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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Children Safer With New Sex Offender Law

STATE—Legislation sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale that would make information about sex offenders available online was signed into law by Acting Governor DiFrancesco.

"Families in New Jersey deserve to know if their children are threatened by a dangerous predator living in their neighborhood," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex), a member of the Senate Task Force on Internet Access to Sex Offender Registration. "This Internet registry will let parents do their

own research instead of relying on others to notify them. The people of New Jersey spoke at the polls last November and this law is our answer."

The new law creates a system for making information about sex-offenders who have been found to pose a risk to the general public available over the Internet. Records about all offenders classified as "high-risk," and certain offenders classified as "moderate risk" would be accessible by the general public. The information will include the offender's

name, address, photograph, information about his vehicle, and a brief description of his crime.

"The registry will still give parents information about sex offenders who live near their homes, but unlike the current community notification program it will also let them research offenders who may live near the places their children play or go to school," said Senator Vitale. "After the ballot measure passed the Senate Task Force worked hard to draft a fair and balanced law. The bottom

line is that this will protect the children of New Jersey."

The law institutes criminal penalties for any use of the online information to commit a crime or to deny offenders access to insurance, loans, housing, or other goods or services. It also creates the Internet Registry Advisory Council, made up of nominees from the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the General Assembly, to oversee the implementation and operations of the Internet registry.

Area Winners Of Regional Showstopper's Competition

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas introduced this year's winners of the regional Showstopper's competition, which honors achievements in tap, jazz and modern dance. In doing so, Mayor Vas honored Acrodance Theatre, Inc. of Perth Amboy for claiming 16 medals at the recent competition held during March in Lawrenceville.

The 20 dancers that represented Acrodance in the regionals range in age from 11-18 and are predominantly Perth Amboy residents. The group participated in duo, trio and supergroup competition and claimed 13 gold medals, 2 silver and 1 platinum. The supergroup performance, which is comprised of all 20 participants and Artistic Director Michael

Gary, was among the performances that took home a gold medal.

Acrodance went to the final leg of competition—the Nationals—being held the week of July 4 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Nationals conclude the annual dance season, which runs from October through July. During the season the dance troupe rehearses at the city's Tennis Court Building located on Brighton Avenue.

Acrodance Theatre, Inc., is a non-profit organization that was established in Perth Amboy in 1990 to present dance education to "at risk" children and instill a love of the arts through social and cultural awareness. Acrodance Theatre provides artistic services for the ethnically diverse resi-

dents of the underserved communities of New Jersey.

Throughout the year, Acrodance has worked collaboratively with the Perth Amboy Department of Recreation, the Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance to

Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the Perth Amboy and Rahway Housing Authorities, the New Brunswick Youth Services System and Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts Dance Department.

Dowdell Library Now Selling Images Of South Amboy

SOUTH AMBOY — The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is pleased to announce that it has received a limited supply and is now selling the book *Images of South Amboy* by George Francy. The library is selling the book for \$16, which is \$3 less than the cover price so it is anticipated that the book will sell out very quickly.

Images of South Amboy discusses the rich history of South Amboy and includes many his-

torical pictures of the City. The book has not been available anywhere since its first printing sold out in early 2000. Arcadia Publishing has informed the library that it will not reprint this book again, so after these copies have been sold the book will be out of print and no longer available.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Mayor's Concert Series Continues

WOODBIDGE—"Woodbridge MusicWorks," a concert series which provides Woodbridge families with an opportunity to enjoy the music of popular recording artists, will continue Monday, July 30, with a concert by Steppin' Out and the Infemos.

The concert series, underwritten through the support of the community, including Sansone's Route 1 Auto Mall and Woodbridge Center, will feature popular recording artists from the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Additional dates and performers are:

- August 6: Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge.
- August 13: Felix Cavaliere's Rascals
- August 20: Reunion Show

with the Classics, the Passions, and the Mystics.

-August 27: The Party Dolls

All concerts will start at 7:30 p.m. on the grass fields behind Woodbridge High School. Those who attend should bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

Refreshments will be available for sale in an expanded food court.

In addition, a D.J. will entertain the crowd prior to each concert, starting at 6 p.m. The concerts are free, but donations of non-perishable food items for the Woodbridge Interfaith Food Bank are being requested.

In case of inclement weather, please call 732-602-6045 to determine if the show will be presented.

Lending A Helping Hand

COLONIA — The newly formed Colonia Civic Association showed community spirit and compassion through their efforts to help Emily Gorsky.

Gorsky, a fifth grader from Colonia, suffers from Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is a crippling disease that affects 30,000 children and young adults in America.

Stephanie Scotto, Philis Rebetje, Debbie Meehan, and Nora Schiavo have joined with the Senior Citizen's Club of Colonia to help meet some of Gorsky's needs. They recently participated in a car wash with high school students of Colonia and JFK. The seniors also donated homemade cookies and cakes.

Scotto will also participate in

the Merrill Park Playground Run on July 21. This is the third consecutive year that the Seniors have supported the 5K race by preparing fruit cups and serving the runners at the completion of the race.

The children of Oak Ridge Heights School 21 have also raised \$4,265 for Gorsky's needs.



WORKING TOGETHER TO LEND A HELPING HAND—The Colonia Senior Citizens Club joins with local high school students to raise money for Emily Gorsky, an 11-year-old suffering from Cystic Fibrosis.

Public Urged To Take Advantage Of NJ SAVER Rebate Deadline Extension

SAYREVILLE—Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski and Assemblywoman Arline Friscia urged the residents of the 19th District who have not filed this year's NJ SAVER property tax rebate to take advantage of the extended deadline July 31.

New Jersey's director of taxation extended the original dead-

line from July 2 to July 31. Approximately 300,000 taxpayers have yet to file for their SAVER rebate checks, which are scheduled to be mailed in early September.

"It is only right that the State extend the deadline for NJ SAVER applicants, homeowners are certainly entitled to a rebate on the taxes they have paid and

they deserve additional time to apply for the rebate," said Senator Vitale. "My office is available to assist anyone having difficulty with this program."

The SAVER program began in 1999 in a bipartisan effort to help homeowners offset their school property tax bills.

The SAVER program was planned to be phased in over five years, with this year's average check set at \$360. But the legislature recently voted to speed-up the SAVER program, increasing this year's check to roughly \$500.

Senator Vitale, Assemblyman Wisniewski and Assemblywoman Friscia were among the lawmakers who supported the move to accelerate the SAVER rebates, providing more property tax relief faster.

"With a simple phone call homeowners can take about \$500 off of their property taxes," said Assemblyman Wisniewski. "I urge residents to take full advantage of this tax break. I am pleased to be able to bring this relief to the taxpayers of New Jersey."

Anyone interested in finding out more information about this program can contact any of the district offices.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

"Somebody Say Yes!"**New Book by Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.**

PERTH AMBOY—Where do we begin to look for answers to our most pressing problems? Can we save the lives of our children? Can our women find real love in meaningful relationships? Can our men gain a positive self-image? Can all of our people still achieve the "American dream"? The answers to these penetrating questions are found in a couple of words spoken from the heart: "Yes Lord!" ...according to Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.

"Somebody Say Yes!" is the title of Bishop Hilliard's new book which is said to capture all of the anointing, all of the wisdom and insights of his classic messages. This is a book you will treasure for years to come. "The time between when you pray and when God answers is a time of testing," writes Bishop Hilliard in the chapter he calls "No More

Wasted Seasons." One of 17 chapters adapted from his most memorable and powerful sermons.

The 166 page hardcover edition is published by Evergreen Press and is available for \$19.99. The foreword is written by The Honorable Deforest "Buster" Soaries, Secretary of the State of New Jersey and Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lincoln Gardens, NJ.

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., is also the author of the best seller "Stop The Funeral." He is the Senior Pastor of The Cathedral-Second Baptist Church, Perth Amboy, NJ and Cathedral Assembly by the Shore in Asbury Park, NJ. The publication of "Somebody Say Yes!" also marks Bishop Hilliard's 25th year as a minister of the Gospel.

Chiarello Earns Degree From Drew

COLONIA—Kaylynn Magda Chiarello of Colonia has received the Bachelor of Arts degree, Summa Cum Laude from Drew University. The University celebrated its 133rd Commencement on May 19.

Founded in 1867, Drew is a selective, independent, coeducational university with a total

enrollment of more than 2,400 students in its College of Liberal Arts, Graduate School and Theological School. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Drew in the top half of the best national liberal arts colleges in the U.S. and *Kiplinger's* listed the university as one of the top 100 values in private colleges.

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Chapter #3810—The Iselin

Chapter of AARP #3810 has announced the following meetings and trips for the year 2001:

Aug. 11—Summer Musical and Lunch at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse; Oct. 12—19—8 days/7 night trip to the Casino Capital of the South, Tunica, Mississippi Beale Street Tour, Tour of Graceland, Nashville, Memphis, Grand Ole Opry, Mississippi River Boat Cruise and much, much more; Nov. 4—Show, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." For more information, call (732) 283-2790.

All meetings are held at the K of C Hall and all trips leave from K of C Hall, Grand Avenue, Iselin.

WOODBRIIDGE CHAPTER #3869: The Woodbridge

Chapter #3869 has announced its events from July–October: Membership is now open for new members to join; July 23—Trump Plaza, Atlantic City; Aug. 15— (Tentative date) Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, N.Y.; Aug. 25–30—Canadian Tour, 6 days, 5 nights. Includes transportation, hotel accommodations and 11 meals; Oct. 9–13—Las Vegas; five days, four nights at the Excalibur Hotel. Includes: round trip airfare and four nights lodging at the exclusive Excalibur Hotel on the strip.

For information regarding Atlantic City trips, call Ruth at (732) 634-8489 and all other trips, call Mary Alice at (732) 855-1514.

It's All Write!

EDISON—The next meeting of the Creative Writing Club will be on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Avenue. If you enjoy writing and you would like to share your work with others, come and join the group.

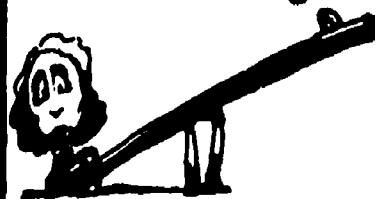
For further information, call Roberta at (732) 287-2298, ext. 227.

Atlantic City, Here We Come!

PERTH AMBOY — Wednesday, Aug. 22 will be the date for the members and friends of the Perth Amboy YMHA to visit Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The trip will leave from the Perth Amboy YMHA at 9 a.m.

Reservations can be made by phoning the Y at (732) 442-0365. The cost of the trip is \$14 and \$11 will be returned to each bus passenger by the Casino. Please call as soon as possible to reserve your place.

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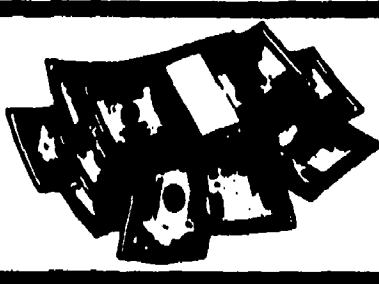
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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Middlesex County Students Inducted Into National Honor Society

"Induction into Phi Theta Kappa is the highest level of academic excellence a student can achieve at Berkeley College," said College President Kevin L. Luing. "It demonstrates that each of these students have achieved the very high academic goals they have set for themselves."

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President Luing announced that a total of 92 students attending the College's New Jersey campuses were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. This

represents the largest group in the history of the college.

The following Middlesex County residents were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa:

Yocasta Almanzar and Jessica Walsh of Carteret.
Joann Madanat and Rovena Passero of Colonia.
Anna Koch and Erica Sabin of East Brunswick.
Elaine Maresco of Old Bridge.
Lorelee Cosia and Eric Iskandar of Parlin.
Yadira Santana of Perth Amboy.
Devon Gadomski of Port Reading.

Rovena Passero has been selected to serve as Secretary

of the Berkeley College's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

The Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society was established in 1918 to honor the academic achievement of students in two year colleges. To qualify, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or better for two consecutive academic quarters. The Berkeley College students were inducted into the Alpha Upsilon Epsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

A leader in business education for 70 years, Berkeley College offers Baccalaureate and Associate degrees. Berkeley provides students of all generations with a high-quality education encompassing academic preparation, professional training and hands-on experience. The College maintains five campuses located in Waldwick, West Paterson, and Woodbridge, New Jersey and in New York City and White Plains, New York. The college's website address is www.BerkeleyCollege.edu.



REPRESENTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE—Berkeley College students residing in Middlesex County recently celebrated their induction into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Seated left to right are Yocasta Almanzar of Carteret, Berkeley College Vice President for Advisement and Registration Gail Okun, and Eric Iskandar of Parlin. Standing left to right are Rovena Passero of Colonia, Anna Koch of East Brunswick, and Yadira Santana of Perth Amboy. Not pictured are Jessica Walsh of Carteret, Joann Madanat of Colonia, Erica Sabin of East Brunswick, Elaine Maresco of Old Bridge, Lorelee Cosio of Parlin, and Devon Gadomski of Port Reading.

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Liberal Arts Students Receive Awards

EDISON—Liberal arts students at Middlesex County College were honored by faculty and administration for their outstanding academic accomplishments at the annual Dean's Reception. Friends and families of the honored students were

also recognized at the buffet supper, hosted by the Division of Social Sciences and Humanities, for their support and positive influence on the honorees.

The honorees are: Carteret—Anthony Romano, Larry L. Cohen Award for Excellence in the Study of Literature; Dorothy Sewing, Faculty Award for Excellence in Music Theory; Edison—Pamela Avraham, Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Spanish; Linda Anne Gagliardo, Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education Option; Andres M. Gonzalez, Faculty Award for Excellence in Art; Miriam Ivasco, ESL Award for Outstanding Student; Osnat Moalam, Faculty Award for Excellence in Art; Andres Ocampo, ESL Award for Outstanding Student and Modern Language Scholarship Award; Veronica Silva, Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in French; Savvas Tsivicos, Fac-

ulty Award for Excellence in Italian; Joann M. Warner, Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education Option; Fords—Ada Marie Foley, Faculty Award for Most Promising Student in Dance; Iselin—John Kotsalos, Faculty Award for Achievement in Journalism; Metuchen—Kathleen T. Mindler, Award for Excellence in Liberal Arts Education Option; Scott A. Reagan, Faculty Award for Excellence in the Theatre; Middlesex—Jennie Griffiths, Faculty Award for Excellence in Music Theory; Parlin—John M. Denuto, Award for Excellence in Special Education Assistant Option; Perth Amboy—Steven Muniz, Samuel Landis Scholarship Award; Edgar Orozco, Faculty Award for Excellence in Spanish; Suzanne E. Springer, Award for Excellence in Special Education Assistant Option; Sayreville—Elizabeth Aponte, Award for Excellence in Teacher Assistant Option.

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• **Before traveling, consult your doctor.** He or she may be able to provide useful information, may know of places where

certain illnesses can be a problem, may know of doctors in the area that treat people with HIV, or may advise you on vaccinations you may need for the region you will visit or other precautions. Tuberculosis (TB) is common worldwide, so your doctor may advise you to get a TB test upon return. Remember to take all prescribed medications.

• **Be prepared.** Common problems for example, traveler's diarrhea, can occur. Make sure you have appropriate medications for this problem, bring enough of your regular medications in case you cannot refill prescriptions overseas or you get "stuck" in a certain area and

cannot get to a pharmacy. Be aware that some medications may need to be refrigerated. In some areas insect borne diseases can be a problem. Bring a supply of insect repellent that contains "DEET."

• **Check medical restrictions.** If you are leaving the country for an extended trip, make sure you know if the country you are visiting has special health rules for visitors. These rules can include vaccinations that may not be safe for HIV-infected people to take. Make sure all medical insurance is up to date and take proof of insurance when you travel. Know your insurance plan; some things may not

be covered overseas.

• **Food and drink.** Food and water may contain bacteria, viruses or parasites that can make you sick. Do not eat raw fruit or vegetables that you do not peel yourself. Do not eat raw or undercooked seafood or meat, unpasteurized dairy products or anything from a street vendor. Do not drink tap water, drinks made with tap water, or ice made from tap water or unpasteurized milk. Foods that are generally safe include steaming hot foods, bottled drinks, hot coffee or tea, wine, beer. If your doctor has you on a special diet, stick to it.

• **Animal droppings.** In many countries animals roam

freely. Animals may leave droppings on beaches or other areas; always wear shoes and protective clothing, sit on a towel or blanket to avoid direct contact with possibly contaminated areas. Swimming can make you sick if you swallow the water. Never swim in water that might contain animal waste or sewage. Only swim in "protected" areas.

• **Prevent.** Take the same precautions that you take at home to prevent giving HIV to others.

Help is just a phone call away! For more information on AIDS or STDs call 1-800-624-2377. The AIDS/STD Hotline is accessible 24 hours per day, everyday!

Tips For Keeping Your Children "Poison Safe"

AREA — Did you know that each year more than 100,000 poisoning exposures occur in New Jersey homes and more than half of the victims are children age six and under? Just a few minutes — and a few important steps — may prevent most of these occurrences and thousands of frantic trips to the emergency room.

That's why, for the second year in a row, the N.J. Poison Information and Education System is teaming up with Merck-Medco Managed Care to produce an educational program to help educate children and their parents about the dangers of poisons in the home. The program features *Stop-and-Think Sam*, a cartoon character who walks first-grade students through a series of exercises that take place in a typical home. Last year, the program helped educate nearly 30,000 New Jersey first-graders and their parents. This year, the program will reach more than 60,000 first-graders.

Here are some important tips from the program that can help keep you and your family safe at home:

Poison Safety Tips

• Spend a few minutes moving non-food items to high, locked cabinets out of the reach of children.

• Never leave medicine or household chemical products unattended while in use.

• Never refer to medicine as "candy" because they often look alike and children can get them confused.

• Avoid taking medicine in front of children, since youngsters tend to imitate grown-ups.

• Always leave chemical products and medications in their original containers.

• Use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container securely after use. Remember, child-resistant does not mean childproof.

• Keep foods and household products separated.

• In case of a poisoning emergency, call 1-800-POISON1.

For more information and additional tips, you can access the *Safe at Home With Stop-and-Think Sam* educational program online at www.merckmedco.com in the Health and Wellness section.

Weight Management Program For Diabetics

EDISON—Diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol or hyperlipidemia. If you have any of these and are overweight, you know that weight loss is one of the most important ways to improve your health. The Diabetes Center of New Jersey, an affiliate of Solaris Health Systems, offers a unique weight management behavior modification program called "The Healthy Weigh." This program is especially designed for people with diabetes, providing them with a safe, permanent weight loss solution. This on-going program is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Classes will cover good nutrition, exercise, individualized meal planning including dining out options, and glucose monitoring. Behavior change strategies, such as modifying

eating triggers and lapse prevention will also be covered. A registered dietitian, who is also a certified diabetes educator, facilitates the program.

There is no cost for the weight management program, however, there is a pre-requisite for participants to attend two educational sessions and have an individualized meal plan designed prior to attending the program.

Group size is limited for

maximum participation. For more information about "The Healthy Weigh" program and to make an appointment for your educational sessions, call 800-991-6668 or (732) 650-9207.

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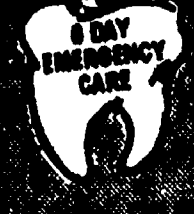
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Donate Your Car To A Good Cause

AREA — The American Diabetes Association is running a car campaign throughout New Jersey to support research. Officials warn prospective donors that **ONLY** those who itemize their taxes may take the fair market value as a contribu-

tion. Determining the value of the car is completely up to the donor, therefore The American Diabetes Association will not give a value.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Portable Alcohol Breath Test Bill Passes Assembly

STATE—The Assembly has passed legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes Jr. that would enable police to utilize portable breath testing devices as a tool for establishing probable cause against suspected drunken drivers.

"In 1999 alone, more than 290 people died on the New Jersey roadways as a result of drunk drivers," said Barnes (D-Middlesex). "By enabling police to use a portable screening test on motorists who they suspect to be under the influence of alcohol, we help save lives and ensure safe travel."

The Barnes measure (A-2893) would require drivers who may be under the influence of alcohol to submit themselves to a portable breath-screening test at the scene of a motor vehicle stop if the officer thinks the motorists may have been drinking.

The portable device would test a motorist's breath and provide police with a digital reading of the driver's blood alcohol concentration (BAC). Depending on the results of the test, the officer would then determine whether the motorists should be taken to police headquarters for further testing.

Barnes—a retired Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation—said these portable tests would give officers a solid basis for determining whether a motorists is under the influence of alcohol and should be removed from the road.

"Far too many lives have been lost because of drunk drivers," said Barnes. "New Jersey should do everything in its power to catch drunk drivers and remove them from our roadways. Enabling police to administer roadside alcohol screening tests should help reduce the number of alcohol-related deaths in New Jersey."

The measure was approved 73 to 1 and now goes to the Senate for further consideration.

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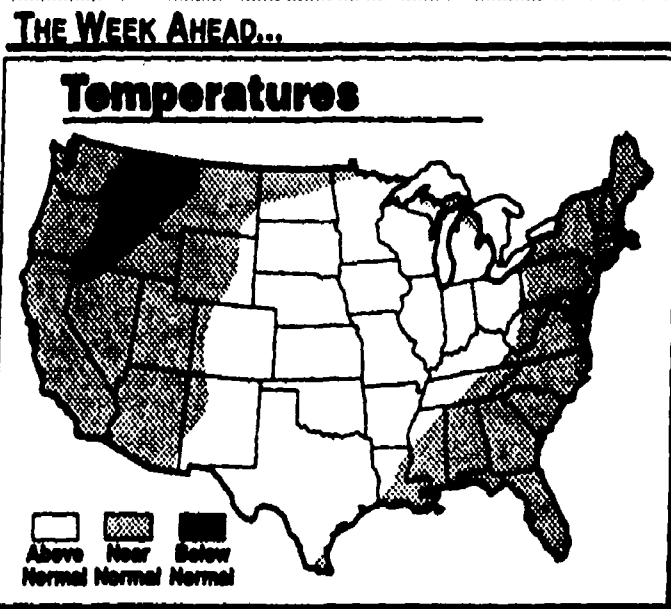
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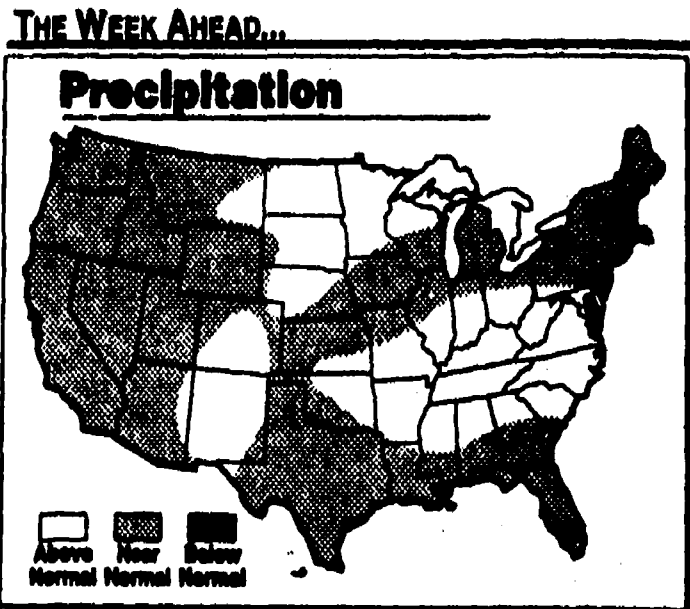
LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mainly cloudy.	Patchy clouds.	Rather cloudy with rain.	A few showers.	Partial sun and humid.	Cloudy with a few showers.	A few showers and humid.	Cloudy, a shower; humid.
79	65	80/86	81/86	84/89	79/70	84/70	84/70



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm weather will dominate the center of the nation. Temperatures across the Plains, Mississippi Valley and Midwest will average 5 to 10 degrees above normal. Showers and thunderstorms will be common across the Southeast, Tennessee Valley and northern Plains. Dry weather is expected along the West Coast and Pacific Northwest.



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	90 72 t	93 72 t	89 72 c	90 69 pc
Boston	74 58 pc	76 58 pc	78 62 pc	79 59 s
Chicago	78 64 pc	82 66 pc	82 69 sh	88 68 r
Cleveland	77 62 pc	78 61 s	82 63 s	80 64 pc
Denver	84 56 pc	88 58 s	92 60 s	92 62 s
Des Moines	76 62 c	84 65 c	86 70 sh	86 72 sh
Detroit	82 60 pc	82 62 pc	81 64 sh	83 64 c
Houston	94 74 s	96 74 pc	98 74 pc	96 74 pc
Indianapolis	84 66 c	84 68 c	86 68 c	88 68 r
Kansas City	82 68 pc	86 69 t	90 70 pc	92 70 pc
Los Angeles	84 64 s	88 64 s	90 62 s	90 63 s
Miami	88 78 pc	89 78 t	89 80 t	92 78 pc
Minn.- St. Paul	80 62 pc	82 64 sh	84 66 sh	83 72 sh
New Orleans	92 78 pc	92 76 t	92 76 s	92 74 t
New York City	78 66 c	80 68 c	82 70 pc	82 69 pc
Omaha	80 64 c	86 68 c	88 68 pc	90 71 pc
Phoenix	106 84 s	106 84 pc	104 86 pc	106 84 pc
San Francisco	76 58 pc	76 58 pc	76 57 pc	78 58 pc
Seattle	74 54 s	74 54 s	76 56 pc	78 58 s
Washington	88 70 t	84 68 c	84 68 c	85 74 c

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 5:48 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Fri. 5:49 a.m.	8:17 p.m.

Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 12:35 p.m.	none
Fri. 1:43 p.m.	12:14 a.m.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
July 12	Aug 27	Aug 4	Aug 18

Weather (W):
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,
c-cloudy, sh-showers,
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
st-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	71 53 pc	67 48 pc	63 52 pc	68 53 pc
Berlin	80 63 s	73 55 pc	67 55 c	65 50 pc
Buenos Aires	52 41 c	52 41 pc	52 37 pc	51 39 c
Cairo	98 69 s	98 70 s	98 70 s	94 70 s
Jerusalem	87 59 s	85 60 s	84 60 s	85 61 s
Johannesburg	63 37 s	69 39 s	72 41 s	73 41 s
London	72 52 pc	72 50 pc	68 50 s	71 55 pc
Madrid	97 63 pc	97 63 pc	99 63 s	97 65 s
Mexico City	67 58 sh	73 51 sh	75 53 c	76 54 c
Moscow	84 61 s	87 66 pc	86 65 pc	77 61 r
Paris	76 53 pc	73 49 pc	70 46 s	72 52 s
Rio de Janeiro	76 65 pc	80 68 c	79 64 c	71 56 c
Rome	86 65 s	87 65 pc	85 63 s	81 59 s
San Juan	87 77 c	88 77 pc	89 77 pc	87 80 r
Seoul	89 76 pc	88 76 pc	88 74 c	88 74 c
Sydney	63 47 pc	62 48 pc	61 57 sh	68 55 c
Tokyo	84 75 c	82 77 sh	82 78 r	82 78 r
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Local Youth Invited To Participate In *The 2001 Fleet All-Stars Program*

AREA — In an effort to inspire kids to get involved in their neighborhoods, Fleet All-Stars rewards youths for their community service. Kids that make a lasting impression within the community through volunteerism, teamwork, and creativity will be eligible for up to \$15,000 in prize money and a chance to meet one of Fleet All-Stars' celebrity athletes.

"We're delighted to welcome Fleet All-Stars back for its fifth year in New Jersey. Many wonderful community projects have been completed throughout this program," said Abby O'Neill, Vice President and Senior Manager of New Jersey/Penn-

sylvania Fleet Community Relations. "We believe that Fleet All-Stars helps kids to feel they've made a difference in the communities where they live, play and go to school."

The Fleet All-Stars program is open to any youth organization with members between the ages of 5 and 18, such as parks and recreation departments, Boys & Girls Clubs, neighborhood associations, and schools throughout New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, and Eastern Pennsylvania.

Since the program's inception in 1996, more than 160,000

kids have participated in nearly 2,000 Fleet All-Stars projects. These projects include beach clean-ups, ice cream socials at senior centers, restoring and painting playground equipment and literacy programs.

Charitable donations totaling more than \$400,000 will be awarded to this year's winners whose projects leave the most positive impact in their communities. In New Jersey, Fleet will award one \$15,000 first place prize, one \$7,500 second place prize, and a number of \$3,000 third place prizes. Fleet also offers each participating group \$100 to help defray project costs. First place winning

groups will also receive a visit from one of the Fleet All-Stars celebrity athletes, including N.Y. Yankee Derek Jeter, N.Y. Liberty Rebecca Lobo, Boston Red Sox Nomar Garciaparra, Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes, Washington Freedom Team Member Mia Hamm, New England Patriot Drew Bledsoe, and Boston Red

Sox Pedro Martinez.

The program runs through Aug. 31. Those organizations interested in learning more about this year's program can obtain information by contacting Monica Turbett at 908-253-4869 or Monica_L_Turbett@Fleet.com, or by visiting Fleet All-Stars' web site at <http://www.fleet.com/allstars>.

University Of Scranton Conducts Undergraduate Commencement

AREA—The University of Scranton will confer 879 bachelor's and associate's degrees at the Undergraduate Commencement. University President Joseph M. McShene, S.J., will present the degrees at the ceremony.

Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J., the international best-selling author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S.*, will give the principal address. Also receiving honorary degrees are Edward R. Leary, Esq., immedi-

ate past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the university; Mary Eagen McDonald, also a past trustee of the university and a dedicated community leader; and, posthumously, Herbert M. McDonald, M.D., a distinguished surgeon and University of Scranton graduate.

Area degree recipients are: Allison L. Dunham, Sayreville, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education; Doreen M. Grzelak, Colonia, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Michael J. Hanley, Colonia, Bachelor

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Rutgers-Newark Honors Top Students

AREA — The Newark Campus of Rutgers University recognized 65 high-achieving students who have graduated from its Honors College, and/or were inducted into prestigious national honor societies this spring.

The Alpha Chapter of Phi

Beta Kappa, the national honor society, included 22 new members at a recent ceremony at the Newark campus of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The new Phi Beta Kappa members include students and graduates from the Newark College of

Arts and Sciences (NCAS) and University College-Newark (UC-N), the evening division.

Ten Rutgers-Newark students graduated this year as members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, an honorary society established in 1945-46 to honor superior

STATE — Craig Rosevear, a member of the North Brunswick Board of Education, and Ellen M. Mc Dermott, a member of the Old Bridge Township Board of Education, are among 93 individuals in New Jersey to earn the "Master Board Member" designation through the N.J. School Boards Association's Board Member Academy.

The Association's Board of Directors recognized these two members' achievements during a special ceremony on May 18.

"The recipients of the Master Board Member designation show extraordinary dedication to their responsibilities as board members, a sincere commitment to their communities' public schools, and a firm belief in effective governance of the public schools through the local school board," said NJSBA President Patti J. Pawling.

"New Jersey's master board members completed an advanced course of study designed to enhance their knowledge and competence in strategic planning, negotiations and leader-

ship," she added. "They also passed an NJSBA-administered exam to earn the advanced certificate."

The NJSBA Board Member Academy provides training to New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members. The Association launched the Board Member Academy in July 1992. Implementation of the Academy was underwritten in part by a grant from the Prudential Foundation.

The N.J. 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.

scholarship and leadership in adult students. Since its creation thousands of students have earned pride and recognition. This honorary society is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, truth and leadership qualities at University College-Newark.

Honorees include students and graduates from the Newark College of Arts and Sciences (NCAS) and University College-Newark (UC-N), the evening division.

Local winner is: Vanessa Bell of Perth Amboy, Honors College Graduate.

Abstinence Bill Clears Senate Education Committee

STATE — The Senate Education Committee released legislation recently that would require the teaching of abstinence in education programs on sex and AIDS. The bills, S-868 and A-792, are now poised for a vote before the full Senate.

NJSBA, along with a score of other education associations, educators and family life education instructors, testified in opposition to the measures. NJSBA cited the removal of the

local board of education's discretion over the specific content of the district's family life curriculum if this legislation was enacted.

Opponents of the measure argued that the development of curriculum, no matter what the subject or program goal, should take into consideration the individual district's student body.

In addition, NJSBA opposes this legislation because it represents a state mandate without

state funding, which if enacted, may be costly for school districts and local taxpayers.

Faced with the type of opposition generated by NJSBA and others, the Senate Education Committee released the bills without a favorable recommendation to the full Senate.

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By Samantha Weaver

• When a turn-of-the-century French foundation put up a prize of 100,000 francs for the person or persons who made the first contact with extrater-

restrial life, they excluded Mars from the offer. Apparently they thought that Martians were way too easy to find.

• At one time, all Russian men who had beards had to pay a special tax.

• Hedgehogs, those little animals covered with spiny quills, are becoming a hot new designer pet. One reason, perhaps, is their odd behavior, which, I understand, is very amusing to watch. For example, whenever a hedgehog comes to the edge of a small

"cliff" — or if you leave your hedgehog on a table — it will roll itself up into a ball and roll off. When it hits the next level, it will simply bounce. The hedgehog's quills act as tiny shock absorbers, and once it hits bottom, it just unrolls and goes on its way.

• During World War I, Woodrow Wilson's wife let her sheep graze on the front lawn of the White House.

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Endangered Siberian Tiger Cub Saved

AREA — Just over two months ago, a tiny Siberian tiger cub was born at the Six Flags Wild Safari animal park, Jack-son. Despite the fact that this rare and amazing birth marked a milestone in the battle to save this endangered species, this cub's mom abandoned her sickly little boy.

In the wild, the law of the land is "survival of the fittest," and this fuzzy little cub certainly would have died. But thanks to the immediate action of the Six Flags Wild Safari veterinary team, the cub was rescued and taken in by nearly 30-year Veterinary Technician and Education Coordinator Karen Yuchinski.

Yuchinski, an exotic animal expert who has hand-raised many animals including kangaroos, giraffes, antelope, baboons, bear cubs and more, devoted herself to the around-the-clock care of this needy cub assuming the role of "surrogate mother." Carting him home daily for nighttime feedings, the cub rarely left her sight. After nearly eight weeks of loving care, this feisty little orange and black-striped cat is out of danger and on his way to a long and healthy life.



His lively personality, strong will and fight for survival led the Safari staff to name him "Rocky Jr."

Siberian tigers are an endangered species and considered the largest of all the "big cats." Natives of Russia and Manchuria, they typically reach a length of 13 to 14 feet, and weight of approximately 650 lbs. They have a life expectancy of 16 to 22 years. The Six Flags Wild Safari features seven Siberian tigers in its tiger section, which also showcases beautiful white Bengal tigers.

According to Yuchinski, Rocky Jr. will be introduced to the general public at approximately five months of age when he will be mixed with his twin sisters, two-year-old cubs Tatiana and Anastasia. "Rocky needs to be strong enough to defend himself during sibling horseplay," she noted.

For more information on the Six Flags Wild Safari and a current operating schedule, visit the web at sixflags.com or call (732) 928-1821.

Liberty Hall Celebrates A Day in The Life of A Victorian Household

AREA—The year is 1865. To most Americans this date signifies the end of the horrific Civil War and the year Abraham Lincoln, America's 16th President was assassinated in Washington, DC. Perhaps the date invokes visions of elegantly dressed women in wide hoop skirts, large straw bonnets, parasols and gloves. A time when the country was expanding at a rapid rate, the rules of etiquette were clearly defined and the lifestyles of both the rich and poor were very different from what we know today.

At Liberty Hall Museum, in Union, New Jersey, visitors can return to the summer of 1865 on August 11th and 12th, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, when the museum celebrates "A Day in the Life of a Victorian Household."

A unique perspective of the period will be presented when museum staff, in a first person theatrical style, portray members of the 1865 household and staff. Perhaps visitors will meet Colonel John Kean, who at age 51, was head of the large, prominent family consisting of he and his wife, Lucinetta Halsted Kean, and their eight children, ages 1 through 16. Their memoirs, which tell the fascinating tales of living in this large Victorian household prior to the days of running water and other modern conveniences, will entertain and delight visitors. Stories from the point of view of the staff members who ran both the household and the

large estate will be shared with visitors, giving both an "upstairs/downstairs" view of the period.

Remarkable photos, representing some of the earliest forms of photography, will be on display. The artifacts and decor in the house and grounds also help revive this elegant and long ago era. The belongings of the prominent family and the tools of the household staff further enrich the tale.

After a tour of the elegant home, guests can enjoy the 19th century game of croquet on the expansive lawn, refresh with a drink of lemonade, engage in other hands-on activities and truly get into the spirit of Summer 1865.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union (directly across from Kean University) is open Wednesdays-Sundays, 10:00 AM-4:00PM (last tour 3:00 PM). Admission at all times, including the special program on August 11th and 12th is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children 6-17. Children under six are admitted free. For further information call (908) 527-0400 or visit the web site at libertyhallnj.org

Barbershop Concert At The Gazebo

AREA—The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chords, local Chapter of The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., the world's largest singing organization for men, will perform a concert at the Gazebo in Mindowaskin Park, East Broad Street (next to the Westfield Municipal Building), Thursday, Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. In the event of rain, the performance will be held indoors in the community room on Broad Street.

The chorus will be directed by Jan-Ake Westin, new director of the Jerseyaires Chorus, with William Laurie, Doug Brown, John Huetz and Jack Robinson assisting with the performance.

The chorus rehearses every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt School, 811 St. Georges Ave. & Lake Ave., Rahway. Men of all ages are welcome.

The Rahway Valley Chapter's funding has been made possible in part by the N.J. State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.



AN UNLIKELY FAMILY—Eight-week-old Siberian tiger cub "Rocky Jr." cuddles with surrogate mom Karen Yuchinski, veterinary technician at the Six Flags Wild Safari in Jackson. Once weak and sickly, Rocky Jr. has been nursed to good health and is being hand-raised by Yuchinski since being rejected by his mother. Siberian tigers are an endangered species and are the largest of all big cats, reaching a length of 13 to 14 feet and a weight of 650 lbs.

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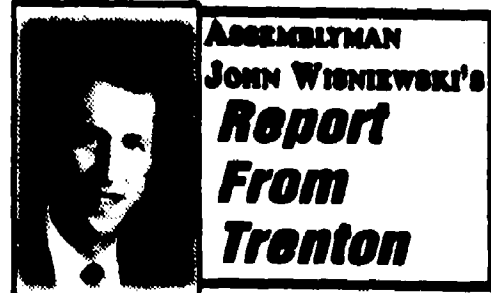
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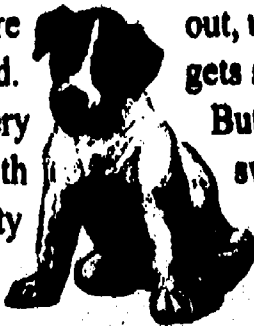
In the United States, over 58 million households own 126 million cats and dogs. That's more than half of the households in America. Woof! That's a lot of pets. But cats and dogs are not simply pets. They often are cherished members of our family. With so many households with so many pets it seems like a good idea to provide pet owners with useful pet health information for the summer. The New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association has compiled a list of frequently asked dog and cat questions for summer and I wanted to highlight some of those issues for you here.

Do you need sunblock for Fido? Well, believe it or not, cats and dogs can get sunburned. Light haired dogs and cats or cats with white ears are particularly susceptible. Now, you don't have to run out and get Apet sunscreen. But it's just a good idea to keep your pets indoors or out of the sun on those very sunny days. Not only can the sun burn them, dogs and cats are capable of getting heat stroke as well. If you need to run

errands, leave your pet home rather than locking him up in the car. During the summer, make sure your pet has a cool place to rest and plenty of water. And try not to overexcite your pet on those very hot days. Save the game of fetch for a cooler day or the evenings. A lot of activity on hot days could prove to be too much to handle for your pet.

Do dogs need swimming lessons? Well, if you plan on taking your dog swimming, there are a few things you should keep in mind. Dogs with short legs, like Corgis, aren't very good swimmers. On the other hand, dogs with long legs, like Golden Retrievers, are pretty good swimmers. But be careful not to take your dog swimming in dangerous places, such as water with swift current or heavy boat traffic. And while there may be some dog beaches, there are no dog lifeguards.

If you unable to take your pet on vacation or simply decide not to, and you can't find someone to watch your pet, there are important tips to look for when choosing a boarding kennel. Ask for a tour of the kennel. Make sure the place is clean, the employees are friendly, and



make sure the workers will consult your vet should an emergency occur. If you don't know a good kennel, ask your vet to recommend one for you.

The arrival of summer also means the arrival of ticks and bees. If your cat or dog gets bitten by a tick, don't use petroleum jelly or alcohol or try to burn the tick out of the skin with a match. Use tweezers as close to the skin as possible and pull the tick out. Once the tick is out, use rubbing alcohol to disinfect the area. If your pet gets stung by a bee, often this won't be such a big deal.

But if you notice that your pet appears to have a swollen face, eyes or lips, they may be allergic to the bee sting. In this case you need to contact your vet immediately.

Our pets are often a significant part of our family. My daughters treat our dog Harry like a brother. It's only natural to want to do everything to make sure our pets are healthy and safe. By taking precautionary measures, we can ensure that our pets have a happy summer. To learn more about these safety measures you can call the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association at 973-379-6507 or log on to www.njvma.org.

Readers Commentary

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise

It's not nice to say, "We told you so," but the Public should know that no one was hoodwinked into signing this contract—it was a conspiracy and someone should be prosecuted for it.

There is weeping and gnashing of teeth by the Republican Leadership in Trenton now seeking to overturn the Parsons' contract. The contract should be overturned, but the nature of this political fix involving high ranking and paid off Republicans was not recently learned.

CWA revealed all of the same facts, and more, BEFORE the Contract was awarded and asked the Republican Leadership and State Treasurer DiEleuterio not to award the contract. DiEleuterio ignored the facts, signed the contract and is now Chair of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. CWA filed a lawsuit attempting to enjoin the State from awarding this half billion dollar privatization boondoggle. The Court would not even allow our complaint to be heard.

It's not nice to say, "We told you so," but the Public should know that no one was hoodwinked into signing this contract—it was a conspiracy and someone should be prosecuted for it.

No one was fooled by that other Dick Kamin debacle either—the 1995 privatization

of the DMV agencies. That Privatization was done solely to allow the Whitman crowd to award patronage plums to Republicans. Whitman Counsel Peter Verniero and Whitman Attorney General Debra Poritz met with County Republicans and promised them the agencies as political patronage. After months of picketing, lobbying, and literally begging the Republican Leadership to stop the awarding of these illegal no bid contracts, three hundred fifty non-politically connected women stood outside the State House with candles crying and praying for their jobs. The response from their elected officials was to lock the doors so that they couldn't come in and use the ladies' room.

We went into Court to try to stop it. Our case was dismissed, reinstated, and then bizarrely dismissed again by a political court. We appealed to the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Guess which Whitman appointees to the court got to decide to never allow our case to see the light of day? Those workers lost their jobs and pensions. It costs more money to run the privatized DMV system. The Republican patronage agents are paid over

\$100,000 each to do what state workers did better for one-third as much, and New Jersey is now the title laundering capitol of the country. We told you so!

We have also warned the current Administration about the new \$280 million Children's Initiative. This flawed Whitman plan provides \$113 million more for services to mentally ill children and their families. That's good, but there's a fly in the ointment—\$74 million of the new funding is going to new, privatized bureaucracies that will provide the same services that are provided by nonpolitical state workers at a fraction of the cost. A Parents' Group got a no bid contract as part of this scheme and the three County Care Management Organizations that received lucrative contracts were all single bidders—surprise, surprise, surprise! Maybe this Whitman privatization scheme won't turn out to be a disaster and maybe it's ok that the vast majority of new funds will go for bureaucracy instead of services. But somehow, you know that in the near future, we'll be saying, "We told you so." It's time for the scoundrels to go!

M. Hopkins
President
CWA Local 1037

Awarding Of Vietnam Medal

Dear Editor,

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has announced it will issue a medal to those qualified veterans who "were on active duty in any branch of the armed services in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos or Cambodia or the contiguous waters or airspace thereof on or after December 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975." This medal is also available posthumously to the surviving spouse or immediate family member who meet the necessary qualifications.

The New Jersey state legislature has announced "It is fitting and proper for this State to recognize and honor those among its residents who served proudly and those who died bravely in that conflict...because in 1973 those same individuals were often ignored or scorned for their service to their country."

Another medal being issued by the N.J. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is

the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal for those qualified veterans who served in a combat theater in WW1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf, Somalia, Bosnia, or Haiti.

It is important to note that the qualifications for any of these medals it is necessary that the veteran was a resident of New Jersey at the time of entering military service and is now a current resident of New Jersey.

For more information, qualifications, forms, etc., residents of Middlesex County should contact Carl J. Asszony, Middlesex County Veterans Services Coordinator at 1-800-591-9867, for those outside of Middlesex County contact your local veterans service officer or the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at 1-609-530-6854.

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Roberto Clemente Charter School Scheduled To Open In September

PERTH AMBOY — The Board of Trustees of the Roberto Clemente Charter School is pleased to announce the opening of the school scheduled for September 5. The school has recently executed a lease for facility space to include classrooms, laboratories, cafeteria and administrative offices at the property formerly known as the Most Holy Rosary School located on Barclay Street, Perth Amboy. All necessary renovations will be completed prior to the opening of the school in September, and the school anticipates taking occupancy in the month of August, for staff training and administrative activities.

The R.C.C.S. is currently accepting applications for enrollment for grades 6 and 9, the two grades to be served during the first year. Applications may be obtained by contacting the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development at 100 First Street, Perth Amboy, where the school has its temporary administrative office. Seventy-two students will be accepted for each grade for a total of 144 students this year. Next year, grades 7 and 10 will be added. The following year grades 8 and 11 will be added and finally in year 4, grade 12 will complete the enrollment at 500 students. The first enrollment period has ended and the enrollment is now open to students from any district, although

it is anticipated that the majority of interest will be from the Perth Amboy school district.

Charter Schools are public schools, subject to the same standards of educational practice held for any public school. For example, they must meet and exceed the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and students are tested utilizing the standard State mandated tests. However, the charter schools are independently operated by a Board of Trustees comprised of educators, parents, community leaders, entrepreneurs and others. The quality and integrity of the schools is monitored by local and state officials and the schools have interactive relations with the County Superintendent and the N.J. Department of Education through the Office of School Choice. In effect, the oversight is greater than for district schools.

Charter Schools offer a choice to parents and students; parents have the right to register their children for charter schools and the charter schools are required to accept the students who register with no screening or testing procedures prior to enrollment. If more students register within a specific enrollment period than slots allow, a lottery is held.

The R.C.C.S. will offer a smaller class size, with 18 students per classroom, and teacher

assistants are also available to further increase the ratio of adults to students and to provide one-to-one communication and assistance to students where appropriate. Students will wear the school uniform, identifying the school to the community and offering an opportunity to foster pride in the school. This program also reduces competition among students and reduces financial burden on families to provide school clothing.

The R.C.C.S. was founded by a group of individuals with diverse backgrounds, representing the community of Perth Amboy, who came together with the common belief that an excellent education is the ticket to the potential for success for its students. The current members of the board of Trustees are: Rev. Robert J. McCoy, Sr.—President, Margie A. Perez—Treasurer, Dr. Jaime Santamaria II, Manuel Seda, Ana Maria Zevallos, Robin Andjvar, Wanda Guilioghty, Jorge Cruz and Robin Trinidad. Ms. Lydia Trinidad—Executive Director of PRAHD is a founding member and current Lead Person for the School. The Board of Trustees is currently recruiting for all staff positions; applications can be made to the Board through the office at PRAHD.

The school has been given the name Roberto Clemente Charter School in honor of Roberto Clemente, a Latin

American man whom many feel was the greatest baseball player in history. Born in Puerto Rico, he spent most of his baseball career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, where he achieved recognition as National League batting champion, outstanding fielding, most valuable player and achieving 3,000 hits. He was the first Latino American player to be elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. He died in a plane crash on a mission to help others—victims of an earthquake.

"Our students need to develop the skills to compete in their rightful places in the community, the nation and the world. These skills, which will be emphasized throughout the curriculum in the school include multiple languages, math and

science, technology and leadership," stated Rev. Robert J. McCoy, Sr., President of the RCCS Board of Trustees, in referring to the five focus areas of the school emphasized in the Charter Application and the basis for the curriculum and activities planned for the school.

The importance of the involvement of parents and the community cannot be overestimated. The involvement of parents is not only important, it is considered a must in the education of our youth and their academic success. The school welcomes all families and any interested members of the community to join in the joint effort for a better community, a better nation, and for a better and brighter future for all.

Local Residents Graduate From Boston College

WOODBRIDGE—The following local residents have graduated recently from Boston College.

—Bernadette Chichio of Colonia has graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from its Wallace E. Carroll School of Management.

—Gregory Robert Franzese of Colonia has graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from its Wallace E. Carroll School of Management.

—Brian R. Goodman of Colonia has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from its College of Arts and Sciences.

More than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at the university's 125th Commencement Exercises, in Alumni Stadium on the Boston College campus in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The 2001 Commencement speaker was United States Health and Human Services Secretary

Tommy G. Thompson, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. In addition, the university awarded honorary degrees to Boston College Executive Vice President Frank B. Campanella; Thomas S. Durant, MD, assistant general director of Massachusetts General Hospital; Sister Clare Pratt, RSCJ, superior-general of the Religious of the Sacred Heart; Patrick E. Roche, retired president of Roche Brothers Supermarkets, and Cheryl T. Thomas, chairwoman of the US Railroad Retirement Board.

The Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, 23rd president of Boston College, presented the degrees.

Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1863, Boston College is one of the largest Catholic universities in the United States, with an enrollment of approximately 14,500 undergraduate and graduate students drawn from all 50 states and 85 countries.

Colonia Ladies Aux. Appointments

COLONIA—Doris Morecroft, President of Colonia VFW Post 6061 Ladies Auxiliary appointed the following chairmen:

Rehabilitation, Kyle Kastner; Americanism, Loyalty Day and VFW National Home, Marilyn Lyons; Buddy Poppy and Membership, Florence Woods; Community Service and Voice of Democracy, Doris Morecroft; Cancer, Roselee Fabio; Hospital, Joan Hatzelhofer, Jr. Girls, Helen Dennis; Legislation and Publicity, Berniece F. Symboraki; Special Project, Elaine Hemmerle; Youth Activities, Pat Coffee; and Patricia Nalberczinski was appointed Secretary.

At the June meeting the following received their membership pins: 10 years—Joan Murphy, Marilyn Lyons, Leila Morrison and Trish Murphy. 20 years—Berniece F. Symboraki and Kimberlee Ziolkowski.

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Teens REBEL Against Tobacco

AREA — Two Regional Summits welcomed, informed and motivated more than 500 members of REBEL (Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies), New Jersey's youth anti-tobacco movement, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) announced recently. New recruits joined with experienced REBEL leaders in spirited all-day sessions at The Ocean Place Conference Resort in Long Branch.

"These summits are a great opportunity for New Jersey's young people to learn about the hazards of smoking as well as how to take on the tobacco industry," said acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco. "Armed with enthusiasm, creativity and the new knowledge they have gained, teens are now building their own youth anti-tobacco movement. They will help create a generation united against tobacco."

New Jersey was one of 12 states to receive the first grants awarded by the American Legacy Foundation (Legacy) in recognition of the state's youth

tobacco use research and program planning developed by DHSS. Legacy is the national, independent, public health foundation established under the Master Settlement Agreement.

At the Regional Summits, REBEL teens united in a common goal to be 5,000 strong by year-end. "We have already done a lot, but think what we can do with 5,000 members!" said Joe Italiano, 15, of Hardyston, to the cheers of REBEL participants at the northern New Jersey closing ceremonies. "It is up to us to get our friends involved and I know we can do it." To meet the objectives of the rapidly growing movement, participants learned advocacy skills and how to develop community-based action plans. In innovative workshops, they practiced creative ways to deliver their messages to their friends, families and communities.

These Regional Summits are the first in a series using funds from the American Legacy Foundation grant. Teens from northern New Jersey attended the summit on May 12 and teens

from southern New Jersey attended their summit on May 19.

According to recent surveys conducted by DHSS, nearly 27.6 percent of high school students and 10.5 percent of middle school students had smoked cigarettes in the last month. Preventing teens from starting to smoke is important, since more than 80 percent of adults who smoke had their first cigarette before they turned 18. Among

New Jersey smokers, one third will die prematurely from smoking-related diseases. REBEL's mission is to successfully break this cycle and eliminate the single most preventable cause of death and disease in New Jersey.

REBEL is just one of many initiatives sponsored by DHSS and funded with money from the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement between 46 states and the tobacco industry. New

Jersey is one of only 15 states that are directing a substantial portion of these funds—\$30 million—toward smoking prevention and cessation.

New Jersey's Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program is designed to reduce the sickness, disability and death among New Jerseyans associated with the use of tobacco and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.



REBELS—From (L.-R.) Jay-Ne Brown, Rahway, Union County and Jonathan Zipkin, Springfield, Union County were among New Jersey teens who attended the Northern New Jersey REBEL Youth Summit on May 12. REBEL (Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies), is New Jersey's rapidly-growing youth anti-tobacco movement.

Federal Ruling On Female Contraceptives Bolsters Insurance Mandate Bill

STATE—In a landmark court ruling on the issue of gender equity in prescription drug coverage, a federal judge in Seattle has ruled that employers must include contraceptives for women in their employee health insurance plans.

In the wake of the ruling, Assemblymen Reed Gusciora and Neil M. Cohen said the Legislature should follow the lead of the U.S. District Court's decision and pass the bill they are sponsoring to ensure fairness and equity in health insurance

policies across the state.

"As population figures spiral higher and higher, it's sound public policy to ensure that women have the ability to protect themselves against unwanted pregnancies," said Gusciora (D-Mercer).

U.S. District Judge Robert S. Lasnik recently ruled that the Bartell Drug Company—a family-owned drug store chain in

Seattle—discriminated against women when it excluded prescription contraceptives from its employee health plan.

The class-action lawsuit—filed last July by a 27-year-old woman who works for the pharmaceutical company—said the health insurance coverage violated the Pregnancy Discrimination Act by paying for all the basic health care needs of male

employees while leaving female employees to pay for contraception.

Gusciora and Cohen said the adoption of their measure (A-180/A-2167) is a surefire way to establish a greater sense of fairness in health coverage for women in New Jersey because it would require insurers to provide coverage for female prescription contraceptives.

"It is a horrendous double standard—New Jersey endorses anti-impotency pills for men but denies women access to contraceptives," said Assembly Deputy Minority Leader Neil M. Cohen (D-Union), alluding to how state insurers cover the costs of the impotence drug Viagra but deny women coverage for contraceptives.

The Gusciora/Cohen measure has already been released by two Assembly Committees and is awaiting consideration by the Assembly.

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OBITUARIES

Nicholas Masucci of Iselin

Mr. Nicholas Masucci of Iselin died June 16 in the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. He was 78.

Born in Newark, he lived in Iselin for 48 years.

He was a warehouseman at the Sun Oil Co., Newark, for 25 years before retiring in 1981.

Mr. Masucci served in the Marine Corps during World War II in the Panama Canal zone.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Dolores; a daughter, Mrs. Mariann Burnosky; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Manzi and Mrs. Vicky Borden; and two grandchildren.

James Keister, 57 of Woodbridge

Mr. James H. Keister of Woodbridge died June 24 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 57.

Born in Johnstown, Pa., he resided in West New York, N.J., before moving to Woodbridge 32 years ago.

He was a Teamster and worked as a truck driver for 35 years, most recently for Interstate Trucking Co., North Bergen, from which he retired in 1995.

He was an avid sports fan and participated in the Woodbridge Little League for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, June Worrall Keister; a son Lenard Keister of Fords; a daughter, Laura Bowie of Westminster, Md.; a sister, Kathy Fisher of Avenel and five grandchildren, Andrew, Tyler and Brayden Bowie and James and Kaitlyn Keister.

Bill Lauffenburger of Perth Amboy

Mr. Bill Lauffenburger of Rockledge, Fla. (formerly of Perth Amboy) died July 7 at home. He was 41.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived there until six years ago when he moved to Rockledge.

He was an avid fisherman and an enthusiastic Buffalo Bills fan.

Surviving are his parents, Luke and Joan Lauffenburger of Rockledge; a sister, Linda Lauffenburger of New Jersey and other relatives and friends.

Joan M. Hughes, 62 of Iselin

Mrs. Joan M. Hughes of Iselin died June 24 in the JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 62.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Iselin since 1965.

She was a clerk for the Woodbridge Township Board of Education for 25 years before retiring as head clerk at Woodbridge High School in 1993.

She was a member of the Clerks' Union in Woodbridge.

Surviving are her husband, Robert of 42 years; a son, Scott; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Maze and Mrs. Michele Jordan; a brother, Martin McDonough; a sister, Mrs. Florence Labuta; and a grandchild.

Martin D. Rossa, 89 of Woodbridge

Mr. Martin D. Rossa of Woodbridge died June 24 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 89.

Born in Ellsworth, Pa., he resided in Jersey City before moving to Woodbridge in 1968.

He was employed as a machinist by American Can Company, Jersey City, for 25 years before retiring in 1973.

Mr. Rossa was a member of the Fellowship Bible Church, Woodbridge.

He served with the Army infantry during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Violet Abershaw Rossa; two sons, Stephen A. Rossa of Woodbridge and Michael D. Rossa of Carteret.

Sandra McCloud, 42 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Sandra McCloud of Perth Amboy died July 9 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 42.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there all her life.

Her father, Ernest E. Jones and a brother, William Manley, are both deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Ernest McCloud and two sons, Travis and Jarvis, all of Perth Amboy; her mother, Edna Jones of Perth Amboy; two sisters, Shirley Jones of Virginia and Veronica Frazier of North Brunswick; five brothers, Michael Jones, Ernest Jones, Dennis Jones, Johnny Jones and Keith Calhoun, all of Perth Amboy; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Peter Gadek, 82 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Peter Gadek of Perth Amboy died July 2 at Roosevelt Care Center, Edison. He was 82.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a lifelong resident.

Mr. Gadek was a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy and was a member of the Church Committee for many years.

He retired in 1984 as chief accountant for the County of Middlesex Comptroller's Office. He previously worked at the Chevron Oil Co. for 16 years.

Mr. Gadek served as treasurer of the City of Perth Amboy and was active with local politics.

He also served as president of the Ukrainian American Democratic Club for many years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of sergeant and serving in the Pacific. He was a past commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans Post in Perth Amboy.

He played professional baseball with a Washington Senators farm team.

His parents, John and Sophie Gadek and a sister, Josephine Jardot, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Stelle Diakun Gadek; a daughter, Joan Gadek of Richmond, Va.; a niece, Barbara Sutch; and a nephew, Christopher Jardot.

Dorothy Manuel, 87 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Dorothy Bielen Manuel of Perth Amboy died July 5 at Park Place Nursing Home, Monmouth Junction. She was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was formerly of Edison, residing in Perth Amboy for 50 years.

She was a self-employed seamstress for 40 years before retiring in 1993.

Mrs. Manuel was a parishioner of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Walter M. Manuel, Sr., died in 1981.

Surviving are a son, Walter M. Jr. of East Brunswick; two granddaughters, Kristen Zucker of Scotch Plains and Amy Manuel of Haddonfield; and two great-grandchildren, Molly and Matthew Zucker.

Helen Kozar, 83 of Carteret

Mrs. Helen (nee Maskariniec) Kozar of Millstone (formerly of Carteret) died June 30 at Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills. She was 83.

Born in Carteret, she lived there 78 years before moving to Millstone five years ago to live with her daughter.

Mrs. Kozar was a member of St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, Carteret.

Her husband, John, died May 12 of this year. A sister, Elizabeth Roman and two brothers, Al and George Maskariniec are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorraine Fortin of Millstone; two sons, John of Sarasota, Fla. and Donald of Woodbridge; a sister, Ann Chiego of Las Vegas, Nev.; and four grandchildren, Christel Barber, Cynthia Batko, Donald Kozar Jr. and Steven Kozar; and four great-grandchildren; and several niece and nephews.

Anne Moloughney of Edison

Mrs. Anne Moloughney of Edison died June 22 at home. She was 87.

Born in Newark, she lived in Irvington before moving to Edison in 1964.

Her husband, Harry "Bud," died in 1984.

Surviving are a brother, Frank Yavorski; five nieces, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Joan Howland, Susan Moloughney, Diane Fry and Loretta Matheson; and other nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Angeline Sheridan of Carteret

Mrs. Angeline T. "Jean" (Cappetta) Sheridan of Toms River (formerly of Carteret) died July 3 at Meridan Nursing Home, Brick. She was 78.

Born in Kearny, she lived in Carteret for 45 years before moving to Toms River seven years ago.

She was a substitute teacher from 1961-70 in the Carteret public school system.

Mrs. Sheridan was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her husband, Cornelius A. Sheridan, died in 1984. A brother, Louis Cappetta, also died in 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas A. Sheridan and Cornelius A. Sheridan Jr., both of Toms River; four sisters, Mildred Monaco, Anna D. DeSantis, Elizabeth Ritacco and Vivian Corrente, all of Kearny; and five grandchildren, Cornelius A. Sheridan III, Matthew, Kimberly, Thomas G. and Sydney Sheridan.

Emily Duffy, 82 of Edison

Mrs. Emily Duffy of Edison died June 27 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 82.

Born in New York City, she lived in Staten Island and Scotch Plains before moving to Edison.

She was an executive secretary with Lehman Brothers, New York City, for many years before retiring in 1972.

Surviving is a sister, Clara Winslow.



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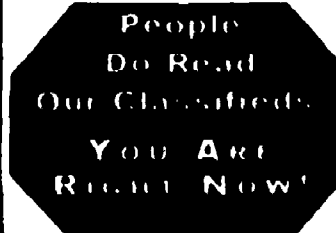
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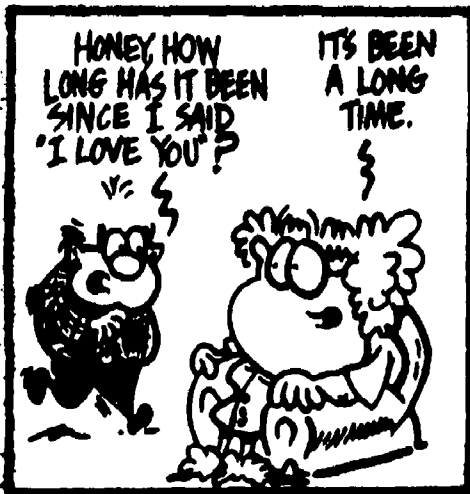
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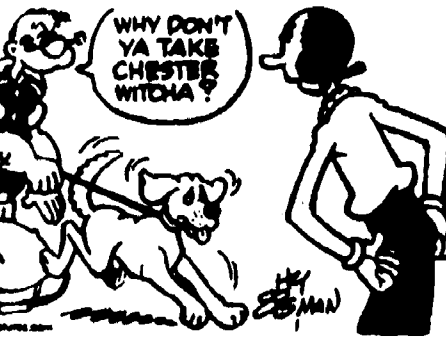
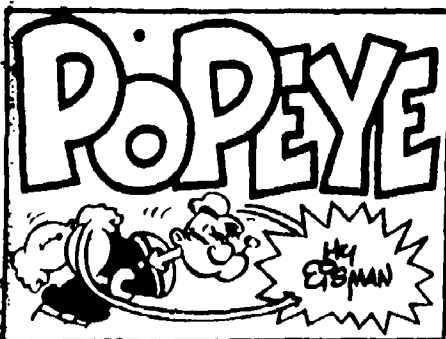
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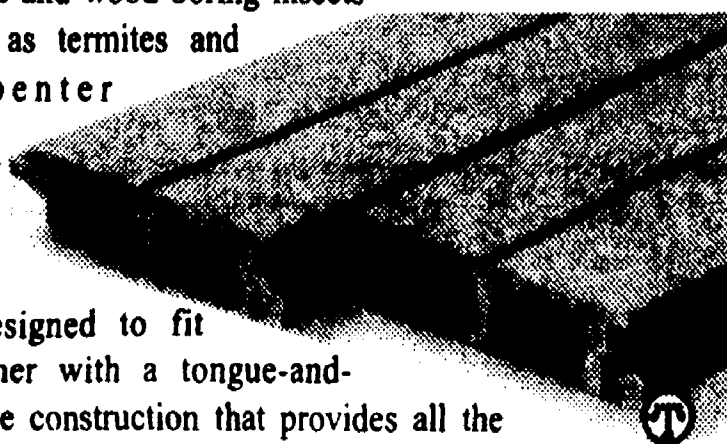
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