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Stanley The Computer Wins Hearts At Annual Workshop

SAYREVILLE—"Stanley, the Computer with a Heart, the creation of Truman School teacher Pat Daly, won an Award of Excellence at the annual New Jersey School Boards Association Work-

shop," Board of Education President Kevin Ciak announced.

Every year, the Sayreville Board of Education chooses a district program to exhibit at the annual New Jersey School

Boards Association Workshop in Atlantic City. This year, the district chose Truman School Teacher Pat Daly's program. Daly, who teaches kindergarten, has a love of music, and is a gifted vocalist. She created *Stanley the Computer with a Heart*, a professional interactive compact disc, for her classes. The songs on the CD are all about Stanley and encourage children to become familiar with the computer.

Selections include *Boot It Up*—a song about how to start the computer, *What Font Font Do You Want?*—a musical number that talks about font selection, *Blast Off*—a song about how the future is all about computers, and many more. In addition to the musical selections, Truman School Art Teacher Marianne Cobell, created "*Stanley, the Computer with a Heart*" mascot. The

CD-ROM, mascot and Pat Daly's wonderful voice and love for education all came together to create an exciting exhibit booth at the annual workshop that boasts over 10,000 attendees every year.

The New Jersey School Boards was so impressed with the CD-ROM, the program, and the exhibit booth, that it bestowed upon the Sayreville School District the "School Communications Competition Award of Excellence." "Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Cobell created an extremely innovative and interactive method for teaching technology," said Ciak. "This is another example of the ingenuity and pure talent of the faculty in Sayreville and I am happy that the New Jersey School Boards Association recognized that effort with this Award of Excellence," he continued.



COMBINING TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY—Ms. Ruder, Mr. Rittenhouse, Ms. Waranowicz, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fyffe, Mr. Ciak, Mr. Barone and Mrs. Daly stop to talk with "Stanley" the Computer (Mrs. Cobell) at the NJSBA Annual Workshop.

JFK Medical Center To Host Blood Drive

EDISON—JFK Medical Center has joined with the American Red Cross in hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the JFK Conference Center located at 70 James Street, across the street from the medical center. The holiday season is the

time to think of family, friends and giving to those in need. As part of the commitment to our community, we will be holding a blood drive, which will enable you to give the gift of life and share your good fortune this holiday season. Your donation can help many individuals in our community,

young and old alike, during surgery, medical emergencies and life-saving procedures. Every time you give blood, you help someone at his or her greatest time of need. Donations are urgently needed! The donation process takes less than an hour.

Most people who are 18

years of age or older, and who weigh 110 pounds or more, are eligible to donate blood. Federal regulations require donors to wait 56 days between donations. If you have not given blood since Oct. 25, you are eligible to donate at the JFK Medical Center's blood drive. If you are planning on donating, please bring some form of identification.

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Gumbs Inducted Into Collegiate Athletic Hall Of Fame

PERTH AMBOY—Jeffrey D. Gumbs, Director of Perth Amboy's Department of Human Services, has been inducted into the Delaware State University Athletic Hall of Fame in honor of his extraordinary achievements in collegiate basketball. Director Gumbs, who also serves as Perth Amboy's Director of Recreation, was a member of the DSU's men's basketball team from 1978–1982.

1980–81 season, he was named to the All-MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) Second Team. He lead the DCU Hornets in steals and assists during both the 1980–81 and 1981–82 seasons. During the 1980–81 season he also finished second in team scoring with 13.4 points.

As a walk-on in 1978, his outstanding play immediately impressed the university and earned him a full athletic scholarship. He went on to score more than 900 points in his collegiate career and ranks among DSU's all-time leaders in assists and steals. In the

Director Gumbs went on to graduate DSU in 1982 with a B.A. in Social Work and Sociology. Currently, he oversees the largest department in the city, which indicates the offices of recreation, welfare, housing, aging, public information and vital statistics. He is a 1978 graduate of Perth Amboy High School and he resides in town with his wife, Rose and son, Jeffrey, Jr.

Layoffs At Local Ford Facility

EDISON—Ford Motor Co. is expected to eliminate one of two production shifts at its pickup-truck plant in Edison, effective, Feb. 4 and lay off 600 hourly employees and an unspecified number of salaried workers.

U.S. salaried retirees will begin making monthly contributions to their health-care plans in June 2002. No salary increases for Ford's top 2,200 executives worldwide in 2002. Ford plans to rely more on stock options to compensate top managers.

Other cost-cutting plans the automaker is expected to announce include: the elimination of matching contributions on 401 (k) plans for its 45,000 U.S. salaried employees for an indefinite period. The company presently adds 60 cents in Ford stock for every dollar contributed to 401 (k) funds. The increase of health-care premiums and prescription-drug copayments for U.S. salaried workers.

Chairman and Chief Executive William Clay Ford, Jr., called the moves painful and said more actions are to come in a series of necessary steps to improve performance.

Ford also is expected to warn investors of deeper fourth-quarter losses. The automaker forecasts a loss of about 35 cents a share, or an estimated \$630 million, according to insiders and other company documents.

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December 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 December. 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:

* Saturday, Dec. 15 from 2-4 p.m.; Pictures with Santa—will take place in the Main Lobby.

* Monday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.—A Country Christmas Entertainment with Wyne Glenwood—will be in the Main Dining Room.

* Thursday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.—Joe Paris will entertain residents and guests—will take place in the Main Dining Room.

Featuring 118 studios, 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 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. The special care community, which consists of 16 private apartments and two deluxe suites, is attended by a professional, caring staff 24-hours a day.

For more information or to arrange for a tour, call (732) 744-5541.

Dziadosz Deployed To California

SAYREVILLE—Marine Corps, Pfc. L. Dziadosz, a 2000 graduate of Linden High School, Linden, recently was deployed to a combined arms exercise at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

During the annual eight-week long exercise, Dziadosz and his fellow Marines with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., conducted tactical training and operations with other units using various weapons, tactical vehicles and artillery to improve combat readiness.

He is the son of Matylda and Wladyslaw Dziadosz of Sayreville. He joined the Marine Corps in August, 2000.

A Lasting Last Minute Gift

CARTERET—The Carteret Public Library is sponsoring an ongoing sale of paver stones at this time. The pavers are on sale for \$50 each and are placed in the front walkway of the library.

They may be engraved with names of the persons or family who purchase them or in memory of a loved one. A message up to 10 characters per line, 4 lines per brick may be put on each paver.

Those interested can stop by the library which is located at 100 Cooke Avenue and pick up a form. This could take care of a last minute gift for the holidays.

A Relaxing Presentation

EDISON—A program on "Falun Dafa," a powerful meditation system that relieves stress and improves your body and mind, will be presented at Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. and at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

Instructors will give a brief introduction on Falun Dafa, with slides and a short video, followed by a demonstration of various exercises.

Please register for this free program by calling (732) 287-2298, ext. 1, at the Main Library and (732) 548-3045, ext. 1 at the North Edison Library.

Pelzman Is Top Choice To Replace McGreevey

WOODBIDGE—Democrats are united in their support of Councilman Frank Pelzman as successor to Mayor Jim McGreevey when McGreevey takes office as governor on Jan. 15.

McGreevey had two years left of his four-year mayoral term. Because McGreevey is a Democrat, his party gets to submit a list of names to the council, who

will pick a replacement to serve until a special election can be held in November 2002.

Pelzman, 67, who is from the Avenel section of Woodbridge, has emerged as the front runner. Pelzman has represented the town's third ward for 14 years.

Other top choices, including Second Ward Councilman Richard Dalina and Fifth Ward Councilman Robert Luban, have

said that they were not interested in succeeding McGreevey.

Luban said, "Serving as an appointed mayor doesn't appeal to me at all. I'm more interested in the general election in which the people decide."

Councilwoman-at-Large Caroline Erlich said that the council "unanimously" supports Pelzman. "The field has been narrowed to one," she said.

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In addition to providing an alternative to postal mail for children's letters, the Web site *www.northpole.com* offers a sleighload of other free activities for families to share at home this Christmas season, including

original and personalized children's stories, Elf Chat™, animated holiday postcards, puzzles, games, recipes, karaoke, a Christmas-only radio station and an "elf-run" weather station that gives updated North Pole's weather reports.

During November and December last year, the *northpole.com* Web site had more than 2.25 million visitors, including 20 million page views, more than 250,000 letters to Santa, and 350,000 animated

postcards sent from the site. Record-breaking numbers are expected this year, said Barb Morrison, general manager of *northpole.com* based on each year's increased traffic, plus national indicators that Americans are seeking more meaningful time spent with families.

Indeed, the artwork alone distinguishes this site, which is richly illustrated with hundreds of original, detailed, hand-drawn artwork. The site opens with a panoramic view of Santa's Secret Village™—the fanciful home of Santa, his elves and reindeer. Visitors click on different "rooms" to enter, leading to a variety of activities or stories. Rooms include Santa's Mailroom, Santa's Workshop, Elf Clubhouse, Santa's Reindeer Barn, Santa's Den, Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, Northpole Weather Station, Toy Shop, Gift Shop and Festival of Trees (one of the site's charitable promotions).

Letters to Santa arrive by the thousands at *northpole.com* each day during the holiday season. A distinguishing feature is that *northpole.com* offers children help in sending Web-mail letters to Santa. When children go to Santa's Mailroom, they are

prompted to create a secret password to use in retrieving their answer from Santa. A couple of days after sending Santa a letter, children can retrieve a personalized, memento-quality, full Web page reply letter from Santa.

In Santa's Workshop, children can read short creative stories about elves and toys. In the Reindeer Barn, the stories are about Raymond, the playful reindeer. All stories on *northpole.com* are original, and many offer a gentle and upbeat lesson for children.

Personalized, original stories await children in Santa's Den and are created by the child (or parent) answering a few short questions, such as the child's first name, hometown, and a favorite activity. These answers are woven into the story to personalize it for the child. Like the other stories, these are also illustrated with original, color artwork. Pages can be printed out as a keepsake or gift.

Visitors can retrieve recipes in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen and even submit their own for publication on the Web. More than 2,000 recipes have been submitted.

Music is a featured attraction. In the Christmas Karaoke, children choose among a number of traditional Christmas songs. While the music plays, words of

the song display on the screen, and children can sing to the music or learn the words if they don't know them. The North Pole Radio station enables visitors to play a 100-song Christmas collection. These features require computers with RealAudio.

Among the site's unusual features is ElfChat™, an innovative technology using "artificial intelligence" to enable children to converse with elves "Bif" and "Bonnie." Children (or parents) type a question about Christmas, Santa, the North Pole or the elves. Elf Chat reads the questions and creates an answer. The technology is a field of study in computer science involving conversation simulators.

Instead of selling advertising through the usual banner ads, *northpole.com* donates one million banner ads and links on its Web site to each of the following institutions: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, The Silver Lining Foundation and Ronald McDonald House® Charities. The site also provides schedules of Festival of Trees events in numerous cities. Events primarily benefit children's charities. By giving these organizations free advertising, *northpole.com* helps promote public support and knowledge of pediatric cancer research and the treatment and opportunities available to help children with life-threatening illnesses.



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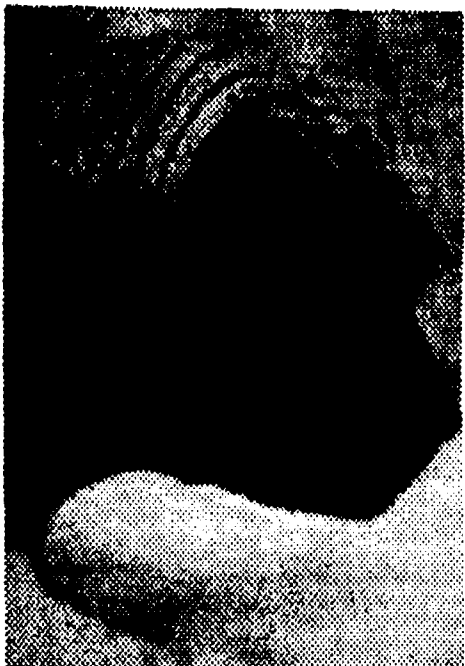
The Youngest Democrat

STATE—One-day-old Jacqueline Matos McGreevey slept peacefully in her mother's arms, oblivious to the crowd of journalists surrounding her at St. Peter's Medical Center on Saturday afternoon.

Mayor Jim McGreevey and his wife, Dina Matos McGreevey, introduced their first child Saturday, praising the doctors who cared for Matos McGreevey during a complicated pregnancy and delivered the baby weeks before full term.

At 4 pounds, 5 ounces, and 16 1/4 inches, Jacqueline was delivered by Caesarean section at 7:13 a.m. on Friday. She was named after McGreevey's father, Jack, the governor-elect said.

Doctors said that the newborn was healthy, and that her mother would be able to leave the hospital in a few days once she recovers from surgery.



A NEW ADMINISTRATION AND A NEW BABY... Jacqueline McGreevey, newborn daughter of Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey and his wife Dina Matos, is the latest addition to the Governor-elect's inner circle.

Jacqueline could be in the hospital as long as two weeks.

Matos McGreevey started having contractions on Nov. 3, only 30 weeks into term. When she gave birth Friday, she was 35 weeks into term. Full term is 37-42 weeks.

"The weeks before the election we were exceptionally worried and concerned. It was frightening," said McGreevey, who coasted to an easy victory on Nov. 6.

After she was admitted to the hospital on Nov. 3, McGreevey tried to keep calm by talking to the doctors and measuring his wife's progress in increasingly longer intervals, first 12 hours then 24 hours, then 36 hours.

At 2 a.m., Friday, she went into labor.

At that time, McGreevey was in a waiting room at the hospital. "I was asleep on a window sill ledge," he said.

Dr. Charletta Ayers, who helped deliver Jacqueline, work up McGreevey, who was wearing boxer shorts.

She said, "Jim, it's time. Put your pants back on and put your shoe covers on." I said. "Yes, doctor."

He followed Ayers into the operating room, where he watched as his daughter took her first breath. "For any father it is a special moment," he said.

Throughout the pregnancy, Matos McGreevey remained stoic. "She suffers in silence. Not a complainer at all," said Dr. William Scorza, who delivered the baby. Advances in neonatal medicine over the

past decades have made it easier to deliver healthy premature babies," said Dr. Mark Hiatt, director of the hospital's Division of Neonatal Medicine.

Jacqueline is the first child born to New Jersey governor or governor-elect since Gov. Richard Hughes' son, Thomas, was born in 1962. She is McGreevey's second child. He has a 9-year-old daughter from a previous marriage who lives in British Columbia, Canada.

St. Peter's Medical Center delivers 17,000 babies per year. Each year, 1,700 come through the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit where Jacqueline is staying.

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line at <http://njar.com>. After receiving the form, follow the instructions found on page 3 to apply for assistance.

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One of the rowdiest farces ever to take the stage, "Pageant" pits six wacky beauty queens against each other in The Glamouresse Cosmetic Company's annual extravaganza. They sing, dance and camp it up in evening gowns and bathing suits, perform in devastatingly funny talent contests, and hawk the sponsor's imaginative products. While *les girls* (who are really "*les boys*") compete in the funniest beauty contest ever seen, judges selected from the audience score them to decide who will be crowned Miss Glamouresse.

Directed by Peter J. Loewy, founder and Artistic Producing Director of Forum Theatre Company, the cast features Paul Whelihan as Miss Texas, Kitty-Bob Ames. Whelihan was last at the Forum in the acclaimed

drama, "The Flame Keeper," in the role he originated off-Broadway last summer. He is known to NJ's regional audiences for his performances at theatres throughout the state, and is the Artistic Director of Pushcart Players, the leading touring theatre based in Verona.

Allen Lewis Rickman is Frankie Cavalier, the genial host of the "Pageant." Rickman was seen in "Laughter On The Twenty-Third Floor" and "You Don't Have To Be Jewish" at the Forum and recently performed in "Victor Victoria" at Paper Mill Playhouse. Parading as Miss West Coast, Karma Quinn is Terrence P. Burnett. Terrence has performed at the Forum on numerous occasions, and last season turned in a winning performance in Dreamcatcher Repertory's "Three Days Of Rain."

Ian August is Consuela Manuela Rafaela Lopez, Miss Industrial Northeast. August is a veteran of "A Kid's Forum," the Forum's theatre for young audi-

ence program, and performed earlier this season in the Twelve Miles West production of "Robber Bridegroom." Glenn Klein, who is a regular performer at Fiesta Dinner Theatre and Yates Family Theatre, plays Laurinda Summerford, Miss Deep South. He is concurrently performing in Forum Theatre's "A Winnie The Pooh Christmas Carol" in the role of Scrooge.

Ryan Connelly, who most recently performed at the Forum in "School House Rock" is featured as Ruth Ann Ruth, Miss Bible Belt. Miss Great Plains, Bonnie Louise Cutlett, is played by Ed Carlo. Ed has been involved with Forum Theatre since it's second season, appearing in "Three Musketeers" and "Baby" that year. He has also been seen in productions at Plays-in-the-Park (Edison) and George Street Playhouse.

"Pageant" has book and lyrics by Bill Russell and Frank Kelly, with music by Albert Evans (currently the composer in residence at Paper Mill Play-

house), conceived by Robert Longbottom.

"Pageant" has a preview performance on Thurs., Dec. 20, at 8 p.m., opens on Fri., Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. and runs through Dec. 31. Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Standard tickets are \$25; group rates are only \$20. Two special New Year's Eve performances, followed by champagne toasts, are at 7 and 9:30 p.m. (standard - \$45; groups - \$42).

For information and reservations, call the Forum Theatre at

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Holidays Pose Challenges For People With Alzheimer's

Sunrise Assisted Living Provides Tips on Helping Caregivers and Families Cope

AREA — The holidays can be a stressful time for many families, but that is especially the case if a loved one is living with Alzheimer's disease. Depending on how far along the disease has progressed, some- one suffering from Alzheimer's may require special attention during the holiday season, said

Colleen Varnum, reminiscence coordinator and caregiver mentor at Sunrise Assisted Living of Old Tappan, N.J.

With five years' experience

carrying a family member with Alzheimer's and an additional five years as mentor to caregivers in Sunrise's Reminiscence Neighborhoods (a special, secured area for residents with Alzheimer's disease or other memory impairments in every Sunrise community), Varnum reminds families and staff members that celebrations may have to be adapted to make allowances for a person with Alzheimer's. "For a loved one with memory impairment, any change in routine can be confusing and even agitating," she explained. Varnum offers these suggestions to help families cope:

- **Keep gatherings small and simple.** "Large crowds and a lot of activity can be alarming to a person with memory impairment," said Varnum.

- **Have friends and family come to you.** "Even though you may have traveled to see relatives in the past, asking people to pay short visits to you in your home will better suit your loved one's needs," said Varnum.

- **Monitor hydration and nutrition.** Extravagant dinners and a change in eating routines may not be a good idea for a person with Alzheimer's. Depending on the progression of the disease, the person should be monitored to be sure he or she doesn't overeat or eat something that could cause illness.

- **Be aware of the affect the person with Alzheimer's may have on children.** People with Alzheimer's sometimes exhibit verbal outbursts for no apparent reason. Small children may not understand why grandma or grandpa is acting so different. It's best to prepare kids ahead of time and keep a close eye on interactions.

- **Involve your loved one in a familiar activity.** Depending on ability level, getting a loved one involved with a familiar task - setting the table, doing prep work in the kitchen, serving dessert, etc. - helps to keep him or her busy and feeling comfortable and safe.

- **Bring out photo albums and encourage the person to relive familiar memories.** "If they are happy reliving past experiences, encourage them to do that," said Varnum. "Validation therapy-the primary approach that Sunrise takes with its Reminiscence Neighborhood

residents - enables people to live in whatever reality they choose without having to relive painful memories."

- **Minimize holiday decorations that can be frightening.** "Bright lights and pictures of Santa Claus faces, for example, may have no meaning to the person - he or she may not understand the connection and feel anxious," she said.

- **Be aware of safety issues.** A holiday rug, lights, candles or a change in the furniture configuration can all pose threats to a person with memory impairment. "Hyper-vigilance is necessary when there is any change from normal routine and patterns," she explained.

- **If the person becomes agitated, try distraction or a quieter location.** "Distraction by conversation or an activity can work, but if the person is too agitated, it's best to go sit in a quiet place together or leave the scene altogether," said Varnum.

"Many of our residents' families want to celebrate holidays with their loved ones because it makes the family feel better, but, in many cases, the person with Alzheimer's can't process or handle the stimulation - the coping mechanism just isn't there," said Varnum. "While it's important to acknowledge holidays, having realistic expectations about family celebrations is key."

For more information about Sunrise Assisted Living, visit www.sunrise-al.com.

Celebrating its twentieth anniversary in 2001, Sunrise Assisted Living is one of the nation's oldest and largest providers of assisted living care for seniors. Founded by Paul and Terry Klaassen, Sunrise Assisted Living offers a full range of high-quality, personalized assisted living care services. Specially designed and furnished to meet the unique needs of seniors, more than 170 Sunrise communities are located in 25 U.S. states with additional communities located in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Twelve Sunrise Assisted Living communities in New Jersey constitute the state's largest assisted living provider with communities located in East Brunswick, Edgewater, Morris Plains, Mt. Laurel, Old Tappan, Paramus, Wall, Wayne, West Essex, Westfield, Woodbury Lake and Woodcliff Lake. New communities are currently under construction in Lincroft and Marlboro.



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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

IRS Now Hiring; Hundreds Of Vacancies Nationwide

AREA — The Internal Revenue Service is now hiring in New Jersey for compliance and tax assistance positions and some of the positions are bilingual.

The career opportunities in New Jersey include professional positions as revenue agents, revenue officers and tax compliance officers. Positions are available in 11 offices located throughout the state.

Qualifications for these positions range from three years of general experience to between 6

and 30 credit hours of accounting training or a four-year college degree.

"In New Jersey, we're looking for some people with excellent bilingual-Spanish, Russian, Hindi -and English communications skills. And, if you have an accounting background, even more opportunities are open to you," IRS spokesperson Gregg Semanick said.

"Nationwide the IRS needs to fill some of these vacancies with bilingual personnel with such languages as Korean, Mandarin

Chinese, Cantonese Chinese, French, Portuguese, Polish, Hmong, Somali, Vietnamese and Cambodian," Semanick said.

"IRS Professionals are pro-

active and independent decision-makers who work closely with taxpayers, businesses, CFOs, CEOs, and the legal and financial communities. The IRS is a culturally-rich work envi-

ronment that embraces diversity," Semanick said.

For additional details or to apply, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov and click on "IRS Hiring Hundreds Now!"

Who Pays Social Security Taxes?

AREA — Everybody who works pays Social Security taxes, right? Not necessarily. It's more correct to say everybody who gets benefits paid Social Security taxes or had taxes paid for them by a member of the family.

In fact, about 4% of the nation's workers do not pay Social Security taxes. They are:

- federal civilian employees hired before Jan. 1, 1984 (they are covered under the old civil service retirement plan);

- railroad workers (who are covered under the railroad retirement system which is coordinated with Social Security);

- certain employees of state and local governments who are covered under a state retirement system;

- household workers and farm workers whose earnings do not meet certain minimum requirements (workers in industry and commerce are covered

regardless of the amount of earnings); and

- persons with very low net earnings from self-employment (generally less than \$400 per year).

The remainder — more than 150 million other people — pay 7.65% of their gross wages (6.2% for Social Security up to the \$80,400 wage base in 2001, and 1.45% for Medicare without a limit on earnings).

But it doesn't end there. Your employer matches your tax payments dollar for dollar. In many cases, Social Security forms an important component in your employer's retirement plan.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS



ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
**Report
From
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Holiday shopping. Holiday parties. Putting up lights and decorations. Wrapping presents. Making plans with friends and family. If there is a busier time of year I certainly don't know when it is. With all this happy chaos swirling around us, it's also the time of year when home accidents happen, especially to those of us who have young children in the house. So while we are busy spreading our holiday cheer please keep these simple, common sense safety tips in mind so we can all enjoy a joyous and safe holiday season.

When buying presents it is wise to follow the age recommendations listed on the toy. The recommendation doesn't simply pertain to the suitability of the child to successfully play with and understand the toy. More importantly, it deals with the safety of the toy for that particular age group. For infants and toddlers, avoid toys with small parts, which could pose choking hazards. Also discard plastic wrapping on toys immediately after opening, before they become deadly playthings for children or for a family pet.

As you decorate the tree avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a young child to eat them. Breakable decorations and tree trimmings with small removable parts should be kept out of reach of children. Older ornaments and decorations that might be painted with lead paint should be placed high on the tree out of harms way. To our young children and family pets

trees are an irresistible delight; when children and pets are near the tree careful adult supervision is a must.

While our current weather more closely resembles April than December, the winter chill will soon be upon us. As the weather becomes colder, we need to be alerted once again to the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas that deprives the body of oxygen. At low levels, exposure can produce headaches, fatigue and confusion. At higher levels, it can result in an irregular heartbeat, impaired vision and death.

Sources of carbon monoxide can be found right in our home. Unvented kerosene and gas space heaters, gas water heaters, wood burning stoves, leaking chimneys and furnaces and "patched" vent pipes using tape or other substances. Steps to reduce exposure are simple and can be life saving. When using fireplaces always open flues and keep the chimney clean and have it inspected annually by a professional. Always use the correct fuel in space heaters and use them only in well ventilated areas. Most importantly, everyone should consider installing carbon monoxide detectors in the home. These moderately priced, easily installed devices can make the difference between life and death. Detectors are available in all large department and home supply stores. They make excellent family stocking stuffers.

By keeping these few holiday safety tips in mind, we can all have a happy, joyous and safe holiday season. For more information on holiday safety please contact my district office at (732) 316-1885.

Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Afghan Alec

The U.S. Marines are looking for a few good men, so actor Alec Baldwin apparently figures, "Why not me?"

According to the World Entertainment News Network, Baldwin wants to serve in Afghanistan. He explains, "I was on a plane and this Hispanic guy came up to me with a photo album and asked me to sign it. I asked him who he was and he said he was a Marine Corps Special Tactics. I asked him where he was going and he said, 'I'm going to New York, I'm going to party for a couple of days and then I'll train and then in four weeks we're going to Afghanistan,' and I started to cry. This guy was going and I thought, 'I wanna go to Afghanistan.' I could pump gas, make omelettes, peel potatoes—there's something I could do."

Oooh bet that prospect has the Taliban shaking in their turbans. By the way, Alec, you only played Jack Ryan in Tom Clancy's books.

Readers Commentary



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Directing Our Youth's Discipline

Dear Editor,

Terrorists destroying national landmarks and the mass murdering of innocent victims, what has happened to our nation and the world?

These last few months have been the darkest, depressing and challenging times for our country's history. We as a united nation need to take affirmative actions that will assist us in rebuilding the strength and future of America. The youth of our great nation are the future of America. Government, especially local government has a responsibility to provide opportunities to insure that our youth develop to their greatest potential.

One way in which local government can insure the positive future of America is

by challenging the youth to excel in physical discipline required sports and activities. Clearly the record of football, soccer, baseball and other traditionally sponsored sports reflects the positive results of these activities.

Recently a new sport activity has emerged in America, a sport that has captured the interest of millions of our youth, a sport that has taught the benefits of over-coming fears and maintaining discipline, a sport that can be practiced alone, a sport that is often misunderstood, the sport to which I refer is skateboarding.

Skateboarding is challenging and requires a belief in oneself and a commitment to discipline. I have seen many of my friends learn about life and proper living by experiencing

these challenges of skateboarding.

I truly believe that more children can grow, mature and learn valuable life lessons from skateboarding, if only they had a safe place free from harassment in which to develop. Just as the town fathers years ago provided baseball fields and soccer fields today they should provide a skateboard park.

Sayreville should follow the lead of the surrounding towns and quickly move towards the construction of a skateboard park to insure that America's youth in our hometown have a place to become all that they can be. We need to make Sayreville stronger so that America will be stronger.

Zack J. Zagata
Sayreville

Raising The Bar For Education

Dear Editor,

Unfortunate circumstances have made it possible for the Woodbridge Board of Education to correct an obvious bad decision they made last year. I hope they are, individually, strong enough to realize they were wrong in lowering

the bar and permitting a person to be superintendent of schools without a doctorate.

It is my understanding that there is not one Ph.D. among the administration personnel in Woodbridge. For the fourth largest school district in the state, this is a shameful condi-

tion. They have a perfect chance to correct this with the appointment of a new school superintendent.

Seize the moment and opportunity, board members!

Phillip M. Peck
Woodbridge

Retail P.A. Systems Abused

Dear Editor,

You're in a favorite department store. Suddenly, the public address system eructates another sales pitch. Barely completed, a voice chimes in with "Mark, from the Electronics Department, please report to the Electronics Department!"

After breaking into a bemused smile, the listener soon begins a nightmarish journey into retailing gone amuck. More announcements follow in 15 second incre-

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The potential buyer, thoroughly disgusted, had long departed by the time the special commenced.

Pete Wagner
Colonia

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Retirees Meet

PERTH AMBOY — The Retired Employees Chapter of Perth Amboy Federation/AFT, NJSFT, AFL-CIO, Local 857, will be holding its 12th Annual Holiday Luncheon on Monday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Barge Restaurant, Lower Gordon Street, Perth Amboy.

Santa To Spread Cheer

WOODBIDGE—The annual Holiday Party of the Greater Colonia Democratic Club will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Inman Avenue Firehouse at 7:30 p.m. The usual grand spread associated with the Holiday Party at the Colonia club will highlight the

activities of the evening, along with the surprise entertainment always presented.

It is requested that those attending the party and all are invited, bring articles of non-perishable food that will go into baskets to bring holiday happiness to some needy families.

Moore Arrives In Germany

SOUTH AMBOY—Army Spec. Thomas L. Moore has arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

Moore is a medical specialist assigned to the 2nd Infantry Battalion.

He is the son of Alfred L. Moore of the Bronx, N.Y. and Gwendolyn D. Outlaw of South Amboy.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

WWF 57, -slim, attractive, full of life, creative, caring, multi-interests. Looking for a man 50-65 with similar characteristics. ID# 1054

Attractive SWF 49, -5'4", 135 lbs., long hair, affectionate and honest. I am looking for an honest and caring man to share life with. For the good and bad times. ID# 1048

SWF 19, college bored, athletic and top heavy, seeking much older man 50-60ish, for different kind of education. Must have read some R.L.Stine and have at least one body piercing. Submit a daring photo with letter. ID# 1041

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WWF, widow, seeking a nice man for companionship between 65 and 70yrs of age. I enjoy movies, walking and dining out, TV and reading. I am also an animal lover. ID# 1043

SWF, 50's, 5'1", petite, attractive, romantic, seeking a white tall man 5'8"+ professional 49-56. Someone who is nice so we can both enjoy our time together. ID# 1042

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SHF, 45 years old, 120lbs. I am studying English, I'm from Peru. I like to read, listen to music, dance, talk, cook and go for walks. I'm sensitive, kind, honest and enjoy family. I am Catholic. No smokers/drinkers please. ID# 1036

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM, 44, N/S, 6'2", eyes of blue, seeks N/S female for a very special relationship. Physical features are not as important as in having a heart of gold. I enjoy movies, dining out, sporting events and taking walks. ID# 1051

Retired WWM, trim, fit, 5'9", 155lbs, blue eyes, hair graying, n/s, artistic nature. Enjoys dining, dancing, music, old movies, theater, beaches, mountains. In search of WF dating partner, 50-60, similar traits and interests, need not bat 1000, in the ball park is fine. ID# 1047

Hi, I am a **SWM**, 49, 6'1" and 185lbs. I am looking to meet a woman for love and LT relationship. I'm sensitive, easy going, sensuous, very secure and honest. Give me a try-nothing to lose. ID# 1039

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless, voluptuous, buxom, NS. Loves homelife, movies, music, quiet times and travelling, for long term relationship. ID# 1037

SWM, 44, never married, stocky build. Enjoys staying home, oldies and talking sports. Non-smoker, a casual drink while dining out. Seeks SWF same, 40-45 for companionship or more. ID# 1038

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

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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

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

50 Something, Marriage minded - Asian American, never been married Math/Science teacher. Does not drink nor smoke, but loves the outdoors, music, movies and quiet times. Would like to meet a catholic open-minded, kind and considerate honest lady. ID# 1022

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

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

FRIENDS

SWF 53 -Hi, I enjoy drives to the country, dining out, dancing and traveling. Prefer a man to be between 55-60 years of age. ID# 1063

ARTIST 38 -Seeks a female model, somewhat rubenesque/ buxom for life-drawing. 18-65 years of age. Pays \$14 an hour, 3 hrs one Sunday a month. ID# 1002

ALTERNATIVE

SWM 36 -ISO of other SPM or BM, 21-38 yrs old, enjoys the beach, movies, clubs, smoker/social drinker. Seeking LT relationship, into cuddling, very romantic passionate, seeks same/likes to party, hang out, muscular, send pic w/phone #. ID# 1046

SBF-honest, sincere and loving. Looking for a full figured feminine woman between the ages of 30-40 yrs Looking for a friendship first, possible relationship. I'm a 38 yr old SBF, petite and straight forward n/s, n/d. No bi's please. ID# 1050

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An overwhelming inventory demands a "repeat performance."

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ - William R. McDonagh, President of McDonagh Chrysler Jeep located on Route 18, has just announced plans to have another \$99 used car and truck sale this Saturday, December 15, 2001 between 9am and 2pm at his dealership.

According to McDonagh, the response from the last sale was so remarkable that it had to be repeated. McDonagh said, "The sale in October was unbelievable. We had customers here at 6am, waiting in line for the sale to start. Since then, I have had many requests to hold the sale again." Since new car sales were at record levels in the fall, customer trades are once again in abundance. These vehicles must be sold at cost or sent to auctions.

In addition to dealer trades, extra vehicles have been purchased at incredible savings from banks, repossession companies, auctions, credit unions, lease companies, rental companies and other dealers. This sale will make vehicles available that would not normally be sold to the general public.

According to Mark Inshassi, the dealership's General Manager, this sale will be larger than the last one in October. Customers interested in participating can arrive as early as 8am to inspect the entire inventory. All vehicles will be displayed on the southern side of the dealership. Every vehicle will be cleaned and fully prepared for delivery. Then, at 9am, Inshassi will mark the special sale price

on each and every vehicle for this sale.

Vehicles in every price range will be offered during this sale, including some at \$99. While looking through an inventory list, McDonagh said, "The discounts offered during this sale are going to be tremendous. For example, we have a '96 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme that is a gorgeous car which we would normally sell for \$8995. During this sale it will be offered for under \$5000. This will truly be fantastic buying opportunity."

When questioned about financing availability for customers, McDonagh answered "Once again, I've given the dealerships financing manager the resources to get any customers credit approved on the spot, regardless of their past credit history. This means that someone who may have a less-than-perfect credit history can participate in this sale, have his or her credit approved, and drive their vehicle home by lunchtime on Saturday. Even if a customers credit report shows a bankruptcy, divorce, tax lien, slow payment history, collections, or if a customer is a first-time buyer, we can get them approved."

It was also stated that some of the area's largest automotive wholesalers will be on hand competing for trade-ins. Customers can get the maximum value for their present car now, and during this sale, pick up a later model vehicle for far below current book value. Customers wishing to trade in a vehicle should bring their title or payment book for immediate delivery.

McDonagh will even pay off your trade in, no matter how much you still owe on it.

But, as said by McDonagh, "After this sale ends at 2pm Saturday, we will resume our regular pricing, as well as send most of these surplus vehicles directly to auctions for liquidation. So, if anyone has been thinking about purchasing a good, clean and dependable pre-owned car, truck, van or sport-utility vehicle, this sale is definitely the event they have been waiting for."

So if you are currently in the market for a pre-owned vehicle, great deals are going to be right here, close to home, at McDonagh Chrysler Jeep in East Brunswick. This special, one day only, \$99 Used Car Sale, will be held this Saturday, December 15th. Inspection starts promptly at 8am, and sale prices, starting at \$99, will be posted at 9am. All vehicles will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Mr. McDonagh has requested that other dealers or dealer representatives intending to purchase vehicles for resale at their dealerships please not attend this sale.

McDonagh Chrysler Jeep is located on Route 18 in East Brunswick; 3 miles south of New Jersey Turnpike Exit 9, 10 minutes north of the intersection of Routes 9 & 18, and only 10 minutes from the intersection of Routes 1 & 18. Anyone who has questions or needs directions can call the dealership toll free at 1-800-639-3939.

Example: '93 Mercury Cougar XR-7-2dr, V6, auto, ps, pb, ac- VIN:PH667086, 70,332 miles; buy for \$99. '96 Olds Cutlass-4dr, V6, auto, ps, pb, ac- VIN:TF300321, 61,919 miles- Was \$8995, Buy For \$4995. All credit based on approval by primary lending institution; vehicle chosen, down payment, monthly payment and term may vary; bankruptcies must be discharged. Negative equity of trade carried over to new vehicle price. Prices include all costs to be paid by consumers except licensing, tax and registration. ©2001 FJL Advertising/McDonagh Automotive Inc.

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Colonia's Livingston Finishes Successful Season For Babson Men's Soccer

"... this was nevertheless a very successful season for the Babson men's soccer program,"

WOODBIDGE—Colonia native, Robert Livingston, recently wrapped up his first season for the Babson College men's soccer team. A 2001 graduate of Wardlaw-Hart-ridge High School, Livingston helped the Beavers to a solid 12-8-1 season that included a berth in the ECAC New England Tournament.

Babson began the season by winning five of its first six contests, but then lost seven of its next nine to slip to 7-6-0

overall. The Beavers turned it on down the stretch, however, taking four out of five game to end the regular season at 11-7-0.

After being knocked out of the NEWMAC Tournament by MIT, Babson was selected as the sixth seed in the 2001 ECAC New England Tournament. The Beavers then upset #3 UMass-Dartmouth, 1-0, to advance to the semifinals, where they played second-seeded Westfield State to a 1-1

tie. Babson then saw its season come to an end when the Owls won in penalty kicks, 4-2.

"Although our overall record wasn't quite as good as we would have liked, this was nevertheless a very successful season for the Babson men's soccer program," head coach Jon Anderson said. "We had a very tough stretch midway through the season where we lost some close contests to nationally-ranked teams, but our guys persevered and played very well down the stretch."

Tech School Has A Soft Spot

EDISON—Students, faculty and staff at The Cittone Institute in Edison collected \$1,300 through a fundraiser to benefit the World Trade Center disaster victims' families. The amount has been turned over to the Uniformed Firefighters Association's Widows and Children's Fund.

For the eighth year, the school will collect Christmas toys for children enrolled in the Head Start program in Woodbridge. A Christmas tree with paper angels will be displayed in the executive director's office, with each paper angel representing a child enrolled in Head Start. Gifts will be purchased for each child and presented a few days before the holiday vacation. The Head Start program enables parents to work with-

out having to pay for costly day care for their children.

Food collected during the annual Thanksgiving drive was donated to Women Helping Women, a Metuchen shelter for abused woman.

The Edison Cittone campus is located at 1697 Oak Tree Road. It is one of 23 schools operated nationally by Lincoln Educational Services. Open for day and evening sessions, it offers programs in network systems professional, software applications specialist, PC support technician, help desk analyst, and computer programming with web technology. Cittone is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools/Colleges of Technology.

Be A Franklin's Friend

PERTH AMBOY—These days, no one really has time. But, if you are deeply interested in a cause, you will always make time. Those are the kinds of people the Proprietary House is seeking to be volunteers.

Besides adults, we are also seeking teens and pre-teens to be junior volunteers. Because the Proprietary House was the residence of Royal Governor William Franklin in the 1700's the volunteers call themselves Franklin's Friends.

Numbering about fifty individuals of varying ages and interests, they have worked diligently to unpack the mansion and set it in order after a period of extensive renovations.

They have dusted and scrubbed, painted shelving and

put up curtains and drapes, laundered tablecloths and napkins, moved furniture, set up chairs and tables for programs, baked and prepared food and desserts, organized the Gift Shop and Tea Room and hosted programs.

Am ambitious program for the coming year will raise money for additional renovations now that the floors are refinished and the electrical work is completed. The Mansion is looking quite grand especially for the Yuletide holidays.

Call Administrative Aide, Marion, at (732) 826-5527 for a Franklin's Friend questionnaire. After you complete it and return it to the Proprietary House, Chairman Rosemary Mazzeo or Jackie Adell will call you to get you started.

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JERSEY CASH 5 ... 7-11-12-15-21		
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JERSEY CASH 5 ... 3-14-21-24-28		
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PICK SIX ... 1-4-6-8-46-47		
JERSEY CASH 5 ... 6-22-27-28-35		
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OBITUARIES

Edward Popowski lived for baseball

Mr. Edward "Buddy" Popowski of Sayreville died December 4 at home. He was 88.

Born in Sayreville, he was a lifelong borough resident.

He started his career in baseball playing second base with House of David baseball team in 1934 until 1937, when he signed with the Boston Red Sox. He played second base in the minor leagues before becoming a manager in 1946 until 1966. He became third base coach in 1967 for the Red Sox and then served for a brief time as interim manager until 1975. That year, he became the coordinator, manager and special instructor for the Red Sox in the Florida Instructional league from 1989 until the present. He was also a field instructor in the Florida Instructional League, where a field was eventually named in his honor in Fort Myers, Fla. He also played locally with his brothers, Frank, Anthony and Bernard.

Mr. Popowski was an Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Sayreville American Legion Post 211, Sayreville Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Victory Council 2061, American Professional Baseball Players Association, Major League Baseball Players Association and Baseball Alumni Team.

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

His wife, Mary Howley Popowski, died in 1988; and his brothers, Anthony, Frank and Bernard, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Carole Garbowski of Sayreville and Sherry Popowski of Anandale; three sons, Terry Popowski, Rickey Popowski of Sayreville and Randy Popowski of South Carolina; a sister, Sophie Golaszewski of Sayreville; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Gilbert Christensen of Perth Amboy

Mr. Gilbert R. Christensen of Perth Amboy died October 25 at home. He was 83.

Born in Plainfield, he lived in Perth Amboy for the past 76 years.

He was a lab technician at Engelhard Industries, Newark, for 25 years.

Prior to that, he worked at Du Pont in Perth Amboy for many years.

After retiring he assisted his daughter at her Perth Amboy 7-Eleven Store.

Mr. Christensen was a communicant of Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Perth Amboy and a member of the St. George Catholic Club, Perth Amboy.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His wife, Helen (Strelecky) Christensen and a sister, Marion Einig; and two brothers, Roy and Harold Christensen, are all deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Christensen of Perth Amboy and MaryAnn McCourt of Flanders; a son, Ronald Christensen of Edgewood, Ky.; and eight grandchildren.

Katherine C. Agatep of Carteret

Mrs. Katherine C. Agatep of Carteret died October 29 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 42.

Born in the Philippines, she had resided in Carteret since 1988.

She was a postal worker at Carteret Post Office for the past six years.

Mrs. Agatep was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

She was a member of the Samahan Cultural Group, Carteret.

Surviving are her husband, Rodrigo Agatep; four daughters, Barnabie, Michelle, Karen and Raquel, all of Carteret; her parents, Jesus and Dolores Canonizado of Carteret; and four sisters, Mary Rose Amistad, Bibiana Quimpo, Rita Canonizado and Edna Syjontian, all of Carteret.

Juan E. Salgado, Sr. of Perth Amboy

Mr. Juan E. Salgado, Sr. of Perth Amboy died October 31 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 44.

Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, he resided in Perth Amboy for two years.

Surviving are five sons, Juan E. Salgado Jr. of Keasbey, Eliezer Salgado of Perth Amboy, Alexander Salgado of Linden, Gamaliel Salgado of Willingboro and Jonathan Salgado of Perth Amboy; and two daughters, Jennifer Salgado of Perth Amboy and Christina Salgado of Connecticut; four grandchildren, his father, Francisco Salgado of Florida; his mother and stepfather, Raquel and Sixto Perez of Keasbey; a brother, Frank Salgado Jr. of Jersey City; a sister, Gloria Aljandro of Keasbey; and three daughters-in-law, Dorothy Zlokowski of Linden, Anna Salgado of Perth Amboy and Tam Korner of Keasbey.

Joseph W. Petrocy of Carteret

Mr. Joseph William Petrocy of Carteret died October 29 at home. He was 77.

Born in Middletown, Ohio, he resided in Carteret most of his life.

He retired from American Cyanamid, Linden, after 40 years with the company.

He was the former owner of Petrocy's Jewelry Store, Carteret and was a watchmaker.

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

He was a member of the Echo Lake Church of Christ, Westfield.

A brother, John Petrocy, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Jackie Petrocy; a daughter, Lorna Griffin of Carteret; four sons, Joel, Jeff, Jack and James Petrocy, all of Carteret; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

George T. Miller, Sr. of Woodbridge

Mr. George T. Miller Sr. of Woodbridge died November 7 at the home of his daughter, Maryellen Kohl, Hillsborough. He was 81.

Born in Woodbridge, he lived there all his life.

He was a bricklayer by trade, working from 1946 until his retirement in 1983. He was a 1938 graduate of Woodbridge High school.

He served as a sergeant in the Army's Artillery Division during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mr. Miller was a third-degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Catholic War Veterans, both in Woodbridge.

He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He volunteered assembling holiday food baskets at St. James' R.C. Church, Woodbridge, where he was a parishioner.

A daughter, Pegeen Miller and two brothers, Hank and Bill Miller, are all deceased.

In addition to his daughter, Maryellen Kohl, surviving are his wife of 53 years, Eileen R. (Mullady) Miller; a son, George Jr. of Edison; a brother, Donald of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Ryan and Shannon Kohl and Allison and Thomas Miller.

John G. Czajkowski of Iselin

Mr. John G. Czajkowski of Iselin died November 1 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 72.

Born in Newark, he was raised in Irvington, he lived in Iselin for the past 45 years.

He was a graduate of East Side High School, Newark, and Seton Hall University, South Orange.

He was employed for 34 years by American Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, Newark, for 12 years at Hanover Insurance Company, Piscataway until his retirement in 1994.

Mr. Czajkowski formerly served as councilman for the 4th Ward in Woodbridge Township for six years.

He was a past grand knight of St. Cecelia's Knights of Columbus Council 3639 in Iselin and a member of the St. Cecelia's Fourth Degree Assembly 3639, and its Color Corps.

Mr. Czajkowski was an usher at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays at St. Cecelia's R.C. Church for more than 40 years and was a volunteer for St. Cecelia's Iselin Fair.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

His parents, Charles and Mary (Kowalski) Czajkowski, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Rosemary (Helmstetter) Czajkowski; two daughters, Linda of Edison and Patricia Fabino of South Plainfield; a son, John Czajkowski of Freehold; and four grandsons, Matthew and Brian Fabino and Jason and Kyle Czajkowski.

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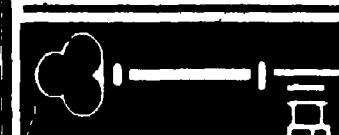
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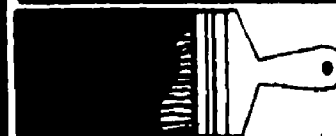
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Local School Makes Donation To Disaster Fund

CARTERET—Students at the Minue School presented their donation of \$1,810 to the Disaster Fund for the Children of NJ. The students held a penny drive to collect money for the Fund. The school held a check presentation ceremony for attendees from the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce at a special assembly on Nov. 19 in the school gymnasium.

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce formed the Disaster Fund for the Children of NJ to provide immediate resources to the families with children directly affected by the tragic events of Sept. 11. Prudential Financial employee donations and matching funds from The Prudential Foundation provided the initial gift of \$100,000 to the Fund. Johnson & Johnson matched Prudential's initial gift.

The Fund is now accepting contributions from corporations, businesses and citizens who want to assist children who lost a parent in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The State Chamber formed the Fund in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education and the Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance and is administered by the Chamber's not-for-profit foundation.

Gifts to the Fund are tax deductible, and every dollar contributed will support the needs of children affected by this tragedy. For information on how donations can help, or to make a gift by charge card, call (609) 989-7888. Donations to the fund can also be made by sending checks or money orders to: Disaster Fund for the Children of NJ, c/o New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce Foundation, 216 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.