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Local Crossing Guards Get Wireless Safety Net

SOUTH AMBOY — Students returning to school in South Amboy this fall will walk to class on safer streets, thanks to ten wireless phones and service donated by Verizon Wireless. South Amboy Mayor John O'Leary and Police Chief Steve Pavich accepted the donation at police headquarters last week.

"South Amboy's crossing guards are a key factor in keeping our children safe on the way to and from school," Mayor O'Leary said. "These phones will provide a wireless safety net for guards stationed at some of the city's busiest intersections where both

vehicular and pedestrian traffic are heavy."

Programmed to dial both 9-1-1 and the South Amboy Police Department, the phones will allow crossing guards to summon help quickly and easily in an emergency without leaving their posts.

"Every day, school crossing guards are on the front lines protecting our children as they navigate busy streets and intersections on their way to class," said Charles Hand, president of Verizon Wireless' New York Metro Region. "These phones will ensure they can summon help immediately. By augmenting 9-1-1 service with

a hotline to the police, Verizon Wireless hopes to cover many kinds of emergency situations, allowing guards to report suspicious activities as well as life-threatening emergencies."

Since the inception of the company's HopeLine® community service program in 1995, Verizon Wireless has donated and recycled over 40,000 wireless phones in the New York Metro area, providing essential communication tools to people who need a vital, reliable link to emergency services in times of crisis. In addition to crossing guards, recipients of these phones include victims of

domestic violence, senior citizens and community patrols.



VERIZON DONATES WIRELESS PHONES — South Amboy Police Chief Steve Pavich (R.) accepts wireless phones from David Samberg of Verizon Wireless. The company donated ten wireless phones and service to aid South Amboy crossing guards.

No Tax Increase In City Budget

PERTH AMBOY — Perth Amboy's \$42.9 million FY 2002 municipal budget continues to provide tax stabilization for the sixth consecutive year, while conducting millions of dollars in improvements and maintaining the vital resources for public safety, enabling Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments to deliver essential services.

Prudent and innovative financial planning, coupled with the

city's redevelopment efforts, have increased city revenues and generated a \$2.8 million surplus from last year. Augmenting this surplus is the accelerated tax sale law, which brought the city's tax collection percentage to an all-time high of 99.17 percent.

● Most notably, the city has realized \$21.6 million in new tax ratables over the last two years.

● State Aid is up by \$374,188.

● Overall, revenue sources other than property taxes are up by \$1,617,740.

These and other revenue increases have allowed the city to continue focusing on quality of life improvements. Many of these areas fall under the watchful eyes of the public safety, code enforcement and public works department, and the FY

2002 budget allows for the following:

● Maintaining the full complement of uniformed police officers permitted by city code-125 police officers and funding to replace retiring officers.

● Maintaining the new table of organization for the fire department headed by the new Fire Chief together with a new Deputy Fire Chief and eight lieutenants and funding to replace retiring firefighters.

● Providing full-time Emergency Medical Technician coverage seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day with nine full-time EMTs to work with the paid, part-time per diem EMTs to assist the Volunteer First Aid Squad.

● Providing funding to hire a replacement fire inspector for the Department

of Code Enforcement.

● Maintaining the new park workers to properly care for the newly renovated Rudyk Park, Dalton Park and Willow Pond facilities.

To offset salary increases, the administration continues to aggressively pursue grants and non-tax revenue. During the past two years, the Urban Enterprise Zone's 3 percent sales tax revenue paid for improvements projects including street resurfacing, expansion to the marina, upgrades to water and wastewater facilities downtown sidewalk improvements. Over the next several weeks, Perth Amboy's City Council will have the opportunity to review the budget and offer suggestions or recommendations.

For additional information, contact Mayor Joseph Vas at (732) 826-7121.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Record Number Of Farms Approved By County Board For Preservation

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Twelve farms totaling almost 600 acres were granted preliminary approval for the Farmland Preservation Program by the Middlesex County Agriculture Development Board (CADB). Of these farms, two are from Cranbury, one in East Brunswick, three in Monroe, one in Old Bridge, two in Piscataway and three in South Brunswick. Mayor Peter Cantu of Plainsboro and Chairman of the CADB noted, The 12 farms receiving preliminary approval were the Simonson Farm on Cranbury Neck Road in Cranbury, the Barclay Farm on Ancil Davidson Road in Cranbury, Geerlings Greenhouses, Inc. on William Street in Piscataway, the Von Thun Farm on Ridge Road in South Brunswick, the Barnes Farm on Schoolhouse Road in Monroe, Seven Kay Associates on Dey Road in South Brunswick, the Cornell Farm on South Washington Avenue in Piscataway, Farrington Farms, Inc. on Davidson Mill Road in South Brunswick, the Kovacs Estate Farm on Federal Road in Monroe Township, the Borowsky Farm on Federal Road in Monroe Township and the Miller Farm on Cottrell Road in Old Bridge.

Under this program, landowners may sell their development rights or easements on their farmland to the County. In exchange, the landowners agree to restrict their land to farming with a permanent restriction placed on their deed. The landowners maintain ownership of the farm and may sell the farm but it can never be developed. The program is

funded by the State, County and respective municipality.

Participating farms must be in an Agriculture Development Area (ADA). The ADA delineates those lands which are in farmland assessment and which are determined by the municipality and the CADB to be areas which have high quality soils and where the municipality and CADB would like to see farms preserved. Both the CADB and the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) then prioritize the applications according to such criteria as quality of soils, percentage of tillable acres,

boundaries and buffers, the size of the farm, development pressure and local commitment to agriculture.

The development easement values are determined by two independent appraisals submitted by the County to the SADC and reviewed and certified by the SADC.

Middlesex County has preserved under the easement purchase program a total of 2,457 acres which represent 19 farms. Another seven farms, which encompass 436 acres, are completing the process and will be preserved within the year.

Deepak Chopra To Speak For Friends' Health Connection

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Friends' Health Connection will offer another outstanding program as part of its continuing lecture series which focuses on health and wellness issues. The speakers scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. are world-renowned author Deepak Chopra, M.D. and Dalai Lama disciple Nicholas Vreeland. The program will take place at the Holiday Inn North, conveniently located at Exit 14 of the New Jersey Turnpike.

Deepak Chopra is considered one of the world's greatest leaders in the field of mind/body medicine. He is the author of more than 25 books, including *Ageless Body, Timeless Mind* and *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*. He has also produced a number of highly acclaimed television and video programs for PBS including *Body, Mind and Soul: The Mystery and the Magic*. Dr. Chopra has been recognized as one of the top ten motivational speakers in the nation.

Dr. Chopra's presentation will be based on his newest book

Grow Younger, Live Longer: 10 Steps to Reverse Aging. At the heart of his practical and prescriptive program for health and longevity is a simple uncomplicated and straightforward plan for renewal that will enable its followers to "reset their biological age."

The evening will also include a teaching by Nicholas Vreeland, practicing Tibetan monk, Director of the Tibet Center in New York, and editor of *An Open Heart*, the Dalai Lama's newest book. Vreeland will discuss the challenge of compassion—how to keep an open heart in dealing with others and practice compassion in everyday life.

Friends' Health Connection is a non-profit organization that provides customized information and support to enrich the lives of individuals with health problems, their families and caregivers. The organization affiliated with 43 hospitals and health care facilities throughout New Jersey.

The program has been made possible by a grant from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey.

Agencies May Now Apply For County Funding

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council (MCHSAC) is currently accepting applications for County support grants. Support grants are allocated each year to eligible programs of non-profit agencies serving the County's most vulnerable populations, i.e., low-income individuals, families and disabled persons in need of social services. This is an open, competitive process and the criteria for reviewing applications include: Program Information, Fiscal Viability, Target Populations, Target Geographic Areas(s), and Consistency with Middlesex County Priorities.

Applications and information can be obtained by calling Andrea Agin at the County Department of Human Services at (732) 745-4519. The deadline for application submission is 12:00 Noon, Friday, Sept. 28. No extensions of this deadline will be granted.

A technical assistance session to review the application and an applicant workshop focusing on outcome measurements, sponsored by both the MCHSAC and the United Way will be held on Sept. 10 at the United Way of Central Jersey, 32 Ford Avenue, Milltown, at 10 a.m. All applicants of County funding are strongly encouraged to attend.

Verizon Wireless Expands Service Coverage

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Verizon Wireless has expanded service coverage in Middlesex County with a new cell site in North Brunswick.

"The new cell site will provide customers who live in and travel through the area with greater wireless network coverage and increased clarity when making wireless calls," said Michele White, Verizon Wireless Director of Engineering in northern New Jersey.

The site improves service on sections of Route 1, Route 130, Church Lane and Adams Lane.

The new site is part of a \$4 billion investment program this year to improve and extend the reach of the Verizon Wireless nationwide network. More than \$300 million of that investment is being used to pay ahead of the growing demand for Verizon Wireless products and services in the New York Metro area.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Middlesex County's Revolutionary War History

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — East Jersey Olde Towne Village's newest exhibit relates to the 225th anniversary of America's Revolutionary War. The exhibit, entitled *A Time of Turmoil; the Revolutionary War in the Raritan Valley* features authentic artifacts, images and maps. It opened August 26 and will remain on display until January 20, 2002. The exhibit brings the realization home to Middlesex County residents that pivotal

moments of the Revolutionary War occurred right here in our backyard.

Site Program Coordinator David Mandel, Assistant Museum Curator Mark Nonestied and Historic Site Liaison Layla Wuthrick planned, researched, and assembled this historical exhibit. "This exhibit is one of the first in what promises to be a remarkable anniversary period," Executive Director, Anna M. Aschkenes recently announced.

Among the activities planned around this commemoration is a lecture series specifically geared for *A Time of Turmoil*. On Sept. 9, historian and consultant, Ernest Bower presents *Artifacts of the Revolutionary War Soldier*, a slide presentation detailing the accoutrements used by the Revolutionary War Soldier. The lecture reviews artifacts on display. On January 20, 2002 Dr. Richard Velt, a Professor at Monmouth University and

Principal Investigator with Gannett Fleming, Inc. brings the results of an archaeological excavation of the British winter encampment occupied after the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Located in Raritan Landing, Piscataway, the site yielded an assortment of artifacts reflecting the soldiers' activities and daily lives. The exhibit and lectures are without charge and open to the public.

East Jersey Olde Towne Village is located at 1050 River

Road, Piscataway. The Village is open Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. with guided tours at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. with a guided tour at 1:30 p.m. The historic site is accessible, large type version of printed materials and sign language interpreters are available with a two-week advance request. Assistive listening systems are available on site.

County Owner Of Invalid Coach Sentenced To Jail For Medicaid Fraud

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — One of the owners of an invalid coach company in Middlesex County was sentenced to 60 days in Middlesex County Jail, placed on probation for five years and ordered to pay \$42,155 in restitution after pleading guilty to defrauding the Medicaid program of approximately \$120,000.

Vadim Bouguslavskiy, 52, of Woodbridge, was sentenced by Judge Phillip Paley in the Middlesex County Court on July 31, according to Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr.

Farmer said that Bouguslavskiy, along with Alexander Soyfer, 45 of Woodbridge, and Boris Milman, 49 of Edison, were the owners of A&B Invalid Coach, Inc., formerly located at 655 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge.

The three individuals and the company were indicted on March

29, 2000, by a state Grand Jury and charged with conspiracy, theft by deception and Medicaid Fraud.

The three individual defendants entered guilty pleas and Soyfer and Milman, who were sentenced earlier, received the same sentence. All defendants were debarred from the Medicaid program for a minimum period of five years.

Insurance Fraud Prosecutor Greta Gooden Brown, added that this is the fourth sentencing in this matter.

In addition to Soyfer, Milman and Bouguslavskiy, Dr. Stephen Plinio, a Woodbridge Chiropractor who had an office in the same building as A&B Invalid Coach also pleaded guilty to Medicaid Fraud.

Plinio was previously sentenced to probation, community service, and ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution.

This matter was presented to the Grand Jury and prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General

Francine S. Pozner, and was investigated by State Investigator Office of Insurance Fraud David Weinfeldt, both of the Prosecutor.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Patient's Right-To-Sue Legislation Becomes Law

"New Jersey residents today have won a small victory for better health care," said Assemblyman Wisniewski (D-Sayreville). "The right-to-sue is a fundamental pillar of our democracy because it enables the powerless to question the powerful. That's what this legislation does and I am proud to have supported it."

AREA — Senator Vitale, Assemblywoman Friscia and Assemblyman Wisniewski announced that Acting Governor DiFrancesco signed into law legislation to extend medical malpractice lawsuits to HMOs and commercial health insurers.

The legislators said the new law already is at risk of being undermined by President Bush and the Republican-controlled

House of Representatives, which has approved a so-called patients' rights bill that would give residents a limited right to sue. The District 19 representatives said the proposed federal bill would effectively preempt the new state law in New Jersey.

"There are two institutions who think they are untouchable: foreign diplomats and

HMOs," said Senator Vitale. "Legislation that makes patients the priority instead of HMOs is long overdue. It's time that health insurers are held accountable for their actions."

All three legislators voted in favor of the new state law that would provide medical malpractice lawsuit options for patients sustaining serious harm

because of an HMO delay or refusal to pay for care.

Under the law—the Health Care Carrier Accountability Act—patients who believe that an HMO decision has placed their lives or health in immediate danger may file suit in state court against the HMO. In less clearly defined and less egregious cases, however, patients would first need to plead their case to a state-appointed medical panel before going to court.

The law excludes half of New Jersey's working population. The 2.7 million residents covered by employer provided plans regulated by the federal government are not protected under this law.

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a fundamental pillar of our democracy because it enables the powerless to question the powerful. That's what this legislation does and I am proud to have supported it."

New Jersey is the ninth state to adopt the right-to-sue legislation. The eight states that have passed similar measures into law include Texas, Georgia, California, Washington, Arizona, Maine, Oklahoma and West Virginia. Missouri and New Mexico have passed laws that utilize other, more limited, approaches to HMO lawsuit liability.

Democrats in Washington, D.C. have been pushing for similar federal legislation. However the Republicans have yet to allow the proposal to be approved in the House of Representatives.

City Receives \$500,000 Needed To Construct Bike/Pedestrian Path

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas is pleased to announce that the City of Perth Amboy has been awarded an additional \$500,000 by the NJ Department of Transportation (DOT) to construct a rails-to-trails bicycle/pedestrian path along an abandoned rail corridor. When combined with the \$500,000 that the DOT awarded Perth Amboy last May, the city now has the majority of the funding needed to begin the estimated \$1.1 million project that will run parallel to State Street between Hall and Pulaski avenues.

The funding will allow the city to convert the former NJ Transit rail corridor into a bicycle and pedestrian friendly path enabling residents to pursue non-motor transportation alternatives. Perth Amboy's project was one of only 39 chosen by the Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee and

the DOT from among the 186 that were submitted. The goal of the committee is to foster more livable communities by easing traffic congestion, preserving and protecting environmental and cultural resources and promoting alternatives modes of transportation.

The design of Perth Amboy's project will do just that. The conceptual plan, created by Carr Engineering Associates of Perth Amboy, calls for the path to begin at the corridor of Hall Avenue and State Street and proceed along the abandoned rail corridor to Pulaski Avenue.

The project will have obvious benefits, especially for children in the area who frequently walk or bicycle. The path will provide a safe, automobile-free route for children attending the E.J. Patten School, which is located on Charles Street, two blocks from the corner of Hall and State. The path will also

provide access to Rudyk Park, near Pulaski Avenue, where a \$1.5 million renovation was completed last year.

The project also ties into the city's cooperative effort to revitalize a fledgling neighborhood and attract new private investments. The city has invested \$82,000 in Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance funds as part of a streetscape project that provided new sidewalks, landscaping and decorative lighting along Hall Avenue. The city also resurfaced the entire length of Hall Avenue.

Since then, both Shull School, located directly on Hall Avenue, and the E.J. Patten School have witnessed complete facelifts. A new privately developed, eight unit adult housing complex is under construction and Banco Popular recently opened a branch of its bank at the corner of Hall Avenue and State Street. The Perth Amboy Housing Authority also demolished its antiquated public housing high rise on Huntington Street and recently cut the ribbon on new scattered-site town homes located on Cortland Street, just off of Hall Avenue.

With everything now in place, the city expects to go out to bid on the project during the fall. Should the actual cost of the project exceed the total \$1 million grant amount, the city plans to use other alternative funding, such as the Community Development Block Grant, to cover the cost of the project without dipping into taxpayers' money.

For additional information, contact Mayor Joseph Vas at (732) 826-7121.

American Association Of University Women Set To Meet

METUCHEN — The new Mid-Jersey Branch of the American Association of University Women announces that their first general membership meeting of this season will be held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 12 at the Centenary United Methodist Church, 200 Hillside Avenue (off of Grove Avenue) in Metuchen. The meeting will begin with refreshments at 7:30 p.m., announcements of general interest to the membership followed by a guest speaker.

We are delighted to invite the membership and the public this month to come and hear Lucinda Florio, former First Lady of New Jersey, discuss some of her experiences as First Lady of New Jersey including the renovations made to the Governor's Mansion and Gardens. The program is free to the public.

The branch is also planning a one day bus trip to Philadelphia in October that will be open to the public. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a national organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C., that promotes education and equity for all women and girls. The Mid-Jersey branch is a recently formed group bringing together members of the Colonia and Metuchen-Edison branches and serving this area of New Jersey. Members currently come from communities from Linden to New Brunswick. There is no restriction on residence for membership. Membership is open to all graduates of four-year accredited colleges and universities. General meetings are open to the public. For further information, call (732) 494-9479 or (732) 225-4027.

Zeimer - Wildes

CARTERET—Edward and Pamela Stanley of Tuckerton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Zeimer of Tuckerton to Ethan Wildes of Carteret, son of George and Janice Wildes of Carteret.

The engagement was announced on Easter Sunday, 2000.

Nicole Zeimer is a graduate of Montclair State University. She is employed by South River Public Schools as a 4th grade teacher.

Ethan Wildes is a graduate of Montclair State University. He is employed by A. Duie Pyle as a Supervisor.



The couple plan to be married on Nov. 3, 2001.

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Municipal Alliance Receives Nearly \$90,000 To Fight Drug Abuse

WOODBIDGE—The Township's Municipal Alliance Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse has been awarded a grant of nearly \$90,000—an increase of \$16,000 from last year's total—to continue its drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse education efforts next year, Mayor James E. McGreevey just announced.

"The Municipal Alliance,

working in conjunction with the Woodbridge Police and Health departments and the Board of Education, provides a vital service to our community," said McGreevey. "Through the Alliance, we are training our most valuable resource, our youth, to say no to substance abuse."

McGreevey said the \$89,637 grant will be received from the

Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in the Middlesex County Department of Human Services and will be used for programs in Fiscal 2001.

The funds will enable the Alliance to continue and expand the programs it provides for Woodbridge youth.

"We offer programs for every age level in Woodbridge Township," said Alliance Coordinator Gail Guy.

The programs planned for Fiscal 2001 include:

- * Prenatal and Infancy Program
- * Beginning Alcohol and Basic Education (BABES)
- * Count On Me Kids
- * A New Values/Choices Program
- * DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
- * Peer Leaders Training
- * Free-To-Be-A-Family
- * Senior Citizen Alert; and
- * Alliance newsletter and other resource materials

For information on these programs, call the Mayor's Office at (732) 602-6015.

Ricky Pen, International Singer

PERTH AMBOY — Ricky Pen, International Singer, with an incredible voice and charismatic personality will dazzle the audience at the Perth Amboy YMHA, Sunday, Sept. 9. The program will start at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and..., the show will start at 11 a.m. followed by brunch. The cost is \$5.

The Israeli-born star sings in 16 languages in a variety of vocal styles ranging from Israeli/Hassidic to international classical, Broadway tunes, pop, rock, cantorial and ballads from around the world.

The program is co-sponsored by JCC of Edison (732) 494-3232; Congregation Shaarey Tefilah (732) 826-2977; Congregation Beth Mordecai (732) 442-1373; and the Perth Amboy YMHA, with the help of Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County (732) 442-0365. Reservations are required and may be made

by calling any of the above sponsors.

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Military Briefs...

Domin Completed Marine Basic Training

EDISON—Marine Corps Pvt. Stanley D. Domin, son of Rosemarie B. Domin of Fords and Stanley B. Domin of South Plainfield, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Domin successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Domin spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

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

Domin is a 2000 graduate of Bishop Ahr High School, Edison.

Velez Completes Aviation Course

AVENEL—Navy Airman Apprentice Eric Velez, son of Damaris and Eddie W. Velez of Avenel, recently completed the Aviation Electronics Technician "O" Level Course taught at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Fla.

During the 24-day course, Velez obtained the basic knowledge and skills needed to perform maintenance on U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aircraft electronics systems.

Velez is a 2000 graduate of Colonia High School and joined the Navy in July 2000.

Mullins Returns From Deployment

COLONIA—Navy Seaman Apprentice George J. Mullins, son of Denise K. and George J. Mullins of Colonia, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the dock landing ship USS Portland, home ported in Little Creek, Va.

During the deployment, Mullins' ship participated in "Spanish Phiblex," an exercise consisting of a series of amphibious landings with Spanish naval forces.

Mullins' ship also visited cities in France, Italy and Spain where he had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Mullins is a 1999 graduate of Colonia High School and joined the Navy in November 1999.

Pinto Graduates From Basic Military Training

SOUTH AMBOY — Air National Guard Airman Isabel Pinto has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

She is the daughter of Roberto and Aida Pinto of South Amboy.

Pinto is a 2000 graduate of South Amboy High School.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Online Test Measures Couples' Financial Compatibility

AREA—When young people are in love, they may tend to overlook important aspects of living their lives together. One of the things people don't talk about—a factor that frequently leads to unhappiness, broken relationships and divorce—is money.

Who holds which purse strings? How much can you charge on credit cards? How much should you save for a rainy day—and how are you going to manage your savings? These are the kind of questions that people should consider and agree on before making a life-long commitment.

The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) has created an online "Couples Quiz" to help young people with asking the right questions about their finances. Go to www.njscpa.org/finances/couplesquiz.cfm to test your compatibility and to get good advice on how to plan for a happy financial future.

Local Teams Sought For Flag And Touch Football Leagues

AREA—The Atlantic Coast Football League is seeking local teams for the upcoming Fall 2001 Men's Flag and Touch Football Season. In the flag league, there will be both an A and B division. In the touch league, games will consist of seven-on-seven. The league will be played locally on Sundays and begins Sunday, Sept. 9.

Individual players are also welcome and will be placed on a team.

The ACFL is the area's largest football league with both flag and two-hand touch leagues and tournaments throughout the area. For more information, or a registration packet, register online at www.onscore.com or call (973) 486-8072.

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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday Mostly sunny and warm. 82	Thu. night Partly cloudy and warm. 66	Friday Humid with clouds and sun. 84/68	Saturday Humid with a few showers. 81/65	Sunday Clouds and sun; a shower. 79/56	Monday Partly sunny. 70/50	Tuesday Abundant sunshine. 78/52	Wednesday Partly sunny. 79/56
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THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Cool, wet weather will dominate the Southeast and Gulf Coast during the period. Showers and thunderstorms will be common from the Carolinas to eastern Texas. Meanwhile, warm weather will cover the Rocky Mountains and northern Plains. Temperatures across the regions are expected to average 10 to 15 degrees above normal. Dry weather will continue to affect the Northwest and Great Basin.

Precipitation

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	88 70 r	86 68 c	86 68 t	86 71 t
Boston	76 64 s	84 68 pc	75 62 sh	74 51 pc
Chicago	80 62 pc	74 56 c	76 55 c	74 46 pc
Cleveland	80 60 pc	76 60 pc	74 56 pc	72 54 pc
Denver	82 54 t	82 54 pc	76 55 pc	81 62 pc
Des Moines	84 63 c	78 59 c	77 56 c	77 47 pc
Detroit	82 61 s	75 58 sh	74 57 c	73 45 s
Houston	92 72 r	94 72 t	94 72 t	94 72 t
Indianapolis	84 62 s	80 62 c	79 59 c	78 48 pc
Kansas City	84 63 pc	81 62 pc	79 61 c	81 51 pc
Los Angeles	78 62 s	76 62 s	90 63 s	90 53 s
Miami	90 78 r	90 78 c	90 78 c	90 75 c
Minn.- St. Paul	76 56 sh	74 54 s	74 56 pc	78 58 t
New Orleans	89 76 r	89 76 t	91 75 t	91 73 t
New York City	86 68 s	86 70 pc	80 64 sh	77 58 pc
Omaha	82 62 pc	78 58 pc	78 58 pc	78 48 s
Phoenix	100 78 s	97 78 s	100 80 s	102 69 s
San Francisco	75 59 pc	75 58 pc	73 56 pc	72 49 pc
Seattle	74 54 pc	72 54 c	74 55 pc	74 53 pc
Washington	86 70 s	86 70 pc	84 68 sh	80 65 sh

SUN & MOON

Sunrise
Thu. 6:22 a.m. 7:32 p.m.
Fri. 6:23 a.m. 7:31 p.m.

Moonrise
Thu. 6:12 p.m. 2:59 a.m.
Fri. 6:48 p.m. 3:56 a.m.

Moon Phases
Full Last New First
Sep 2 Sep 10 Sep 17 Sep 24

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	71 53 c	64 46 pc	63 54 pc	64 54 r
Berlin	67 57 c	61 52 sh	64 50 sh	64 58 c
Buenos Aires	64 54 pc	61 54 c	70 56 c	68 45 c
Cairo	86 68 s	97 68 s	95 67 s	91 66 s
Jerusalem	82 58 s	84 60 s	86 62 s	86 61 s
Johannesburg	68 55 c	73 42 pc	69 54 pc	68 57 r
London	74 53 c	66 51 pc	66 58 c	68 52 sh
Madrid	86 54 pc	86 55 pc	89 57 pc	85 67 c
Mexico City	70 62 sh	72 58 sh	72 59 r	69 62 r
Moscow	49 45 r	55 38 pc	54 42 pc	59 52 sh
Paris	76 53 pc	62 46 pc	64 50 pc	66 52 c
Rio de Janeiro	75 63 pc	75 62 pc	73 61 pc	72 61 pc
Rome	86 67 pc	79 64 pc	79 58 pc	75 56 s
San Juan	89 76 pc	89 75 pc	89 75 c	88 75 pc
Seoul	76 68 pc	76 64 c	78 64 pc	79 65 pc
Sydney	65 46 pc	64 47 c	61 43 c	56 36 c
Tokyo	81 74 c	79 74 c	79 74 sh	80 72 sh
Toronto	76 58 pc	70 47 c	65 42 pc	62 40 s
Winnipeg	71 42 s	65 42 pc	68 41 pc	67 44 s
Zurich	74 62 c	66 56 c	62 46 pc	68 52 c

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

N.J. Residents Over 50 Can Take Advantage Of Lifelong Learning

AREA — Registration is now open for fall courses and two free lectures offered by the Rutgers University Academy for Lifelong Learning (RU-ALL), a program for N.J. residents over the age of 50 held at the Reformed Church of Highland Park. The 10-week semester runs from Sept. 5 through Nov. 20.

RU-ALL is offering 29 non-credit courses and seminars this term on topics ranging from American first ladies to Haiku writing to social significance in film. New courses include western philosophy, graphology and

choices at the end of life. Two discussion groups are offered this term, one on foreign policy and the other on rational controversy, as well as a lecture series on health care.

A variety of programs in the arts and culture round out the fall selections. There are film courses on several topics, including "Broadway to Hollywood" and a class exploring celebrated movie directors Martin Scorsese and John Huston. Individuals can also take advantage of programs examining Cole Porter, classical music, opera, drawing, dance, contem-

porary music, performances at the George Street Playhouse and expert-led tours of Rutgers' Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum.

All courses feature discussions led by instructors from area colleges and universities, many of whom are retired Rutgers professors. There are no grades or exams and RU-ALL is open to those with or without a college degree. Participants may choose up to two courses for a \$100 fee, \$50 for first-time registrants. Classes are during the day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Reformed Church, 23 South Second Ave.

in Highland Park. The church is accessible to the handicapped and on-site parking is available.

Advance registration by Sept. 5 is required for all courses. To register, or receive more information and the RU-ALL brochure, call 732-932-7233, or write to RU-ALL, 191 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Founded in 1993, RU-ALL is a division of Rutgers' Office of Continuous Education and Out-

reach, one of the state's primary providers of lifelong learning opportunities. The office handles more than 75,000 annual enrollments for an extensive selection of courses in a variety of academic and professional areas. RU-ALL is one of many programs that reflect Rutgers' dedication to helping state residents attain their lifelong learning and professional education goals.

"Back" To School Shouldn't Be A Painful Experience

AREA — It's that time of year again and high on the list of back-to-school necessities are backpacks. Functional and fashionable, these bags are an easy and sensible way for students to carry books and supplies. But if carried incorrectly, backpacks can actually be more harmful than helpful.

More parents are becoming more aware that improperly carried backpacks, especially when overloaded and slung over one shoulder, adds to their child's risk of developing muscle strains, curvatures of the spine, and a lifetime of back pain.

It is important for parents to teach their children, whether in elementary school, high school or college, the proper way to carry and load backpacks. Kessler Rehabilitation Corporation, one of the nation's leading providers of physical medicine and rehabilitation services, offers parents these backpack-carrying guidelines:

- Don't overload the backpack. "If the backpack forces a child to lean forward or tilt sideways, or they struggle to get it on and off, then the contents are too heavy," according to Heather Hill, Physical Therapist at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. "Your child should never carry more than 10-20 percent of their body weight." For example, a child weighing eighty pounds should carry no

more than twelve pounds. Try weighing the backpack and unload any unnecessary objects. Another method is to pack only the amount that a child can hold in their hands over a few minutes time.

- Choose the right size. A backpack, according to Hill, should be no wider or longer than your child's back. Many manufacturers offer special child-sized versions that weigh less than a pound and fit more securely.

- Use both shoulder straps and the waist belt. The straps, recommends Hill, should be padded and adjusted to keep the pack centered in your child's back. If any redness, numbness, or tingling results, the straps are too tight. The waist belt helps distribute the pack's weight to the lower body as the hips and legs can bear some of the load.

- Demonstrate proper lifting techniques. Show your children proper body mechanics. "Before lifting, bend at your knees and chest, not the weight of the backpack," Hill says. "Then, using both hands, lift the back-

lift the pack placing one shoulder strap on a time."

To keep your children walking tall and pain-free this school year and to prevent future problems, share these simple guidelines with them — and their friends.

For more information about Kessler or any of our comprehensive physical medicine and rehabilitation programs, call 1-888-Kessler or visit us on the web at www.kessler-rehab.com. For over fifty years, Kessler has pioneered the course of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Today, Kessler Rehabilitation Corporation continues to lead this field through a growing network of more than 100 outpatient centers, inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, and onsite rehabilitation services, as well as a rehabilitation products and equipment division. Its innovative programs and quality care have received national recognition, leading to our flagship hospital, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, consistently being named among the country's best by U.S. News & World Report.

NJEA Foundation Announces \$103,151 In Grants

STATE — Thanks to the financial support of NJEA and its members, 20 grants totaling \$103,151 have been awarded to educators in school districts across the state.

Established in 1993, the *NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence In Education* is dedicated to supporting projects that will enhance and improve the learning environment. Since its creation, the Foundation has awarded more than \$600,000 in support of 152 innovative educational projects that represent a bold, fresh approach by school employees.

Thanks to a new partnership with Verizon, an additional \$17,531 was awarded to four previous Hipp Foundation grants that will be replicated and disseminated via technology and the Internet.

In our area the grant recipient school districts are:

County	District	Grant Amount
Middlesex	Edison Township	\$8,856.00
Middlesex	North Brunswick Township	\$6,560.00
Middlesex	Piscataway Township	\$3,040.00

Local Students Named To Dean's List At New Jersey City University

AREA — Thirteen Middlesex County residents were among the New Jersey City University students named to the Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester. It was announced by Dr. Marco Vaccaro, dean of students.

Students on the Dean's List attained a cumulative average of 3.5 or higher.

New Jersey City University is a public university located in Jersey City.

an enrollment of 10,000 students. The University is located in Jersey City.

The Middlesex County list includes:

Michael Almonte of Carteret; Joseph Anselmo, Rick Fontaine, and Levi Opiko of Edison; William Trenery of Iselin; Patricia Assanah of Perth Amboy; and Kevin Cebulski of Sayreville.



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

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

DWF 43, Mom of one -Seeking tall dark and handsome male for long term friendship. Please have a sense of humor as well as large amount of cash. (First time I married for love...ha-ha) Serious inquiries only. Lots to learn about me, so choose this ad...ID# 1003

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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

SWF 41, -Enjoys drives to the country, hiking, reading, and quiet times at home. Seeking SWM 35-52, for dating and possible relationship. Only serious inquiries will be considered. Non-smoker, please...ID# 1004

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

children, financially secure. Looking for same 45-55 yrs old, kids ok, smoker ok. Middlesex County area. Lets live life. ID# 1009

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DWPM 39-Educated, handsome with blue eyes smoker/social drinker into politics and conversation and good food. Seeking a single female who likes same and loves kids and the simple pleasures of life. Union County area. ID# 1001

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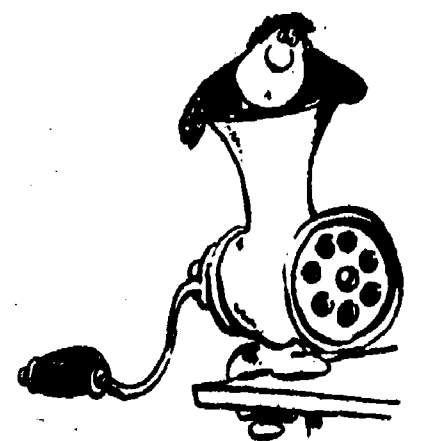
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SWM 45 - Never-married, 5'10", 160lbs. Kind, considerate, open-minded, honest. Enjoys art, music, movies, reading, traveling and bicycling. Seeks vivacious SWF, 35-45, to share life with. ID# 1005

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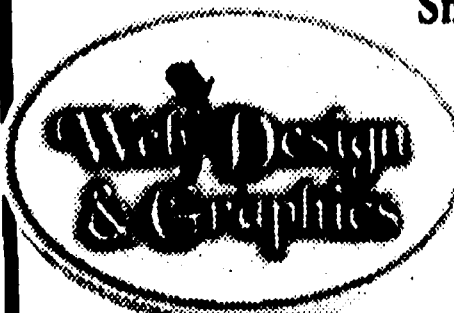
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Red Lobster Serves Up A Fresh New Look And Menu

AREA — Red Lobster, America's largest and most popular casual dining seafood spot, has revitalized its 14 metropolitan New York restaurants with fresh new menu items and beverages, updated decor and a more fun-filled atmosphere.

The six-month revitalization campaign in New York, Southern Connecticut and Northern New Jersey will be complete in August featuring significant people (training), product (menu) and place (remodeling) changes.

"We want our Tri-State guests to know there have been dramatic changes at Red Lobster," says Dick Rivera, President of Red Lobster. "We are as passionate about delivering the freshest seafood at the best price as they are about enjoying great seafood cuisine."

Guests like the changes. In metro New York, sales are already up almost six percent above the company average, which were at record levels for fiscal 2001 ending May 31. About 70 percent of the sales increases in Tampa, Dallas and Detroit are attributed to higher

guest counts. Nine more U.S. markets are slated for revitalization over the next 12 months.

"Our passion is taking care of our guests," said Edna Morris, chief operating officer for Red Lobster. "We believe the revitalization efforts that are occurring in New York will truly provide our guests with a great casual dining experience that exceeds expectations."

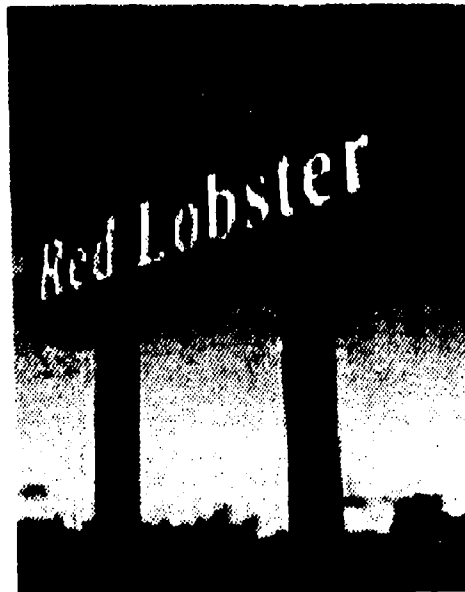
New Menu Items:

Red Lobster's award-winning Executive Chef, Stephen Anderson, along with a team of talented chefs at the company's Orlando, Fla., culinary center work year-round researching new trends, testing regional delicacies and exploring new flavors to create exciting recipes for Red Lobster restaurants nationwide and in Canada.

The vibrant new menu includes savory appetizers such as: *Fiesta Lobster Rolls*, *Artichoke Lobster Dip* and the ever-popular *Parrot Bay Coconut Shrimp*. In addition, Red Lobster always offers fresh seafood selections such as: *Atlantic and King Salmon*, *Rainbow Trout*, *Tilapia*, *Mahi*

Mahi, *Haddock* and *Swordfish*. These selections can be grilled, broiled, fried or blackened according to preference.

This summer, Red Lobster is celebrating its first ever Festival of Crab menu. For eight weeks



through Sept. 9, seafood lovers will be able to taste one-of-a-kind dishes like *Crab Wontons*, *Crab Portabello*, and *Crazy for Crab* at their local Red Lobster restaurants.

New Bar:

In addition to modernizing the menu, restaurant bars have been restocked with a significantly larger varietal wine selection along with beer, liquor and signature frozen drinks for the "happy hour" crowd and those

with more sophisticated palates.

New beverage additions include frozen drinks such as a Red Lobster's original *Kahlua Cappuccino*, *Strawberry Daiquiri*, *Sunset Passion Colada*, *Lobsterita* and *Pina Colada*. Furthermore, the newly expanded wine list offers between 12 and 17 varietal wines from leading vineyards including Chateau Ste. Michelle, Kendall-Jackson, Sterling and Rosemount Estate. The wines are arranged in a progressive list moving from light to full bodied and sweet to dry making it easy to navigate and find the "right wine." Red Lobster crew members have been educated about the wine selection and will happily recommend a wine to best complement any dish.

Employee Retraining:

Along with the revitalized food and beverage menus, Red Lobster has launched on initiative to significantly boost crew training to guarantee an over-the-top dining experience for each guest. Known for having an industry-leading retention rate and commitment to diversity, Red Lobster prides itself on

its constant commitment to employees, both professionally and personally and an elevated staff morale which helps to make Red Lobster's service sincere, friendly and efficient.

About Red Lobster:

With \$2.2 billion in fiscal 2001 sales, Red Lobster serves more seafood meals than all other casual dining seafood restaurants combined. It is the recent winner of *Restaurant Business* magazine's 2001 Menu Strategist Award for innovative menu offerings and was also identified as the United States' best seafood restaurant in a nationwide poll conducted by *Restaurant & Institutions* magazine in March.

Red Lobster is the largest restaurant company owned by Darden Restaurants, Inc. (NYSE:DRI) of Orlando. Darden also operates Olive Garden, Bahama Breeze and Smokey Bones BBQ & Sports Bar Restaurants. Red Lobster first opened its doors 33 years ago in Lakeland, Fla.

For more information, visit the Red Lobster web site at www.redlobster.com.

NJ Sopranos Tour A Sure Thing

AREA — To coincide with the airing of all 39 original episodes of the Emmy Award winning hit show "The Sopranos" on HBO, NJ Locations Tours is proud to announce it will be running their well reviewed "Sopranos" Tour of the Garden State each Sunday for the next 39 weeks.

The tour (which has been given four star reviews by the New York Times, USA Today, Newsweek, Entertainment Weekly, CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and many other media outlets) runs approximately four hours, visiting locations all around North Jersey which have been featured on the show (Including the "Bada Bing" nightclub and Satriale's Pork Store). In addition to the sights seen, guests are entertained with bits of "behind the scenes" trivia about the cast, crew, and producers of "The Sopranos." Guests also learn about New Jersey's history and charm, and the many different aspects that make this state one of the most diverse in the U.S., which is

what attracted Hollywood in the first place. Every person on the tour is given a souvenir "Sopranos" map of NJ, and an authentic NJ Italian pastry. The tours are conducted by actors who have appeared on the show in the past few years.

The weekly tour departs every Sunday from the Newport Centre Mall in Jersey City (right next to the Holland Tunnel) at 2 p.m. All tours are conducted on a fully equipped modern sightseeing coach bus. The cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children. Private group tours (which include dinner or lunch at the authentic "Nuovo Vesuvio") are also available. In the next few months, the company will be offering special "Meet & Greet" dinners with members of the "Sopranos" cast. For more information on any of the tours, call (201) 888-0084, e-mail SopranosTour@AOL.com or visit www.SopranosLocations.com.

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Curbing Suburban Sprawl

As we head toward the November elections, suburban sprawl has already staked a claim as a front-burner issue. Homeowners worry about it. Elected officials, from the municipal level all the way up to the statehouse, debate how to stop it. Farmers have mixed feelings about it—wondering whether we can control sprawl without drastically reducing land values and the rights of private property owners.

Solutions for stopping suburban sprawl are complex. One perfect plan to stop sprawl-type over-development of New Jersey's rural and suburban communities does not exist. However, there are tools at our disposal to help direct the growth into appropriate areas while respecting the rights of those who own the land.

For example, the State

Planning Commission re-adopted the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP) earlier this year. This document contains many references to planning and zoning tools. The Plan supports the viability of the farming industry as well as preserving open space for both recreation and agriculture.

Additionally, New Jersey already has one of the most aggressive land preservation programs in the nation. Both the Farmland Preservation and Green Acres Programs aim to preserve a combined one million acres of New Jersey's open space and farmland by the year 2010. With each acquisition (whether it's an outright purchase of the land, or simply the purchase of development rights) we come one step closer to reaching our goal and protect

one more precious piece of open space from development.

Working together to find creative solutions that work for each community is the great task before us. But before gubernatorial candidates and those running for the legislature rush headlong to seek a magic formula, they need to know that there is no one-size-fits-all approach that will work from High Point to Cape May. They also must understand that tools exist to curb sprawl, preserve New Jersey's farmland and protect the rights of those who own open space—goals each of us should strive for.

With vision and a sense of fair play, we can make those tools work in each of New Jersey's unique communities.

John I. Rigolizzo, Jr.

President

NJ Farm Bureau



No sooner do we kick off the summer with Memorial Day, Labor Day weekend sneaks up on us. The days get shorter and the nights get a little cooler. Children are back at school and we get ready for another winter. But somewhere between all the hustle of a new season, we forget what this holiday really means. So this Labor Day let's make sure we reflect on what the true meaning of the day is and what Labor Day should mean to every American. Labor Day is a day to honor workers and honor America.

Labor Day is celebrated each year on the first Monday in September. It is celebrated in honor of the creation of the American Labor movement. As former Vice President Hubert Humphrey once said "This history of the labor movement needs to be taught in every school in this land...America is a living testament to what free men and women, organized in free democratic trade unions can do to make a better life...we ought to be proud of it!" Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic accomplishments of American workers. It is our yearly reminder and national tribute to the monumental contributions that the average working man and woman have made to the strength, success, and well-being of America. It is also a time to remember the hard work of our parents in making our lives better.

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City in accordance with the plans of the New York Central Labor Union. By 1884, the first Monday in September was chosen as the celebration day. In 1893, labor organizations throughout the United States celebrated this new holiday. New Jersey officially made the Labor Day holiday a state holiday in 1897.

Many people tend to forget that the holiday was not just a day off work, but a day to honor the workers who made our lives better. This Labor Day, let's take a moment to reflect on the hard work of our parents and the sacrifices they made for us.

things are better today, these battles are not over. We must continue to be diligent. Labor Day is not only about celebrating the past and how far working men and women have come. Labor Day reminds us that we must continue to protect and enhance workers' rights to ensure a prosperous future.

These battles continue to this day. When Hercules was going to shut its nitrocellulose operation in Sayreville, many people came together to convince the company to sell the plant to Green Tree Chemicals. And while everyone thought victory had been achieved, we now find that the United States government may cause this plant to close after all because of corporate welfare to a large Defense Contractor. This isn't an abstract battle about defense policy or corporate welfare. It's a fight to keep over 100 men and women working. It's about fairness to working men and women.

Working men and women in the United States, in New Jersey, and here in the 19th district have contributed immeasurably to the highest standard of living and levels of production that the world has ever seen. They have also played a great role in inching us closer to realizing our ideals of political and economic democracy. Therefore, it is fitting that we in this state, and across this great nation, pay tribute on Labor Day to the generator of a large percentage of our nation's economic liberty, strength, and leadership: the American worker.

So this Labor Day while you're swimming in the pool or throwing horse shoes in the yard, keep the history of America's Labor Movement going and teach a child what the day really means. Tell a child of the struggles of a common laborer who helped get this country off the ground. As Hubert Humphrey said "This history of the labor movement needs to be taught in every school in this land...America is a living testament to what free men and women, organized in free democratic trade unions can do to make a better life...we ought to be proud of it!" This Labor Day, let's take a moment to reflect on the hard work of our parents and the sacrifices they made for us.

Got something to say? Why not write a letter to our "Readers Commentary" column? Tell us how you feel about current situations both locally and nationally.
send to: AT/CB, "Readers Commentary", PO Box 1061, Rahway, NJ 07065

Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

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As reported by pmsnbc, disgraced ex-President Bill Clinton has up a new website on the Internet. One section of the website called "America Remembers" asks victims...I mean visitors, to submit "items" that capture their personal interaction with Clinton, along with a brief description of the experience.

But there is a caveat. The site warns the public not to submit materials of a "prurient" nature. I know, I know—no other President but Bill Clinton would have to issue this kind of disclaimer. Still, I think the Clinton website guys have this all wrong—they are missing a valuable online opportunity. Instead of excluding visitors who have prurient documentation, the website should be modeled after those gun buy-back programs that Clinton loved so much when he was President.

For a true record of what

"America Remembers," the Clinton website should offer hard cash in exchange for all the negatives, photographs, paternity test results, video tapes, FBI files, DNA stained dresses, thongs, cigars and all the other Clinton material out there. All paid for by the Clinton Legal Defense Fund. Think about it; the Clinton website would draw huge traffic, and the ex-President could gain control of potential evidence. That, my friends, is known as a huge win-win.

and then there's...

Reclaim The Doyenne

I was the first to tell you that one of Hillary Clinton's objectives as Senator living in Washington, D.C. would be to unseat Sally Quinn, wife of retired Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee. Quinn is the reigning queen of the D.C. social world. "There has been bad

blood between Quinn and Hillary Clinton for years and now comes Hillary's chance to one-up her. Finally, the rest of the media are playing catch-up. The New York Daily News reports that Hillary intends to be "the hostess with the most-ess"—and that Hillary actually wants to be the new Pamela Harriman, of the women whose larger-than-life affairs and connections dominated the political social scene throughout much of the twentieth century. The newspapers has suddenly discovered Hillary's "desire to position herself as the new intellectual and fundraising leader for the out-of-work Democrats." Hillary is clearly envisioning a salon of sorts—a power base—with must attend parties and soirees. She wants her new mansion to be the center of all political networking, wheeling and dealing. "It's a totally new model," a knowledgeable source told The Daily News of Hillary's plans, a "Pamela Harriman for the new century...that's the role she wants to fill."

A new model? It sounds like a very, very old profession to me.

9-1-1 Emergency Number Day

AREA—People in all facets of the 9-1-1 industry and beyond have observed September 11 as National 9-1-1 Day ever since President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation in 1987 making September 11 [9/11] 9-1-1 Emergency Number Day. That proclamation recognized the importance of 9-1-1 and it's ability to save more lives and increase the public's confidence of local emergency response system.

Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers, call takers, and telecommunicators throughout the State of New Jersey provide dramatic life-saving services by talking distressed callers through CPR, calming hysterical crime victims, and make difficult decisions using limited information to save lives or reduce property damage on an daily basis.

The critical functions performed by both sworn and civilian personnel play a significant role in the daily lives of citizens everywhere. Though this day is set aside for us to be honored; we would like to take this opportunity to raise public awareness about 9-1-1 in the community and the right way to use it.

When to call 9-1-1: To Report a CRIME, To Report a FIRE, To Save a LIFE.

Q: Can you call 9-1-1 to find out if children have school?

A: Please do not call 9-1-1 to get school closing reports. Other options are local cable channel, radio stations and some schools have a special phone number for parents to call. Others may have preset recordings about school closings and school delays. Check your school on notification postings but do not call the police.

Q: What happens if someone in your house accidentally dials 9-1-1?

A: If someone calls 9-1-1 by accident please stay on the line and explain to the Dispatcher/Call-taker who you are and what has happened. Do not hang up. Most cities and towns will still require a police officer to respond and confirm everything is OK. [this is for your safety]

Q: What happens when you call 9-1-1 from a cellular phone?

A: It is very important to state the type of emergency and where you are. Also give the 9-1-1 Dispatcher/Call-taker your name and cell number in case you lose your connection. If you don't know your location look for street signs, names on buildings anything to help a dispatcher locate you and send the proper assistance you need. Even the license plates of parked cars on the street can help us find you.

Q: What if you need to call 9-1-1 but can't talk or don't want someone to know you called 9-1-1?

A: If you need to call 9-1-1 and cannot speak for any reason such as physical impairment, injury or an intruder or some type of domestic violence situation. Stay on the line. When the dispatcher asked is someone there? If you can tap the phone with your finger or whisper so they know you are there. But do not hang up, the dispatcher can hear what is going on in the background, if someone is fighting etc. and can send help etc.

Q: Do 9-1-1 operators know your information when you have a call blocking service?

A: Communications personnel receive your information on an ALI screen. This provides us with your location, phone number name of the person who owns the phone. This feature over rides any call blocking you have added to your phone lines. Remember 9-1-1 is for emergency so this is a very helpful to both the communications officer and you the caller.

Q: Is 9-1-1 the same as nine eleven?

A: NO never refer to nine one one [9-1-1] as nine eleven. A major problem has been found especially with children if they are taught nine eleven

and not nine one one children under a stressful situation when needing to dial 9-1-1 a child may in fact look at a telephone and try to find a nine eleven button, or a eleven button. For this reason always call 9-1-1 nine one one.

Q: If a wild animal is in your yard or on your lawn can you call 9-1-1?

A: We do live in an area where there still is some deer, wild turkeys, geese, raccoons etc. you should expect to see some wild life especially if you live near a wooded area. Unless someone is in danger at that moment from the animal you do not need to call 9-1-1. Find out if your town provides an animal control officer. In general use a regular 7 digit number for your police department and not 9-1-1. Remember do not let any one near the animal, do not feed it and try to keep your pets inside.

Q Does a loud party or violation of a noise ordinance mean you can call 9-1-1 if you are bothered?

A: Loud parties, lawn mowers, revving engines, barking dogs or any offensive noise is not an emergency. You may notify your police department on their regular 7 digit phone line. On the other hand if there is a fight at that party, or drug use or under age drinking now you have crimes in progress and yes you can call 9-1-1.

Q: Can you call 9-1-1 during power or utility outages?

A: Unless you have a life threatening medical emergency, or you see or smell gas, sparking wires, smoke or any unsafe condition do not call 9-1-1. Call your utility company and advise them, there is no need to notify your police department, if you feel you must use the regular 7 digit phone number. The police department will not know when and if power will be restored and cannot get the

utility companies to respond any quicker.

Q: Do you call 9-1-1 for dead animals or dead crows?

A: Find out from your municipal building the proper department and phone number to be notified for dead animals. With the concern of West Nile Virus, the Health Department is usually the agency to be notified about dead crows[not Robins or Blue Jays just Crows]. In either case do not dial 9-1-1, if you are unsure you may check your local cable channel for information or the 7 digit non emergency number for your police.

Q: What about hurricanes, storms, floods or tornadoes do you dial 9-1-1 then.

A: Unless you have a life threatening emergency or need medical attention do not dial 9-1-1, notify your police department on the regular 7 digit line. Remember in situations like this your police department will probably be overwhelmed with real medical or life saving emergencies that need priority attention, you do

not want the 9-1-1 lines jammed with non emergencies. Yes especially notify them if your basement is being flooded and there is a chance that your water heater or furnace pilot, or electric may go under water. If you know it is under water or came home to find that it has been in water for a while dial 9-1-1, as this can cause a fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, or gas explosion.

I urge all to pay tribute and recognize these Remarkable & Dedicated Public Safety Telecommunicators in New Jersey and all over America for the efforts and heroism that is displayed by them on a daily basis.

On this day to honor the voice behind the scenes that make daily life and death decisions, help keep the Citizens, Officers Firefighters, Paramedics and other responding units safe, and to get them on the scene quickly to save a life or apprehend a suspect. For they are the Pony Express of the Police Department.

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OBITUARIES

Jonathan Tommasone of Carteret

Mr. Jonathan M. Tommasone of Carteret died July 21 at home. He was 28.

Born in Rahway, he was a lifelong resident of Carteret.

Surviving are his parents, Lillian (Valisha) and Joseph M. Tommasone; a brother, Michael A. Tommasone and his paternal grandmother, Mary Tommasone.

Sarah Potocek, 77 of Carteret

Mrs. Sarah Jane Hughes Potocek (formerly of Carteret) died July 17 in Memorial Hospital, Morristown. She was 77.

Born in Forty Fort Pa., she resided in Carteret from 1958 to 1986, when she moved to Scotch Plains.

She worked for MCI Capacitors in Sayreville for 12 years as a testing technician, before retiring in 1995.

Mrs. Potocek was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2314, Carteret.

Her husband, John C. Potocek, died in 1975 and a son, Harry J. Potocek, died in 1981.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathryn Zahos of Basking Ridge, Patricia Andres of Scotch Plains and Sandra Potocek of Edison; two sisters, Mary Sullivan and Esther Parker, both of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; four grandchildren, Thomas Zahos, Tammy Taylor, Christopher and John Potocek; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan Taylor, Amanda Zahos, Matthew Taylor, Thomas Zahos Jr. and Nicholas Zahos.

Scott N. Inglis, 41 of Carteret

Mr. Scott N. Inglis of Carteret died July 14 at home. He was 41. Born in Belleville, he lived in Kearny before moving to Carteret eight years ago.

He served in the Navy from 1984-86.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen; two daughters, Erin and Kellie; a son, Eric; his parents, Norman and Norma Inglis; and a brother, Todd.

K. Thorstenson, 57 of Carteret

Mr. Kenneth A. Thorstenson of Carteret died July 22 at home. He was 57.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Carteret for the past 31 years.

He owned and operated a vending-machine company from 1965 until his retirement.

Mr. Thorstenson served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his daughter, Lisa Thorstenson of East Brunswick; a son, Kenneth A. Thorstenson Jr. of Carteret; a sister, Diane Bongiovanni of Carteret and a brother, Ronald Thorstenson of Los Angeles.

Angela Martinez of Carteret

Mrs. Angela Martinez of Carteret died August 20 at Rahway Hospital. She was 80.

Born in Honduras, she lived in Roselle for most of her life until moving to Carteret, where she resided for the past 10 years.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Rosendo, died in 1971.

Surviving are a son, Cesar Martinez of Roselle; a daughter, Tessa Martinez of Carteret; a sister, Emma Valle of Carteret; and six grandchildren.

Yolanda J. Kalendar of Fords

Mrs. Yolanda J. Kalendar of Fords died July 14 in Genesis Elder Care, Westfield. She was 76.

Born in Perth Amboy, she moved to Fords 24 years ago.

She was a research laboratory technician for Merck Pharmaceutical Co., Linden, for 39 years before retiring in 1982.

She was a member of the Merck 25-Year Club.

Mrs. Kalendar was a member of Our Lady of Hungary Sick and Death Benefit Society and the Concordia Singing Club, both in Perth Amboy.

Edward Hodan, 86 of Fords

Mr. Edward Hodan of Fords died July 13 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 86.

Born in Bayonne, he lived in Fords since 1964.

Mr. Hodan was a member of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

He worked for Local 361 Iron Workers in Ozone Park, N.Y., for 50 years, retiring in 1982.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and in the 9 Armed Engineer. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star.

Mr. Hodan was a member of the American Legion Post 471 T. Nulty, Iselin.

A brother, Peter and a sister, Adele Barilecki, are both deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline Panko Hodan; a son, Edward of Freehold; two sisters, Caroline Sarkus of Perth Amboy and Mae Timinski of Woodbridge; and two grandchildren, Christine and Edward.

Alfred Draeger, 69 of Sayreville

Mr. Alfred Draeger of Sayreville died July 28 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. He was 69.

Born in Sayreville, he was a lifelong borough resident.

Before his retirement three years ago, he was employed as a supervisor of buildings and grounds for the Borough of Sayreville.

Prior to that, he was employed for 30 years through the International Brotherhood of Laborers Union, Sayreville.

Mr. Draeger was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of Sayreville VFW Memorial Post 4699.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Victories R.C. Church, Sayreville.

His parents, Alfred and Catherine Draeger, are deceased.

Surviving are his sister, Lavern Halka and a nephew, John Halka, both of East Brunswick.

Cathy K. Pauley of Sayreville

Mrs. Cathy K. Pauley of Solebury Township, Pa., (formerly of Sayreville) died August 11 at Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pa.

Born in Jersey City, she was raised in Sayreville.

She graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Mrs. Pauley was formerly employed by Prudential Insurance Co. and Johnson and Johnson.

In recent years, she was a homemaker and was currently studying horticulture at Delaware Valley College.

Her father, John Kelleher Sr., is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Christopher D. Pauley; a son, Christopher D. Pauley Jr.; two daughters, Jacqueline Elizabeth Pauley and Caroline Grace Pauley; her mother, Marilyn (Kemp) Kelleher; a sister, Patricia Tomaszewski of Flemington; and a brother, John Kelleher Jr. of Sayreville.

Rose Kady, 84 of South Amboy

Mrs. Rose Kady (nee Horoschak) of South Amboy died July 28 at the Carriage House Manor, South Amboy. She was 84.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a resident of South Amboy.

She was a homemaker.

During World War II, she was a riveter.

Three sisters, Ann, Ethel and Lillian and two brothers-in-law, Philip Bucco and John Kraner Jr., are all deceased.

Surviving are two nieces, Bunny and Peggy; a nephew, Henry; a brother-in-law, John Chawner; two great-nephews and six great-nieces.

Ann Lucille Larkin of Parlin

Mrs. Ann Lucille Larkin of Parlin died August 12 at home. She was 82.

Born in Newark, she lived there and in Irvington before moving to Parlin 22 years ago.

She was a manager of the gift shop at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center before retiring in 1980.

She was a member of the Sayreville Senior Citizens Thursday Club, the Young Women's Hebrew Association of Perth Amboy and the Senior Citizens Club of St. Bernadette Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Eileen Dillon and Mrs. Kathy Burger; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

S. Stankiewicz, 76 of Sayreville

Mr. Sigmund S. Stankiewicz of Sayreville died July 27 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 76.

Born in South Amboy, he lived in Sayreville for most of his life.

He was employed by NL Industries, Sayreville, for 36 years as a boiler operator and a sheet metal mechanic before retiring in 1989.

Mr. Stankiewicz was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4699, Sayreville and American Legion Post 62, South Amboy.

Surviving are a brother, Arthur Stankiewicz of Sayreville; a sister, Edith Nieman of Gulfport, Fla.; and his nieces and nephews.



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Quotable Quotes:

If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this thing is to be remembered.

- Edgar Allan Poe

Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.

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OBITUARIES

**John E. Zimkus, 26
of Colonia**

Mr. John E. Zimkus of Colonia died August 12 at Cleveland University Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was 26.

Born in Orange, he was a lifelong resident of Colonia.

He graduated from Colonia High School in 1993.

Mr. Zimkus worked as a plumber's apprentice for Rainbow Plumbing Company, East Brunswick for the past five years.

He was currently attending Middlesex County College. He was also a mural painter, painting several building murals in central New Jersey.

Surviving are his parents, Leonard S. and Nina (McGuire) Zimkus of Colonia; two brothers, Leonard J. Zimkus of Roselle Park and Daniel Zimkus of Colonia; and his girlfriend of four years, Karla Reis of Rahway.

**Helen Beyers
of Hopelawn**

Mrs. Helen Wagerik Beyers of Hopelawn died July 28 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division.

She was a lifelong resident of Hopelawn.

She was a graduate of Woodbridge High School.

Mrs. Beyers was employed as a service representative for the Social Security Administration in Parlin and Perth Amboy for 20 years before her retirement. Previously, she was employed by the Raritan Arsenal, Edison, in the engineering division.

She was a member of St. Michael's Byzantine Church, Perth Amboy. She was a member of the Rosary Society and Senior Citizens Club of the church.

Mrs. Beyers was also a member of the Hopelawn Senior Citizens Club, the Ladies Auxiliary of Hopelawn VFW Post 1352, the AARP, Edison and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Her husband, Anthony, died in 1991. Two brothers, Nicholas Wagerik and Louis Hajnal, are both deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Ann Wagerik of Hopelawn; three brothers, John G. Wagerik and Julius "Juicy" Wagerik, both of Hopelawn and Steve Wagerik of Houston, Texas; four nephews, Nicholas, James, Michael and John Wagerik; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

**John Williams Jr.
of Iselin**

Mr. John "Jack" Williams Jr. of Iselin died August 13 while vacationing in Atlantic City. He was 74.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he resided in Iselin since 1951.

He was employed at the Anheuser-Busch Budweiser factory in Linden for 37 years before retiring in 1989.

He served during World War II as a member of the Underwater Demolition Team (UDT-III)/Frogmen (now known as the Navy Seals).

He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons in Woodbridge, The Tall Cedars of Lebanon, American Legion Post 248, Colonia, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2636, Iselin and was associated with the First Christian Church, Scranton, Pa.

Mr. Williams was also a member of the National Rifle Association, (NRA). At the age of 72, he took up skydiving.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Doris (Kropa) Williams; two sons, John D. Williams III of Vernon and George D. of Hurdle Mills, N.C.; a daughter, Barbara Williams of Albrightsville, Pa.; two brothers, George of Scranton, Pa. and Arthur of Burbank, Calif.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Stephanie Kolator
of Fords**

Mrs. Stephanie M. Kolator of Fords died August 13 at Woodland Genesis Elder Care, Plainfield. She was 88.

Born in Czechoslovakia, she came to the United States as a 7-year-old and lived in Fords most of her life.

Mrs. Kolator was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church, Fords and a member of the church's Altar-Rosary Society.

Her husband, Charles, and a brother, Frank Fabian, are both deceased.

Surviving are a son, Charles of Fords; a daughter, Carol Sable of Edison; a sister, Helen Gray of Iselin; three brothers, Joseph Fabian of California, John Fabian of Somerset and William Fabian of Watchung; three grandchildren, Maryann and Charles, both of Fords; and Kenneth of Jackson; and two twin great-grandchildren, Kenneth and Nicholas.

**Salvatore Facciponti
of Iselin**

Mr. Salvatore Facciponti Sr. of Iselin died August 14 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 62.

Born in East Orange, he resided in Iselin since 1965.

He owned and operated the Linden Sewing Center, Linden, for 31 years before selling his business in October 2000.

Mr. Facciponti served in the Army during peacetime.

His son, John, died in 1981.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Marie (Alaway) Facciponti; two sons, Salvatore Jr. of North Brunswick, Chris of Iselin; and three brothers, John of Union, Charlie of Florida, Joseph of Cedar Knolls, four sisters, Grace Mauriello of East Orange, Rose Silberto and Mary D'Agostino, both of Cranford and Marion Ramundo of Montclair.

**Milburn Stryker, 87
of Edison**

Mr. Milburn LeRoy "Roy" Stryker died July 31 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 87.

He was born in Monmouth Junction. He lived in Franklin Township before moving to Edison in 1946.

He worked for Roger Smith Hotel in New Brunswick, Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. and Dugan Bakery before operating his own bakery-delivery service in Edison.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and served aboard the USS Bosqueas as a third-class radioman.

Mr. Stryker was a member of Stelton Baptist Church, Edison. He performed in the church choir.

His wife, Amelia Lorraine Frey, died in 2000. His parents, William King McDonald Stryker and Alice Isabel Fountain; a sister, Josephine Bayles Paulus and two brothers, Russell Van Dyke and William DeWitt, are all deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Foster LeRoy Stryker of Mount Laurel, D. Gary Stryker of Edison and Wayne K. Stryker of Edison; two daughters, Sharon Hill of Montague and Deborah Adams of Hightstown; ten grandchildren, Stephen Stryker, Scott Stryker, Lori Stryker, Stephen Slaven, Scott Salven, David Stryker, Eric Stryker, Douglas Stryker, Lt. Buck Adams and Stacy Adams; and three great-grandchildren, Kortney, Stephen and Kamryn Stryker.

**Maureen Lyman, 69
of Edison**

Mrs. Maureen Lyman of Edison died July 29 at home. She was 69.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she resided in Edison since 1970.

She was a deputy court clerk for Edison Township for over 17 years before retiring in 1991.

Mrs. Lyman was a communicant of St. Matthew's R.C. Church, Edison.

Her husband, Edward J. Lyman, died in 1994.

Surviving are three daughters, Suzanne Cason, Kathleen Eskin and Maureen Mackey, all of Edison; two brothers, Jack Moran of Staten Island, N.Y. and James Moran of Long Island, N.Y.; two sisters, Majorie Murphy of Rockville Center, Long Island and Maryellen Okun of East Islip, N.Y.; nine grandchildren, Billy, Nicole, Katie, Christine, Samantha, Stacy, Ryan, Ashley and Joey and many nieces and nephews.

**Jenny Condo, 71
of Metuchen**

Mrs. Jenny Condo of Metuchen died August 1 at home. She was 71.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Metuchen for the past 47 years.

She graduated from Henry Snyder High School, Jersey City in 1949.

She worked in the human resources department of Colgate Palmolive in New York City for 44 years before retiring in 1991.

Surviving are two sisters, Angelina Dito of Menlo Park Terrace and Rose Abbate of Fairview; a brother, Dominick Condo of Bayonne; nine nephews, two nieces, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

**Helen Holm, 78
of Edison**

Mrs. Helen Holm of Edison died July 22 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 78.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, she moved to Edison in the 1950's.

Mrs. Holm formerly worked at Gulton Industries as a line-worker and was also a homemaker.

She was a communicant of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Henry Holm, died in 1980. Five brothers, William, Harold, Arthur and Joey Stephenson and Joseph Kearney and two sisters, June Selby and Marie Stuart, are all deceased.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert Stephenson of Kittinging, Pa. and David D. Stephenson of Perth Amboy; four nieces, Noreen, Linda, Robin and Connie; six nephews, Bill, Robert, Bruce, Dean, Daryl and Keith; many great-nieces and great-nephews, and her dear friend, Madeline.

**Paul Hopping Jr.
of Edison**

Mr. Paul Hopping Jr. of Edison died July 18 at home. He was 44.

Born in Morristown, he had resided in Edison all his life.

He worked for the Department of Public Works, Division of Sanitation for Edison Township for 20 years.

He was an avid fisherman.

His parents, Paul and Stella Hopping, are deceased.

Surviving is a brother, Ralph H. Hopping of Piscataway.



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Moore has more than ten years of experience in the health and human services field. Prior to Children's Specialized Hospital he worked for HealthSouth Corporation, ReMed Recovery Care Centers and NovaCare Community Rehabilitation Services. A member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Case Management Society of America, and Managed Care Network, Moore has graduated from University of Maryland. He is currently working towards a Masters in Human Services Administration at Rider University.

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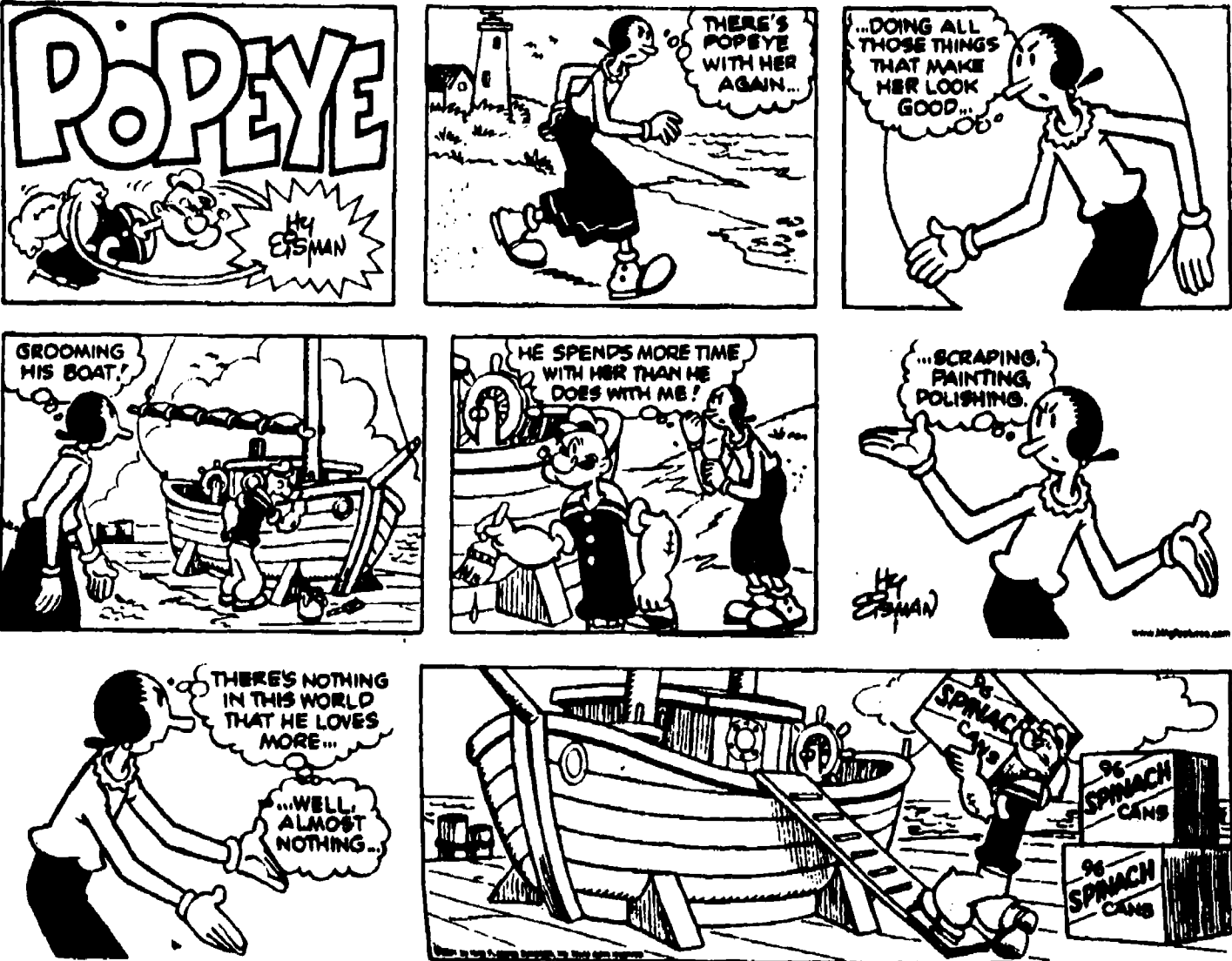
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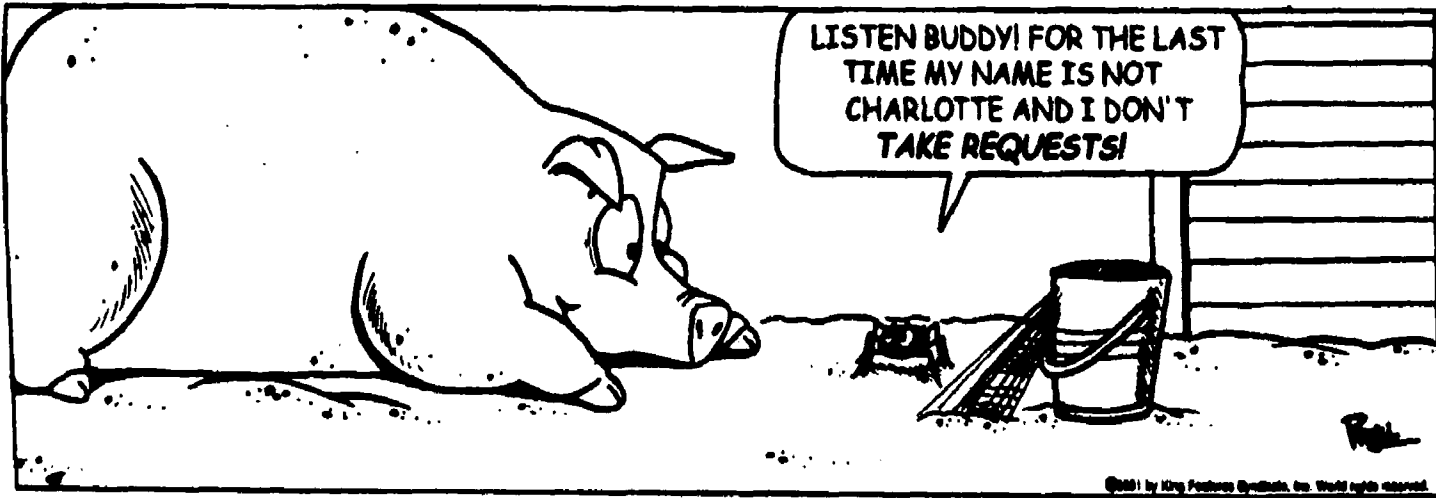
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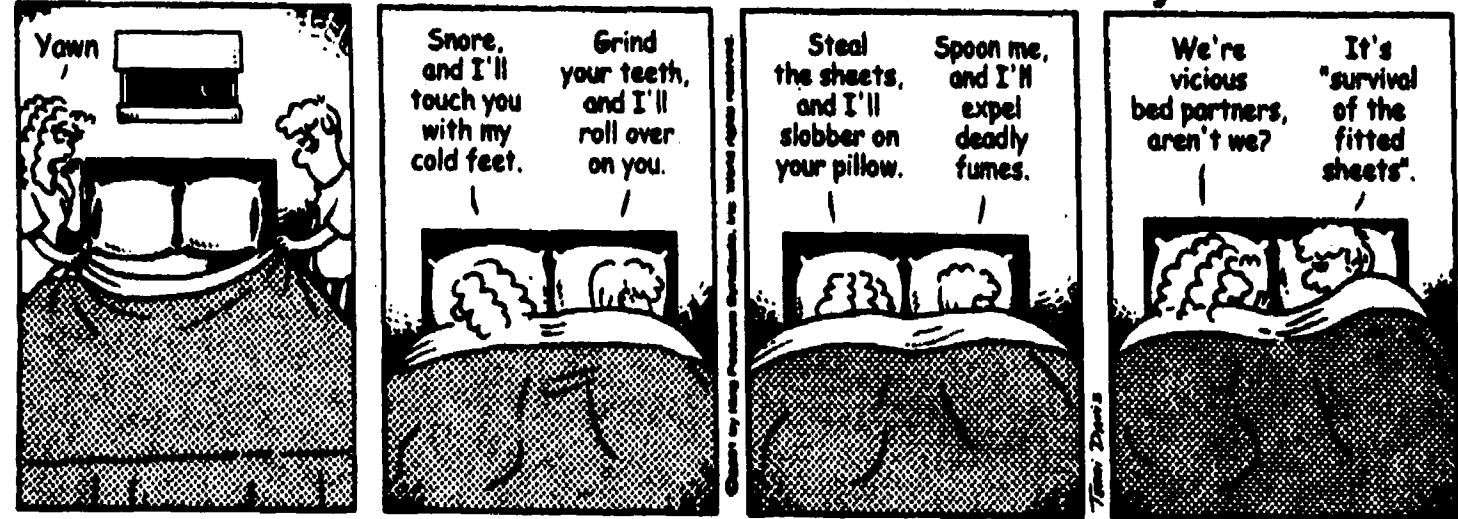
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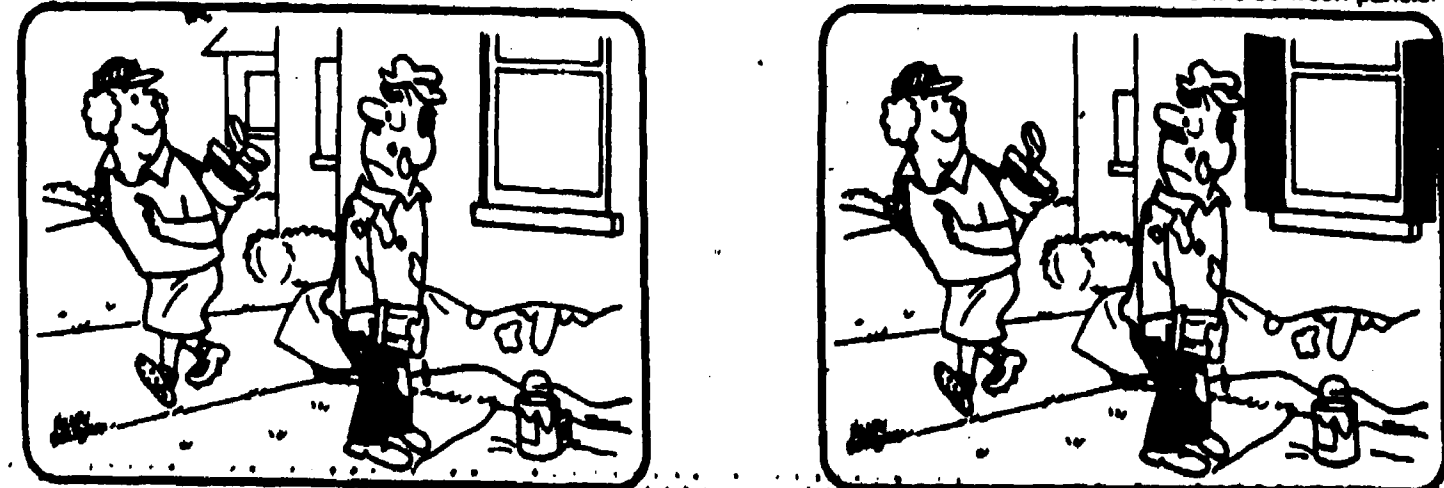


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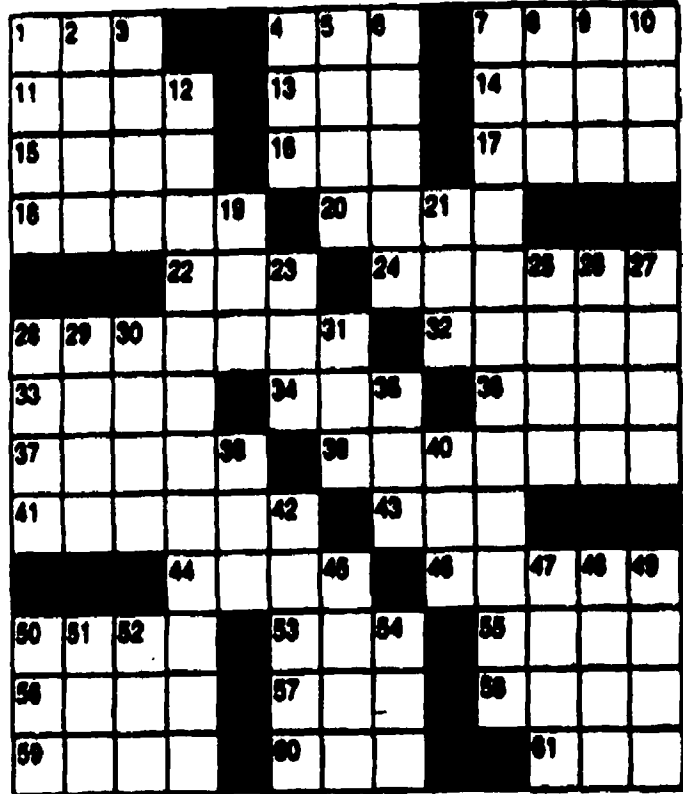


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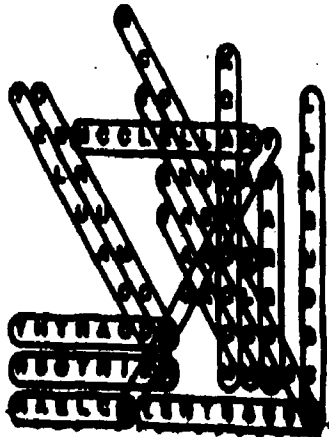
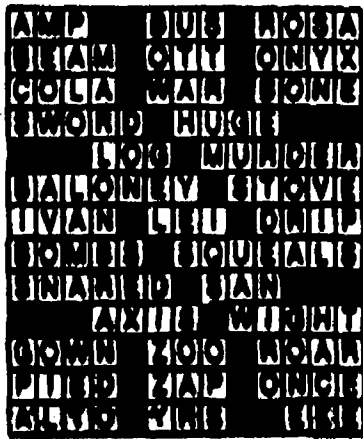
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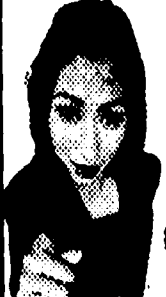
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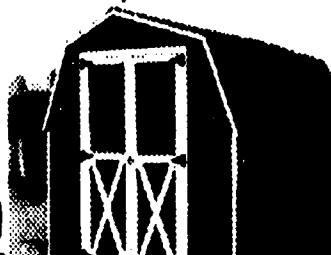


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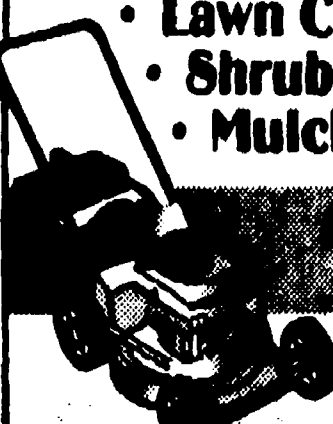
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HVAC Contractor Certification Program Comes To New Jersey

AREA—The Eastern Heating and Cooling Council ("EHCC"), along with the state's electric utilities and major manufacturers and distributors of HVAC equipment, have joined together to bring a professional certification program to contractors in New Jersey who service or install heat pumps or air conditioners. This will give New Jersey residents a means of identifying businesses whose technicians can provide superior knowledge and service for air conditioning or heat pump service or installations.

Harry Roth, Executive Director of the EHCC noted, "We jointly agreed that one of the best ways to ensure professional service and installation of air conditioners and heat pumps is through technician certification. Not only will New Jersey residents enjoy the benefits of professional installation and service, the increased proficiency of technicians will result in equipment functioning more efficiently, and that will result in better cooling results for the energy dollars the homeowners spends."

North American Technician Excellence, Inc. ("NATE") is the testing organization that will deliver the technician tests for EHCC. Developed in 1997, the NATE tests are continually upgraded to provide the best measure of a technician's knowledge of service or installation. Rex Boynton, President of NATE stated, "NATE is not a goal in itself, but rather the means to a goal. That goal is ensuring the most proficient and professional technicians who take pride in their work. The NATE test validates a technician's knowledge and, when a consumer sees a technician wearing the NATE patch and logo, he or she will know that technician is one of the best in the industry."

Currently there are over 10,000 NATE-certified technicians nationwide. NATE offers certification for either installation or service in one of five specialties: air conditioning, air distribution, gas heat, heat pumps and oil heat.

NATE certified technician, Andy Swanson, of Conover-Swanson of Oceanview, and Chairman of EHCC's Education Committee says, "With this situation, consumers, contractors and technicians in New Jersey all win. This is a matter of consumer confidence and trust. By providing certified technicians, contractors offer the consumers a technician they can trust."

For additional information, contact the Eastern Heating & Cooling Council at 1-800-247-6547 or visit their web site at www.eh-cc.org.

High Marks Given On Environment And Consumer Issues

STATE—Assemblyman Neil M. Cohen (D-Union), was given the state's highest rating for his support of consumer and environmental issues by a prominent government watchdog group.

According to the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG), Cohen scored an 80 for voting on key legislation advocated by NJPIRG.

NJPIRG scored legislators' votes on transportation concerns, playground safety, clean water regulations and other pressing state issues. The votes were cast from Jan. 2000 to April 2001. The non-partisan activist group—which labels itself a pro-environment, consumer protection and good-government organization—said the average Senate score was 79 percent, while the average Assembly score was 77 percent.

"A legislator's responsibility is to go above and beyond the call of duty to create a safe, healthy environment for the citizens of New Jersey," said Cohen. "And this entails introducing and supporting

legislation that stands up to polluters and powerful interest groups preventing them from harming the public."

The votes used in the survey included: strengthening public access, reducing traffic congestion, weakening environmental review, allowing utility bailout, making playgrounds safer, supporting safe wells, increasing public access to water test results, repairing failing bridges, empowering HMO watchdog, and supporting clean water protections.

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Preservation New Jersey was founded in 1978 and is located in Trenton. It addresses its mission by producing an annual list of New Jersey's 10 Most Endangered Historic Sites, publishing a quarterly newsletter, maintaining a resource library, providing educational tours, conferences and training workshops, and addressing legislation and public policies that impact New Jersey's historic preservation community.

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Protesters Oppose Name Change

SOUTH AMBOY—On Aug. 15, approximately 80 people marched in protest of the Diocese of Metuchen's plans to rename St. Mary Diocesan High School.

The 7 p.m. march was organized to follow the 6 p.m. Assumption Day Mass, and demonstrators tried to persuade parishioners to join in their protest.

In June, Bishop Vincent De Paul Breen surprised the school community when he announced that the

school would be renamed in honor of Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. McCarrick, the archbishop of the Washington, D.C. diocese, was the first bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Vince Higgins, a 1949 alumnus who spearheaded the demonstration, said, "There's too much tradition and heritage here to walk away while it's being trampled."

The name change goes into effect in September,

and new stationary and signs have been ordered, according to Brendan Ramos, associate superintendent for the diocese.

According to some of the marchers, people are thinking about giving less money to the diocese's capital campaign because of the decision to rename the school.

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