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South Amboy Student Honored For Artistry

Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the state Assembly have honored 17 elementary school students from across the state for art work that was chosen to be published in the task force's 2002 calendar.

The task force and New Jersey PTA have sponsored the art contest each year since 1987. The students' winning posters are then

STATE—The New Jersey Task placed on a calendar that also features parenting tips and resource lists. The calendars are distributed to doctors' offices, clinics, hospitals and schools.

> Each year, the calendar features an artwork theme. The 2002 theme is safety. Student artists were asked to complete the sentence "I feel safe when..." and illustrate their sentences on posters. Each students whose art

U.S. Savings Bond and certificate.

Assembly Speaker Jack Collins and Department of Human Services Acting Commissioner James W. Smith Jr. presented the awards in the state Assembly chamber.

"The posters we are honoring today remind us that young children are wise beyond their years," Acting Commissioner Smith said.

work is chosen receives a \$50 "Long ago, there was a popular television show called "Kids Say the Darndest Things," and, you know, they really do. And in so doing, they sometimes teach us adults about life."

> Elsayed Elasmar, who attends Cheesequake Elementary School, Grade 3 of South Amboy, was a local winner of the contest.

PERTH AMBOY — The Porth Amboy Redevelopment Agency will negotiate a lease with Lighthouse Fast Ferry, Inc., of West Caldwell for the operation of high-speed ferry service to Manhattan.

Officials said the high speed ferry service is crucial to the city's redevelopment plans

Lighthouse will operate its line from the Southwest-Area 1 of Perth Amboy's FOCUS 2000 Redevelopment Plan, which lies along the Raritan River near the Victory Bridge.

PARA will lease the company approximately nine acres of the IGI property that is being conveyed to the agency, with option to buy the land.

The Ferry company will also be responsible for improvements including construction of an access road to connect with the new industrial road built by the city.

It also plans to construct a ferry terminal facility that will include enclosed waiting areas, restrooms and ticket offices. The plans also call for

more than 600 parking spaces and possibly fishing piers for public access.

Lighthouse will operate two 250-passenger ferries between Perth Amboy and Pier 11 on Manhattan's East River.

The ferries will operate hourly trips into Manhattan on weekday mornhourly return trips in the evening between 4:10-8 p.m.

Cruising at 35 knots, the ferry service will make two stops in lower Manhattan. The

Wall Street-Pier 11 stop will be reached in 40 minutes and the Manhattan-Pier 34 stop in just under 50 minutes.

Ferry passenger amenities will include a galley serving coffee, pastries, soda, beer and snacks, a TV/VCR system, an audio/stereo system, comfortable seating with tables and ings from 6:10-8 a.m. and five outside viewing areas for use during warm weather months. Lighthouse has also proposed use of the ferries for excursion services and possibly personal

Area Student Named To Syracuse University School Of Education Dean's List

EDISON---The following studeat was enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Education and was named to the Dean's List for the 2000 fall semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Lara Petrusky of Edison, a

senior majoring in inclusive elementary and special education was listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester 2000.

The School of Education at Syracuse University prepares students to become professional educators by effectively blending research, teaching and service into the curriculum. Students

benefit form a wide range of opportunities to perfect their professional skills in on-campus clinics and off-campus student teaching assignments. Nationally prominent researchers and scholars and innovative professional programs have placed Syracuse among the top-ranked education schools in the country.

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Wisniewski Met With **Polish Delegates**

SAYREVILLE — Assembly Deputy Minority Conference Leader John S. Wisniewski met with a delegation from Lodz, Poland recently to discuss bringing industry to Poland and to further relations between Poland and New Jersey.

"As an American of Polish descent and member of the New Jersey General Assembly, I was pleased to have been asked to meet with these dignitaries on their North American trade mission," said Assemblyman Wisniewski. "It was a great learning experience to meet with fellow elected officials from another country and to discuss how we can better serve our constituencies. Hopefully, that can be 'ccomplished by expanding our economic and cultural contacts to provide opportunities on both sides of the Atlantic."

The delegates included: Mieczyslaw Teodorczyk, President of Lodz Vovodship; Michal Kasinski, Lodz Voivod; Krysztof Panas, Mayor of Lodz;

Marek Pyka, Chairman of the Board of the Lodz Special Economic Zone; and Marek Cislak, President of the Board of Directors of Lodz Special Economic Zone. Anna Kucinszki who is responsible for international relations in Lodz acted as an interpreter for the group.

The meeting began in Assemblyman Wisniewski's district office and the group traveled to Royal Bakery in Sayreville for lunch. The bakery is owned by Sayreville residents, Maria and John Koprowicz. The group was pleasantly surprised to find that some of the employees can trace their family heritage back to Lodz, Poland, the region the group is from. After lunch, the group returned to the Assemblyman's office to meet with representatives from the state, PSE&G, Verizon, and DuPont.

Military Briefs

Buda Commended

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard Buda, son of Diane and Richard Buda of Perth Amboy, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego.

Buda was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Buda consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

Buda joined the Marine Corps in October 1999.

Aiello Completes Marine Corps Training

Corps Reserve Pvt. Adolfo A. Aiello, son of Elba N. and Gregorio Aiello of Colonia, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

He spent numerous hours in classroom and field assign-

METUCHEN—Marine ments, 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 including personal and professional conduct.

> Aiello is a 1998 graduate of St. Joseph's High School, Metuchen.

rt Of Month Breakfast

EDISON—Cooperative, persevering and meritorious are just a few of the positive attributes that describe students at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Edison. Each month, 8th grade teachers select students to honor for their contribution to the school motto, "Respect, Responsibility, and Recognition." The nominees, parents, and teachers enjoy a continental breakfast before the beginning of the academic school day.

Honorees for the month of March are as follows:

Kaitlyn Lavin, Connie Lau and Sobia Naveed, for Science; Nicole Kesselman for World Languages; Alex Sun, Allent Xu and Swetha Narahari for Social Studies; Jennifer Hom, Pallavi Hirani, Yelena Fedosenko, Erik Serafconn, and Jim Lee for English; Kinnari Patel for Family/Consumer Science; Vishal Parikh, Jason Almeida and Andrew Minucci for Math; and Michelle Romano, Swathi Narahari, and Aakash Talati for



did photo of Leo McKernan, a past commander of The American Legion, Department of New Jersey, applauding a resolution to protect the Flag of the United States of America. Carteret Post #263, through the Middlesex County Executive Committee, will nominate him to be National **Executive** Committeen:an, Alternate, at the next Legion Convention in Wildwood-By-The-Sea. The NEC, Alt., is akin to the junior senator from New Jersey. Lr. McKernan will represent the Department of New Jersey. He is concluding his first three-year term. In three years he is expected to succeed Franklin Van Sickle. who is expected to win his second term for National Executive Committeeman. They are both past department commanders. Lr. McKeman is a past commander of Carteret Post #263.

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

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

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

Barbecue Dinner

PARLIN—Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Victory #0670, Sayreville, is hosting a Barbecue Dinner Night, Saturday, June 30 between the hours of 5–8 p.m. at the K of C Victorian Hall on Washington Road in the Parlin section of Sayreville.

All are welcome to purchase delicious dinners at a reason-

able cost and at the same time help the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly charity causes. Choice BBQ Ribs and BBQ Chicken are the main selections. Along with a entree, barbecue dinner includes salad bar, baked potato, baked beans, corn on the cob, refreshments and dessert. Take out orders are available.

> For additional details, call (732) 257-2061.

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CARTERET—The Public Library is sponsoring an ongoing sale of paver stones at the library. The pavers are on sale for \$50 each and are to be placed in the front of the library. They may be engraved with names of the persons or family who purchased them or in memory of a loved one. Names to be imprinted can be no more than ten characters per line including spaces between names, four lines per brick. If you are interested, call the library at (732) 802-2019 or stop by the library at 100 Cooke Avenue. As a service to the library, local contractor. Mike Schmanko, will install the pavers.

Post & Unit R.O.T.C. Awards

COLONIA-Colonia Post #248, the American Legion and Unit #248 American Legion Auxiliary participated in Rut-University R.O.T.C. gers Awards Program.

Excellence Military Medal, bar and monetary gift was presented to Bryan M. Barroqueiro and a Scholastic Medal, bar and monetary gift was presented to Jeffrey M. Pasqual from Colonia Post 248.

Military Excellence Medal, bar and monetary gift was presented to Jason F. Pflug and a Scholastic Excellence Medal, bar and monetary gift was presented to Jeffrey M. Borkowski from Colonia Unit 248 Auxiliary.



WE ARE THE PIONEERS—Pictured above are some of the founder participants of the Senior Congregate Services Program, launched on April 2 by the Woodbridge Housing Authority at Adam and Finn Towers, Woodbridge. Standing (L.-R.) Angeline Leschinski, Virginia Policastro, Anna D'Apolito, Cathy Ellison, Grace Myslinski, Stella Del Fattore, Elizabeth Lazar, Margaret Yavor, Marie Poroski, Donald Lucas, Betty McGowan and Mary Storms; Seated (L.-R.) Vincent Leschinski, Angeline Brucker, Helen Zeher, Mae Blanchard and Mary Baumann; Kneeling Runi Sriwardena, Congregate Services Coordinator.

Middle Schools Participate In **Water Festivals**

COLONIA--Nearly 500 students in Grades 3-6 attending Colonia Middle School and #22-Lynn Crest School in the Woodbridge Township school district participated in Water Festivals on Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24. These Water Festivals, in Education (Water Teachers) and sponsored by the Wetlands Institute and the New Jersey Department of Protection. Environmental raised awareness about the critical role water plays in our everyday lives.

on water, the students experienced first hand the impor- als for Rainsticks.

tance of water for all water users. The Water Festivals consisted of eight structured learning stations where students were actively engaged in hands-on water investigations and challenging games. They investigated the physical properties of water, taste-tested conjunction with Project WET water from different sources for and chose their favorite, and challenged themselves with several games on water facts.

> Miss New Jersey, Jill Horner, gave a presentation on watershed management and the environment on May 22.

Poland Spring provided As a culmination to a unit water for all participants. Home Depot donated materi-

Back And Better Than Ever

WOODBRIDGE—The Mayfair Bar & Grill establishment, located at 739 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, has been a landmark for years; wellknown for its great pizza.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

MADD Car Campaign Needs Donors

STATE—Mothers Against Drunk Driving in New Jersey is running a car campaign to support their program. Prospective donors need to know only those who itemize their taxes may take the fair market value as a contribution. Determining the value of the car is completely up to the donor, therefore, MADD will not give a value.

To find our what the requirements are to make a donation, call 1-800-720-6233.

Liberty Science Center Accepting Volunteer Applications

AREA—Do you want to earn the smile and appreciation of children by helping them learn the wonders of science and technology? You can, by volunteering at Liberty Science Center; a dynamic, interactive museum devoted to informal education through hands-on exploration. Volunteers are at the heart of the excitement at the metropolitan area's largest science center.

Liberty Science Center can provide you with a vibrant environment where you can enrich yourself while educating others about the world of science. Choose between a variety of volunteer positions, such as providing guests with activities, assisting with behind-the-scenes and administrative work, or demonstrating and explaining exhibits on the Health, Invention or Environment floors.

Volunteers receive a wide array of benefits including education programs, lounge privileges, store discounts, free parking and a year-round recognition program. Become part of the excitement at Liberty Science Center! The next volunteer orientation session is scheduled for the beginning of July. The Center will be interviewing on a rolling basis until then.

For an application or for more information, call LSC's Volunteer Services Department at (201) 451-0006, ext 297.

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Tierney and Janice R. Sellaro
of Avenel, will attend
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fall. She plans to major in
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Fairleigh Dickinson University offers two uniquely different campuses in northern New Jersey, more than 50 different associate and baccalcureate programs and special accelerated programs. There is an option to attend FDU's own campus in England and outstanding career development opportunities that take advantage of the University's close proximity to New York City and New Jersey's corporate corridor. The University is dedicated to the preparation of world citizens through global education.

So You Want To

WOODBRIDGE-In recent years, the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge has received a great deal of positive feedback from programs that are interactive and geared toward patrons of all ages. Gallery-goers are not only interested in seeing the results of an artist's efforts but are also intrigued by the entire process that one goes through to achieve these results. Many patrons view art in awe because of their misconception that talent alone is what is required and feel that they could never produce a so-called work of art. They are oblivious to the fact that many years of training are involved and that being a full time artist is a definite career choice. In order to illustrate the whole picture, the Barron Arts Center has invited three artists to participate in a residency program in June.

The artists participating will be Jules Weber demonstrating painting, Alan Brown demonstrating and Charles printmaking Johanesen demonstrating sculpting. The public is encouraged to stop by, observe, ask questions and try a "hands-on" project. The program is free to the public and will take place on Monday June 4 and 11 from 10 a.m.-Noon and from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday June 5 and 12 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and Thursday June 7 and 14 from 10 a.m.-Noon and from 1-3 p.m.

The program is sponsored by

Road Improvement Will Make Intersection Safer

WOODBRIDGE—Plans to upgrade the intersection at Green Street and Benjamin Avenue, Iselin, will move forward, Mayor James E. McGreevey has announced.

McGreevey said the Township has reviewed plans and specifications prepared by the Middlesex County Engineering Office and is recommending approval of the document.

Council President Kevin Wertz, who represents Iselin, said the new signal and left turn lanes will provide increased safety in the flow of traffic onto Benjamin Avenue.

"With the location of Robert Mascenik School #26 on Benjamin, traffic safety is a priority," Wertz said. "The improvements will enhance safety, particularly during the morning and afternoon school arrival and dismissal periods."

Be An Artist!

the Woodbridge Township Culural Arts Commission chaired by
Dr. Dolores Capraro Gioffre with
support from the Woodbridge
Township Arts Council and
Mayor James E. McGreevey. The
program has been made possible
in part by the Middlesex County
Cultural & Heritage Commission
and The New Jersey State
Council on the Arts/Department
of State, a partner agency of The
National Endowment for the Arts.

The Barron Arts Center, an accessible building listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located at 582 Rahway Avenue in Woodbridge. The Center is under the direction of Stephen J. Kager.

For further information, call the staff of the center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at (732) 634-0413.

NJCF Helps Fund Land Acquisition In Dismal Swamp

The 650-acre Dismal Swamp spans portions of Edison, Metuchen and South Plainfield...

EDISON—Edison
Wetlands Association, Inc.,
was awarded a \$10,000 grant
from the New Jersey
Conservation Foundation
(NJCF), towards expenses
related to the preservation of
properties in Edison's Dismal
Swamp.

The Association is negotiating to purchase or lease four adjoining properties, with the long-term goal of providing a nature center, public access, hiking, biking and riding trails for recreation and education in the Dismal Swamp.

"Conserving land in New Jersey is expensive," remarked NJCF Executive Director Michele S. Byers. "In addition to the cost of the land, legal fees, closing costs and environmental assessments run

Goddard School Receives Top Honors

WOODBRIDGE—The Goddard School For Early Childhood Development in Woodbridge received the Occupancy Award at the Goddard Schools' recent annual convention in Ball Harbour, Florida. The award is presented in recognition of the schools that maintain 95 percent occupancy throughout the year.

The Goddard Schools franchise organization is headquartered in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The company opened its 100th school at the beginning of March. The Goddard Schools for Early Childhood Development provide an early educational advantage to preschoolers from six weeks to six years old in 14 states.

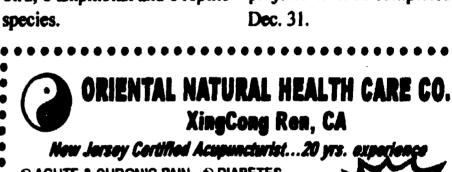
into the thousands of dollars."

"NJCF is happy to be able to help groups like Edison Wetlands Association meet those expenses, so they can focus on raising the funds they need to preserve Dismal Swamp and other open spaces, and ensure public access to these wonderful areas. When the Association's vision for this project becomes a reality, residents of an urban and suburban area will have access to a beautiful open space gem. and a great environmental educational asset."

The 650-acre Dismal Swamp spans portions of Edison, Metuchen and South Plainfield and is the largest natural wildlife refuge in northern Middlesex County. Dismal Swamp provides natural flood control and water filtration, as well as wildlife habitat for an estimated 165 bird, 6 amphibian and 8 reptile species.

NJCF's Grants-In-Aid program is designed to build the capacity of New Jersey's conservation community, providorganizations resources to become proficient at land conservation, develop viable long-term programs and design innovative projects that can serve as models for other communities. Funding for the grants is made possible through the generous support The Educational of Foundation of America, The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Victoria Foundation.

Land trusts, watershed organizations, citizen action groups and other private-sector community-based environment groups were eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 with a dollar-for-dollar match by the applicant required. Funded projects must be completed by Dec. 31.



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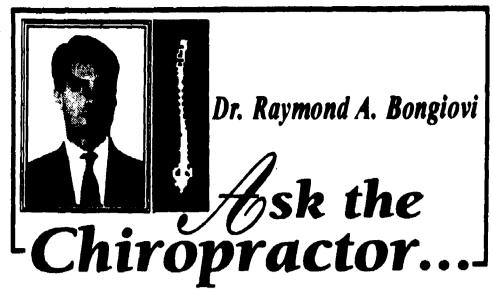


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YOUR HEALTH NEWS



A New Column for YOU! Please Write or Call (see the end of article) with your question for Dr. Raymond Bongiovi.

"How Does A Person Know If They Are Eating Healthy?"

As I have mentioned in previous articles, I believe proper nutrition is one of the most important keys in creating a healthy mind and body. My belief is based upon knowledge gained in chiropractic college and thereafter in reading hundreds of books on the subject of nutrition and healing. Research

diet can cause heart disease, cancer, diabetes and many other serious diseases. Over the last hundred years, many doctors have cured patients of these same conditions using nutritional therapies based on proper nutrition. Chiropractors believe in the body's innate ability to heal itself. We

itself of most diseases if given the vital requirements it needs to function properly. Those vital requirements are proper nerve supply, oxygen supply and nutrition. Unfortunately, most people do not really know what proper nutrition is so even if they are health conscious and are trying to eat healthy, they are not because they do not understand just what a healthy diet is. The field of nutrition is loaded

with contradictions. This doctor claims this diet is the cure-all and that doctor claims that diet is and so on. The newspapers, popular magazines, best-selling books and TV news programs disperse more conflicting diet and nutrition news. The result is people are confused and they throw their arms up in the air and just continue eating what they are used to eating and enjoy. They lie to themselves that they are eating a relatively 'balanced' diet. Although there may be some conflicting information and all the answers of nutrition are not yet known, there are DEFINITELY some things we do know for sure about good nutrition.

Researchers have proven in laboratories and natural doctors have proven clinically that diets composed of natural, unrefined,

unadultered foods are the healthiest foods we can eat. Nature, if you will, put certain vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients and other unknown nutrients in the foods it produces for us that create healthy cells in our bodies when we eat them. Man comes along and decides to refine the wheat, making white bread and pastas, refine the rice, can the vegetables... The end result is that the foods are no longer in their natural state and have lost much of their natural nutritional potency. A healthy diet must consist of foods as they are found in their natural state.

Some of my patients tell me how they cook three square meals a day for their families and how they don't eat fast foods and junk foods. They believe that they are eating healthy. Then they tell me that they eat white bread, pasta and rice, lots of home-cooked meats, little if any salads... They may be better off than the guy who eats fast food every day but they are far from eating healthy.

Here in a nutshell is what a healthy diet should consist of according to the most reputable research: lots of raw fresh fruits and vegetables, some whole grain breads, cereals, beans, raw nuts and seeds; if meat is consumed it should be organic low fat varieties

or preferably fish, milk products should be limited and low fat when used. Each meal we eat should be predominately fruit and vegetables, raw. Some whole grain foods are nutritious but should not be more than the vegetables and fruits. Dairy and meats should be eaten sparingly, if at all according to some research. That is still a very controversial topic; vegetarian or not. Nevertheless, this diet does not include the junk most people live on in this country. We fill up on chips, cookies, candies, ice creams, lunch meats, fast foods, sodas, soft drinks, fatty meats, fried foods, refined white breads and pastas...Then we get sick and wonder why! It is almost comical, the lack of logic.

Eating healthy is by no means easy but is your health worth it? If you eat to live you will enjoy better health but if you live to eat, it will probably kill you. I for one would rather sacrifice temporary food pleasures for better health than suffer the consequences of poor nutrition.

If you any questions for Dr. Bongiovi, please forward them to 764 Jefferson Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065 or call them in to (732) 574-2225. Visit our website at www.bongiovichiropractic.com.

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Lyme Disease Cases Sharply Up In 2000

STATE — The Governor's Lyme Disease Advisory Council warns that cases of Lyme disease are expected to increase from May to September Statewide, the number of combined cases reported in 2000 (2,492) was 455 higher than that for 1999 (1,718).

A number of environmental factors impact deer tick and host populations from year to year, and may be responsible for some variation in the number of cases. Despite these variations, a health threat continues to exist.

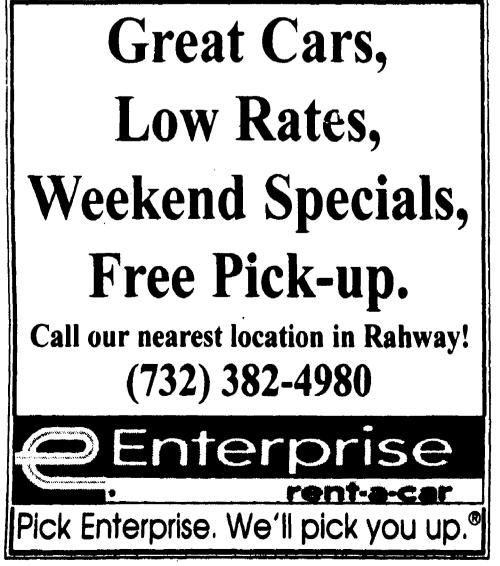
Most Lyme disease cases are caused by the bite of infected deer tick nymphs. These ticks are active in the spring and summer. Lyme disease can cause a variety

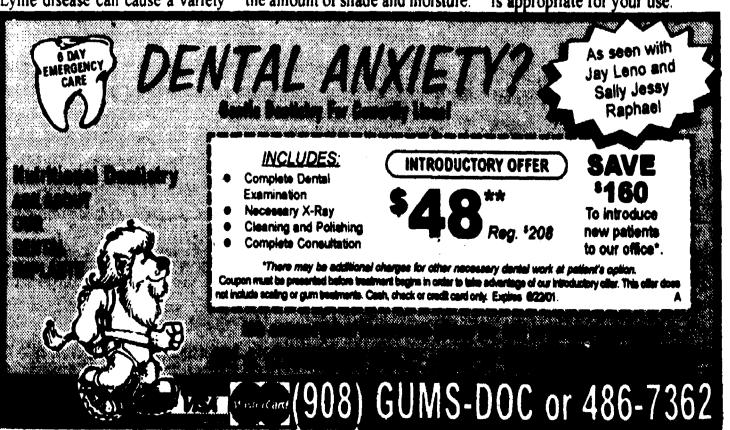
of symptoms, which may include a flu-like illness with achy joints, muscle pain and headache, and is commonly associated with a characteristic rash, usually at the site of the tick bite. When detected early, Lyme disease is usually successfully treated with appropriate antibiotics.

The Governor's Lyme Disease Advisory Council recommends a few simple precautions to prevent Lyme disease. If you spend time in areas where ticks may be found, take these steps:

- When in the woods or tall grass, try to avoid brush and leaf litter.
- Make your yard inhospitable to ticks, remove leaf litter and reduce the amount of shade and moisture

- Wear socks and shoes and tuck the cuffs of your pants into your socks. Wear long sleeves. Tuck in your shirt. Light-color clothes make it easier to spot the ticks.
- Use appropriate insect repellents. Be sure to read the labels.
- After an outing, shower and then do a full body exam for ticks, be sure to check the backs of your legs and other hard to see spots.
- Consult with your veterinarian concerning appropriate tick repellent for your pets.
- · Consult your physician if you suspect you may have been bitten.
- Consult your physician to determine if the Lyme disease vaccine is appropriate for your use.





YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Guest Commentary

Why Are Vicient Incidents At Schools Still On The Rise?

by Dr. Sameh Ragheb, clinical psychiatrist, guest writer for the NJ Family Policy Council

The recent series of school violence incidents has sparked a self-questioning in our society. No doubt, the "why?" in each of these incidents is as unique as each of the individuals involved. One can't help but ponder the possibility of the presence of common elements underlying these incidents — incidents that were until the past few years unheard of in the public arena. We can choose to look at these child perpetrators and attempt to find their faults, or we can accept that the characteristics of the children that a society produces are intimately related to the characteristics of the society itself. Of course the children who are involved in these acts are not a representative sample of the youth of our society. However, they are a warning bell to the extremes of behavior that is being spawned in our society.

Violence on school premises no doubt existed before all this, and some element of contagion effect is probably playing a role as it often does in teenage behavior. But, something has changed. A boundary of what one can and cannot do at school has been tragically breached. Viewed that way, so many other boundaries of what one can and cannot do at school have also changed. No longer can one learn values and morals at school. In fact, the

questioning of society's traditional values and morals has become more vogue at school. You can't pray or talk about God at school, but you can and are encouraged to question traditional values. This is being done with 13-18-year-olds, not just in college where such debate may be more developmentally appropriate. For instance, you still can't have sex at school but you can learn how to have "safe sex."

Many argue it's not the school's role to teach morals and values. Many would say, parents have the largest role in this, and therefore parenting has come under scrutiny. From a purely quantitative perspective, if we measure parenting by time spent with parent and child interacting together, it would seem that there is a lot less parenting going on these days. As a result of the changing family structure, more and more there is often only one parent around. The reasons are many: job obligations, divorce, abandonment, or neglect. (For some reason absence by death is qualitatively different in its effect). There is also the increasing "physically present" but "otherwise occupied" parent—the parent who is coping with so many more factors vying for their attention. To make matters worse, when the parents are there, they are competing against so much: TV, Internet, and video games. Study after study shows this is how kids spend most of their free time.

If we look at the peer culture today, we find it a very demanding and "unaccepting" place to be for many kids. At all school levels kids suffer as a result of the culture of intolerance, teaching, "dissing," etc. Only recently has there been an attempt to address this culture; where value is placed on competing for popularity, where such popularity is often gained by counter-culture attitudes and behaviors, and where popularity devalues aca-

demic work and interpersonal acceptance, while instead valuing dominance by one over another. In this culture, the desperate assert their value by violence. Is it a coincidence then, that they choose to do it at school against their schoolmates?

Since the basic level of interaction between parent and child has been drastically altered, and the basic core values in school culture have been drastically altered, where does that leave kids? A likely answer is at the mercy of the popular media and the peer culture — hardly desirable sources of moral upbringing. Society has to choose what expectations to present to our kids. Society also has to understand what message is desired and what message is actually communicated. Our kids will rise or sink to the expectations that we communicate and hold both ourselves and them accountable

PDFNJ Takes Home Award For Binge Drinking Comic Strip

STATE — The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) was recently awarded the prestigious Philly Gold 2001 award for its new and unique way of preventing substance abuse and binge drinking by college students.

"Over the Limit," a comic strip aimed at college students, was honored with the Philly Gold 2001 award for best Public Service Announcement on April 19 in Philadelphia. Philly Gold 2001 is the premier event recognizing the exemplary accomplishments of the region's creative community, according to the Philly Gold Advisory Board.

The winning comic strip campaign was created by PDFNJ in 2000 with a grant received from the N.J. Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

According to PDFNJ Executive Director Angelo Valente, "The idea behind the campaign was to create a comic strip series that would raise, address, and discuss the issue of binge drinking on college campuses. It was also meant to address the misperceptions by students about the prevalence of binge drinking by their peers."

"The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has been working aggressively, through a combination of strong law enforcement and enhanced public awareness efforts, to combat un-

derage drinking in New Jersey," Division Director Jerry Fischer said. "This comic strip offers an innovative approach to addressing the problem of alcohol consumption by young people on college campuses. Initiatives such as this one open the door for dialogue between students about the very real and very serious consequences of the abuse of alcohol."

Gillespie Advertising, Inc., Princeton, coordinated production of the comic strip. Tom McManimon, creative director, Fred Galik, copywriter, Ken De Leon, art director, all from Gillespie Advertising, Inc., and nationally syndicated illustrator Robb Armstrong of Partners Creative Group, Inc., were recognized for their efforts.

"Over the Limit" follows the lives of a group of college stu-

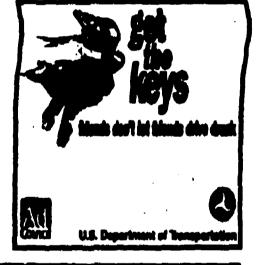
dents as they challenge binge drinking on their college campus. It was initially published in the student newspapers of Seton Hall University, West Orange and Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah. The strip is now available to student publications across the country.

According to a PDFNJ survey, two-thirds of the students who read their college publica-



tion could identify the strip. Of those students, 70% rated the strip "excellent" or "good."

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Free Theatre Calendar Available

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all of New Jersey's discriminating theatergoers. Whether you are on vacation or staying at home, there is a professional theatre nearby that can challenge, excite and entertain you.

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance offers a free, comprehensive calender that details the entire season's offerings. They also offer a discount ticket package that makes it all more than

affordable, even when you want to take the whole family. The **Theatre Sampler Series** consists of three plays at three different theatres for only \$60. This package can save you up to 50 percent off the price of single tickets and is only offered through the New Jersey Theatre Alliance. Call the Alliance at (973) 593-0189 to obtain a copy of the calendar and details about the Theatre Sampler Series.

Theatregoers connected to the web can also subscribe to the New Jersey Theatre E-news, a weekly e-mail listing special offers and discounts at member theatres only available to online subscribers. The E-news, spon-

sored by Verizon, also contains listings of "what's playing" across the state.

Highlights of the upcoming season include the enchanting Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Carousel at Paper Mill Playhouse (Millburn), Comedy of Errors, Three Sisters and Hamlet at New Jersey Shakespeare Festival (Madison) and the New Jersey premiere of Against the Rising Sea at New Jersey Repertory Company (Long Branch). New Jersey stages will also feature Shirley Valentine and Patsy Cline, A Portrait in Song at Cape May Stage (Cape May) and The O'Toole's Tonight!, Fabulous Ferher and The Dictator at East

Lynne Theatre Company (Cape May). The Bickford Theatre (Morristown) is presenting a lovely romantic comedy, Breakfast with Les and Bess, while TheatreFest (Montclair) hosts the world renowned impersonator Rich Little in the poignant comedy The Presidents. These productions, and many more, are available as part of the Theatre Sampler Series.

To receive a free schedule of events, for more information on the Theatre Sampler Series, or to subscribe to the Theatre E-news, call (973) 593-0189 or e-mail njtg@nj.com. Visit the New Jersey Theatre Alliance website at www.njtheatrealliance.com

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The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning the week of June 25 and ending on August 17. Both four and eight week sessions are available. The classes are

held at the Grace Orthodox Church, 1100 Boulevard, Westfield. The tuition for the program is \$150 for four weeks and \$300 for eight and is due at the time of enrollment.

For more information, call (908) 232-4881 for class schedules and information.





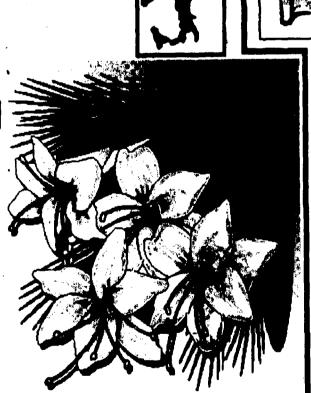
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"Shrek"

Monstrous Fun



By Michael S. Goldberger One Popcarn, Poor . Two Popcarna, Fair . Three Popcarna, Good . Four Popcarna, Excellen

Once upon a time, in a moviemaking kingdom far, far away, some really good filmmakers at DreamWorks SKG decided that audiences both young and old deserved an animat-

ed feature that didn't reissue the same old Disney stencil.

For one, the title would not sound pretty, but would be guttural and realistic. It would be called "Shrek " But most important, there wouldn't be the usual set of politically correct characters, their names and period costumes merely changed to distinguish them from the last batch of dramatis cartoons. You know: a handsome prince, a pretty princess, and either some furry little animals or a set of witty dinnerware to serve as the heroine's loyal pals.

Nope. This movie would have an ugly ogre as its lead. A real monster of a bully beset with er, well, human flaws. And while there would be a perfectly fabulous princess, her real beauty would lie not in her comeliness. but in her imperfection.

Mike Myers is a rip as the title ogre. Eddie Murphy is great as his Sancho Panza, a lonely donkey simply referred to as Donkey. And Cameron Diaz is just swell as Fiona, who, aside from needing saving, is not exactly your typical princess.

Rounding out the cast, John Lithgow is comically chilling as Lord Farquaed, hardly a prince of a man despite the title he seeks. As the story goes, the vertically challenged ne'er-do-well must save a real live princess if he is to ever be a prince. This little bit of lore comes via the mirror, mirror on the wall he has confiscated from Snow White. The theft of personal property is just an inkling of the havoc little Lord

Farquaad has wreaked on the fairy tale world.

> You see, just like in real life, it's all about love. power, real estate and bigotry. The latter item is tossed in for the convenience of those politicos who finesse

the very fears they sow for their own unconscionable advantage. Farquaad is just such a cad. Looking to cleanse Duloc of its diverse populations, he has resettled all fairy tale characters in a swamp outside of the kingdom where resides our ogre. He has stumbled on a plan despite himself.

Suddenly, a Who's Who of Kiddy Lit is camped on the monster's doorstep. Shrek, who wishes no company while he dines on barbecued swamp rat and swigs putrid water, wants the Dulocian refugees off his land. He professes to enjoy the solitary life to which he has become accustomed. And he doesn't care if he's repulsive when he pulls a wax candle out of his ear to festoon his dinner table (actually, we think it's pretty **neat). But now, these interlopers.** This calls for a summit meeting. Strange bedfellows and all that.

As a lampoon of how international relations works, the resulting unholy alliance between Shrek and Farquaad is worthy of Twain if not Acsop. Farquard is no dragon-slayer. And he knows it. But it'll take just that deed if he wants the hand of Princess Fiona and the title of prince that will come with it. Shrek, on the other YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

hand, is made to fell such beasts. Hence the deal is struck, amazingly concluded without benefit of legal counsel on either side: Shrek will go forth, kill said dragon, who it just so happens is a female. and return to Duloc with Princess Fiona in tow. In consideration of said services, Farquaed will then diligently remove from the ogre's swamp the likes of the Three Little Pigs and every other displaced fairy tale character that huddles therein

It is at this juncture that Donkey attaches himself to Shrek. Of course our monster must put up a front, but in time begrudgingly accepts the chatty sidekick. It's two for the road. Not unlike Bogart and Rains in "Casablanca" (1942), it looks like this is the beginning of a wonderful friendship. The banter is terrific, with Murphy's running commentary a ceaseless amusement.

Later, after they collect Fiona, they're a troika. And thus ensues

> the equally entertaining return trip of the odyssey. But hey, is that a courtship that begins to bloom between Shrek and Fiona as they wend their way to Duloc?

Is it possible? The Beauty and the Ogre? Now,

what you should know about Fiona at this point, without giving the princess's dark secret away, is that appearances can be deceiving... which in essence is the heartfelt moral of this story;

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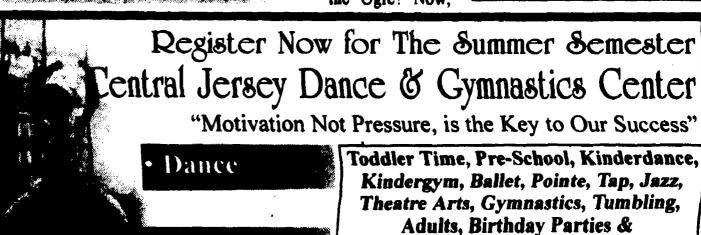
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READERS COMMENTARY

An Important Truth From One Who Knows

Dear Editor,
My name is

Robertson Frank #206653, SBI#736721A, at New Jersey State Prison in Trenton. I quit drugs in prison four years into my nine to twenty year prison sentence. I grew up in the heart of Elizabeth in Union County in New Jersey. I am serving hard time for a terrible addiction to cocaine and heroin. It took four years of drug abuse in prison before I found the saving grace of God and several good inmates to guide me to where I got clean three years back. I've been in prison for seven years now and each year is long, painful and lonely lesson in the perils of drug abuse.

Now I am very concerned for young adults and kids in school because that is where I began my drug use. Especially because I have a 19-year-old daughter out there now battling her own drug demons. She began using in school and is now following the pattern set by her mother and I. Her mom, my ex-wife, died last summer from a heroin overdose. God rest her soul. And so I am terrified for my child as well as all children everywhere...For young adults, your coming summer should equal "summer days" NOT "drug haze"! That goes for little kids too. We parents need to help our children.

I would very much like to get an anti-drug message for the Spring and coming summer to young adults and children everywhere, in or out of school. But, I can't without the help of this newspaper, its readers, parents and kids everywhere. You see I am a prisoner serving hard time now because as a young adult, years ago, I chose to get involved in a life of drugs, booze and theft.

After the first several very painful years of getting my life, health and self-respect back from the greedy clutches of drug addiction, I decided it was time to try and give something back to society from which I so often took. That is in the form of this anti-drug message. It is a simple message and it goes like this: "Summer Days" NOT "Drug Haze."

Your future and drugs don't mix. The school year's end is upon you and a lot of you will be embarking on new adventures and making new friends. I know all of this because I once, not long ago, stood where you are now. The only difference is I decided to drop out of school. I didn't want to deal with the pressures of class. I wanted to be with the crowd I thought was cool, cut classes, and take drugs. But look at this, look where I am now, in prison serving a 20-year sentence. For what? To hang out and take drugs? To think

I was cool? That's a joke! A waste, and I know that now. But it's not too late for any of you. I understand that there is pressure to make good grades, find friends or deal with peer pressure. Don't ever turn to drugs though, because it only leads to three places, prison, insanity, hospitals and very possibly death!

Deal with the pressure the best you can and if it gets too difficult, seek help from a parent, guidance counselor, teacher, church leader, local hospital, drug counselor or a friend who is clean. And new friends or old ones who want you to do drugs to fit in or be cool (peer pressure) aren't your friends at all and never were!

There is nothing cool about drugs! So the message is pure and simple, don't use drugs; it's nowhere! Use your mind, your imagination and your school and make your dreams and goals a reality. Faith and prayer can only help too.

I ask that my whole letter be printed, if possible, because the whole story is an important message. Perhaps parents will read this to their children to help show them the problems that come from drug use and to help explain that there are better ways to deal with problems. As I said before, "it's an important truth and the truth isn't always pretty." Perhaps the kids will read this and show it to a friend...I couldn't ask for more.

Thank you and let's hope for a drug free spring and a healthy, happy and safe future.

Frank Robertson



Every project requires a plan. Every trip a road map. And every government needs a budget.

The State Legislature is about to consider a state budget of over \$23 billion. Governor Whitman submitted this budget just before she left for Washington and Acting Governor DiFrancesco has made some modifications. But still there is one thing missing.

Part of putting a budget together is having some idea of how much money you're going to have to spend. Take, for example, the last improvement project you did around the house. Before you decided on what type of fixtures to put into your renovated bathroom, you had to have some idea on how much you could spend. You wouldn't spend \$1000 on fixtures if you only had \$700 to

spend. And so it is with the state budget. It is really no more complex than that.

Every year around the middle of May the administration supplies the Legislature with it's estimate of how much money the state's going to have available to spend for the upcoming budget year. This year, that didn't happen. State Treasurer Peter Lawrance, representing the administration, appeared before the Assembly Budget Committee last week and said, effectively, Al don't know. The Treasurer, the CFO of the business known as the State of New Jersey, doesn't know how much money we will have to spend next year.

Although that is what he is saying, it may not be totally true. He probably does know, but just doesn't want to say. The non-partisan Office of Legislative Services estimates there to be \$1.6 billion less revenue next year than the previous year. Treasurer Lawrance probably knows that this number is pretty accurate. He's just

in denial. For example, according to a Star-Ledger report, an economist hired by the Department of the Treasury estimated that New Jersey's capital gains tax receipts will decrease by more than \$450 million. Compare that to the proposed budget's estimate of a \$50 million increase in that revenue.

So here we are. The end of a two term run for the Republican party in the State House. Two terms of unprecedented prosperity, thanks to policies instituted in Washington. And what do we have to show for it? Nothing. The cupboard=s bare. It shouldn't be that way. Our state's budget has grown to gigantic proportions over the two terms of the Whitman administration. It has climbed nearly \$1 billion per year. On top of that, our state's debt has skyrocketed an alarming 118%!

This is certainly no way to run a state.

Snigletts

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Leash Common Denominator

Liberal mecca San Francisco finds itself embroiled in a bitter war over dog rights. Dog owners have been rallying after federal officials announced a ban on free-running dogs at beautiful Golden Gate Recreation Area, recinding a 22-year-old law that let them go on leash-less.

"Non-dog residents-that is,

people are complaining of unpleasant confrontations with unleashed dogs. Local environmentalists say free-roaming dogs are scaring away endangered birds. But dogs owners have staged overflow rallies at public hearings in which they bang on window and chant, "No leashes! No leashes!"

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Come pay us a visit and see our facilities for yourself. Our hours of operation are 10-2 Mondays though Thursdays and 9-12 on Fridays. We have extensive archives of material from various Jewish organizations and businesses in Central New Jersey as well as an extensive library of books relating to the history of Jews in America. We also have a collection of books, journals, microfiche. and CDs relating to Jewish genealogy. Our organization has published several books about Jews and Jewish issues in Central New Jersey, including an activity waskbook for childress. *

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organizations with which you might be affiliated (or just about growing up Jewish in Central NJ) to share with us, we'd love contributions to our newsletter or to our oral history tapes. If any of you are looking for a place to make a valuable contribution of time, we are always looking for volunteers. This is a great place for high school and college students (a great way to earn chesed hours or an interesting Bar/Bat Mitzvah project), homemakers, retirees, etc. to learn about the Jewish history of the area as well as to help with archiving and other important duties.

We run a monthly lecture series. We also have an active genealogy group that holds periodic meetings here at the Historical Society. The schedule for our lectures, meetings, and events can usually be found in most area newspapers. We would like to encourage you to participate in our heritage by becoming active in our organization. Our lectures and meetings are free and open to the public, but regular attendees are encouraged to become Historical Society members.

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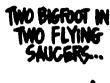
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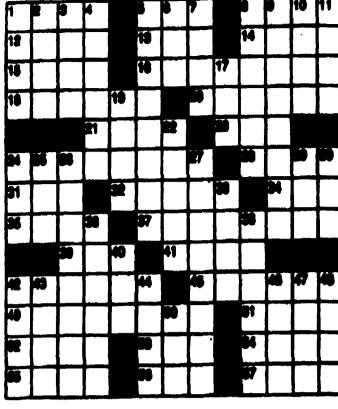


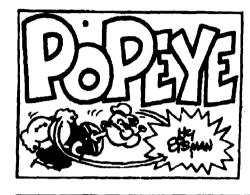










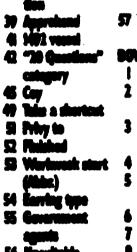


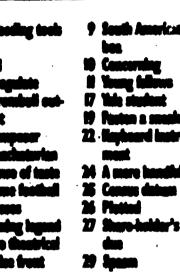


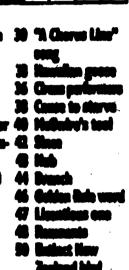
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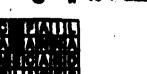




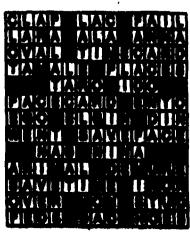
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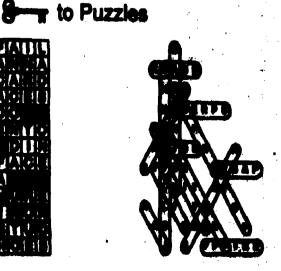






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YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

"The Arm" Would Improve Truck Driver's Vision

AREA — Invention Submission Corporation announces that one of its clients, a professional truck driver from New Jersey, has developed a truck accessory that would allow a driver to see the rear of the truck when reversing.

The Arm is designed to provide a view of the back end of a tractor trailer, school bus or straight truck when reversing into a delivery port or area. In an effort to eliminate the inaccuracies of guesswork when reversing a trailer, The Arm would

make it safer, easier and faster to pull the truck in properly.

Not only could this invention increase a driver's confidence, but it could also decrease or eliminate the potential for accidents that could damage the truck, a nearby structure or person behind the truck. The Arm would be fully portable and may reduce the frustration drivers feel when attempting to get the process right.

It could even result in less traffic congestion since the tractor-trailer wouldn't be blocking roadways in busy urban areas. The inventor said, "I drive in New York city and parking and backing a large rig in city traffic is very difficult. All tractor-trailer drivers need more safety and confidence on the road. The Arm will give them both."

The original design was submitted to the Newark office of Invention Submission Corporation. It is currently available for licensing or sale to manufacturers or marketers.

For more information, write Dept. 00-NWK-1140, ISC, 217 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, or call (412) 288-1300, ext. 1368.

Saving Money On Spring Car Care

AREA — Gloomy news about the nation's economy and shrinking mutual find balances may be prompting more motorists to think about keeping their vehicles longer between trade-ins, said the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park.

To keep an older vehicle in eliable operating condition, AA's Koonce recommends foisowing the maintenance schedule your vehicle's owner manual. To save money, consider performing some maintenance tasks on your own, but be careful to choose only quality replacement parts, fluids and other automotive products.

Motorists also need to know how to perform the required maintenance procedures, or have someone knowledgeable available to give help and guidance.

"A good place to start when considering do-it-yourself vehicle maintenance is a local auto parts store. Motorists should look for stores that carry recognized brands of parts and supplies that will service a variety of makes and models. They also should expect sales and counter personnel to be friendly, knowledgeable and patient in answering car care questions," Koonce said.

NAPA Auto Parts stores offer AAA members an exclusive 7% discount on parts and automotive supplies — excluding motor oil, spark plugs and remanufactured engines — when members show their AAA membership card.

NAPA stores are among thousands of merchants nationwide participating in AAA's Show Your Card & Save™ program but are the only nationwide automotive parts retailers recognized by AAA and authorized to display the AAA Show Your Card & Saveth Logo.

The most frequently performed do-it-yourself vehicle maintenance tasks are oil changes; refilling brake fluid, coolant and power steering reservoirs; changing rubber components, including wiper blades, belts and hoses; tire rotation and inflation; and replacing lighting components.

More complicated vehicle maintenance can be performed by weekend automotive technicians, but it's important to have the knowledge and tools available for the job.

AAA's network of Approved Auto Repair facilities are available to help motorists with simple as well as more complicated maintenance such as air-conditioning, brakes, suspension and alignment work. Maintenance

and repair facilities approved by AAA must pass rigorous inspections and have a demonstrated history of treating customers honestly and fairly.

All AAA-approved shops offer free vehicle safety inspections when other work is performed on AAA members' vehicles and will abide by AAA's decision in the unlikely event a member encounters a problem while having maintenance or repairs performed.

For more information, including a listing of local AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities, AAA members and the public can contact the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club by calling 973-377-7200, Ext. 218, or visit the club's Web site at www.aaa.com.

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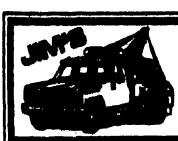


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OBITUARIES

Cornelius McGhee, 43 of Iselin

Mr. Cornelius Michael "Neil" McGhee, Jr. of Iselin died April 26 in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 43.

Born in Newark, he lived in Iselin since 1966.

He worked for Kistler Paving in Iselin for 10 years.

He served in the Navy during peacetime.

Mr. McGhee was active with the Iselin Athletic Association.

Surviving are his wife, Tracy, two sons; his father, Cornelius Michael Sr and two brothers. Michael and Dennis.

Edward H. Marx, 60 of Edison

Mr. Edward H. Marx of North Edison died May 15 in the Father Hudson House. Elizabeth. He was 60.

Born in Hilliard, Fla., he lived in Rahway and Iselin before moving to North Edison five years ago.

He was a machine operator with the National Steel Rule, Linden, for the past 12 years.

He was a founding member and lead singer of the 1950s singing group "Solid Gold." The group volunteered its time for various charities, including the Center for Hope Hospice and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Mr. Marx served in the Army from 1962-64

Surviving are a son, Robert, a grandchild; and his companion, Shirley Vazquez.

Mary Aquila, 75 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Mary Aquila of Woodbridge died May 10 at home. She was 75.

She was a lifelong resident of Woodbridge.

She was a fabricator at Gulton Industries, Metuchen, for 20 years before retiring in 1996. She was also a clerk at Stop & Shop in Colonia for 11 years.

Surviving are her husband, Vincent W.; four daughters, Mrs. Jayne Pellegrino, Mrs. Sallyann McHale, Mrs. Patricia Eileen Smith and Mrs. Mary Donahue; a son, Vincent W.; 11 grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

Vivian McManmon, 53 of Metuchen

Mrs. Vivian Irene (Crownfield) McManmon of Pownal, Vt. (formerly of Metuchen) died May 11 at North Adams Hospital, North Adams, Mass. She was 53

Born in Chicago, she lived in Metuchen before moving to Vermont.

Surviving are three sons. Peter Crownfield of Mission Viejo, Calif., Jeffrey Crownfield of Las Vegas and Brian Crownfield of Allentown, Pa.; her mother, Vivian Hazel Mc-Manmon of Metuchen; and six siblings, John McManmon and Barbara McManmon, both of Needham, Mass., Mary Jo Mc-Manmon of Venice, Fla., Jimmy McManmon of Las Vegas. Michael McManmon of Lee. Mass., and Linda McManmon of Metuchen.

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Philip McMahon, 72 of Colonia

Mr. Philip D. McMahon of Monroe (formerly of Colonia) died May 1 at home. He was 72,

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Colonia before moving to Monroe four years ago.

He was employed as an electrician with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 3 in New York City for 43 years before retiring in 1990.

He taught electrical engineering and installation at Newark College of Engineering from 1962-69.

Mr. McMahon served in the Army as a sergeant during the Korean War and was decorated with a Bronze Star as well as a Silver Star.

He was a past president of the Keystone Club of New York City. He was a member of the Rossmoor Men's Golf Association.

His wife, Jean (O'Brien) McMahon, is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Janice Viveiros of Woodbridge, Mrs. Mary Beth Drunkelberger of Avenel and Mrs. Jean Weber of Glen Gardner; three sons, Mr. Daniel P. McMahon of Denville, Mr. Michael McMahon of Colonia and Mr. John McMahon of Avenel; and 14 grandchildren.

Lenora M. Meeker, 82 Lived in Edison

Mrs. Lenora M. Meeker of the Whiting section of Manchester Township (formerly of Edison) died May 2 in Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. She was 82.

Born in Summit, she lived in Edison before moving to Whiting 15 years ago.

She was a Gold Star Mother with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary in Whit-

Surviving are a son, Gene; a daughter, Elizabeth; a sister, Mrs. Frances Knause; and two grandchildren.

Debra Novalany, 45 of Colonia

Mrs. Debra Novalany of Colonia died May 10 at home. She was 45.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in East Keansburg before moving to Colonia 14 years ago.

She was an accounts receivable specialist at Linden Motors Freight for over 20 years.

Surviving are her husband, George; two sons, Joseph and Michael; her mother, Mrs. Joann Corduan; a brother. Ronald Corduan; and two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Williams and Mrs. Darrie Dovidauskas.

Helen Konnyu, 79 of Edison

Mrs. Helen (Toth) Konnyu of Edison died May 16 at the Mary Ann Hale Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Edison for the past 48 years.

Mrs. Konnyu was a communicant of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church of Perth Amboy. She belonged to the church's senior citizens club.

Mrs. Konnyu was also a member of the Clara Barton Senior Citizens in Edison.

Her husband, Louis Konnyu, died in 1981. Six siblings, John and Alex, Zolian and Yoland Toth, Elizabeth Getz and Margaret Szebenyi, are all deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Wayne of Edison and Robert A. Konnyu of Long Valley; two daughters, Marlene A. Konnyu-Lesniak of Metuchen and Lorraine E. Reedinger of Edison; two sisters, Anna Vajda of Edison and Irene Julian of Perth Amboy; six grandchildren, Jason and Chad Lesniak, Brian Reedinger, David Reedinger and Victoria and Paul Konnyu and numerous nieces and nephews.

Agostino Di Pietro of Edison

Mr. Agostino Di Pietro of Edison died April 29 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth. He was 78.

Born in Avellino, Italy, he lived in Elizabeth for 22 years before moving to Edison nine years ago.

He worked at the Evergreen Cemetery in Hillside for 16 years before retiring in 1985.

Surviving are his wife, Elvira; a daughter, Mrs. Antoinette Santagata; a son, Giovanni; two sisters, Mrs. Carmela Di Santo and Mrs. Concordia Di Paola; eight grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Jo Ann Gesell, 61 of Edison

Mrs. Jo Ann (Turrisi) Gesell of Edison died May 15 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 61.

Born in Westerly, R.I., she lived in Edison.

She graduated from Westerly High School and from the Chamberlain School of Retailing in Boston.

Her father, Joseph Turrisi is deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Bill; her mother, Anna (Pizza) Turrisi of Westerly; two daughters, Marilyn Tierney of East Brunswick and Susan Murtagh of South Plainfield; a son, Hance Gesell of Edison; a sister, Marilyn Zehnder of Herndon, Va., and nine grandchildren.

Paul Fabian, 77 lived in Fords ·

Mr. Paul Fabian of South Bound Brook (formerly of Fords) died May 10 at home. He was 77.

Born in Lisbon Falls, Maine, he lived in Fords and Perth Amboy before moving to South Bound Book in 1959.

He was a tool-and-die maker at the General Motors Corp. in Clark for many years before retiring in 1982.

Mr. Fabian was a member of the United Auto Workers Union Local in Clark.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Mae; a son, Bruce; four daughters, Karen, Mrs. Gail Naples, Mrs. Virginia Covet and Mrs. Janet Owsik; and ten grandchil-

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OBITUARIES

Joan Baker, 60 of Avenei

Mrs. Joan Baker of Avenel died April 30 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 60.

Born in Newark, she lived in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township for 37 years.

She worked at the Forge Inn in Woodbridge for more than 11 years before retiring eight years ago.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Jack; two daughters, Lynn and Mrs. Lisa Fiumara: two sisters, Mrs. Mary Smeltzer and Mrs. Rose Shevchik; and four grandchildren.

Viola Katona, 81 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Viola Mester Katona of erth Amboy died May 15 at aritan Bay Medical Center, both Amboy Division. She was

Born in Woodbridge, she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 62 years.

She was employed in the Dietary Department at Raritan Bay Medical Center's Perth Amboy Division for 20 years before retiring in 1986.

Mrs. Katona was a communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Hopelawn VFW Post 1352.

Three brothers, Thomas, James and John Mester, are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, John; three sons, William J. Katona of Edison, Donald J. Katona of Albrightsville, Pa., and John F. Katona of Howell; her brother, Frank Mester of Lady Lakes, Fla.; three sisters, Pat White, Esther Horvath and Betty Pasek, all of Woodbridge; five grandchildren, Karen Clemens, Johnathan, David, Christopher and Courtney, and a great-grandson, Andrew Clemens.

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Jennie A. Frino, 63 of Parlin

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Mrs. Jennie A. Frino of Parlin died April 15 in the Mary Ann Hale Pavilion-haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center. Edison. She was 63.

Born in Blue Anchor, Camden County, she lived in Iselin before moving to Parlin 30 years ago.

She was an accounting clerk for Forman Industries, Parlin. for the past 10 months. Previously, she was employed by Center-Core Inc., Plainfield for 17 years.

Mrs. Frino was a bingo worker at the St. Bernadette Church, Parlin, for many years.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Theresa Perruso and Mrs. Madeline Balde; and two brothers, Louis and Michael.

Irene Albright, 77 of South Amboy

Mrs. Irene Albright of Allentown, Pa. (formerly of South Amboy) died May 17 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township, Pa. She was 77.

Born in Shamokin, Pa., she lived in South Amboy before returning to Pennsylvania.

She was a production worker for the former General Electric Co., for ten years. She also was formerly employed by Du Pont Corp., Parlin.

Mrs. Albright was a member of Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Allentown, Pa.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert L. Albright and Albert A. Albright, both of Allentown, Pa.; three sisters, Pearl Margaret Klock of Shamokin, Pa., Ardith A. Brooks of Clearwater, Fla. and Leona J. Gessner of Allentown, Pa.

Victorine Gough, 70 of Parlin

Mrs. Victorine E. Gough of Parlin died May 16 in Holmdel Convalescent Center. She was

Born in Jersey City, she moved to Parlin nine years ago.

She was a secretary with Middlesex Builders in Old Bridge before retiring in 1999.

Surviving are four sons, James Medley and George, Donald and Robert Gough; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia De-Luco and Margaret; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Cegile; a brother, James Miller and ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Mitro, 78 of Parlin

Mrs. Mary Ciccone Mitro of Parlin died April 15 at Deering Hospital, Miami. She was 78.

Born in Newark, she had resided in Parlin since 1959.

Mrs. Mitro was a communicant of St. Bernadette's R.C. Church, Old Bridge.

Her husband, Louis F. Mitro, died in 1993. Also deceased are a brother, Nicholas Ciccone and two sisters, Angie Parillo and Dina Seneca

Surviving are a son, Ronald Mitro of Cutler Ridge, Fla., a daughter, Linda Joyce Wohanka of Monmouth Beach; four sisters, Lucy Vecchio and Eleanor Herbach, both of Newark, Irene Esposito of Brick and Ginny Ashby of Carteret; three grandchildren, Donna Susser, Ronald Mitro Jr. and Thomas M. Wohanka; and four great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Daniel and Robert Susser and Emily Mitro.

Emily Schneider, 80 of Edison

Emily Mrs. Josephine Schneider of Edison died April 30 in the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Scotch Plains. She was 80.

Born in Newark, she lived Irvington and Hillside before moving to Edison in 1968.

She was a member of the Sokol USA Lodge 12 in New-

Surviving are son, Martin A. Jr.; a brother, Donald L. Punchatz; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Nestor Gonzalez, 72 of Edison

Mr. Nestor Gonzalez of Edison died May 17 ar Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 72.

Born in Placetas, Cuba, he lived in Union City, and then in Perth Amboy for 40 years before moving to Edison 11 years ago.

He was employed as a hi-lo operator for 25 years with Metroplex of Edison before retiring seven years ago.

His two brothers, Wilfredo Gonzalez and Jose Manuel Gonzalez, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Fe Esperanza (Rodriguez) Gonzalez; two sons. Edward and Rowland, both of Edison; two daughters, Ruth Gonzalez of Edison and Jeannie Gonzalez Wickland of Matawan; three sisters, Maria Gonzalez, Juana Gonzalez, both of Cuba and Isora Martinez of Perth Amboy; a brother, German Gonzalez of Cuba and eight grandchildren.

Jozef Biesaga, 84 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Jozef Biesaga of Perth Amboy died May 17 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 84.

Born in Poland, he had resided in Perth Amboy since 1964.

He retired in 1979 after 15 years with U.S. Metals Crop., in Carteret.

Mr. Biesaga was a parishioner of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife, Stefania; two sons, George of Kendall Park and Adam of Evansville, Ind.; a brother in Poland; and two grandchildren.

Geraldine Creamer, 86 of Sayreville

Miss Geraldine M. Creamer of Sayreville died April 16 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 86.

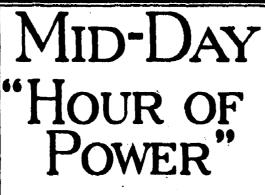
Born in Sayreville, she was a lifelong borough resident.

She was a graduate of Drake's Business College and had been employed for 37 years as director and head librarian for the Sayreville Public Library before her retirement in 1981.

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

Her parents, Thomas and Ann Creamer, a brother, John Creamer and a sister, Shirley Creamer, are all deceased.

Surviving are her brother, Thomas Creamer and a sister. Rita Vona, both of Sayreville; and many nieces and nephews.





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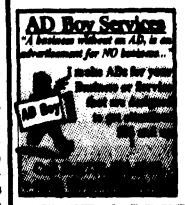
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Retired Employees Agenda

PERTH AMBOY—The last regularly scheduled meeting of the local schoolcalendar year, of the Retired Employees Chapter/AFT, Local 857, NJSFT, AFL-CIO, will take place on Wednesday, June 6 at 1 p.m. at the Federation's Al Shanker Educational Resource Center, First Floor, Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue. Perth Amboy.

Major items on the agenda will include an evaluation of the Luncheon/Play at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse presentation of 'Abie's Irish Rose' and a review of other events there; a review of pending legislation on the state and national level; and the annual year-end Retiree Luncheon, tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 15 at the Barge Restaurant.

Refreshments will be offered. Members are urged to attend and district retirees are invited.

Library Lists Summer Activities

CARTERET—An experience that's out of this world is awaiting you at the Carteret Public Library. This year's Summer Reading Club is themed "2001: A Reading Odyssey" and members will participate in "Spaced Out" reading and activities throughout the summer.

Registration will be held Monday, June 18; Tuesday, June 19 and Wednesday, June 20 from 10:30 a.m.—7 p.m. at 100 Cooke Avenue. The program starts on June 25. Call the library at (732) 802-3023 for more information.

Story time for ages 4 to 5 starts July 10 (Tuesday) from

10:10-11:15 a.m.

Mommy/Daddy and Me (age 3) starts Wednesday, July 11 from 10:30-11 a.m.

A baby sitting course will be available for ages 11-18. A certificate will be awarded to those who complete the course on a date that will be announced later.

Movies will be shown on Wednesday at 3 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

Friday there will be games and puzzles from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Mondays will have chess from 1:30-2:15 for ages 7-12.

Two New Police Lieutenants Rise Through Ranks

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas recently held a ceremony to promote two police officers within the Perth Amboy Police Department. Before a packed house in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Sergeant Benjamin Ruiz and Detective Sergeant Michael Pizza were promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

L1. Pizza, who began his law enforcement career with the Perth Amboy Police Department in 1974, will now be assigned to the Patrol Division. After graduating from the Middlesex

County Police Academy, he began serving as a patrolman before being assigned to the Narcotics Bureau in 1984 and eventually to the Detective Bureau in 1986. He later became the Lead Homicide Investigator for the bureau.

In July of 1991, Lt. Pizza was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned as the Detective Bureau Supervisor. In July of 1999, he was transferred to the position of Internal Affairs Bureau Commander where he served until recently.

Lt. Pizza has undergone spe-

cialized training in Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Law Enforcement sponsored by the DEA, Police Management administered by the F.B.I. and Practical Homicide Investigation sponsored by the New York Police Department.

He has also completed the Middlesex County Instructor's course and is certified in Computer Voice Stress Analyzation from the National Institute for Truth Verification. Throughout his career he has received numerous commendations for his investigative skills and was named the Outstanding Policeman of the Year in 1991 by the Fraternal Order of Police. He and his wife, Denise, have two children, Michael and Lauren.

"On behalf of the Perth Amboy Police Department, I congratulate Lieutenants Ruiz and Pizza and wish them the best of luck in their new position. Through their years of service, they have demonstrated themselves to be highly worthy of this promotion," stated Police Director Tom Cetner.

Lt. Benjamin Ruiz began his career in law enforcement in November of 1984 with the Middlesex County College Police. He graduated from the Middlesex County Police Academy in 1985 and took a position as a patrolman for the Dunellen Police Department until joining the Perth Amboy Police Department in May of 1988.

He began his assignment in Perth Amboy as a patrolman and went on to serve in the Narcotics, Juvenile and Traffic Bureaus. He was later assigned to the Community Policing/Community Services Unit and was assigned to supervise this unit when he was promoted to sergeant in 1996. He is presently a team leader with the Midd. Cty. Special Operations and Response Team.

He has attended numerous advanced training classes and schools, including Basic and Advanced Fingerprint Classification administered by the F.B.I., Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Law Enforcement administered by the DEA and the Middlesex County Police Instructor's Course. He is a nationally certified D.A.R.E. Instructor and is state certified bi-lingual in both English and Spanish.

He has received numerous awards and commendations including the F.O.P. Meritorious Service Award, the F.O.P/ P.B.A. Life Saving Award and the Community Service Award. He has also received commendations from both the 19th and 38th / Legislative Assembly Districts, as well as a certificate of special recognition from the U.S. Congress for Outstanding Law Enforcement, Lt. Ruiz is affiliated with manageme law enforcement organizations and has two children, Benjamin and Jacquelyn,



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