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South Amboy Man Among Pentagon Heroes

SOUTH AMBOY -- A South Amboy man was among 70 Pentagon personnel honored last week for acts of bravery on Sept. 11 when a jetliner crashed into the Pentagon and sent a rolling ball of fire through its corridors.

John D. Yates, 50, a civilian security officer who works for the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, received the Defense of Freedom Medal, a newly authorized medal to honor civilians who are wounded or killed as a result of hostile action against the United States.

The award is the civilian equivalent for the Purple Heart, according to Army spokesperson Judith A. Reckelhoff.

Yates sustained injuries when the hijacked American Airlines

Flight 77 from Washington to Los Angeles, California, crashed into the west side of the Pentagon.

Another area resident, Navy Commander Patrick Dunn, 39, of Fords, was killed Sept. 11.

Yates, who is originally from South Amboy, was among 27 soldiers who received the Purple Heart and 19 civilians who received the Defense of Freedom Medal for injuries sustained during the attack.

Yates was awarded his medal at bedside in the hospital where he remains in recovery from his Sept. 11 injuries.

About half of the recipients received the Soldier's Medal for rescuing people trapped in the inferno at a ceremony held at Conmy Hall, Fort Myer, Va.

At the start of the award ceremony, the first chord struck by the Army band put the audience in a patriotic mood. Some family members of the recipients were mouthing the words to "God Bless America," or swaying to other upbeat tunes from the band.

The 70 heroes stood during the awards presentation -- some with visible wounds from that horrific day of Sept. 11.

As Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane and Secretary of the Army Thomas White walked down the aisle they saw people leaning on crutches or unable to shake their hands because of bandaged hands and arms.

Many Americans including Keane believe that the ones who orchestrated the Sept. 11 attack underestimated the strength of the United States, and they will pay.

"The terrorists that live in the shadows and who have waged war on the freedoms that we hold so dear believe that they achieved a victory in New York City and at the Pentagon," Keane said.

"They are like many who have made the same miscalculation ... the Japanese and Hitler's Army during World War II, a series of unending Soviet leaders during

the Cold War, Moammar Gaddafi in Lybia, Saddam Hussain in Iraq, and most recently Milosovich in the Balkans. All of them used fear as a weapon and each and every time the American people rose to the occasion."

"I have many memories ... of Sept. 11 ... But few are as strong as what I saw in the hallways and on the grounds of the Pentagon in the minutes and hours following the attack," Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley said during the hour-long awards ceremony.

"What I saw is exactly what I should have seen," Tilley said. "Americans coming to the aid of their fallen comrades."

Four received the Distinguished Civilian Service for Bravery award, which is granted to private citizens who exhibit great courage to benefit the government or its personnel.

Twenty-seven soldiers received the Purple Heart and 19 civilians received the Defense of Freedom Medal for injuries they received Sept. 11.

Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki presented medals to three awardees at bedside because they are still hospitalized.

Get Out The Vote In Edison

EDISON—The Democrats hope to endure on Nov. 6 with incumbents Mayor George A. Spadaro, Township Council President Anthony F. Massaro, and newcomers for Town Council Robert C. Diehl and Parag P. Patel, representing their party. Opposing members on the Republican ticket are Mayoral candidate Gilbert Nielson, who along with Al Jabbar, Aimee Szilagyi and Frances Perlín, are pursuing seats for the Council.

Mayor Spadaro, who is a lifelong Edison resident, is serving his second term as Mayor.

During this time in office, Spadaro, 52, has implemented more programs for senior citizens, and expanded the presence, of both police and firefighters on their respective forces. In addition,

the preservation of open space has been a Democratic stronghold.

Diehl, 47, Patel, 31, and Perlín, 58, have shared beliefs for state aid which they say would reduce the cost of a public education, and they back public transportation options for seniors.

The Republican mayoral candidate, Gilbert Nielson stepped into the race believing he can do what is right for Edison. Nielson, 47, and his running mates want to put a restraint on commercial development, as well as improve local emergency services for residents.

Both parties are in agreement of common ideas for stabilizing taxes for the people who live and work in Edison.

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AREA—Monument Services will be held at the following Edison area locations on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11:
8 a.m.—Services at all Post Homes; 8:30 a.m.—Korean-Viet Nam Monument (Grove Ave.); Clara Barton 324; 9 a.m.—Menlo Park Soldiers Home (Father & Son 435 and DAV 52); 9:30 a.m.—Firemen's

Monument (Woodbridge Ave.) VFW #9626; 9:50 a.m.—Bonhamtown Monument (Senior Citizen Bldg. Woodbridge Ave.); Clara Barton 324; 10:15 a.m.—White Church (Woodbridge Ave.) VFW #3117; and 10:40 a.m.—Town Hall & Police Monument (Father & Son 435).



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Gibson Elected Cancer Registry Board President

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Christine Gibson, cancer registrar/oncology manager for Bayshore Community Hospital has been elected president of the Tumor Registrar's Association of New Jersey (TRANJ) for 2001-02. As president, she will preside over all business and executive committee meetings. She will also act as a member ex officio of standing and special committees.

"Through the organization and sharing of information we collect on patients with cancer, we can learn a great deal on how to better treat different types of cancer," Gibson explains. "Our goal is to constantly improve the quality of care and medical treatment for the cancer patient and to eventually wipe out this disease."

The TRANJ maintains information about the New Jersey State Cancer Registry (NJSCR), the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA), The American Cancer Society (ACS), The American College of Surgeons, Surveillance,



Christine Gibson

Epidemiology and End Results (SEER), National Cancer Institute (NCI), The North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA). This shared information is keep not only as a learning tool for cancer researchers but also acts to help standardize information regarding cancer staging, coding, demographics, quality control, pooling data and outcome monitoring.

Additionally, the TRANJ

promotes basic education courses in conjunction with the NJSCR and provides training for new cancer registrars. Together, these entities help to insure that cancer research in New Jersey Hospitals stay online with cancer research nationally.

Gibson attended The College of Staten Island and graduated with an Associate's Degree, then attended two additional years there obtaining her Medical Coding Certificate, and two more years for her Cancer Registry Certificate, while working as the billing supervisor at Staten Island Hospital in the laboratory and later for the cancer registry there.

After that, Gibson moved on to a consulting position with Medihealth, Inc., King of Prussia, PA, a private consulting firm where her responsibilities included organizing and maintaining the cancer registries in several New Jersey hospitals to conform with the American College of Surgeons and NJ state regulatory requirements.

Then, just prior to coming to Bayshore Community Hospital as oncology manager, she worked as an oncology data manager at Union Hospital, Union.

With 14 years of collective medical working experience, Gibson has also served on com-

mittees and memberships for various national and state organizations in both New York and New Jersey including the NJ State Tumor Registrars Association and Tumor Registrars Association of NY and is a member of the National Cancer Registrars Association.

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- Wrote tougher state safety standards for school buses
- Toughened penalties and increased jail time for criminals who assault or use a gun against law enforcement officers
- Fighting "identity theft" by going after people who illegally use the internet to obtain someone else's vital information

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Arlene Friscia

- Fighting for a Paid Family Leave program
- Wrote the law increasing New Jersey's minimum wage
- Sponsored tough new laws to protect women from domestic violence

Vote Column B. The McGreevey Team. Tuesday, November 6th.

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Political
Mapmakers
Consider Changes

Special from PoliticsNJ.com

AREA — Democrats are circulating some minor changes to the congressional redistricting plan which should satisfy some key members of their own party.

These are adjustments to a bi-partisan map supported by the state's thirteen-member congressional delegation.

Sources say the Democrats want to move Woodbridge back into Mike Ferguson's seventh district and replace it by moving Ferguson's part of Edison into Frank Pallone's sixth district.

This pleases Pallone, who faced a possible primary challenge from state Sen. Joseph Vitale of Woodbridge; now Vitale is considered a possible candidate against Ferguson.

The Democrats are also proposing that Cherry Hill be moved back into Jim Saxton's third district; the bi-partisan map had moved it to Rob Andrews' first district.

Glassboro and parts of Cinnaminson and Delran would be moved into the first district, and Waterford, Bass River and part of Shamong would be moved into Frank LoBiondo's second district.

Camden County Democrats, including Camden City Councilwoman Dana Redd (a member of the redistricting commission), had opposed moving Cherry Hill.

They don't want to contend with Cherry Hill Mayor Susan Bass Levin as a candidate for Congress if Andrews decides to retire.

The new Democratic proposal is a strong indication that a reported deal between the two parties has broken down.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
 Clouds and sun; pleasant. 68	 A few clouds and pleasant. 52	 Plenty of sunshine. 68/51	 A few showers early. 61/46	 Sun and some clouds. 58/37	 Mostly sunny and windy. 53/32	 Considerable sunshine. 49/37	 Partly sunny. 58/43

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

Above Normal Normal Below Normal

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Unsettled weather will cover the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountains during the period. Storms will bring rain and mountain snow to California, Oregon and Idaho. Dry weather will prevail across the central and southern Plains. Mild weather will extend from Texas to the Great Lakes. Cold weather early in the Southeast will moderate.

Precipitation

Above Normal Normal Below Normal

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	71 54 s	71 54 s	72 52 s	69 40 s
Boston	64 50 pc	67 50 pc	58 45 sh	58 39 c
Chicago	64 46 pc	58 40 pc	58 40 s	52 32 c
Cleveland	66 48 pc	62 44 sh	58 40 s	52 34 s
Denver	64 32 pc	62 34 s	58 32 pc	64 32 s
Des Moines	64 42 c	60 41 s	60 37 s	53 39 pc
Detroit	61 46 pc	60 39 sh	52 38 s	53 34 s
Houston	82 56 pc	82 82 s	80 56 pc	78 50 s
Indianapolis	69 49 s	63 41 sh	57 39 s	58 35 s
Kansas City	74 44 pc	72 44 s	70 42 s	64 42 s
Los Angeles	76 54 pc	76 52 pc	80 53 s	79 52 s
Miami	83 74 sh	85 74 r	84 73 r	85 68 r
Minn.- St. Paul	56 38 c	52 34 pc	48 32 pc	54 35 pc
New Orleans	82 63 s	82 62 s	79 61 s	75 47 s
New York City	66 54 s	68 56 pc	68 50 sh	59 42 pc
Omaha	64 38 pc	60 36 s	62 34 s	64 38 pc
Phoenix	82 58 s	82 60 s	84 60 pc	84 58 pc
San Francisco	64 54 sh	65 53 pc	67 53 pc	68 52 pc
Seattle	52 44 c	54 44 pc	54 45 c	54 50 r
Washington	70 52 pc	72 58 pc	68 52 sh	63 37 c

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		Sunset	
Thu.	6:27 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	
Fri.	6:28 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	

Moonrise		Moonset	
Thu.	5:28 p.m.	6:37 a.m.	
Fri.	6:01 p.m.	7:42 a.m.	

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	47 38 pc	53 43 pc	55 43 pc	49 40 c
Berlin	39 32 pc	43 40 pc	45 39 c	48 37 pc
Buenos Aires	75 61 pc	75 61 s	78 58 s	81 61 pc
Cairo	79 58 pc	81 57 s	82 57 s	80 55 s
Jerusalem	70 50 pc	73 50 s	74 51 s	74 52 s
Johannesburg	82 59 pc	85 59 pc	84 64 pc	78 64 r
London	51 41 pc	58 46 pc	59 46 pc	49 40 c
Madrid	70 45 pc	68 40 pc	61 39 pc	58 41 c
Mexico City	70 47 pc	71 46 pc	70 45 c	68 43 pc
Moscow	47 29 sh	30 17 c	32 31 s	44 36 c
Paris	48 33 pc	52 39 pc	55 41 pc	52 38 pc
Rio de Janeiro	73 63 r	74 61 pc	73 68 c	73 68 r
Rome	65 36 s	58 38 pc	53 40 pc	54 40 pc
San Juan	88 75 pc	85 74 c	86 72 pc	86 72 pc
Seoul	57 34 pc	58 38 pc	59 43 pc	61 48 c
Sydney	75 51 s	63 44 pc	68 44 s	72 49 s
Tokyo	66 59 pc	70 55 pc	59 58 r	68 60 pc
Toronto	58 51 c	58 35 sh	47 29 pc	48 31 pc
Winnipeg	51 21 sh	38 20 s	44 31 pc	46 29 sh
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- Stabilizing taxes
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- ☑ Will begin construction of a New Waterfront Park (ground breaking in just a few weeks).
- ☑ Refunded & Refinanced Bonds issued by prior Councils. (saving taxpayers \$193,000 in interest payments).
- ☑ Created a Redevelopment Agency to begin the revitalization of Lower Roosevelt Avenue/Chrome.
- ☑ Negotiated a paving plan with the county, saving nearly \$700,000 in taxpayers money, while paving 11 streets.
- ☑ Created a Historical Preservation Committee (to document & preserve our Rich & Diverse history).
- ☑ Brought in a \$75,000 County Grant to Revitalize the Washington Avenue Business District.
- ☑ Applied & received a \$1,450,000 Grant to separate the sewer system in the hill district (with the help of Congressman Bob Menendez).
- ☑ Applied for and received a \$563,000 grant to reduce the Bond Debt on the Library/ Community Center.
- ☑ Applied for and received a \$450,000 0% interest free 20 year loan from NJ Waste Water Trust Fund to demolish the sewer plant.

The 2001 McGreevey Team

JIM McGreevey - Governor

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Standing (l. to r.) Brian Sosnowski, Sheriff Joe Spicuzzo, Assemblywoman Arline Friscia, Assemblyman John Wisniewski and Frank Parisi.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**New Jersey Probes Possible New Anthrax Case**

CARTERET - Amid rising health concerns, New Jersey health officials have stepped up protective measures several times last week, including a new focus on workers at a Carteret mail facility.

They expanded the state's protective antibiotic course for postal workers twice last week, first from seven to 10 days on Tuesday, and again then to the full 60-day regimen suggested by federal guidelines beginning Thursday.

George DiFerdinando, commissioner of the state Department of Health and Senior Services, said the changes were merited because of widespread contamination at the Hamilton facility, near Trenton, where 19 of 53 samples have tested positive for anthrax.

State officials began offering treatments to 104 postal workers at a transfer facility in Carteret last week as a precaution against the possible spread of anthrax from Hamilton.

They said environmental tests for anthrax contamination would also begin at 45 satellite post offices that receive mail from the processing and distribution center.

Nasal swabs given to more than 800 of 1,100 Trenton postal workers had proved negative for exposure to anthrax spores.

State health officials said they were testing a second postal worker for possible inhalation anthrax -- the most lethal form of the disease that has killed three people in the

United States in as many weeks.

A woman employed at a main U.S. postal processing and distribution center in Hamilton Township was hospitalized with symptoms compatible with two other inhalation cases involving one of her co-workers and a Florida tabloid newspaper employee who survived the infection.

The case raised the potential number of anthrax cases among New Jersey postal workers to five, including two who were confirmed to suffer from milder skin infections and one for whom tests for skin anthrax have proved inconclusive.

Another woman from the now-shuttered Hamilton facility became the state's first suspected case of inhalation anthrax.

Officials held back from officially labeling the latest case as a "suspected" anthrax infection, saying preliminary tests required for such a designation had proved negative.

"Right now we have no laboratory evidence that she has anthrax," explained state epidemiologist Eddy Bresnitz, who said test samples went to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for comprehensive examination last Thursday.

"However, because of the fact she was a postal worker who worked in the Hamilton Township facility, she worked in the time frame when we already had other cases, she worked in a facility known to have environmental contamination with anthrax ... to our mind, this is a

person who could have inhalational anthrax."

The Hamilton facility and a small satellite post office in nearby West Trenton have entered the spotlight in an escalating anthrax attack that has infected 14 people since the Sept. 11 hijacked plane attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Two Washington postal workers and a Florida newspaper photo editor died from the disease.

Three anthrax-laden letters sent to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw and the New York Post were handled by the New Jersey mail facility in Hamilton.

The news that a seriously ill New Jersey postal worker is believed to have contracted pulmonary anthrax has intensified complaints that the United States Postal Service and state public health officials did not act quickly or aggressively enough to contain the problem.

For almost a week after postal officials learned that an anthrax-tainted letter had moved through the Trenton regional mail processing center here, health officials and postal supervisors insisted that employees were not at risk because it was nearly impossible for the spores of the potentially deadly bacteria to leak out of a sealed envelope.

But now that three New Jersey postal workers have tested positive for skin anthrax and another is almost certainly suffering from the more serious form of the disease, pulmonary anthrax, all postal workers at the center have been ordered to undergo testing and are being given free antibiotics.

Authorities in Washington said the letter sent to Congress contained a particularly dangerous strain, as a second NBC News employee was confirmed to have skin anthrax and a State Department worker separately tested positive for exposure to the potential germ warfare agent.

Internet Data Censored for Security

STATE - New Jersey officials removed from the Internet some Web pages that officials fear could be useful to terrorists in planning attacks.

The state Department of Environmental Protection eliminated a database listing the hazardous chemicals and substances used or stored at 33,000 businesses throughout the state. The DEP also removed maps showing New Jersey's reservoirs, which serve 4 million people.

The information was taken off the Internet "for security reasons temporarily," according to DEP spokeswoman Loretta O'Donnell.

The reservoir information is available on paper maps of the state, but the DEP felt it was safer to remove it from the Internet, where it could be downloaded and used in computer mapping programs, O'Donnell said.

There is no blanket order on Internet data, but all departments were told to review their policies to address the safety of the citizens of the state, said Rae Hutton, spokesperson for acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco. The federal government also has

pulled web pages it believes could aid terrorists.

OMB Watch, a group that keeps tabs on the White House Office of Management and Budget, said federal agencies have removed information about the nation's nuclear sites, energy plants, pipelines, road mapping data, aviation enforcement actions and a report critical of the lack of security at many chemical plants.

Private web sites also have censored their data. The Federation of American Scientists, which usually advocates making government information available to the public, has removed about 200 web pages that contained potentially sensitive information about federal facilities.

State watchdog groups have not been critical, citing the unprecedented situation in the country since Sept. 11. Still, removal of public information from the public domain must be monitored, they say.

"These are troubled times, so we are being more understanding," said John J. O'Brien, executive director of the New Jersey Press Association, which represents the state's newspapers.

FERGUSON CASTS DECIDING VOTE ON "DREADFUL PROPOSAL"

Republicans' Corporate Tax Giveaway Passes By 1 Vote Margin

Rep. Michael Ferguson cast the deciding vote on a Republican bill that provided more than \$70 billion in corporate tax giveaways to profitable businesses last week. Included in the giveaways are \$25 billion in retroactive tax rebates that refund corporate taxes paid as far back as 1986.

The bill passed 216 to 214. According to House rules, had Rep. Ferguson voted "no", the vote total would have been tied and the ill-advised Republican legislation would have been defeated.

The New York Times editorialized that: "The razor-thin margin by which the House Republicans passed their economic stimulus package yesterday was a tribute to how really dreadful that proposal

is. "The House bill was top-heavy with giveaways to corporations and tax cuts to the wealthiest 30 percent of Americans. Since those citizens are the least likely to immediately spend new money they acquire, it made little sense as an economic stimulus. At a time when the country is being urged to make sacrifices for the common good, the idea of well-to-do Americans lining up for a tax break is appalling. "Only the House, it seems, has the leisure to dream up giveaways for special interests and campaign donors."

[New York Times Editorial, 10/25/01]

"There is no question this deciding vote will haunt Rep. Ferguson in next year's elections," said Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Press Secretary Mark Nevins. "This was a test. The choice was clear between a bill that's weighted toward special interests, and a bill that helps people through difficult economic times and provides real economic security. It was a test, and Rep. Ferguson failed miserably."

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Physician Urges Flu Shots To Battle Anthrax Scare

AREA — This may be the most important year ever to get a flu shot according to Carman Ciervo, D.O., chairman of the Dept. of Family Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ (UMDNJ)-School of Osteopathic Medicine.

"The early symptoms of anthrax infection and the flu are similar, so many people

who develop the flu may become alarmed that they have something more serious," Dr. Ciervo said. "Rather than worrying whether a high fever or cough might be anthrax, get the flu vaccine and diminish the symptoms and the uncertainty."

Recently, the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Washington, D.C. announced that flu vaccines will

be plentiful this year although supplies may be delayed. Because of this, people who are not considered at high risk of developing complications from the flu are being urged to delay getting their flu shots until November or December when supplies should be plentiful.

Those who should get flu shots immediately are people aged 65 and older and other high-risk groups, including:

- Residents of nursing homes and other facilities housing people with chronic illnesses.

• Children and adults with chronic heart or lung disorders.

- Children and adults who need regular medical care because of such chronic diseases as diabetes, kidney disease and immune suppression.

- People aged six months to 18 years who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy.

- Pregnant women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season.

• Health care workers.

"That doesn't mean healthy people should avoid getting their flu shots entirely," Dr. Ciervo said. "Even though the flu is a common illness, it's still serious. Nearly 20,000 Americans die each year from the flu."

Dr. Ciervo also said recent events should not cause people to worry about the safety of the vaccine. "This year's flu vaccine was created before the Sept. 11 attacks."

AARP Launches New Initiative For Caregivers

AREA—AARP New Jersey announces the launch of innovative public benefits outreach (PBO) screening tools on the organization's website. Located at www.aarp.org/nj, the service features two screening tools, ASAP On-Line (Access to Services and Assistance Programs) and the Community Resource Locator. Both service are cus-

tomized for New Jersey's seniors and can screen for hundreds of federal, state and community benefit programs and services.

AARP recently conducted a study of adult children and elderly parents. They learned that three quarters (75 percent) of adult children think about their parents' ability to live independently, but a third (32 percent) of

these say they do not talk with their parents about it. Similarly, seven in ten (69 percent) older parents say they think about their ability to live on their own, but more than a third of them (36 percent) say they do not talk with their adult children about what they will need as they age.

AARP New Jersey designed the PBO screening service with their younger members in mind. Three in ten (30 percent) adult children said they suspect their parents have needed help at some point, but have not asked for their children's help. AARP members Helen and Victor Hoagland used the PBO screen-

ing tools to see if there were services that could benefit their mother. While they described her as fiercely independent, they were happy to discover that their mother might be eligible to receive assistance with the cost of energy through LIHEAP. According to Mrs. Hoagland, "We will discuss this with mom and if she chooses, she can avail herself of this service." They plan to use the AARP PBO screening tools to help other elderly seniors in their church.

Since AARP New Jersey activated the service on their website at www.aarp.org/nj, preliminary data show those completing

the screening found an average of 7 programs and services for which they or their loved one were potentially eligible. The two PBO screening tools are available free to all and are confidential since no personal identifying information is requested. Simply go to the AARP New Jersey website at www.aarp.org/nj.

For more information on AARP's initiatives to promote family conversations, write to AARP Fulfillment, 601 E. Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20049 and request "Family Conversations that Help Parents Stay Independent (D17002)."

November Is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

STATE — According to the Alzheimer's Association, 10% of people 65 years old and older and almost half of those 85 years old or older are living with Alzheimer's disease. With an estimated 65,000 older adults living in New Jersey alone, hundreds of seniors and their families are affected by the disease on a daily basis.

As the holiday season approaches, New Jersey's largest assisted living provider — Sunrise Assisted Living — would like to offer information to help families and caregivers cope.

For future reporting on Alzheimer's, visit http://www.sunriseassistedliving.com/about/featured_articles/index.asp to view releases titled "Holidays Pose Challenges for People with Alzheimer's" and "Snoezelen: Sensory Stimulation Therapy for People with Alzheimer's," in which Sunrise professionals discuss tips that may interest you for your future reporting.

With communities in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, Sunrise has had 20 years of success solely in the assisted living industry. For its residents with Alzheimer's and related memory impairments, Sunrise commu-

nities provide effective, innovative care in their Reminiscence Neighborhoods. Developed in accordance with the Alzheimer's Association's Guidelines for Dignity and enhanced over the years by incorporating the best practices from around the world, the Reminiscence Neighborhood care program enables better communication and less frustration for residents, families and caregivers in a safe, separate area.

For more information or to talk with a Sunrise professional in an area near you, please contact Laura Feragen or Shelley Pfaendler at 215-793-4666 or via e-mail at laura@toplin.com or shelley@toplin.com, respectively.

Help For Those Still Suffering

AREA—Support is available for those who know the problem of addiction in a relative or friend. Join us on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. for the Nar-Anon Serenity Group meeting at the Hungarian Reformed Church on School Street (off Main Street), Woodbridge. Or call Nar-Anon at 1-800-322-5525 for more information.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Applications Ready For Arts High/Middle School

COUNTY — Audition applications are available for students in grades 7-12 for the nonprofit Middlesex County Arts High School and Arts Middle School programs, sponsored by the Arts and Education Council of Greater Middlesex County. Accelerated courses in the literary, performing and visual arts,

taught by professionally qualified artists who are also experienced teachers, are free to enrolled students.

Each year, approximately 800 students audition for the 200 places in the high school program and the 150 places in the middle school program.

Choices include creative

writing (fiction, poetry or play writing); modern dance; instrumental music ensembles (brass, clarinet, flute or improvisational jazz); vocal music (Broadway, classical or musical theater); music composition; theater arts; visual arts; and arts photography. Although students may audition for two art forms, they may only attend one class in the spring semester.

The arts schools collaborate with 50 Middlesex County

schools. Enrolled students are released from their home school for one afternoon a week. Transportation is provided to the program locations in Edison; the sites are provided free of charge by Middlesex County College, the Edison Recreation Dept. and the Stelton Baptist Church.

Registration deadline for Arts High School is Nov. 1, with a Nov. 18 audition date. The Middle School of the Arts registration deadline is Nov. 15, with

auditions set for Dec. 1.

Most school districts in the county pay the prescribed tuition fee. Additional funding has been made possible in part by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the NJ State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York and community donors.

For applications and more information, call 732-249-5151; e-mail ArtsHSorMS@aol.com.

Looking For "A+ Parents"

AREA — For the second year, local McDonald's throughout the New York Tri-State area are recognizing parents who are involved in their child's education. Through the McDonald's A+ Parents Award Essay Contest, students in grades six through eight can nominate parents, guardians or family members who provide inspiration and encouragement for students learning both inside and outside the classroom. Among the prizes being offered to McDonald's A+ Parents Award

winners are Walt Disney World Resort vacation packages, portable CD players and \$250 grants for their schools.

An application and information for the McDonald's A+ Parents Award are available on www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com and participating McDonald's restaurants in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut Tri-State area.

To enter, students must submit a completed entry form and original essay of 250 words or less on an A+ Parent or Guar-

dian in their lives by Nov. 30. All entries should be sent to McDonald's A+ Parents Essay Contest, P.O. Box 7307, Melville, NY 11775-7307. There is no purchase necessary to enter or win the contest. The contest is void where prohibited by law and will be governed by the Official Rules.

The A+ Parents Essay Contest is part of the McDonald's A+ Parents = A+ Kids Program, developed by McDonald's New York Tri-State Restaurant Owners in an effort to increase visibility and awareness for family involvement in education.

Additionally, McDonald's restaurants are encouraging families to enjoy a meal together on National Parent Involvement Day, Mon., Nov. 12. On or about Nov. 1, families can log onto www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com and download a coupon for a free Happy Meal for a child with a parent/guardian purchase of an Extra Value Meal on Nov. 12.

National Parent Involvement Day was created by The Parenting Coalition International Inc. as a way to unite the many efforts by local and regional groups who were working to

recognize the importance of parent involvement in the lives of children and especially in their education.

McDonald's is the world's best-known brand and is the global leader in food service. There are more than 630 McDonald's Restaurants, owned by more than 200 owners and operators, located throughout the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Tri-State area. Visit www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com for more information on other McDonald's New York Tri-State programs.

UCC Graduate Turned 74 Years Young The Day Before Her Commencement

AREA — It was 1944 when Jean Kellogg received her high

pursue her degree until her retirement days. So finally,

do, completing a college degree. Kellogg, of Scotch Plains,

calaureate degree in religious studies at Drew University this coming fall.

When Kellogg first retired 12 years ago, she spent many years serving as a volunteer on a near full-time basis, along with traveling 23 countries and 48 of the 50 states. It was in 1998 when she decided to experiment with a return to school by taking a class. She enrolled in a Spanish class at UCC and loved it. So she took her placement exams and enrolled in the College taking two classes a semester. Kellogg enjoyed her Spanish course so much that she got involved with UCC's Spanish Club, served as its secretary, and assisted with running its festivals and other events.

When asked about her experience at UCC, Kellogg states that, "...as a whole it was a very positive experience." She explained that she most enjoyed the multicultural aspect of the College. As a non-traditional student she found all the students to be very respectful and she never felt uncomfortable in the classroom. She found that "most of the professors were wonderful" and easily approachable for questions.

Despite all the time Kellogg put into her studies and her

involvement with campus organizations, she still found time to continue her volunteer work. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA and is the registrar for the annual conference held by the American Baptist Womens Ministry. She is also involved at the state level with a group called Churches of New Jersey.

Register Now For National Program For Gifted Students

AREA — Attention students: if you have scored at or above the 97th percentile on a recent standardized test, you may be eligible for the 2002 Johns Hopkins University Talent Search program.

This program offers unique opportunities to second- through eighth-grade students to take special tests, gain a better understanding of their academic abilities, and potentially qualify for summer programs and online courses. Tests are given locally.

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Tips For Avoiding A Sour Car-Buying Experience

AREA—Summer is one of the busiest car-buying seasons of the year, according to Consumer Advocate and Attorney Craig Thor Kimmel, co-founder of Lemon Law America (www.lemon-lawamerica.com), a national not-for-profit website. As soon as the sun comes out, consumers flock to their local dealership to get behind the wheel of a shiny new car, truck or SUV.

However, there are some important tips consumers need to take to make sure they aren't taken for a ride or stuck with a lemon car. "Although getting a new car can be exciting it is something that should not be rushed," warns Kimmel, who also serves as Managing Partner of the Haddonfield, NJ-based law firm of Kimmel and Silverman.

1) **Research, Research, Research!** When looking at a new car, do your homework. Make sure that the car has a strong customer satisfaction rating, provides the features you need and want, and is priced within your range. Consumer Reports, Edmunds.com and J.D. Power & Associates' Buyers Survey, are all great sources of information. For pre-owned cars, check out carfax.com and Kelly Blue Book (www.kbb.com).

2) **Ask Family, Neighbors and Friends.** Often overlooked, these are some of the very best resources for car shoppers. In many cases, they can provide reliable and useful information about the very same vehicles you may be considering.

News groups and websites on the Internet can also provide some interesting perspectives. Does the SUV drive well in snow? Just read the information posted by that person living in Alaska to find out. Is the convertible top leaky? Check out what that Seattle resident has to say about it.

3) **Know the MSRP!** MSRP stands for the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. Pay attention to the word "suggested" because unless a car is in high-demand, dealers generally sell cars lower than MSRP. Knowing the MSRP can help you when you are discussing option costs, which are standard.

4) **Try it before you buy it!** It is absolutely necessary to check the exact car you are buying, rather than one that is "just like it." Before you even consider signing any papers, try every feature, flip every switch, open every window, turn on every fan, operate the heater and air conditioner, regardless of the weather, check every stereo speaker,

run the windows up and down repeatedly, whether the car is new or used. Then, take it for a thorough test drive, at least 5 miles, before you make your final decision. Listen for unusual sounds and pay attention to how the car steers, accelerates, brakes and handles. If something isn't working properly, don't sign anything and don't accept promises to fix it after the sale!

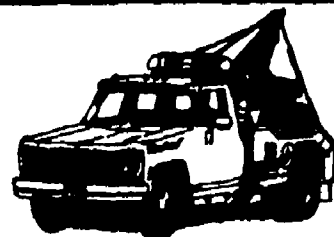
5) **Never purchase a used car without a Manufacturers' Warranty.**

6) **If you get easily intimidated, consider one-price shopping or bringing someone else as your "no" friend.** Many car dealerships are now using what they refer to as "no-haggle pricing." If you feel uncomfortable haggling, this may be the route for you. Or, you can always bring a friend along for the experience, to keep you under control by saying "no" when the deal changes and becomes too pricey.

7) **Know Your Rights!** If you have purchased a new car or a car with an existing manufacturer's warranty and you have a reoccurring problem that they can't seem to fix, you do have legal rights. Best of all, legal help is completely free to consumers under State and Federal Laws. For a list of useful websites and informa-

tion on consumer rights, visit www.lemonlawamerica.com Lemon Law America at or call 1-800-LEMON-LAW.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Red Bow Boutique This Nov. 16 And 17

AREA—The Friends of the New Jersey State Museum announce that the Red Bow Boutique will be held on Friday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17 at the State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton.

This year's elegant boutique will feature favorite and some new, shops for holiday gift buying, a raffle, a silent auction, flower arranging, holiday decorating and lots of fun. The Red Bow Preview Luncheon is always a sold-out event and this year's luncheon Friday, Nov. 16 at noon will include informal modeling of holiday fashions for ladies and little ones.

Added to the festivities will be a gentlemen's evening of shopping from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16. Wine, cheeses and personalized assistance will make this year's holiday shopping a treat.

A 50/50 raffle will also be offered. Chances will be on sale through Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Friends Shop in the State Museum.

Bidders at the silent auction will have a great time bidding on restaurant reservations at some of the area's favorite dining places; spa days; wines; artwork; pet portraits; and many other specialty gifts.

The Red Bow Preview Opening Luncheon on Friday at noon in the Museum's beautiful fine art gallery is by advanced reservation only.

Subscription to the luncheon is \$50.

Informal modeling of party fashions for the season will add to the event. After the luncheon, there will be plenty of choices for shopping. At 2 p.m. a holiday flower arranging demonstration will be held. At 4 p.m. the Museum and the Red Bow Boutique will host a wine tasting and cheese party for gentlemen who need some help finding extra special gifts.

On Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. there will be a holiday decorating workshop and demonstration of boxwood topiary. A visit to the Red Bow Boutique will be a wonderful

day. Friday the Boutique is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. On Saturday, hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the Boutique is \$3. This includes admission to all demonstrations.

For the Friday Red Bow Luncheon reservations, call the Friends office at (609) 394-5310. Proceeds from the Red Bow Boutique benefit the programs and collections at the New Jersey State Museum.

The Museum is located in the Capitol Complex, 205 West State Street, Trenton.

For more information, contact Dorothy Plohn at (609) 683-1488.

New Jersey Web Site Honored

STATE—New Jersey's official state Web site, State of New Jersey Homepage (<http://www.state.nj.us>) is a 2001 recipient of a Council of State Governments' Eagle E-government Award of Excellence.

The Web site serves as a single point of entry on the Web for citizens, businesses and employees of New Jersey and can also be personalized by the interests of individual users, according to CSG's Eagle E-government Program Coordinator Ed Janairo. Government services, online transactions and information are easily accessible from this well-designed portal. "This Web site serves as an excellent

model for other states," says Janairo.

Judges for CSG's annual contest included elected state government officials, state government staff and CSG's private sector associates. "The choice of this site as an award winner reflects the expectations and demands that practitioners in state government have of e-government," Janairo said.

Sites were judged on ease of use, design, accessibility to the public, technological innovation and how effectively the application could streamline government and deliver better customer service. A complete list of this year's winners can be found at

<http://www.csg.org/eagle>.

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Digital Camera Workshops For Beginners

AREA—The New Jersey Photography Forum announces the second Digital Photography Workshop for Beginners to be held from 2-5 p.m. on Nov. 11 at the Chase Room of the Madison Library, 39 Keep Street, Madison. The workshop, which is open to all with a \$10 donation, will be aimed at photographers who are interested in using or choosing a digital camera.

In conjunction with the workshop, members of the panel of presenters will have examples of their work out for review. These images will showcase some of the work begun by contemporary photographers from the New Jersey Photography Forum.

The workshop will be lead by

Rod Chronister, a Clinical Physician and multi media software specialist who combines 15 years of digital imaging experience with a lifelong interest in photography. His presentation will focus on the pro's and con's of the digital cameras of today, how to shop for one, and ways of getting your pictures into your computer. He will describe how to optimize your image by using software such as Paint Shop Pro and other common amateur and prosumer software packages. The Paint Shop Pro software will be demonstrated and related to traditional darkroom concepts. Also presented will be information on archival printing, emailing your photos, online services and web page use.

Following the presentation, a panel of experienced digital photographers, moderated by Nancy Ori, will join Rod to field questions from the audience. Valuable reference material will also be supplied in the handouts.

The New Jersey Photography Forum was organized by Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights and Michael Creem of Summit to provide an opportunity for professional photographers, photo educators and serious amateurs to meet and discuss their work, share expertise, advance skills and explore exhibit possibilities within the fine art community. The group, presently meeting at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung, is now in its seventh year and has become the largest and most recognized group of

fine art photographers in the state. For additional information about the New Jersey Photography Forum, The Digital Photography Workshop or current meeting dates call Nancy

Ori at (908) 790-8820, Michael Creem at (908) 273-1672 or visit the web site at: <http://community.nj.com/cc/njphotoforum>.

"Imitation Of Life" To Debut At Union County College

AREA — From Fri., Nov. 9 through Dec. 13 "Imitation of Life," will be on display at the Tomasulo Gallery, located in the MacKay Library of Union County College's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave. "Imitation of Life," explores the murky waters of simulacra, our need to project our alter egos on inanimate objects, and questions of where the soul resides. This exhibition represents four artists working in a wide range of media who depict dolls, toy animals, and hyper-real but oddly scaled human figures. These replicas of ourselves have psychological ramifications that are uncomfortably familiar and create a surreal meditation on the nature of reality and consciousness.

The four artists participating in the show are Nina Levy, Rene Lynch, Judith Page, and Nola Zirin. Nina Levy's photographs and sculptures of herself transform her own body into a doll and make us question notions of perfection and simulation. Manipulating scale and perspective, she challenges the obvious voyeuristic response and forces a more distanced view.

Rene Lynch paints on gold leafed panels, depicting plastic dolls, who are tiny replicas of ourselves, with wild animals. She is emphasizing the poignant

irony of our culture's strong nostalgia for animal wildness even as we contribute to its disappearance.

Judith Page's bittersweet "tar babies" of tarred over found and flattened stuffed toy bunny rabbits, remind us how powerful children's stories influence our cultural thinking and how tender we feel towards a bruised or battered child's toy.

Nola Zirin's iris prints are romanticized and nostalgic visions of a doll made monumental. By focusing our attention on the minute details, we find ourselves projecting our own emotions and desires on her simulated icon.

The Tomasulo Gallery exhibit will debut on Fri., Nov. 9, with an opening reception from 7-9 p.m. The Gallery is located on the first floor of the MacKay Library on the campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information please call the Tomasulo Gallery at (908) 709-7155.

Buzz & Woody Return In Disney On IceSM

AREA—Hold on! They're coming! The easy-going cowboy Woody and high-flying space ranger Buzz Lightyear are back in town in *Disney On Ice* presents *Disney/PIXAR's Toy Story 2*. This live, all new, all skating, comedy-action-adventure visits Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y. from Nov. 13-18 and at Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J. from Nov. 20-25.

The toys from Andy's room—Woody, Buzz, Hamm, Slinky® Dog, Rex and others—are sent into a panic when they learn Andy's mom is planning a dreaded event...a yard sale. The heroic Woody rescues Wheezy the Penguin, but is abducted by Al, the nefarious proprietor of Al's Toy Barn. Al recognizes the sheriff as a valuable collectable and plans to sell Woody and the rest of the Roundup Gang—sidekick Cowgirl Jessie, loyal steed Bullseye and Prospector Pete—to a far-away toy museum at a big price. Learning of early roots as a cultural phenomenon, Woody is torn between leaving behind Buzz and the rest of the plastic posse, or returning to Andy. It's up to the intrepid space ranger to lead the mission save his friends and to show the confused cowboy that the greatest value for a toy is the love a child.

This show features an international team of award-win-

ning, world-class figure skaters dazzlingly choreographed to an expanded musical score. Among the creative forces bringing this ice extravaganza to life are acclaimed Broadway costume designer Frank Krenz and rock-and-roll lighting designer Leroy Bennet. With oversized sets, designed by Loren Sherman and state-of-the-art special effects, including a sixteen car smash-up and the lowering of an airplane's landing gear high above the arena floor, *Disney On Ice* presents *Toy Story 2* promises to take audiences to infinity and beyond!

Tickets for *Disney On Ice* presents *Toy Story 2* are available at arena box offices, all TicketMaster outlets and TicketMaster Charge By Phone at (631) 888-9000, (201) 507-8900, (212) 307-7171. Ticket prices are \$15, \$25 and \$45 (VIP seating). To learn more about *Disney On Ice*, log on to www.DisneyOnIce.com.

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TIS THE SEASON FOR NEWSPAPER ENDORSEMENTS

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Over the last week, New Jersey's daily newspapers have begun their annual tradition of endorsing candidates, from Governor and the state legislature to, in some case, candidates for county and municipal offices. So far, the endorsements have gone overwhelmingly in favor of Democrat Jim McGreevey.

McGreevey won the endorsements of ten dailies: The Star-Ledger, The New York Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Record, The Courier-Post, Asbury Park Press, Courier-News, the Home News Tribune, the Trenton Times and the Ocean County Observer. None of the newspapers are supporting Schundler.

Candidates who receive endorsements consider them tremendously important, especially when they're received in enough times to include excerpts in television ads and direct mail. The candidates who aren't endorsed are frequently quick to spin their insignifi-

cance. On Sunday, the McGreevey campaign put out a press release touting their editorial support; the Schundler campaign discounted the effectiveness of endorsements, and in one case, disputed the facts of an editorial.

Success with the editorial boards don't always influence the voters: in 1993, Governor Jim Florio won the endorsements of all but two daily newspapers, but lost to Republican Christine Todd Whitman; in the 2000 U.S. Senate race, Republican Bob Franks was backed by seventeen daily newspapers, while the winner, Democrat Jon Corzine, was supported by just six.

But even with an uneven track record, it's clear that candidates covet these endorsements.

Jim McGreevey's lead is at eleven points, 44%-33%, according to a New York Times poll released last Friday. The Times interviewed 1,039 registered voters by telephone from Oct. 20-23. The poll, though based only on interviews conducted with 760 registered voters. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Readers Commentary

Proud To Serve Our Country

Dear Editor,

"I am proud to be an American," stated Lt. Colonel Norman E. Wood, Salvation Army New Jersey Divisional Commander, adding, "and will always be. I was proud of America when I was in the Air Force on two tours of duty in Vietnam, and if it's all possible, I am even more proud now. The American people have united in brotherhood behind our great nation and their support and generosity following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have been monumental."

Lt. Colonel Wood also expressed his pride in The Salvation Army for the work that they continue to do relating to disaster relief. Buoyed by expressions of thanks from individuals, rescue workers and the victims' families, he vowed "to continue all possible efforts that The Salvation Army NJ Division can make."

To date, servicing rescue and relief personnel,

survivors and victims' families, more than 64,598 meals have been served and 163,705 items distributed, which include clothing, tools and other supplies.

Plans for regional assistance centers are in process. These centers will be manned with counselors and staff, providing easy access to Salvation Army relief services for victims' families not able to visit the Liberty State Park Family Assistance Center.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, call Tricia Pellegrini at Divisional Headquarters at (908) 851-8227.

God Bless,
Lt. Colonel
Norman E. Wood
NJ Divisional Commander
The Salvation Army

Save Our Open Spaces

Dear Editor,

I strongly urge Middlesex County voters to say "Yes" to Question 1 on Nov. 6. The Open-Space Referendum would approve an additional two-cent levy per \$100 of assessed valuation, which would go into the County's Open Space Trust Fund.

Since Middlesex County residents created the Open Space Trust Fund in 1995, more than 4,600 acres of land have been purchased or are under contract. We have preserved open space in East Brunswick, Edison, Helmetta, Monroe, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Plainsboro, South Brunswick,

South Plainfield and South River.

The race for space in our area gets tighter every day. Property costs increase. Time is running out. We must act quickly before it's too late.

As Freeholder Liaison to the County's Open Space Advisory Committee, I believe the Trust Fund will further enhance our residents' quality of life. It will be an enduring legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Please vote "Yes" for open space on Election Day, Nov. 6. Thank you.

Camille Fernicola
Freeholder
Middlesex County



In the nearly eight weeks since our nation was struck by terrorists, there has been a tremendous outpouring of patriotism. American Flags are hung from countless homes and vehicles. In every sporting event since September 11th, the National Anthem has been sung a bit more loudly and with a great deal more pride. Children have donated their leftover lunch money to the relief efforts in New York City. Americans across the country have held bake sales, have made and sold buttons and T-shirts, all in the name of American pride. All of these actions and many more have been wonderful displays of American patriotism and I am glad to be able to partici-



LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

And A Smile

After a night of drinking three years ago, Quebec college student Keven Mackle, 21, wanted a soda. The vending machine didn't cooperate. Keven tried shaking the drink out of it. Bad idea. The 920 pound machine tipped over and crushed Keven who assumed room temperature... still thirsty.

In his report, the coroner noted that at least 35 people have died in such incidents since 1978. He recommended that Coca-Cola equip its vending machines with warning stickers and devices to prevent them from being shaken. Though the death was ruled accidental, Keven's family is suing Coca-Cola, Bishop's University (Mackle's school), the company that manufactured the vending machine and the company that operated it—for a million dollars. "All of the defendants knew of the dangers," the lawsuit said, but "failed to take corrective steps."

In case you, like Keven, don't know the dangers of shaking a vending machine, an official warning from Mr. Damen. Please do not jostle the machines violently, or they may topple on you. They are heavy. They might cause injury or death. If you are drunk, be extra careful. Now go forth, safely. And have a Coke and a smile.

and then there's...

Wake-Up Call

The latest innovation to help the nation's youth is being field-tested in New York City. Harold Levy, New York's School Chancellor, has ordered alarm clocks for 1000 chronically tardy middle school students from the Bronx. I kid you not.

The good news for taxpayers is that an appliance store is donating the clocks. The bad news is, the problem is far from being solved. Out of 440,000 public school students who attended summer school in New York, about half of them risk being held back due to attendance problems.

I say, forget the alarm clock. That still requires effort from students. They have to set them—turn the little dial—and pull out the alarm button. Too much thinking! No, we should give the kiddies a wake-up call, that way, they can also order what they want to have waiting for them from the school breakfast program. Or better yet, we could provide door-to-door limousine service to tardy students. That way, folks, we can leave no child behind. Even if they're late.

pate in them. But that is only the beginning of Patriotism. We can always do more to show our support of our country.

In addition to flying the American Flag, donating money to the relief efforts, and singing patriotic songs, there is a very simple way that we Americans can show the world how much we will not be deterred by acts of terrorism. Go to the polls on election day. Cast your vote and participate in the most fundamental aspect of democracy. Here in New Jersey, we have the opportunity to elect a new Governor and all 120 seats in the State Legislature. Locally, many municipalities have elections in which mayors and council members will be selected. Being part of that is patriotic.

Voting is one of the most fundamental aspects of our democratic society. Yet sur-

prisingly, only about half of the eligible people choose to exercise that right. The right to vote is so sacred that, throughout the course of our nation's history, people have fought and died to preserve it for themselves and their posterity.

This Tuesday, November 6th, is Election Day. It is a day to embrace all that is good in a democracy, the right to select our leaders in a peaceful and secret fashion. Our right to vote is maybe the most important freedom that we are privileged to possess within our democracy here in the United States of America. I encourage all eligible registered residents to make a point of casting their vote this Election Day. Government works best when everyone votes and everyone has their say. Make sure your voice is heard and your opinion is counted this Tuesday.

Got something to say? Why not write a letter to our "Readers Commentary" column? Tell us how you feel about current situations both locally and nationally.

Send to: AT/CE, "Readers Commentary", PO Box 1061, Rahway, NJ 07065

McGroovey For Governor

There's a clear choice in the election for Governor this year: Jim McGroovey.

Republican Bret Schundler probably disqualified himself by exploiting the Sept. 11 tragedy for political gain, criticizing New Jersey's contribution to the rescue effort. Then he engaged in the utmost hypocrisy by running a 30

second campaign ad featuring scenes of police and firefighters at the World Trade Center.

Leaders of state unions representing police and firefighters condemned Schundler's actions, as did Republican acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco.

They pointed out that Schundler laid off emergency

service workers in Jersey City while he was mayor.

While Schundler would have us believe he will cut taxes as governor, he raised taxes locally - a charge he constantly throws at his opponent.

By comparison, Woodbridge has prospered under McGroovey's leadership.

The Democrat created more jobs, improved local services and demonstrated a sound ability to manage taxpayer money.

McGroovey is also far better when it comes to relating to the concerns and opinions of New Jersey residents.

McGroovey has offered reasonable ideas to improve public schools, limit property taxes, tackle high insurance costs, to protect the environment and to

assure the security of state residents in these troubled times.

By contrast, Schundler's an extremist. His private school funding proposal would cost the state almost \$200 million. Schundler also wants to outlaw abortion and legalize guns.

New Jersey residents would do very well to elect Jim McGroovey for Governor.

Vitale, Buono For Senate

Sen. Joseph Vitale represents the state's 19th Legislative District, which includes Woodbridge, Carteret, Perth Amboy, South Amboy and Sayreville.

He should be re-elected.

The New Jersey Hospital Association named him "Legislator of the Year" in 2000 for sponsoring the law that reimburses hospi-

tals and physicians for money lost to two bankrupt HMOs and for his strong support of various public-health initiatives.

At least ten initiatives sponsored by Vitale for improving the quality of health care have been passed into law, even though the senator is a freshman in the minority party.

Without a doubt, Vitale has earned another term.

Democratic Assemblywoman Barbara Buono is an easy choice for state Senate in the 18th District, which includes East Brunswick, Edison, Helmetta, Metuchen, South Plainfield, South River and Spotswood.

Republican John Cito, an East Brunswick resident and lawyer who was tapped to take his place on the ballot, has never held public office.

Buono, who is also a lawyer, was a Metuchen Borough Council member before winning a 1994 special election to the Assembly.

She authored laws to protect children and to expand the state's prescription drug program.

With the kind of problems facing New Jersey, from security concerns to the budget mess being left behind after eight years heavy borrowing, voters would be wise to choose a senator who has experience.

Delgado & Wisniewski For Assembly

We agree with *The Home News Tribune* in endorsing Republican Billy Delgado and Assemblyman John Wisniewski.

Woodbridge Democrat Arline Fracia, a three-term incumbent, has had a lackluster record in the Assembly, especially when compared with Wisniewski.

Wisniewski of Sayreville, seeking a fourth term, has worked

hard to save jobs in the district and represent local concerns in the state legislature.

His leadership has been rewarded by his Trenton colleagues who elected him Deputy Minority Conference Leader.

Wisniewski and Delgado, a young and energetic Perth Amboy attorney, deserve your vote.

In the 18th District Assembly

race, there is no contest. Democratic three-term incumbent Peter J. Barnes Jr., a retired FBI agent from Edison, and Patrick Diegan Jr., a South Plainfield attorney, are far superior to their Republican opponents, Norman Van Houten of Edison, a professor in environmental science at New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Sylvester Fernandez of Edison.

stability as major concerns.

Pollando, who is president of the Sayreville Athletic Association, has already demonstrated his ability and commitment by helping create the borough's youth recreation basketball program and other services.

Gotta, a mother of seven, who works part-time as an office manager at the mayor's sales and marketing firm, could have a hard time acting independently on political issues.

Voters should support Pollando to act as a watchdog and we encourage support for Pinaha, in what is a tough choice over Marcinczyk.

en's party unanimous control of the council would reduce the opportunity for true debate and compromise that has often resulted in better public policy.

Pollando, a 30-year resident and vice president of Adco Electric, Marcinczyk, a lifelong resident who owns a flower shop and a cemetery monument business, and Pinaha, an advertising agency executive, all appear to be intelligent and well-versed on the issues. All three correctly identify traffic problems, over-development and tax

Gilbert Nielsen, a former councilman and public defender who ran against Spadaro in 1993, has failed to make a strong case against giving Spadaro another term.

Spadaro is running along with Council President Anthony Massaro, 54, principal of South Plainfield High School, township Environmental Commissioner Robert Diehl, 47, a teacher at South Plainfield High School; and Para Patel, a 31-year-old tax attorney.

Spadaro and his runningmates deserve your vote.

Spadaro Again for Edison

Edison is Middlesex County's largest municipality — with 97,687 residents — and the fifth most populous in New Jersey. This year's mayoral election gives residents the chance to significantly influence the community's future.

Running for his third term, Edison Mayor George Spadaro, a former councilman and state legislator, boasts a number of accomplishments, including stable tax rates, improved services, open space preservation, and economic development.

Republican mayoral candidate

Re-Elect Sheriff Spicuzzo

As our nation launches its response to terrorism, we can be proud of the way Sheriff Joseph Spicuzzo, area police and firefighters and our National Guard troops have responded to the need for increased security in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Middlesex County residents should feel confident in the security and safety afforded to our communities by Spicuzzo's leadership, but the Sheriff's efforts since Sept. 11 are only one chapter in a long and admirable record of accomplishment.

Whether it's providing security in the Court House, transporting inmates to court, effecting arrests, or performing many other functions, Spicuzzo always provides

the best service at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

As Spicuzzo remains working to preserve our security and safety, it is well for voters to remember that he is a candidate for re-election on the November ballot. Although many of his actions escape public notice, Spicuzzo has done the job well. He's a true asset for Middlesex County and he deserves another term in office.

In these difficult times, America needs people like Joe Spicuzzo and Middlesex County would be wise to keep the one we have. We encourage everyone in Middlesex County to support Spicuzzo regardless of political affiliation.

Split Ticket in Sayreville

Democratic Borough Council candidates Tom Marcinczyk and Tom Pollando are competing with Republicans Bob Pinaha and Joan Gotta for two seats on the six-member council. The Democratic newcomers are trying to retain the party's voice in local government, where Jeff Pawlowski and George "Fred" Semoneit are not seeking re-election.

The GOP took 4-2 control of the council last year, when two Democratic incumbents were defeated by Republican challengers.

Giving Mayor Kennedy O'Bri-

Re-Elect Brady, Dalina And Rafano

Freeholders Jane Z. Brady, Stephen "Pete" Dalina and Christopher Rafano deserve another term.

The Democrats have demonstrated leadership and effectiveness on the seven-member Middlesex County Board of Freeholders.

Brady, of Perth Amboy, has

been a passionate advocate for youth and seniors who wants to promote adult-literacy programs in her next term. Brady deserves your vote.

Rafano, of South River, leads the freeholder's law and public-safety committee, which has had spectacular performance in emergency-management. Rafano's re-

election will help keep county residents safe during the new war.

Dalina is deputy director of the Freeholder Board, a post that demonstrates his colleague's respect for him. He has been an effective workhorse for many years and his record clearly merits another term.

Fight Terrorism Nov. 6

For people looking for a way to defeat terrorism, a good first step is to vote on Tuesday. More than anthem-singing and flag-waving, voting is the best way to fight back.

Giving up your right to vote, and thus avoiding your responsibility to vote, is like surrendering to the terrorists. It is an awesome responsibility and a precious right that people have died for. Americans shouldn't let anything keep them from voting.

Vote Yes For Open Space

Middlesex County voters will get the chance to decide if the county should increase the dedicated property tax to buy open space, improve parks and preserve historic areas. The public question ought to be approved.

The county's open space fund

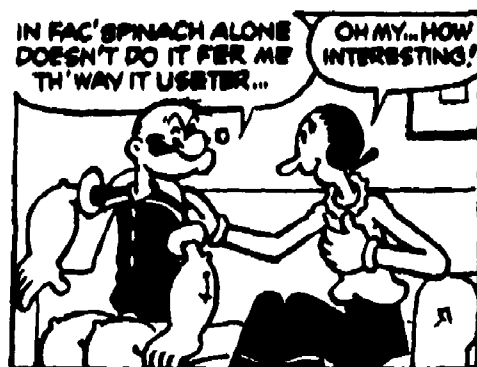
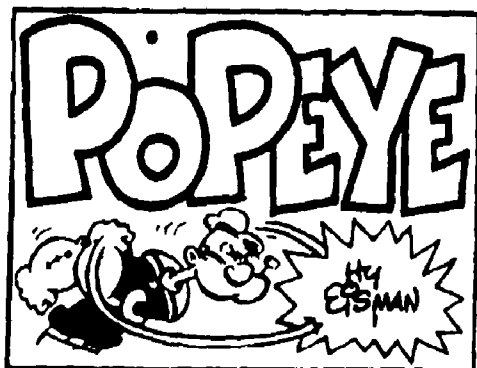
is now supported by a one-cent tax on each \$100 of property value. The proposed ballot question would increase that to three cents.

Given the magnitude of benefits from preserving open space, it is a very worthwhile investment.

Comics & Puzzles

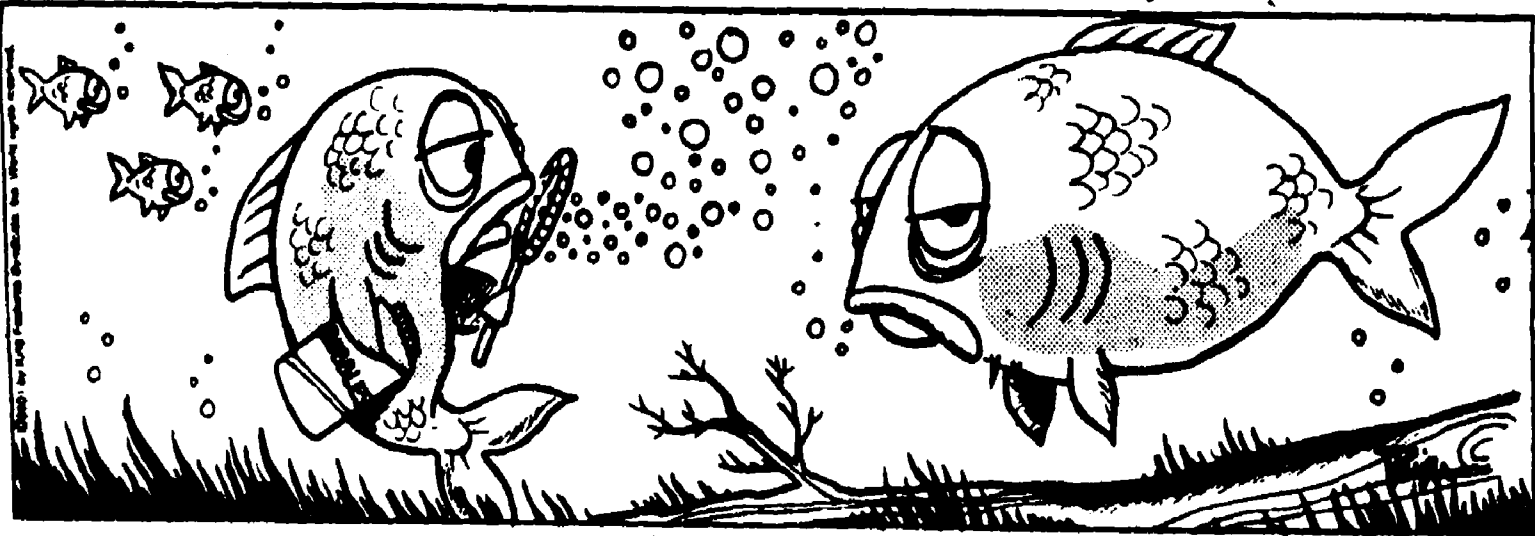
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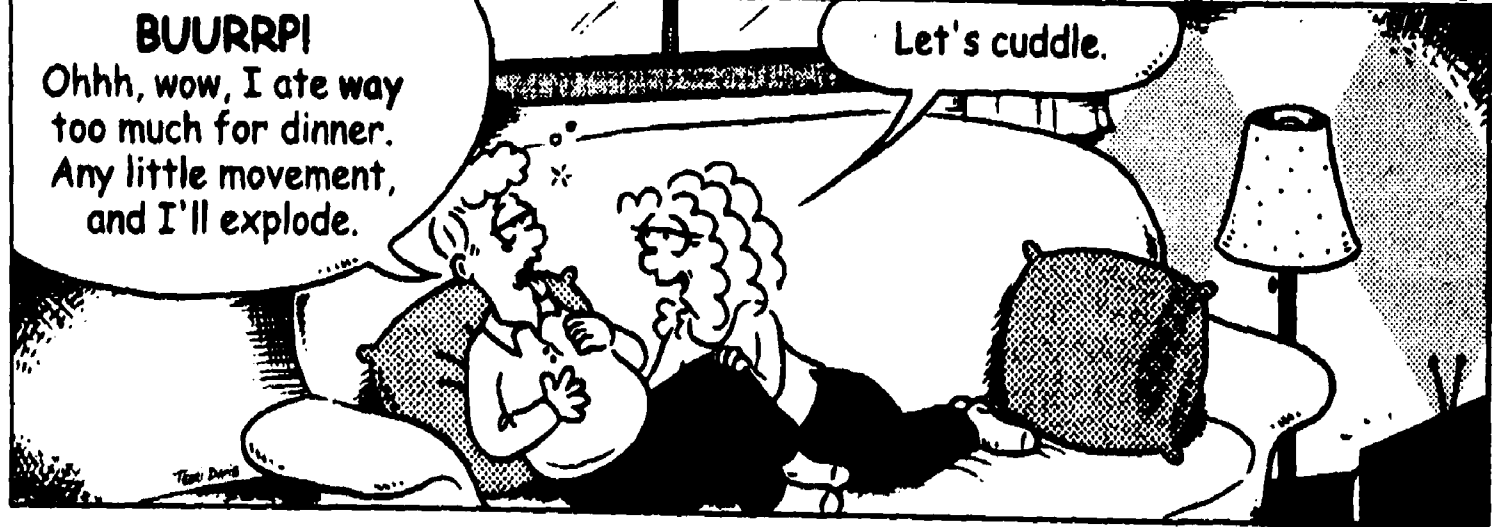
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by TERRI DAVIS



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Letter on jersey. 2. Girl's hair is different. 3. Crossbar is missing. 4. Star is added. 5. Stripe on hat is missing. 6. Girl's collar is different.

ACROSS

- 1 Pleased
- 5 Dog tags
- 8 Lovers' quarrel
- 12 Boisterous dance
- 13 Kitten's comment
- 14 "For - know ..."
- 15 Pedestal occupant
- 16 Leap-frogger's need
- 18 Energetic worker
- 20 Kept aloof
- 21 Dweeb
- 23 Periodical
- 24 Lois Lane, e.g.
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- 31 Right angle
- 32 Gambler's mecca
- 34 Avill locale
- 35 Prejudice
- 37 Cads
- 39 Sweet potato
- 41 Road bar codes
- 42 Female prophets of old
- 45 Vintage calculator
- 49 Program
- 51 Mrs., in Madrid
- 52 Food staple
- 53 Come together
- 54 Oklahoma city
- 55 Run up the phone bill
- 56 Dobbin's dinner
- 57 Apparition

DOWN

- 1 Crossword diagram
- 2 Woman
- 3 Reven rival
- 4 FDR's middle name
- 5 From overseas
- 6 Atl. state
- 7 Hop
- 8 Apla citizen
- 9 Theater patron
- 10 Old man of
- 11 Requiring a runoff
- 17 "That's tasty!"
- 19 Entrepreneur
- 22 Painter of ballerinas
- 24 CSA soldier
- 25 Biblical priest
- 26 Sound-track check
- 27 Mischievous
- 29 Young fellow
- 30 Apr. addresses
- 33 Impale
- 36 Consent
- 38 Garland
- 40 AL and NL comprise this
- 42 Agile
- 43 Hipbones
- 44 Audible breath
- 46 Ice cream holder
- 47 Menial
- 48 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 50 Meadow

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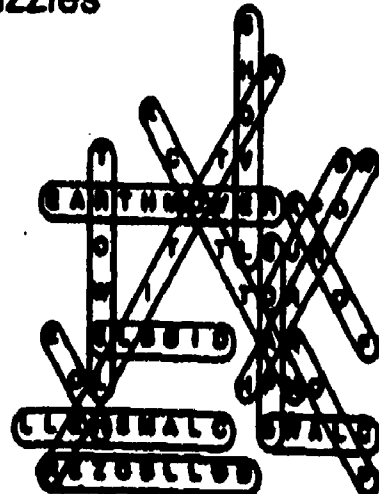
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bulldozer	Earthmover	Mattock	Spade
Clamshell	Fork	Flaw	Spud
Claws	Harrow	Rototiller	Trowel
Dibble	Hoe	Shovel	

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Answers to Puzzles

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Republicans In Congress Oppose Air Security Bill

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - It's been 52 days since hijackers exploited weaknesses in the U.S. aviation system to murderous ends, but still Congress has not passed a law to beef up security at airports. The Bush administration pleads with the GOP to pass air security legislation before another calamity strikes.

The Senate voted unanimously three weeks ago to create a federal security force for airports. But House Republican leaders are opposed to hiring more federal workers. They want airport security done by private companies, overseen by the government and complain Democrats won't negotiate over the issue.

"It's not about what America needs in this bill," House Majority Leader Richard Arney, R-Texas, said. "It's about raw politics."

President George Bush is pressuring House Republicans to stop stalling and vote, even if it means passing a bill that federalizes airport workers.

House Democrats accuse their Republican colleagues of compromising the security of travellers by holding back a badly needed bill in order to protect low-bid companies with underpaid and ill-trained workers.

Security improvements at airports have been spotty at best since the Sept. 11 attacks. Some are patrolled by National Guard troops. But baggage screeners are still hired by private companies, where experience is not always necessary.

In New Orleans, a Southwest Airlines passenger boarded a plane last week with a loaded gun he forgot he'd brought with him.

Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta pleaded with Congress to act before there is another tragedy.

"I am just fearful that something major may occur without our getting to the point of getting this legislation completed," Mineta said.

Colonial Fair

PERTH AMBOY — The annual Colonial Fair at the First Presbyterian Church in Perth Amboy will be held on Fri., Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sat., Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Church Center is located across from City Hall at 45 Market St.

A la carte food will be served on both days from the Copper Kettle Kitchen at the Fair. There's

a new menu and takeout food will be available. Items will be for sale at the Christmas, Boutique, Sewing, Curio, Toys and Bakery booths. A colonial home display will be set up on the stage. A raffle will be held. Have your picture taken with Santa!

The Colonial Fair is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women and is open to the public. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

Knights Of Columbus "Comedy Night"

FORDS—Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring "Comedy Night" on Saturday, Nov. 17, an evening of moderately adult comedy, featuring three professional comedians. The cost is \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Due to limited seating, advance

sales are preferred. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a hot buffet, which includes beer, wine, soda, coffee and desserts. The show will start at 8 p.m.

For tickets, contact John at (732) 346-0902 or Henry at (732) 738-4072 or call the Council home at (732) 738-0888.

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day ...



... and America is at war.

Blue Star Banners are back.

Since World War I, a Blue Star Banner displayed in the front window of a home told others that a family member was serving in the armed forces.

Once again, American men and women are being called to war. They are our nation's newest veterans, fighting to wipe out the seeds of terrorism. Each of them leaves a family behind. Every neighborhood has someone serving.



As we steel ourselves for a long and difficult war, the sight of Blue Star Banners in homes will remind us of the personal sacrifices being made to preserve our way of life.

This Veterans Day, we urge all Americans to remember those in uniform today, as well as the veterans of generations past. Their sacrifice to preserve freedom and opportunity for us all deserves our heartfelt thanks.

The American Legion

www.legion.org



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To list your items in our classifieds, simply turn to the classified pages and fill out the coupon.

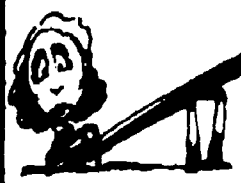
LIFESTYLES

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Respond via letter...NO expensive \$1.99 per minute phone lines...! All you need is \$2 and some postage!

To place an AD: The Sensational Singles are FREE and open to everyone over 18 years of age. Simply fill out the coupon with your name and address along with your ad as you would like it to read, (no phone numbers, e-mail addresses or home addresses in your ad). You will be given an ID# and all interested parties letter(s) will come to us sealed with your ID# on it, from there we place your address on it and drop it in the mail...it's that simple!

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It's **FREE** to place an ad.

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between 66-75. I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc..please write.ID# 1034

SWF, Looking for a 70-ish male with a flair for living. Nice appearance, college educated and financially secure, brownish hair. Love to cuddled by Mr. Affectionate. ID# 1033

SWF 69, A compassionate and caring 69 year old SWF is looking for a 70's plus man who likes dining out, walks, theatre, good conversation with a good sense of humor and down to earth, trusting and caring. ID# 1032

SWF 39, Petite, attractive, romantic, adventurous. Enjoys candlelit dinners, traveling, cooking, snuggling. Seeking romantic, honest, outgoing SWM 39-46 for long term relationship. (picture?) ID# 1030

SWF 50's, Seeking gentleman 45-55 who enjoys ballroom, latin & swing dancing, for friendship and possible relationship. ID# 1028

Sincere 54, Professional, DWF, We have recently seen how precious and short life can be. I do not want to go thru life without meeting a man of substance, with a twinkle in his eyes, for a sincere relationship. He will be 55-65'ish, 5'10" or taller, white, single/divorced, broad/large framed. ID# 1021

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SWF 57, 5'6", very attractive, blue eyes and 125lbs. Looking to meet a man for love and a long term relationship. Give me a try. You won't be sorry! Hispanic a plus! ID# 1019

Senior Lady, Works P/T, seeking a real great guy 65-75, down to earth, good sense of humor, generous, for occasional dating. ID# 1018

Single Woman Spanish/French -5'5" Slim, poet, writer, professional 33 yr old. Seeking SWCM, tall, slim, professional, smart, artistic. Serious minded, a one woman man, for friendship. I'm Catholic and a non-smoker/non-drinker. If you're what I'm looking for then lets talk. ID# 1017

SWF 52, In search of SWM, 50-57. Must be honest, sincere and caring. Compatibility and understanding a must. Enjoy traveling, music, dining out, movies, flea markets & laughter. Looking for someone to grow old with and enjoy all that life has to offer. ID# 1014

DWF 39, -(two children) Enjoys family, movies, music, dining out, dancing, gardening, reading and traveling. Seeking honest caring S/DWM 35-45 to share life with. Non-smoker please....ID# 1013

SWF 41, -Enjoys drives to the country, hiking, reading, and quiet times at home. Seeking SWM 35-52, for dating

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

and possible relationship. Only serious inquiries will be considered. Non-smoker, please...ID# 1004

SWF 67, Seeks SWM, 65-70 years of age. Non-smoker. Enjoys the beach, movies, walks, drives. Looking for a friend. Long-term relationship. ID# 1015

Attractive nice lady - A widow in late sixties, seeking a nice man for companionship right now, maybe more later on... I enjoy movies, dining out, shows, walking. I am an animal lover. Prefer a man to be between 65-70 years of age. ID# 1010

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM 48 - 5'5", good looking, non-smoker. Seeks pretty SWF 32-47 for lasting relationship who needs my TLC.ID# 1029

SWM 38 - In shape, Seeks sexy senior lady 60-75 for company and friendship.ID# 1025

Annulled WM 60 - Semi-retired ex-teacher, 6ft, blue eyes, husky. Non-smoker, social drinker is refined, easy going, secure, baggage free, seeks S/DWF 48-60 n/s, solvent, polished with old fashioned values for friendship with poss. LTR. ID# 1031

SWM 52 - Seeks kind, considerate, honest, sensitive, down to earth WF 40-55 for growing old with. Possible marriage in future. Want to be there in the good as well as the bad moments in life. Send photo if possible. ID# 1024

50 Something, Marriage minded - Asian American, never been married Math/Science teacher. Does not drink

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

nor smoke, but loves the outdoors, music, movies and quiet times. Would like to meet a catholic open-minded, kind and considerate honest lady. ID# 1022

SBM 51 - 5'6" 160 lbs, seeks black/white woman, 25-50, who is honest, kind and sweet, for a relationship of the best kind. P/P, smoker OK. ID# 1035

SWM 21 - Seeks SWF 20-23 for friendship. Must enjoy camping, bowling, billiards and motorcycle riding. And love cats too! ID# 1012

SWM 45 - Never-married, 5'10", 160lbs. Kind, considerate, open-minded, honest. Enjoys art, music, movies, reading, traveling and bicycling. Seeks vivacious SWF, 35-45, to share life with. ID# 1005

Professional WM 55- Beard and mustache, seeking a female friend, race open, 20-40 for casual daytime dates. Need a friend to talk to, I have a good ear. Moms to be most welcome, lets meet for lunch. ID# 1020

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Social Security Responds To Terrorist Attacks On America

AREA — In response to the horrific acts of terrorism against the country, Social Security initiated a series of actions designed to ensure continuity of its operations and a quick response to those who need Social Security services.

Social Security is working with officials and employers in the affected areas to assist families who may be eligible for

Social Security benefits. Emergency procedures will provide the most prompt and efficient processes for taking claims and paying benefits to the victims and survivors of these attacks:

- People applying for survivor benefits using Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, will have their claims processed at the time of their call.

- Survivor claimants who choose to file at their local field office will have their claims processed at the time of their visit.

- The agency's disaster/emergency policies and procedures allows for the acceptance of airplane manifests, lists of employees furnished by employers and other statements that would place the worker at

the scene of the tragedy as proof of death.

- Survivor benefits will be payable for the month of September. These payments will be made in October.

In addition, those who suffered critical injuries may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits.

Those who are already receiving monthly Social Security

and Supplemental Security Income benefits should be assured that their benefits will arrive on time.

Social Security's web site, www.ssa.gov, has current information, including providing a link to the FirstGov.gov web site that contains a list of government agencies and other resources.

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Wealth

by Dr. Karen Ensle,
RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — The book *Ordinary People, Extraordinary Wealth* is one of about a dozen recent books that describes how people of average means became wealthy over time. Like *The Millionaire Next Door* and *Eight Steps to Seven Figures*, the book is based on a survey of successful investors. The author,

Ric Edelman, a Washington DC area financial planner, surveyed 5,000 of his firm's clients to determine their real-life practices and habits that others could learn from and replicate.

The book is organized around eight "secrets," which are traits and behaviors that Edelman found among many of the respondents. Below is a brief description of each "secret".

- They carry a mortgage on their homes even though they can afford to pay it off. The rationale here is that, every dollar that you pay back to a bank is a dollar you can't invest. Mortgages today cost around 6.5% to 7.5%. Paying off a 6.5% mortgage denies you the opportunity to invest the money where it might earn more. The average annual return on large company stocks since 1926 is 11%.

- They don't diversify the money they contribute to employer retirement plans.

- Most of their wealth come from investments that were purchased for less than \$1,000. More than 95% of Edelman's sample obtained money through their own efforts. They began investing when they were young (average age: 24) and their initial investment averaged \$658. More than 9 in 10 saved regular-

ly throughout their lives and they did not allow circumstances to get them off track.

- They rarely move from one investment to another. There are two ways to invest: "buy and hold" and market timing. Edelman's clients "bought and held" investments with 85% making three or fewer moves in their portfolios over the past five years. They hung in there in both bull and bear markets and were in the market during its upturns. For the five years that ended on December 31, 1997, the market gained 24.6%. The entire profit was produced in just 40 days, however.

- They don't measure success against market indexes like the Dow or the S&P 500.

- They devote less than three hours per month to their personal finances. Edelman's clients did not micro-manage their finances and kept simple financial records. They do not have dozens of accounts to track and

they pay attention to important decisions like purchasing insurance.

- Money management is a family affair involving their kids as well as their parents. Most respondents talked about money with family members. Parents of young children were teaching them about taxes, charity, and saving.

- They differ from most investors in the attention they pay to the media. Edelman's clients avoided "information overload and the temptation to trade frequently, by not following the market too closely and reaching to every bit of financial news.

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AREA — The Internal Revenue Service will hold a Problem-Solving Day in Mountainside on Sat., Nov. 3, especially for taxpayers who need to resolve federal tax issues and can't take advantage of weekday problem-solving service.

In New Jersey, taxpayers or their representatives can meet

with IRS employees at 200 Sheffield St., Mountainside — intersection of Rt. 22 and Sheffield St. — from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Taxpayers are encouraged to make an appointment as soon as possible by calling the IRS toll-free number at 1-800-829-1040. Taxpayers can also visit the Saturday session

without an appointment.

During the Saturday session, taxpayers or their representatives can meet individually with IRS experts dedicated to resolving long-standing problems. IRS decision-makers will be on-site to expedite solutions.

"This is a special day for taxpayers who need help," said Gregg Semanick, IRS spokesperson in New Jersey. "It's one more way the IRS takes that extra step to help taxpayers."

"People who can't make problem-solving appointments for our regular weekday service tell us they appreciate this extra opportunity to have their tax accounts straightened out," said Semanick.

Problem-Solving Day will be held simultaneously at 43 locations nationwide. Information regarding other Saturday locations is available by calling 1-800-829-1040 or visiting the IRS web site at www.irs.gov.

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OBITUARIES**Shirley Tarrant, 68
of Carteret**

Mrs. Shirley A. (Dunleavy) Tarrant of Carteret died October 11 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 68.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she lived in Carteret for the past 40 years.

She was formerly employed as a caterer by Catherine Urban Catering, Carteret.

Mrs. Tarrant was a communicant of Holy Family R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her husband, Daniel J. Tarrant, died in 1998. Four sisters, Jane Kelly, Mary Tarnacki, Pearl and Alberta, are all deceased.

Surviving are six sons, Daniel, Richard, Andrew, Michael, John and Robert, all of Carteret; a sister, Elizabeth Allen of Whiting; two brothers, Thomas Dunleavy of Carteret and Andrew Dunleavy of Atlanta; 13 grandchildren; and a friend and caregiver, Anna Lakuta.

**Terrence T. Kennedy
of Menlo Pk. Terr.**

Mr. Terrence T. Kennedy of Menlo Park Terrace died October 7 at Rahway Hospital. He was 67.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in the Menlo Park Terrace section of Woodbridge for the past 36 years.

He was employed as an inspector for Carborundum Corporation, Keasbey, for many years before retiring in 1997. He also had worked as a manager at Bambergers and Macy's department stores in the Menlo Park Shopping Center.

Mr. Kennedy served in the Navy.

He was a communicant of St. John the Apostle R.C. Church, Clark.

He was a member of the American Irish Association of Woodbridge.

His parents, Terrance and Jeanette Coughlin Kennedy and a sister, Alice Kennedy, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Alice Dillon Kennedy; two sons, Timothy A. Kennedy of Colonia and Terrance J. Kennedy of Bayonne; two grandchildren, Christopher and Caitlyn and a brother and sister-in-law, George and Helen Heilbroun.

**Anne Kocun, 89
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Anne Mary Kocun of Perth Amboy died September 18 at Manor Care Nursing home, Dunedin, Fla. She was 89.

She had been in Florida for the past eight months after taking ill while visiting her nephew.

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

She was a member of the church's Rosary Society, the Third Order of St. Francis and the St. Stephen's Seniors.

Mrs. Kocun was also a member of the Shrine Volunteers at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa.

Her husband, Edward Kocun; two brothers, John and Stanley Starego, are all deceased.

Surviving are a nephew, Michael Starego of Clearwater, Fla.; and a niece, Ann Starego of San Francisco, Calif.

Shirley R. Marsh of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Shirley R. Marsh of Perth Amboy died October 5 at John L. Montgomery Nursing Home, Freehold. She was 80.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there before entering the nursing home 20 years ago.

She was a former parishioner of Simpson United Methodist Church, Perth Amboy.

Her husband of more than 30 years, Osborne Jack Marsh, Sr., died in 1977. A brother, Russell Drawdy, is also deceased.

Alice Molnar, 71 of Carteret

Mrs. Alice Molnar of Hopelawn for the last four years. Mrs. Alice Molnar of Carteret died October 18 in Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. She was 71.

Born in Sheffield, Pa., she lived in Carteret for 41 years.

She worked in the bakery department of A&P in

**Stephen Kish, 87
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Stephen Kish of Perth Amboy died October 20 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a lifelong resident of the City.

He was employed by the City of Perth Amboy as a meter reader for the water department for 17 years until his retirement in 1981.

Mr. Kish was a member of the Hungarian Reformed Church, Perth Amboy, where he formerly served as a church elder. He was a member of the church's Men's Club and bowling team.

He was also a member of the AARP and Mihalko Democratic Club, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, the former Elizabeth E. Banyacasky; two daughters, Elizabeth J. Schlatter of Toms River and Peggy Rider of Woodbridge; a son, Robert S. Kish of Pennsburg, Pa.; a brother, John Kish of Perth Amboy; and four grandchildren.

**Sam Scerbo, 84
of Carteret**

Mr. Sam Scerbo of Carteret died October 13 at Hartwyck Edison Estates. He was 84.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Carteret for 24 years.

He was a millwright for 37 years with Western Electric in Kearny, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the company's bowling league.

Mr. Scerbo was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Carteret.

He was a 3rd degree member of Knights of Columbus, Carey Council 1280, Carteret. He was also a member of the Carteret Evening Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Marie D'Elia; a son, Joseph of Paramus; two daughters, Marie Cerasani of Edison and Angela Cichoski of Rahway; a brother, John of Hackensack; a sister, Rose Donato of Woodbridge; six grandchildren, Robert, Michael, Erik, Joshua, Jessica and Jeffrey.

**Martin J. Horan, 66
of Carteret**

Mr. Martin J. Horan of Carteret died October 21 at Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. He was 66.

Born in Pittston, Pa., he lived in Philadelphia and New York City before moving to Carteret 12 years ago.

He retired as circulation director for NASA Tech Briefs Publishing Company, New York City. He was the circulation director of Geyer-McAllister Publishing Co., New York City and circulation director of Chilton Publishing Co., Radnor, Pa.

His parents, Martin J. and Myrtle Horan; and a nephew, Daniel M. Curlik, are all deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Rosemarie Michael of Carteret and Ruth Ann Downs of Carteret; a niece, Dr. Sharon M. Curlik of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.; a nephew, Geoffrey T. Downs of North Carolina; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.



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Augustyn To Compete For Miss NJ

PERTH AMBOY—Miss Lisa Marie Augustyn, daughter of Marie & Frank Augustyn residing in Perth Amboy, has been selected as a contestant in the 2002 Miss New Jersey (Teen) USASM Pageant to be staged at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Cherry Hill on Nov. 3 and 4. This Pageant will select representatives for the nationally televised Miss

USA[®] Pageant to be held in February, and the Miss Teen USA[®] Pageant to be held next August. The Miss USA[®] and the Miss Teen USA[®] Pageants are televised annually on CBS television.

Miss Augustyn will be competing with young women from all over the state. There are two different presentations that she will participate in: The Preliminary Competition on

Sat., Nov. 3, and the Final Competition on Sun., Nov. 4.

Miss Augustyn is a senior at Union Catholic High School where she participates in the Yearbook & Environmental Club. Her other activities include dance.

Her future goals include going to college and studying business and interior decorating. Her major sponsors are House of Drill, Milano's

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Lisa Marie Augustyn
Pageant Headquarters at 401-943-0001, or by writing to Miss New JerseySM USA, P.O. Box 674, Providence, Rhode Island, 02901.

Skateboard Park Coming to South Amboy?

SOUTH AMBOY—A group of local teens are lobbying Mayor John T O'Leary for a place that they can skateboard without being hassled. They would like to see the city build a park where they can skateboard without bothering anybody.

Tim Riley and his friends are hard at work collecting signatures on a petition in support of a skateboard park project. So far, they have gathered about 100 signatures.

O'Leary said that he has been gathering information from other municipalities on skateboard parks. Among the issues which

need to be explored are liability, costs and location before the issue can be brought before the city council.

The teens had been skateboarding in the parking lot of the former Memorial Medical Center, but were chased away by the new owners when it was sold. They have also tried going to Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, but have been told by police that they cannot skate there.

Other area communities, including Sayreville, are considering skateboard parks. Last year, Old Bridge opened a facility for skateboarders.

City Continues To Provide Disaster Aid

PERTH AMBOY—The Mayor's Disaster Relief Program to benefit the American Red Cross Disaster Relief efforts and the New York Police and Fire Widows and Children's Fund has received more than \$8,000 in donations.

Mayor Joseph Vas said that the city is still accepting donations. To donate, mail checks to the Perth Amboy Relief Fund, which will directly benefit the families of police and firefighters killed on Sept. 11, or to the American Red Cross Disaster

Relief Fund, in care of the Mayor's Office, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Cash donations are also being accepted at the mayor's office.

Perth Amboy Uniformed Firefighters Local 286 has also been active, raising more than \$12,300. The family of Richard Rodriguez, a former city resident who died while working as a Port Authority police officer in the World Trade Center, will receive \$3,800. The remaining \$8,500 will be donated to the widow's and children's fund.

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