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Sacred Heart Celebrates 100 Years

METUCHEN—The Brothers of the Sacred Heart—a Catholic order founded in Lyons, France on Sept. 30, 1821 with the mission of educating poor children—celebrate 100 years since their establishment in Metuchen. Concurrently, St. Joseph High School, a college preparatory school owned and operated by the Brothers, will commemorate the 40th anniversary of its foundation by breaking ground on a \$7.5 million expansion project, the first in the school's history.

In 1901, the Brothers selected the Metuchen location because it served as a central hub for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, as it was strategically situated between the two North American provinces, New Orleans, Louisiana and Quebec City, Quebec. The facility was originally used as a Novitiate—a facility, which provides the final stage of training for novice brothers—with an adjacent farm and vineyard to support the religious community. Today, 1,300 members of the Brothers of Sacred Heart serve as educators and missionaries throughout the world. The Brothers in Metuchen evolved with the changing landscape of New Jersey yet remain dedicated to the Order's educational mission. As the surrounding community grew, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart founded St. Joseph High School in 1961 to provide an educational option for

young men offering Catholic, secondary-level training. St. Joseph High School provides an intensive curriculum in math, science and liberal arts as well as religious instruction, striving to develop students to their fullest potential.

The "Building for the Next Century" \$7.5 million campaign will finance the expansion project, which will include new science and computer laboratories, a media center, a new athletic facility and new classroom and administrative office space. Since the original school building was designed to accommodate 700 students, following the expansion project, the student body at St. Joseph High School will remain constant to a maximum of 800 matriculated students.

"This project is necessary to provide more classroom space as well as to modernize our facilities with respect to science, technology and athletics in order to continue providing a first-rate education consistent with today's competitive academic standards," said Brother Joseph Holthaus, S.C.

St. Joseph High School exists to provide a college preparatory, liberal arts education for young men. In response to the gospel message of hope, the teachings of the Catholic Church and the traditions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, the school desires to meet the needs and promote the devel-

opment of each individual.

The goal of a St. Joseph graduate is to obtain a sense of self-esteem, an integration of reli-

gious truths and academic principles, and readiness to assume the challenges and responsibilities of adult Christian life.

Amboy Nursing Student Wins \$500 Scholarship

SOUTH AMBOY—The Bloomfield College Presbyterian Division of Nursing celebrated the beginning of the academic year recently as students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered for the Annual Nursing Convocation at the Robert V. Van Fossan Theatre on campus.

This year's program, "Nursing's Journey," was addressed by keynote speaker Andrea Aughenbaugh, Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey State Nurses Association, who provided a history of the organization and called on today's nursing students to continue to strengthen the nursing profession, which she called a "work in progress."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Ilona H. Anderson emphasized that the recent terrorist attacks have underscored the importance of the nursing profession. "The tragedy at the World Trade Center is making the world look at nurses and nursing in a whole new light and appreciation," said Anderson.

This sentiment was echoed by

Shelley Roberts, President of the Bloomfield College Nursing Students Association. "In light of what has happened in New York, we should take a close look at the importance of our profession; we extend help, hope and care in times of sorrow," said Roberts.

As the ceremony came to a close, Doreen Gagnon '84, Director of the Nursing Learning Resource Center, presented Alumni Scholarships to senior Natalya Kanus of Bloomfield and junior Anna Campo of South Amboy. The \$500 merit scholarships are awarded each year to the junior and senior nursing students with the highest cumulative grade point averages.

The Convocation celebration also featured the presentation of chevrons and patches to every member of the sophomore, junior and senior class, as well as pre-nursing students.

The Bloomfield College Presbyterian Division of Nursing accepts freshman applicants and transfer students pursuing a B.S. degree with a major in nursing.

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Acting Governor Supports Increase In Quality Drug Treatment

"We can all go to work to make quality treatment more widely available to those who are ready for it, including adolescent treatment through our South Jersey Initiative, more 'safe and sober' housing for those who need it, and detoxification services for those taking the first step to ending substance abuse."

STATE—Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco has just announced that \$6.3 million will be identified to support and expand drug treatment services and improve treatment quality in New Jersey. The acting Governor made the announcement recently in releasing the report of the New Jersey Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Advisory Task Force.

The money would pay for a range of services, from immediate care of people needing help getting off drugs, to long-term treatment for adolescents, and expanded "safe and sober" housing for people reentering the community. New funding would also help certain treat-

ment programs hire licensed and certified staff to deliver state-of-the-art treatment services.

The task force was convened last year by the department to conduct a thorough review of substance abuse treatment in the state, including financial issues providers face and the gap between the need and available services.

The task force has laid out in stark detail the problems people have finding treatment in this

state, as in the nation. An it has done an excellent job describing New Jersey's current treatment system—which is really many systems, both public and private," said acting Commissioner of Health and Senior Services George T. DiFerdinando, Jr., MD.

"Now that we know where we stand," said Dr. DiFerdinando, "We can all go to work to make quality treatment more widely available to those who are ready for it, including adolescent treatment through our South Jersey Initiative, more 'safe and sober' housing for those who need it, and detoxifi-

cation services for those taking the first step to ending substance abuse."

The task force found that fewer than half of those who want treatment are able to find it. About 67,000 New Jersey adults are treated each year in publicly funded programs, while another 71,000 are unable to get care because of limited treatment capacity. In its report, the task force made a series of short- and long-term recommendations to expand the treatment system, improve the quality of treatment and increase reimbursement for treatment services.

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The application is available at the New Jersey Association of Realtors® website <http://njar.com>. Complete the application and forward it to the address on the form. A toll free

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Jersey Air National Guard Unit Deploys To Operation Northern Watch

AREA—On Aug. 17, the 108th Air Refueling Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard deployed their KC-135 air refu-

eling tanker aircraft, air crews, and maintenance and support personnel from McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, to

Turkey to support Operation Northern Watch.

Operation Northern Watch is the northern no-fly zone over Iraq and is part of the coalition mission among the United States, United Kingdom and Turkey. During the six-week deployment, the 108th ARW will support combat missions with aerial refueling.

More than 300 personnel from the wing will participate in the deployment.

The wing routinely deploys its people around the world to perform military missions. They have been deployed to Saudi Arabia helping to enforce the southern no-fly zone over Iraq and have also been deployed to Germany, Spain, Italy, France, Kuwait, Japan, Korea and Panama.

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Schundler Charged With Crisis Criticism, Exploitation

STATE—Hoping to spark interest in his gubernatorial campaign, which has been overshadowed by the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, Republican Bret Schundler faulted state officials, local police departments, National Guard units and medical systems and then released a TV commercial exploiting the tragedy.

Many, including key GOP leaders, sharply condemned Schundler for remarks that were called, "inappropriate, offensive and just plain wrong."

Schundler, in a telephone interview with a reporter from the *New York Times*, complained about the role of the State Police in the rescue operation. He also released a five-page memorandum about the state's crisis response that was prepared by Dr. Jonathan M. Metsch, president and chief executive of Jersey City Medical Center.

Schundler claimed that State Police troopers did not even arrive in Jersey City until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the attack and after setting up an operations center in Liberty State Park, "didn't do much of anything—they just sat there." Col. Carson Dunbar, superintendent of the State Police, said his troopers were on the scene in

Jersey City almost immediately after the attack on the World Trade Center. Metsch said he had not expected the memo to be released to the public. Jersey City Medical Center treated 175 people hurt in the attack on the World Trade Center.

"To exploit this tragedy in any way is inappropriate, offensive and just plain wrong," said acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco, a Republican.

Andrea Augenbaugh, the CEO of the New Jersey State Nurses Association, said, "Bret Schundler is wrong when he said that New Jersey's hospitals were not prepared for the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center."

Schundler's aides described his comments as an attempt to provide leadership.

Bill Pascoe, Schundler's campaign manager, said "We don't have the luxury of time to let the dust settle. We have to use this event and our response to it right now as a learning exercise."

"This is not a political exercise," said Richard McGrath, spokesperson for Democrat James E. McGreevey. "This terrorist incident has had a profound effect on all Americans, and we don't intend to parcel it out with any political agendas."

Schundler later apologized and said his comments were "mischaracterized" by the newspaper, but he also said it was appropriate to discuss the performance of emergency rescue workers and that he could have better managed the state's response.

"Part of what the next governor has to do is make sure people understand what's going on," Schundler said.

In polls released before the terrorist incident, McGreevey was leading Schundler by 19 percentage points. More recent surveys show that McGreevey's support remains high, with two polls showing the Democrat leading by 14 and 15 points.

Schundler's campaign ad on television includes pictures taken at ground zero itself, set to uplifting music.

The ad was called "a cynical exploitation of human tragedy" that seriously undermines the

Republican nominee's credibility. "At the very least, it is difficult to take at its word Schundler's call 'to put politics aside,' since he is making that call in a campaign commercial," said the *New York Times*, of the 30-second spot.

Schundler was out of the country on Sept. 11 and upon his return, he criticized the people who were here to deal with the crisis.

Schundler's commercial prompted criticism that it was out of bounds from Thomas P. Canzanella, president of the Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey.

"I find it almost disgusting and despicable that a person who aspires to be the governor of the state of New Jersey needs to trade not only on a horrendous situation, but with New York firefighters," said Canzanella. "You have someone who's attempting to portray, if

you will, his alliance with police and firemen, when he doesn't have one."

Rick Whelan, president of the New Jersey Fraternal Order of Police, called it "funny" that Schundler "wants to associate himself with public safety and law enforcement to further his cause," saying: "He has no support from law enforcement. Just ask any Jersey City cop."

The firefighters' union has endorsed McGreevey, as have several police unions, including the Jersey City Police Benevolent Association.

While Schundler was mayor of Jersey City, he eliminated 30 to 40 positions in the fire department, according to Tom Gallagher, a campaign aide who was Schundler's chief of staff in City Hall.

Pascoe called the firefighters' comments, "a political attack."



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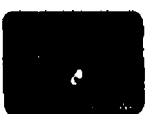
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Thomas Joins Army Delayed Entry Program

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The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus.

Thomas is a 2001 graduate of War Memorial High School, Parlin. He will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training.

He is the son of Margaret A. Owens of Sayreville.

Legendary Frankenstein At Library

EDISON — During the month of October, Ron MacCloskey, who has the largest privately owned collection of Frankenstein memorabilia on the east coast, will help celebrate Halloween at the Edison Main Library by providing a coffin shaped display case which will hold toys, games,

puzzles, models, photos, and books based on the Frankenstein theme.

There will also be a trivia contest. If you can answer five multiple-choice questions correctly and are chosen at a random drawing, you could win an autographed copy of the book *Frankenstein—the Legacy*.

Cheerleader Coach Needed

FORDS—The Our Lady of Peace school basketball league has need of cheerleader coaches for the JV team (5th and 6th grades), as well as the Varsity team (7th and 8th grades). If there is no adult supervision,

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Churches Convene For Unity Celebration

AREA—Spiritual leaders from five great churches will convene their congregations for a Unity Celebration, co-sponsored by World Vision. "Striving for Community through Reclaiming, Renewing and Rebuilding" is the theme for this major unity worship service.

The Pastors leading the Unity Celebration include: Reverend William Watley, St. James AME Church, Newark; Reverend DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Somerset; Reverend Reginald Jackson, St. Matthew AME Church, Orange; Bishop Donald Hilliard, Second Baptist Church, Perth Amboy; and Reverend Jerry Sanders, Fountain Baptist Church, Summit. The general public is invited to attend the Unity Celebration, which will take place at The Great Auditorium, Ocean Grove, Sunday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. The Reverend DeForest B. "Buster" Soaries, Jr. will deliver the sermon for the Unity Celebration. "Three years ago when we held our first unity celebration we could not have imagined that our 2001 gathering could be so significant. In light of our commit-

ment to overcome the horrors of Sept. 11, this is a great time to pray for unity," says Rev. Soaries.

The Unity Celebration is a concept that was derived three years ago during an informal gathering of four of the five pastors, Rev. Soaries, Bishop Hilliard, Rev. Jackson, and Rev. Watley, to discuss convening the four congregations at a mass service which would include a combined choir, ushers, dancers and other ministries worshipping together under one roof. In 1999, the first Unity Celebration took place at The Great Auditorium and drew close to 6,000 participants. The second year, 2000, drew close to 5,000 participants.

This year, World Vision is co-sponsor of the event. Established in 1950, World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to providing community-based relief and development programs that nurture children's dreams for the future and lead to self-reliance. World Vision focuses on serving children because they are the most vulnerable to hardship. In so doing, they seek to address the root causes of poverty in com-

munities and aim to break the cycles of suffering that result in hopelessness.

The Unity Celebration is free to all participants and open to the general public. The Great Auditorium accommodates 6,600 seats and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. This year, event organizers anticipate that they will exceed the 6,600 seats and have made accommodations to provide seating and viewing of the event at an outside venue located near The Great Auditorium. Food and beverage vendors will be located outside The Great Auditorium to serve participants.

All five churches are providing bus transportation for a nominal charge. Buses will depart from specified church locations. Churches may be contacted directly to find out where their buses are departing from and the departure and return times. (St. James AME Church: (973) 622-1344; First Baptist Church: (732) 828-2009; St. Matthew AME Church: (973) 678-1217; Second Baptist Church: (732) 826-5293; and Fountain Baptist Church: (908) 273-1199).

October Events At Whispering Knoll

EDISON—Whispering Knoll, Edison's newest assisted living community, will be hosting a series of events open to the public throughout the month of October. Whispering Knoll, located at 62 James Street, across the street from JFK Medical Center, is a distinctive assisted living residence, affording the residents the independence of living on their own along with the confidence of knowing that an experienced staff is present at all times.

The following events are open to the public and will be held in the main dining room:

* Thursday, Oct. 4 from 5-7

p.m., Oktoberfest—an evening of festive German food and entertainment.

* Saturday, Oct. 6 from 2-3 p.m.—Edison Martial Arts School demonstration and show.

* Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.—Country western singer Wayne Glenwood will entertain residents and guests.

Featuring 118 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments, Whispering Knoll offers a number of unique amenities including formal dining, scenic gardens, peaceful patios, a gift shop, library with Internet access, a cinema, an exercise

room, social lounges, a game room and a bistro for relaxed dining. In addition to these and other basic offerings, Whispering Knoll provides a comprehensive activities program that includes daily social events, arts and crafts, religious services and exercise classes, as well as regularly scheduled community outings and transportation for local appointments and shopping needs.

Whispering Knoll also has a special care community for residents with memory impairments. In this separate community, comfort and consideration to resident's special situations combines to offer independence and security.

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Summer Concert Series Produces Record Total For Food Donations

WOODBIDGE—More than 25,000 pounds of food—a record total—was collected for Woodbridge families during the "Woodbridge MusicWorks 2001," the Mayor's Summer Concert Series.

We Feed, the Interfaith Woodbridge Township Food Bank Committee, in cooperation with churches and synagogues,

collected canned food and other non-perishable items at the Monday evening concerts.

The food was used to restock Woodbridge Township's Food Distribution Centers: St. James R.C. Church; First Congregational Church; First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge; First Presbyterian Church of Avenel; Congregation Adath

Israel Synagogue; First Presbyterian Church of Iselin; Metropark Assembly of God; Trinity Episcopal Church of Woodbridge and St. Cecelia's R.C. Church of Iselin.

The concert series featured popular performers such as Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, the Duprees and the Party Dolls.

The series was underwritten through the support of the business community, including Sansone's Route 1 Auto Mall and Woodbridge Center.

Individuals who donated non-perishable food items were entered into drawings for a Panasonic 25-inch television at each concert.

"Without the generosity of

Woodbridge residents, it would be difficult to adequately restock our food distribution facilities during the summer months," said Council President Kevin Wertz.

Wertz said 25,200 pounds of food were collected during the nine concerts this summer, exceeding last year's record total of 17,000 pounds.

Woodbridge Receives Grants For Shared Service Studies

WOODBIDGE—The Township has been awarded \$175,075 in state grants to conduct studies in potential shared services programs, Mayor James E. McGreevey announced recently.

"The studies will assist Woodbridge Township in our ongoing efforts to utilize partnerships to deliver quality programs and services in the most cost-effective manner," McGreevey said.

The Mayor said Woodbridge is receiving a \$82,500 Regional Efficiency Development Incentive Program (REDI) grant for a regional communications study with the City of Perth Amboy and a \$87,575 REDI grant for a shared phone service study with Woodbridge Board

of Education.

"REDI provides state funds for local governments to study, develop and implement new shared service programs in an effort to reduce property taxes through cost efficiencies and reductions," said Councilman Bob Luban.

As part of the first study, Woodbridge and Perth Amboy will identify and develop a system to facilitate communication among police, fire, EMS, Public Works, Administration within each community as well as between the two municipalities.

In the second study, Woodbridge will work with the School Board to identify and develop a shared telephone voice system for the two entities.

K of C 9199 "Boo-Berry" Pancake Breakfast

FORDS—The Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 9199 is sponsoring a "Boo-Berry" Pancake breakfast on Oct. 21 in the Church cafeteria. Breakfast will include pancakes (Boo-Berries optional), eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, hot cocoa and juice. Meals will be served from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

The cost is: adults-\$5, children (under 12) \$2, senior citizens \$4.50. There is a special family rate of \$12 for a family of 2 adults and children (under 12). For information, call Ed Delaney at (732) 225-3898 or the Council at (732) 738-0888.



CLUB NEWS

ISELIN Chapter #3810

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

Oct. 12-19-8 days/7 night trip to the Casino Capital of the South, Tunica, Mississippi Beale Street Tour, Tour of Graceland, Nashville, Memphis, Grand Ole Opry, Mississippi River Boat Cruise and much, much more; Nov. 4-Show, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." For more information, call (732) 283-2790.

All meetings are held at the K

of C Hall and all trips leave from K of C Hall, Grand Avenue, Iselin.

WOODBIDGE CHAPTER #3869: The Woodbridge Chapter #3869 has announced its events from October-December: Membership is now open for new members to join;

Oct. 22-Trump Casino, Atlantic City; Oct. 9-13-Las Vegas; five days, four nights at the Excalibur Hotel. Includes: transportation and four nights lodging at the exclusive Excalibur Hotel on the strip.

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SIEMENS SPONSORS FREE CONCERT FOR WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP— Siemens Corporation sponsored the final concert for the 2001 Woodbridge MusicWorks series featuring the Party Dolls on Aug. 30. The annual free concert series, which began July 2, provides community members the opportunity to enjoy music throughout the summer at Woodbridge High School. Director of business operations and market intelligence for Siemens Corporation, Frank Molinaro said, "Participating in this concert series for the township where many Siemens' employees live and work, evidences Siemens' dedication to the community." He continued, "Through our corporate citizenship program, we continually look for opportunities that give Siemens both the chance to interact with its neighbors and lend support to the local community." Pictured (L.-R.) are Caroline Ehrlich, councilwoman-at-large, Woodbridge Township; Jillian Guadagno, Siemens Corporation; Blanca Duchmann, Siemens Corporation; John McCormac, Business Administrator, Woodbridge Township; Katarina Haller, Siemens Corporation; Michael McCauley, Siemens Corporation; John Eberhardt, Director of Recreation, Woodbridge Township.

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Always Remember 9-11

STATE—The New Jersey State League of Municipalities, in cooperation with the National League of Cities and state municipal leagues across the country, has established a special fund to support public employees affected by September 11 terrorist attacks.

The *Always Remember 9-11 Fund* will be used to provide assistance to the families of public employees who were killed or injured in the attacks and to public organizations affected by the attacks. Funds will be used to meet short- and long-term health, financial and educational needs of public employees and families directly affected by the terrorist attacks. Funds may also be used to provide supplies, equipment and other support to public organizations directly affected by the attacks and the recovery efforts.

The *Always Remember 9-11 Fund* provides one way for municipal employees to support colleagues and families directly affected by the September 11 attacks. We are hoping for individual contributions from individual local officers and employees. And no amount is too small to help. Our closing date is Nov. 7.

Individual contributions of any amount are welcome. Contributions may be sent to: New Jersey State League of Municipalities, 407 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618.

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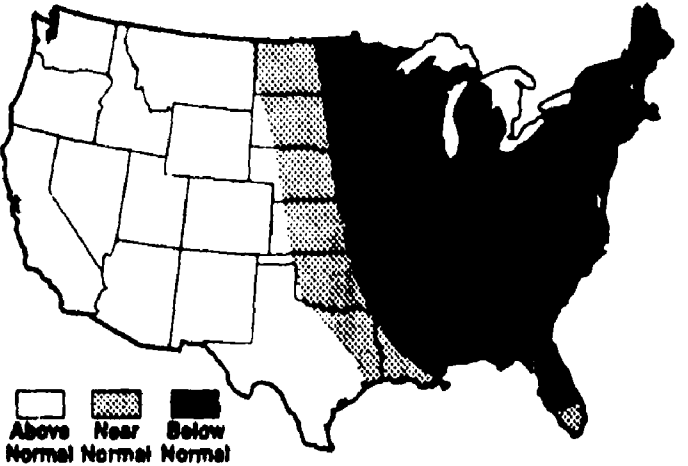
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Clouds and sun; breezy.	Mostly cloudy.	Clouds and sun.	Partly sunny.	Considerable sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Sun and some clouds.	Times of clouds and sun.
72	52	63/46	66/45	63/39	60/40	58/40	62/46

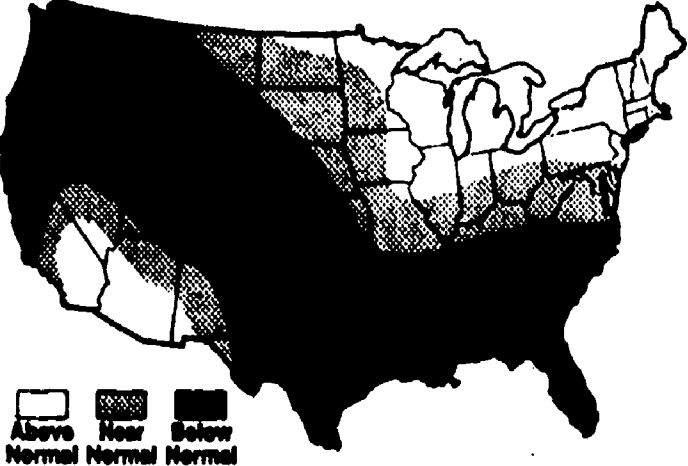
THE WEEK AHEAD... NATIONAL SUMMARY THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures



Unseasonably cold weather will dominate the East. After a mild start to the week, very cold air will intrude, starting in the Lakes and spreading south, with temperatures as much as 20 degrees below normal. The west remains dry and very warm with temps as much as 20 degrees above normal in southern California.

Precipitation



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	82 56 s	78 54 pc	76 54 t	71 43 t
Boston	71 55 c	63 44 pc	63 50 pc	63 38 pc
Chicago	60 44 c	63 42 pc	52 32 s	60 34 pc
Cleveland	57 38 pc	60 34 pc	52 33 pc	60 34 pc
Denver	70 40 s	66 38 pc	66 36 pc	68 38 pc
Des Moines	64 34 pc	61 31 s	53 33 s	60 34 s
Detroit	60 44 c	58 42 pc	50 31 pc	61 33 c
Houston	86 68 pc	84 58 pc	78 69 t	81 54 t
Indianapolis	61 40 pc	64 34 s	55 33 s	64 35 s
Kansas City	72 48 pc	70 44 pc	70 42 s	68 42 s
Los Angeles	94 53 s	90 50 s	80 53 s	83 52 pc
Miami	84 73 c	83 74 t	86 75 pc	87 75 t
Minn.-St. Paul	54 32 pc	52 30 pc	48 30 pc	54 30 s
New Orleans	81 58 s	81 61 s	76 67 c	81 60 t
New York City	74 58 pc	70 56 pc	68 54 pc	63 42 s
Omaha	70 42 pc	68 38 s	62 34 s	64 34 s
Phoenix	91 67 pc	91 67 pc	81 65 c	90 62 pc
San Francisco	80 52 s	78 55 s	79 56 s	72 53 s
Seattle	78 54 s	72 48 pc	60 43 s	62 51 c
Washington	76 54 c	70 52 pc	70 50 pc	67 42 s

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:57 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Fri.	6:58 a.m.	6:33 p.m.

Moonrise Moonset

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	7:57 p.m.	8:44 a.m.
Fri.	8:26 p.m.	9:47 a.m.

Moon Phases

	Full	Last	New	First
	Oct 2	Oct 16	Oct 10	Oct 23

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

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	63 50 c	67 59 c	68 60 r	67 53 c
Berlin	65 47 pc	64 50 pc	64 59 c	67 57 r
Buenos Aires	64 57 pc	68 57 pc	61 54 r	62 48 c
Cairo	91 84 s	91 85 s	87 84 pc	85 84 s
Jerusalem	84 56 s	80 54 s	78 52 s	72 52 s
Johannesburg	84 54 pc	86 53 s	88 58 s	90 57 s
London	67 52 pc	70 83 c	67 52 r	64 52 c
Madrid	73 57 c	71 58 c	69 48 sh	68 44 pc
Mexico City	66 55 c	71 55 sh	71 55 sh	72 57 sh
Moscow	57 43 sh	51 47 c	50 45 r	47 40 r
Paris	64 48 pc	66 61 c	66 52 sh	64 47 c
Rio de Janeiro	78 64 pc	78 60 pc	73 65 pc	80 70 c
Rome	82 62 pc	83 63 pc	80 62 pc	75 66 sh
San Juan	89 76 pc	89 75 pc	89 75 pc	89 75 pc
Seoul	72 49 pc	68 49 s	67 49 s	68 53 s
Sydney	72 48 s	71 49 pc	68 49 pc	65 45 c
Tokyo	73 70 pc	79 70 c	71 64 sh	72 69 pc
Toronto	52 33 pc	53 30 pc	47 28 c	51 30 c
Winnipeg	41 22 c	41 19 pc	40 21 pc	48 22 s
Zurich	67 53 pc	69 57 c	72 57 c	63 56 r

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By Michael S. Goldberger

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent



Have you ever seen Anthony Hopkins put in a bad performance? You are advised not to hold your breath waiting for that improbable event. This is one actor who probably got it right with his first kindergarten Christmas pageant. And he's been gifting us with his fine thespic contributions ever since. His portrayal in "Hearts of Atlantis" is no exception to the rule.

In this sweet-souled tale laced with Malamudian notes of supernatural portent, a la "The Natural" (1984), Sir Anthony is a mysterious but kind gent who proves key to an adolescent boy's coming of age experience. It is 1959.

Bobby Garfield, exquisitely imagined by Anton Yelchin, is all striped polo shirts and dreams of the extremely unaffordable Schwinn in the bike shop window. He bemoans his small-town circumstances: "Nothing ever happens here."

Mom, a young, self-centered widow superbly drawn by Hope Davis, is too busy trying to salvage what remains of her youth to realize that her starry-eyed boy needs some guidance. Especially troubling is her daily diatribe, wherein she denigrates the late Mr. Garfield and makes sure that Bobby knows his dad was a deadbeat and a gambler who inconsiderately left them in dire financial straits.

Hence, it's a good thing this is the movies, where guardian angels can often be counted upon to appear in all sorts of shapes, sizes and demeanors. Bobby's arrives in the form of Hopkins's Ted Brautigan, a nice enough but not entirely explained man who rents the upstairs apartment. Naturally, Bobby's mom is suspect, which makes the stranger even more appealing to a New England boy who yearns for adventures beyond his allotted realm.

A friendship ensues, and with it the possibility that Bobby might be able to earn that 26-inch Schwinn. For Ted informs that, with his eyesight not what it once was, he would be willing to pay one dollar a week if Bobby were to regularly read him the daily paper. But there's more to it. Young Mr. Garfield is to keep his eyes peeled and ears alert for any sign of Lowmen.

Their name identifies their morality, and they mean Ted harm. They travel in groups and drive big flashy cars. They seem like the shadowy sort of hoods Dick Tracy might battle. Bobby

thinks Ted is just plying the intrigue to make the job description more impressive. So do we.

Director Scott Hicks imbues William Goldman's fine adaptation of Stephen King's novel with an enticing equilibrium. Impressively balancing the supernatural haze with the hard reality, counterpoising life's glow with its gloom, he achieves both a novel fancifulness and an astute sobriety that entertainingly thread through the magical tale of adolescent discovery.

It is this unique mix of seemingly disparate elements that keeps the viewer engagingly off balance, and distinguishes the doings from the standard coming of age plot.

A fine cast makes it all work. Young Anton Yelchin is perfect as the everyboy, a stouthearted optimist full of great expectations but burdened by the legacy of his continually maligned dad. Mika Boorem is neatly appropriate as Carol Gerber, his wise-beyond-her-years soul mate and first girlfriend.

(Bobby is embarrassed when Ted predicts that the young lad's first kiss with Carol will "be the one by which all others are judged.") And rounding out the principals, Hope Davis is wickedly on target as the selfishly antagonistic Mrs. Garfield, a sad portrait of the societally compromised, pre-Women's Lib working mom.

But the big kudos is reserved for Mr. Hopkins, who slips with notable aplomb into the multifaceted enigma that is Ted Brautigan, a living encyclopedia of literature. At once avuncular, grandfatherly and paternal, the kind sage is also the stoical repository of all the woes of the world, comfortably garbed in a tweed sport coat. But the big secret is that he may be psychic. And if there are indeed Lowmen, that's why they'd want

to get him.

There is no linear story here per se. Aside from the day-to-day account of Bobby's hopes and aspirations, the script is primarily devoted to celebrating the warm bond that evolves between the boy and Ted. But there are four or five watershed events that philosophically interject, serving as parabolic stepping stones to Bobby's practical education.

Among the most notable is when Ted wishes to place a wager and Bobby accompanies him one night to the seedy section of Bridgeport. Now, that's living. They visit a bookie joint fronting as a pool hall/ tavern, and therein Bobby meets a sympathetic barfly who knew his dad. She even has a picture of him. Less serendipity but equally divulging are the events attending Mrs. Garfield's weekend away at a business convention.

Stephen King evokes a smidgen of Thomas Wolfe, a dab of Richard Wright and a dollop of Harper Lee. That's how the horrormeister gets when he discards his scary mask and replaces the bogey men with mere mortals trying to understand their surroundings. And thus for three-quarters of the way his delve into boyhood makes for invigorating entertainment. But it's too good to last.

Riding the high wire of indecision until that point, measuring equal portions of fantasy and reality, ultimately director Hicks has to make a choice. Which of the film's two natures will he embrace to end his movie? But alas, he chooses wrong. So it's all this good stuff, and then blah! Disappointment. But it's still definitely worth seeing. In all fairness one suspects that it would have taken a true stroke of artistic genius to satisfactorily conclude "Hearts in Atlantis." And in Hollywood that's often a commodity as elusive as the lost continent itself.

"Hearts In Atlantis," rated PG-13, is a Warner Bros. Pictures release directed by Scott Hicks and stars Anthony Hopkins, Anton Yelchin and Hope Davis. Running time: 121 minutes

7th Annual Juried Photography Exhibit

AREA—Photographers are invited to submit one or two photographs to be considered for exhibition at the 7th Annual Juried Photography Exhibit for the New Jersey Photography Forum. The exhibit is open to any photographer able to hand deliver their work to the Watchung Arts Center on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 1-4 p.m. The entry cost for members of the Arts Center is \$15, while the cost to non-members is \$25. Entries are limited in size to no larger than 30x40 inches and should be professionally presented and wired for hanging. Any entry over 20x24 inches, must be framed with plexi-glass.

The New Jersey Photography Forum's annual show will be on display from Nov. 1-30 at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung, after which it will travel to the Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside for two months. The show will be curated by Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights and Michael

Creem of Summit. The judges will be Diana Edkins, Curator at Conde Nast Publishing Corp, former MOMA Department of Photography Research Supervisor; Edward Monovich, BA/Mfa in Photography, Painting and Drawing and instructor at the Newark Museum; and Laura Galvanek who is Coordinator of Exhibitions at the Morris Museum.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Nov. 4 from 1-4 p.m. at which time awards will be presented and everyone will have an opportunity to meet the artists.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is dedicated to furthering the interests of professional and serious photographers living or working in the New Jersey area.

You can learn more about the New Jersey Photography Forum by visiting their web site at <http://community.nj.com/cc/nj/photoforum> or by calling Nancy Ori at (908) 790-8820 or Michael Creem at (908) 273-1672.



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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**West Nile Virus Update**

AREA — Testing completed by the NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services' Public Health and Environmental Laboratories has detected the presence of West Nile virus (WNV) in blood and spinal fluid samples drawn from three more state residents. This brings to four the number of human cases of WNV infection detected in the state this season.

The newly diagnosed cases include a 72-year old man from

Camden City (Camden County), a 66-year old man from Edison Township (Middlesex), and a 78-year old woman from Westfield Township (Union). Final confirmation of the cases will be made by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within a few weeks.

All three patients were hospitalized with symptoms consistent with WNV infection, including fever and altered mental status. Their conditions improved and

all three have since been discharged. The Westfield resident is currently receiving rehabilitative therapy. The Camden man was admitted to Cooper Hospital on August 23; the Edison man to JFK Medical Center on August 31; and the Westfield woman to Overlook Hospital on September 5, 2001.

"The identification of these cases is evidence that our disease surveillance system, established in partnership with emergency room directors, infection control practitioners, and local health officers, is working well," said

George T. DiFerdinando, Jr., M.D., Acting Commissioner of the NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services. "This system has remained active throughout the season and will continue until the first hard frost."

"The best way to fight West Nile virus is through comprehensive, year-round mosquito control and surveillance," said State Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Shinn, noting that every county in the state received funding from the \$2.4 million tire round-up program this year to assist in cleaning up scrap tires

which can serve as mosquito breeding grounds if left untreated. "Many of the counties have completed their clean-up plans and the state has proposed an additional \$2.4 million in the fiscal year 2002 budget for tire clean-up activities."

NJ Agriculture Secretary Art Brown, Jr. said "The recent equine death in Burlington County further underscores the need for all landowners to continue to be diligent in cleaning up sources of standing water that could serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes."

**AIDS/STD Hotline
Spotlights Hepatitis B**

AREA — Hepatitis B (HBV) is a life-threatening viral infection of the liver. Each year an estimated 140,000 to 320,000 new HBV infections occur in the U.S. Hepatitis B is 100 times more infectious than HIV, so it is important for the public to be aware of methods to prevent it. HBV can live outside of the body at room temperature for up to 30 days. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimate that 1 to 1.25 million people in the U.S. have chronic Hepatitis B.

HBV can cause chronic infection, cirrhosis or scarring of the liver, liver cancer, liver fail-

ure and even death. Hepatitis B is found in various body fluids including: saliva, blood, semen and vaginal secretions. In order to become infected with Hepatitis B you must be in direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person. Modes of transmission are through sexual intercourse, sharing drug needles or paraphernalia with an infected partner or mother to child, if the mother is infected. It is not usually spread by casual contact or through food or water.

Symptoms may include loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, fever, abdominal pain, joint pain, dark

urine, malaise, jaundice or yellowing of the skin or eyes, rash or sometimes the person has no symptoms at all. HBV status can be confirmed by a blood test, which pinpoints the HBV particles or antibodies in the blood. Your health care provider can test you. If your health care provider believes you may be at risk for chronic Hepatitis B, other tests such as an ultrasound or liver biopsy may be necessary.

Hepatitis B is preventable through immunization (shots). The CDC suggests that all children 0-18 years of age should be immunized, as well as persons of any age whose behavior puts them at high risk for HBV infection or persons whose jobs expose them to human blood. The vaccination is given in a series of three doses. HIV status can impair the response to the Hepatitis vaccine; therefore it is important to discuss your status with your health care provider prior to receiving the vaccination.

If you are still unsure about transmission or have general questions concerning STDs or HIV/AIDS call the hotline. Remember *Help Is Just A Phone Call Away!* Call 1-800-624-2377. The AIDS/STD Hotline is available 24 hours per day, everyday!

Infants Sought For Early Learning Study

AREA — Babies in the Central New Jersey area, aged 15-24 months, are being sought for participation in the Rutgers Early Learning Project.

The goal of the project, which is directed by Dr. Carolyn Rovee-Collier and funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, is to gather information about the normal development of learning and memory in the first year of life.

In the course of a study, a researcher visits the baby at home 3 or 4 times for 15 to 20 minutes each. During the initial visits, the infant learns to play a game miniature train and then, in the final visit, shows what he or

she remembers about the game.

Participating babies receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Rutgers University, and a final report is sent to the parents when the study is completed.

The project, which is sponsored by Rutgers University and NIMH, has been featured in *Parents Magazine*, *Life*, *American Health* and *Good Housekeeping*, and has recently been featured on CNN, Eyewitness News (Ch. 7), the PBS series "Childhood," and Connie Chung's "Eye to Eye."

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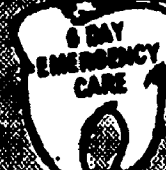
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Chairman Calls On Community Banks To Assist Victims

AREA — NJ League Chairman Katherine J. Liseno called on League member community banks to accommodate customers that are affected by the attack on the World Trade Center whenever possible.

In particular, she encouraged banks to make reasonable efforts, within the provisions of regulatory guidelines:

- to prudently restructure loans and adjust payment terms;
- to temporarily waive late payment charges and fees for returned checks due to delays resulting from the disaster;
- to temporarily waive early withdrawal of savings fees when customers have a demonstrable need for the funds;
- to grant new loans to borrowers in need affected by this disaster.

Ms. Liseno noted, "[recent events] profoundly affect every American. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and families of these attacks and our deepest gratitude goes out to the tireless and heroic efforts of rescue teams."

Technology Council, a venture capitalist group; and Sandles Capital Resources, an "angel" organization.

The registration fee for the Seminar, including lunch, is \$35. Checks should be sent to the Trenton Business & Technology Center, Attention Penelope Hill, at the above address, and made payable to SCORE Chapter 631. For more information call 609-396-8801, Fax: 609-396-8603, E-Mail: TrentonBusiness@aol.com.

"How To Get The Money"

AREA — That's the topic of an Oct. 27 Seminar to be held at the Trenton Business & Technology Center, 36 So. Broad St., Trenton, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is jointly sponsored by them, Mercer County College, and the Greater Princeton SCORE Chapter 631 (Service Corps of Retired Executives).

Many businesses fail due to insufficient financing in the start-

up or expansion phase, or an inadequate business plan. The latter is essential to convince prospective lenders to provide the necessary funds for a business to succeed.

Speakers from SCORE and five lending institutions will address the above inter-related issues. The financial institutions are the PNC Bank; the Trenton Business Assistance Corp.; the NJ Economic Authority; the NJ

IRS Creates Disaster Relief Toll-Free Number

STATE — The Internal Revenue Service announced recently the establishment of a special toll-free telephone number for taxpayers whose ability to meet their federal tax obligations has been affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. People with tax issues related to the attacks can call 1-866-562-5227.

"This special number will help people cut through the red tape and get their tax questions answered quickly," IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti said. "We don't want lingering tax questions to burden anyone during this challenging time."

Taxpayers can call the number Monday through Friday during the following local times: in English, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; in Spanish, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Because of the unusual nature of the tragic events of

Sept. 11, it is impossible for the IRS to know every circumstance affecting taxpayers. The IRS encourages taxpayers whose ability to meet their obligations was affected by the terrorist attacks to call 1-866-562-5227.

"We wanted to provide specialized assistance to the people directly impacted by these tragic events," said Ron Watson, Director, Customer Account Services for the IRS Wage and Investment Division.

The IRS has reached out to help taxpayers during this time. For more information on tax extensions and other tax issues visit www.irs.gov.

Taxpayers with questions not related to the terrorist attacks should visit the IRS web site or call the regular IRS toll-free number at 1-800-829-1040.

Retirement Facts And Figures

by Dr. Karen Ensle, RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — Retirement planning can be a complex process. Here is some information to help you make retirement plans from the Washington-based American Savings Education Council (ASEC):

- According to the 2000 Retirement Confidence Survey, 54% of American workers have done a retirement savings need analysis. Research shows that people who do a retirement calculation have a higher amount of retirement savings than those who do not. A good resource for retirement planning is the *Ballpark*

Estimate worksheet on the ASEC Web site www.asec.org.

- Average life expectancy is increasing and needs to be factored into retirement plans. While 25% of Americans don't live to age 65, those that do stand a good chance of living two more decades. Half of all men and women will live to ages 81 and 86, respectively.
- A major concern of retirees is not outliving their money. One study found that retirees with a 3% withdrawal rate would not spend all of their money during their lifetime. However, if the withdrawal rate increases to 4%

or 5%, there is a high probability of outliving your money unless you have a well-diversified portfolio.

- Successful retirement investment requires portfolio diversification and a long-term perspective. One way to do this is to avoid market timing and make regular deposits at regular intervals (e.g., \$100 every month), a strategy called dollar-cost-averaging.
- Stock prices have gotten more volatile in recent years, necessitating increased portfolio diversification to compensate. The good news is that employer plans increasingly include more investment options: an average of

5 to 7 in small company 401(k) plans and 14 to 35 for large companies. The bad news is that almost 40% of workers choose just one or two options, often low-yield money market funds and guaranteed investment contracts.

- "You have to be in to win." Just a few good days in the market can make a huge difference in an investor's return. If an investor missed the top 10 trading days of 1998, 1999, and 2000 (i.e., the 30 best trading days over these three years), their return would have been minus (-) 41.7%. However, if they stayed fully invested over this time, their return would have been 41.4%, a gap of more than 80%. The fundamental rules of successful investing have not changed over time: balance risk

and reward, diversify, and invest for the long term.

- Many people say, "I can always go back to work" if they run short of money in retirement. Research shows, however, that 40% of workers retire earlier than planned, often due to a health problem or disability. Most people rely more on Social Security after age 80, than at earlier ages because other income sources are not indexed for inflation and because post-retirement employment often ends.
- Retirees should divide their assets over specific time periods. At least five years of expenses should be placed in liquid products (e.g., money market fund) with no principal risk. The next 6 to 10 years can be placed in short-term fixed income securities or balanced mutual funds. Money that will not be spent for 11 to 15 years (or longer) should be placed in stocks or growth mutual funds to hedge inflation.
- The decision to take Social Security at age 62 or 65 depends on many factors including one's feelings about work and health status. Workers should be aware that their decision not only affects them, but also their spouse, and make provisions for an adequate income for both.

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**Attorneys to Discuss Bankruptcy At Free Seminar**

AREA — The NJ State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on bankruptcy law on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 7-9 p.m. at the NJ Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Ryders Lane) in New Brunswick.

Speakers will include Carol Knowlton, a partner in the Trenton law firm of Teich, Groh, Frost & Zindler, and Linda Schwimmer, a partner with Markowitz, Gravelle & Schwimmer in Lawrenceville.

Among the topics that will be discussed are the advantages and disadvantages of filing chapter 7 and chapter 13 bankruptcy, how to file for bankruptcy and the impact of the bankruptcy code on matrimonial issues.

Knowlton holds degrees from the University of Massachusetts, Trinity College and Seton Hall University School of Law. A frequent speaker for the NJ Institute

for Continuing Legal Education and the National Business Institute, she concentrates her practice in bankruptcy, commercial and collection law, civil litigation, and creditor/debtor work. Knowlton is a member of the Mercer County, NJ State and Pennsylvania bar associations as well as the Women Lawyers' Caucus of Mercer County and Women in Federal Practice in NJ.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkley and Georgetown University Law Center, Schwimmer is a member of the NJ State and Mercer County bar associations as well as the American Bankruptcy Institute. She litigates such issues as valuation of real property, extent and validity of liens and represents clients in residential and commercial real estate closings and lease negotiations.

Schwimmer is a member of the

boards of the Princeton Youth Fund and University-NOW Child Care Center.

The seminar is free and open to the public, however, advance registration is required. To register or for more information on Foundation seminars, programs and publications, visit the Foundation online at www.njsbf.com or call 1-800-FREE-LAW. The Foundation's seminar series is made possible by funding from the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of NJ

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NJ Community Loan Fund Names Executive Director

STATE — After an extensive four-month search, NJ Community Loan Fund has named David M. Scheck as its Executive Director.

Scheck is responsible for the overall management of the \$15 million agency that provides financing to community-based nonprofits that create affordable housing, community facilities, including child care centers, and employment opportunities for low-income New Jerseyans.

Prior to joining NJ Community Loan Fund (the Fund), Scheck was employed by NJ Redevelopment Authority as Director of Finance.

He was responsible for the financial management of several multi-million dollar loan pools used for community development projects, including the Urban Site Acquisition Fund, the Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative and the Redevelopment Investment Fund.

Scheck also worked for PNC Bank as lead lender in an entrepreneurial unit focused on community economic development, as well as a research analyst for a Wall Street investment bank.

Scheck's background in community economic development also included service as a VISTA volunteer providing consultative services to affordable housing developers and community development corporations in North Carolina.

Scheck holds a Master of Business Administration degree

from Fordham University with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Delaware. He is also a Fellow of the 1999 class of Leadership New Jersey.

Founded in 1987, the Fund has a fourteen-year track record as a catalyst for community economic development.

The Fund has built a solid performance track record of creative, flexible lending, combined with technical assistance, that has a significant and measurable effect in the creation of affordable housing, community facilities and jobs.

It has made 283 loans totaling more than \$40 million which will make possible over \$333 million of total development, including 3,273 affordable homes and apartments, quality early care facilities providing essential services and jobs for over 22,000 children and adults since its inception.



David M. Scheck

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ASSEMBLYMAN
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**Report
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The terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in western Pennsylvania have left all Americans united, angry and a little numb. In the first few days after the attack we were absorbed in the ever breaking news coverage. Most regular television programming was pre-empted.

Now most of that has subsided. The news cycle is almost back to normal. The season of television premiers has almost gone back to normal (except if you're a fan of West Wing.) Everything is almost back to normal. Except us.

As a nation we're O.K. Our economy took a little shot, but the stock market is recovering. Yes, there were a lot of layoffs in the airline and travel industry, but as a percentage of the overall economy it's only a blip.

But we're all affected. Not just by our acquaintances with victims or families of victims. We are all touched by this in some unexplained way. We're more subdued. Less happy. More anxious. And the experts all say that's to be expected after such a large tragedy.

We all feel the need to help. To do something in response to this tragedy. While we all can't go to ground zero and help search the wreckage for victims, there are things we can all do.

We can give time. Of all the ways to help, volunteering your time may be the hardest to do. We all have commitments and obligations, but the hundreds of rescue workers that rushed to scene had them too. If we could all give just a few hours helping out our local organizations by answering the phones or organizing donations, we can help the families of victims tremendously. You can contact the Middlesex County Volunteer Center at 732-247-3727 for ways you can volunteer your time.

We can give blood. When tragedy struck, thousands of people rushed to hospitals and clinics to give blood. Many people waited on line for hours only to be sent away because there was not enough staff to handle the volume of donors. Blood will continue to be needed in the weeks and months to come. You can make an appointment today for a few weeks from now to

give blood. You can give money. Sometimes donating money can be a strain on the wallet. But even small donations can have an impact. If you are able, there are plenty of places that you can donate money that will aid the relief efforts for the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Just to name a few, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the United Way have been working around the clock to gather supplies for victims and for rescue workers. You can also donate money to funds that will directly aid the families of rescue workers who were killed in the line of duty on September 11.

The New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund will directly aid the families of the firefighters who died or were injured as a result of terrorist attacks on New York City. They can be reached online at www.iaff.org. New York City has also started a Twin Towers Fund that will aid all uniformed and government officials, including police officers and court officers, who died on September 11. They can be reached at 1-877-870-4278.

You can give yourself. What happened on September 11th can be very confusing and scary to children. Parents and teachers should reassure children that you will help keep them safe. Let them know that America is as strong as ever and we will overcome this horrible tragedy, but most importantly, let them know they're safe. That they can still go out and play and that you will be there for them. It is also extremely important to teach children and remind each other that America has many different races, creeds, and skin colors. We do not all look the same. We must teach and promote tolerance for those who look differently.

On September 11th hatred inflicted a wound on America. While our nation should rightly seek justice for these horrible acts, we should focus our efforts against the people and nations that perpetrated this attack and not merely against people or nations because of where they are or how they look.

America stands united in the wake of this horrible attack. And that is a testament to our national motto, E Pluribus Unum, or Out of Many, One.

EDITORIAL

Schundler Tactics Are Despicable

The blatant effort by Bret Schundler to use the Sept. 11 terrorist attack to advance his campaign for governor is truly despicable (see story on page 3).

For one who was not even in the area at the time of the attack to mete out criticism of those who handled the crisis, Schundler showed he has little sensitivity. In addition to the thousands of workers who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, hundreds of firefighters and police died trying to evacuate the buildings.

Criticizing the efforts of those who gave their lives, others who were prepared to make that sacrifice, and such leaders as acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco and Mayor Rudolph Guiliani, is stupid and wrong.

Adding insult to injury, Schundler is trying to capitalize on the worst terrorist attack in American history to fuel a campaign that has floundered because many New Jerseyans see the Republican as an extremist.

Schundler's aides have defiantly defended these actions, instead of recognizing that their candidate made serious mistakes.

These tactics may cost Schundler the election, and they should.

READERS COMMENTARY

Continuing Need To Give

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, over 2000 people lined up outside of our two donor centers and several community blood drive sites to donate blood. Phone lines and fax lines were jammed. The web site registered over 62,000 hits in one 12-hour period. We, as New Jerseyans and Americans, needed and wanted to help. The outpouring of support, coupled with patience for long waits, was heartwarming.

Even now as we strive to balance an overwhelming blood inventory with the need to continue to keep an ongoing fresh supply on the shelves, people are understanding and patient and willing to hold off until their donation is needed. To all of these people, I extend my thanks and gratitude on behalf of the thousands of lives that will be saved as a result of these blood donations. Other groups of individuals deserving of our thanks and deep

gratitude:

- * Those individuals who came to donate only to find long lines who helped out in so many other ways, including providing refreshments, setting up chairs, registering donors, assisting with donor flow, delivering and transporting supplies, and so much more.

- * The businesses and local community groups in the area that donated bagels, water, juice, burgers, ice, sandwiches, snacks and even 5 minute massages throughout Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. These donations were freely given and very much appreciated.

- * The employees of the Blood Center of New Jersey who worked and continue to work tirelessly to collect, test, process and prepare the blood donations for distribution. They have shown their true colors each and every day.

And finally and perhaps most worthy of our nation's gratitude: the donors who gave blood the week before this tragedy. It is that blood that was available immediately for transfusion for our wounded citizens. It takes 16-24 hours to test and process a unit of donated blood. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those donors who give regularly to ensure that there is a continuing supply of blood ready for all patients with both emergency and ongoing transfusion needs, including those having cancer, needing organ transplants, premature babies and children with leukemia, car accident victims and surgery patients.

I would like to remind residents to continue to help us monitor and maintain the blood supply by routinely donating. For further information on donating or to make a financial contribution call us at 1-800BLOODNJ (800-652-5663) or visit our website at www.bloodnj.org.

Tina Ilao
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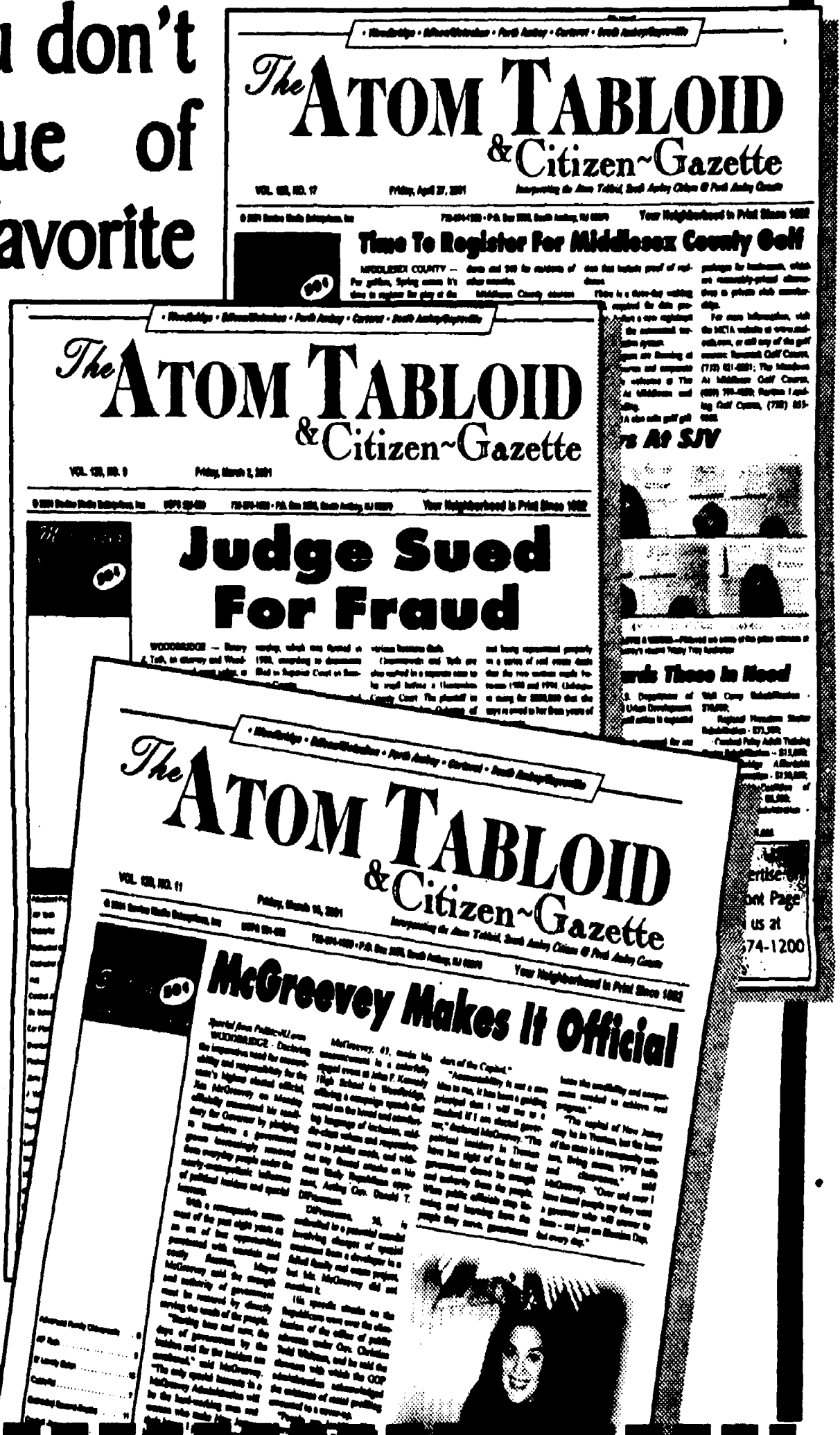


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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Schools Grapple With Leadership Needs, Statewide Summit Held

STATE — *Education Week* calls it "the most recent educational crisis." A specialist at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform terms it "perhaps the biggest obstacle to reforming schools." And a New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) survey of the state's local school board members found it be one of the greatest challenges facing local school districts.

The issue is quality school leadership: how to attract and retain school administrators. For New Jersey—where NJSBA data shows that 47% of local school districts changed superintendents during the two-and-a-half-year period ending June 1, 2001—the concern is critical.

Over the past decade, however, school boards have reported a decline in the number of applicants for administrative positions. And local school officials nationwide express a concern over future staffing of those positions.

Studies by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Educational

Research Service and the National Association of Elementary School Principals indicate that —

- Fewer educators with leadership potential are willing to serve as principals or administrators.

- Half of the school superintendents in a nationwide survey say they are facing shortages of qualified principal candidates.

- Two-thirds of principals in a nationwide survey say they are concerned about the ability of public education to attract quality people to the principalship.

Several factors contribute to the declining interest in administrative positions:

Teacher salaries. New Jersey teachers have made tremendous strides in salaries over the past decade and a half. The U.S. Census Bureau, the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association rank Garden State teachers at or near the top in average salary. The result: many teachers feel less compelled to enter school management in order to advance financially.

Lack of reciprocity. States have varying requirements to earn administrator licensing. In 1991, New Jersey increased its requirements for superintendent licensing. Today, it applies prerequisites, such as a year of mentoring, to experienced applicants from out of state, as well as to new candidates. The result: superintendents from out of state often decline to pursue job opportunities here.

Challenges. Principals and superintendents hold year-round positions. To manage schools or school systems effectively, an administrator must address parental and community concerns, deal with state and federal regulations, supervise staff—and be responsible for implementing the academic program. For superintendents, this means

maintaining a strong teaching staff and raising student achievement while meeting the high expectations of local school boards.

Statewide Summit

To promote public awareness of the issue, NJSBA participated in an effort spearheaded by Citizens for Better Schools (CBS) — a non-profit, citizen-based organization that advocates movements to improve city schools, to promote charter schools, to recruit strong school leaders, and to raise public discussion of educational issues. A major focus was a statewide symposium held in September to identify problems in building school leadership and possible solutions. The summit, held in Princeton, was funded through grants from the Wallace Readers

Digest Fund and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Co-sponsors included organizations representing principals, superintendents and other school administrators, as well as NJSBA and CBS.

Goals of the summit included —

- To raise public consciousness about the crisis in attracting quality candidates for administrative positions in school districts.

- To identify the probable causes and potential solutions to the leadership crisis.

- To build a coalition among individuals, groups and institutions so that change becomes possible.

- To inspire concerted action to change public policy, law and regulations to solve the crisis.

\$1.5 Million Grant To Aid NJ Schools

STATE — Senator Robert G. Torricelli has announced that the U.S. Department of Education is providing \$1.5 million to New Jersey's Dept. of Education to help students and teachers directly impacted by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City.

The funds can be used to provide counseling for students and teachers, hire substitute teachers, add to security, clean up damaged schools, retain experts in long-term crisis planning, and rent space or transport students if needed. The grant will help schools deal with the crisis on an immediate and long-term basis

and help students cope with the terrorist attacks.

"Thousands of NJ residents lost their lives in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. The unspeakable violence is hard for most adults to comprehend — much less children. Aiding the families and children who lost loved ones in the disaster is my highest priority right now, and this grant will greatly assist in that task. Many students, teachers, and administrators in school districts throughout the state stand to benefit from the trauma counseling that these funds will provide," said Senator Torricelli.

The grants are part of the department's Project School Emergency Response to Vio-

lence (Project SERV), created to provide assistance such as counseling services to local school districts that have experienced a traumatic event. The program was created with a \$10 million appropriation from Congress, supported by Senator Torricelli.

In addition to offering grants and other support services directly to school districts impacted by the disaster, the Dept. of Education has developed suggestions for parents, educators and other caring adults to help them meet the needs of all children in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. These suggestions and links to other Web resources are listed on the Dept. of Education's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov>.

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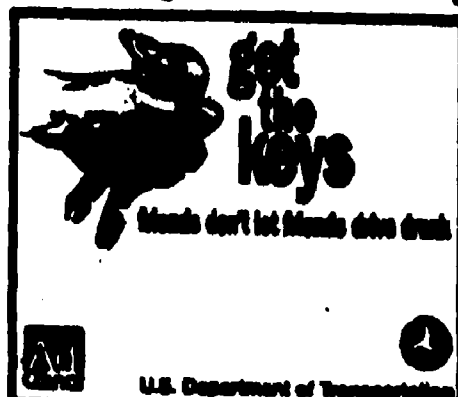
STATE — At a time when parents and educators are increasingly concerned about school safety, computer hackers have found school websites to be an easy target for posting violent threats. To fight this trend, Senator Robert G. Torricelli recently introduced the

School Website Protection Act, which would make it a federal crime to hack into school websites and computers.

The legislation was developed after Senator Torricelli read news reports of an incident that occurred last year when a hacker posted a threat referencing the 1999 school shooting at Columbine High

School in Colorado on the website of the Lumberton, NJ school district. Just as disturbing was the fact that an investigation into the incident concluded that no action could be taken against the hackers who posted the threat since they did not cause at least \$5,000 in damages.

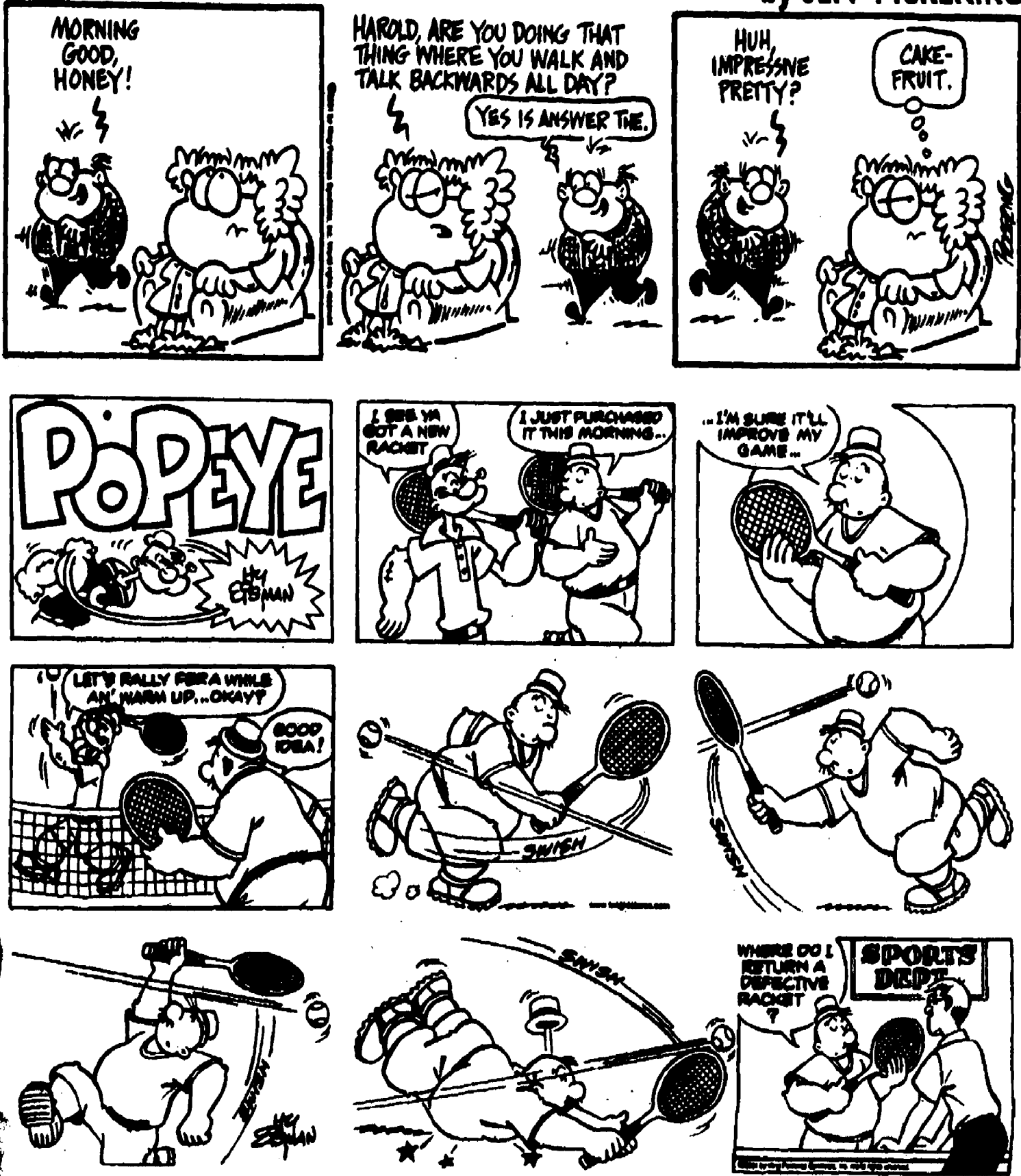
To correct this loophole, the School Website Protection Act would make it illegal for anyone to tamper with the website or computer of any public or private school, regardless of the cost of the damages, and impose a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a monetary fine to be determined.



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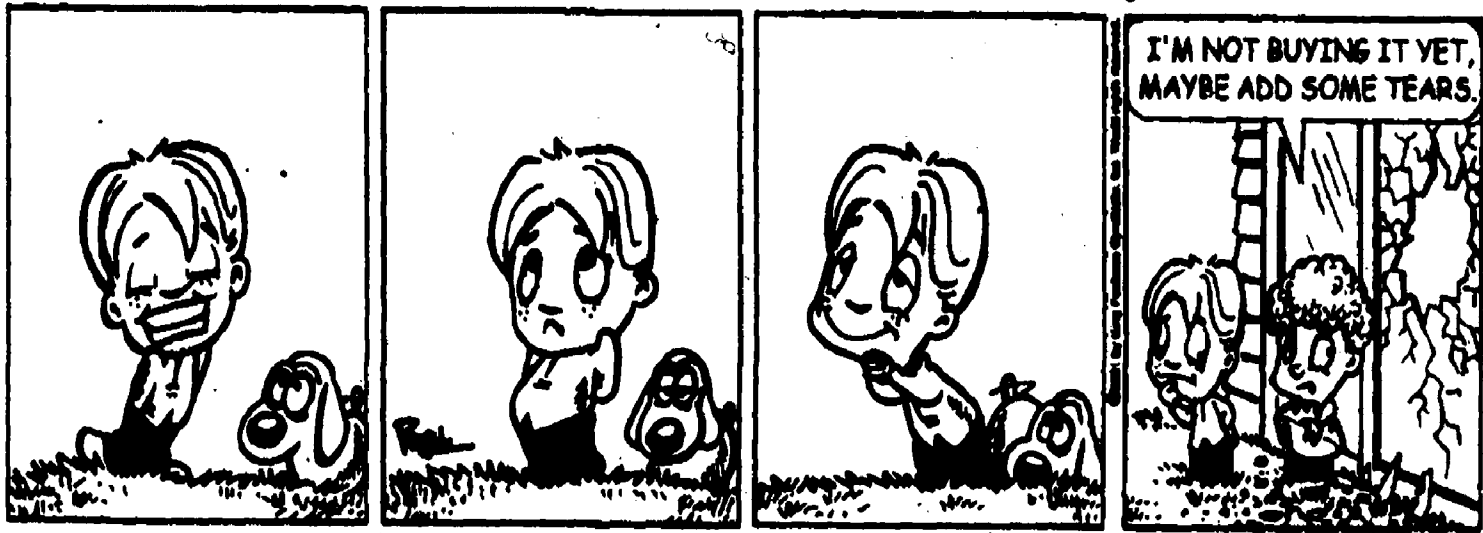
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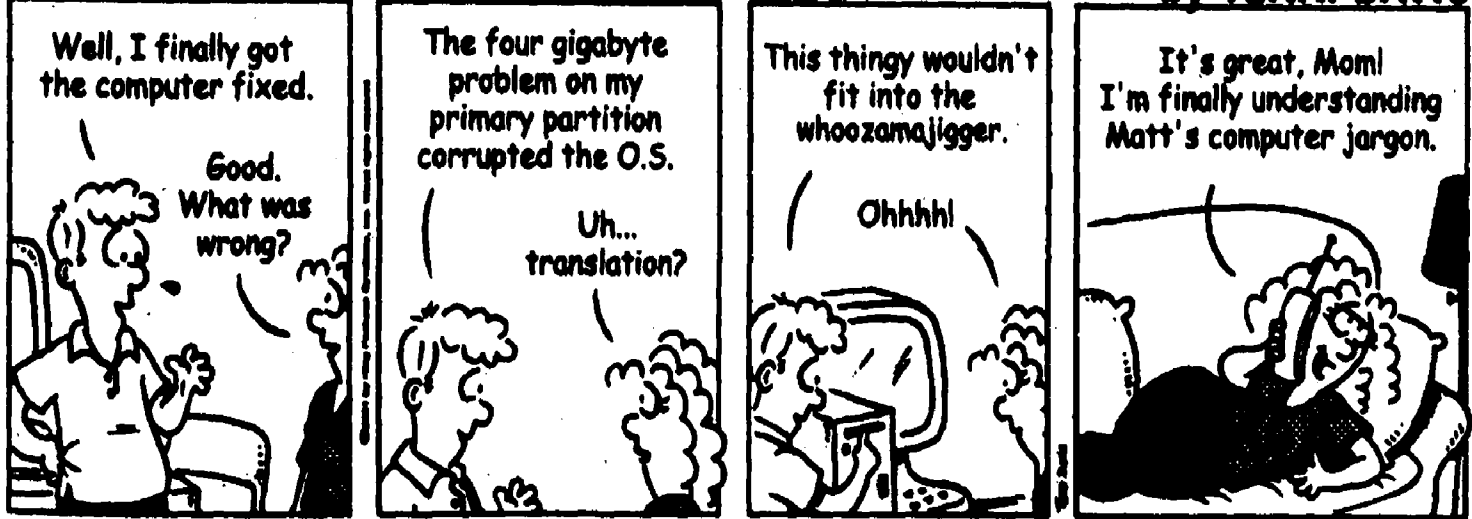
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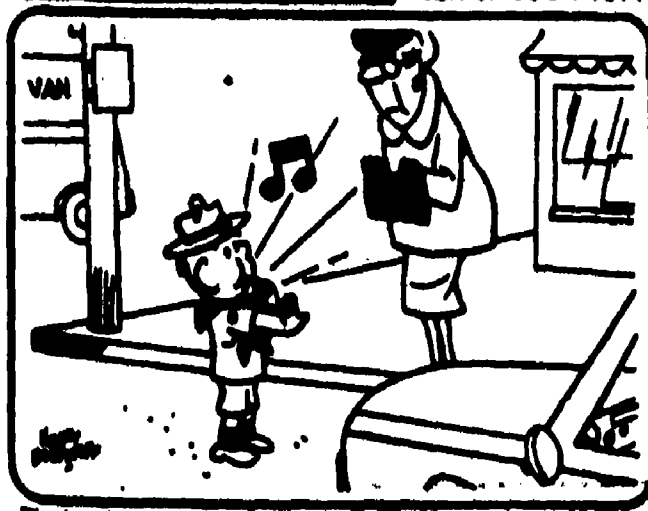
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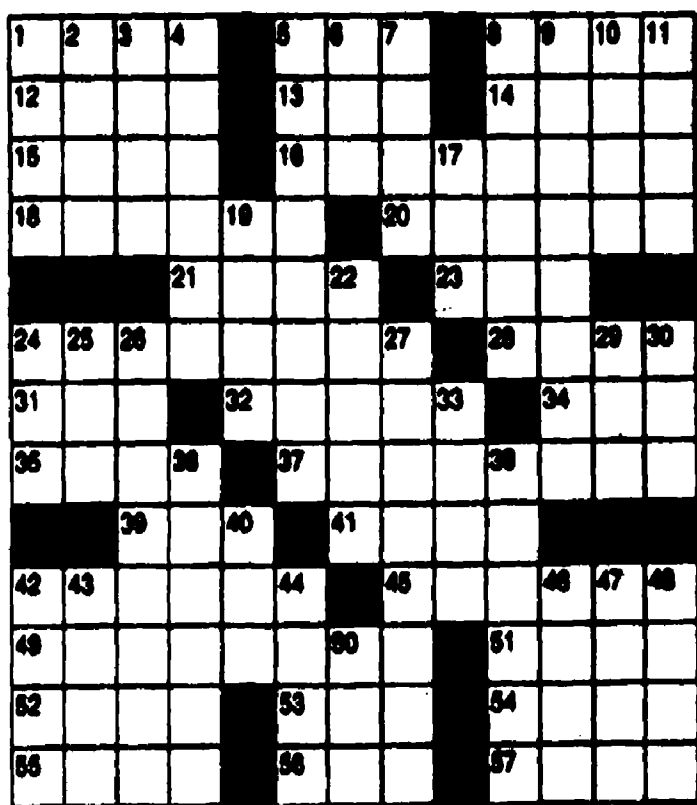
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. A window is different. 2. Musical note is added. 3. Car mirror is missing. 4. Bricks added to building. 5. Sign on pole is lower. 6. Sign is longer.

ACROSS

- 1 Deck quartet
- 5 Peach
- 8 South Seas island
- 12 Crazy
- 13 Altar affirmative
- 14 Word often following "once"
- 15 Pedestal occupant
- 16 Petula Clark hit
- 18 "Thy Neighbor's Wife" author
- 20 Landlord's paperwork
- 21 Retail establishment
- 23 Niagara Falls prov.
- 24 Territorial rain
- 28 Uncomplicated
- 31 Sister of Zen Zen
- 32 Cole Porter subject
- 34 Tiger Woods' prep
- 35 Soothing application
- 37 Pessimistic
- 39 - Angeles
- 41 Test the waters
- 42 Team
- 45 House, e.g.
- 49 Transfer software
- 51 Vivacity
- 52 Help a head
- 53 Single



- 54 Golden Rule word
- 55 Fishing gear
- 56 Central
- 57 Target
- 8 Gas used as fuel
- 9 Religion renouncer
- 10 Actor Rob
- 11 B&B
- 17 Ultra-modernist
- 19 Warren of football
- 22 "Presumed Innocent" author
- 24 Society newscaster
- 25 Future aces
- 26 Luminated (in)
- 27 Reconvened
- 29 Vast expanse
- 30 Skill
- 33 Within (Prod.)
- 36 Accords
- 38 Nocturnal insect
- 40 Lorne Michaels' show, for short
- 42 Hebrew month
- 43 Newsom of baseball
- 44 Adverse destiny
- 46 Cubesmith Rubik
- 47 Actress Malt
- 48 Implement
- 50 Blackbird

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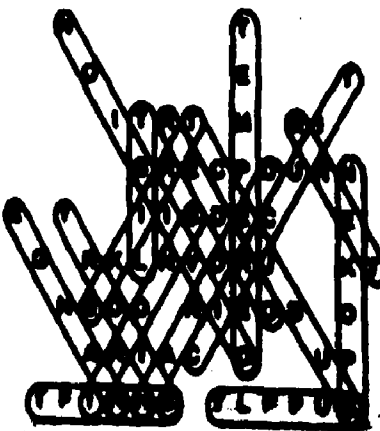
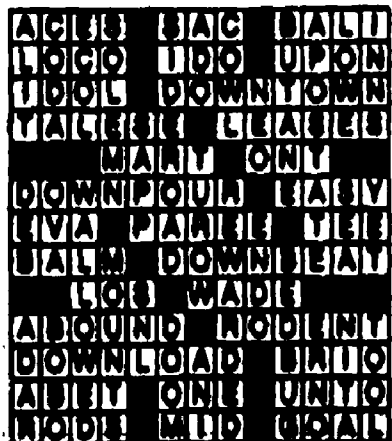
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Circuit
- Division
- Handed
- Irone
- List
- Order
- Range
- Shift
- Slit
- Spoken
- Story
- Subject
- Supply
- Tempered
- Term

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OBITUARIES**Helen Meccia, 73
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Helen M. (Sangritta) Meccia of Perth Amboy died September 2 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 73.

She was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

Her daughter, Kathleen Dolin and a sister, Diane Rivello and a brother, Mickey Sangritta, are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband, James Meccia; a son, James of Monroe Township; two sisters, Mary Molnar of Virginia and Rose Horvath of Toms River; and three grandchildren.

**Stella S. Lucas, 87
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Stella S. Lucas of Perth Amboy died September 5 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. Lucas was a communicant of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Edward, died in 1988. Her parents, Martin and Sophie Serafin, two brothers, Chester and Felix and two sisters, Helen and Victoria, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Vargas of Perth Amboy; a son, Kenneth Lucas of Perth Amboy; eight grandchildren, Donald Vargas, Richard Vargas, Debbie Varela, Michael Lucas, Joann Caton, Debbie, David and Michelle Lucas; and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Margaret Cottrell
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Margaret Cottrell of Perth Amboy died September 4 at Roosevelt Hospital, Edison. She was 85.

Born in New York City, she lived in Perth Amboy most of her life.

She worked as a waitress in the Coney Island Restaurant, Perth Amboy, for 30 years before retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Cottrell was a communicant of Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Perth Amboy and a member of the Holy Spirit Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Thomas, died in June of this year; a son, Gordon Cottrell, is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Lamey of Bridgewater; a daughter-in-law, Betty Cottrell-Pappas of Perth Amboy; four grandchildren, Sean and Kevin Lamey, Kyle Cottrell and Kellie Cuzzola; and three great-grandchildren.

**Terrance Lanier, 37
of Edison**

Mr. Terrance Lamonte "True" Lanier of Edison died September 2. He was 37.

Born in New Brunswick, he had resided for many years in Red Bank and Newark before moving to Edison earlier this year.

Surviving are his mother, Jean Lanier-Kamara, with whom he lived; his father, Frank Lanier of West Virginia; a sister, Kim Davis of New Brunswick; three brothers, Tony of Florida, Corey of Ohio and Craig of New York; an aunt, Cynthia Robin Briggs of Edison; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**Dennis R. Osieja, Sr.
of Edison**

Mr. Dennis R. Osieja Sr. of Sterling City, Texas (formerly of Edison/Metuchen area) died September 2 at the VA Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz. He was 56.

Born in Jersey City, he was a graduate of Our Lady of Peace Grammar School, Fords and attended Edison High School.

Mr. Osieja was a heavy duty machine operator for the Civil Service, which took him to Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, Guam and the Azores.

He served two terms in the Army during the Vietnam War from 1963-69. He received the Purple Heart.

His mother, Florence (Americk) Osieja, is deceased. A son, Dennis R. Osieja Jr., is also deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Teresa Osieja; his father, Benjamin R. Osieja of Old Bridge; two daughters, Christie Diotis of Monroe and LaDena Rasmussen of Phoenix; two sons, Shawn Osieja of Milltown and Troy Osieja of Phoenix; a stepdaughter, Jamie Kelley of Phoenix, a stepson, Jacob Hinz of Phoenix; three sisters, Donna Jenkins of North Brunswick, Maryann Sisco of Milltown and Linda Siegel of Linwood; a brother, Gary Osieja of Belmont, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Angela and Johnny Diotis of Monroe and McCay Rasmussen of Phoenix; several nieces and nephews.

**Patrick Callahan, 74
of Parlin**

Mr. Patrick J. Callahan of Parlin died September 2 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. He was 74.

Born in Newark, he resided in Spring Lake before moving to Parlin 13 years ago.

Before his retirement in 1981, he was employed by Acme Supermarkets as a produce clerk for 30 years, retiring from its Middletown store.

Mr. Callahan was a Navy veteran of World War II.

A brother, Arthur Callahan and three sisters, Grace Green, Edith Clarke and Gladys Gural, are all deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Jeannie O'Donnell and Veronica Callahan, both of Parlin and Maisie Hevrich of Wall.

**Theresa Nemeth
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Theresa Hari Nemeth of Perth Amboy died September 6 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 89.

Born in Hungary, she came to the United States in 1927. She lived in Carteret before moving to Perth Amboy 39 years ago.

Mrs. Nemeth was a member of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church, Perth Amboy and the church's Rosary Altar Society.

She was also a member of the 315 High Street Activity Club, Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Joseph; a son, Alex; and four brothers, Louis Harry, Joseph Hari, John Hary and Jimmy Hary, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Loretta Steen of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son, Joseph Jr. of Vancouver, Canada; a brother, Steve Hary of California; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Claudia Harshaney
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Claudia (Nogan) Harshaney of Aberdeen (formerly of Perth Amboy) died September 4 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. She was 83.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Aberdeen since 1987.

She worked at Perth Amboy Boys Vo-Tech High School for 12 years as a dietician and had also been employed as a dietician at Day Care 100 in Perth Amboy before retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Harshaney was a member of Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Catholic Church, Perth Amboy and belonged to the church's Ladies Guild.

She was also a member of the Aberdeen Senior Citizens as well as the Dove Township Senior Seniors.

Her husband, Alexander, died in 1985. A daughter, Katherine Lee and three brothers, Albert, Stanley and Steve Nogan, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Iris Ryan of Aberdeen; a son, Alexander of Toms River; five grandchildren, Roger Goodreau, Bill Ryan, Gina Schwindt, Holly Lasko and Elice Bates; two great-grandchildren, Kyle and Michael.

**Nancy P. Krenzel
of Parlin**

Mrs. Nancy P. Galka Krenzel of Parlin died September 3 at St. Joseph's Senior Home Nursing Center, Woodbridge. She was 82.

Born in Sayreville, she was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. Krenzel was a communicant of St. Stanislaus R.C. Church, Sayreville.

She was also a member of the Sayreville Senior Citizens Thursday Club.

Her husband, Peter J. Krenzel, died in 1988. A sister, Helen S. Gurgul died in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Peter Krenzel of Colonia; a daughter, Karoleigh Allison of Hartsboro, Ala.; three grandchildren, Joanna Krenzel, Kristian Dawson and Alex Dawson; and a sister, Pearl Thomas of Atlantic Highlands.

**Mary Leitner, 83
of Edison**

Mrs. Mary E. (Darab) Leitner of Edison died September 3 at the home of her nephew and his wife, Jack and Marta Afonso. She was 83.

She was born and raised in Perth Amboy and lived there for many years before moving to Edison 46 years ago.

She was a seamstress for Perfect Costumes, Perth Amboy, retiring in 1980 after 32 years and was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Mrs. Leitner was a communicant of Guardian Angel's R.C. Church, Edison and a member of the Altar Rosary Society and the Senior Citizens Club at the church.

She was also a member of the Bonhamton Senior Citizens in the Bonhamton section of Edison.

Her husband, John, died in 1986. Two sisters, Julia Afonso and Louise Wissing and a brother, Julius Darab, are all deceased.

Surviving are many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

As long as there are tests, there will be prayers in school.

Anonymous

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OBITUARIES

John Gavaletz, 87 of Carteret

Mr. John S. Gavaletz of Carteret died September 6 at Rahway Hospital. He was 87.

Born in Carteret, he lived there all his life.

Before retiring, he was the owner of John's Texaco Station, Carteret, which he operated for many years.

He was a member of BTJ Pipefitters Union Local 274, Jersey City.

Mr. Gavaletz was a communicant of Sacred Heart of Jesus R.C. Church, Carteret. He was a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

His wife, Anna (Teliha) Gavaletz, died in 1963. His parents, Joseph L. and Anna Gavaletz; a sister, Helen Hila; a brother, Joseph M. Gavaletz; and a son-in-law, Benito Ruela, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, Eugene Gavaletz of Toms River; a daughter, Kathleen Ruela of Cranford; his companion and best friend, Josephine Harper of Carteret; a sister, Anne G. Frankowski of Carteret; five grandchildren, Michael J. Gavaletz, Lorraine Barr, Lynne Burke, all of Toms River, Anthony Ruela of North Carolina and Ben Ruela of Cranford; four great-grandchildren, Michael John Gavaletz, Kenny Barr, Lorraine Gambardella and Emily Ruela.

Mary Ference, 78 of Carteret

Mrs. Mary Ference of Carteret died September 12 at Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. She was 78.

Born in Carteret, she lived there before moving to Jackson ten years ago.

Mrs. Ference was a bookkeeper for U.S. Metals Co., Carteret. She had attended school for 14 years.

She was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are her husband, Stephen of Jackson; a daughter, Jan Baily of Jackson; a granddaughter, Mandy Sunshine Baily of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Ann Miranda of N.Y. and Betty Rahoche of North Carolina; seven nieces and two nephews; and her companion cat, Pooh.

Louis T. Ricchiuti of Carteret

Mr. Louis T. Ricchiuti of Carteret died September 1 at home. He was 83.

Born in Hoboken, he moved to Carteret in 1952.

He was a truck driver for the Hudson Transfer Co., Jersey City, for 40 years before retiring in 1978.

Surviving are his wife, Concetta; five daughters, Mrs. Theresa Varga, Mrs. Justine Bohmer, Mrs. Linda Sobolow, Mrs. Lorraine Filip and Mrs. Frances Mendicino; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Julio C. Bernal of Carteret

Mr. Julio Cesar Bernal of Carteret died September 14 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 53.

Born in Colombia, he lived in Carteret for the past eight years. He was a sorter with GSP Company, Carteret, for four years. Mr. Bernal was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Surviving are his wife, Edilma Zuleta Bernal; a son, Julio Cesar Bernal of Colombia; a daughter, Paola Bernal of Carteret; a sister, Maria Isabel of New York and his brothers.

Lawrence X. Smith of Colonia

Mr. Lawrence X. Smith of Colonia died September 1 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. He was 78.

Born and raised in Hoboken, he moved to Colonia 47 years ago.

He was a truck driver for Preston Trucking Co., Woodbridge, for many years before retiring 16 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Lipnick Smith; a son, Jeremiah of Iselin; three daughters, Helen Clough, Deborah Hromnak of Colts Neck and Kathryn Myska of Howell; a brother, Father Jeremiah Smith; seven grandchildren; Jason, Alison, Jessica, Kenneth, Jeremiah, Ashley and Jamie; and one great-grandchild, Madison.

Anne Tomas, 83 of Colonia

Mrs. Anne Tomas of Colonia died September 4 at JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Edison. She was 83.

Born in New York City, she lived in Colonia since 1973.

She was employed as a bookbinder for Quinn & Boden Company, Rahway for 14 years until her retirement in 1973.

Mrs. Tomas was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church of the Byzantine Rite in Rahway.

She belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary of Avenel Fire Company No. 1.

Her husband, John Tomas, died in 1965. A son, John Tomas, died in February of this year. Two brothers, George Kraynak and Michael Kraynak, are also deceased.

Surviving is a daughter, Elizabeth Danish of Roselle Park.

Ralph Armento of Fords

Mr. Ralph Armento of Neptune (formerly of Fords) died September 2 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. He was 56.

Born in Newark, he lived in Fords for 33 years before moving to Neptune four months ago.

Surviving are a brother, Dennis Armento of Kenilworth; a sister, Clarissa Matthews; three nephews, Christopher, Mark and Tony; and two great-nieces, Megan and Lauren.

Helen P. Kanabrocki of Colonia

Mrs. Helen P. Kanabrocki of Colonia died September 4 in Rahway Hospital. She was 87.

Born in Newark, she lived in Colonia for 51 years.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph E. and John; two brothers, William and Albert Ornowski; three sisters, Anne Ornowski, Sister Mary Delphine and Mrs. Mary Nichaloro; and four grandchildren.

Martin G. Gall of Woodbridge

Mr. Martin G. Gall of Woodbridge died September 3 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division.

Born in Woodbridge, he lived there all his life.

He was employed for over 25 years as a supervisor of statistical typists at Arthur Andersen and Co., Newark, before retiring in 1985.

Mr. Gall was a parishioner of St. James R.C. Church, Woodbridge.

Surviving are a sister, Eleanor Kushner of Woodbridge; a brother and sister-in-law, James R. and Joan Kushner of Bradenton, Fla. and a niece and nephew, Pamela and Robert Kushner.

Anna Steffey, 78 of Colonia

Mrs. Anna B. (Kopec) Steffey of Colonia died September 2 at home. She was 78.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she resided in Irvington before moving to Colonia in 1957.

She was a bookkeeper for NJ Bell in Newark for nine years before retiring in 1959.

Mrs. Steffey was a member of St. John Vianney Altar-Rosary Society, Colonia.

She was a volunteer for Rahway Hospital for many years.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, John L. Steffey; a son, David Steffey of Colonia; a sister, Susan Kind of Florida; two grandchildren, David and Samantha Steffey.

Frank D. Gall, 78 of Sewaren

Mr. Frank Donald Gall of Sewaren died September 2 at home. He was 78.

Born in Johnstown, Pa., he lived there before moving to Sewaren in 1962.

Before retiring in 1984, he worked for 23 years at General Motors, Linden, where he was a member of the United Auto Workers Local 595.

Mr. Gall was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving as a sergeant with the 1st Marine Division in the South Pacific. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Middlesex County 857.

He was an avid bowler and golfer, and scored a hole-in-one at Oak Ridge Golf Club in 1988.

His wife, Jeanne M. (Knipple) Gall; his father and mother, Joseph and Johanna (Sustercich) Gall; and three sisters, Mae, Cecilia and Ann; and a brother, Joseph, all are deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Donna Tyburski of Neshanic Station, Susan Parker of Jackson, La. and Gina Cusati of Raritan; three sons, F. Martin Gall of Middlesex, Frederick G. Gall of Sewaren and Charles J. Gall of Caledonia, N.Y.; a sister, Angela J. Gall of Johnstown, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.



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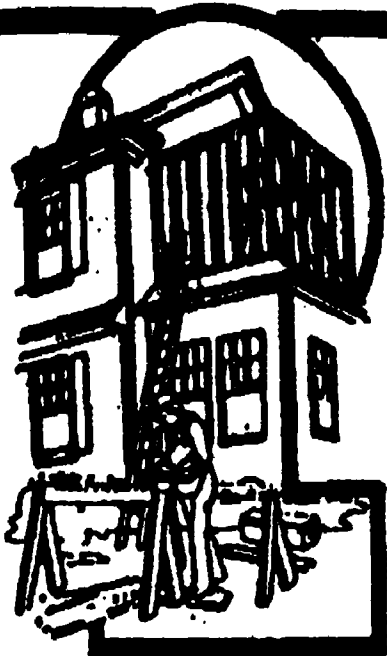


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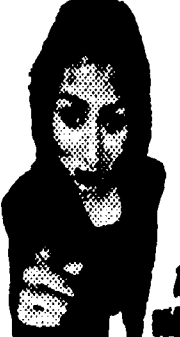
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NEA Announces Funding For 10 National Design Competitions

AREA—The National Endowment for the Arts recently announced the 10 awardees of its second annual \$500,000 *New Public Works* initiatives. The agency will provide up to \$50,000 each to 10 organizations to help fund national design competitions for a range of public works projects. This year, particular emphasis was given to landscape design, to stimulate activity in that discipline. Six of the projects receiving funding include a significant landscape design, to stimulate landscape component. In 2002, the program will award up to \$1.25 million to support as many as 20 design competitions, with a focus on school projects.

The winning competitions involving landscape design include reconfiguring the streetscape of Pasadena's Arroyo Parkway, sponsored by the city's Art Center College of Design; a landscape masterplan for the approach road to the Denver International Airport; and a bridge and park design for the Anacostia waterfront, sponsored by the District of Columbia Office of Planning. Other notable projects involve the design of 12 rapid transit bus stations for the Hartford, Conn. metropolitan area, the expansion of the Queens Museum of Art in New York and the design of a new high school in Perth Amboy.

New Public Works is intended to develop the highest quality of design in the public

realm through the sponsorship of national design competitions. It is targeted to the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, and industrial design. The program, in its third year, is intended to bring institutions from across the country together with the best design talent, to raise expectations and aspirations for public work, and to increase popular awareness of the importance of design in daily life.

The multi-year *New Public Works* initiative will emphasize school design in its next round, to stimulate greater public awareness of the importance role design can play in education. The program will be expanded to award up to \$1.25 million for as many as 20 projects in 2002. Although proposals in all disciplines will be accepted, half of the awards are earmarked for school design projects. *New Public Works* will provide up to \$75,000 each to as many as 10 school design projects, in addition to 10 general projects that will receive up to \$50,000 each. The deadline for letters of interest is January 11, 2002.

The winning proposals showed strong evidence of community and political support for the projects as well as the financial ability to carry them out. Each applicant will have a year to complete the competition process.

In order to assist with this initiative, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in

the Fine Arts is funding the Graham Fellowship in Federal Service at the NEA for the second year.

This year's recipient is Kristina Alg, who has recently completed graduate studies at

the Southern California Institute of Architecture in Los Angeles.

For more information on this and other programs at the National Endowment for the Arts, contact the Office of

Communications at (202) 682-5570 or visit the Endowment Web site at www.arts.gov. For New Public Works application information, contact the Design Department at (202) 682-5452.



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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Woodbridge To Offer Programs On Breast Cancer

WOODBIDGE—Two programs designed to prevent and combat breast cancer are scheduled for October in Woodbridge Township.

"Woodbridge Township recognizes the value and importance of preventative and primary care, which results in longer, healthier living and also significantly impacts the cost of health care for all Americans," said Mayor James E. McGreevey.

The programs include *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*—a walk to raise funds for cancer research in conjunction with the American Cancer Society.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. at The Club at Woodbridge, 585 Main Street. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

To register, or to obtain more information, call the American Cancer Society at (732) 738-6800.

In addition, a special *Breast Cancer Detection and Awareness Program* for eligible women 40 years and older who reside in Woodbridge will be conducted throughout October in conjunction with the JFK Breast Center-Solaris Health Systems. Medicare recipients are not eligible for the program.

Additional information on the mammography program may be obtained by calling (732) 321-7540.

Community Invited To Make Strides Against Breast Cancer

WOODBIDGE—Join a five-mile walk on Sunday, Oct. 14 at The Club at Woodbridge to support breast cancer research and patients services in Middlesex County.

If it hasn't already, breast cancer will touch you or someone you know. You have an opportunity to take action and join the battle against this disease by supporting the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday, Oct. 14 at noon. The five-mile non-competitive walk is a fun way to get seriously involved. Gather your family, friends and

colleagues at work to build a team. You can walk in honor of a loved one lost to cancer or celebrate the life of those who have courageously survived.

Your participation goes toward American Cancer Society research programs to find a cure and improve treatment options; support programs for breast cancer patients in your community; and advocacy efforts to ensure all women get screened and treated for breast cancer. If you want to "Make Strides Against Breast Cancer," call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org today.

Walk With A Mission

WOODBIDGE—The 29th Annual CROP Walk for hunger will be held on Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

The walk will start at the First Presbyterian Church of Iselin, and will move for 10K (6.3 miles) through Colonia and Iselin, ending back at the church.

CROP is a branch of Church

World Service, and its goal is to eliminate hunger in our world. After all monies are collected, 20 percent will be returned to the Woodbridge Township fund pantries.

For further information, call (732) 283-1188 between the hours of 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Woodbridge To Begin Distribution Of Free Leaf Bags

WOODBIDGE—Distribution of free biodegradable leaf bags for Woodbridge residents began on Monday, Oct. 1.

The leaf bag distribution schedule is:

Oct. 2 & 16—Woodbridge Main Library; Oct. 3 & 17—Avenel Park (Tennis Courts); Oct. 4 & 18—Evergreen Center; Oct. 5 & 19—Fords Fire House; Oct. 9 & 22—Hopelawn Firehouse; Oct. 10 & 24—Iselin Fire House (District 9); Oct. 11 & 25—Bowtie Pool (Port Reading); Oct. 20—Woodbridge Town Hall (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); and Oct. 27—Woodbridge Main Library (10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Free bags will be distributed between 5-8 p.m. on the designated dates, unless otherwise indicated.

In addition to these distribution dates, free bags may be

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Guest speaker and honoree, will be Rear Admiral Dr. Susan Blumenthal, U.S. Assistant Surgeon General, a national medical expert on public health and women's issues. She also is a senior advisor in the De-

partment of Health and Human Services. Ned Weiss, of the Greenbriar/Whittingham community, an Associate of the Alisa Chapter of Monroe Township, co-chair of the Hadassah Golf Tournament to be held on June 10, 2002, is also an honoree.

Members who are ninety years or older will be honored as well. Couvert for the day is \$28 per person.

For information and reservations, call Sandy Kandel at (732) 254-9152.

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Advice For The Elderly

EDISON—"Legal Needs of the Elderly" will be presented at the Edison Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

Harold L. Grodberg, Certified Elder Law Attorney, advises older clients and their loved ones about methods to legally preserve their family wealth while minimizing estate taxes and maximizing available health benefits. He will discuss ways to protect family wealth from the devastating financial burdens of long-term health care and death taxes.

To register for this free program, call (732) 287-2298, ex. 1 or you may sign up at the circulation desk.

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