising multiple babies involves much more than changing double sets of diapers!

Expectant parents need to become informed and prepared for the challenges of a high-risk pregnancy and the birth of multiple babies. Knowing problems are more likely encourages couples to be more cautious and alert to the warning signs. It also gives them opportunities to reduce the likelihood and the severity of some complications.

If expecting twins, couples should sign up before 20 weeks gestation. For higher multiples, at 12 weeks gestation. For more information on the Marvelous Multiples® program, call Robin Kirby, RNC, at (732) 745-7956.

National Aerobic Instructor Workshop

AREA—The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the National Dance Exercise Instructors Training Association (NDEITA) are co-sponsoring two out-standing public training events on Saturday, Jan. 19 and Sunday, Jan. 20. January 19 features primary aerobic certification and Jan. 20 features continuing education credits. This will consist of a morning workshop of Resistance and an afternoon

workshop of Yoga Essentials. Both workshop days include 6 American Council on Exercise Continuing education credits.

Space is limited. For registration information, call 1-800-AEROBIC. NDEITA is a non-profit agency dedicated to offering education and certification to all who are interested and, in this way help to improve the quality of fitness instruction to the public.

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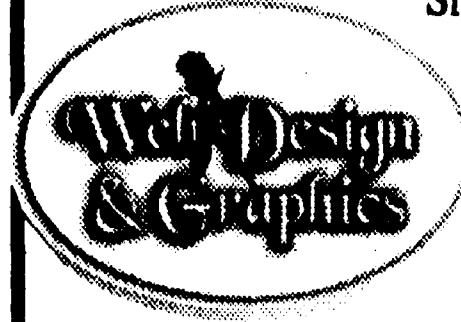
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EDITORIAL

Guest Editorial

THE JEFFREY HART COLUMN

Teddy Roosevelt Today

I bring very good news. Edmund Morris proved himself a master biographer in 1979 with "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt," which won a richly deserved Pulitzer Prize.

Because of that achievement, he was commissioned to write a biography of Ronald Reagan and given wide access to the Reagan White House, including the president.

While everyone was awaiting his account of Reagan, Mr. Morris often spoke publicly about his impressions of the president. I heard him address an overflow crowd in a large auditorium at Dartmouth.

Mr. Morris was superb. He had a good sense of Reagan. He said that Mikhail

Gorbachev was in awe of him, that Gorbachev sensed that Reagan was, politically, The American, had the whole people behind him and had carried 49 states. Morris claimed that "Reganomics," as critics called it -- cutting tax rates, stimulating investment and defeating inflation -- lay behind the then-remarkable prosperity. The Dartmouth audience was not especially pleased to hear this, and certainly not his praise for Margaret Thatcher.

But something mysterious and horrible happened on the way to the Reagan biography, entitled "Dutch." For unfathomable reasons, Mr. Morris produced a postmodern biography that combined fact with fiction in a dismaying way.

Things Reagan never did were said to have been done. Things he never said were said to have been said. The character "Reagan" in the book interacted with entirely fictitious characters and played a part in suppositious and fictitious situations.

It was a bad novel and a hopelessly inadequate biography. It was savaged critically and lost its publisher a fortune.

The good news today is that Edmund Morris has returned to top form with the second volume, "Theodore Rex" (Random House), of his projected three volumes of the life of Theodore Roosevelt.

Here is Roosevelt, the man in full, at the height of his power and formidable energy, presiding over a United States that is ascending to global power, and himself embodying the physical, intellectual and economic energy that lay behind that ascent.

I mentioned the word "intellectual." Roosevelt wrote; he actually wrote more than 30 books. His Harvard undergradu-

ate thesis on the naval aspects of the War of 1812 was used for decades as an Annapolis textbook.

Roosevelt did not need speechwriters or PR counselors. It is amusing to conjure up what Roosevelt would think of Naomi Wolfe counseling Al Gore to be an alpha male.

Notably, Roosevelt was a great conservationist and started our national parks system. Though he was a formidable hunter, I doubt that today he would hunt down the quantity of game he killed then.

His attitude toward animals was one of respect and aristocratic noblesse-oblige concern for their well-being.

Today that would include concern about the population pressure that is crowding animals everywhere. Roosevelt would not want a world without lions, tigers, elephants, buffalo, whales. For all his flamboyance and bluster, he was, at bottom, both a conservative and an aristocratic conserver. This last is in rather short supply among conservatives today.

Guest Editorial

THE ROGER E. HERNANDEZ COLUMN

The Anti-Terror Plan

First thing to note is that in many other countries, including most of the Arab world, governments would have reacted to an attack similar to Sept. 11 by rounding up thousands of suspects and torturing them or killing them. No trial, no national debate, no coverage in the media.

Here, too, thousands of people have been rounded up or questioned. But no one has been tortured, as far as we know, and no one murdered. We have saturation media coverage and a national debate about the president's anti-terror plan. Is it racial profiling to single out people of Arab descent? What judicial process will be consistent with American traditions of

civil liberties as well as the urgent need to prevent further terrorist attacks?

Two things are clear.

One, it is perfectly reasonable for law enforcement to pay particular attention to immigrants from countries where terrorists originate. It makes absolutely no sense for FBI agents looking for Al Qaeda cells to ask questions in a Puerto Rican neighborhood, a Russian neighborhood, a Chinese neighborhood. Where should they ask? The answer cannot logically be avoided: The people most likely to know people who know people who can lead law enforcement to a terrorist cell are likely to be concentrated in Arab neighborhoods. The unavoidable result is

that more individuals of Arab descent are going to be questioned than individuals of other ethnic backgrounds. That's simply the way it has to be.

Two, Al Qaeda terrorists captured in war abroad are combatants -- illegal combatants, at that, not even entitled to the protections of the Geneva convention -- and as such fall under the jurisdiction of military law, not the civilian justice system. This is such a firmly established practice that no one in the entire history of mankind has argued otherwise, until now. There is no legal precedent whatsoever to grant Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants the full panoply of rights that defendants have in the U.S. criminal justice system.

But what about suspected terrorists captured in the United States? Critics have said that because terrorists convicted in the first World Trade Center bombing were tried in federal court under the full protection of the Constitution, the government has no power to say that

from now on certain people of its choosing will not be entitled to the same protection.

Those critics are premature. The fact is that nobody has yet been brought before one of the military commissions that Bush envisions, and nobody in the administration has specifically spelled out the legal procedures, so nobody can say that suspects will be denied basic rights even if they go before a military commission.

Captured terrorists who plan to kill thousands of civilians and destroy the very foundations of this country will find they have more legal protections here than they would in their own countries. But make no mistake: They are far more dangerous than even the most heinous of criminal defendants, and the United States government has no higher responsibility than to protect the public from their terror.

Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

True Blue

Did you know that Planned Parenthood in Roanoke, VA has a drive-through window? Apparently, this is a new thing. Has nothing to do with fast food, and everything to do with being fast.

Anyway, these days you can drive right up and get red, white and blue condoms. AP reports that Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge is selling them to raise money for the 911 Fund created by New York Community Trust and the United Way of New York City.

David Nova, president and CEO of the

Planned Parenthood office explains that "the incidence of unintended pregnancy rises dramatically in the weeks and months following a death or tragic loss." He says he hopes that offering "patriotic condoms," will "stem the increase of unintended pregnancies while letting Americans display their colors proudly."

Oh, please, I know a House subcommittee is planning to hold hearings on the use of disaster relief donations, but I don't care to dig any deeper than this one.

Editorial Policy



The Atom Tabloid & Citizen ~ Gazette wants to hear from you. Letters to the editor will be published weekly on the editorial page, as space allows.

All letters should be typed and must include a daytime telephone number at which the writer may be reached for verification. Letters should be as concise as possible.

Letters to the editor must be in our office by noon Friday for consideration for publication the following week.

Keep us informed of your feelings and concerns so we can keep you better informed of the events that are affecting your life.

We also welcome guest columns that cover timely topics of interest to all of our readers. Columns should be no more than 500-750 words and should be typed.

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Letters and columns may be mailed to: The Atom Tabloid & Citizen ~ Gazette, P.O. Box 1061, Rahway, NJ 07065. They also may be faxed to (732) 388-4143, Attn: Editor, or reach us via e-mail at editor@devinmedia.com.

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

It's A Big Birthday Party

PERTH AMBOY—YMHA member Lee Kraut will be celebrating her 91st birthday at the Perth Amboy YMHA on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

As in the past several years, Lee's family again invites all members of the Y's Senior Club and Lee's own family and guests to this very special event to be held at the Y.

New, paid-up members will also be invited.

"Julian, The Man of Many Voices," a wonderful entertainer, has been engaged for this event.

So, if you're thinking of joining the Y, do it soon, as last-minute guests will not be accepted.

The Y is located at 316 Madison Ave. and their phone number is (732) 442-0365. Call for information.



BERKELEY COLLEGE HELPS TO STEER WOODBRIDGE ON TO THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY—Berkeley College offers computer training to Woodbridge education officials through its participation in the Township's Tech 2000 programs. The College, which is located in downtown Woodbridge, was recently awarded a contract by the township to provide computer training to school and government officials in the community. Appearing from (L.-R.) are Woodbridge Technology Officer Michael Esolda, Berkeley College Academic Dean Victoria P. de Guzman, Berkeley Instructor Stephanie Fells, and JFK High School Principal Joseph Kacrek.

Open Public Meetings Act-2002 Schedule Council/Caucus/Closed Session Meetings

PERTH AMBOY — Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a schedule of Regular Meetings, Caucus meetings and Closed Session Meetings of the Perth Amboy City Council for calendar year 2002.

The meetings are held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy. The regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except during the months of July, August and December, when they are held on the second Wednesday only of that month.

Caucus Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the Monday preceding the regular meeting.

All scheduled Closed Sessions follow Caucus Meetings.

Whenever a meeting, whether it be regular or a cau-

cus, falls on a holiday, or on election day, the meeting is then held on the following day, unless designated otherwise by the Council.

Schedule of meetings for 2002:

Caucus: January 7, 23*; Feb. 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 6, 20; June 10, 24; July 8; Aug. 12; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 13**, 25; and Dec. 9.

Regular Council: Jan. 9, 23; Feb. 13, 27; March 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 22; June 12, 26; July 10; Aug. 14; Sept. 11, 25; Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 13, 25***; and Dec. 11.

* (combined meeting due to Martin Luther King holiday)

** (combined meeting due to Veteran's Day holiday)

*** (combined meeting due to Thanksgiving Eve holiday)

Keane Paintings On Display

EDISON—During the month of January, Metuchen resident John J. Keane will be displaying his oil and acrylic abstract paintings at the Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Avenue.

Area Resident Named To Academic List

CARTERET—Tusculum College, Greenville, Tennessee, announces students whose academic achievements have earned them a place on the Dean's List, President's List, and/or Charles Oliver Gray Scholars List.

Among those named to the Dean's List was Timothy Coughlin of Carteret. Students named to the Dean's List have completed at least 12 semester

hours, earning at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

Tusculum College is the oldest college in Tennessee, the twenty-eighth oldest in the nation and the oldest coeducational institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In 1989, Tusculum College initiated its widely acclaimed civic arts program, a combination of curricular developments

that lead to citizen action, and citizen competence, as well as a focused calendar. The innovation of a focused calendar, through which students take and faculty teach one course at a time, has greatly expanded practical teaching opportunities. Students have greater opportunities to travel in the region, nationally and internationally and can take an active role in classroom activities.

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OBITUARIES

William Torres, Sr. of Perth Amboy

Mr. William Torres Sr. of Perth Amboy died November 6 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 72.

Born in Ajunta, Puerto Rico, he resided in Perth Amboy for the past 50 years.

He was a self-employed carpenter in Perth Amboy.

Mr. Torres was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, Perth Amboy and a member of the church's Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Flora (Robles) Torres; two sons, William Jr. of Woodbridge and Jose Ramon Torres of Puerto Rico; eight grandchildren, Eric, Joel, Christopher, Crystal, Yajaira, Billy, Tony and Bobby Torres; a great-grandson, Montana Torres; three brothers, Francisco and Damian, both of Miami, Fla. and Juan of Puerto Rico; three sisters, Carmen of Puerto Rico, Angelica of Englishtown and Amelia of The Bronx, N.Y.

Anne B. Palfy of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Anne B. (Buchko) Palfy of Perth Amboy died November 18 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division.

Born in Fords, she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 50 years. She was a supervisor for 35 years at AT&T Corporation in Perth Amboy before retiring in 1978. Mrs. Palfy was a communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church, Perth Amboy. Her husband, Steven Palfy a sister, Alice Kish; and two brothers, Michael Buchko and John Buchko, are all deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Irene Buchko of Perth Amboy and Mary Hovanec of Colonia; a brother, Raymond Buchko of Englewood, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Grace M. Zurewski of Iselin

Mrs. Grace M. Zurewski of Forked River (formerly of Iselin) died October 28 in Forked River. She was 81.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she lived in Iselin for 46 years before moving to Forked River earlier this year.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Aloysius, died in 1997.

Surviving are three daughters, Catherine De Domenico of Hillsborough, Maureen "Reenie" Schmidt of Forked River and Eileen Davis of Colonia; a sister, Marjorie Morrison of Fairless Hills, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

Emily Castelnick, 68 of Fords

Mrs. Emily M. Castelnick of Fords died November 18 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 68.

Born in Elizabeth, she had resided in Fords for the past 39 years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Castelnick was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church, Edison.

Her husband, Walter Castelnick, died in 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah L. Peterson of Bayville and Denise M. Murphy of Fords; a son, Walter W. Castelnick of Fords; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Jaclyn, Matthew and Nicole; three sisters and two brothers.

John T. Armstrong of Avenel

Mr. John T. "Jack" Armstrong of Avenel died November 17 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 79.

Born in Wilkesboro, Pa., he lived in Newark before moving to Avenel 48 years ago.

He was employed by General Motors, Avenel, for 33 years before retiring as a manufacturing engineer 22 years ago.

He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

Mr. Armstrong was a former chairman of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Anna; a son, Michael; two daughters, Jane Armstrong-Nazar and Joan; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Margaret Schoder of Woodbridge

Mrs. Margaret Bader Schoder of Woodbridge died October 25 at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Woodbridge. She was 95.

Born in Woodbridge, she moved to Brick in 1971 before returning to Woodbridge in 1996.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Woodbridge Fire Co. No. 1 for many years.

Mrs. Schoder was a parishioner of St. James R.C. Church, Woodbridge.

Her first husband, Francis Bader, died in 1959. Her second husband, Stewart Schoder, died

in 1973. Her three brothers, Anthony, Joseph and Julius Pelican; a grandson, and a son-in-law, David Beiter, died in 1992 and a stepson, Stewart Schoder, died in 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Beiter of Carteret; three sons, Robert Bader and Thomas Bader, of Woodbridge, Louis Bader of Hampstead, N.C.; and Margaret Ann Schoder of Edison; a sister, Beatrice Manganaro of Woodbridge; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Raymond P. Solt, 72 of Fords

Mr. Raymond P. Solt of Fords died November 1 at the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. He was 72.

Born in Woodbridge, he lived most of his life there before moving to Fords four years ago.

He served in the National Guard from 1947-55.

He had been employed by A.P. Green Refractories in Sewaren for 20 years and more recently worked as a maintenance man for the Woodbridge Township Department of Public Works for 10 years. He retired in 1993.

He was a member of the Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens.

His wife, Patricia A. Sabine Solt, died in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan M. Weaver of South River and Nancy A. Klepchik of Port Reading; a brother, Arthur Solt of Jersey City; a uncle, James Coogan of Fords; and three grandchildren, Billy Weaver and Michael and Stefanie Klepchik.

R. Piegari-Isola of Iselin

Mrs. Rosemarie Piegari-Isola of Iselin died November 18. She was 30.

Born in Livingston, she lived in Iselin, where she grew up and later resided in Staten Island, N.Y. for the past 4 1/2 years.

She was a 1989 graduate of JFK Memorial High School, Iselin and a 1994 graduate of Montclair University with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

She became the manager of Marshalls department store in Woodbridge and later took a position with Salomon Brothers as an executive administrative assistant to the president of Salomon Brother in 1997.

She was a volunteer for Meals On Wheels.

Surviving are her husband, William Isola, a N.Y. police officer; her parents, John and Margherita (Penninella) Piegari; a sister, Cathy Leonard.

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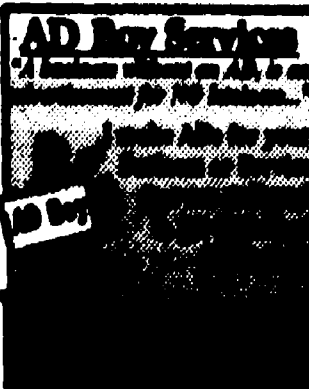
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Sayreville Choirs Entertain Eight Million

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SAYREVILLE—On Thanksgiving, the Sayreville War Memorial High School and Middle School Choirs reached new heights when they participated in the Thanksgiving Day Parade on the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum. The program, televised to an audience of nearly eight million people on Philadelphia WPVI Channel 6 and the New York ABC Channel 7 affiliate gave the students a chance to show off their vocal talent.

The Sayreville Choirs, under the direction of Choral

Directors James Craft and Marie Malara, have previously distinguished themselves to numerous community and government organizations such as the Sayreville Historical Society and the Middlesex County School Boards Association. "During my tenure in Sayreville, I have seen our choral program grow significantly in size and musical talent," said Superintendent of Schools Dennis Fyffe. "Our students have prepared well, and are ready for this momentous occasion," he continued.

The Sayreville Board of Education was honored to have its choral students chosen to perform in Philadelphia on Thanksgiving Day. As a result, they unanimously agreed to absorb all transportation costs associated with the Philadelphia trip.

The Sayreville Board of Education is excited about the opportunity that is in store for the choir. "These students will have a once in a lifetime experience," said Board of Education President Kevin Ciak. "Eight million people will know the Sayreville talent that is a wonderful source of pride for our school district and our borough. This puts our district on the map," he continued.

Food Donations Increase By 43 Percent

WOODBIDGE—More than 35,000 pounds of food—an increase of 43 percent from last year's total—has been collected for Woodbridge families in 2001.

We Feed, the Interfaith Woodbridge Township Food Bank Committee, in cooperation with churches and synagogues, collected canned food and other non-perishable items during its annual "Have-A-

Heart" drive, at the Mayor's Summer Concert Series and at other events throughout the year.

The food is used to help stock Woodbridge Township's Food Distribution Centers such as: St. James Roman Catholic Church; First Congregational Church; First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge; First Presbyterian Church of Avenel; Congregation Adath Israel

Synagogue; First Presbyterian Church of Iselin; Metropark Assembly of God; Trinity Episcopal Church of Woodbridge; and St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church of Iselin.

Woodbridge Health Director Patrick O. Hanson said 35,600 pounds of food were collected during 2001, an increase from last year's total of 24,775 pounds.

Military Bravos

Heise Completes Basic Military Training

CARTERET—Marine Corps Pvt. Robert R. Heise, IV, son of Elvira Tapia, Carteret and Robert R. Heise of Miltown, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Heise spent numerous hours in class-

room and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

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

Heise is a 2000 graduate of Carteret High School.

Brown Completes Basic Military Training

AVENEL—Marine Corps Pvt. Kenneth J. Brown, son of Mary and Donald Brown of Avenel, recently completed basic military training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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Olson Graduates From Food Service Specialist Course

SAYREVILLE—Army Reserve Pvt. Keith Olson has graduated from the food service specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The service member was trained to perform preliminary food preparation procedures according to Army production schedules and recipes; cook, bake and serve food in large and

small quantities, field and garrison kitchen operations; and general operation of Army dining facilities, including cleaning and housekeeping, sanitation measures and storage of subsistence items.

Olson is the son of Karen and Donald Bruhn of Sayreville.

The private is a 2000 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School, Sayreville.

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Jan. 9—Meeting at 1 p.m. at the Cameo. Program: Assemblyman John Winiarski speaking on senior issues.

Jan. 24—Jan Show at the Meadowlands.

March 13—Huntwood Hills Country Club will play "Bunkie's Big Free."

April 15—Golfing at the Meadowlands.

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