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Three Decades of Leadership Nears End At Raritan Bay Medical Center

AREA—One of the state's great leaders in health care will retire after 29 years of service to Raritan Bay Medical Center. Keith H. McLaughlin will retire as President and Chief Executive Officer of Raritan Bay Medical Center on June 30.

A Middletown resident, Keith H. McLaughlin began his career at Raritan Bay Medical Center in April 1972 as the Assistant Director for Finance and quickly graduated through several administrative positions. He was appointed President and CEO in July 1980 and has served in the position for more than 20 years, providing outstanding leadership as one of New Jersey's premier hospital CEOs.

In the early 1980s, McLaughlin developed a vision for Raritan Bay Medical Center



Keith H. McLaughlin

and undertook to make it one of the best health care institutions in the state of New Jersey. Under McLaughlin's leadership, major building and expansion projects were completed beginning with the opening of the Old Bridge Division and the

Medical Arts Building, the complete renovation of the Perth Amboy Division through the overwhelmingly successful Renewal 2000 project, and the current expansion of the emergency rooms at Old Bridge and Perth Amboy.

Additionally, McLaughlin pursued his vision for Raritan Bay Medical Center with the opening of the Marion Tanzman Diabetes Center, the Jacqueline M. & Robert N. Wilentz Cancer Center and affiliation with the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and the implementation of enhanced clinical technology at the medical center. Through the ongoing challenges facing the health care industry over the past several years, McLaughlin has successfully managed to maintain the financial stability of the Medical Center ready to meet

the financial challenges of the future.

Although retiring from his current position, McLaughlin will remain a member of the hospital family. He will serve on the Board of Directors, acting as a member of the Finance committee and chairing the Strategic Planning Committee. He will also remain as president of Raritan Bay Health Services Corporation, Raritan Bay Healthcare Foundation, and Raritan Management Corporation.

While certainly sad to see McLaughlin retire, the Board of Directors takes great pride and confidence in the appointment of a new leader for the Raritan Bay Medical Center. Effective July 1, Michael R. D'Agnes will become the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center.

Students Oppose Name Change

SOUTH AMBOY—When plans were announced to rename St. Mary's Diocesan High School to honor Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, few expected the move to cause any controversy. But, a number of students and alumni found the change surprising.

Stephanie Carver, a member of the class of 2002—the first class to graduate from the newly-renamed school, is circulating a petition opposing the change. She has col-

lected 65 signatures from her classmates so far.

"We want to graduate from the school we went to as freshman. Our school rings say 'St. Mary's'," said Carver.

The class of 1949 is also protesting the decision. They are planning a "polite rally" in front of the school at sometime in the near future to show support for their patron saint.

Vincent Higgins, a member of the class of 1949, said, "Since our

parents and grandparents built this school, we feel we have certain rights as to the way it should be named. Enormous sacrifices were made to build it."

In a recent letter to members of the school community, Monsignor Michael J. Alliegro, director of the department of educational ministries, defended the name change. He said that the church traditionally names parishes, schools and buildings after people who are respected by their com-

munities. McCarrick served the parish honorably, Alliegro wrote.

The school was originally named for St. Mary, because she was very dear to many of the school's founders.

The name change honors Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, who served as bishop from the diocese's founding in 1981-1986. The new name will be in place by the start of the new school year, according to diocese spokeswoman Rayanne Damian.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

McDonough Truly Talented

COLONIA—Anthony McDonough, a student at St. John Vianney School, Colonia, was one of the top scorers in the state of New Jersey for the John Hopkins University Talent Search. The awards ceremony took place at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, on June 9.

As a 7th grader, Anthony took the SAT's in January. This is the same test that college-bound Juniors and Seniors take. This has been the third year that

Anthony has been a top scorer in the state.

He has been in the John Hopkins program for all three years, taking additional and advanced Language Arts and Math courses besides his own course load in school.

Prudential Insurance sponsored an essay contest for Black History Month called "One of the Great Black Innovators of the Past or Present is..." The 6th, 7th and 8th graders had the opportunity to enter this contest and sev-

eral did. Anthony was awarded a \$100 Savings bond from Prudential for his essay on Benjamin Banniker.

He also was the recipient of the National Geographic Geography Bee at St. John Vianney School where grades 5-8 participated in the program. Questions were based on geography and current events. Anthony's name has now been engraved on the school's plaque commemorating all of the past winners.

Entertainment Books On Sale

PERTH AMBOY — The Perth Amboy YMHA will be selling Entertainment Books this year.

Entertainment books are only \$30 and have hundreds of tickets for restaurants, stores, hotels and various services. All restaurants offer a "buy one, get one free" opportunity to eat in the finest restaurants or even fast

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State Approves Woodbridge Forestry Plan

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In addition, the Township has

adopted an ordinance requiring developers who remove trees to replace them or contribute to a tree planting fund.

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In approving the plan, the New Jersey Forest Service concluded that the proposal met the standards established by the State and the New Jersey Community

Forestry Council.

The goal of the State's Community Forestry Program is to educate all municipalities and counties in the State about the benefits of developing their own distinctive community forestry management plans.

"As these plans develop, the health of the tree cover will improve, the number of trees will increase, and the awareness of State's residents will rise," State Coordinator of Community Forestry Michael V. D'Errico wrote in a letter approving the Woodbridge plan.

Fun For All At Fair

ISELIN—The Iselin Fair this year will be held from July 9-14. As usual, the Fair will feature a 120 foot food tent: clams on the half shell, pizza, zeppoli, shish-ka-bob and many other delicious foods.

There are amusement rides and fun for all ages. Bracelet

Night (pay one price and ride all night) will be Tuesday, July 10 and Thursday, July 12. The fairgrounds are located on Green Street, near the Metro Park Station in Iselin.

Open each night at 7 p.m. Free parking and admission.

David Vs. Goliath

SAYREVILLE—Mayor Kennedy O'Brien has sent a letter to U.S. Senators Robert Torricelli and Jon Corzine and Congressman Frank Pallone, seeking support for Green Tree Chemical Technologies, a small business that manufactures Nitrocellulose. Eighteen months ago, Hercules announced that it was shutting down, thereby ending all production of nitrocellulose in its Sayreville plant. Nitrocellulose is used in making explosives, including military ammunition.

O'Brien and Council President Frank Makransky proposed the Council Resolution to the Federal legislators representing Sayreville, urging their support for Green Tree Chemical Technologies. Nitrocellulose, which is being manufactured overseas and subsidized by foreign governments, is largely the reason that Hercules Incorporated announced that it is closing its operations in the Parlin section of Sayreville Borough. The United States Department of Defense is a large purchaser of Nitrocellulose.

"In the Borough of Sayreville, we have a third generation of local people working in Hercules making Nitrocellulose," said O'Brien. "If Green

Tree Chemical Technologies succeeds in this endeavor, we win two ways," said O'Brien. "First we retain more than 125 jobs that would otherwise be lost and second the Borough retains a badly needed property tax source."

Makransky, who proposed the resolution for a vote, believes that Green Tree Technologies needs help from the federal legislators to ensure success. The U.S. Department of Defense has become a direct competitor to companies like Green Tree, which has ironically been classified as small businesses by the United States Small Business Administration. "This is a classic case of David versus Goliath," said Makransky. "And David will win if the playing field is level," Makransky said. "That is why Mayor O'Brien sent a letter and the Council passed this resolution by a unanimous vote," said the Council President.

Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and Councilman Frank Makransky believe that Senators Torricelli and Corzine and Congressman Pallone will come through for the people of Sayreville.

Anyone wishing additional information on this story should call Mayor Kennedy O'Brien at (732) 727-1879.

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Senior Citizens Present WHS With A New School Sign

COLONIA—The dedication of a hand carved sign depicting the Woodbridge High School's historic logo, Knowledge and Strength, took place on Monday, June 18 at the Route 35 entrance to the high school.

George Vassiliades, president of the Colonia Senior Citizens Club said, "The hand carved sign donated by the Colonia Senior Citizens will serve as a reminder to the Woodbridge community that we care about all of our youth, respect education and have pride in our community."

The sponsors of the hand carved sign are Gosselin's Funeral Home, Edison and the Cornucopia Princess, Perth Amboy. The sign was carved by Peter Catelli.

Lee Warren, principal of Woodbridge High School said, "The donation of the sign by the Colonia Senior Citizens Club is greatly appreciated. The sign will serve as a lasting symbol of the commitment of our senior residents to the youth of our community and foster pride in our community. It is so nice to have generations working together. It doesn't get any better than this."

The Colonia Senior Citizens Club has secured sponsors and signs for Colonia High School, Woodbridge Main Library and its branches and are currently working to secure signs for JFK Memorial High School and the Colonia Lady Patriots softball field.

Menendez Announces Housing Grants For Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY—Rep. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) has announced that the Housing Authority of Perth Amboy received Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Fiscal Year 2001 Fair Share Allocation of Incremental Voucher Funding competition to assist low income and very low-income families in obtaining and maintaining decent, safe, and affordable rental housing.

The Housing Authority of Perth Amboy was awarded \$912,653 for 100 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

"Today's funding will help struggling families, the elderly and disabled persons to afford safe and decent apartments, single-family homes, or townhouses. Today's housing market has priced too many people out of the most basic housing opportunities

in my district," said Menendez. "As a result, I will continue my efforts here in Congress to secure funding that allows low-income families and individuals, faced with skyrocketing rents, to put food on the table and live in affordable and safe housing units."

"As a society, we have the responsibility to guarantee that our most vulnerable citizens—low-income families, the elderly and the disabled—are given an opportunity to live in decent, safe and sanitary housing, and are not forced to choose between the food they put on the table and the quality of their housing," concluded Menendez. "And I will continue to be their number one advocate in Washington as I secure additional federal funding to help improve the lives of all my constituents."

K Of C Announces New Officers

PARLIN—New officers of the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Victory Council 2061, were elected at a recent meeting and will be installed at a special ceremony.

The officers for the 2001-02 Columbian Year are Chaplain Very Reverend Terrance

Lawler; Grand Knight James Morey; Deputy Grand Knight Anthony Gerbino; Chancellor Kevin Kosobucki; Financial Secretary Daniel (Chuck) Czemikowski, PGK, PFN; Treasurer Edward Tauber; Recorder Jeff Brophy; Trustees Fred Morrow, PGK,

James Poltrictzky PGK; John Schnitzer PGK; Advocate James Bowes; Warden Anthony Moskal; Inside Guard Brian Earls and Outside Guard Joseph T. Halmi. Officers serve for the Columbian Year, July 2001 through June 2002.

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Tee Time

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce will on Monday, August 27, sponsor their 29th Annual Golf Classic at the beautiful Metuchen Golf & Country Club, Edison. The \$250 per golfer fee includes, a picnic lunch, 18 holes with carts, cocktails, exceptional dinner, gifts and door prizes. There is a dinner only

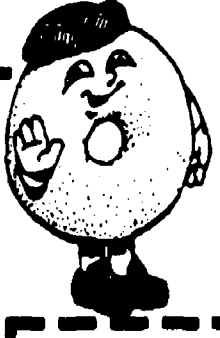
package for \$80. Four separate raffles will be held. Three for travel packages donated by Hyatt, Marriott and Wyndham Resorts. The fourth raffle for a day of golf at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club. Sponsorship is also available for tees, snacks on the course, cocktail hour and for prize donations. Sponsorships run from

\$175 for a sign at the tee up to \$1,500 for the Corporate Dinner Sponsor. Each sponsorship is prominently displayed.

Last year we had to turn away 25 golfers, so make your reservations early by calling the Edison Chamber at (732) 738-9482.

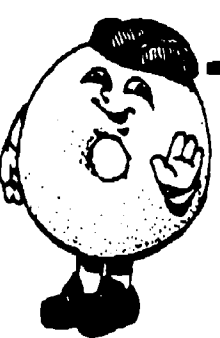
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The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbush, persimmon and pawpaw and pagodatree and pecan.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, and other identifying features. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree Is that?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Volunteers For Study Sought

AREA—Did you live in New Brunswick or Highland Park or go to Rutgers between 1935-1945?

A former Rutgers student doing graduate work in England will be in the Jewish Historical Society office between June 22nd and July 26th to do some research in our archives. He wishes to interview as many people as possible for his Ph.D. dissertation on how the holocaust affected us as we became aware of its scope.

Reservations for interviews can be made on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30-2 and on Fridays from 9:30 to 12 noon. Special arrangements can be made on Sundays.

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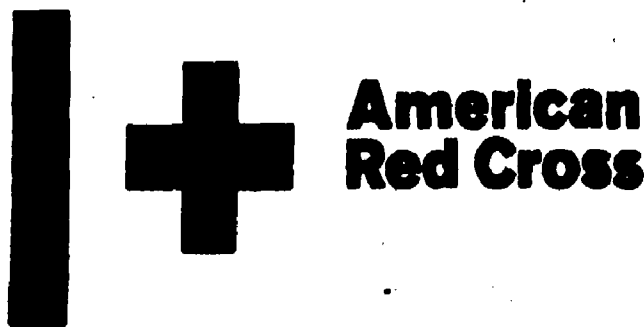
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NJ Recycling Leader: Middlesex County

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex County leads the state in recycling, according to a report released by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

In 1999, the last year for which data has been audited, Middlesex County residents and businesses recycled 1,304,672 tons of material, which accounted for 64.1 percent of the coun-

ty's total waste stream.

Second to Middlesex in terms of the amount of material recycled was Bergen County, with 1,075,295 tons. Second to Middlesex in terms of the per-

centage of the waste stream recycled was Gloucester county, with 63.4 percent.

"This is a tribute to the commitment of our residents," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabel, the freeholder liaison to the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), which operates the recycling programs in 16 Middlesex municipalities.

"People in this County know the value of recycling and take it seriously. We've exceeded a 60 percent rate for the past five

years in a row, and now we've been recognized as doing the best job in the state. Everyone should be very proud," Crabel said.

Crabel noted that recycling saves money by reducing the amount of garbage that must be taken to the County landfill, and also preserves landfill space.

For more information on recycling in Middlesex County, visit the MCIA's award-winning web site, www.mciauth.com or call 1-800-488-MCIA.

Birth Announcements

AREA—Raritan Bay Medical Center has announced its birth announcements for the month of April, 2001.

Nurhan and Murat Duman of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Aleya Duman**, born April 1, 2001.

Sylvia Cotto and David Santiago of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **David Justin Santiago**, born April 1, 2001.

Dominga Corona of Perth Amboy is proud to announce the birth of her son, **Elizs Corona**, born April 2, 2001.

Laticia Hargett and Michael Shawn Hughes of Woodbridge are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Eurasia Yvonne Nancy Hughes**, born April 2, 2001.

Zobeyda and Jose Valdez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Anthony Zachary Valdez Diaz**, born April 2, 2001.

Jenny Olivencia and Corin Polanco of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Tina Michelle Polanco**, born April 2, 2001.

Lisa C. Codrington and Linford S. Grant of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Stephen L. Grant**, born April 3, 2001.

Damaris Abreu and Joewar Jesus Colon of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Joewar Eric Colon**, born April 3, 2001.

Karen and Todd Douglas Kutcher, Sr. of Woodbridge are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Jake Ryan Kutcher**, born April 4, 2001.

Yesenia Medina and Daniel Guzman of Edison are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Bryan O'Neal Guzman**, born April 4, 2001.

Danyell Earline Ellison and Stanley Joel Matthews of Perth Amboy are proud to announce their birth of their son, **Kahree Xavier Matthews**, born April 6, 2001.

Kim Hayes and Neville S. Mitchell of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Imani Jade Mitchell**, born April 10, 2001.

Erika Gonzalez and Julio Cesak Mercado of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of

their daughter, **Melissa Jennifer Mercade**, born April 11, 2001.

Claribel Marte and Teofilo Gomez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Patricia Gomez**, born April 12, 2001.

Joyce Diaz and Manuel Bosques of Woodbridge are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Milton Lee Bosques**, born April 14, 2001.

Evelyn A. Castillo and Augusto J. Quinones of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Christopher J. Quinones**, born April 17, 2001.

Yolanda Elizabeth Singh and Alfredo Gonzalez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jalyn Angeli Gonzalez**, born April 21, 2001.

Iris Quintana and Scott Gregory Hamaydi of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **William Sage Hamaydi**, born April 22, 2001.

Jennifer Christine and John Robert Breyta of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Kiersten Ann Breyta**, born April 23, 2001.

Erica Aisha Stout and Joshua Amin Key of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Joshua Malik Key**,

born April 24, 2001.

Hoda Ashour and Reda Mahmoud of Parlin are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Hashem Reda Mahmoud**, born April 24, 2001.

Reyna Bernal of Perth Amboy is proud to announce the birth of her son, **Curth Rodriguez**, born April 25, 2001.

Jestine D. O'Rourke and Leon James Fletcher III of Carteret are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Anyah Neel Fletcher**, born April 25, 2001.

Elizabeth Marie DeJesus and Ruben Martin Vasquez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Limari Matilde Vasquez**, born April 26, 2001.

Mildred Santiago and Raul Jorge of Carteret are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Bryan Jorge**, born April 27, 2001.

Aracelis Dominguez and Nicholas Alberto of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jaranixy Alberto**, born April 29, 2001.

Dalia Patricia Gonzalez and Gregory Michael Barletto of Edison are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Dallana Ruth Barletto**, born April 30, 2001.

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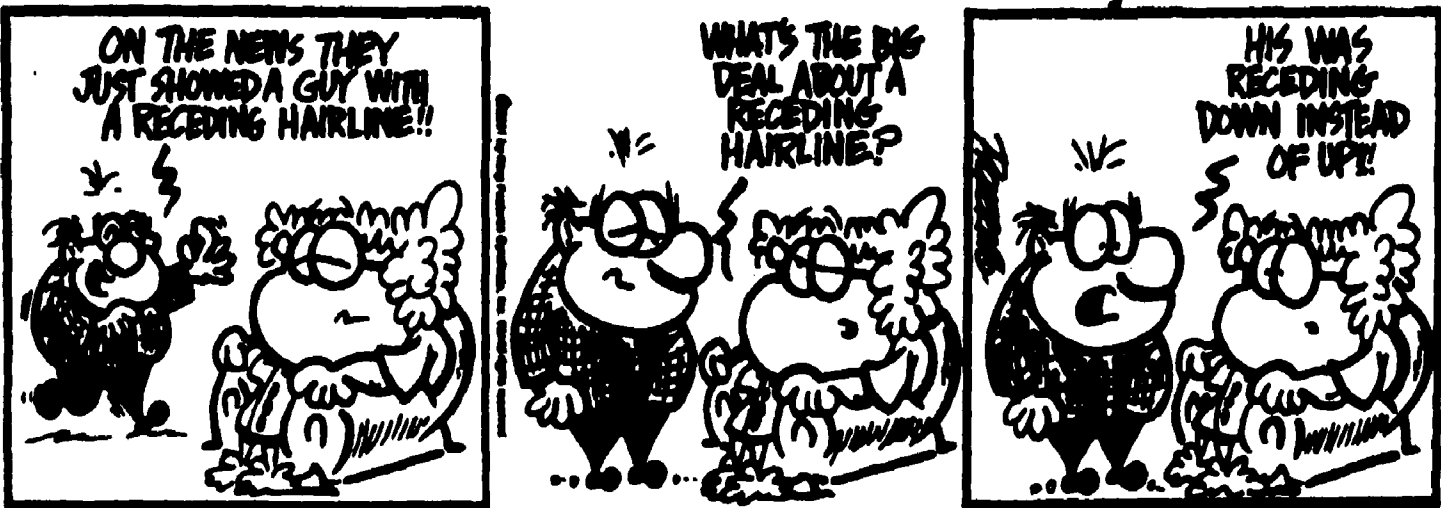
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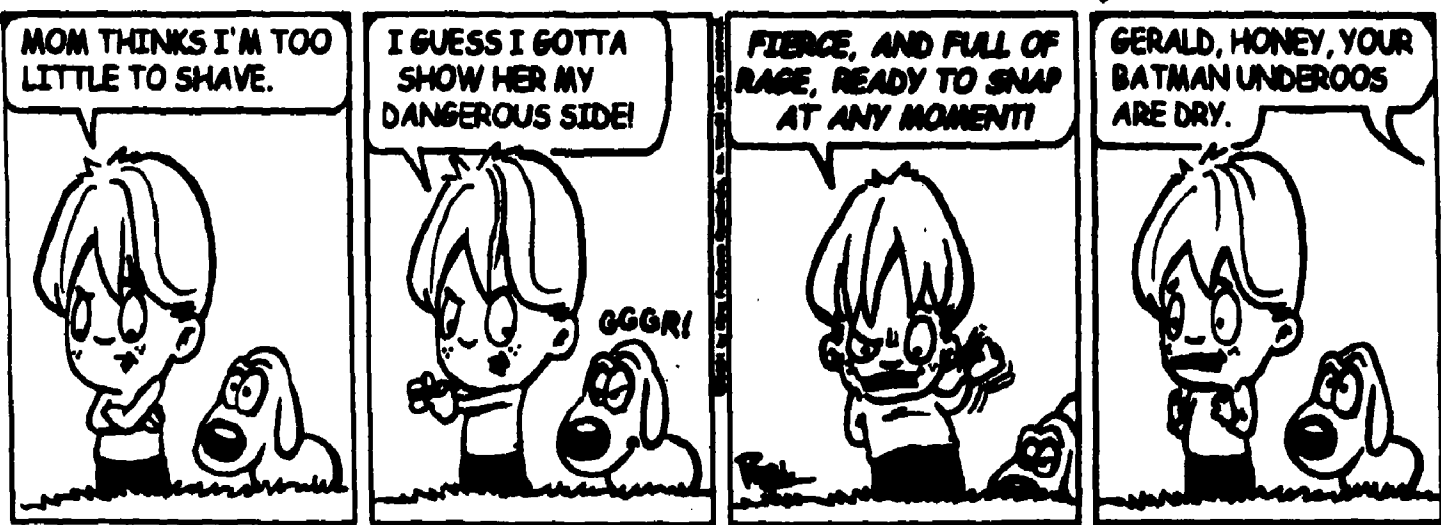
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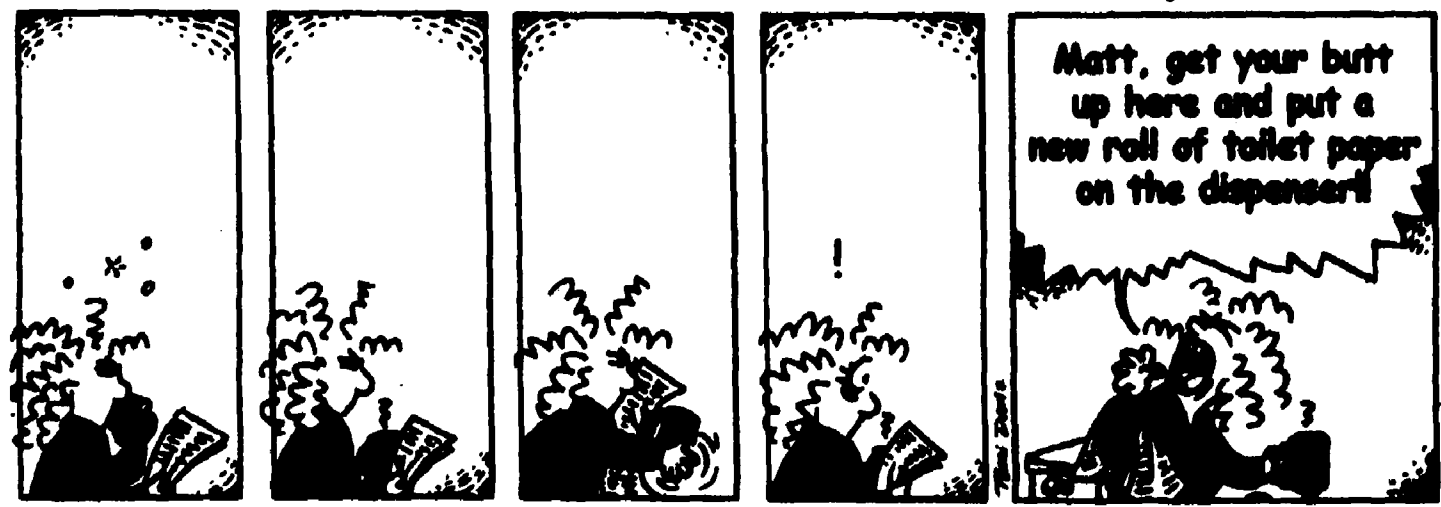
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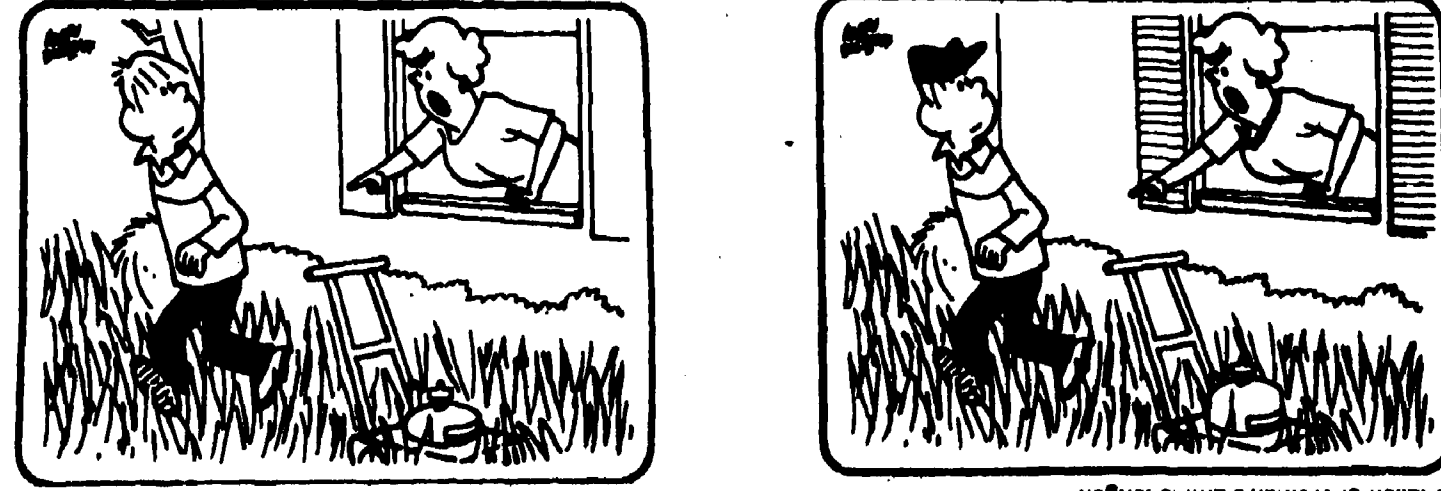
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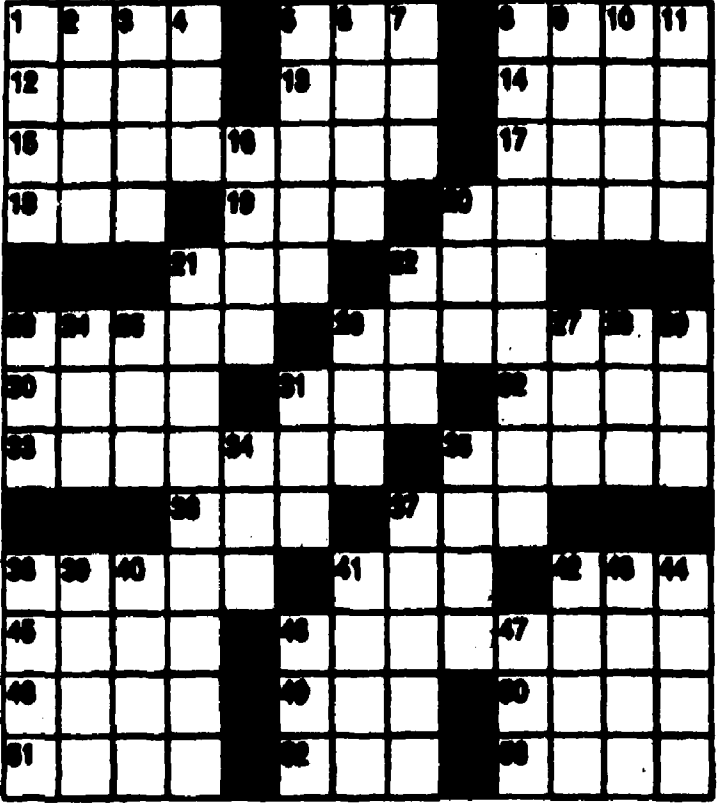
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- 1 Game-show pilot
- 5 Dave's late-night rival
- 8 Acknowledge mistakes
- 12 Hedge-podge
- 13 Bulging brave
- 14 On
- 15 Rocket launchers
- 17 Gellar Toss
- 18 Single
- 19 Hard-pack item
- 20 Rec room
- 21 Londoner's letter
- 22 Feller while speaking
- 23 Beauty parlor
- 24 Round table member
- 30 Drew Carey's territory
- 31 Promises
- 32 South African tribe
- 33 Freight
- 34 Filleted
- 35 Evening hour
- 37 Low sound
- 38 Cousin of "fat"
- 41 Patch
- 42 Native resident (Alba)
- 43 Hawaiian Island
- 44 1967 Simon & Garfunkel song
- 45 "What's - for me?"
- 49 West Point



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- 9 Particular
- 10 To a degree
- 11 Health resorts
- 16 Admiring clients
- 20 Solidly
- 21 1940s maneuver
- 22 Partner of 22-Across
- 23 Bowl
- 24 "Eardrum"
- 25 Touched
- 26 Pantheon member
- 27 Vandal
- 28 "Calvin and..."
- 29 Flap
- 31 Irritate
- 34 Tornado
- 35 This and that
- 37 Bishop's head-dress
- 38 Eastern potato
- 39 Logical
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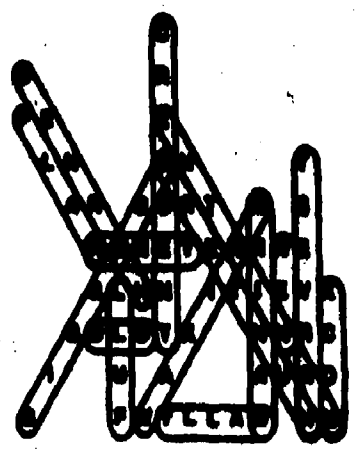
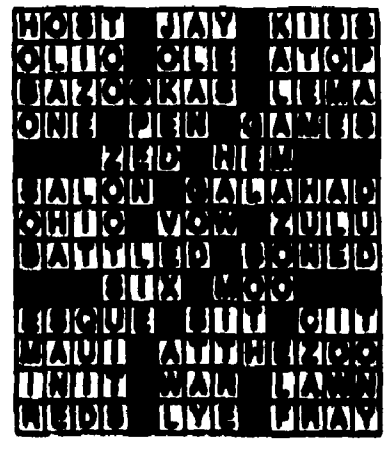
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Nursing Graduates Face Excellent Prospects

OLD BRIDGE—The administrators and faculty of The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing at Raritan Bay Medical Center were pleased to award nursing diplomas to 37 men and women at commencement exercises on June 14 in Perth Amboy.

"Health care facilities throughout New Jersey are experiencing a great demand for nurses," said Constance S. Patten, RN, EdD, Vice President of Nursing at Raritan Bay Medical Center. "Our graduates are energetic and well prepared to fill a vital role in meeting this demand."

Graduate Marcia Morris-Whittle addressed the crowd as a representative of the class of 2001, commenting, "I acknowledge our power and responsibility to change our profession as much as it will change us for the betterment of everyone we touch."

"Nursing professionals have a wealth of opportunities in today's hospitals. Their skills can be put to use in various hospital settings, such as critical care units, emergency rooms and medical-surgical units," said Cathleen McCormack, RN, MA, Director of the School of Nursing. "With such a great demand for nurses, we are proud to see these fine men and women enter such a rewarding profession."

The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing diploma curriculum is a 30-month program emphasizing academic work and clinical study, preparing students to take the state licensing examination to become registered nurses. A 17-month Career

Ladder program prepares licensed practical nurses to become registered nurses.

The academic program centers on biological and behavioral sciences, while the clinical experience studies all nursing disciplines including medical/surgical, maternal/child care, psychiatry, intensive care and cardiac care.

Among the graduates were: Denise R. Amos, East Orange; Benetta Y. Anderson, Metuchen; Hernandie Andris-Garcon, Hazlet; Marie Gertie Azard, Roselle; Monica Gaye Barnes, Middletown; Sarah Elizabeth Bergacs, Hopelawn; Annmarie Elizabeth Black, Middletown; Joan Marie Brennan, Plainsboro; Lauren Allyson Buchter, Lakewood; Jemima Mertyl Celestin, Port Reading; Marie Alange Dornelus, Plainfield; Juliann Omio Edenojie, Sayreville; Amy Elizabeth Fass, Edison; Linda Faustin, Maplewood; Marie Claudette Gedeon, Newark; Christine Marie Giannone, Old Bridge; Christina Marie Gubinski, Staten Island, N.Y.; David Martin Howe, Old Bridge; Aliya Hunter, Somerset; Michelle Lee Ianello, Hazlet; Marie Vena Jupiter-Syllien, Newark; Margaret Kegler, Newark; Denise Joan Llanos, Newark; Phyllis Anne Manna, Howell; Marcia Charmaine Morris-Whittle, West Orange; Tami Michel Moscatiello, Oakhurst; Badru Mugerwa, Newark; Dorothy Chioma Nwanonyiri, Maplewood; Dorothy Chikaodi Okeke, Newark; Karyn Picaroni, Edison; Laura Elizabeth Santonastaso, Roselle Park; Gina St. Phard, West Orange; Audrey Taylor-Stewart,

Maplewood; Mariyamma Thomas, Freehold; Pamela Maureen Thomas, Rahway; Audrey May Wright, East Orange and Roseline Belizaire Zamor, Elizabeth.

During the graduation ceremony, awards and scholarships were presented to the following:

Highest Overall Academic Achievement Award given by Amboy National Bank: Amy Fass, Edison; Highest Overall Achievement by a Career Ladder Senior: Laura Santonastaso, Roselle Park; Highest Academic Achievement given by the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Auxiliary: Christine Giannone, Old Bridge; Highest Academic Achievement by a Career Ladder Student given by the Charles E. Gregory Alumni: Gina St. Phard, West Orange; Excellence in Pediatric Nursing Award given by the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Auxiliary: Gina St. Phard, West Orange; Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Award given by the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Auxiliary: Audrey Wright, East Orange; Dr. Lund Memorial Award given in memory of Dr. John Lund, and the Dr. Samuel Breslow Obstetrical Award given in memory of Dr. Samuel Breslow: Marcia Morris-Whittle, West Orange; The Hunter Award for Excellence in Surgical Nursing, Christine Giannone, Old Bridge; The Medical Surgical Clinical Excellence Award given by the Medical Surgical Faculty of The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing: Dorothy Nwanonyiri, Maplewood; Dr. Paul Zito Progressive Award, given by Dr.



THE CHARLES E. GREGORY SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATION—Students celebrate as the administration and faculty of The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing at Raritan Bay Medical Center awarded nursing diplomas to 37 men and women at commencement exercises on June 14 in Perth Amboy.

Paul Zito: Lauren Buchter, Lakewood; The Robert S. Hoyt Memorial Award given by the faculty of the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing: Sarah Bergacs, Hopelawn; The Joyce Ann Marhon Memorial Award given in memory of Joyce Ann Marhon: David Howe, Old Bridge; Dr. Jose De Castro Memorial Award given by Dr. Leticia DeCastro and Family: Jemima Celestin, Port Reading; The Dr. William London Pediatric Scholarship, awarded by Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Auxiliary, \$1000: Sarah Bergacs, Hopelawn; The Continuing Education Scholarship given by the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Auxiliary \$1000: Amy Fass, Edison; The Continuing Education Scholarship given by the Raritan Bay

Medical Center, Perth Amboy Auxiliary \$500: Joan Brennan, Plainsboro; Mary Kohut Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Auxiliary \$200: Dorothy Nwanonyiri, Maplewood; The Student Nurses Organization Award given by the Student Nurses Organization of the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing: Jemima Celestin, Port Reading; Perfect Attendance Award given in memory of William Foley, by Michelle Foley, RN, MA; Christine Giannone, Old Bridge; New Jersey League for Nursing Honorary Membership: Amy Fass, Edison.

For more information about the educational programs at Raritan Bay Medical Center's Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, call (732) 607-6505.

No Known Link Between Sunscreen Eye Exposure And Blindness

AREA — During the past few summers, the N.J. Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) received calls from concerned citizens regarding the myth that getting sunscreen in the eye will cause blindness. Many of these calls have been from parents who are worried about using sunscreen on young children.

According to Steven Marcus, MD, Executive Director of NJPIES, "There is nothing in the medical literature to support this association. We have searched for information to suggest a possible link, but have not found anything in our efforts." It appears that this misinformation

has been transmitted via electronic mail on the Internet.

Proper use of sunscreens includes careful application around the eye. When using a spray applicator do not spray the lotion on the face. The lotion should be sprayed in the hands and then applied to the face.

In the case of any chemical eye exposures, NJPIES suggests flushing the eye with a gentle stream of warm water, and then calling the NJ Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222 or 1-800-POISON-1) to help determine what, if any, treatment is necessary. NJPIES is available 24 hours a day to answer any drug or poison in-

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN™ "The Fast and the Furious"

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By Michael S. Goldberger

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At last. An aptly named movie, even if it is the seventh time (1917, '24, '27, '31, '39, '54 & 2001) Hollywood has used "The Fast and The Furious" to describe one of its offerings. No matter. It still works. A good old-fashioned, unpretentious title for a very modern update on a familiar theme. Director Rob Cohen's scintillating shard of sociology about urban street racers contemporizes the

typical teen fare of yesteryear with a vengeance. Good, bad or indifferent, it is a sight to behold.

Maybe you haven't taken note. But you've seen their ilk whipping in and out of traffic, their little 4-banger engines buzzing with the vibration of a million bees gone berserk. True, they may only be aspirants to the real culture. And aside from some showy ground effects, perhaps they're just sport-

ing a noisily deceptive exhaust tip or some such other automotive persiflage. But for the enthusiast on a budget, said appurtenances serve the same purpose as the baseball cards

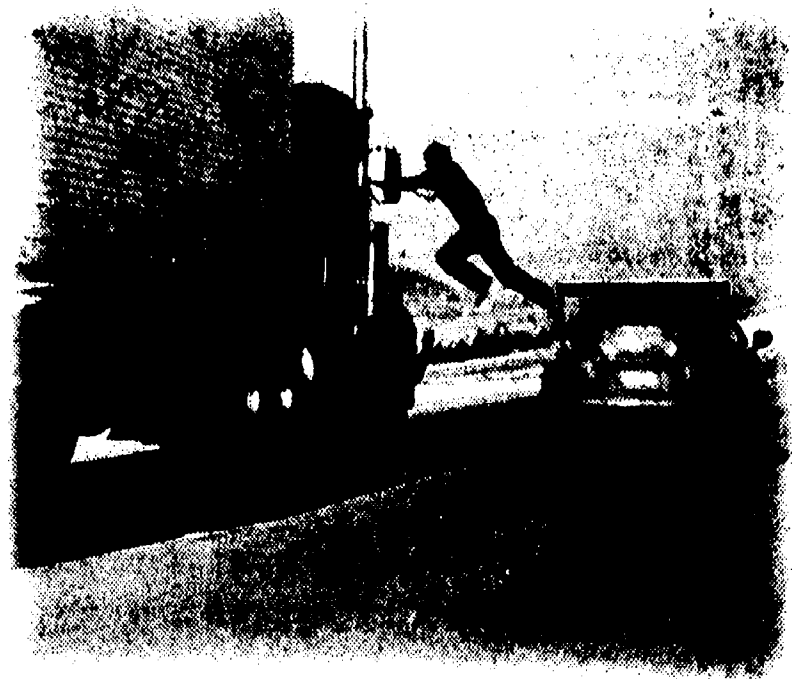
you put in your bicycle spokes.

They're symbols of zeal. A statement of intent and belonging.

Piloting these pint-sized chariots in "The Fast and the Furious" are Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. Their machismo is just the sort of allure that Hollywood likes to attach to whatever fad it is they're glamorizing. And indeed, they do add charismatic horsepower to the proceedings. A secondary cast of assorted hangers-on and whatever it is they call groupies in this latest little sub-culture look like they've been time-transported from an old Connie Francis movie. Funny though, there's no adult foil, no Don Knotts-like grown-up mumbling and dithering about while the young folk flash their sexual arrogance ad infinitum. In fact, there is little comedy relief between the staccato spates of high speed exhilaration.

And come to think of it, there also isn't much of a plot, except for some weak-kneed ditty about racers who moonlight as truck hijackers and the handsome undercover cop (hint, hint) who tries to flush them out. Well, you can't have everything.

Mix "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955) and "West Side Story" (1960), toss out the sentiment, speed the film up to a blinding blur, add a pounding, DJ record-scratching score, and voila...this is



what it's come to, Mom.

And it's not all bad. Take a look under the hood of this screaming meemie of a movie and you can't help but laugh to yourself. There's something to be said for the liberating effects of youthful outrage. And the unmitigated chutzpah filmmaker Cohen exhibits in bringing this high-speed insanity to the screen is nothing to sneeze at either.

Firing politically correct on all turbocharged cylinders, the screenplay by Gary Scott Thompson (based on a magazine article by Ken Li) introduces us to several ethnic clusters (Hispanic, Asian, etc.), all of whom share an obsession for racing their high-revving "imports" in and around L.A. They are quick to note that they are "teams," not gangs. A microcosm of the legitimate world of automotive competition,

it's shown how each team scurries to outspend the others in pursuit of the ultimate ride. For with it comes bragging rights and all the Freudian perks and byproducts that one film can handle. Call it "Grand Prix" (1966) without the panache.

Predominantly small-displacement Hondas, Toyotas and Nissans, these beautifully bedecked pocket rockets have been tricked out with enough high tech speed equipment to send the average gear head drooling. Car buffs will be treated to talk of titanium valve springs and polished camshafts. But the true secret weapon here is attended with the same dramatic fanfare that is accorded Popeye's spinach. It's nitrous injection (NOS), the technique that, when applied correctly, can catapult your machine well ahead of the pack. Use it wrong, and you'll be racing with the Devil. But the tragic dilemma of this deadly magic potion is lost on these hotshots. No hand-wringing decisions here. To coin a phrase, winning is everything. And that makes for several colorful explosions.

Oddly enough, though, the mortality rate in "The Fast and The Furious" is rather low considering the number of crashes perpetrated. Which means there's little consequence to the daredevil stunts contained therein. And that may not bode well for parents who fear this PG-13 journey into excess will give Junior and Muffin the nutty idea that they can copycat those perilous shenanigans without paying the piper.

Bottom line, liberal moms and dads will have to trust all the years of good advice they've instilled in their children prior to sending them off to "The Fast and The Furious." But there are other things at stake here.

Like the future of our civilization. Hence we can only hope that all that enlightened upbringing also deters our kids from someday wanting to make this kind of movie.

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"The Fast and The Furious," rated PG-13, is a Universal Pictures release directed by Rob Cohen and stars Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Jordana Brewster. Running time: 105 minutes



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Union County Arts Center Welcomes Missoula Children's Theatre For Sixth Straight Year

Missoula Children's Theatre is the nation's largest touring children's theatre and has been touring extensively for 29 years.

RAHWAY — The Union County Arts Center welcomes Missoula Children's Theatre back for the sixth straight year, July 9-21. Proudly sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) offers a unique experience for area children to participate in the production of a live performance. This year, MCT is offering two weeks of learning fun and performance. For more information, call Union County Arts Center at (732) 499-8226.

The first week runs July 9-14 featuring *Red Riding*

Hood with performances on Friday, July 13 at 1 p.m. and Saturday, July 14 at 3 p.m. The second week features *Treasure Island* and runs July 16-21 with performances on Friday, July 20 at 1 p.m. and Saturday, July 21 at 3 p.m. A placement workshop is held, casting 50-60 local students to perform in the productions and the productions are rehearsed throughout the week, ending the week with two public performances.

Both productions require a placement workshop to cast pre-registered students in the play and are held on the Monday morning of each week. The placement workshop is about spirit, attitude and participation rather than talent. Nothing should be prepared for this workshop.

The cost of this program is \$125 per child, per week. For families registering more than

one child from the same immediate family, the cost is \$115 per child. The Missoula Children's Theatre program is appropriate for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Pre-registration is recommended.

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As a non-profit organization, the Arts Center is supported in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts. The

Arts Center wishes to thank The Merck Company Foundation for their continued generosity and Comcast for being the sponsor of the Family Fun Series.

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EDITORIAL**Readers Commentary****A Summer Danger Is Upon Us**

With more than 60 percent of American families owning pets, fleas and ticks are a more pervasive problem than ever before. The warm weather brings high season for these insects. Pet lovers must understand that fleas and ticks are more than a nuisance; they can be transmitters of serious medical ailments. To ensure good health, dogs and cats must be treated for fleas and ticks and must have regular visits to the veterinarian.

There are many dangerous ticks in the U.S. Deer ticks may carry the bacterium for Lyme disease that causes an expanding red rash and flu-like symptoms. Advanced Lyme symptoms include arthritis, irregular heart-

beat, severe headaches and a loss of sensation. The American Dog Tick carries bacterium that can paralyze a pet. The Brown Dog Tick and Lone Star Tick may inflict Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Tularemia. Other diseases transmitted by the bite of an infected tick include Canine Ehrlichiosis that affects the immune system and Babesiosis with its symptoms of fever, loss of appetite, increased respiratory rate, muscle tremors, anemia, jaundice and loss of weight. Ticks can cause anemia due to the large amounts of blood on which they feed.

There are many medical implications from fleas. Fleas cause dermatitis, which leads to irritated

skin, scratching, itching and possible bacterial infections. Fleas can be a host for tapeworms as a dog or cat grooms itself and ingests infected fleas, which in turn releases the tapeworm into the animal's body. Fleas can also lead to anemia.

Our goal is not to frighten pet owners from enjoying the outdoors with their animals this summer, but rather to promote animal health through an understanding of the dangers of untreated fleas and ticks. Working regularly with their veterinarians, pet owners can

keep their animals free of fleas and ticks.

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Seniors Feel Safer

Dear Editor,

What does one do on a day that the sun is shining, temperature in the mid 70's, a light breeze and retired?

Well, if you are a member of the Senior Citizen's Club of Colonia, you put on your club shirt and attend the first annual picnic at Merrill Park. The members have participated in so many community projects since January, this is a welcome change of pace and a way of rewarding them.

The meals were catered, (that made it easy for all of us), the cakes and cookies were home baked by our members and all

went well.

What makes this picnic different, or news worthy and entitles me to take up valuable space in this publication? It has to do with a gift that was presented to me at the municipal chambers of Woodbridge Township. A small cardboard box containing an Automatic External Defibrillator, which can be used to save a life. If a problem was to occur Sal Venezia, Joe Federico and George Vassiliades are qualified to administer CPR and are also trained in the use of A.E.D. Brenda York Velasco (Councilwoman at Large) was pleased to see the defibrillator

not only on the premises but in a predominate area.

This was all made possible by the commitment and dedication of Mayor James E. McGreevey, John McCormac (Business Administrator), Carol Ehrlich (Councilwoman at Large) and Corporate Businesses.

We thank all those who made this available to us and hope we never have to use it!

George Vassiliades
President
Senior Citizen's Club,
Colonia

The Stress Abstinence Debate

Dear Editor,

The abstinence debate is once again in the news. Recent reports have commented on new material released from the National Campaign to Prevent Pregnancy. Apparently, some researchers there don't believe there is much evidence that abstinence education works. Former NJ Governor Tom Kean, Chairman of the Campaign, recently wrote that it's time to stop arguing over which is a better strategy—abstinence or contraception. We need both, he says, and more of both. And soon state legislators will possibly vote on a bill that would require stressing abstinence in sex education programs that are taught in the public schools. Aren't we all tired of the debate! Why doesn't someone just come up with a method to rid us all of these unwanted consequences of teen sexual activity—unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), emotional damage, etc.?

I'm afraid that's not likely to happen anytime soon because as a society we are still missing the critical factor—the resolve that abstinence and contraception cannot co-exist equally in the most effective educational approach. When we adults acknowledge and teach that teenage sexual activity is not normative behavior, should not in any way be promoted or sanctioned, then we will begin to approach the problem most effectively. Let's be clear on what the problem is; it is not teenage pregnancy; it is not even epidemic teenage rates of STDs. These are the symptoms. The problem is the activity that produces these consequences and there will never be good enough prevention or protection against what is a very natural activity in an unnatural context.

The only way to be effective in reducing the consequences of teenage sexual activity is to 1) teach an unequivocal message supporting the choice of sexual abstinence; and 2) provide contraceptive information as an intervention in high-risk behavior. There is no reason why schools cannot adopt this approach. It would allow for the demise of the "mixed message" which now dominates health education classes, and it would give to students, whose parents believe they should have it, some help in avoiding consequences, albeit inferior help.

If you question this last statement, consider that 25 percent of sexually active teens have an STD, and over 15 percent of first year condom users will experience a pregnancy. In addition, these two facts do not even address the depth of the emotional scarring that results from such early sexual activity. We must abandon the mantra that "as long as it's safe and consensual, it's OK." It is rarely safe and as for whether it's consensual, that's always up for grabs.

Educators should be endeavoring to design the very best abstinence-centered educational interventions. Instead, we argue about how to include contraceptive information in sex education. Let's resolve that the answer lies in a two-pronged approach: that abstinence is the clear goal—and contraceptive information is an intervention for high-risk behavior. Then, we who are the entire "community" of a teen's life—parents, teachers, role models of all sorts—can begin to fashion ways to support the only lifestyle that is truly free of physical and emotional risks to their sexual health.

Len Deo, President of the NJ Family Police Council

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

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

Local Mall Invites Charities To Participate In "An Evening Of Giving"

EDISON—Menlo Park Mall invites local charities to participate in the fourth Annual "An Evening Of Giving" fundraising event on Sunday, Nov. 18. Participating charities will receive a portion of the proceeds from all ticket sales for the event.

At "An Evening Of Giving," all shoppers will be able to enjoy an evening of private shopping, exclusive savings from a wide selection of participating retailers, promotions, sweepstakes and family entertainment including a silent auction, Broadway celebrities and more.

Menlo Park Mall will provide a table to display information and literature, tickets, appropriate collateral material, advertising and promotional material for participating charities and non-profit organizations. Charities that are interested in participating in this event should contact Christine Hahn, Marketing Assistant, Menlo Park Mall at (732) 549-1900.

Tickets for the event will go

on sale during the month of September. They can be purchased at the Simon Marketplace located on the upper level of Menlo Park Mall or purchased on the night of the event. The price of each ticket is \$8, which includes a \$6 donation to one of the charitable organizations of choice, and \$2 donation to the Simon Youth Foundation. The Simon Youth Foundation is a not-for-profit organization committed to fostering economic and career development in youth through the implementation of focused and appropriate educational initiatives and programs.

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Grasso Receives AIC Degree

WOODBIDGE—Daniel Grasso of Colonia was awarded a degree at the ceremony in the Springfield Civic Center on Sunday, May 20. American International College awarded over 300 degrees at the College's 116th Commencement ceremony. Grasso graduated

with a BS in Liberal Studies.

During the ceremony, honorary degrees were also awarded to two people: John Clark Shaw, the former vice chairman of Deloitte & Touche, LLP and a 1962 graduate of AIC, and Esther Merle Swan Williams, founder and director of both the

Clonlara School for Alternative Education and the Adult Education School in Bermuda. Williams also delivered the keynote address at the ceremony.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (413) 205-3231.

Military Briefs

Acevedo Returns From Deployment

PERTH AMBOY—Navy Airman Jaclyn G. Acevedo, daughter of JoAnn E. Magyar of Perth Amboy and George L. Acevedo of Fords, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

While operating in the Persian Gulf, the Truman Battle Group enforced United Nations sanctions against Iraq by diverting 22 vessels with more than \$5

million of suspected contraband cargo.

Acevedo participated in numerous international exercises, including "Arabian Gauntlet," an 11-nation exercise involving more than 20 ships. The Sailors also worked to strengthen relationships and improve interoperability with the many other countries they encountered during the deployment.

Acevedo's ship also visited the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Greece and Turkey,

where she had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

This was the maiden deployment for USS Harry S. Truman. The ship was commissioned July 25, 1998 and completed its final pre-deployment certification exercise in October, 2000.

Acevedo is a 2000 graduate of Perth Amboy High School and joined the Navy in August of 2000.

Iacovino Completes Marine Basic Training

ISELIN—Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Robert L. Iacovino, son of Catherine A. Segal of Dana Point, Calif. and Joseph A. Iacovino of Iselin, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

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

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

Iacovino is a 2000 graduate of JFK Memorial High School, Iselin.

Avla Completes Basic Marine Military Training

AVENEL—Marine Corps Pfc. Oscar A. Avla Aliaga, son of Rosa A. Aliaga of Avenel, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

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

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

Manana Completes Administrative Clerk Course

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Pfc. Rafael Manana, son of Luz and Domingo Alicea of Perth Amboy, recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the eight-week course, Manana learned basic skills and knowledge in personnel management and administration procedures.

With his newly acquired knowledge, Manana is ready to prepare personnel evaluations and reports, leave authorizations, military identification cards and official orders for Marines changing duty station.

Manana is a 2000 graduate of Perth Amboy High School.

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OBITUARIES

**Marie Mello, 90
of Metuchen**

Mrs. Marie Mello of Metuchen died June 20 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth. She was 90.

Born in Austria, she lived in Elizabeth and Rahway before moving to Avenel in 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Robert D. and William A.; a daughter, Carol; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Hammond and Mrs. Dorothy Abrams; and five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

**Dennis V. Mazillo
of Avenel**

Mr. Dennis V. Mazillo of Avenel died June 19 at home. He was 55.

Born in Newark, he lived in Woodbridge before moving to Avenel last year.

He was employed with the Woodbridge Township Department of Public Works for 15 years. Earlier, he had been a Union County Police detective in Westfield for 10 years.

Mr. Mazillo served in the Army with the Military Police during peacetime.

Surviving are a son, James; a daughter, Meredith L.; his mother, Mrs. Helen Mazillo and a sister, Mrs. Carol A. Matthews.

**George Hendricks, Jr.
of Woodbridge**

Mr. George William Hendricks, Jr. of Woodbridge died June 12 at home. He was 83.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Jersey City before moving to Woodbridge 38 years ago.

He was an ironworker with the Ironworkers Union Local 45, Jersey City, for 44 years before retiring in 1977.

Mr. Hendricks served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion T. Nulty Post 471, Iselin.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred C.; two sons, George William III and Thomas M.; four daughters, Mrs. Mary T. Cartwright, Mrs. Mildred Ann Pallett, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Krasko and Eileen L.; two brothers, Robert E. and Bernard; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Bogus; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**Herbert Christensen
of Woodbridge**

Mr. Herbert L. Christensen of Woodbridge died June 17 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 91.

He was a lifelong resident of Woodbridge.

He was the owner for 60 years of Christensen's Department Store, a century-old fixture on Main Street in Woodbridge, retiring from the family business about two years ago after the store's 103rd anniversary.

Mr. Christensen volunteered with the Woodbridge Emergency Squad during World War II when the members were called into wartime service.

A regular source of facts and memories about old Woodbridge for writers and researchers, he participated in the ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony of the Woodbridge Municipal Building about two years ago and organized many of his Woodbridge High School Class of 1927 reunions.

He participated in the Christians Gathered to the name of the Lord group in Woodbridge.

Surviving are two sons, Gerald and Bruce; a daughter, Beverly; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**James Consolo, 79
of Edison**

Mr. James Consolo of Edison died June 20 at home. He was 79.

Born in Italy, he lived in Newark before moving to Edison 25 years ago.

He was an officer with the Police Department in Newark for 32 years before retiring in 1984.

He served with the Marines during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; three daughters, Mrs. Karen Topinka, Mrs. Camille Wagenbach and Mrs. Barbara Kozlow; a brother, Anthony; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Monticello and Mrs. Angie Gesueldo; and three grandchildren.

**Mildred Leis, 81
of Metuchen**

Miss Mildred Leis of Metuchen died June 20 in the Mary Anne Hale Pavilion of Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 81.

She was a lifelong resident of Metuchen.

Miss Leis was a secretary to several principals at Metuchen High School for a total of 42 years before retiring in 1979. The Metuchen High School year book was once dedicated to her.

Surviving are five sisters, Gertrude C., Mrs. Claire A. Duigon, Sister Elizabeth Marie; Joan Frances and Mrs. Florence W. Mumford.

**Robert B. Thomson
Worked in Edison**

Mr. Robert B. Thomson of Bedminster died June 17 in the Somerset Medical Center, Somerville. He was 38.

Born in Plainfield, he lived in Watchung and Gladstone before moving to Bedminster.

He was a sales executive and partner in the Garden State Pump Co., Edison, for 10 years.

He was a former member of the Plainfield Country Club, Edison.

Surviving are his wife, Judy F.; a daughter, Reagan; his father, Robert B. Thomson Sr.; and two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Mitchell and Mrs. Megan Armstrong.

**Jose Luis Sanchez
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Jose Luis Sanchez of Perth Amboy died June 17 at home. He was 78.

Born in Santander, Spain, he moved to Perth Amboy 45 years ago.

He was a self-employed general contractor before retiring.

Surviving are Dominica, his wife of 53 years; two daughters, Mrs. Connie Berard and Mrs. Hortense Xenakis; and three grandchildren.

**Ann Dachishen, 86
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Ann (Kolody) Dachishen of Perth Amboy died June 24 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 86.

She was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

She was employed as a seamstress at Perth Amboy Shirt Factory and was a member of the International Garment Workers Union, Perth Amboy.

Mrs. Dachishen was a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy and served in the Boyan Choir at the church. She was also a member of the Ukrainian National Association, Inc. and the Ukrainian Senior Citizens Club.

Her husband, a former police Capt., Charles Dachishen, her parents, Nicholas and Mary (Swallick) Kolody and two sisters, Olga Kolody Vaneschak and Helen Kolody Ekalo, are all deceased.

Surviving are her nieces and nephews, Elaine Mauger of Allston, Mass, Barbara Erbach of Florida, John Vaneschak of Delaware, Michael C. Ekalo of Santa Monica, Calif. and Kenneth N. Ekalo of Hollywood, Fla; and two grandnieces, April and Stacey.

**Robert A. Rufus, 74
of South Amboy**

Mr. Robert A. Rufus of South Amboy died June 27 in the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. He was 74.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Sayreville before moving to South Amboy 50 years ago.

He was a stationary engineer for 30 years, and was employed by Operating Engineers Union Local 68, West Caldwell and the now-defunct Pabst Brewing Co., Newark, before retiring.

Mr. Rufus served in the Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the

**Joseph Sydor, 81
of South Amboy**

Mr. Joseph Sydor of South Amboy died June 20 in the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 81.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in South Amboy for 20 years.

He worked for Sound Design in Jersey City for 10 years before retiring in 1985. Earlier, he was a truck driver with the Teamsters Union Local 641 of Jersey City for 30 years.

Mr. Sydor served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

He was a member of Teamsters Retired Club of Hazlet and the Senior Citizens clubs of South Amboy and St. Mary's Church.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Marie; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Marianne Moroski Krawiec; a brother, James; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Leleniewski, Brenda, Mrs. Kitty Turi and Mrs. Helen Bergeron; and two grandchildren.

If wrinkles must be written upon the brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.

- James Garfield

American Legion Post 177, Old Bridge, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4699, Sayreville.

A firefighter, he was a life member of Melrose Hose Co. 1 in Sayreville and the New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association.

Surviving are his mother, Madeline Fullerton; four daughters, Mrs. Barbara Hermes, Mrs. Kathy Olson, Mrs. Madeline Szatkowski and Mrs. Betsy Di Spagno; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



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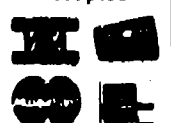
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Ground Rules For Finding The Right Campground

(NAPSA)-A well-equipped campground is a must for people who travel in recreational vehicles (RVs).

Whether you own an RV or rent one for your vacation, following a few tips from the camping experts at KOA K ampgrounds

can help make your next trip even more enjoyable:

- Make sure the campground is convenient to the rest of your vacation plans.

- When you arrive, check to see if the campground has clean and well maintained restrooms.



Camping out need not mean roughing it at a well-equipped campground.

- Will you be able to take a hot shower or use laundry facilities? Is there a swimming pool?

- Will you have access to full hook-ups with water, sewer and electricity? KOA Kampgrounds, for example, offer a variety of hookup options. Is there Internet access?

- Check to see if the campground offers activities and services geared toward families.

- When checking out the campground, make sure that the location is safe and secure.

- Check to see if pets are welcome at the campground.

- Does the campground have speedy check-in service and a toll-free reservation number?

One way to rate a campground is through directory ratings. Another is through recommendations by another camper.

Many people recommend KOA Kampgrounds, which provide a clean, safe, fun camping experience on large, level sites with a variety of hookup options.

These campgrounds can accommodate all types of RVs from the most compact van conversions to the largest luxury motorhomes.

KOA's Web site offers helpful tips on a variety of destinations, the activities and amenities on the campground, what to do and see while you are in the area, and even detailed directions on how to get to the campground.

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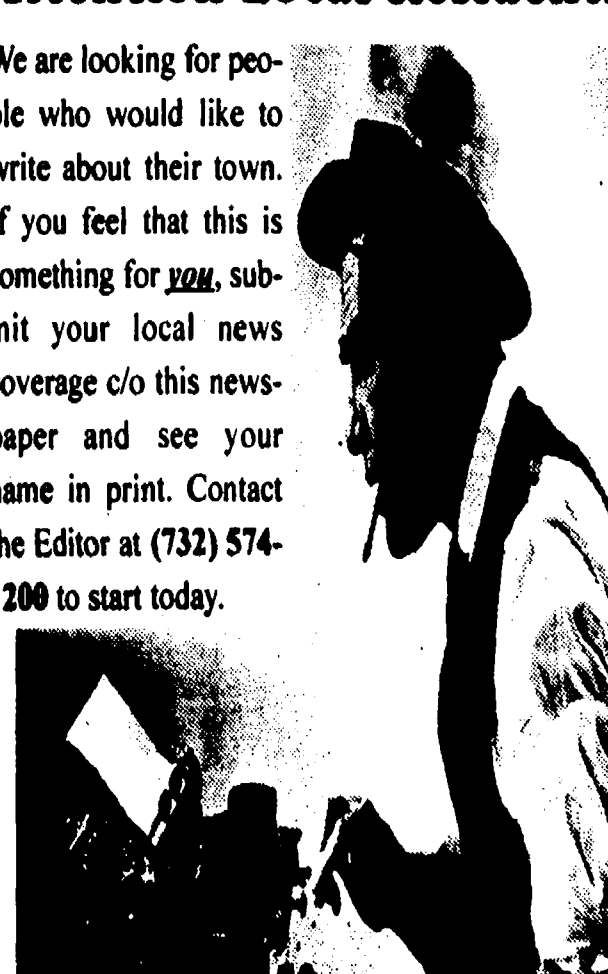
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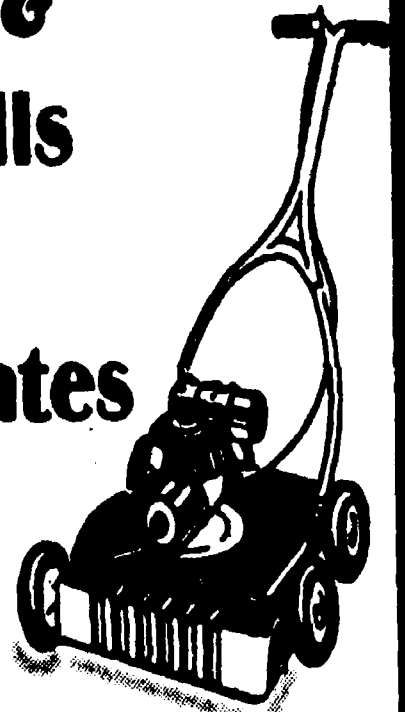
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It's Not Time Yet, But Things To Know About Closing Your Pool For The Season

(NAPSA)-The sun's starting to set earlier and the breeze is blowing a little colder-time for the final pool party before shutting down for the season.

When "winterizing" your pool, it is important to consider the climate in which you live. Closing the pool properly can help save money, time and chemicals when

you're ready to dive in again next year.

One important step in caring for a pool is a "shock treatment"-addition of chlorine in larger than normal amounts-which helps prevent and correct most common pool water problems.

If you live in a mild climate:

- Lower the filter cycle to half of its swimming season setting;
- Check the pH (7.2 to 7.8) and free available chlorine weekly, or as needed. A chlorinator can help keep chlorine levels at 1.0 to 3.0 parts per million;
- Clean the skimmer weekly or as needed, and follow manufacturer's instructions for proper care of equipment;
- Vacuum whenever the pool looks dirty; and
- A cover can save hard work by keeping leaves and dirt out of the pool, and save chemicals by reducing the need to chlorinate. However, it is important to shock treat the pool before covering.

If you live in a cold climate, there are additional steps to take, such as:

- Adjust the pH to 7.2 to 7.4;
- Add a winterizing dose of HTH® Dry

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- Run the filter for one to two days;
- To prevent algae from forming, add an algaecide such as HTH® Non-Foaming Algaecide, HTH® Algaecide or HTH® Super Algaecide 60;
- Drain enough water from the pool so that the water level is below the skimmers;
- Flush and drain any hoses that remain outdoors;
- Shut off the filter pump and then drain the pump, filter, heater and all other equipment. Store equipment indoors to prevent damage from freezing temperatures; and
- Cover pool with a properly fitted pool cover. Seal the edge to prevent wind and debris from getting under it.

For more advice on winterizing your pool, call the Pool Care Hotline at (800) POOL-987 or visit the website at www.archwaterworks.com.



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Open Road Isuzu Donates Emergency Vehicle

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — There's a new emergency vehicle on the streets of central Jersey. It's a new Isuzu Rodeo LS, courtesy of Open Road Honda/Isuzu/Mazda and owner Rod Ryan. When Ryan heard of the need for an emergency management vehicle with all season capability at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, he realized immediately the contribution that an SUV could make to the community. After consulting with Joe Zukarfein, General Manager of Open Road

Honda/Isuzu/Mazda, they decided that the Isuzu Rodeo LS would be the perfect vehicle.

In a recent ceremony at RWJUH Rod Ryan and Joe Zukarfein presented the Rodeo to the Hospital. New Brunswick Mayor Jim Cahill and Harvey Holzberg, President and CEO of RWJUH were on hand for the presentation, along with Lou Sasso, the Hospital's EMT Director, all of whom expressed sincere thanks for the donation, noting the benefit it would be to the community.

The Rodeo will be used by the EMS Department of the Hospital, where its superb 4-wheel drive traction and performance will be especially important when responding to calls for emergency medical care in bad weather. The Isuzu has been equipped with emergency lights and lettered as an emergency vehicle.

Ryan stated that the donation of an SUV to RWJUH is in keeping with his policy of giving back to the community. "Because of our organization's

success," Ryan explained, "I feel we are obligated to give something back to the communities where our dealerships are located. Our success depends directly on the people in those communities who buy our cars and bring them in for service and we must never lose sight of that."

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Mazda is located at 50 Route 1, Edison. The dealership is a member of Ryan Automotive Limited, which also includes Brunswick Acura, 1041 Route 18, East Brunswick; Open Road BMW, 731 Route 1, Edison; Morristown BMW, 170 Madison Avenue, Morristown; and Wayne Acura, Route 23 and Packanack Lake Road, Wayne.



Rod Ryan, owner of Open Road Honda/Isuzu/Mazda, presents an Isuzu Rodeo to RWJUH President Harvey Holzberg as New Brunswick Mayor Jim Cahill and Hospital EMT Director Lou Sasso looks on. The hospital will use the Rodeo as an emergency management vehicle.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events For Summer 2001 Schedule

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management is pleased to announce its summer Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for Sunday, July 15 at the Old Bridge Municipal Complex—Public Works Dept., off Rt. 516, Old Bridge. Other upcoming dates include Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Woodbridge Public Works Dept., off of Smith Street, Keasbey. All collection times are 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Household hazardous wastes which are improperly disposed of are identified as a danger to children and animals, a potential cause of ground water pollution and a potential threat to garbage collection crews.

Acceptable materials which County residents can bring to the events for disposal include but are not limited to: pesticides/herbicides, flammable liquids, solvents, pool chemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, paints, car batteries, household batteries, anti-freeze, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs (no broken bulbs) and asbestos. Residents wishing to

bring asbestos must pre-register by calling the Division.

Materials which residents must not bring and will not be accepted at the drop-off days are tires*, explosives and munitions, infectious waste, unknown materials and empty containers. *Please call for information regarding the tire recycling program.

The Drop-off Days are sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and conducted in cooperation with the Township of Old Bridge and the Township of Woodbridge. The events are open to residents of Middlesex County only and are free of charge. Items should be brought in clearly marked containers.

For further information, residents may contact the Division of Solid Waste Management by calling (732) 745-4170, by e-mailing mcswm@superlink.net or by visiting the following web sites: <http://www.njhazwaste.com/midhome.htm> or www.co.middlesex.nj.us

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