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#### Contributors See Results At Dedication Ceremony SAYREVILLE—The Arleth Emma L. Arleth Elementary asked to donate a minimum of School in the Parlin section of \$13. Corporate sponsors, of

school recently received a new library as part of an expansion due to the Stack the Shelves program which was initiated to increase the collection of books for the new library.

Assembly Deputy Minority Conference Leader John S. Wisniewski was on hand to celebrate the Stack the Shelves program and to unveil a plaque honoring contributors at the

Sayreville recently.

The Stack the Shelves program was a fundraiser cochaired by Debbie Wisniewski and Patricia Latham.

The Emma L. Arleth PTA chose to recognize the donors and sponsors with a plaque bearing every donor's name that will hang in the new library. Students and their families were

which there were 12, donated up to \$250 each. The fundraiser resulted in 150 contributors donating almost \$6,000 and resulted in the purchase of more than 300 books.

"This school, this library, and the books in this library are the tools through which we will build our children for the future," said Assemblyman

Wisniewski (D-Middlesex). "I want to say thank you to everyone who has had a part in making it possible."

Also attending the day's event were the school's principal, Dolores Grudziecka, the Assistant Superintendent of schools. Carla Sutherland. Board of Education members Curtis Clark and Joe Meyers, and Councilwoman Phyllis Batko.

### Perth Amboy Exceeds State Recycling Mandate

PERTH AMBOY—The City of Perth Amboy increased its total recycled material in 2000 to 92,087 tons, which is approximately 80 percent, well above the state mandated 60 percent recycling figure. This figure increased 24.817 tons over 1999, largely due to the increase in development throughout the city.

Much of the increase was attributed to the recycling of construction and demolition material such as concrete and asphalt. Aluminum also increased to 149 tons in 2000, up from 64 tons in 1999 while plastic saw a large increase from 216 in 1999 to 299 in 2000.

The increase in recycled material will also represent an increase in revenue to the city, which is returned as a grant credit. The city receives approximately \$50 per ton of newspaper recycled, \$25-\$50 per ton of cardboard recycled and \$25 per ton for white goods recycled.

In addition, increased recycling also benefits the city financially because it diverts materials from the landfill which saves the city \$48 per ton. Typically, if newspaper is recycled at an average payment to the city of \$50 per ton the city

diverts that cost from the landfill, thereby saving \$48, theoretically the city is seeing a total profit of \$98.

### Dancscapes

METUCHEN—Metuchen Dance Centre and The Forum Theatre presented Dance Reflections in "Dancscapes," an evening of dance on June 8. Dance Reflections is an innovative teen dance company headed by Artistic Director June Vaganek and Asst. Artistic Director Dawn M. Ward. This exhilarating new company headed up the new dance series at The Forum Theatre which will include several concerts throughout the year, the highlight of which will be Metuchen Dance Centre's "Duke Ellington's Nutcracker" in December.

The concert featured several pieces by Dawn M. Ward, as well as pieces by June Vaganek, Marylynne McAnally Victoria Martin.



SUCKER!—Choreography by Dawn M. Ward. From (Bottom Row, L.-R. are Ashley Elliott, Kim Scillath, T.J. McNeill, Veronica Gonzalez, Amytz Maskati; (Top Row, L.-R.) Sarah Yuro, Jamie Urban, John Katchisin Melissa Casale, Meghan Locker, Meghan Moran.

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#### YOUR COUNTY NEWS

## Five Indicted in Alleged Loan Sharking Operation

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his indictment earlier in the day, along with four other men, by a New Jersey State Grand Jury on loan sharking charges, all accused of a variety of offenses related to extending loans at an interest rate that exceeded 150 percent, Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr. and Division of Criminal Justice Director Kathryn Flicker announced.

Edward R. Fisher, also known as "Eddie the Irishman" (DOB 11/3/52), of the 100 block of

Crown Avenue, Staten Island, was arrested about 5:30 p.m. without incident at his home by members of the Staten Island District Attorney's Office.

Fisher and Kenneth Iacoviello (DOB 2/16/54), of the first block of Elmwood Court, also of Staten Island, were indicted on charges of conspiracy, the business of criminal usury, and four counts of criminal usury. Each of those charges are second-degree offenses.

In addition, Iacoviello was indicted on charges of theft by extortion, second-degree and terroristic threats, a third-degree offense.

The remaining defendants named in the indictment are Louis Cerrato (DOB 3/12/58), of the 1000 block of North Hampton Boulevard and Neil Forkan (DOB 1/25/58) of the 300 block of Morris Boulevard, both of Toms River in Ocean County and Gerard DeFonzo (DOB 10/01/53) of the 100 block of Kimberly Court, Red Bank in Monmouth County. They were each charged with business of criminal usury, criminal usury and conspiracy, again, all second-degree charges.

The New Jersey State Police Organized Crime Unit launched its investigation in 1999 after developing information that lacoviello was allegedly involved in loan sharking activities in the Middlesex County area between April 1996 and March 1999.

According to the indictment, Iacoviello lent money to and received money from individuals at interest rates exceeding 150 percent per year, well in excess of what is permitted by law, which is 50 percent per year. In four instances, the amount of loans on which the excessive interest was allegedly charged by lacoviello were \$2,500, \$20,000, \$40,000 and \$75,000, according to the indictment.

It is also alleged lacoviello threatened violence to ensure that payments were made. According to the indictment, lacoviello told one "client" that he had better pay what he owed because "that is what it's going to come down to, all right, your health and my

health. There's nothing I could (expletive) do but put a (expletive) gun to my head, or your head, either way."

The other defendants were named as Iacoviello co-conspirators. The Organized Crime Racketeering Bureau of the state Division of Criminal Justice assisted in the investigation.

State Police Superintendent Carson Dunbar said that members of the New Jersey State Police executed search warrants, searching Iacoviello and his car on March 17, 1999. In a cooperative effort, members of the New York City Police Department executed a search warrant at Iscoviello's Staten Island home the following day, allegedly uncovering loan sharking records and cash. The continuing investigation revealed Fisher's alleged involvement in the operation.

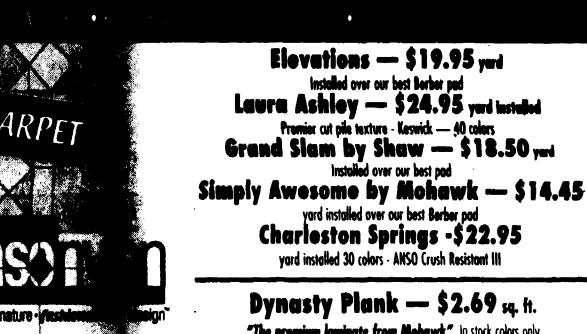
The indictments were handed up to the Superior Court Judge Charles A. Delehey, presiding Mercer County Criminal Division judge. The case was assigned to Middlesex County for trial.

An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendants are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.

The Division of Criminal Justice implements the powers and duties of the Attorney General in the prosecution of New Jersey criminal matters for the administration of justice. The Division encourages cooperation among all law enforcement agencies statewide and provides general assistance, support and guidance when needed to ensure the uniform and efficient enforcement of New Jersey laws.



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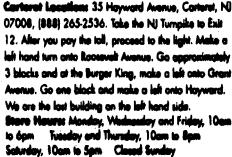
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#### YOUR LOCAL NEWS

## Senior Housing Project **Gains Approval**

WOODBRIDGE—Plans to construct 88 units of affordable senior housing on Rahway Avenue have taken another step forward.

The Woodbridge Zoning Board has approved plans to construct the housing on the site of the former Maple Tree Tavern. which was demolished in April.

"Woodbridge Township and the Woodbridge Affordable Housing Corporation are working in partnership to provide the new senior housing for our com-

munity," said Mayor James E. McGreevey.

The Zoning Board approved the project May 24.

Plans call for construction of a four-story, 73,116-square-foot building with 79 one-bedroom, five two-bedroom and four studio units. The building will have a social service coordinator to provide services to residents such as transportation assistance.

The Woodbridge Housing Authority will manage the building upon its completion.

#### **Edison Resident Wins Scholarship**

EDISON—The Mid-Jersey Branch of the American Association of University Women recently announced the recipient of their annual scholarship award. The scholarship is presented each year to a woman over 25 years old pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited four year college or university. The recipient for 2001 is Francis B. Maxwell of Edison, a "Women's Studies" major at Rutgers University, Maxwell was recently presented with the award at Mid-Jersey's May Meeting and Brunch held at The Sheraton at Woodbridge Place.

The American Association of University Women is a national organization, headquartered in

Washington, D.C., that promotes education and equity for all women and girls. The organization's commitment to these issues is reflected in their public policy efforts, programs and diversity initiatives. The Mid-Jersey branch is a newly formed group bringing together members of the Colonia and Metuchen-Edison branches and serving our area of New Jersey.

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**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER--(L.-R.)** Frances B. Maxwell, Mid-Jersey Branch AAUW scholarship winner; Nancy E. Casteras, scholarship committee member.



## **Vendors Wanted!**

PERTH AMBOY — The Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce is seeking arts and crafts, antique, retail, food recruitment and non-profit vendors for their 13th Annual Waterfront Festival held July 7 and 8.

The family-oriented festival attracts 25,000 people annually to the picturesque waterfront along Sadowski Parkway and features entertainment, children's rides, antique cars and demonstrations by the U.S. Coast Guard.

For more information, conthe Perth Amboy Chamber at (732) 442-7400.

#### Religious Group Forming

WOODBRIDGE—Church Women of Woodbridge Township, an Ecumenical group forming for worship, discussion, fellowship and service will hold its next organizational meeting on Tuesday, June 19 at the First Congregational Church, Barron and Grove Avenues, Woodbridge. They will meet at 7 p.m. for registration and 7:30 p.m. discussion and worship.

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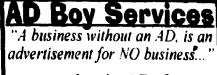
AREA — In today's fastpaced society, playing telephone tag has become routine. Voice mail and answering machines are counted on to deliver and capture valuable information. To be truly effective, however, information should be tailored to fit the audience. That's a refinement telephone answering machines have not been capable of providing. Until now.

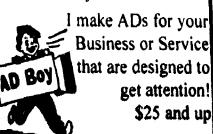
Now there is a new answering machine designed to play a customized message for specific callers based on the phone number of the incoming call.

Inventor Alex Peters of Long Valley, N.J., came up with the idea for the Selective Message Answering Machine in 1999 when he needed to use several different personalized greetings on his answering machine.

This original idea is now being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the communication products industry. Peters is hoping to have the Selective Message Answering Machine in full production and available to the public within the very near future.

Additional information about the Selective Message Answering Machine can be obtained by contacting the Publicity/Press Department of Invention Technologies, Inc. at (800) 940-9020. ext. 285 or at products@ inventtech.com.





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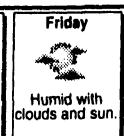
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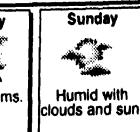
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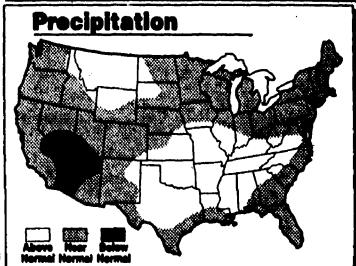
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## Three Outstanding Students

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#### It's Party Time!

PERTH **AMBOY** Members of the Perth Amboy YMHA Senior Club will celebrate their annual "Season's End" party at the YMHA on Wednesday, June 20.

A party meal will be served followed by entertainment by Julian, "The Man of Many Voices." You'll close your eyes and think you are hearing your old and new favorite singers.

This party is for members only, at no charge. Anyone signing up for membership before the date will be invited to the party.

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Once Dad sees the work-aday world below from a completely new perspective, he'll

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Typically, earning a Private pilot license can take 50-70 flying hours and sometimes as little as 40 hours of training and supervised practice flying. Costs today typically range from \$3,000-\$7,000 depending on the region of the country. A new flyer can usually achieve the first milestone, the first solo flight, after just 12-14 hours of training costing as little as \$1,000.

Whether it's satisfying a midlife urge for adventure, or just saying, "Dad, I love you," the choice between more neckwear and the chance to fly isn't even a

BE A PILOT is a nonprofit organization supported by more than 60 aviation companies and organizations dedicated to educating the public about the benefits of General Aviation flying and pilot careers. Since 1997, more than 110,000 people have registered for the BE A PILOT Introductory Flight Certificate, and many of them have joined the 60,000-plus Americans who start learning to fly every year.

### **Adopt A Manatee For Dear Ole Dad**

AREA—Stumped on what to do for Father's Day this year? Adopt a manatee! For twenty dollars, Save the Manatee Club (SMC) will sent an adoption certificate, photo and life history of a manatee who is just right for your dad. A membership handbook also gives lots of information about manatees. SMC's Adopt-A-Manatee program features manatees with "manly" names like Brutus, Howie, Doc or Whiskers. Flash is perfect for the shy guy, and Merlin is also a great manatee for dad. Lenny the manatee is known affectionately as the "couch-potato" manatee because he seems to prefer rest to all other activities.

Large, gentle and slow-moving, manatees spend most of their time eating and sleeping. In fact, manatees can consume up to 10-15 percent of their body weight in vegetation daily. Adult manatees have been known to exceed 13 feet and weigh over 3,500 pounds. The average adult manatee is about 10 feet long and weighs about 1,000 pounds. A migrating species, manatees are found in the shallow, slow-moving estuaries, saltwater bays, ter, usually November through March, manatees are concentrated manatee.org.

primarily in Florida. In the winter, manatees gather near warm water sources such as natural springs or warm water effuents of power plants. Individual manatees often return to the same warm water areas year after year.

The Adopt-A-Manatee program is the primary source of funding for SMC, a nonprofit organization established in 1981 by U.S. Senator Bob Graham and singer Jimmy Buffett. Funds raised by the Adopt-A-Manatee program go toward public awareness activities such as state and national public service announcements and "Please Watch For Manatees" public awareness waterway signs. SMC also distributes free education material to teachers and students across the U.S. and internationally. The Club also helps funds manatee research projects and manatee rescue and rehabilitation efforts. In addition, SMC lobbies for the protection of manatees and their habitat and supports international efforts to help save manatees in South America and the wider Caribbean. Loss of habitat is the overall threat facing manatees today.

For more information on manatees or the Adopt-A-Manatee program, or for a free manatee protection tips packet for boaters, contact Save the Manatee Club at 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, canals and coastal areas of south- FL 32751, 1-800-432-JOIN eastern United States. In the win- (5646), or access their web page on the Internet at: www.savethe-



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"What's The Worst That Could Happen?" Turns Out Not So Bad



By Michael S. Goldberger 1 One Popcorn, Poor . Two Popcorns, Fair . Three Popcorns, Good . Four Popcorns, Excellent

It's a lazy Saturday night, four or five months down the line. In fact, it was a lazy week. You forgot to make plans. You probably just feel like vegging out and getting in touch with your inner slothful self. But there's an unwritten law that says anything less than attending the coronation ball on Saturday night and you're a social flop. Your friend Marty calls to see what you want to do. Naturally, you reply: "I don't know, what do you wanna do Marty?" This goes back and forth to no avail. You both decide to go it alone. And then, in a rare burst of inspiration accompanied by the sudden singing of "Downtown" by Petula Clark, you set out for the video store. Hope springs eternal. Or at least for a few minutes. All that's left on the shelf is "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" and two even bigger losers.

But cheer up. You could do WOISE.

You didn't get to the video store Saturday morning, when all the good stuff is available, because you didn't want to admit that you weren't going to the coronation ball that evening. So what did you expect? "Pearl Harbor," "Shrek," "Memento," "The Golden Bowl" and all the other A-list choices you've been wanting to see since their theatrical release have been snatched up. So it's "Freddy Got Fingered," "Town and Country," or "What's the Worst That Could Happen." Which makes it a no-

brainer. In this meager company the film based on the book by Donald E. Westlake and directed by Sam Weisman is practically Academy Award material. And that's with two hands tied behind its back: both Danny DeVito and Martin Lawrence come up short of expectations, figuratively speaking.



Granted, the popular co-stars in this farce about two very different but ultimately very similar crooks who become embroiled in a "War of The Roses"- style spite fight over the possession of a "lucky" ring can't help but bring an inherent funniness to the doings. But very little beyond that.

Whether it's the poorly structured direction, the untidy adaptation by Matthew Chapman, or simply a lack of inspiration, Mr. Lawrence is just a notch above lacklustre as Kevin Caffrey, a self-styled second story man with a penchant for art...stealing it that is. Ditto for DeVito as Max Fairbanks, a so-called legitimate billionaire who has undoubtedly made his fortune via every unconscionable means in the book. Even in the ne'er-dowell typecast, Mr. DeVito seems stale and off center.

The tale of vendetta, reprisal and counter-reprisal is told from the vantage point of each warring protagonist's camp. Mr. Lawrence and his band of Runyonesque robbers are depicted as a collective David to Max Fairbanks's far more well equipped Goliath of sycophants and highly paid toadies. True, there's a sly salute to the democratizing effects of the telecom**munications** 

age as each side is able to violate the other's Constitutional right to privacy with equal effect. But that's it. This is class warfare (instead of honor) among thieves. The distinctions and parallels made between the criminal world's Haves and Wish-We-Had-Mores are meant to be funny, in a Marxian sort of way. Sometimes they are.

Max's spying is accomplished by chief of security Earl Radburn. Played by Larry Miller with his trademark brand of officious paranoia, he hints of tarnished ties to the FBI ("If they had listened to me, there'd be a Disneyworld in Cuba today"). Ascertaining the skinny for Kevin and company is a hacker dude in a van.

The espionage contest serves as a gimmick, turning the film into a series of split-screen playby-plays as one group tries to anticipate and thus outwit the other. The technique only serves to highlight the missed connection between Messrs. DeVito and Lawrence. It's not that there's

bad chemistry. More correctly, there is no chemistry to go bad. For all the interacting they do, they might as well have phoned in their performances. The seams show. The movie pitches and yaws. There is nary a fluid frame to its credit.

Much of the problem is the picture's inability to color outside the lines...except in one area: supporting performances. They are this film's cavalry, charging to the rescue in a valiant attempt to save the day. It is a minor phenomenon at work. Oddball creativity flourishes.

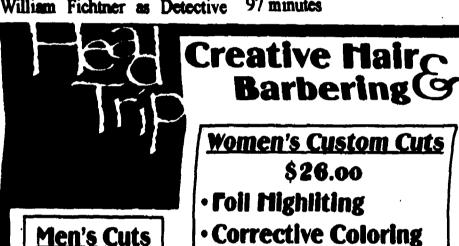
Of course it's a matter of too little too late. But without exception, every ancillary role is a laugh-getter. Some perform quirky little sideshow bits. And others, like a bickering pair of married escape artist pals of Kevin's, supply the screenplay with the sort of running gag that gives the film a touch of comedy class.

But the real standout is William Fichtner as Detective

Alex Tardio, a gumshoe the likes of which you have never seen before. Gaily bedight in white suit and sporting a walking stick, his silver-blonde hair coifed and his face made up in a contemporary paean to the court of Louis Quatorze, the effetely over-thetop sleuth is a sheer hoot. The portrayal begs for a future expansion, and in and of itself is almost worth what it'll cost to rent this film. But don't get carried away. Remember, this is only if you have absolutely nothing better to do and the video store has absolutely nothing better to offer than "What's The Worst That Could Happen?" A lot could happen four or five months from now. By then Marty might know what he wants to do.

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"What's The Worst That Could Happen?," rated PG-13, is an MGM release directed by Sam Weisman and stars Martin Lawrence, Danny DeVito and William Fichtner. Running time: 97 minutes



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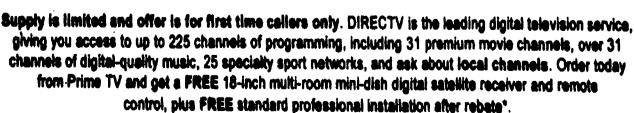
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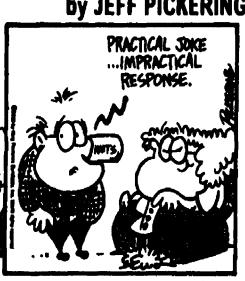
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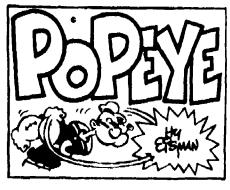
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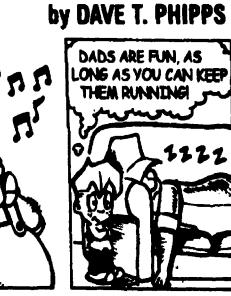


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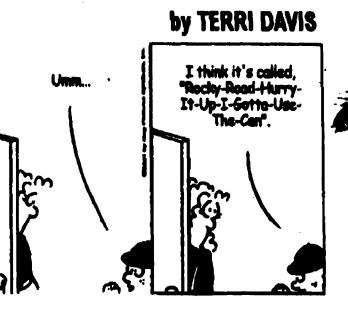




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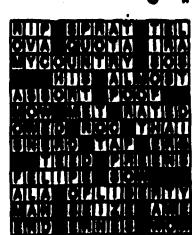
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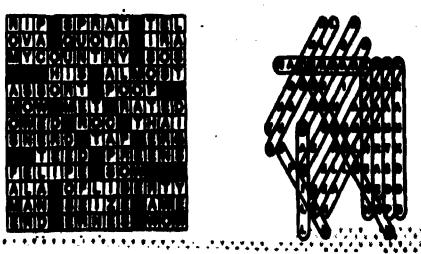
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#### YOUR LOCAL NEWS



SUCCESSFUL DRESSING—North Brunswick resident Frank Introcaso (R.), owner of Introcaso Cleaners in Avenel, accepts a certificate of appreciation from (L.). Kimberly Smith of Iselin and Debra Marshall, both of Comcast. Comcast employees donated more than 700 interview-appropriate articles of clothing for the American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter's Career Closet, part of the Job Search/Job Readiness program, which provides job training, resume writing tips and interviewing skills to people going from welfare to the workforce. Introcaso Cleaners dry-cleaned all the clothing donations free of charge. Once participants have completed the training, they are eligible to go to the Career Closet, which is based in the Red Cross offices in Elizabeth, to pick out business-appropriate work attire.

## Stanzione Caps College Career

EDISON—Donald M. Stanzione of Edison graduated from Rider University magna cum laude with a B.A. in psychology on May 11. His year-long psychology field placement in the Mercer County Superior Court Bail Office capped a career with many honors.

Stanzione's internship ran for both the fall and spring semester. For the first semester, he worked about 20 hours per week and 15 hours per week the second semester.

His duties included interviewing people for bail hearings and preparing the bail hearing applications for the judge.

A law and justice minor while at Rider, he also had an internship in that program during the 2000 spring semester with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

Through both internships, Stanzione said, "I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience and have met a lot of people in the criminal justice field." Ultimately, his goal is to attend law school.

In addition to his internships, he has had two independent study

projects with psychology professors-one with Dr. Wendy Heath on the characteristics of defendants and mock jury decisions and another with Dr. Marvin Goldstein on a comparison of racism from an earlier era to the modern era.

Among his academic awards, Stanzione is a member of Psi Chi, the psychology national honor society; Pi Gamma Mu, the international social honor society, and Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. He also served as a vice president of the Law and Justice Society and as treasurer of the Psychology Club.

## **Spelling Bee Champs**

The Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Council #6571 held their annual **spelling bee at the St. John** Vianney Parish Center. Colonia. Toni Anne Giunta won first place and a \$100 savings bond. Megan Conrad took second place and a \$50 savings bond while third place and a \$50 savings bond went to John Michael Fela. All three students are eighth graders at St. James School, Woodbridge. Pictured (L.-R.) are John Michael Fela, Megan Conrad, Toni Anne Giunta, and spelling bee director Chris McDonough.



#### Elks Offer Friday Night Dinners

WOODBRIDGE—The Woodbridge Elks Lodge #2116 is serving dinners every Friday night from 6-8 p.m. The Grand Dining Room is open to the public, who may enjoy an "All You Can Eat" buffet of delicious dinners, including soup, salads, breads, beverage and dessert. DJ music makes your dining experience even more enjoyable. You'll probably meet your friends, so bring the family.

The Woodbridge Lodge is located at 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. All proceeds go to the Lodge's fund for charitable works in the community.

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#### EDITORIAL



ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S Report From Trenton

New Jersey may be known as the "Garden State" but it is also known as the "Crossroads of the Revolution." Many signers of the Declaration of Independence delegates and to Constitutional Convention came from New Jersey. The pivotal battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth all took place on our soil. And although many people think that Betsy Ross designed the first flag for the United States of America, there is evidence that she only made the flag and that a Continental Congressman from New Jersey. Francis Hopkinson, was the true designer of the first flag.

Francis Hopkinson was a lawyer and a poet in addition to being a Congressional delegate from New Jersey. As a member of the Continental Congress he appointed was to Continental Navy Board and began designing a flag for the United States. In 1780. Hopkinson sent a letter to the Board of Admiralty and stated that he designed, among other things, "the flag of the United States of America" and expected to be paid for it. He submitted a bill for \$2,700 for his services, although he was never paid. All evidence suggests that he is the true designer of the first US Flag.

This year marks the 224th birthday of the United States Flag. In 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes. Flag Day was first celebrated in 1877 for the centennial anniversary of the flag. But it wasn't until 1949 that President Harry Truman made Flag Day a national observance. Flag Day honors the birth of the Flag; a symbol of our great nation, a symbol of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Our flag symbolizes everything that is good about

America. Over 200 years ago, George Washington said that the color scheme of the flag represents America itself. The red stripes stand for the blood spilled by Americans in the quest for freedom. The white stands for purity, liberty, and freedom. The blue field stands for freedom and justice. And how true this still is. Each star represents each state of the union, representing a new constellation in the heavens. These ideals and concepts embody what America was founded on and what America continues to stand for today. And while the fight for American independence ended two centuries ago, Americans continue to fight for liberty and justice for all people. Whether in the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, or Desert Storm, the American flag stood for the same principles in those conflicts that moved patriots in **1776**.

But sadly Flag Day and Memorial Day just don't seem to carry the significance they did years ago. The meaning behind these days gets lost in the shuffle of our busy lives. But worse is that our children often have little knowledge of why we celebrate our flag, our country, and those who have served our country. Sometimes we only think of Memorial and Labor Days as the beginning and end of our summers. Flag Day is only noted as a ceremony our children go to in school and not something we give much thought to anymore. We need to change this. The more we tell our children about these holidays, the more they'll appreciate our country, our values, our liberties, and the sacrifices that have been made to secure them. So, this Flag Day bring a child to a ceremony and tell them why we salute the flag. Tell them what our flag stands for. And tell them about the brave men and women who fought and died for our freedom and our country.

#### READERS COMMENTARY



**Memorial Day Ceremony Impressive** 

I have lived in Woodbridge Township for the past five years

and I have served as a Navy nurse during World War II. I was very impressed with the Memorial Ceremony held by Marine Eddy Androvich and Mayor James E. McGreevey. The Woodbridge High School Band was outstanding.

During the Wreath Ceremony, I was very touched when a wreath was placed in memory of the women who gave their lives during all wars. Marine Eddy Androvich and Mayor James E. McGreevey, I want to thank you both for a ceremony I will never forget.

> Debbie McCue **U.S. Navy Nurse**

#### Not A Viable Option

Dear Editor.

As residents of South Amboy, my husband and I, as well as many of our friends thought having the outdoor cafe in our town was a great idea. My husband and I go to NYC in the warmer months and find it most enjoyable, after a walk around to be able to sit outside and have some refreshments. We and many others, were looking forward to being able to enjoy this experience in our own town.

On Saturday, May 19, my husband and I went to the Land- Mark Tavern and Cafe. Before we sat down, we read the rules that are placed on each table. Then I sat down with my two small dogs in the corner with them at my feet. The server came out and her first words- nastily-were, "Can't have dogs here," I stated, "Oh, it doesn't state that on the rules." I asked how about if I tie them up to the lamp post at the curb. Her reply was, "Still can't be here." and then

she just walked inside.

Now I do understand if that is the policy, but why is it not posted?

What I don't understand also, if the curb side is a public place, why couldn't I attach my dog there, and still get something cool to drink? I do that with other stores on Broadway.

Also, throughout NYC, they have sidewalk cafes, and dogs are allowed. Yes, there are rules, and I for one feel they are necessary. If your dog is aggressive, barks or is bothering other patrons, you are asked to leave. That is fair. So. why is this not a viable option?

My friends and I were quite happy with the notion of the outside cafe. What a nice way to spend an hour or so on a warm weekend day, after working all week. To take a walk with our dogs (that many of us consider our children), to be able to sit down for a short time and have something. Quite frankly, in my experience-and I'm quite sure others agree-that children are more disruptive than the four legged friends.

I can understand if no dogs are the policy, then post it. But. what about my husband and I outside, sitting and relaxing and the couple next to us have a child that is carrying on? That is acceptable, but, my dog at my feet isn't? We don't appreciate the help's nasty attitude. And her actions lead me to believe that the LandMark is not the friendly place it was before. I for one can say, that I will not patronize your establishment and a lot of other people in town will feel the same way.

But, in closing, my main question is, why can't we sit outside with our dogs if they are well behaved and not bothering any other customers? Or why couldn't they be tied at the curb?

> Colleen and John Coyle South Amboy

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#### **News Flash For Parents**

A recent study released by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) revealed that teenagers with "hands on" parents who insist on strict rules such as curfews and regular chores are far less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol than those with more permissive parents. DUH. They had to do a study to find this out? The

#### "Our teenagers are giving parents permission to be parents"...

bad news about the CASA study, folks, is that 7 out of 10 youths are living in households with few or no rules. A lot of these are households with liberal parents who want to be friends with their children. They're afraid that teaching right and wrong

means they're being "judgmental." But the study notes that teens whose parents set rules actually have better relationships with their parents. Which led Brent Coles, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, who joined in releasing the survey, to exclaim:

"Our teenagers are giving parents permission to be parents."

I give up! With all due respect, Mr. Coles, parents shouldn't give a rats behind if their teenagers give them "permission" or not. This is the kind of idiocy that causes us to need studies like this in the first place, spending who knows how many millions to discover what every parent with a pulse should know from the get-go.

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Featured guests include Dr. Frank Mayadas, program director for the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and Robert Ubell, director of Web-based learning at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Dr. Mayadas is director for the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's "Learning Outside of the Classroom" program. He focuses on areas of learning outside the classroom through computer and electronic communicationsbased education and training. The goal of this program is to make higher education and training available anytime and anywhere for anyone who is motivated to seek it. Grants have gone to institutions of higher education to encourage their use of Asynchronous Learning Networks (ALNs), which make possible electronic access at any time to remote learning resources such as instructors, fellow students, text and software.

Robert Ubell is director of the

Web-based Distance Learning program at Stevens Institute of Technology, where he launched the school's first online graduate program, Web Campus Stevens. At WebCampus Stevens, students can take courses for credit, leading to graduate certificates, or non-credit professional e-Seminars.

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#### County Prosecutors Association Announces Scholarships

STATE — Three \$2,500 scholarships are available for law or graduate school students, the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey announced recently. The County Prosecu-

tors Association of New Jersey Foundation funds the scholarships, a nonprofit corporation created by the prosecutors association to award scholarships.

The Rittenhouse, Ruotolo,

and Cotton scholarships are named in memory of former county prosectors who met untimely deaths, are awarded annually to deserving students who have already been accepted to an accredited law school or graduate school, are New Jersey residents, and demonstrate financial need. The one-year, \$2,500 grants are paid directly to the recipients.

The Oscar W. Rittenhouse Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a New Jersey resident who has been accepted to an accredited law school and has a special interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor. Oscar "Bill" Rittenhouse was Hunterdon County's first full-time prosecutor.

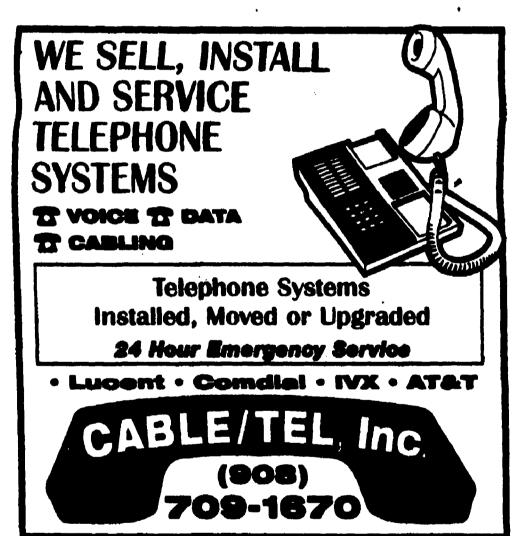
The Andrew K. Ruotolo, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a New Jersey resident who

has been accepted to an accredited law school or graduate school and exhibits an interest in and commitment to enhancing the rights and well-being of children through child advocacy programs. This scholarship was created in memory of former Union County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo who established the Union County Child Advocacy Center.

The Harris Y. Cotton Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a New Jersey resident who has been accepted to an accredited law school and has an interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor with an emphasis on Domestic Violence or Hate Crimes prosecutions. Former Gloucester County Prosecutor Harris Cotton was an advocate for protecting individual rights.

Applications for any of the scholarships available for the 2001-02 academic year must be received no later than June 15. Applicants will be notified of the Trustees' decision in August and the scholarships will be awarded at the Conference of the County Prosecutors Association on Sept. 13.

Applications can be obtained by calling 609-984-0051, by visiting www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/scholar.htm or by writing to: Oscar W. Rittenhouse Memorial Scholarship, Andrew K. Ruotolo Memorial Scholarship or Harris Y. Cotton Memorial Scholarship, c/o New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Prosectors and Police Bureau, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 085, Trenton, NJ 08625.



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#### Bill Would Require State To Pay Educational Costs

STATE — The Assembly Education Committee recently amended and released legislation to require the state to assume the educational costs of children whose parent or guardian resides in a state facility, including correctional institutions.

Originally, A-1728 (Lance)

would have made the district of residence for these children the district in which the parent or guardian last resided prior to being placed in the facility. Under current law, the school district of the parent or guardian with whom the child lived prior to any separation is responsible

for the child's tuition payments. This has been interpreted to mean that if the parent or guardian is in a state facility, then the district where the facility is located is responsible for the child's tuition even if the child has never resided in that community.



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In its testimony to the Assembly Education Committee, NJSBA commended this effort to correct an inequity in the district of residence law. However, the Association asserted that the fairest approach for all school districts would be for the state to assume the costs of a child's education in these circumstances. Since the parent or guardian who is now residing in a state facility may not be paying property taxes to their former district, requiring the financial burden for educating these students to fall on a school district is unfair at best

## Motorcycle Ride To Raise Funds For Babies

### March Of Dimes Annouces 6th Annual RideAmerica Event

AREA — Motorcycle enthusiasts will want to be sure to mark their calendars for Sun. June 24. That's when the March of Dimes will hold its 6th annual RideAmerica event.

More than 650 motorcyclists, passengers, volunteers and business owners are expected to participate in the 50-mile, AMA- sanctioned, fully-escorted motorcycle ride, which travels through parts of Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties.

Staging of the Ride will begin at 8 a.m. at the March of Dimes office on Route 46 East in Pine Brook. WDHA 105.5 FM "Jersey's Own Rock Radio," will be on hand to rev up the crowd and the motors. The ride begins promptly at 11 a.m. Riders will arrive at the Hamburg Fire Department Pavilion in Hamburg at approximately 1 p.m., where they will enjoy lunch, prizes and music.

The cost to enter is \$25 per bike, but rides are encouraged to raise additional donations from friends, family, co-workers, etc. Money raised through Ride America supports the March of Dimes mission of preventing birth defects and infant mortality by helping to fund research programs, advocacy, community services and education.

Blue Knights Chapters, including Chapter XIII, support RideAmerica and encourage other motorcycle clubs as well as individuals to participate. For more information, or if you're interested in riding, please call Ben Cozin at 973-882-0700, ext. 29. Or, e-mail him at bcozin@modimes.org.

## **Mammography Facilities** Listed On Toll-Free Health Hotline

STATE—New Jersey's women are dying at a faster rate from breast cancer than women in most other states, but fortunately they have resources available to them to fight back. One is the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey's (PRONJ's) toll-free Health Hotline, 1 (866) 2MY HEALTH (1-866-269-4325), which lists by county FDA-Certified mammography facilities and special events for breast health.

This is particularly important for New Jersey's women, as New Jersey has the 4th highest mortality rate for breast cancer, according to a 1999 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Approximately 6,500 women in New Jersey will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and about 1,400 women in New Jersey are expected to die of the disease, according to the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society reports women are less likely to die from breast cancer using the following diligent early detection practices: monthly breast selfexams, yearly breast exams by a

physician and annual mammograms. Mammograms are vital to a woman's health, especially as she gets older because the incidence of breast cancer increases with age. Fortunately, Medicare pays for 80% of a yearly mammogram for women over age 40. Those having Medigap insurance may be covered 100%.

Mammography sites and events will be featured on the Health Hotline until Sep. 2. In fall 2001, the hotline will promote local sites for influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations.

#### The Newark Bears Host "American Diabetes Association Day"

AREA — The Newark Bears will be hosting "American Diabetes Association Dav" at Riverfront Stadium on Sun., June 17. Game time is 1:35 p.m. This is also "Old Timers Day," so some of baseball's legends will be joining us that afternoon.

Why not plan a family outing? There will be games for the kids, door prizes, and more! Or, if you can't go, why not pur-

chase a ticket for an underprivileged child who otherwise would not be able to go? Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased by calling Karen at the ADA office toll free at 877-469-7979, ext. 3512.

All proceeds will be donated to the American Diabetes Association to support their research, education, and advocacy efforts.

#### Physical Thorapists To Host Hotline

pains will be the subject of the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA's) toll-free national hotline on June 21 and 22 from 12-8 p.m. The hotline is sponsored by APTA's Orthopaedics Section, and will be held during Physical Therapy 2001, APTA's annual conference and exposition, in Anaheim, CA. The toll-free number for the hotline is 1-877-NEED-A-PT (1-877-633-**3278**).

"The majority of common ailments often develop during the

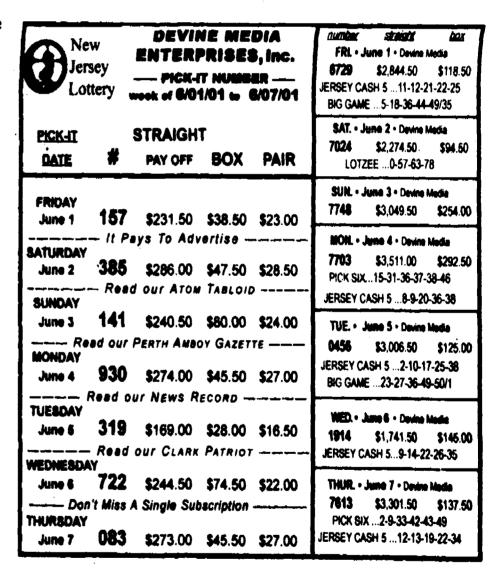
aging common body aches and doing the laundry, gardening, or working at a computer," said APTA Orthopaedic Section President Michael T. Cibulka, PT. MHS, OCS. "Problems that appear to come out of nowhere many times can be related to doing something repetitive over time."

> The hotline is offered as a public service to help consumers learn ways to minimize chances of injury or cope with injuries when they do happen. Callers will be offered single copies of APTA's consumer brochures on

AREA — Preventing and man-course of everyday life, such as the back, neck, shoulder, elbow, wrist/hand, hip, knee, and ankle/foot. The brochures are also available on APTA's Web site at https:// www.apta.org/Consumer/ ptandyourbody.

> The hotline is not recommended as a substitute for a visit to a physical therapist or other health care professional.

> The American Physical Therapy Association is a national professional organization representing more than 66,000 members. Its goal is to foster advancements in physical therapy practice, research, and education.





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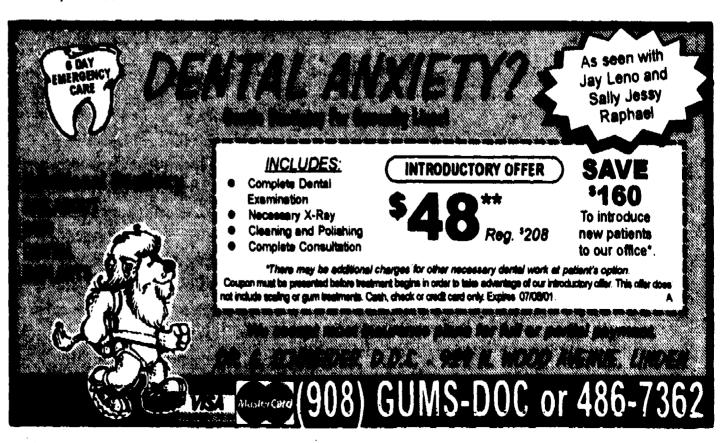
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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Ruth A. Lodzinski of South Amboy

Mrs. Ruth A. Lodzinski of South Amboy died May 23 in the Madison Center, Matawan. She was 87.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Union for 26 years before moving to South Amboy 26 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Stanley J.; and two grandchildren.

## **Katelyn Hayes**

of South Amboy

Newborn Katelyn Frances Hayes of South Amboy died May 25 in JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Surviving are her parents, Kelly and Robert Hayes of South Amboy; her maternal grandmother, Marian Walsh of South Amboy; a stepgrandmother, Joann Hayes of New York; an aunt, Laurie Alberty; a cousin, Brianna of Colonia; and an uncle, Edward Walsh of Rhode Island.

#### Sebastiana D'Addario of Edison

Mrs. Sebastiana "Betty" D'Addario of Edison died May 28 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. She was 79.

Born in Newark, she lived in Clark before moving to Edison 15 years ago.

She was a clerk with the Essex County Sheriff's Department in Newark for 25 years before retiring in 1984.

Surviving are a son, Joseph; two daughters, Mrs. Maria DeSantis and Mrs. Valerie Oristanio; a brother, Ben Di-Blasi; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

#### Eleanor Renick, 82 Business owner in P.A.

Mrs. Eleanor (Antosiewicz) Czech Renick of Lakewood died May 30 at Laurelton Village, Brick. She was 82.

She was born in Perth Amboy, and lived in Edison for more than 20 years. She also resided in Bayville before moving to Lakewood.

She operated a grocery store with her husband, Walter Czech on Market Street, Perth Amboy.

She was a hairdresser and owned businesses with her sisters. Helen Ashmont and the late Bernice Andrews. Her businesses were Bern-El in Fords and Fashion Comb, Perth Amboy.

Mrs. Renick was a member and past president of the Perth Amboy Emblem Club, an Elks auxiliary unit. She served as supreme marshal of that organization and toured the United States as its representative, installing over 180 clubs.

She was also a member of the Holy Rosary Society of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy and active in charitable club work.

Her first husband, Walter Czech died in 1980.

Surviving are her second husband, Bob; a son, Adrian Walter Czech; a daughter, Middlesex County Clerk Elaine Flynn and son-in-law, the former Assemblyman and Mayor William E. Flynn of Old Bridge; four granddaughters, Erin Flynn -Stead, Colleen Flynn Antonis, Tara Flynn-Rozanski, and Bonnie Noel Flynn; nine greatgrandchildren, Daniel and Cortney Antonis, Christopher Cory, Kaitlyn, Kaleigh and Cassidy Flynn-Rozanski and Taylor, Ryan and Haley Flynn Stead; two brothers, Adolph "Ace" Antosiewicz of Brick and Larry Arnold of Florida; and a sister, Helen Ashmont.

#### Sam Gettis, 71 of Edison

Mr. Sam Gettis of Edison died May 27 at Mary Anne Hale Pavilion Hospice, Edison. He was 71.

Born in Elizabeth, he resided in Edison for the past 35 years.

He was a disabled veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

He was active with the Democratic Party and in community affairs. He was a trustee for Spectrum for Living and was secretary for the Edison Commission for the Disabled.

His parents, George and Betty Gettis and a son, Scott, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Hilda; a daughter, Nancy Kemps; a grandson, Scott Kemps; a sister, Harriet Molin; three brothers, Bruce, Abe and Alan Gettis: and seven nephews, five nieces and 13 grandnephews and grandnieces.

#### Michael T. Bussey of Edison

Mr. Michael T. Bussey of Edison died May 27 at home. He was 43.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Westfield before moving to Edison.

He was employed by Oaktree General Construction, Edison.

He played professional football for numerous football teams including the Philadelphia Eagles.

He was a well-known athlete in the Westfield area, and played football, basketball and softball.

Surviving are his father, John H.; two sisters, Mrs. Toni Isaac and Mrs. Susan B. Carter; and two brothers, Mark and Ryan.

#### Joseph Catena, 80 of Edison

Mr. Joseph Catena of Edison died May 30 at home. He was

Born in Newark, he lived in Irvington before moving to Edison 15 years ago.

He was a warehouseman at the P. Ballantine & Sons Brewery, Newark, before retiring.

Mr. Catena served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Catherine; a son, Carmen; a daughter, Mrs. Paula Hornchek; a sister, Mrs. Anna Iannuauli; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

#### Anna Lankey, 87 of Edison

Mrs. Anna "Dot" Lankey of Edison died May 30 at home. She was 87.

Born in the Bonhamtown section of Edison, she was a lifelong resident of Edison.

She was a member of the Grace Reformed Church, Edison.

Mrs. Lankey was also a member of the Helping Hand Association and a volunteer at Roosevelt Hospital, Edison.

She was active in the Edison Democratic Association and the Middlesex County American Hungarian Democratic Association.

Her husband, Frank G. Lankey, Sr., died in 1988 and a son, Frank G. Jr., died in 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Dressler of Annapolis, Md.; two grandsons, Frank J. Lankey and Thomas Lankey, both of Edison; four greatgrandsons, Frank J. Lankey Jr., Kevin T. Lankey, Kyle W. Lankey and Thomas M. Lankey.

#### Dennis Lengyel, 53 of Carteret

Mr. Dennis S. Lengyel of Middletown (formerly Carteret) died May 29 in Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. He was 53.

Born in New York City, he resided in Carteret before moving to Middletown 22 years ago.

He was a self-employed mechanic and a graduate of Perth Amboy Vocational-Technical School.

Mr. Lengyel was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the St. John Russian Orthodox Church, Rahway.

His both parents, Peter and Mary (Hopko) Lengyel, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce (Amberg) Lengyel; a son, Dennis Shawn Lengyel of East Windsor; a stepson, John Oliveri of Edison; a daughter, Danielle Joan Lengyel of Middletown; a stepdaughter, Tracy Buske of Bricktown; two grandsons, Arthur Buske Jr. and Alex Oliveri; two granddaughters, Dominique Lengyel and Amberiin Buske; and a brother, Peter Lenguel of Auteil, Ga.; and also his pet parrot, Mickey.

#### Harvey Lund, 75 of Fords

Mr. Harvey Lund of Colorado (formerly of Fords) died May 13 at the Hospice of St. John in Wheat Ridge, Colo. He was 75.

Born in Fords, he lived there before moving to Golden, Colo., in 1990.

He was employed by Chevron Oil Company, Perth Amboy, before his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Lund was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Fords Lions club, the Fords Fire Department, the Dana Relief Society of Perth Amboy and the Free & Accepted Masons, Americus Lodge, N.J.

His father, Anton Lund, who was well-known in the Danish community, and a brother, Anton Lund, Jr. are both deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Bernice Goforth; a daughter, Janet Haschke and four grandsons, all of Golden, Colo.

#### Helen Zamorski, 79 of Colonia

Mrs. Helen Zamorski of Colonia died May 13 in Rahway Hospital. She was 79.

Born in Cairnbrook, Pa., she lived in Elizabeth before moving to Colonia 42 years ago.

She was an assembler at Western Electric Co., Kearny, for 24 years, before retiring in 1978.

She sang in the choir at St. John Vianney church and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and the Senior Citizens of Colonia.

Surviving are two daughters. Mrs. Joan Carville and Mrs. Barbara Zaro; four sisters, Mrs. Alice Milavec, Mrs. Pauline Oldham, Mrs. Margaret Donahue and Mrs. Verna Chappell; three brothers, Michael, John and Joe Youhas; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

#### **Anna Marie Turon** of Colonia

Mrs. Anna Marie Turon of Colonia died May 15 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Windber, Pa., she lived in Newark before moving to the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township 45 years

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Joseph T.; two daughters, Joann V. and Mrs. Patricia Cardinale; two sons, Thomas N. and John E.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Fillimon and Mrs. Lillian Staback; four brothers, Frank, George, Carl and Francis Bootz and eight grandchildren.

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## Jane Hughes, 71 of Colonia

Mrs. Jane M. (Hood) Hughes of Colonia died May 15 at Rahway Hospital. She was 71.

Born in Pittston, Pa., she resided in Newark before moving to Colonia in 1062.

She worked for E.J. Korvettes in customer service for 25 years before retiring in 1980.

Mrs. Hughes was a communicant of St. John Vianney R.C. Church, Colonia, for 40 years.

Surviving are her husband, of 48 years, Patrick "Tish" Sr.; two sons, Joseph and Patrick Jr., both of Colonia; and a sister, Marilyn Murphy of Pittston, Pa.

## William Kacmarsky of Fords

Mr. William J. Kacmarsky of Fords died May 17 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Fords for the past 50 years.

He was a machinist/electrician for 20 years at Continental Can Co., Piscataway, before retiring in 1986.

Mr. Kacmarsky was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion, Iselin.

He was a communicant of Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Perth Amboy and belonged to the Holy Trinity Senior Citizens.

He was also a member of the Raritan Bay Area chapter of the Slovak-American Citizens Club, Perth Amboy, where he served as treasurer for 34 years.

His wife, Marie (Gurchak) Kacmarsky, died in 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Shovlin of Cranbury and Janet Hague of Woodbridge; a son, William Jr. of Neptune City; a sister, Rose Kacmarsky of Perth Amboy; five grandchildren, Brian, Brandon, Joseph, David and Denise; and two great-grandchildren.

#### Anthony Peppe, 78 of Woodbridge

Mr. Anthony Joseph Peppe of the Menlo Park Terrace section of Woodbridge Township died May 28 at J FK Medical Center, Edison. He was 78.

Born in The Bronx, N.Y., he resided in Menlo Park Terrace since 1955.

He was a designer of woman's clothing before retiring in 1985 and was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Mr. Peppe was an Army veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion T. Nulty Post 471, Iselin.

## Angela Rose Kogut of Fords

Mrs. Angela Rose (Kinal) Kogut of Fords died May 16 at Somerset Manor North Nursing Home, Somerset. She was 86.

Born in Perth Amboy, she resided in Fords since 1950.

Mrs. Kogut was a communicant of Our lady of Peace R.C. Church, Fords and a former member of the Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens.

Her husband, John Kogut, died in 1961.

Surviving are a son, James Kogut of East Brunswick; two daughters, Mary Ann Kogut of North Brunswick and Lorraine Kogut-Jarboe of Silver Spring, MD; three sisters, Jeanette Franko of Metuchen, Helen Meszaros of Woodbridge and Hedwig Narlesky of Boonville, N.Y.; three brothers, Chester Kinal of Fords, John Kinal of South Brunswick and Stanley Kinal of West Virginia and five grandchildren.

## Frances Marotta, 97 of Iselin

Mrs. Frances Marotta of Iselin died May 26 in the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Clark. She was 97.

Born in Camporeale, Sicily, she lived in Livingston, South Orange and Short Hills before moving to Iselin 30 years ago.

She was a seamstress for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union Local 144, Newark, for 40 years before retiring 35 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Joseph; a sister, Mrs. Josephine Lipari; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren,

He was a communicant of St. Cecelia's R.C. Church, Iselin.

His wife, Theresa J. Lavista, died in 1997; and a sister, Maryann D'Armiento, died in 1996.

Surviving are a son, James T. of Largo, Fla; three daughters, Toni J. Peppe of Plainfield, Teri J. Peppe-Fullam of Plainfield and Kathi Stabile of Edison; three grandchildren, Jameson, Justine and Jocelyn, all of Largo, Fla.

## Olga E. Beardsley of Edison

Mrs. Olga E. Bartchak Beardsley of Edison died May 17 at home. She was 77.

Born in Mountain Top, Pa., she lived in Newark before moving to Edison 52 years ago.

She was employed as a teacher's aide by Edison schools for 20 years before retiring in 1995.

Mrs. Beardsley was a communicant of St. Matthew's R.C. Church, Edison and belonged to the church's Rosary Society.

She was also a member of the Edison Senior Citizens.

Surviving are her husband, Robert W. Beardsley; a son, Robert W. Beardsley, Jr. of Princeton; two daughters, Pam Botti of Woodbridge and Kathy Cunning of Chalfont, Pa.; a sister, Florence Bartchak of Nanticoke, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

## John Mroczkowski of Avenel

Mr. John Mroczkowski of Avenel died May 28 at home. He was 92.

Born in Perth Amboy, he had lived in Avenel for the past 41 years.

Mr. Mroczkowski had been employed as a custodian with the Woodbridge Township public school system for many years before retiring a number of years ago.

He was associated with Winter's Trucking Company, Avenel, for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Anna Kozar Mrocz-kowski; two sons, Walter J. Winters of Avenel and Stanley P. Winters Sr. of Edison; seven grandchildren, Christopher Bartels, Gregory Winters, Stanley Winters Jr., Joanne Winters, Alison Sellmann, Michele Winters and Tara Winters; and seven great-grandchildren.

## William L. Rose, 80 of Iselin

Mr. William L. Rose of Iselin died May 20 in Rahway Hospital. He was 80.

Born in Balesville, he lived in Newark before moving to Iselin 49 years ago.

He worked for General Motors, Linden, for 20 years before retiring 15 years ago. Before that, he was a mill-wright for Westinghouse in Hillside for 10 years.

Mr. Rose was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the T. Nulty American Legion Post 471, Iselin. He was also a member of the Rahway Masons.

Surviving are a son, William; a sister, Mrs. Marie Wright; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

#### Ralph R. Restaino of Colonia

Mr. Ralph R. Restaino of Good Colonia died May 20 in Vietna Raritan Bay Medical Center, Natio Perth Amboy Division. He Meda was 58.

Born in Newark, he lived in South Bound Brook before moving to Colonia 18 years ago.

He was a truck driver with Tuscan Dairy in Union for 12 years before retiring.

Mr. Restaino served in the Army during the Vietnam War in the 101st Airborne Division. He received the

Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Compensation Medal.

Surviving are four sons, Ralph F. and Vincent M. Restaino and Nicholas P. and Michael G. Pollara; a daughter, Michelle T.; two brothers, David Chadwick and Jerry Restaino; two sisters, Mrs. Doris Seckula and Mrs. Gloria Hoppwood; a grandchild and his companion.

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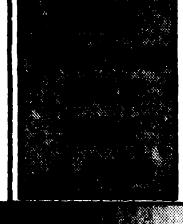
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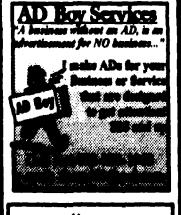
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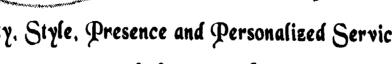
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