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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

McGreevey Makes It Official

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WOODBIDGE - Declaring the imperative need for accountability and responsibility for the state's highest elected official, Jim McGreevey on Monday officially announced his candidacy for Governor by pledging to transform a government grown increasingly removed from everyday people under the nearly-monopolistic influence of political insiders and special interests.

With a retrospective assessment of the past eight years as an era of lost opportunities punctuated with scandals and costly fiascos, Mayor McGreevey said the strength and authority of government must be restored by directly serving the needs of the people.

"Starting here and now, the days of government by the insiders and for the insiders are numbered," said McGreevey. "The only special interests in a McGreevey Administration will be the hard-working men and women who make New Jersey their home. I pledge to work as hard as you do to make sure that gives back to you as much as it asks of you."

With the Democratic nomination all but locked up, McGreevey made his candidacy for New Jersey governor official declared that he would end eight years of "corruption and cover-ups" in Trenton.

McGreevey, 43, made his announcement in a colorfully staged event at John F. Kennedy High School in Woodbridge, offering a campaign speech that rested on the broad and comforting language of inclusion, middle-class values and responsiveness to public needs, and without any frontal attacks on his most likely Republican opponent, Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco.

DiFrancesco, 56, is embroiled in a potential scandal involving charges of special treatment from a developer in a failed family real estate project, but Mr. McGreevey did not mention it.

His specific attacks on the Republicans were over the elimination of the office of public advocate under Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, and he said the slowness with which the GOP administration acknowledged the existence of racial profiling amounted to a cover-up.

"People are looking for a governor who will fight for them and who will answer to them not just on Election Day but every day," McGreevey said over the frequent applause of students and supporters packed into the high school auditorium. "Never again must we let those in government forget that our mission is to serve. One would think that this is a simple proposition, but sadly it is one that has gotten lost in the marble corri-

dors of the Capitol."

"Accountability is not a new idea to me, it has been a guiding principal that I will use as a standard if I am elected governor," declared McGreevey. "The political insiders in Trenton have lost sight of the fact that government draws its strength and authority from the people. When public officials stop listening and learning from the people they serve, government

loses the credibility and cooperation needed to achieve real progress."

"The capital of New Jersey may be in Trenton, but the heart of the state is in community centers, living rooms, VFW halls and classrooms," said McGreevey. "Over and over I have heard people say they want a governor who will answer to them - not just on Election Day, but every day."



COLONIA LOYALTY DAY QUEEN—the Colonia VFW Post 6061 and Ladies Auxiliary selected Lauren Peake for their Loyalty Day Queen. Lauren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Peake of Voorhees, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Manna of Colonia. Miss Peake is a 9th grade student at Eastern High School and her ambition is to be a fourth-grade teacher after college. She will participate in the District Eight Loyalty Day Queen contest taking place March 18 at the VFW Post in Spotwood.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Rutgers Dance Marathon

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — More than 150 Rutgers students will dance the weekend away for a worthy cause when the Rutgers Dance Marathon, a 32-hour event raise funds for a New Brunswick children's charity, steps off on Saturday, March 24.

The annual event, supported by community businesses and student organizations, will raise funds for the Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders. Last year's dance marathon raised \$65,000 for the institute, which assists the families of children who are coping with serious illnesses.

Several hundred volunteers are expected to cheer on more than 150 dancers at the College Avenue Gym, New Brunswick. Families that have been helped by the institute's work also are expected to attend, as well as local officials. The dancers, who must raise at least \$175 to participate, will be entertained by local DJs and bands. DJs from

Eisenberg is expected to attend at 3 p.m. Sunday.

A "Wall of Inspiration" featuring letters and photos from families served by the institute also is planned. The event is free and open to the public.

"The Rutgers Dance Marathon is a unique way to bring students from different organizations and walks of life together to make a difference in the lives of area families," said Stacey Kaspin, media relations coordinator for the event.

Planning for the dance began last April, with several fundraisers held on the New Brunswick campuses during the academic year. The event is coordinated by a committee of students who are advised by JoAnn Arnholt, dean of fraternity and sorority affairs at Rutgers. The marathon begins at 10 a.m. Saturday; closing ceremonies will be held from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday.

The College Avenue Gym is located between Senior and Bartlett streets; parking is available in the lot behind the gym.

For more information, contact Kaspin at (732) 932-8725 (office) or (732) 296-1231 (home) or visit the marathon Web site, <<http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~marathon/>>.



Z100 Radio (100.3FM) a sponsor of the event, will attend from 11 p.m. Saturday to 1 a.m. on Sunday.

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Teen Performers Showcase Talent At County Festival

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Artistically talented teenagers will be center stage at the third annual Teen Arts Festival at Middlesex County College from March 21-23 on the Edison Campus, 2600 Woodbridge Avenue.

In an opportunity to perform, obtain critiques from professional artists and attend workshops taught by those artists, students in seventh through twelfth grades will share their creative writing, art, vocal and instrumental music and dance and theatrical offerings with students and faculty who encourage their accomplishments and ambition.

Students from all public and private schools in the county are encouraged to participate.

"This is not a competition," noted Darlene Yoseloff, director of the Middlesex County College Office of School Relations, sponsor of the events. "Although some students do go on to the State level to perform or present, participation in the County Festival provides the area's school districts with another opportunity to address the State's visual and performing arts standards."

The Festival begins with a preview of student artwork on Wednesday evening, March 21. Performances and workshops are scheduled throughout the next two days, including open microphone opportunities for poetry readings. Through a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage

Commission, "Teens Write at Festival '01," an anthology containing all the creative writing presented at the Festival will be published and distributed.

The Office of School Relations is the County College link to the public, private and parochial schools for professional development for teachers, counselors and administrators. It also provides academic career exploration for students and coordinates student-centered programs such as the Teen Arts Festival, the New Jersey Science Olympiad and Technology Days.

For additional information, contact Darlene Yoseloff at (732) 906-2554.

Spring Open House

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — High school students and their families, as well as anyone who has ever considered taking a course, are invited to the Spring Open House at Middlesex County College, Edison Campus, on Sunday, April 1 from 1-3 p.m. Instructors, advisors, administrators and students will conduct workshops, tours and information sessions addressing everything a student needs to know about attending and being successful in college.

Among the special features will be workshops on joint admissions and dual degree programs that offer seamless transition to the

bachelor's degree. There will be information sessions on how to qualify for financial aid, the career training programs that are most in demand and how to navigate the entire transfer process. On-site admission to Middlesex County College will be available at the Open House and student leaders will conduct campus tours. Refreshments will be served.

Registration to attend the Spring Open House is not required. For further information, contact the Office of Admissions at 1-888-YOU-4MCC (1-888-968-4622).



Fast Track Networking Group

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce announced the monthly "Fast Track Networking Group" meeting on Friday, March 16 at 8 a.m.

The group is open to members of the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce who wish to expand their business networks, develop leads and share needs. The group meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Admission is free to chamber members.

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

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce is the premier business organization in Central New Jersey serving more than 900 local member businesses through access, information and advocacy.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Library Expands On-Line Services

SOUTH AMBOY — The Dowdell Library announced the expansion of its computerized on-line resources, including access to its computerized catalog directly from its web page www.dowdell.org.

The on-line catalog provides a listing of all of the items owned by the library. Materials can be searched by author, title, subject or key word.

After accessing the catalog individuals with a valid South Amboy library barcode number have a number of options.

These options include reserving a particular book for future pick-up in the library or, if the library does not

own the title, checking the holdings of nearby libraries, and going there to borrow the book.

South Amboy residents can also request that the book be sent to South Amboy, where it can then be borrowed.

These new services have been made possible as the

result of a \$22,570 grant the library received from the New Jersey State Library.

The grant enabled the library to purchase and install a new computer server, and special software which makes providing these services possible.

The computer server previously used by the library did not have the capacity to run the software necessary for these services, according to Library Director Philip Israel.

"All users also now have the option of checking their library records from home via the Dowdell Library's Web page," Israel said. "Library users can access

a list of materials currently checked out to them, find out the amount of fines owed to the library and what titles they have on reserve."

Additional information is available at the library's website, www.dowdell.org or by calling the library at (732) 721-6060.



Local Resident Makes The Grade

COLONIA—Headmaster John Neiswender of The Pingry School is pleased to announce that Colonia resident Emily Majka, grade 9, was recently appointed to the Honor Roll. This recognition is given to those students who have achieved an academic average of B+ or better.

Emily Majka is the daughter of Dr. Joseph T. Majka and Dr. Marie Beauregard of Colonia.

The Pingry School, with a Lower School campus in Short Hills (K-6) and an Upper School campus in Martinsville (7-12), currently enrolls 1,011 students from 12 New Jersey counties and more than 90 communities. Founded in 1861 in Elizabeth by Dr. John F. Pingry, the school is nationally recognized for its academic excellence, sports programming, Honor Code and universal concern for each student in the school.

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Deserving Seniors

CARTERET—Every year the Carteret Elks Lodge #2235 awards the Stephen Ondrejack Memorial Scholarship to deserving high school seniors who reside in Carteret. This year's co-winners are Noha Negm, Dana Cansian and Christopher Novak. Their applications are now moved up to the State level for the possibility of additional awards. The Elks congratulate them and wish them well in the years ahead.

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YOUR
AREA &
STATE NEWS

Verizon
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STATE—Assembly Deputy Minority Conference Leader John S. Wisniewski recently cited Verizon Communications' status-quo rate filing as indisputable proof that the giant phone company's attempts to double basic calling rates last year were excessive and meritless.

"With today's rate filing, Verizon is demonstrating that it dialed the proverbial wrong number when it sought an astronomical rate increase last year," said Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), who was the first lawmaker to challenge Verizon's deregulation/rate-setting plans in January 2000.

"In the parlance of poker, Verizon has shown all its cards and it's clear the company was trying to bluff its way to an unreasonable jackpot of a rate increase."

Wisniewski applauded the state Board of Public Utilities for standing firm and rejecting Verizon's recent request for a deadline extension for filing a new rate plan.

"Verizon should have thought of the prospects for rejections of deadline extensions when it filed its ill-advised and ill-conceived deregulation plan last year," Wisniewski said.

Wisniewski, however, stopped one step short of claiming ultimate victory in his fight on behalf of consumers.

"All concerned parties need to continue working to ensure the delivery of affordable, reliable and competitive telephone service in a rapidly changing marketplace," Wisniewski said.

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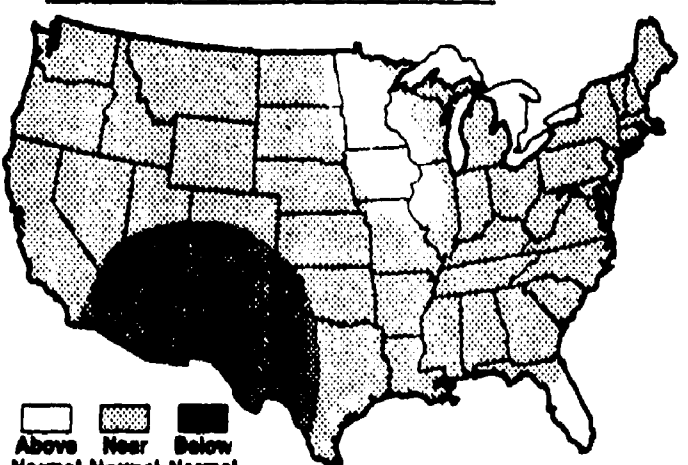
LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST						
Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
						
Some sun; breezy early.	A few clouds.	Frequent showers.	Some sun and windy.	Sun and some clouds.	Some sun and cold.	Cold with some sun.
54	39	53/42	54/35	50/30	40/25	47/32

Wednesday

Cloudy with a shower.
46/44

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures



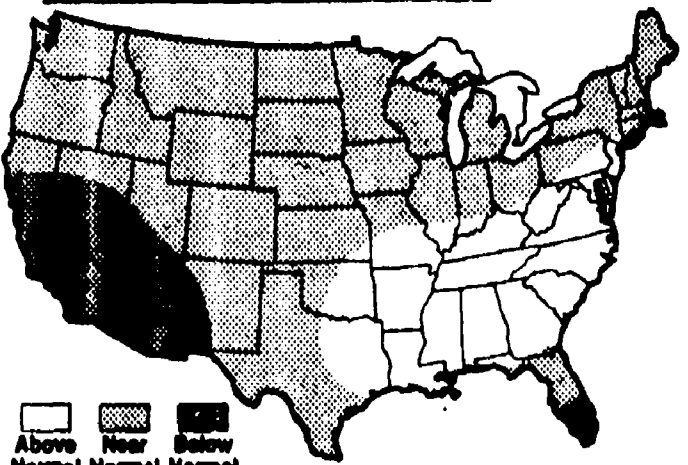
Above Normal Near Normal Below Normal

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Temperatures across the country will be mostly around normal for the period. The exceptions will be Minnesota, Iowa and Florida where temperatures will be above normal; meanwhile the Southwest will have below-normal temperatures. The storm track for period will allow the Southeast to receive above-normal precipitation. However, the Southwest will have below-normal precipitation for the period.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation



Above Normal Near Normal Below Normal

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES				
City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	60 46 r	64 46 c	59 40 c	59 31 pc
Boston	46 34 pc	44 36 r	51 34 pc	39 29 sn
Chicago	44 32 r	38 26 c	41 29 c	43 19 pc
Cleveland	46 37 pc	49 35 sh	40 26 sn	40 25 pc
Denver	38 18 c	52 26 pc	38 22 c	48 28 pc
Des Moines	46 32 sh	38 27 c	37 27 pc	44 27 s
Detroit	44 35 c	44 32 r	41 27 c	43 24 pc
Houston	72 48 c	68 40 c	68 44 pc	70 42 pc
Indianapolis	52 37 c	44 35 c	43 28 c	44 22 pc
Kansas City	49 32 sh	39 26 c	44 29 pc	49 35 s
Los Angeles	73 45 s	71 47 pc	75 48 s	74 49 pc
Miami	82 68 pc	84 70 pc	82 68 pc	80 62 c
Minn. - St. Paul	36 24 sn	34 18 c	36 22 c	40 32 sn
New Orleans	73 51 t	71 48 pc	64 49 s	68 42 s
New York City	52 40 s	50 40 r	54 36 pc	50 34 pc
Omaha	47 28 c	37 25 c	42 24 c	47 33 s
Phoenix	78 52 s	80 52 s	76 50 pc	78 54 s
San Francisco	66 48 pc	65 48 pc	65 50 pc	63 51 pc
Seattle	52 38 r	54 39 pc	52 39 c	53 29 sh
Washington	54 40 pc	56 40 r	56 38 pc	54 32 pc

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 6:09 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Fri. 6:07 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
Moonrise Moonset	
Thu. none	9:53 a.m.
Fri. 12:51 a.m.	10:33 a.m.
Moon Phases	
Last New First Full	
Mar 16 Mar 24	
Apr 1 Apr 7	
Weather (W):	
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sh-snow, l-ice.	

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES				
City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	44 41 pc	48 47 r	53 49 r	50 37 c
Berlin	40 39 pc	47 45 sh	53 48 r	59 42 r
Buenos Aires	79 64 sh	79 64 c	83 62 pc	82 61 pc
Cairo	80 51 s	73 49 s	77 52 s	82 57 s
Jerusalem	63 42 s	61 40 s	67 42 s	69 45 s
Johannesburg	82 55 s	80 58 pc	81 82 pc	76 60 c
London	48 45 pc	50 49 r	52 38 r	46 38 sh
Madrid	64 43 pc	62 41 c	55 38 r	52 42 c
Mexico City	81 47 s	80 45 s	78 44 s	69 46 sh
Moscow	45 40 c	41 25 r	39 23 c	33 26 pc
Paris	51 47 pc	59 53 c	54 40 r	50 42 c
Rio de Janeiro	83 70 pc	82 68 pc	81 69 pc	82 71 pc
Rome	63 48 pc	66 53 c	71 55 pc	64 44 c
San Juan	84 71 s	84 72 pc	84 71 pc	84 70 pc
Seoul	48 35 s	55 50 pc	59 45 r	55 29 pc
Sydney	69 58 c	71 60 pc	75 64 pc	73 61 pc
Tokyo	60 38 pc	49 43 s	56 55 r	67 50 s
Toronto	37 31 pc	42 29 sn	30 29 sn	30 23 pc
Winnipeg	22 15 c	21 1 c	23 1 pc	26 18 sn
Zurich	52 46 pc	58 52 sh	63 50 c	54 44 r

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Free Seminar

AREA—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on discrimination in the workplace on Wednesday, March 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Ryders Lane), New Brunswick.

Two labor law attorneys will provide an overview of employment discrimination relating to age, gender, race, handicap, whistle blower, pregnancy discrimination, reduction in the workforce and equal pay for equal work. A question-and-answer period will follow the attorneys' presentations.

Speakers will include Arnold Cohen, a partner in the Newark law firm of Balk, Oxfield, Mandell & Cohen, and Richard West, an attorney with the Roseland law firm of Lum, Danzis, Drasco, Positan & Kleinberg.

Cohen concentrates his

practice in the private and public sector of labor and employment law. He is an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School-Newark where he teaches Labor Arbitration and Labor Negotiations seminars. A founding master of the Sidney Reitman Employment Law Inn of Court, Cohen is the host of *The World of Work* on WDVR-FM. He holds degrees from Rutgers Law School-Newark and New York University Law School.

West specializes in all aspects of employment law and has written numerous articles on the subject, as well as participating as a presenter in numerous employment seminars. A former law clerk for the Honorable Freda L. Wolfson, a U.S. District Court judge, he is a graduate of Rutgers College and Rutgers Law School. West is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Essex County Bar Association and the

Somerset County Bar Association.

The seminar is free, but advance registration is required. To register or for more information on Foundation programs, visit us online at www.njsbf.org or call 1-800-FREE-LAW. The Foundation's seminar series is made possible by funding from the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.

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Bill To Prevent Sports Memorabilia Fraud Wins Release

STATE—Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole that would ensure the authenticity of certain sports collectibles was released recently from the Assembly Consumer and Regulated Professions Committee.

The O'Toole bill, A-2477, would require dealers who sell autographed sports memorabilia to provide the purchaser with a certificate indicating the authenticity of the autograph on any item sold for \$50 or more.

Under this legislation, the certificate of authenticity would include: a description of the collectible and the name of the sports personality who autographed the item; the selling price; the date and place when the sports personality autographed the collectible, and how the collectible and the edition is numbered, along with the size of the edition.

"Collecting sports memorabilia has become a very popular hobby nationwide that has translated into big business for dealers who sell memorabilia," said O'Toole, R-Essex, Union. "Unfortunately, there are some unscrupulous dealers who sell

fraudulent items at outrageous prices to unsuspecting collectors.

"The purpose of my legislation is to protect the public against scam artists who sell fraudulent merchandise," continued O'Toole. "Consumers should have some recourse in cases where they have been sold phony memorabilia."

Dealers who knowingly provide a certificate containing false information would be liable to the purchaser for three times the amount of the item plus interest from the date of the sale.

Violators also would be liable to claim for damages by the purchaser and to additional penalties under the Consumer Fraud Act.

"Dealers would have to think twice about trying to take advantage of collectors," stated O'Toole. "We need to give consumers peace of mind that what they are buying is indeed the real thing. This bill is an important step towards accomplishing that goal."

The O'Toole bill was released by a committee vote of 6-0 and now heads to the full Assembly for consideration.

Vitale Hate Crimes Bill Advances In Senate

STATE—The Senate recently approved a "hate crime" bill, sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale, D-Middlesex, to restore a New Jersey statute which had been declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court.

The Senate approved the measure, S-1897, by a vote of 37 to 0 and forwarded it to the Assembly.

"This important bill restores a principle to our justice system which sanctions stronger punishment for crimes motivated by a victim's race, gender, religion or sexual orientation," said Senator Vitale.

The Democratic lawmaker said the measure responds to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling by requiring that any such determination about a hate or bias crime be made by a jury and not just by a sentencing judge.

"A jury must find beyond a reasonable doubt that hatred or bias was the motivating factor in a crime being committed," Senator Vitale said. In most cases, penalties would be one degree higher than the most serious underlying offense.

New Jersey's 1990 hate crimes law was overturned last June based on the case of a Vineland man having 12 added to his sentence by a judge after being found guilty of firing bullets at the house of an African-American neighbor. The nation's highest court held that hate crimes should be determined by the principle of "beyond a reasonable doubt," which is stronger than the "preponderance of the evidence" used against the Vineland man.

"Crimes deserve heightened punishment if they are motivated by hatred and prejudice and bigotry. New Jersey needs

a law on its books to make it clear there will be a heavier price to pay if a crime is committed because of a victim's race, color, religion, gender, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

"It's important to make it clear what we cherish as the values of our society and this makes it unmistakable that bias or hate crimes are intolerable," Senator Vitale said.

Underlying crimes which could be committed under the hate crimes provision include robbery, assault, car jacking, criminal mischief and terroristic threats.



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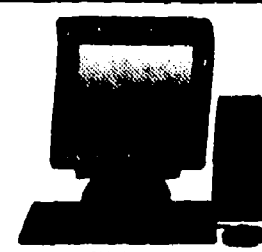
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Iron-Friend Or Foe?

(NAPSA)— It saved Popeye. Will it work for you? Will a shot of iron boost your energy?

That's iron's job. It helps produce red blood cells which in turn carry oxygen throughout the body. In fact, iron plays a major role in determining how much oxygen is available to the brain, the muscles and the heart. Without enough iron, less oxygen is delivered to cells and the result is a sagging sense of stamina.

Iron also plays a role in converting food into energy, it helps muscles contract and it keeps

the immune system strong to fight off illnesses. Diets low in iron can slow the intellectual and physical development of children, decrease alertness and increase a person's susceptibility to colds and infections.

Too Much of a Good Thing?

On the flip side of iron's benefits, however, is the concern that too much of it may increase heart disease risk for some people with the genetic disorder known as hemochromatosis. This disorder is an inherited condition that causes the body to absorb too much iron from

food. Approximately one out of every 300 people carries the gene that causes an over-absorption of iron. For these people, iron may play a role in heart disease risk. For those who do not have this gene, iron is not thought to be a problem. A blood test or a thorough family history can tell you whether or not you have hemochromatosis.

Many people do not get enough iron

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, iron deficiency anemia (low levels of iron in the body) is the most common nutritional deficiency in this country. Children

between the ages of one and two, adolescent girls and women between the ages of 20 and 49 are the groups most likely to miss out on enough of the essential mineral. Dieters, strict vegetarians and athletes also are more apt to get insufficient amounts in their diets.

The bottom line

Iron is critical to many important functions in the body, and it is an essential part of a healthful diet. The Food Guide Pyramid outlines the best approach for getting the necessary amount of iron your body needs each day.

A Great Start Toward Total Nutrition

Children need six to 10 milligrams a day; women require 15 milligrams (double if pregnant) and men need 10 milligrams. If you are one of the many who may not get enough iron in your diet, be sure to choose foods rich in iron. (See Table)

SOURCES OF IRON
Clams or oysters
Iron-fortified breakfast cereals
Tofu
Beef, pork, chicken
Dried beans and peas
Raisins, figs, prunes, apricots
Sunflower seeds, nuts

Updated HCFA Publications Available

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

Medicare Prevention Ser-

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

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

sources for more detailed information.

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

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

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

The 2000 Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare provides information about Medicare supplemental insurance, including purchasing and using Medigap insurance and

other private health insurance.

Medicare Savings for Qualified Beneficiaries provides information about help with paying Medicare costs. It also provides information on new income levels for 2000.

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STOP SMOKING! Program For Women

AREA — Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death among women in the United States. Each year 142,000 women die from cigarette smoking related causes. Smoking increases a woman's risk of dying from lung cancer by over 12 times, and the risk of dying from bronchitis and emphysema by over 10 times. Cigarette smoking is also associated with cancer of the pharynx, esophagus, kidney, bladder, pancreas and cervix. Between 1960 and 1990, the death rate for women from lung cancer increased by 400 percent.

By quitting smoking today a woman would reduce her risk of lung cancer to that of a non-smoker within 10 years.

It is apparent from just those facts that the single most important thing a woman can do for her health is to quit smoking. Because the Health Center for Women at Saint Peter's University Hospital is committed to the healthcare needs of women, it is offering a cessation program called "STOP SMOKING: A Program Designed for the Special Needs of Women."

Based on Terry Rustin's "Quit and Stay Quit Program," the three-week program will be held on consecutive Thursdays, April 12, 19, and 26, with a follow-up session after one month. Sessions will be held from 6-8

p.m. in the CARES Building 3rd Floor Conference Room, 240 Easton Ave., New Brunswick.

The fee for the program is \$60, with registration deadline by March 30. For information call 732-937-6003.

Did You Know?

(NAPSA) — Good news for women: recent research by scientists at the University of Minnesota Office of Continuing Medical Education and Health Learning Systems, reveals a health benefit to something many are already doing. The long-term use of oral contraceptives may reduce the risk of such conditions as endometrial or uterine cancer and perhaps ovarian cancer, functional ovarian cysts and ectopic pregnancies.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Glen Campbell Concert Tour

AREA — The Community Theatre is proud to present music legend Glen Campbell on Friday, April 6 at 8 p.m. Featuring selections from his award-winning country, pop and gospel recordings, tickets for Glen Campbell are \$30-\$40. The Community Theatre is located at 100 South Street, Morristown. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Community Theatre Box Office at (973) 539-8008 or buy tickets online by visiting <http://www.communitytheatrenj.com>.

With over three decades in music, film and television, Glen Campbell comes to The Community Theatre as part of his latest national tour, where critics have lauded his timeless sound as "smoother and more nuanced than ever before" (*New York Times*). Performing selections that made him an international superstar in the 1960's and 1970's—"By The Time I Get To Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston," "Gentle On My Mind," "Southern Nights," and "Rhinstone Cowboy"—this new concert will also feature material from his recent Dove Award-winning gospel albums. Recently honored with the legendary Pioneer Award by the Academy of Country Music, Campbell shows no signs of slowing down a career that has included twenty-seven top 10 singles; twelve Gold Albums, forty million records, and the honor of being the only performer in history to win both the Country and Pop Male Vocalist Grammy Awards in the same year.

Glen Campbell first entered the music scene in 1961 as a 24-year-old guitar wunderkind, quickly becoming a sought-after studio player for Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, the Beach Boys, Nat King Cole, Dean Martin, Jan and Dean, and the Righteous Brothers. After joining the Beach Boys for a two-year stint in the mid-sixties, Campbell decided to strike out on his own as a solo artist. In 1967, the worldwide audience discovered Campbell and turned him into a genuine crossover sensation. In just two years, he hit the charts with "Gentle On My Mind," "By The Time I Get To Phoenix," "I Wanna Live," "The Dreams Of The Everyday Housewife," and two #1 singles, "Galveston" and "Wichita Lineman."

Energized by Campbell's success, CBS Television offered the young singer his own TV show; in January, 1969, *The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour*

debuted and immediately soared to number one, making its star a household name. For the next three years, fifty million people watched the show each week, hailed as one of the best musical variety programs of its era. Glen also made his feature film debut in *True Grit* with John Wayne and recorded the title song for the film. In the 1970's and 1980's, Campbell continued his string of #1 hits, including "Rhinstone Cowboy" (1975), "Southern Nights" (1977), "Still Within The Sound Of My Voice" (1987) and his duet with Steve Wariner, "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle" (1988).

In 1994, Glen Campbell released his tell-all autobiography, *Rhinstone Cowboy*, which became an instant bestseller. Other recent accolades include his command performance for the Queen of England and the release of his first greatest hits CD, *The Glen Campbell Collection* and a new recording of Christmas favorites. Glen now lives in Phoenix with his wife Kim and their three teenage children.

For more information, interview requests for Glen Campbell, photography, or additional materials, contact Gabriel Shanks, Community Theatre Director of Communications, at (973) 539-0345 extension 6505. Funding for the Community Theatre's 2000-01 season is made possible by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, with additional funding through a grant by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Buy tickets online: <http://www.communitytheatrenj.com>.

Snoopy! The Musical At The Community Theatre

AREA—The Community Theatre is proud to present Snoopy! The Musical on Saturday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Part of the Community Theatre Fun For The Family Series, all tickets for Snoopy! The Musical are specially priced at \$15-\$18. The Community Theatre is located at 100 South Street, Morristown. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Community Theatre Box Office at (973) 539-8008 or buy tickets online by visiting <http://www.communitytheatrenj.com>.

The entire gang from the "Peanuts" comic strip comes to life in the revival of the Broadway hit Snoopy! The Musical. This revival, staged as part of the Fiftieth Anniversary tribute to the famous strip and its unforgettable creator, Charles Schultz, has been a hit with audiences and families across the country.

Snoopy! The Musical captures onstage some of our favorite moments, including The Great Pumpkin, Lucy's psychiatric booth, and Snoopy atop his doghouse.

The musical charmingly moves us from one beloved memory to the next, each one evoking memories of our favorite adventure...we cringe with the Gang in the classroom; hope with Charlie Brown that he will, this time, finally get to kick the ball; write alongside Snoopy the "Playbeagle" as he types his latest creation; and mourn the loss of Linus' blanket on wash day. The energy and optimism of Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the gang is contagious, and the rousing numbers and sidesplitting laughter will charm audiences of all ages.

Snoopy! The Musical features songs by Emmy-Award winner Larry Grossman and lyrics by Hal Hackady. Mr. Grossman received a Tony Nomination for his score to *A Doll's Life* and a Peabody Award for his work on television's *The Muppet Show*. His other musicals on Broadway include *Minnie's Boys*, *Goodtime Charley* and *Grind*.

He has received two Emmy Awards. Hackady has worked with many of the greatest composers of the century, including Jule Styne and Peter Allen. His songs have appeared on Broadway, on film, in television and on hit records by Shirley Bassey, Tony Bennett and Helen Reddy.

Charles Schultz, the creator of "Peanuts," the most widely read comic strip in the world, died

February 12, 2000. The legacy he left behind has had a worldwide impact on the hearts of those who grew up with the Peanuts Gang through television specials, books and full-length animated features.

His lauded career as a cartoonist spanned almost 50 years, touching every generation with his ability to bring out the child in all of us.

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Strong Participation Highlights First Year Of Character Education Initiative

Nearly all school districts and charter schools in the state are participating in the New Jersey Character Education Partnership Initiative in its inaugural year. Announced by Governor Christine Whitman in her 2000 State-of-the-State message, the initiative is helping New Jersey educators adopt character education programs that promote positive social student behaviors and foster a caring, disciplined school climate conducive to learning.

"The Character Education Partnership has gotten off to a very successful start," said Governor Whitman. "With 99 percent of our school districts taking advantage of the opportunity to teach character education in the classroom, I am pleased to see that this program is generating support from both educators and parents. Together, they are seeking new and effective ways to promote responsibility, fairness, citizenship, caring, trustworthiness and respect among our young people."

This school year, 567 of 573 school districts and 52 of 54 charter schools have launched character education programs under this initiative.

Commissioner of Education David Hespe attributed the immediate success and popularity of the New Jersey Character Education Partnership Initiative to a strong outreach effort conducted by the Department of Education and to widespread pub-

lic support for incorporating character education in the school curriculum.

"I commend Department of Education staff for their collective efforts in spreading the word about the Character Education Partnership Initiative and the opportunities it provides for local school districts," Commissioner Hespe said. "It is clear by the response that character education is an important goal in our schools and communities."

During the first year of the initiative, school districts and charter schools are receiving a minimum of \$4,000 in state aid to implement a character education program in at least one school building. School districts with enrollments greater than 1,358 students are receiving additional funds. This year, 1,374 schools are implementing character education activities. The goal is to have character education infused into the curriculum of every school by the end of the 2001-02 school year.

Most of the participating schools (59 percent) have selected Character Education Programs of Merit recommended by the Department of Education to serve as their program models. The most frequently used models are: *Character Counts*, *Quest International*, *Social Decision Making/Program Solving*, *Learning for Life*, and *Young People's Press*.



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Children Act Fast...

So Do Poisons...is the lesson children, and their parents too, will be taught during National Poison Prevention Week, March 18-24. Every 30 seconds a child is accidentally poisoned. Each year, 30 children are killed by accidental poisoning from household cleaners and medicines. Additionally, more than 1 million calls are made each year to the poison control centers across the country. National Poison Prevention Week serves to educate children and their parents on how to avoid the dangers of household cleaners and medicines and what to do in the event of a poison emergency.

During this poison-free week, the New Jersey Poison Information & Education System (NJPIES) has asked us to poison-proof our home and to keep it that way all year long. They will tell us about general precautions for safeguarding our homes and children.

For instance, sometimes it's difficult to get children to take their medicine when they're sick. But, telling them it "tastes like candy" is dangerous because it can give them

the idea to take it when they don't need it and maybe take too much of it. Keeping cleaning agents and medicines in locked cabinets or out of the reach of children can also help to prevent a serious accident.

Poison education is vital not only to children, but also to the adults that surround them. Grandparents maybe haven't had little ones running around for years and their homes aren't quite childproof. A guide to understanding poisons, like the guide NJPIES

"...As a father of young children, I am fully aware how fast children can act. Children are curious by nature and are not aware of the dangers that lurk in our medicine cabinets and under our sinks...."

has created, would be useful for those who aren't used to having children in the house. Likewise, it would be useful for girl and boy scout leaders to educate their troops about the dangers of household cleaners or medicines. NJPIES created a "Babysitter's Do and Don't"

list for parents to go over with their child's care givers and to post in case of an emergency.

As a father of young children, I am fully aware how fast children can act. Children are curious by nature and are not aware of the dangers that lurk in our medicine cabinets and under our sinks. We can take precautionary measures to protect our inquisitive little friends that may save them or keep them from being very sick. It only takes a second for a child to get into trouble when our backs are turned. As they adage goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

NJPIES has provided my office with "Poison Proof Your Home" pamphlets, that include a guide to non-poisonous indoor/outdoor plants, refrigerator and telephone sticker sheets that list the number for a poison control center, fact sheets, and "Babysitter's Do's and Don'ts" pamphlets. I have made this literature available to you. If you are interested in learning more about National Poison Prevention Week or if you'd like copies of poison prevention literature, please contact my office at 732-316-1885 or e-mail me at AsmWisniewski@njleg.state.nj.us.

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Stifle It

The NAG gang, the National Association of Gals, will tell you there's no real differences between men and women. According to the militant feminist's agenda, there's absolutely no reason why women soldiers shouldn't fight on the front lines in perfect harmony with their male counterparts.

Well, it's being tried—in Germany. To predictable results. Now, German male soldiers are being commanded not to break wind when in the presence of female soldiers. They are also directed not to use profanity, or—and this has got to be a toughie—to laugh behind women's backs.

Perhaps not surprising, there's widespread resentment toward female soldiers. In a survey ordered by the German Army late last year, nearly half of enlisted men and officers opposed the idea of fighting with female soldiers. And 89 percent believed that charges of sexual harassment would skyrocket. Several male soldiers referred to female soldiers as "NATO mattresses" who were "only good for sex."

One officer said: "I told my men in no uncertain terms to cut out the obscenities and passing wind in front of the women. They have to refer to them as soldiers, not demeaning nicknames." Sounds like a losing battle.



CONGRATULATIONS!

*Cassie Mariel Lamberty and Pedro Manuel Torres of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Destiny Ann Torres**, born January 20, 2001.

*Mosammat S. Begum and Mohammad F. Rahim of Old Bridge are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Faizah Rahim**, born January 23, 2001.

*Jennifer Batista and Jose Miguel Cruz of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Janelis Cruz**, born January 26, 2001.

*Elizabeth L. and Ralph F. Benjamin of Avenel are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Rebecca Brooke**, born January 27, 2001.

Dora E. and Robert Douglass Goodrich of Carteret are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Rachel Alexia**, born January 28, 2001.

*Maria Alcaraz Villa and

Sergio A. Huerta of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jazmin Aguirre Alcaraz**, born January 28, 2001.

*Kimberly Ann and Michael Robert Daniewicz of Edison are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Emily Ann**, born January 30, 2001.

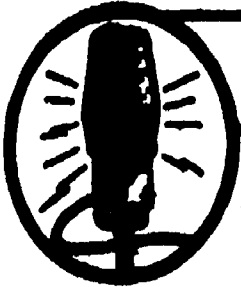
*Merys J. Castillo and Braulio Andres Abraham of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Nayely Andrea Abraham**, born January 30, 2001.

IT'S A BOY! Louis (Butch) and Christine Thorsen of Colonia are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Andrew William**, born January 3, 2001 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. Andrew William weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and measured 20 1/2 inches. He has two brothers, Michael Patrick, 6 1/2 and Christopher Louis, 4 and a sister, Elizabeth

Marie, 1 1/2. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Maliniak of Iselin. The paternal grandparents are Mrs. Dorothy Griffin of Freehold and Mrs. Louis G. Thorsen, Sr. of San Antonio, Texas. The maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Gussie Golomb of Iselin. The paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Natalie Griffin of Edison.

IT'S A GIRL! Mr. and Mrs. Alex Listash of Old Bridge are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Alexa Rae**, born February 7, 2001 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. Alexa weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz and measured 20 1/4 inches. She has a brother, Josh and two sisters, Candace and Chelsea. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Cigliano of Rahway. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lyszczasz of Woodbridge.

YOUR LOCAL NEWS



CLUB NEWS

AARP NEWS

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

April 1—Smorgasbord & Show at Woodlock Pines; April 19—Lunch & Show, "Hello Dolly." May 29—31—3 Days/2 Nights Rhode Island, Block Island and Foxwood; June 23—Lunch & Show, "Dancing in the Street"; July 5—Show, "Carousel"; 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.

Woodbridge Chapter #3869:

The Woodbridge Chapter #3869 has announced its events from March-October:

March 7—Meeting at 1 p.m. at the Cameo. Program: Freeholder H. James Polos; Topic: Group Prescription Program. The annual membership dues will be collected at this meeting. March 26—Trump Plaza, Atlantic City; April 24—Mount Haven Restaurant, Milford, PA. Italian Festival includes breakfast and lunch; May 16—Installation of Officers Dinner Dance at the Cameo from 6-10 p.m. For members only. Tickets are \$15 and will be sold at the March and April meetings. Members must present their 2001 Identification Badge when purchasing a ticket; Oct. 7-11—Las Vegas; Four days, five nights at the Excalibur Hotel.

For information regarding Atlantic City trips, call Ruth at (732) 634-8489; for Las Vegas trip, call Mary Alice at (732) 855-1514; and all other trips, call Loretta at (732) 738-8039.

What Kind Of Education Do You Want For Your Children?

PERTH AMBOY — The Roberto Clemente Charter School will be opening in September 2001, in Perth Amboy with 144 students, 72 per grade, grades 6 and 9. Students will be added each year to include all grades from 6th through 12th by the fourth year. It is an opportunity to offer school choice within a public school, to students and families in our community.

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3. Smaller class size (fewer students per teacher) than other district schools.
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5. Five areas of concentration include: Languages, Technology, Math and Science, Leadership

and Sports. All students will learn English and at least one other language, possibly a third language. All students will use computers.

6. Focus on character development, sensibility to diverse cultural and ethnic issues, problem solving ability, and abstract thinking skills.

7. Involvement of parents and community members on a regular basis, to communicate in regard to the student's academic progress and to consider additional efforts necessary for complete personal development, such as recreation, athletics, and personal esteem.

8. Fostering the love of learning, which will eventually be reflected in the students' independent choices of challenging, even competitive academic activities.

Public meeting at PRAHD, 100 First Street, Perth Amboy on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Call (732) 442-1081 for further information.

Cubs Win Medals At Tournament

FORDS — Seven Bearcat Cubs earned medals at the Annual Kenilworth Pee Wee/Bantam tournament in Kenilworth.

Notching first place wins in this popular event for wrestlers under eight years of age were Michael Buttitta (47), Nick Hart (53) and David Zboyan (56).

Second place finishes were won by Jason Sims (58) and CJ Hart (63).

Carl Buttitta (37) and Frankie Maglione (73) added third place finishes for the little 'Cats.

Max Yekel (53), Jared Rivera (58), Brandon Merced (60) and Justin Thiele (69) wrestled well, but fell shy of the medal rounds.

Woodbridge To Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

WOODBIDGE—A ceremony honoring the Irish-American community and a downtown parade will highlight the festivities on Sunday, March 11, as Woodbridge Township celebrates St.



Patrick's Day.

"Our growth as a nation has been achieved through the hard work and diligence of immigrants, such as the Irish

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Military Briefs...

Coghan Completes Marine Corps Training

CARTERET—Marine Corps Pvt. Thomas J. Cogan, son of Debra L. Cogan of Old Bridge and Thomas M. Cogan of Carteret, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Coghan successfully com-

plete 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Cogan spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first

aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

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

Mini-Reunion Being Planned

AREA—Crewmen who have served aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea CVB/CVA/CV43 are being sought for a mini-reunion on April 28 at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick. Additional information is also available about the U.S.S. Coral Sea CVA/43 Association and its yearly reunion on Oct. 12-14. Contact Jack Weber at (732) 828-1234, 273 Crestwood Drive, Milltown, N.J. 08850-1805.

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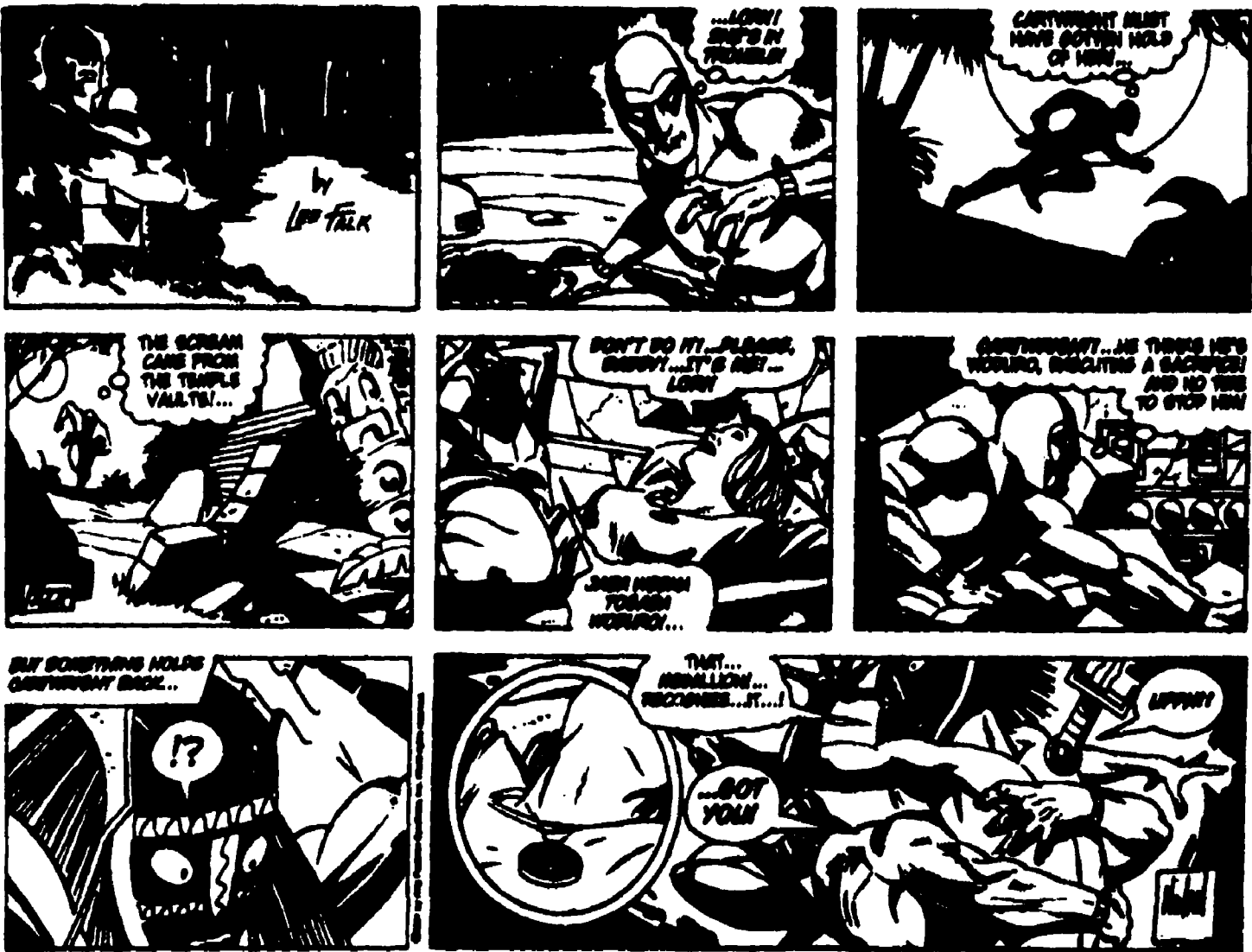
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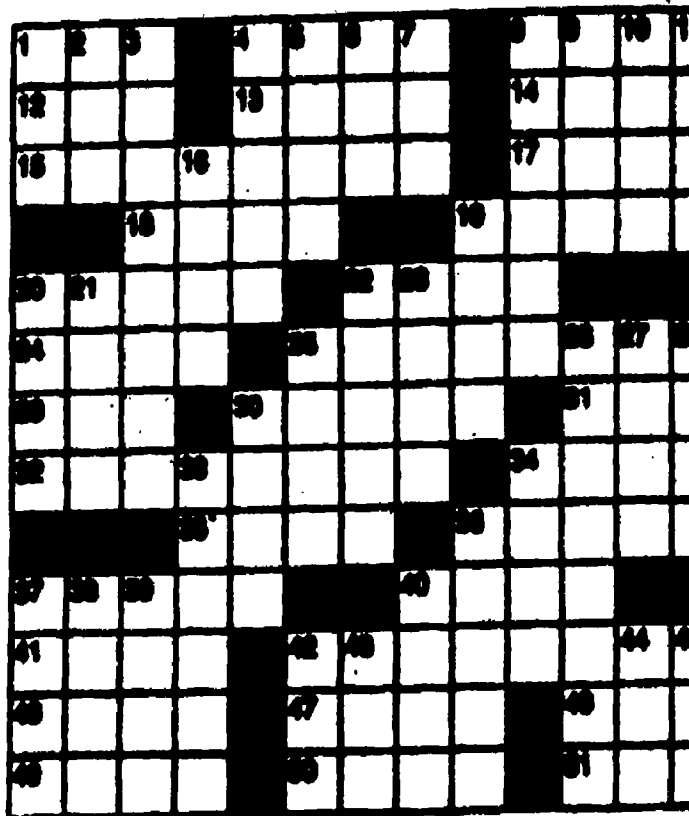
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- ACROSS**
- 1 Photo -
 - 4 Part of a
 - 8 Phrase
 - 12 Japanese
 - 13 Worst
 - 14 Lumber
 - 15 Caddy job
 - 17 Rail-call
 - 18 Oldest
 - 19 Stretch side
 - 20 Actress
 - 22 Go with the
 - 24 Cuddler's
 - 25 "The jungle"
 - 29 Furman too
 - 30 Moves like
 - 31 Dallas ex.
 - 32 Ball
 - 34 Snakes
 - 35 Check of tail
 - 36 Epiphany
 - 37 Hit part
 - 39 Simple
 - 40 Spooky have
 - 42 Spanish shoe
 - 43 International
 - 47 Beyond control
 - 48 Moderator



- DOWN**
- 1 Approves
 - 2 Less beautiful
 - 3 Political wing of
 - 4 "I, Robot"
 - 5 Ball impact
 - 6 Sharp
 - 7 French title
 - 8 Ending
 - 9 Like most
 - 10 Other Teller's
 - 11 Parallel
 - 12 Have coming
 - 13 WWII
 - 14 Overconfidence
 - 15 "And to say..."
 - 16 Little Green
 - 17 Assured, with
 - 18 "I, Robot"
 - 19 Lollipop
 - 20 - speak
 - 21 Certain attitude
 - 22 Modest
 - 23 Sign of corner
 - 24 Harvey's cap
 - 25 Frida's mass
 - 26 - under
 - 27 Month
 - 28 First
 - 29 subside also
 - 30 Reaction on
 - 31 Robert Raper
 - 32 Garbage bag
 - 33 Army rank
 - 34 (shin)
 - 35 Stuffed with
 - 36 After
 - 37 alternative
 - 38 Apprehend
 - 39

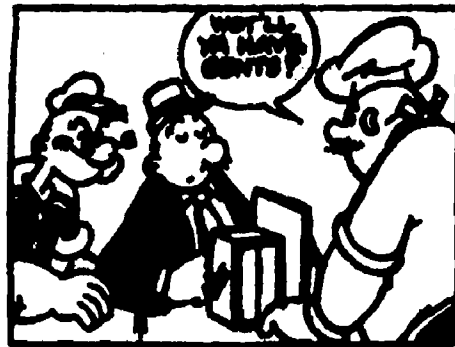
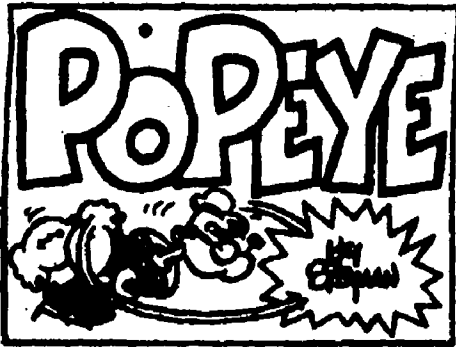
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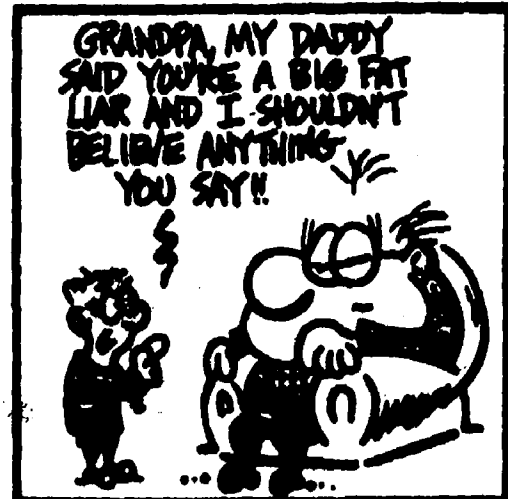
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| Dial-up | Logon | Prodigy | |

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Hocus-Focus answers

1. The man's hat is different. 2. The woman's hair is different. 3. The man's shirt is different. 4. The woman's dress is different. 5. The man's shoes are different. 6. The woman's shoes are different. 7. The man's tie is different. 8. The woman's tie is different. 9. The man's pocket square is different. 10. The woman's pocket square is different. 11. The man's cufflinks are different. 12. The woman's cufflinks are different. 13. The man's watch is different. 14. The woman's watch is different. 15. The man's glasses are different. 16. The woman's glasses are different. 17. The man's belt is different. 18. The woman's belt is different. 19. The man's shoes are different. 20. The woman's shoes are different. 21. The man's tie is different. 22. The woman's tie is different. 23. The man's pocket square is different. 24. The woman's pocket square is different. 25. The man's cufflinks are different. 26. The woman's cufflinks are different. 27. The man's watch is different. 28. The woman's watch is different. 29. The man's glasses are different. 30. The woman's glasses are different. 31. The man's belt is different. 32. The woman's belt is different. 33. The man's shoes are different. 34. The woman's shoes are different. 35. The man's tie is different. 36. The woman's tie is different. 37. The man's pocket square is different. 38. The woman's pocket square is different. 39. The man's cufflinks are different. 40. The woman's cufflinks are different. 41. The man's watch is different. 42. The woman's watch is different. 43. The man's glasses are different. 44. The woman's glasses are different. 45. The man's belt is different. 46. The woman's belt is different. 47. The man's shoes are different. 48. The woman's shoes are different.

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OBITUARIES

Anthony Fabio, 81 of Edison

Mr. Anthony Fabio of Edison died March 1 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 81.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Avenel for 25 years before moving to Edison 24 years ago.

He retired in 1981 from Western Electric, Kearny, where he had worked in the shipping department for 25 years. He had also worked at The Avenel Pharmacy for 25 years.

Mr. Fabio was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church, Avenel, a third-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Andrew's Council 5088, Avenel and a 4th-degree member of the Rev. John J. Griffin General Assembly 857, Woodbridge.

He was a life member of the Avenel-Colonia First Aid Squad.

His sister, Marie Kazawic, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorraine Messina of Whippany; a son, Robert A. Fabio of Margate; two sisters, Grace Hawley of Red Bank and Josephine Ramsey of Toms River; two brothers, Paul Fibrato of Bergenfield and Louis Fabio of North Bergen; three grandchildren, Jason, Bryan and Gabrielle Messina.

Ketty Benedickson Lived in Edison

Mrs. Ketty Benedickson of Hampton (formerly of Edison) died March 3 in the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington. She was 74.

Born in Esberg, Denmark, she lived in Washington, D.C., Newark, Florida and Edison for many years before moving to Hampton two years ago.

She owned and operated the Ketty Beauty Salon in Edison for 30 years before retiring 16 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Hank; two daughters, Mrs. Marianne Jones and Mrs. Lisa Hasara; a son, Gene Sodstrom; two stepdaughters, Lynn and Lori Benedickson; a stepson, Rod Benedickson; a sister, Mrs. Tove Kjeldsen; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert H. Brandli of Metuchen

Mr. Robert H. Brandli, Sr. of Metuchen died March 3 in Rahway Hospital. He was 81.

Born in Mount Vernon, he moved to Metuchen 46 years ago.

He was a machinist with Proctor and Gamble, Port Ivory, Staten Island, before retiring in 1985.

He served in the Army with the 2nd Armored Division, "Hell on Wheels," during World War II.

Mr. Brandli was a charter and life-member of the board of trustees of the American Legion T. Nulty Post 471, Iselin. He was also a third degree member of the St. Cecelia's Knights of Columbus.

He was the 1963 recipient of WCTC Boys in Baseball Award for outstanding service to the Menlo Park Terrace Little League.

Mr. Brandli was a member of the Engine Co. 6 Volunteer Fire Department of Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Madeline of 58 years; five sons, Robert Jr., Michael, Thomas, Phillip and James; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Ledda; a brother, John; and 11 grandchildren.

Helen Pavlakos, 82 of Edison

Mrs. Helen Pavlakos of Edison died March 4 in the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Roosevelt Care Center, Edison. She was 82.

Born in Batavia, Ill., she lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Edison 35 years ago.

She was a leather craftsman for various area manufacturers, including Hygrade Handbag Inc., New Brunswick, before retiring in 1980.

Surviving are a son, William; a daughter, Stephanie; five brothers, Nicholas, Gust, James, Peter and George Kouzes; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Clowers, Mrs. Christine Anderson and Mrs. Katherine Langford; and four grandchildren.

Mary Murgacz, 76 of Iselin

Mrs. Mary Murgacz of Hamilton (formerly of Iselin) died March 1 at home. She was 76.

Born in Simpson, Pa., she lived in Elizabeth and then in Iselin from 1953-89. She later moved to Palm Bay, Fla., before moving to Hamilton in December of last year.

She had been employed as a checker in the Time Study Department of Singer Co., Elizabeth. She had also worked for RCA in Woodbridge.

Mrs. Murgacz was an avid bingo player.

Her parents, John and Clara Wallace Tower are deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Alfred Murgacz; a daughter, Marcia Wolf of Hamilton; a son, Glenn Murgacz of Woodbridge; four grandchildren, Jude, Ian, Vikki and Michael; two sisters, Sophie Galavitz of Pittstown, Pa. and Vicky Karausky of Cleveland, Ohio; and seven nieces and nephews.

Robert Stetson, 66 of Edison

Mr. Robert Stetson of Edison died February 28 at JFK Hartwyck At Oak Tree in Edison.

Born in Glen Lyon, Pa., he moved to Perth Amboy and then to Edison, where he resided for the past 39 years.

He was a salesman for Mullins Spring Water, Perth Amboy, for 43 years and had worked at McKasson Water Products of Somerset since 1995.

Surviving are his wife, Laverne Zaleski Stetson; a daughter, Pam Baker of Edison; a sister, Irene Zboyan of Perth Amboy; her mother-in-law, Ann Marciniak of Woodbridge; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Rhoda and Joe Miller of Edison; five nieces and four nephews.

Mildred J. Tetesco of Avenel

Mrs. Mildred J. Tetesco of Avenel died March 3 in Rahway Hospital. She was 78.

Born in South Orange, she moved to Avenel in 1956.

She was a secretary for the Woodbridge Township Board of Education for 17 years before retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Tetesco served as chaplain for the Avenel Golden Circle Senior Citizens Club. She was a member of the Avenel Democratic Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Avenel Fire Department.

Surviving are two sons, John B. and Michael D.; a daughter, Mrs. Debra G. Quinn; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Catena Tosi, 91 of Edison

Mrs. Catena Tosi of Edison died March 5 at home. She was 91.

Born in Sicily, Italy, she lived in Newark before moving to Edison 28 years ago.

She worked for the Renee Ice Cream Co., Newark, for 24 years before retiring in 1954.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Maria J. Spino and Mrs. Angela L. Landon; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Stanley Kotowski of Colonia

Mr. Stanley C. Kotowski of Colonia died March 5 at home. He was 75.

Born in Newark, he lived in East Orange before moving to Colonia 45 years ago.

He was a supervisor with Western Electric AT&T in Union, where he worked for 49 years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Kotowski served in the Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the Local 1095 Retirees Club.

Surviving are his wife, Helen, of 53 years; a son, Joseph; three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Sammond, Mrs. Kathleen Dougher and Mrs. Laura Kyle; a brother, Ted; a sister, Mrs. Wanda Obranowicz; and nine grandchildren.

Salvatore Candela of Parlin

Mr. Salvatore Candela of Parlin died March 4 in the Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. He was 85.

Born in Naples, Italy, he lived in Newark before moving to Parlin in 1970.

He retired in 1981 as a baker from Giardano's Bakery, Newark after 45 years of service. Earlier, he had been the owner of the Columbus Bakery in Newark.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; a son, Salvatore Jr.; and two grandchildren.



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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Auto Theft Ring Busted

PERTH AMBOY — The Police concluded an eight-month investigation of auto theft with the arrest of two suspects.

Luis Diaz, 37, of Woodbridge, and Orlando Rivera, 35 of Perth Amboy were both arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 28 and charged with leading an auto theft network, conducting a fencing operation, trafficking stolen motor vehicles and receiving stolen property.

Since November, Perth Amboy

police—with the help of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, the NJ State Police Auto Theft Unit, Marlboro, Sayreville and Woodbridge Police Departments, the Division of Motor Vehicles and the U.S. Postal Service—recovered 11 stolen vehicles valued at \$36,500.

With the help of the State Police, Perth Amboy officers were able to track the cars through their Vehicle Identification Numbers

(VIN)

The vehicles, most late model Hondas, Nissans or Toyotas, were recovered in Sayreville, Edison, Manalapan, Marlboro, Old Bridge and Franklin.

The arrests were made by Perth Amboy's police officers.

Rivera's bail was set at \$50,000 and Diaz' at \$85,000.

Along with the arrest, police also seized \$4,500 from the bank account of one of the suspects.

Woodbridge To Celebrate St. Patrick's Day continued...

who crossed the ocean with little more than faith and a desire for a better life," said Mayor James E. McGroovey.

"St. Patrick's Day is a time to pay tribute to this great Celtic tradition," he said....

The Township will begin its St. Patrick's Day activities with a salute to the American-Irish Community of Woodbridge at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

The Salute to the American-Irish Community of Woodbridge will be followed by the raising of the national flag of

Ireland outside of the Municipal Building.

Later in the day, the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the American Irish Association of Woodbridge will begin at 1:30 p.m.



Joe Cryan will serve as Grand Marshal for the parade and Harriet Marion will be Irish Person of the Year.

The parade through downtown Woodbridge will feature marching bands, bagpipe players, floats, scouting groups, Irish organizations, fire trucks and first aid units.



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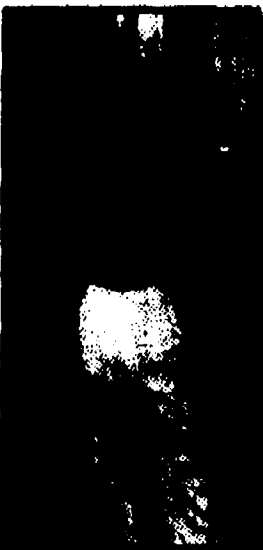
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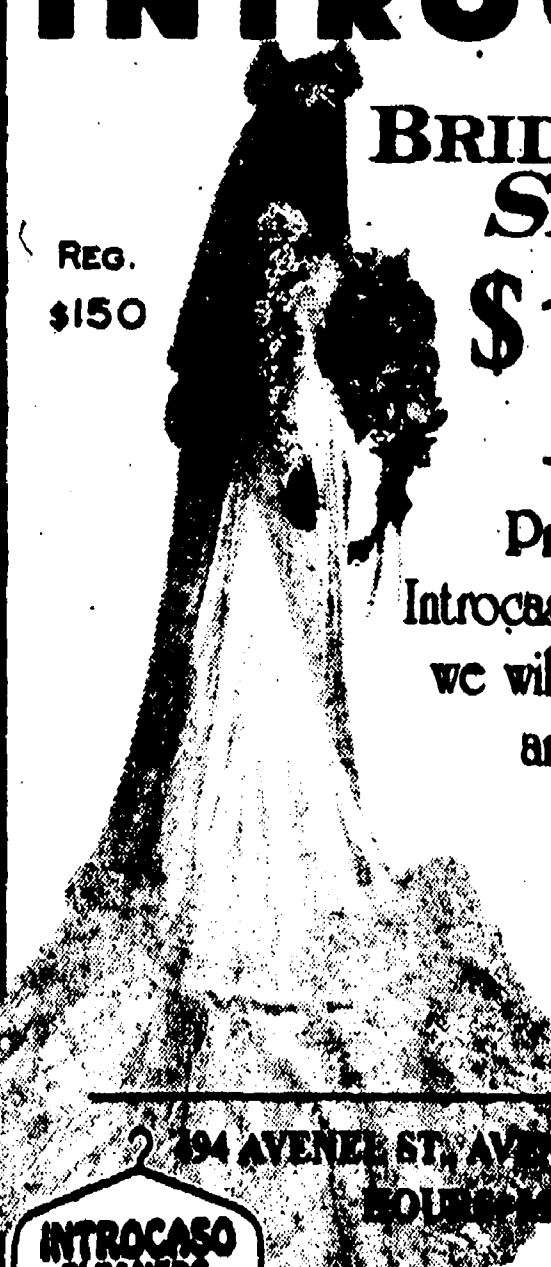
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