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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Immediate Action Needed On Gas Prices

STATE—With Americans again facing possibly the highest gasoline prices ever this summer, as well as the most potentially serious threat to adequate gasoline supplies since the early 1980s, AAA is calling on car owners and the federal government to take immediate action.

AAA—which represents 44 million motorists and approximately 25 percent of the nation's households—said for a second consecutive year some areas of the U.S. are already paying record-high gasoline prices and bracing for prices in excess of \$2 per gallon.

To help deal with the prospect of record-breaking gasoline prices, AAA's calling for the following:

- The promulgation of a comprehensive national energy

strategy by the White House and its immediate consideration by Congress. To be successful, the strategy must include access to adequate supplies of domestic and foreign-produced crude oil, increased capacity in the nation's gasoline refining and distribution infrastructure, the maintenance of gasoline inventories sufficient to meet the needs of motorists during a national emergency, increased use of alternative energy sources and vigorous government oversight of the energy industry's production and pricing practices.

- The immediate adoption of reasonable gasoline conservation measures by car owners and businesses to ease the strain of low inventories of gasoline, especially in those areas required to use special cleaner-

burning fuel during the summer.

(AAA has fuel conservation advice available in its free brochure, *The AAA Gas Watcher's Guide*. Individual copies may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope to: Gas Guide, AAA Public Relations, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932).

- A policy statement from the White House that restrictive, local gasoline regulations will be suspended on an emergency basis, if a determination is made that sufficient fuel is unlikely to remain available to meet the needs of motorists in any region, state or metropolitan area covered by these regulations.

- The appointment of a special presidential commission that includes motorists, environmen-

talists, gasoline refiners, distributors and station owners, to study the economic feasibility of converting the nation to a single cleaner-burning fuel standard. A return to a national fuel standard could enhance air quality while eliminating the destabilizing influence of market restricting local gasoline regulations. It would also come at a cost to industry and motorists, but it might stabilize prices at a lower level over the longer-term.

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, through offices in Clark, Florham Park, Randolph, Springfield and Verona, provides automotive, travel, insurance, financial and educational services to residents of Essex, Morris and Union Counties.

GOP Angry At Sinagra

Special from PoliticsNJ.com

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Republican leaders are fairly upset over the exit strategy of State Senator Jack Sinagra, who announced last week that he would not seek re-election to a fourth term this fall.

Sinagra was the underdog in a campaign against Democratic Assemblywoman Barbara Buono, a popular vote-getter who has been raising money for a Senate campaign for nearly two years.

Sinagra did not notify Middlesex County Republican

Chairman Dennis Little of his decision, and Little found out about it only when called by a newspaper reporter.

Sinagra had been wavering about running again for some time, and reportedly told Senate leaders that if his Democrat-leaning 18th district did not improve, he would not run.

The district became marginally more Democratic under the Democrats redistricting plan approved by the apportionment commission.

Sinagra told newspapers that

his decision to leave the Senate was based on his frustration with partisan politics, his new district, which adds 40,000 new voters, his opposition to gubernatorial candidate Bob Franks' Initiative & Referendum position, and the retirements of his two closest friends in the Senate, Donald DiFrancesco and John Lynch.

Democratic sources say that Sinagra has made a deal with Democrats that would give him a seat on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey next

year, if Jim McGreevey wins the governorship, adding to speculation that Sinagra will assume the mantra of attacking Franks or Bret Schundler from the Republican side during the general election campaign.

At the last minute, attorney John Cito stepped in to run for Senate.

Cito lost a GOP primary for Mayor of East Brunswick last June, and is considered a second-tier candidate in what now appears to be a certain Democratic pickup.

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Addressing Success
MIDDLESEX COUNTY — “GROW” (Greater Roles and Opportunities for Women) will hold a half-day seminar for female candidates for public office on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The seminar, titled “Addressing Success” will be held at Nordstrom’s at the Menlo Park Mall in Edison. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, contact Bobbie Goodman at (732) 235-0621.

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Communities Join Forces To Monitor Local Waterways

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Over 50 students, community members and local speakers gathered at Boyd Park in New Brunswick, Saturday, March 31 to kick off the effort of New Jersey’s Statewide Streamwalk Day. Students representing New Jersey Community Water Watch from Rutgers University were aiming to educate the public and increase awareness locally about threatened and vulnerable state waterways. Not only did people gain a better understanding of water quality issues, they also learned first hand what they can do to make a difference in their own community. Valorie Caffee of the Work Environment Council, Ralph Steiner of the Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership, Sharon McGreevey, Assemblywoman Barbara Buono, and New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill spoke on the importance of community service and organizations working together to improve the

state of New Jersey’s water. “For centuries, New Brunswick’s location on the Raritan River served as a hub of activity for this region and continues to shape our city in the year 2001,” said Cahill. “Our city and its residents welcome the community infused efforts of the Statewide Streamwalk sponsored by NJ Community Water Watch not only today, but throughout the year to keep our historic waterways clean and pristine.” A number of other community members came out to show support for Water Watch’s stream monitoring program. Among those were representatives from the Paul Robeson School, RU Cares, RU Roadrunners, various fraternities and sororities, NJPIRG student chapters, the East Brunswick com-

munity and the Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership. Volunteers were divided into three stations, consisting of water testing, mapping, auditing and data collection and general clean up. Stations rotated every half hour, so that each group of volunteers were trained in each aspect of the program. Before starting, Bill Shultz, the Raritan Riverkeeper, addressed the group about the history of the Raritan River and some general safety tips on maintenance and clean up along waterways. “Because 85 percent of New Jersey’s waterways are not suitable for fishing or swimming, and over half of our watersheds have serious water quality problems, it comes as no surprise that an event like this is a necessity in communities all over the state,” accord-

ing to Patricia Graff, a Cook college senior and member of NJCWW. “Water Watch gives residents of New Jersey hands-on, feasible and significant differences they can make in regards to solving our statewide crisis of poor water quality,” Graff said. Since its creation in 1994, NJCWW has stopped 60 of the state’s worst polluters and trained hundreds of groups to police their own local waterways. Across the state, citizens in Paterson, Newark, New Brunswick, Lawrence, Camden, Monmouth and Toms River participated in Statewide Streamwalk Day. NJ Community Water Watch, a project of NJPIRG and AmeriCorps is a statewide service and education program.

Pallone Requests Funds For Flood Control Projects

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) is seeking funding for flood control and shore protection projects critical to Middlesex County as part of the House Appropriations process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002. Pallone’s request, submitted to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, would increase funding levels provided by President Bush’s budget, which was submitted to Members of Congress recently.

Following is a list of the projects:
South River Flood Damage Protection
Pallone requested \$500,000 to continue the feasibility study in FY 2002 and move to the PED Phase. (President’s budget provides \$100,000). The project was initiated at Pallone’s request following a series of storms in the early 1990s that caused extensive property damage in the Middlesex County Communities of South River, Sayreville and Old Bridge.

Mill Brook Flood Control
Pallone requested \$1.5 million to begin construction of this flood control project. Persistent flooding along Mill Brook in Highland Park has subjected the affected area to storm inundation and structural damage from an increase in water surface elevation as well as extreme erosion due to increased flows. Over 200 structures lie within the affected area.

Old Bridge Township, Keansburg and North Middletown Beach Nourishment
Pallone requested \$400,000 for beach nourishment in the areas of Old Bridge Township, Keansburg and North Middletown. These areas were provided with sand by the Army Corps many years ago and need to be renourished in order to prevent further damage to the shoreline (President’s budget provides \$100,000). Pallone’s request is necessary to continue the feasibility study and initiate the Plans and Specifications Phase. Later this year the House Appropriations Committee will send an energy and water appropriations bill to the House floor where it will be reviewed and then voted on. Fiscal Year 2002 officially begins October 1, 2001.

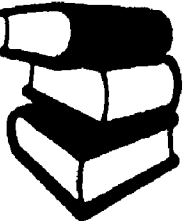
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Ready Readers To Meet

CARTERET—Ready Readers' Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 6 at the Carteret Public Library at 7 p.m.

This month's book to be reviewed is "Running from the Law" by Lisa Scottoline.



Edison Student Makes Honor Roll

EDISON—Junior Michael Monteleone of Edison was among 325 students at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City recognized at a recent honors assembly. Students receive second honors for overall grades over 85 and below 90 during the second marking period.

Monteleone proudly achieved second honors during the second marking period.

Monteleone is a 1998 graduate of St. Francis Cathedral School, Metuchen, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monteleone of Edison.

Founded in 1872, St. Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys located in historic downtown Jersey City and remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school.

MCC To Feature Karger Exhibit

EDISON—An art exhibit featuring the work of Rachelle Karger, adjunct professor of Modern Languages, will be held in the Presidential Gallery of Chambers Hall at Middlesex County College from May 1-July 2. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Entitled "Sand and Surf," the exhibit features paintings inspired by the beauty of nature. Karger's work has been exhibited in New York galleries, as well as in juried and non-juried art shows, such as Monmouth Art and Music Festival, Monmouth College, the Metuchen Annual Fair and Art Exhibit, the Woodbridge Barron Arts Center, New Jersey Center for Visual Art in Summit and one-person shows at public libraries in Edison, Clark, Franklin Township, East Brunswick and in past exhibits at the Presidential Gallery of Middlesex County College.

For this exhibit, the Middlesex County College Presidential Gallery will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday during the month of May and Monday-Thursday during the months of June and July.

Pancake Breakfast

PERTH AMBOY — The Holy Name Society of Holy Spirit Church, Perth Amboy, will sponsor its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 20 in the church hall, corner of Brace and Hazel

Avenues, serving from 8-11 a.m. Tickets are: Adults, \$5; children, 6-12 years, \$3 and children under 6, free. Tickets may be purchased before and after weekend Masses in the church Foyer.

Masses are on Saturday at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. from members or at Holy Spirit Rectory, 580 Hazel Ave., Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pat Basile is chairman.

Ready, Set, Race!

SOUTH AMBOY—Frog Hollow Swim Club is proud to announce their 5-mile Race and 3-mile Health Walk through the streets of South Amboy and Sayreville will be held on June 23 at 9 a.m.

Trophies will be given in different age groups for both men and women.

The first male and female finishes overall will receive a free one-year (2001) membership to the Club (Non-transferable).

All pre-registered entrants will receive a Frog Hollow race shirt. Pre-registration is \$15 (with a T-shirt); and post-registration is \$20 (with a T-shirt while supplies last).

A 1-mile Fun Run will also be held at 8:30 a.m. for children ages five through and including thirteen for \$6.

For applications and/or information, call Mickey Gross at (732) 721-5031.

Registration for participants starts at 7 a.m. on race day. All runners and their families are invited to use the pools and facilities at Frog Hollow on the day of the race.

The Frog Hollow 5-mile Race is USA Track and Field Certified and is a 500 point Grand Prix Event.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

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Participants will receive a free Kolo mini photo album and Sakura journaling pen and a Luxury Kolo Photo Album will be the free raffle prize. Each participant is requested to bring 6-10 photographs that reflect One Day in the Life of Friends, Baby, Child or Reunion.



Everything needed to preserve the photographs will be

available at the workshop.

Make Your Day Last a Lifetime Photo Album Workshop will be held at: Barnes & Noble, Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m., 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, NJ 07081. For reservations, call Jessica Villar at (973) 376-6581.

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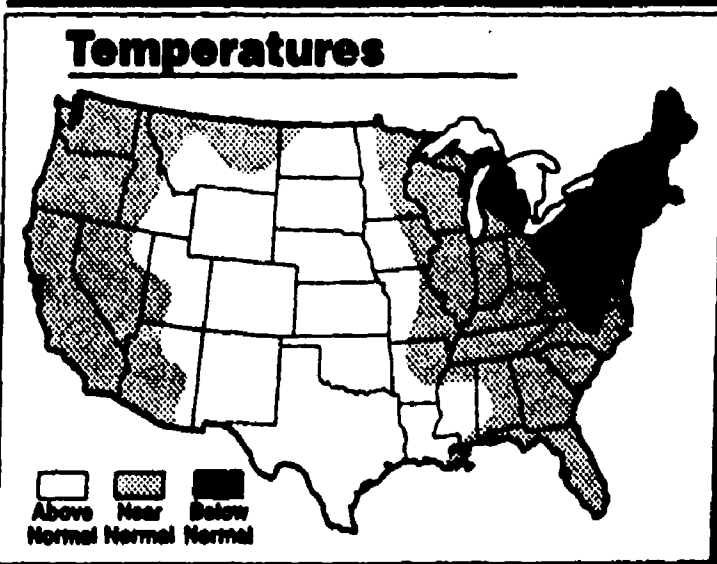
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy.	A few clouds and pleasant.	Some sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Warm with some sun.	Times of sun and clouds.	Cloudy with showery rains.	Showery with some sun.
66	50	72/55	75/58	77/55	74/63	75/52	69/48

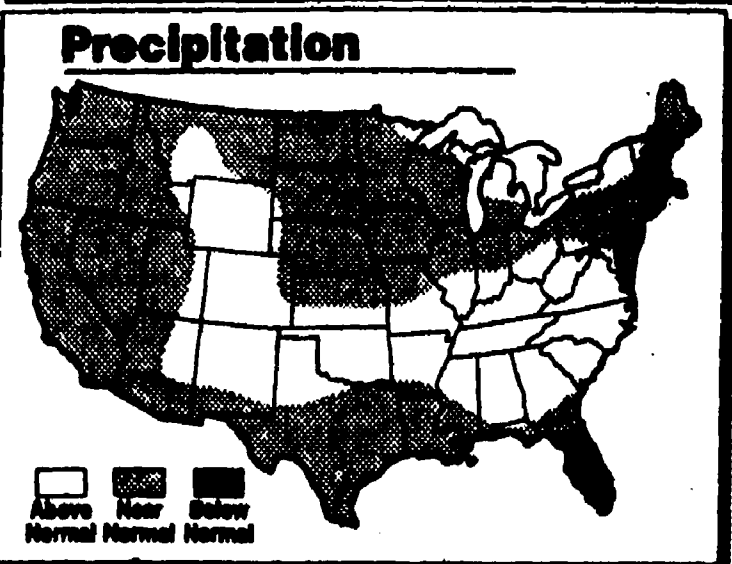
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Storm systems will track across the southern Plains and East Coast. As a result, precipitation will be common across Kansas, Missouri, the Ohio Valley and Northeast. Warm weather will cover the central and northern Plains. Temperatures may average 10 to 15 degrees above normal across the regions. Dry weather will continue to plague central and southern Florida.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Boston	84 62 pc	86 66 s	85 66 pc	83 68 sh
Chicago	58 46 c	67 51 pc	69 54 pc	70 52 sh
Cleveland	77 51 s	75 55 sh	76 59 pc	70 60 c
Denver	72 52 s	73 54 s	74 57 sh	71 54 s
Des Moines	82 48 pc	78 48 pc	76 46 pc	74 48 c
Detroit	89 65 l	80 59 l	76 54 s	74 62 sh
Houston	76 53 s	75 54 pc	74 53 c	71 55 c
Indianapolis	90 68 pc	86 62 pc	75 56 pc	78 66 l
Kansas City	81 56 c	76 53 c	72 54 c	74 47 c
Los Angeles	88 70 pc	86 73 pc	89 74 pc	89 71 pc
Miami	82 58 l	80 56 pc	76 50 pc	78 54 l
Minneapolis	88 70 s	88 70 s	86 70 pc	88 68 s
New Orleans	70 54 pc	74 56 s	76 58 pc	74 54 pc
New York City	90 62 s	79 57 pc	75 55 pc	75 60 sh
Phoenix	104 76 s	104 76 s	102 74 pc	98 72 s
San Francisco	72 53 pc	70 51 pc	66 51 pc	69 52 s
Seattle	63 45 pc	68 48 pc	66 49 c	65 50 c
Washington	74 56 c	78 58 pc	82 60 c	78 60 c

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City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Cleveland	61 54 c	61 52 pc	63 49 c	65 48 c
Denver	66 53 s	69 56 s	93 61 s	91 62 s
Des Moines	74 46 s	74 47 s	77 50 s	82 54 s
Detroit	78 47 s	76 48 s	71 51 pc	74 45 pc
Houston	71 52 pc	72 59 l	68 51 c	61 47 r
Indianapolis	82 52 pc	76 50 pc	71 46 pc	72 47 pc
Kansas City	77 54 c	80 55 pc	77 56 sh	81 54 pc
Los Angeles	69 48 c	58 41 c	56 37 c	54 41 sh
Miami	73 57 pc	76 56 c	67 47 pc	57 42 sh
Minneapolis	78 62 pc	70 57 s	70 59 pc	70 59 pc
New Orleans	83 62 pc	85 64 pc	82 63 c	82 65 c
New York City	86 79 c	86 78 r	87 76 c	87 74 pc
Phoenix	80 61 s	76 58 pc	79 62 pc	85 67 pc
San Francisco	68 50 s	63 49 s	66 53 pc	68 56 pc
Seattle	72 62 s	79 62 pc	73 61 pc	76 64 s
Washington	60 45 c	63 51 pc	66 41 pc	62 47 pc
Atlanta	81 46 pc	68 41 pc	70 43 s	70 37 s
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Des Moines	74 46 s	74 47 s	77 50 s	82 54 s
Detroit	78 47 s	76 48 s	71 51 pc	74 45 pc
Houston	71 52 pc	72 59 l	68 51 c	61 47 r
Indianapolis	82 52 pc	76 50 pc	71 46 pc	72 47 pc
Kansas City	77 54 c	80 55 pc	77 56 sh	81 54 pc
Los Angeles	69 48 c	58 41 c	56 37 c	54 41 sh
Miami	73 57 pc	76 56 c	67 47 pc	57 42 sh
Minneapolis	78 62 pc	70 57 s	70 59 pc	70 59 pc
New Orleans	83 62 pc	85 64 pc	82 63 c	82 65 c
New York City	86 79 c	86 78 r	87 76 c	87 74 pc
Phoenix	80 61 s	76 58 pc	79 62 pc	85 67 pc
San Francisco	68 50 s	63 49 s	66 53 pc	68 56 pc
Seattle	72 62 s	79 62 pc	73 61 pc	76 64 s
Washington	60 45 c	63 51 pc	66 41 pc	62 47 pc
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Auto manufacturing is the largest manufacturing industry in the country and more than 4 percent of New Jersey's workforce is employed in the automobile industry.

Key findings of the study include:

- The automotive industry

directly employs 32,000 workers in New Jersey, including production workers, engineers, sales and marketing employees and other staff.

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

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

- The auto industry gener-

ates more than \$7 billion in wages and benefits, including spin-off employment, in New Jersey.

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

"New Jersey isn't normally a state one thinks of as being an auto state, but tens of thousands of auto industry workers in the state prove otherwise," said Alliance President & CEO Josephine S. Cooper.

The landmark study, "Contributions Of The Automotive Industry To The U.S. Economy," was prepared by the University of Michigan and the Center for Automotive Research. In addition to the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers also sponsored the study.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Arbor Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY—The students at the Samuel E. Shull School in Perth Amboy celebrated Arbor Day and Earth day on Monday, April 30th, by planting a sugar tyme crabapple tree in the front of the school on Hall

Avenue. The students also participated in the "Clean Up the Block" project by cleaning up litter and debris from the surrounding streets around the school.

The event began with the students participating in voting on

the internet in a contest sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation to choose a name for the national tree, in which the oak tree won. The students from Ms. Noriega's class participated by digging the hole for the tree

and helping to plant the tree along with other students from the school.

The best part of this celebration occurred when Ms. Contreras, paraprofessional went shopping for the tree at Home Depot in Woodbridge. A certain price was quoted and when she went to purchase the tree, the cashier told her the price was higher than originally quoted. In a discussion with the employee about the price a gentleman in line overhearing the conversation, came to the rescue and anonymously donated \$20.00 towards the purchase of the Shull School tree. All the staff and students at Shull School are very appreciative and thankful to this mystery contributor.



STUDENTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY—Students from the Samuel E. Shull School celebrated Arbor Day and Earth Day on April 30 by planting a sugar tyme crabapple tree in front of the school on Hall Avenue.

Festival Provides Enjoyment For One And All

PERTH AMBOY — The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc., is pleased to invite the residents of Perth Amboy and surrounding areas to celebrate the 15th Annual Roberto Clemente Festival to be held on Friday June 1, Saturday June 2 and Sunday June 3. The activity will take place at the athletic field by the Robert Wilentz Elementary School, between First Street and Sadowsky Parkway.

Come and enjoy the music, food, rides, games and entertainment for the whole family. Spaces for rent are available to sell food, arts and crafts or other products.

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Colonia Middle School Selected As Heart Of Gold Award School

COLONIA—A Heart of Gold Award was presented to Colonia Middle School for its many student activities that stress kindness, caring and anti-violence efforts on May 7 at the State House, Trenton, for the Kindness Awareness Month in New Jersey Kick Off 2001. This ceremony included a Stop Hate & Violence With Kindness March, Heart Of Gold Award Ceremony and Reception in honor of the mayors, principals, students, and Kindness Aware-

ness Committees who were recipients of this award.

Colonia Middle School was selected for the Heart of Gold Award because of its many activities that foster good citizenship, acts of kindness and anti-violence campaign. Some of the activities that took place at the school throughout the year were Adopt a Grandparent, School-Wide Anti-Violence Campaign, Valentines for Seniors, fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis, Kindness Day, Back-

packs for Foster Children and a Senior Citizen Prom. The students also put on a play for the student body and parents called, *A Single Act of Kindness*. The focus of the play was that a Single Act of Kindness could change a person's life for the better. All of these activities are interdisciplinary and done during the school day under the direction of Early Act/Service-Learning club advisor, Celeste Racano.

Woodbridge Township Memorial Day Ceremony

WOODBIDGE—Woodbridge Township will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 26 at 10 a.m. at the Woodbridge War Monument, George Fredericks Plaza, next to the Woodbridge Main Library, St. Georges

Avenue, Woodbridge.

All veterans, families, friends and relatives are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Chairman Eddy Androvich at (732) 698-2347.



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Women's Day Celebration

METUCHEN—New Hope Baptist Church's 2001 Women's Day weekend will be held at the Church, 45 Hampton Street, Metuchen. The celebration begins with 'Joy Night,' on May 18 at 7 p.m., continues with 'A Night of Praise & Worship' on May 19 at 7 p.m. and concludes with the Women's Day service on May 20 at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Tracey Brown of Ruth Fellowship, Plainfield as the guest speaker. This year's theme is "An Inward Journey: Women Always Ready to Serve and Worship a Living God" (Ez. 36:26-27).

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

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

New Law Authorizes Social Security To Make State Payments To Certain Veterans

AREA — Certain World War II veterans who receive a special federal benefit may become eligible to receive supplemental state payments as the result of new legislation. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, Public Law (P.L.) 106-554, authorizes Social Security to enter into agreements to make

the supplemental payments to qualified World War II veterans on behalf of states that opt to pass laws providing for such payments.

To receive title VIII payments, World War II veterans must meet the following requirement:

- Be age 65 or older as of

Dec. 14, 1999;

- Have served in the U.S. military during the period beginning Sept. 16, 1940 through July 24, 1947, or serve in the organized military of the Philippines during the period beginning July 26, 1941 through Dec. 30, 1946;

- Be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

for Dec. 1999 and at the time they apply for the special veterans benefits; and

- Have other benefit income that is LESS THAN 75% of the current SSI federal benefit rate.

Qualified World War II veterans can receive a maximum title VIII payment equal to 75% of

the federal SSI benefit rate, less the amount of their other benefit income, for months after September 2000 that they reside outside the United States.

Additional state "recognition" payments that are provided under individual state laws are intended to supplement the title VIII benefits.

New Investment Products Explained

by Dr. Karen Easle,
RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — Several new investments have become available in recent years. Below is a description of six of these products:

1. **Roth IRAs** — Roth IRAs are available to workers with earned income, provided household adjusted gross income (AGI) does not exceed \$110,000 for singles and \$160,000 for couples filing jointly. Up to \$2,000 (\$4,000 for a married couple, regardless of the number of earners) can be contributed annually to a Roth (and/or traditional) IRA. Withdrawals of investment earnings

after age 59½ are tax-free if an account is open at least five years. Before age 59½, investors can withdraw their own contributions without taxes and penalties. There are no mandatory distributions at age 70½ and contributions can be made after 70½ if an investor has earned income.

2. **Equity Indexed Annuities** — Equity indexed annuities are a type of fixed annuity sold by insurance companies that offer both a guarantee of safety of principal and an opportunity to benefit from rising stock prices. In reality, the interest paid is generally only a percentage of a market

index's gain (e.g., the Standard & Poor's 500 index). The actual rate of return varies according to how the issuer credits interest and/or caps the maximum allowable return.

3. **Inflation Indexed Treasury Securities** — These are debts of the U.S. government available in 5-, 10-, and 30-year denominations. There are two parts to the return that investors receive: a coupon (interest) rate and a semi-annual increase in value tied to the Consumer Price Index. As the value of an indexed security rises with inflation, the coupon payment goes up (i.e., percentage of a higher principal amount) while the yield (e.g., 5%) remains constant. Federal tax is owed on the annual increase in principal value unless the securities are placed in retirement accounts.

4. **Series I Bonds** — These are U.S. Savings bonds indexed for inflation to protect purchasing power. They are sold at par value (e.g., \$50 for a \$50 bond) in denominations from \$50 to

\$10,000 and pay interest for up to 30 years. The earnings rate (6.49% through April 2001) consists of a fixed rate (currently 3.4%) plus a semi-annual inflation rate announced each May and November. Earnings on U.S. savings bonds and Treasury securities are exempt from state and local tax.

5. **"No-Lead" Stocks** — These are direct purchase plans (DPPs) where investors can purchase their first share — and subsequent shares — of stock directly from a company. Costs vary and may include fees for enrollment of transactions. Minimum purchase amounts are generally low and many DPPs offer automatic purchase plans that debit an investor's bank account for the cost of shares. A good source of information is the Web site www.netstockdirect.com.

6. **Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)** — Also called "index shares," ETFs are similar to stock index funds but are unit investment trusts purchased like stock on the American Stock Exchange. An advantage is their

low expense ratio (i.e., expenses as a percentage of assets) and liquidity. Unlike index mutual funds, ETF prices fluctuate throughout the day, based on the market price of underlying stocks. ETFs are best suited for lump sums, rather than periodic purchases, because a commission is charged for each purchase. Specific types of ETFs include SPDRS, which track the Standard & Poor's 500 index, and "Diamonds," which track the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Also QQQs or "Cubes," which track the NASDAQ 1,000 (a small company stock index) and shares, which track a variety of domestic and foreign stock indexes.

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Social Security Extends Hours Of Online Services

AREA — Social Security extended its online service hours for certain business transactions. The hours are now Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Internet customers can access the following services during those time periods:

- Request a Social Security Statement — The Statement provides a record of a worker's lifetime earnings and estimates of Social Security retirement, survivors and disability benefits. Although the request can be made online, Social Security will mail the response.

- Request a Social Security Benefit Verification Statement — This letter confirms Social Security benefit information and is used to obtain services or other benefits.

- Apply online for Social Security retirement benefits.

- Request a Medicare replacement card for a lost, damaged or missing card.

- Obtain information about and directions to the nearest Social Security office by simply typing in the appropriate zip code.

- Request a replacement for a lost, damaged or missing SSA-1099 — This form provides a summary of all Social Security benefits paid for a previous year. It is used to complete an individual's federal income tax return to find out if any benefits are taxable.

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Idols And Heroes

This is a story about idols and heroes.

Most everyone growing up had people they idolized and admired. In sports, my idol was Willie Mays, in my opinion, the greatest all around baseball player that ever played the game.

In the field of entertainment, Bobby Darin was my idol. I feel he was underrated because he did so many things so well. People just couldn't realize his talent in so many different categories: singing, playing instruments or acting. He was one of the greatest performers to ever grace the concert stage.

But I think our greatest heroes were people who served in the military during times of war. Certainly, there were heroes in the Revolutionary War because let's face it, if not for them, we wouldn't have gained our independence, formed the original thirteen colonies and eventually became the United States of America.

The Civil War 1861-65 divided our country like no other war, a war between countrymen, brother against brother—it was heroic, but so very sad.

Bravery knew no limits in many battles on American soil, but the most heroic figure from this period was not General Ulysses S. Grant of the Union Army or General Robert E. Lee of the Confederate Army—he never wore a uniform in the Civil War or fought in battle. His name was President Abraham Lincoln.

World War I, which at the time was called "The War to End All Wars," had many heroes and Medal of Honor recipients, probably the best well known was Sgt. Alvin York.

Although there were celebrations at the end of the war, our returning doughboys were treated very shabbily by our government. There were no jobs waiting for them and no health care. It was actually a disgrace.

The Korean War was not a war, it wasn't declared by Congress, so it became known as President Harry Truman's "Police Action." That was some brawl—try telling the families of our 33,629 killed in action and 20,617 other deaths and 103,284

who were wounded they weren't in a war! These veterans were also not appreciated. It later became known as "The Forgotten War."

It started just five years after WWII. Our citizen's didn't want to know about another war. There was prosperity at home, except for the families of those serving in Korea. No one cared. There were no celebrations or parades when this war ended. Again, this was a disgrace.

Now to the Vietnam War. Oh, I'm sorry, I meant the Vietnam Conflict. This war wasn't declared by Congress either. It was just some misunderstanding that tore our country apart. 47,356 killed in action and 10,795 other deaths and 153,303 wounded in battle.

Most of our Vietnam Veterans who served were between the ages of 19-23, the youth of our country. The best we had to offer were sent to a country half a world from home. Most people never heard of some god-forsaken country in Southeast Asia called Vietnam.

Of course, it is well documented how our returning Veterans were treated, or should I say mistreated. They were spat on, ridiculed, called baby killers and were said to be drug addicts, alcoholics, etc. (of course nothing could be further from the truth).

Like the Korean War Vets, Nam Vets had no celebration or parades. People just didn't care. One day you're in Vietnam, the next day you're home. People would say, hey man, where have you been, I haven't seen you around lately. You tell them you just came back from Vietnam, and their reply was something like this, oh really, why did you go...oh well, see ya!

So again, for a third time, it was a disgrace the way our servicemen were treated.

As you can see, I skipped over World War II—not deliberately, one the contrary, this is the main part of my story.

Heroes were abundant in WWII. There were so many Medal of Honor recipients, as there should have been, and many more who should have received our nation's highest military honor. Of course there

were many awarded for Korea and Vietnam as well.

But in my opinion, the greatest heroes this country has ever produced were in World War II. Were it not for these brave warriors, who knows what this world would be like today? It just blows your imagination had we not prevailed. I personally am in awe of these veterans. To say they preserved freedom in our world is not an understatement; we owe everything to them. I knew and know many of these veterans, being active in the VFW. I know first-hand, what some of them have gone through.

They don't boast or brag, or even tell war stories. If pressed, some will talk about it, but after all these years the scars both mental and physical, from this war are still very real. They always will be and they'll remember the horrors of war until the last breath they take. These veterans are now dying at the rate of about 1,200 a day. After all, most are now in their mid seventies and over.

Ground was recently broken in our nation's Capital this past Veterans' Day, November 11, for a National monument. Many more will die before its' completion and dedication on Memorial Day 2003. But let's not wait for this day. The time is now to just say a simple "thank you" for serving and thank you especially for our freedom. This Memorial Day shake their hand. Give them a hug. It's the least we can do.

Try to visit a veteran's grave. Just look for a small American flag. Say a prayer of thanks or try to attend a Veteran's Organization Memorial Day tribute. If there's a parade in your hometown, when the color guard passes, put your hand over your heart or salute our American flag.

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Associated Press
John Winkiewicz's
**Report
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May 13th through May 20th is National Police Week. During this week, thousands of police officers from all over the nation will make the trek to Washington, DC to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and pay tribute to their fallen sisters and brothers. For them, the week begins with an annual candle-light vigil honoring those police officers who were killed in the line of duty. The memorial was dedicated on October 15, 1991 and the names of 12,561 law enforcement officers were inscribed on the walls of the memorial. Unfortunately since that time, another 2,500 names have been added to those walls.

In our district, we have been fortunate enough to have very few names placed on the walls of the memorial. But sadly, we cannot say there are no names. In Woodbridge two police officers lost their lives. Patrolman Joseph Lewis, in 1932, and Patrolman Alvin Williams, in 1979, both lost their lives in the line of duty. Carteret has also lost two officers, Patrolman Walter Rusniak and Deputy Chief Robert Shanley both on the same day in 1944. Our hearts go out to the families of all fallen officers throughout the country in the hopes that we'll never have to mourn another.

Today, there are currently more than 740,000 people serv-

ing as law enforcement officers in the United States, 12% of whom are women. These men and women who choose to become police officers are very brave. They exude leadership and compassion. Being a police officer is not an easy job. An officer never knows whether a routine traffic stop will turn ugly or whether that day will be the premature end of his watch.

I'm sure you've seen the Norman Rockwell painting of the police officer sitting next to the little boy in the soda shop. The little boy is attempting to run away and you can guess that the officer is talking him out of it and will bring him home after the boy's soda is done. This is the image that comes to mind when I think of a police officer. They are there for us. We need to be there for them.

National Police Week is not just a time of mourning, it is also the time when we take extra notice of the work police officers do and say thanks for protecting our families and communities. During this week, we honor police officers for making our streets safer and our communities stronger.

So, if you see a police officer during this week, or any other week, say thanks for putting in the long hours working for us.

If you'd like to learn more about National Police Week and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial go to www.nleomf.com or call (202) 737-3400.

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LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

What's so dangerous about the environmentalists, Hank? They want to preserve, while greedy capitalists want to destroy.

Oh really? Tell that to prospective homeowners at the Island Estates Development in Long Island, N.Y. The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) recently claimed responsibility for burning down 15 homes built on a former peach farm. On the side of what was left of one of the homes was a message in red paint: "If you build it, we will burn it."

The explosive device ELF set off caused one million in total damages. "This is hopefully provided a firm message that we will not tolerate the destruction of our island," ELF said in a statement faxed to the

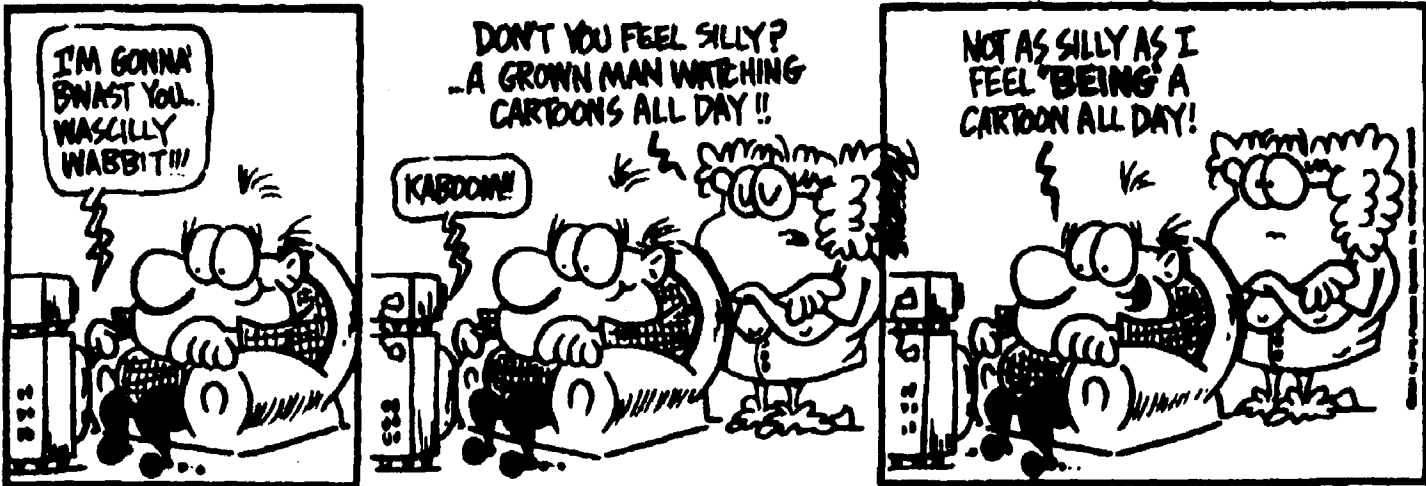
Associated Press. Sometimes partnered with the Animal Liberation Front, ELF has claimed responsibility for dozens of such actions resulting in many more millions of dollars in arson and vandalism damage throughout the country since 1996. "We are trying to cost the rich sprawl corporations enough money so they stop destroying the planet and thus the health and well-being and existence of humankind," said one statement issued by ELF. "The Earth isn't dying, it's being killed by these obviously evil corporate types. And these people have names and addresses."

Nah, these people aren't dangerous at all.

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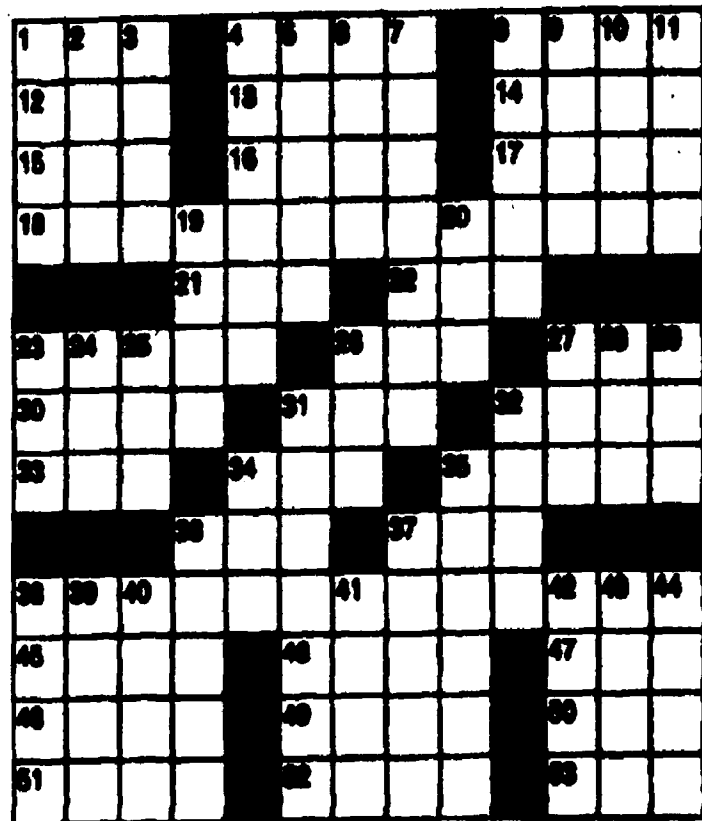
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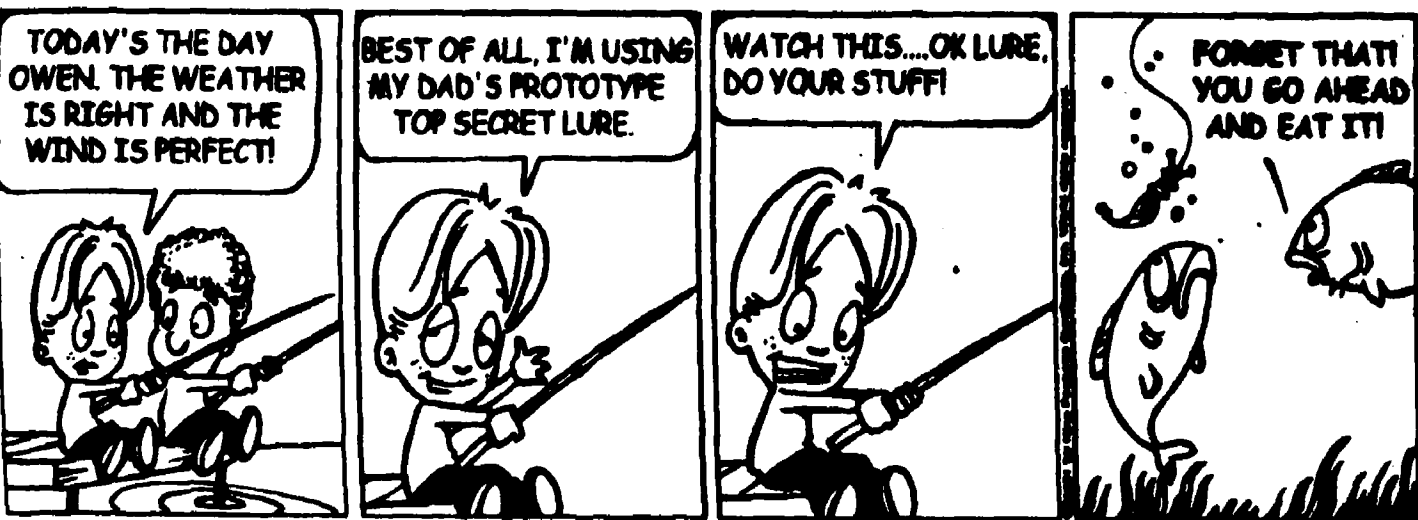


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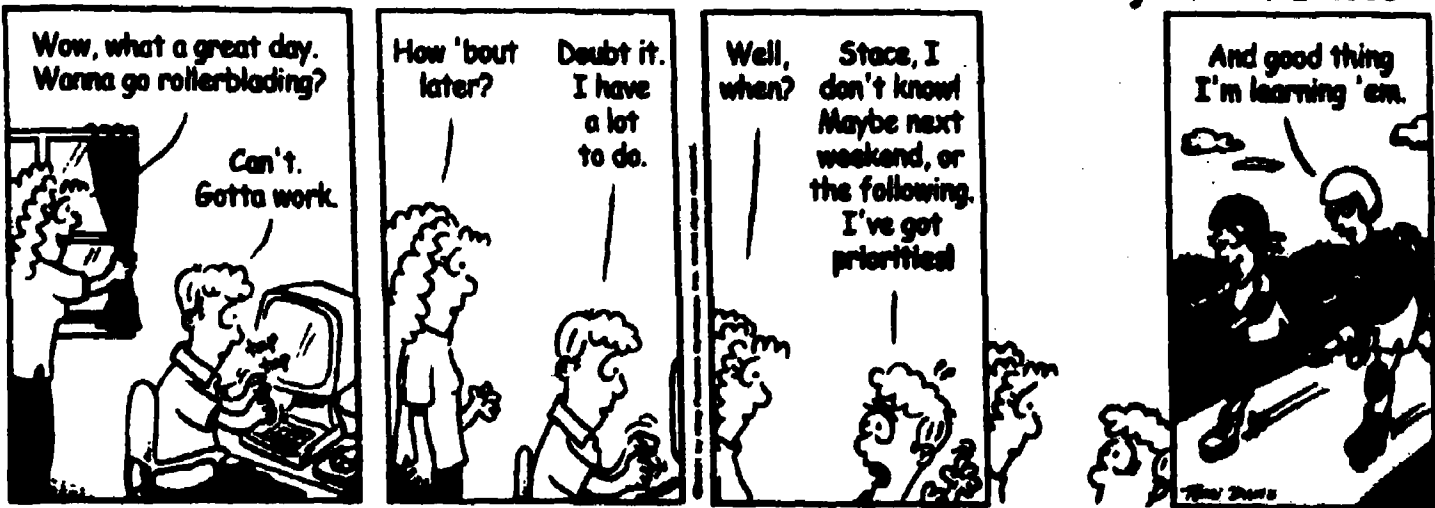
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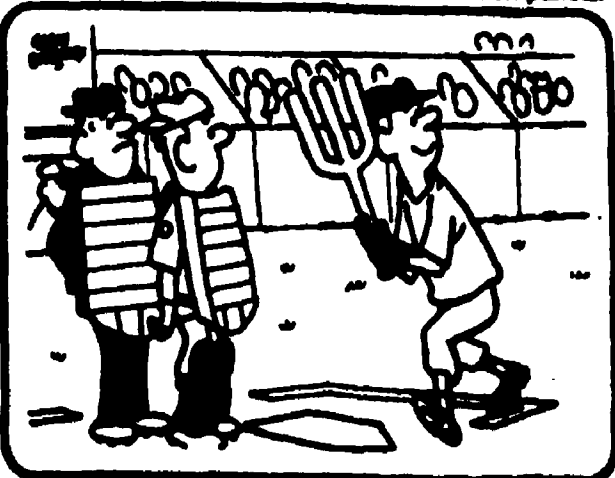


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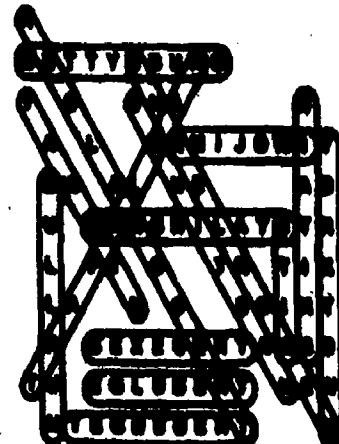
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OBITUARIES

Anthony Mazewski of Fords

Mr. Anthony P. Mazewski of Fords died May 1 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. He was 86.

Born in Pottsville (Shenandoah Valley), Pa., he was raised in Keasbey and lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Fords in 1952.

He worked on a farm and was a hunter, trapper and fisherman. He worked for the WPA with his father in Fords Park. He later worked for Raritan Copper Works in Perth Amboy and Hercules in Sayreville.

Mr. Mazewski joined the Naval Reserve in 1933 and toured Cuba, the Virgin Islands and Mexico. He served in the navy as chief machinist's mate. He was stationed on the USS Solace (a hospital ship) during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served on the torpedo boat tender USS Wachapeague and the converted torpedo boat tender USS Pontus in the Pacific theater.

He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two

bronze stars, the American Area Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon and the American Defense Ribbon.

After World War II, he worked for AS&R, Inc., in Perth Amboy and as a building contractor with Kendall Construction, Kendall Park and by RayWay Construction in East Brunswick. Upon retiring, he was office manager for H&R Block Tax Preparers.

His mother, Eva Sawicki Mazewski, his father, Steve Mazewski and a sister, Stella Gontarz and a brother, Peter are all deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Helena Kozna of Perth Amboy and Anna Schmitt of Bridgeport, Conn.; four nieces, Joan Vanco of Monmouth Junction, Carolyn Bless of Toms River, Margaret Atkin of Hamilton and Maryann Bythell of South Plainfield; a nephew, George Schmitt of Bethel, Conn.; 10 great-nieces and great-nephews, Simone, Adam, Thomas, Laura, Lisa, Edward, John, Stephen, Patrick and Nicole and two great-great-nieces.

Helen Barshay, 95 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Helen Schlesinger Barshay of Perth Amboy died May 1 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 95.

Born in Hungary, she lived in The Bronx, N.Y., before moving to Perth Amboy 60 years ago.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Barshay was a member of Congregation Shaarey Tefilah in Perth Amboy and was active with Hadassah. She also was a volunteer with the Raritan Bay Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary.

Her husband, Samuel Schlesinger, died in 1962. Two stepsons, Ralph and Joseph Schlesinger are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Alan Schlesinger of Cincinnati and Saul Schlesinger of Lake Hopatcong; five stepchildren, Sylvia Karp of Houston, Bea Zaring and Evelyn Tamarin, both of Las Vegas, Claire Malone and Phyllis Wittenberg, both of Los Angeles; and 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

John J. Naughton of Iselin

Mr. John Joseph Naughton of Iselin died April 1 at home. He was 72.

Born in Jersey City, he moved to Iselin in 1964.

He was the head of security for the Engelhard Company, Iselin, for 25 years before retiring in 1992. Earlier, he was a police officer for the New York and New Jersey Bridges and Tunnels Authority for 20 years.

Mr. Naughton was an Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are two sons, Michael and Jack; a daughter, Mrs. Cathy DiCosimo; a sister, Mrs. Mary Morris; and four grandchildren.

Edward W. Baykowski of Colonia

Mr. Edward W. Baykowski of Colonia died April 1 at home. He was 86.

Born in Cranford, he lived in Flemington and Elizabeth before moving to Colonia in 1946.

He was employed by Helm's Express in Edison for 25 years before retiring in 1979. Previously, he had been self-employed.

Mr. Baykowski served in the Army as a technical sergeant during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Anne W.; and a son, Edward.

Joel P. Meade, 44 of Avenel

Mr. Joel Patrick Meade of Avenel died April 29 at home. He was 44.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., he lived in Woodbridge for 27 years before moving to Avenel 10 years ago.

He was a warehouse manager with High Grade Beverages in South Brunswick for 26 years.

Mr. Meade was a fourth degree knight of the Knights of Columbus Don Bosco Council 5809 of Port Reading.

Surviving are his wife, Lorilou; his mother, Mrs. Helen P. Meade and a brother, James.

Henry Ruderman of Perth Amboy

Mr. Henry Ruderman of Perth Amboy died April 30 at the Central Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged, Somerset. He was 76.

Born in Rotterdam, Holland, he lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Edison, where he resided for most of his life.

He was the owner of Raritan Metal Company, Perth Amboy for many years before retiring in 1995.

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

Surviving are a son, Jerold A. Ruderman of Basking Ridge; a daughter, Jody B. Ruderman of New York City; a sister, Ethel Kaplan of Rumson and two grandchildren, Alex C. Ruderman and Stephanie A. Ruderman, both of Basking Ridge.

Mary Cappella, 78 of Edison

Mrs. Mary Cappella of Edison died April 12 in Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 78.

Born in Queens, she lived in Edison for the past 55 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Rosemarie Lunetta, Mrs. Linda Liska and Marie; a sister, Mrs. Anna Merrill; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Berdella Gorman of Sayreville

Mrs. Berdella Senn Gorman of Sayreville died April 16 at home. She was 79.

Born in Lena, Wisc., she had resided in Sayreville for the past 60 years.

Before her retirement 10 years ago, she was employed by the Sayreville Board of Education as a crossing guard for Wilson School, where she worked for 25 years.

She was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville Engine Company No. 1.

Mrs. Gorman was a member of Our Lady of Victories R.C. Church, Sayreville.

Her husband, John J. Gorman, died in 1978.

Surviving are two sons, John J. and Richard J., both of Sayreville; five grandchildren, Deborah, Donna, Lori, Richard and John Michael Gorman; and eight great-grandchildren.

Richard Onton, 94 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Richard Onton of Perth Amboy (formerly of Edison) died April 27 at home. He was 94.

His sister, Adele and three brothers, Lou, Yusef and Murray are all deceased.

Surviving is his wife, Elsie (Perlin) Onton.



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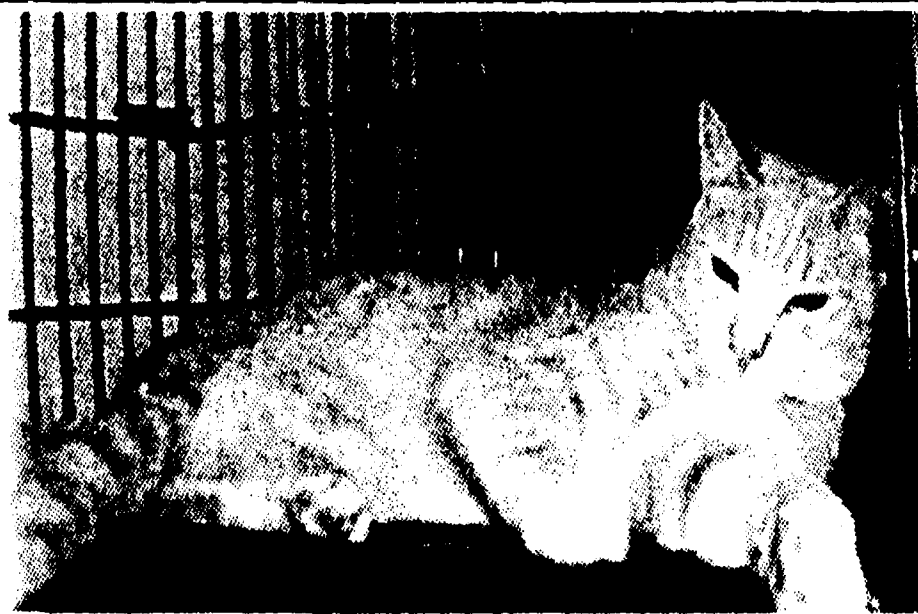


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All are welcome to purchase delicious dinners at a reasonable cost and at the same time help the Knights of Columbus charity causes. Choice BBQ Ribs and BBQ Chicken are the main selections. Along with a barbecue entree, dinner includes salad bar, baked potato, baked beans, corn on the cob, refreshments and dessert. Take out orders are available.

Senior Club News

WOODBIDGE—The 10-Picnic at Fords Park, Fords-Keasbey Senior Grove #1, 11 a.m.-dusk; Oct. 14-Fall Luncheon at the Cameo, 12 noon; and Dec. 2-Holiday Luncheon, ZPA Hall, 12 noon. Meetings will resume on September 7.

The planned activities will include: June 6-Renault Winery: Tour and lunch and then onto Atlantic City Showboat Casino, 9:45 a.m.; July and August-Trips to Atlantic City, to be announced; Aug.

Buses leave from Our Lady of Peace Church Annex.

For further information on trips, call Ed at (732) 738-7189, Joe at (732) 738-4523 or Bill at (732) 302-9068.

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