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Smith Receives Health Care Philanthropy Award

SOUTH AMBOY—Stuart Smith, a South Amboy native and St. Mary High School grad, has received the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy's (AHP) Si Seymour National Award, the highest professional award presented by one of the nation's leading fundraising associations.

Smith began his 36-year fundraising career as a district Boy Scouts executive for the South Amboy/Sayreville and

Perth Amboy area (former the Raritan Council). Today, he is president and chief executive officer of the \$118 million Banner Health Foundation of Arizona, the philanthropic arm of the Banner Health System's Arizona Region.

He is the son of Elizabeth Keenan Smith, a longtime South Amboy resident, who now resides in Phoenix with Smith and his family.

Smith is the 31st recipient of this honored award that commemorates Seymour's illustrious 50-year fundraising and development career. It is

AHP's lifetime achievement award and is presented annually to a fundraising professional who has served both his or her community and profession in a truly extraordinary manner.

Smith has headed the Banner Health Foundation for more than 20 years. It is among Arizona's oldest and most distinguished non-profit foundations. Besides being deeply involved in community affairs within metropolitan Phoenix, he is active in his profession nationally. He is currently chair elect of the 3,100-member AHP.



Stuart Smith

Chamber Of Commerce Celebrates 50 Years Of Service

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce would like your help in making their year-long 50th Anniversary celebration extra special with planned events throughout the year. If you have any photos, stories, letters or other memorabilia pertaining to you, your family business or your business' interaction with the Chamber, take a moment to call us the Chamber at (732) 738-9482. They are especially looking for information regarding businesses who were established in Edison 50 or more years ago.

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PERTH AMBOY — The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc., cordially requests the honor of your presence at this year's Puerto Rico Discovery Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, Nov. 18 in Perth Amboy.

The program will begin at 12:30 p.m., with a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Providence, Patron Saint of Puerto Rico, which will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 380 Smith Street and La Asuncion

Church, 777 Cortlandt St., Perth Amboy. At approximately 2:30 p.m. following the Mass, the Puerto Rican Flag will be raised at City Hall Park.

After a brief ceremony, as part of our celebration, we will have a special recognition for an outstanding member of our community who has demonstrated exemplary work for the benefit of the Hispanic population of Perth Amboy. Following the flag raising ceremony, at approximately 3:30

p.m., there will be a cultural activity at our agency with exhibits, entertainment and ethnic food. This activity is free of charge.

Dignitaries representing State, County and local government are expected to attend. This year's funding has been made possible in part, by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission through a grant provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

E.J. Patten Supports Rescue Workers

PERTH AMBOY—The students from the Edward J. Patten Elementary School have raised the spirits of the Port Authority Police Department. Since the Sept. 11 tragedy, the children have written letters, made cards and drawn posters in support of the rescue workers.

The children in Mrs. Santi-

ago's class began the campaign on Sept. 12. She had her students spread the news about the need for some joy in this dismal time. They came through by asking other classes to lend a hand. In turn, many other classes made beautiful cards and letters expressing their sentiments for

the workers and their families.

Currently, the works of art are being displayed at headquarters for the Port Authority Police Department where victims' families and Acting Governor DiFrancesco have seen them. The E.J. Patten staff and children are to be commended for their big hearts.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**4-H Presents New Computer Club**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County 4-H program will be starting a new Computer Club open to youth in grades 1-13. There will be an informational meeting for youth and parents on Monday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middlesex County 4-H Center, Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick. The club should prove to be a great opportunity for kids to learn practical computer skills as well as make new friends.

Some of the topics to be covered in the Club are:

* computers and their role in business

- * hardware and software
- * computer artwork
- * video conferencing
- * learn about the Internet through Internet scavenger hunts
- * learn to design web pages
- * learn video conferencing

Please RSVP to the 4-H office if you plan to attend the meeting.

For information on other 4-H programs, contact the Middlesex County 4-H Office at (732) 745-3446. 4-H programs are offered to all youth in grades 1-13 (one year out of high school) regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or handicap.

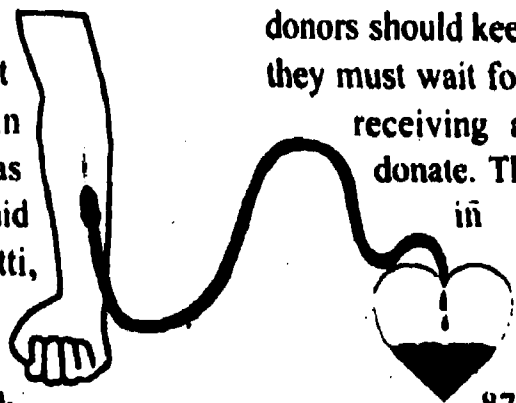
Blood Drive Nov. 20—Donors Needed!

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — There was a tremendous increase in blood donations after the tragic events of Sept. 11. So many caring, concerned Americans volunteered to donate blood that some were asked to defer giving blood until later in the year. Now is the time. "The blood that was donated in September has been used," said Lillian Gatti, recruiting coordinator for the Affiliated Hospitals Blood Center. "We need to continue in our efforts and make sure that there is always an adequate supply in our community."

Donors at the blood drive at St. Peter's University Hospital, will receive "Beanie Bears" and be entered into a raffle to win dinner for two at Outback Steak House. The blood drive will

take place Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the hospital's conference center, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick.

Gatti added that donor restrictions have been relaxed, so those who may not have been able to donate in the past may now be able to do so. However, donors should keep in mind that they must wait four weeks after receiving a flu shot to donate. Those interested in becoming a blood donor may call (732) 937-8757 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Donors may also give in the Donor Room at St. Peter's during the following hours: Monday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Make an appointment today to give blood.

**The Customer Always Comes 2nd Seminar**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Human Resource Council meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 12-2 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cranbury.

The Human Resource Committee will welcome Lloida

Wilson of the Norwill group to discuss why our first line of all company business and success begins with the employee.

Pre-registration is requested. The program includes lunch and networking, the cost is \$25 for Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce members, \$30 for non-members, call

(732) 821-1700. Table sponsorships are available.

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce is the premier business organization in Central New Jersey serving more than 950 local member businesses through access, information and advocacy.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

County Computers To Boost Local Technology Program

"A total of 112 Woodbridge teachers—the highest number in the County—completed the training and are receiving the computers this month,"

WOODBIDGE—An ongoing effort to provide state-of-the-art computers, Internet access and other technology to all Woodbridge schools is continuing with the addition of more than 100 new computers from Middlesex County's Tech 2000 program.

"The new computers will assist with our efforts to realize a vision for the future of our community an educational system in which our students have access to information and data from all over the world through the infusion of cutting edge technology and the use of distance learning in our curriculum," said Mayor James E. McGreevey.

The Township is in the third year of Woodbridge Tech 2000, a three year/three phase

program to install 3,000 networked computers with Internet access and state-of-the-art software into the Township schools and administration buildings. The Mayor proposed the program in his 1999 State of the Township Address.

Under the County's program, teachers who complete at least 20 hours of instruction receive a computer for their classroom at no cost to their local school district or municipal government.

"Our goal is to make certain there is a computer in every classroom throughout the County," said Freeholder John Pulomena, who initiated the program.

Pulomena said 726 computers are being distributed this

year and the County plans to purchase 4,020 computers under the five-year \$5 million program.

"A total of 112 Woodbridge teachers—the highest number in the County—completed the training and are receiving the computers this month," said Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Kuchtyak.

Kuchtyak said Woodbridge expects to receive 661 computers from the County over the course of the five-year program.

To qualify for the computers, educators obtain the instruction through the Middlesex County Education Technology training Center or through their school district in a program such as the Woodbridge Academy of Excellence, which the Township established as part of the Mayor's Woodbridge Tech 2000 initiative.

Am. Legion Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

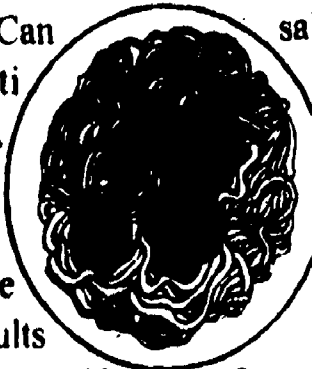
CARTERET — The American Legion Post 263, Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, will be hosting their "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2-6 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12 years old. Children from 1-5,

free. A 50/50 raffle will be drawn.

The dinner will consist of salad, Dorothy's delicious meat sauce with meatballs, cake, coffee, tea and soda. Beer and wine may be purchased at the bar.

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of good food, family, friends.



Kiwanis Club Installs New Officers

PERTH AMBOY — The Kiwanis Club of Perth Amboy has begun its 2001-02 program year with the installation of a new slate of officers. They are: Robert T. Dahill, III, President; Gary A. Perillo, Vice President; Carmela La Rosa, Secretary; and Rosemary Oarsley, Treasurer. The installation dinner took place at the Barge Restaurant in Perth Amboy.

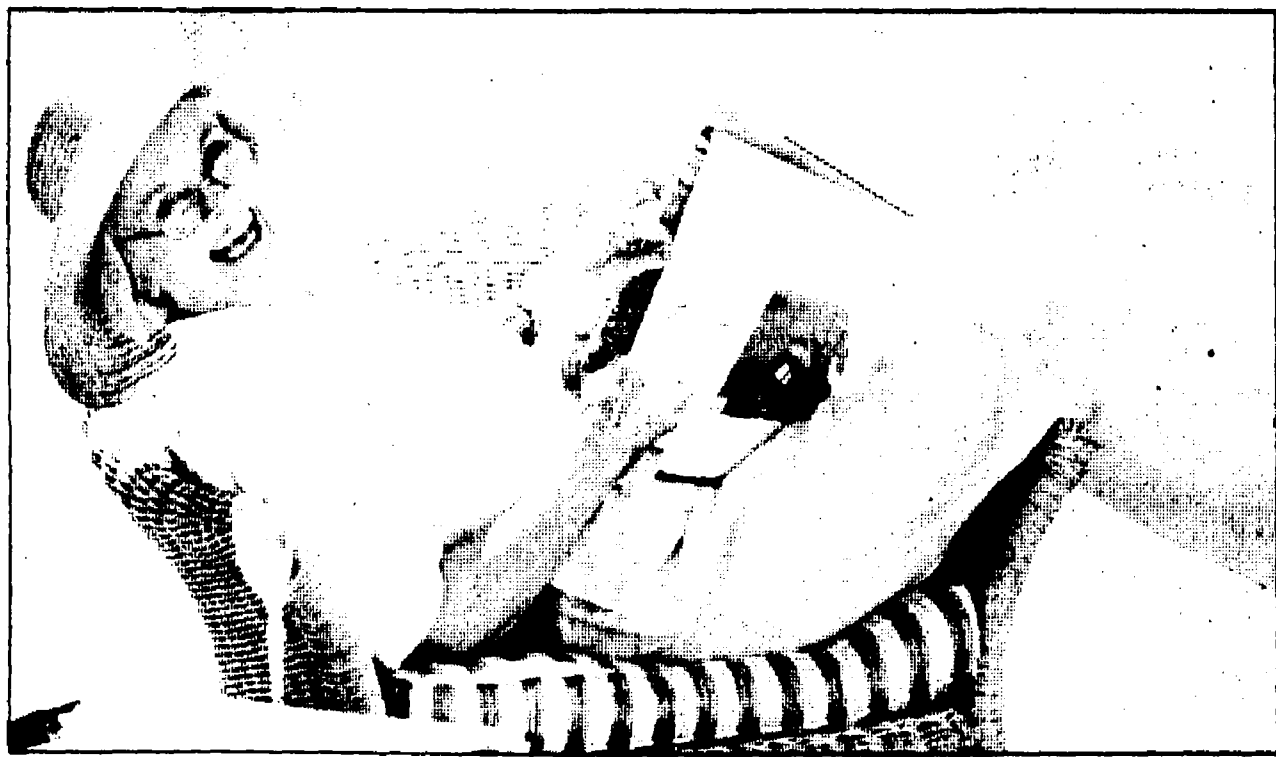
Currently in its 77th year, the Kiwanis Club is composed of business, professional and community leaders, joined together to perform community service projects. Currently, the Club is sponsoring the sale of prints by esteemed artist Francis McGinley of the Perth Amboy Police Headquarters building as it appeared in the 1950s. The building is scheduled to be razed soon when a new headquarters is constructed. The Club financed the original production of the prints

and is now donating all proceeds from the sale of the prints to purchase defibrillators for Perth Amboy police cars.

Over the years, the Club has sponsored many additional community service projects, including scholarships for Perth Amboy students and the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program which distributed free books to kindergarten and preschool students. Club members have also helped feed the homeless and have assisted the Salvation Army with kettle collections during the holiday season.

The Kiwanis Club currently meets at The Barge for lunch on the first Thursday of each month and for dinner on the fourth Thursday of the month. President Dahill, the officers and members invite anyone interested in serving the Perth Amboy community to consider joining the Kiwanis Club.

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Military Briefs...

Nyahay Graduates Basic Military Training

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

Nyahay is the son of Christopher Nyahay of Parlin.

He is a 2000 graduate of Old Bridge High School.



Air Force Airman
Kurt T. Nyahay

Helping Handbook

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce has available a free helping handbook which is a resource for families of victims of the WTC disaster. The handbook covers such issues as:

- Death Certificates
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- Social Security
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- Other resources

This handbook was created by the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP and is available on the internet on www.riker.com. However, if you cannot download and need a copy, contact the Edison Chamber of Commerce at (732) 738-9482 for a copy.

Harvest Bake Sale



EDISON—The New Dover United Methodist Church, 687 New Dover Road, Edison, will have a Harvest Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m.-12 Noon. All kinds of home-baked items available. Stop by early!

Woodbridge Official Named To 'Who's Who'

WOODBIDGE—Bask Patel, the Township's Assistant Municipal Engineer, has been selected for the 2001-02 edition of the "International Who's Who of Public Service" directory.

The International "Who's Who" directories recognize successful individuals by listing them among their peers and providing an international forum for networking and reference.

Patel joined Woodbridge Township as a Senior Engineer in 1994 and was promoted to Assistant Engineer in 1997. He

served as Acting Municipal Engineer from July to October of this year.

His work on the Townships' Blair Road Improvement Project garnered a second place award in the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers annual Construction Projects Contest in 1995.

Prior to coming to Woodbridge, Patel worked as a Project Engineer with the Schoor, DePalma and Canger Group; Associate Highway Design Engineer for Howard, Needles, Tammen and Burg-

endoff; Highway/Bridge Design Engineer for the RBA Group; Field Engineer for Test Well Craig Laboratory; and Junior Engineer for Gujarat Construction.

A resident of Fords, Patel holds a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering, which he obtained in 1982.

He is a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers, the Middlesex County Transportation Committee, the Society of Municipal Engineers and the Society of Asphalt Technology.



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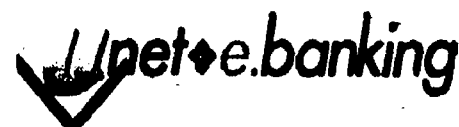
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The Web site serves as a single point of entry on the Web for citizens, businesses and employees of New Jersey and can also be personalized by the interests of individual users, according to CSG's Eagle E-government Program Coordinator Ed Janairo. Government services, online transactions and information are easily accessible from this well-designed portal. "This Web site serves as an excellent model for other states," says Janairo.

Judges for CSG's annual contest included elected state government officials, state government staff and CSG's private sector associates. "The choice of this site as an award winner reflects the expectations and demands that practitioners in state government have of e-government," Janairo said.

Sites were judged on ease of use, design, accessibility to the public, technological innovation and how effectively the application could streamline government and deliver better customer service. A complete list of this year's winners can be found at <http://www.csg.org/eagle>.

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A few clouds and pleasant.	Partly cloudy.	Clouds and sun.	Lots of sunshine.	Mainly cloudy.	Partial sunshine.	Partial sun.	Partial sunshine.
61	47	64/43	55/43	57/38	53/35	52/36	52/39

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

Above Normal Near Normal Below Normal

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Storms will continue to push into the West keeping things wet and cool. Lingering cold across the East early in the period will be replaced by warmth spreading eastward out of the Plains. Southern and eastern Florida can see another round of rain later in the period.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation

Above Normal Near Normal Below Normal

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City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	68 50 s	68 48 s	66 46 s	66 46 s
Boston	58 44 pc	59 42 pc	52 40 s	56 32 pc
Chicago	64 46 pc	66 40 pc	66 40 pc	58 46 pc
Cleveland	60 46 pc	62 48 pc	62 46 pc	59 42 s
Denver	56 30 pc	58 30 pc	52 33 s	53 24 s
Des Moines	66 45 s	68 45 pc	68 36 pc	50 34 pc
Detroit	62 45 pc	60 43 pc	57 44 c	54 40 c
Houston	72 56 pc	74 52 pc	72 52 s	74 48 pc
Indianapolis	62 47 pc	66 46 s	61 45 s	58 39 s
Kansas City	63 46 c	65 46 pc	60 43 pc	54 34 pc
Los Angeles	74 54 s	76 56 s	76 50 s	74 51 s
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

New Jerseyans Need To Act Now On Tax Refund

STATE — The Internal Revenue Service is urging more than 10,900 New Jerseyans whose income tax refund or advance payment checks have been returned to the agency by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Undeliverable," to act now so their checks can be reprocessed and remailed to them at a valid address by Dec. 5th.

"This year, our list of undelivered checks in New Jersey includes more than 7,400 advance payment checks the IRS started issuing in July," stated Gregg Semanick, IRS spokesperson in New Jersey. "There is extra urgency for taxpayers to act quickly this year and contact us by Dec. 5th. After that date, taxpayers can't get an advance payment check. Instead, they'll have to claim it on their 2001 tax returns," Semanick said.

The returned advance payment checks in New Jersey total more than \$2.6 million — an average of \$351 per check. These checks represent slightly more than one-quarter of 1 percent of the more than 2.7 million mailed to New Jerseyans.

In addition, another 3,480 tax refunds for New Jerseyans were returned to the IRS from this year and previous years. These "regular" tax refunds are worth \$3.49 million — an average of \$1002 per check.

"The advance payment checks add a unique dimension this year," said Semanick. "But our goal remains the same: We want this money back in the hands of the people as quickly as possible."

"Taxpayers whose names are on the list should call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040," said Semanick. "All we need is a good address. 'As soon as we get the call, we'll start the check on its way. But for the advance payments, we need that information before December 5th so we have time to reprocess the checks.'"

There are many reasons that refund or advance payment checks might not reach taxpayers. Often, a life change, such as marriage or a name change causes mail to be undeliverable. In addition, the U.S. Postal Service reports that about 43 million Americans move each year.

The IRS or the U.S. Postal Service should be notified of these changes. Checks that are undeliverable will be returned to the IRS.

The added urgency for the advance refund checks is because the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, which authorized the payments, says the checks cannot be issued after Dec. 31. That means there won't be enough time to process claims made after Dec. 5th. However, those eligible for an advance payment check who don't receive it before the end of the year can claim it as a credit on their 2001 tax return starting in January.

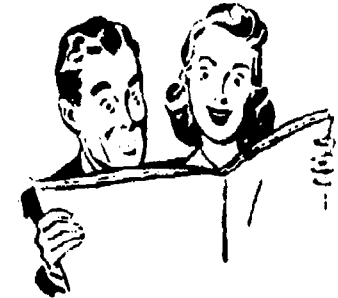
Choosing "Direct Deposit" to have a tax refund deposited directly to a bank account is the best way to ensure it goes to the right place and to guard against loss or theft. Nearly 34 million taxpayers chose direct deposit for their refunds during the 2001 filing season, an increase of more than 15% compared with a year ago. The direct deposit option was not available for advance payment checks

To ensure the IRS has their correct address, taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return are urged to file a Form 8822, "Change of Ad-

dress," with the IRS. The form can be downloaded from the IRS Web Site at www.irs.gov or can be requested by calling 1-800-829-3676.


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Pru IPO Gets OK

AREA — Prudential Insurance Co. of America recently cleared the final hurdle in its course to convert to a stock company from a mutual firm.

Prudential, the No. 1 U.S. life insurer by assets, got the go-ahead from regulators for its plan to convert to a publicly traded company, paving the way for a multibillion dollar initial public offering (IPO) before the end of the year.

Prudential is the fourth major U.S. life insurer to demutualize in the last 18 months, as companies look for easier access to capital for acquisitions and other expansion plans.

Donald Bryan, acting commissioner for the division of insurance at the NJ Dept. of Banking and Insurance, who oversees regulation of the Newark-based firm, approved the plan as expected, following Prudential's policyholders' vote in favor in August.

That means Prudential is set to launch its IPO, which could be worth as much as \$3 billion in the next two months.

The demutualization plan approved by the state Dept. of

Banking and Insurance means the company is on track to complete its initial public offering by year's end "depending on market conditions," the company said.

When it goes public, it is to be known as Prudential Financial.

Policyholders, who now own the company, in August overwhelmingly approved demutualization, which the company said would allow it to compete with an insurance industry increasingly filled with consolidating companies.

Under a demutualization, a mutual insurer — which is owned by its policyholders — reorganizes to form a new holding company, which issues shares to be sold to the public.

In all the recent demutualizations, including Prudential's, policyholders receive shares or cash in return for losing direct ownership through the mutual structure.

Prudential is set to distribute 454.6 million shares to 11 million-or-so eligible policyholders, which would make Prudential one of the most

widely held stocks in the United States.

In addition, Prudential plans to sell 89 million shares to the public when it converts.

Prudential had more than \$606 billion in assets under management as of June 30, making it among the largest financial services institutions in the world.

Rivals MetLife and John Hancock Financial Services Inc. went public last year, and Phoenix Cos. Inc. followed suit this past June. Boston-based life insurer Liberty Mutual is also in the process of demutualizing.

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Landmark Child Passenger Safety Legislation Signed

AREA—Legislation to New Jersey's current child close the glaring loopholes in passenger safety requirements

have been signed into law by acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco at a State House ceremony in Trenton recently.

Earlier this year, New Jersey's child passenger safety law received a failing grade from the National Safe Kids Campaign and a "poor" rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The current law allows children as young as 18 months to be secured only in a seat belt. It also allows children to ride unrestrained in the back seat of a

motor vehicle when there aren't enough seat belts for all passengers. There is no provision for belt use by children between five and 18 years of age, unless they're riding in the front.

Under the new law, which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2002, all teens and children under 18 years of age are required to wear a safety belt or be restrained in a car seat or booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle. The law also mandates that infants and

young children up to four years of age and forty pounds be restrained in the appropriate car seat (rear facing for children under one, forward facing for children between one and four years of age).

Children between four and eight years of age and who weigh less than 80 pounds, must be secured in an appropriate child restraint or a booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt. Children over eight years of age and under 18 must wear a safety belt. And children under eight must be restrained in the back seat of a motor vehicle, unless the vehicle doesn't have a back seat or the back seat is already occupied by other youngsters.

Studies show, however, that fewer than 7 percent of parents make use of booster seats despite their proven value in protecting children four to eight years of age. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the use of any restraint drops off from 91 percent to 68.7 percent after age four and more than 97 percent of the children ages four to nine fatally injured in crashes were completely unrestrained.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**Toys For Tots Sponsors
"Breakfast With Santa"**

AREA—Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar restaurants in New Jersey area are inviting children with their families and friends to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" at Applebee's from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1.

All proceeds from the breakfast benefit the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Since 1947, the Marine Corps Reserve has been building partnerships with their local communities

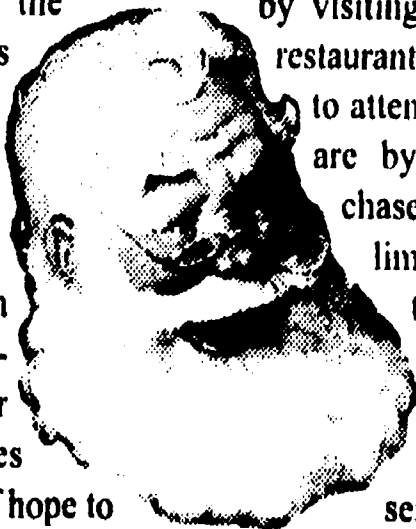
by bringing a ray of hope to deserving children across the country. Each year, the Marines have the challenge of getting age appropriate toys for the children and this is where Applebee's comes into play. With all of the proceeds going to the Toys for Tots program, the Marines are able to satisfy the needs of the local community.

During Breakfast with

Santa, each child will receive breakfast and goodies. Every adult accompanying a child will receive a raffle ticket for door prizes. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera to photograph their child with Santa.

You can make reservations by visiting or calling the restaurant you would like to attend. Reservations are by advance purchase only. There is limited seating for this Dec. 1 event, so call or visit now—first come, first serve.

In addition to the breakfast, Applebee's will be selling paper gift packs for \$1. Each paper gift pack will be prominently displayed within the restaurant. Stop by your local Applebee's restaurant and help put a smile on a child's face by donating to this worthy cause. Give a child in need a holiday season to remember.

**Win Tix To A
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Featuring Sting**

AREA—95.5 WPLJ is celebrating its 30th Birthday with a private concert featuring Sting in his only New York area performance at the Beacon Theatre, Thursday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m.

Tickets will not go on-sale to the public. All tickets for Sting will be given away free via contests on 95.5 WPLJ-FM. The radio station contest line is: 1-800-321-WPLJ or you can register to win online at www.plj.com.

While visiting New York earlier this month, Sting said: "PLJ has been very, very influential in my career. Beginning with the Police and with the start of my solo career. I am very honored to be part of the celebration. It's the least I can do."

**Special Exhibit
On Dutch Art**

UNION—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, the YM-YWHA of Union County, is offering a wonderful trip to the Newark Museum for a special exhibit "Art and Home: Dutch Interiors in the Age of Rembrandt." This major exhibition features over one hundred masterpieces from the Dutch Golden Age, including 50 richly luminous paintings and over 70 magnificent domestic objects.

Comprised by works by 17th century Dutch masters, Rembrandt, Gabriel Metsu, Gerard Terborch and Pieter de Hooch and others, Art and Home will appeal to those who appreciate great art, to history buffs, antique lovers, and collectors of decorative arts such as Delftware. The exhibition draws on loans from museums

and private collections. A docent trained in the history and significance of the work on view will make the exhibition truly come alive. The group will have a docent led tour of the exhibit, and have time to enjoy the brown bag lunch in the beautiful Engelhardt Court. The group will then have the opportunity to explore any of the museums permanent galleries containing the American and international art collections. There will be time to visit the Museum Shop and special Dutch Shop.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Readers Commentary



Preventing Moments Of Tragedy

Dear Editor,

On a recent drive, I witnessed a young child playing in the back seat of a car. The child ran and bounced back and forth along the length of the back seat as he frolicked, unaware that his life was in danger.

A sudden stop would have sent that child into harm's way, as his fragile body slammed into the back of the front seat or potentially upward into the inside head liner of the roof. I shuddered as I thought about how a crash could have turned a moment of play into grief and tragedy for the family.

Too many families have known such moments of tragedy. In 1999, 1,700 children across the nation died in vehicle crashes.

In an effort to save young lives and prevent needless tragedies, New Jersey's child passenger safety law is being upgraded next month.

Beginning Dec. 1, all children up to age 8 or 80 pounds in weight are required to travel in safety seats. The new law also

requires children ages 8-18 to wear a seat belt. Children under age 8 who weigh more than 80 pounds also are required to wear a seat belt.

The booster-type child seat, designed for older children, raises a child's body so the vehicle's lap-and-shoulder belt fits properly.

Police officers will be checking to make sure children are secured by a safety seat or seat belt when traveling. We hope to make the sight of unsecured children, playing and climbing about in vehicles, a thing of the past.

Information about the new law and child seats is available on our website, www.njsafe.roads.com.

Finally, I ask all adults to set the proper example by wearing their seat belts when driving, or sitting in the front seat, as state law currently requires.

Col. Peter J. O'Hagan
Director

Doing Everything Humanly Possible

Dear Editor,

In the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy involving terrorist attacks, I want to share with the public that The Salvation Army's New Jersey Division is not only on the scene, but doing everything that is humanly possible for the victims, their families and all rescue personnel.

The New Jersey Division has several canteens, located in New York and New Jersey, serving meals and refreshments to rescue workers and families of the missing. Grief and pastoral counseling is also available at these locations. Camp Tecumseh, The Salvation Army's residential camp located in Pittstown, has become a temporary home for relief workers from out of state.

The American people have been extremely supportive of The Salvation Army with donations of goods and equipment for the relief effort. The amount of donations was so great, that a warehouse was secured in Bayonne, where goods will be sorted, inventoried and stacked so that we can immediately fulfill requests from New York in a short amount of time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped The Salvation Army during this horrific time. Volunteers from all over the state, as well as from individual companies such as AT&T, have aided us on our canteens and at our Divisional Headquarters, manning phones, loading and unloading trucks, sorting, boxing and more.

Lastly, I would like to thank business owners and companies. We were blessed to have support ranging from donated supplies to equipment on loan at our NJ Headquarters. Many of these companies also provided their own personnel to aid us in our mission.

My heart is heavy in the aftermath of this tragedy, yet my soul is uplifted feeling the love and compassion of my fellowman as we come together in this time of crisis, helping in every way we can.

God Bless You and God Bless America.

Lt. Col. Norman E. Wood
NJ Divisional Commander

Preparation Is Just As Vital For The Workplace As It Is For Football

by Acting Governor
Donald T. DiFrancesco

In the shadow of recent layoffs in the State, I am reminded of a quote by a hero of mine, Penn State University football coach Joe Paterno who said that the will to win is important, but the will to *prepare* is vital. Paterno's maxim is just as applicable to football as it is to today's and tomorrow's workplace. That is why we have created job-training programs like the Second Chance Workplace Literacy and Displaced Homemaker programs.

The Second Chance Workplace Literacy Program helps individuals learn the skills they need to compete in today's technology-based workplace.

The Second Chance Workplace Literacy program, which is a public-private partnership between the NJ Department of Labor and NJN Public Television, is important to both job seekers and employers throughout the state. The program teaches individuals the skills necessary for the workplace, such as English language proficiency, basic reading skills, mathematics, basic computer skills and job readiness skills. For additional information about the Workplace Literacy program, call (732) 937-6248.

New Jersey now has five Workplace Literacy Learning Centers, Focus Hispanic Center for Community Development in Newark, the Trenton Center, and the Neptune, Bridgeton and

Camden Centers. Four more centers are currently being developed in Patterson, Jersey City, Elizabeth and an additional site in Camden.

New Jersey also has 24 Displaced Homemaker, Hispanic and Urban Women Centers. These centers offer assistance to those women throughout the State, including those who may have lost their primary source of income due to the death or disability of a spouse or partner in the September 11th tragedy. The centers provide skills training, pre-employment preparation, childcare information and job services to enhance employability and earnings. For further information about the Displaced Homemaker program's resources in your area, contact the Women's Referral Central at (800) 322-8092.

Why do we need to provide preparation, preparation so highly valued by Coach Paterno? One out of five persons who applied for unemployment insurance last year did not have a high school education. Over 50 percent of the welfare population cannot read above the 8th grade level and some 75 percent cannot do math above the 8th grade level. In fact, the majority of today's labor force is deficient in one or more of the following basic skills: reading, math, English proficiency, life skills and computer operation.

Teaching these basic skills does not just benefit job seekers, it also benefits New Jersey's

businesses. Nearly half of those who responded to a New Jersey Business and Industry Association survey said they were hampered last year by the lack of available skilled help. Workplace Literacy Centers, with their innovative technology and tailored services help individuals develop the basic skills that these employers need—saving both time and money needed to train newly hired workers.

I believe in Coach Paterno's maxim that the will to *prepare* is vital. The Second Chance Workplace Literacy and Displaced Homemakers programs provide the preparation needed by employees and employers. The Second Chance Workplace Literacy Program and Displaced Homemaker programs are winning programs—for employers, employees and the state as a whole.



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Single Letters

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Convictions

Get out your handkerchiefs. Pasco County, FL, has decided to outfit inmates in classic black and white striped uniforms when they work outside the jail—and you'd think the county had installed thumbscrews. Inmate Shawn Abuda complains, "It makes us look like convicts." I kid you not.

Another inmate doesn't like the fact that the uniforms chafe under his armpits. David Blout, serving time for felony assault, calls them "too restrictive." McCarthy, serving 100 days for violation of house arrest, says, "They're hot, heavy and terrible to wear." One idiot says the uni-

form makes him look like the Hamburglar. Yet another inmate calls the uniforms "degrading."

And lo and behold the ACLU agrees. Sheriff's Col. Al Nienhuis points out that inmates who don't want to wear the stripes don't have to. The out-of-jail work assignments are voluntary. But Kara Gotsch of the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, D.C. says that doesn't matter, that there's no real choice: "Either the inmate endures the utter humiliation of wearing these uniforms or stays in his cell and does nothing all day."

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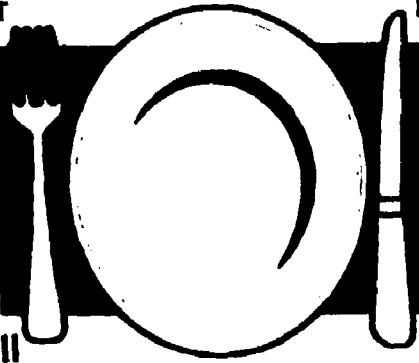
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Pentagon Victims Buried

FORDS—Navy Commander Patrick Dunn, 39, originally of the Fords section of Woodbridge, and Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert, of Lorton, Va. were among the first victims of the Pentagon attack to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Dunn, the son of a Newark policeman, worked as a planner and strategist at the Pentagon. He came from a family with a strong Navy tradition. His father served in World War II and Korea, and Patrick and one of his brothers were Naval Academy graduates.

"Pat's favorite thing was to be at sea. He loved to be at sea. He... absolutely loved it. His home was at the sea. If the ship was rocking, he was happy.... It was in his blood," said his widow, Stephanie Dunn.

Patrick met Stephanie four years ago, at a sports bar in Alexandria, after coming off several long sea deployments. She is pregnant with the couple's first child.

"It's not just me or his family who are mourning. It's the whole nation, the whole Navy family....It's the world," Stephanie said.

A number of Pentagon victims have been buried at Arlington, but it is unknown home many Sept. 11 victims will ultimately be laid to rest there. Burial at Arlington is generally reserved for those who have served in the military and their spouses, but there are a few other ways to be eligible. Cemetery officials are considering Pentagon burial requests on an individual basis.

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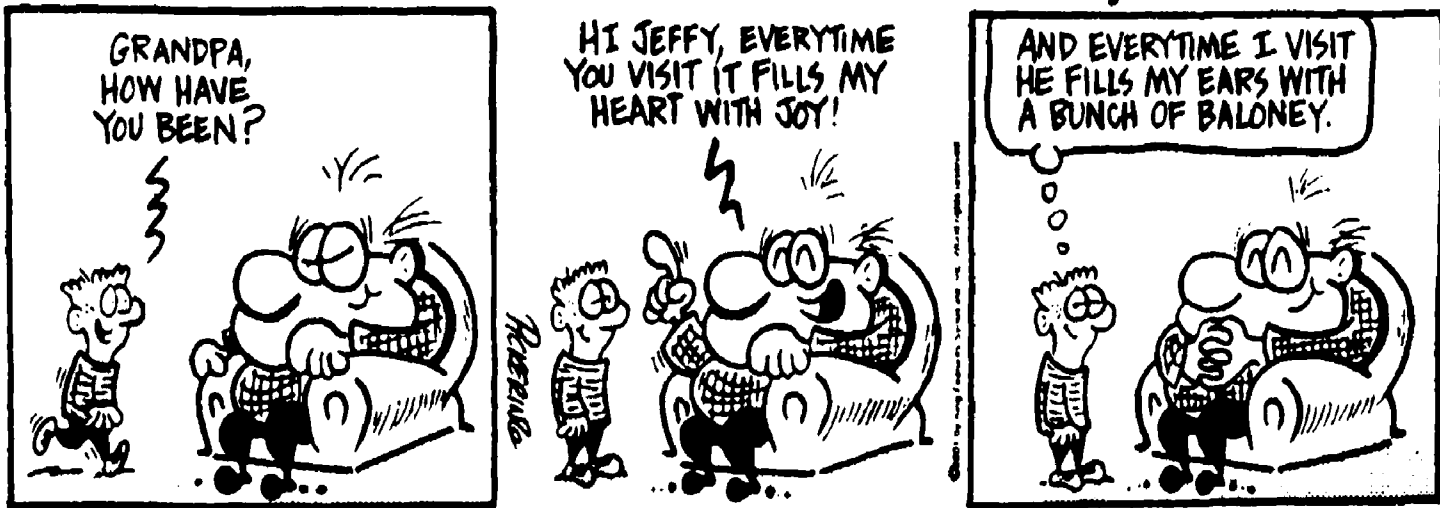
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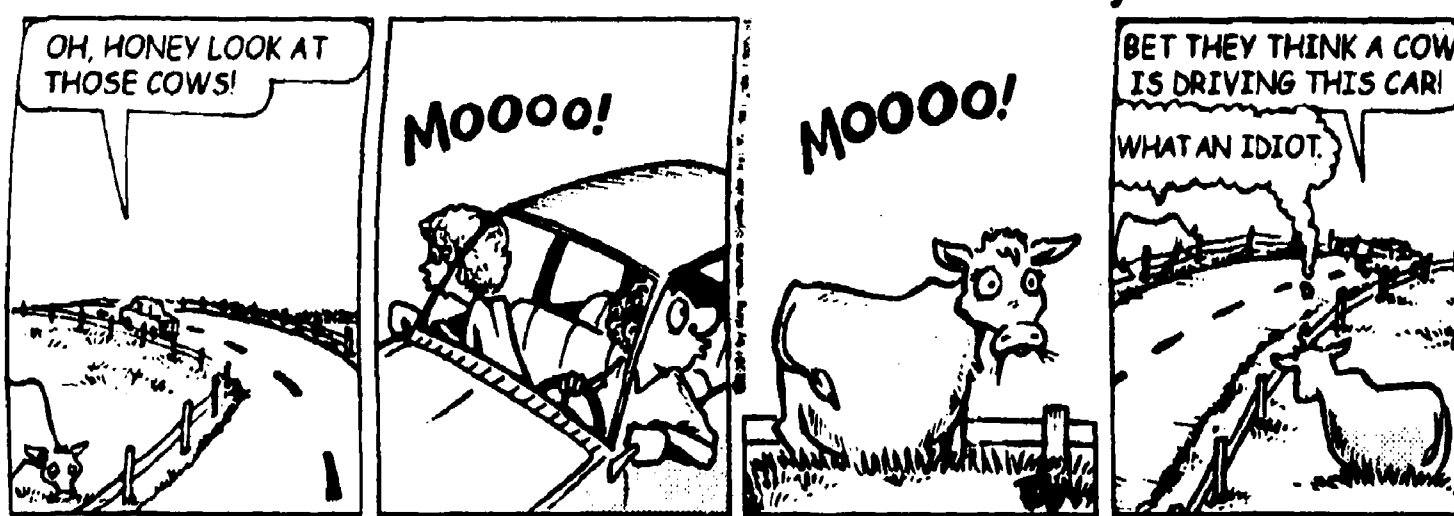
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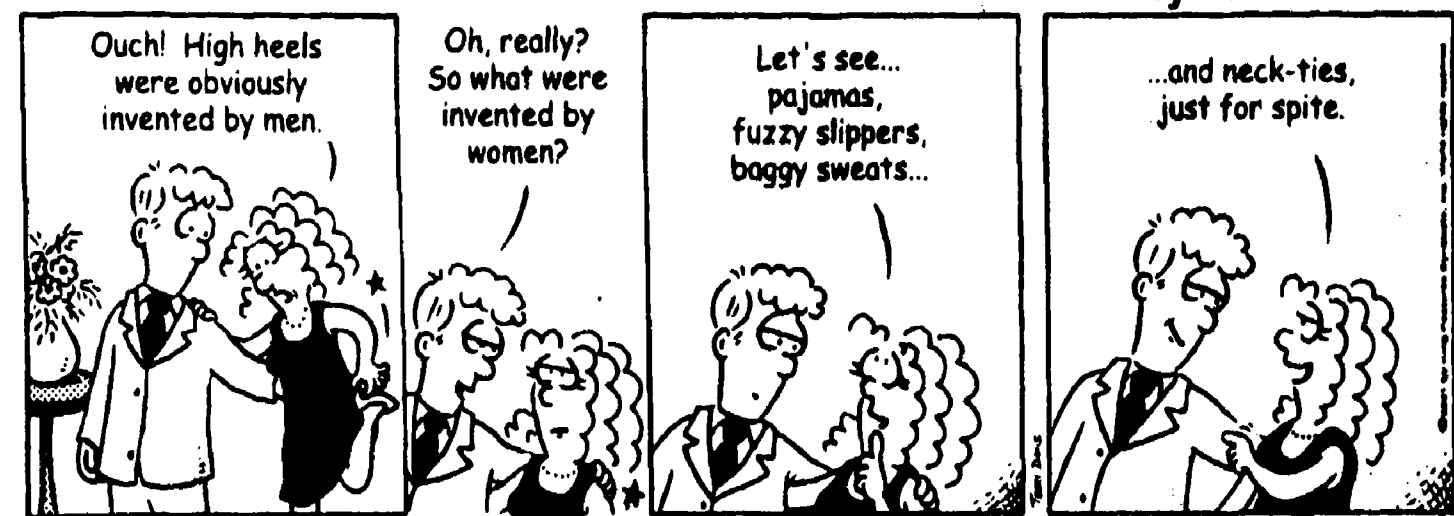
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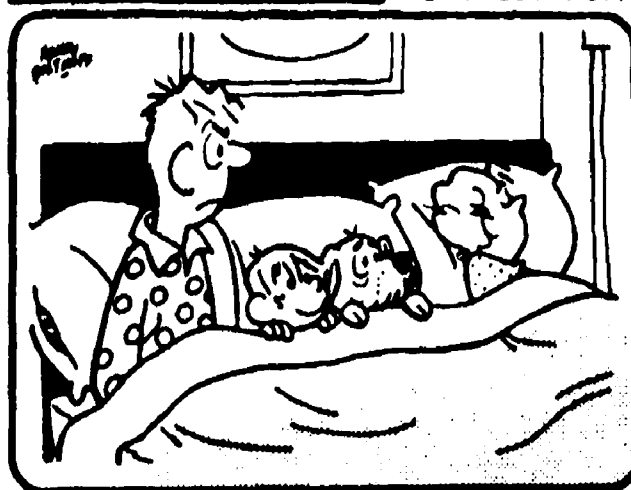
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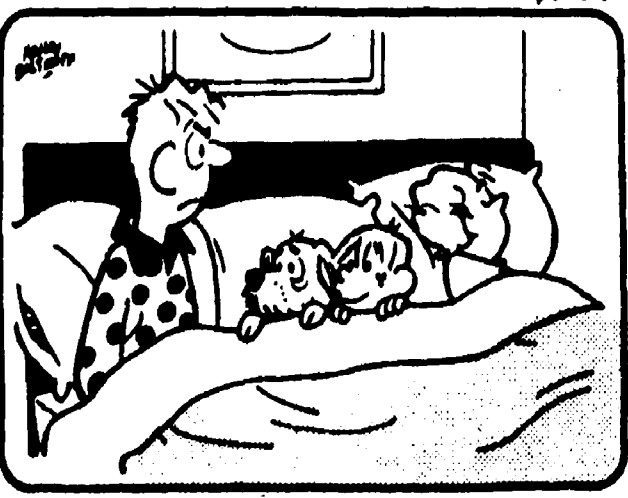


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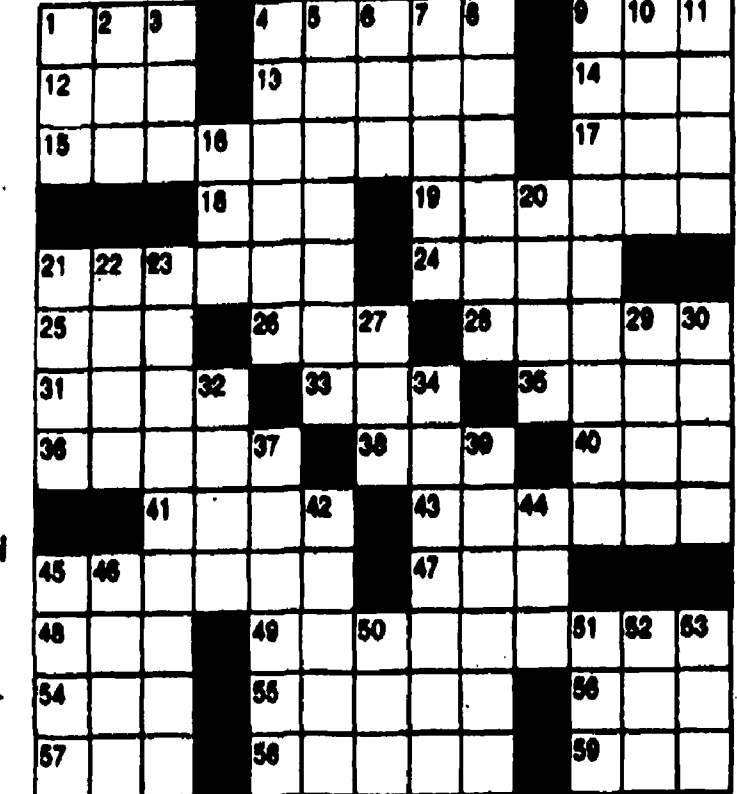
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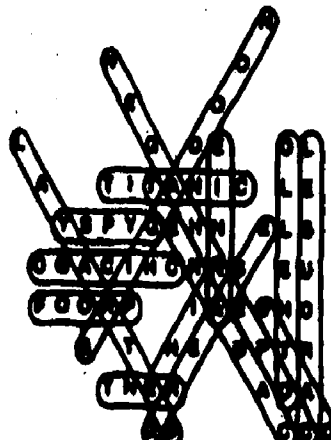
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to Puzzles



YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Marathonning Around The World For Diabetes Research

AREA — **TEAM DIABETES** offers individuals the opportunity to run or walk a full or half marathon in exotic locations all year round! The upcoming year promises to be **TEAM DIABETES'** most exciting one yet with trips to Mardi Gras Marathon, Rome Marathon, Jersey Shore Marathon and the Kona Marathon! All funds raised at this event will continue the research, education, and advocacy programs of the American Diabetes Association.

Since **TEAM DIABETES** started in 1998, we have sent over 4,000 runners and walkers nationwide to different mara-

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TEAM DIABETES participants are provided with a coach who will provide conditioning techniques, nutritional information and other specialized workshops for runners and walkers who plan to complete the marathon or half marathon. A fundraising coach and mentor are

provided to assist the participants to meet the established fundraising goals. Travel arrangements and accommodations will be provided for all participants.

As a volunteer run organization, the American Diabetes Association sincerely believes in partnering with the community it serves. Diabetes is a chronic disease that has no cure. Each day approximately 2,200 people are diagnosed with diabetes. About 798,000 will be diagnosed this year. Our mission is *to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.*

To learn more about **TEAM DIABETES**, or to attend an informational meeting, please call Andy Tjan at (212) 725-4925

Extension 3410, e-mail Atjan@diabetes.org or visit us on the Internet at <http://www.diabetes.org>

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Please call 1-800-344-5764 or visit our web site at www.inhomerx.com for more information on the details of this program.

Dangers Of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

AREA — As the weather becomes colder, we are alerted once again to the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas that can deprive the body of oxygen. Exposure can produce headaches, sleepiness, fatigue, confusion and irritability at low levels. At higher levels, it can result in nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat, impaired vision and coordination, and death.

Sources of carbon monoxide in the home can be unvented kerosene and gas space heaters,

gas water heaters, wood stoves, leaking chimneys and furnaces, fireplaces and gas stoves, as well as automobile exhaust from attached or unvented garages and "patched" vent pipes using tape, gum or other substances.

Steps to reduce exposure are simple and can be life saving. Remember:

- Open flues when fireplaces are in use
- Have the chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- Do not idle the car inside the garage
- Charcoal should never be

used indoors or in areas with inadequate ventilation

- Use the correct fuel in kerosene heaters
- Have a trained professional inspect, clean and tune-up central heating systems like the furnace every year
- Gas appliances must have adequate ventilation so that carbon monoxide will not accumulate

NJPIES encourages everyone to consider installing carbon monoxide detectors in his or her home. For more information on Air Pollution and Indoor Air Quality call the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Information Hotline at 1-800-438-4318. For more information on sources of carbon monoxide poisoning, visit NJPIES' site on the world wide web at www.njpies.org or call the NJ Poison Control Center Hotline at 1-800-222-1222 for more information. *Remember Help is Just a Phone Call Away!*

"Healthy Pregnancy Guide" Now Available

AREA — Continuing its work to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality, the March of Dimes has launched Mama Online, an Internet version of Mama Magazine, the organization's guide to a healthy baby.

Now one of the best sources of guidance for expecting couples today is all the more accessible.

Mama Magazine, the March of Dimes' "guide to a healthy pregnancy," has been available as a periodical in both English and Spanish to make sure as many people as possible learn the value of prenatal care, how to cope with a troublesome gestation and how to make what could be nine very difficult months much easier. Past topics have included how to prepare one's body for pregnancy and

the importance of folic acid. Advice is also available for the partners and families of anticipating women, so that they are not confused or ignorant in how to help the soon-to-be mothers in their lives.

These traditions will continue in cyberspace at www.marchofdimes.org/mama and at the Spanish website www.nacersano.org. Though still in its infancy, the site offers valuable resources for every stage of pregnancy.

The mission of the March of Dimes is to prevent birth defects and infant mortality through programs of research, education, community services and advocacy. For more information on the March of Dimes and Mama Online please call Program Services Director Tracey Reed at 973-882-0700, x 35 or one of the above mentioned websites.

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

SWF, 30's, is looking for an affectionate, loving man. I like dining out, movies and scenic drives. Seeking a long term relationship, send picture with letter if possible. **ID# 1040**

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

Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between 66-75. I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc. please write. **ID# 1034**

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SWF 69, A compassionate and caring 69 year old SWF is looking for a 70's plus man who likes dining out, walks, theatre, good conversation with a good sense of humor and down to earth, trusting and caring. **ID# 1032**

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SWF 39, Petite, attractive, romantic, adventurous. Enjoys candlelit dinners, traveling, cooking, snuggling. Seeking romantic, honest, outgoing SWM 39-46 for long term relationship. (picture?) **ID# 1030**

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

drinker. If you're what I'm looking for then lets talk. **ID# 1017**

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

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

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

est. Give me a try-nothing to lose. **ID# 1039**

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

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

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

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

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

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM 21 - Seeks SWF 20-23 for friendship. Must enjoy camping, bowling, billiards and motorcycle riding. And love cats too! **ID# 1012**

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

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

Marriage-minded WWM 50-6' 190 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, sensitive, humorous, down to earth, no children, financially secure. Looking for same 45-55 yrs old, kids ok, smoker ok. Middlesex County area. Lets live life. **ID# 1008**

SWM 48 yrs old - never been married, tall, trim, youthful in appearance, enjoys movies, music, walking, dining out and good conversation. Would like to hear from a slender S/DWF. South Amboy **ID# 1016**

DWM 46 - Would like to meet a woman who is athletic, enjoys the outdoors as well as a good movie. I enjoy playing guitar, tennis, karate, all sports, playing more than watching. For dating. **ID# 1011**

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OBITUARIES**John R. Davis, 73
of Colonia**

Mr. John Raymond Davis of Colonia died October 12 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. He was 73.

Born in Pittsburgh, he lived in Lodi before moving to Colonia 46 years ago.

He was a contracts representative for the Electro-Dynamics Corp., Avenel, for 29 years before retiring in 1993.

He served in the Navy during peacetime.

Mr. Davis was an usher at the St. John Vianney Church, Colonia, for 40 years and a member of the Seniors Club at the church.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Geraldine; three sons, John, Paul and Glenn; three daughters, Janet, Mrs. Nancy Nassereddine and Mrs. Valerie Hellriegel; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Volk and Mrs. Eileen Gibbs; two brothers, James and Robert and nine grandchildren.

**Josephine Stevens
of Woodbridge**

Mrs. Josephine (nee Somers) Stevens of Woodbridge died October 5 at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. She was 90.

Born in Woodbridge, she lived there most of her life.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Theodore Stevens, died in 1972; a son, Joseph Gary Stevens, died in 1988; a sister, Irene Reilly; a twin brother, Joseph Somers, and a brother, Larry Somers, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Joanne Schiadaresis of Metuchen; two sons, Gerald Stevens of Portsmouth, R.I. and Allan Stevens of West Palm Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Raymond Somers of Greenville, S.C. and George Somers of South Carolina; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Ellen Mahoney, 69
of Avenel**

Mrs. Ellen Mahoney of Avenel died November 4 at home. She was 69.

Born in East Orange, she lived in Newark before moving to Avenel 32 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Timothy and Michael; two daughters, Ellen Bennett and Maryanne Florio; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Louis Kunie
of Fords**

Mr. Louis Kunie of Fords died October 12 at JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates, Edison.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Fords for the past 45 years.

He was employed as an instrument mechanic for National Lead Industries in Sayreville for many years before retiring in 1978.

He previously served in the Army.

Mr. Kunie was a member of the St. Michael's Hungarian Catholic Church, Byzantine Rite, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, the former Veronica H. Yevich; a daughter, Veronica Nyhan of Fords; a brother, Stephen Kunie of Perth Amboy; a sister, Rose Magyar, also of Perth Amboy.

**Nicholas Priscu, 86
of Edison**

Mr. Nicholas Priscu of Edison died September 13 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 86.

Born in St. Louis, he lived in Edison for several years.

He was in the Merchant Marine during World War II. He served aboard two ships in the Mediterranean that were sunk.

He was wounded in one of the sinkings. He worked for United States Line, formerly of Cranford. His last ship was the American Aquarius. He retired in 1983 after 50 years.

His wife, Marcia Wade Priscu, died in 1997. His parents, Johan and Anna Priscu, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Nicholas W. of Warren and Charles of Harding; two daughters, Priscilla Frein of New York City and Corinth Ford of Newark, Del.; two grandchildren, his sisters, Elaine Coli of Nortonia, Va. and Mary Margaret Walsh of St. Louis; and a brother, Daniel Priscu of Indianapolis.

**Daniel Shpock, 39
of Edison**

Mr. Daniel Joseph Shpock of Edison died September 17 at home. He was 39.

Born in Somerville, he was a resident of Manville for most of his life before moving to Edison four years ago.

He was an assembly worker for Ford Motor Co., Edison.

He previously worked for G&J Steel & Tubing Co., Somerville.

His father, William Shpock, is deceased.

Surviving are his mother, Katherine (Kopcho) Shpock of Manville; and a brother, Dr. Stephen W. Shpock of Saline, Mich.

**Rev. Wm. Patala
of Perth Amboy**

Rev. William Patala of Steubenville, Ohio (formerly of Perth Amboy) died October 7 in Trinity West Hospital, Steubenville. He was 71.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a graduate of Holy Family Grammar School, where he was class valedictorian and St. Mary's High School, both of Perth Amboy.

He also graduated from St. Gregory and Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, Ohio.

During his seminary years, he helped in Friendship House of Harlem for five years.

Father Patala was ordained in 1956, and was assigned to many local parishes in Ohio. For the next 25 years, before returning to Ohio, he served in South America, in the countries of Peru and Ecuador. In Palestina, he constructed four chapels, a medical clinic, a grade school, a grocery store, and over 15 homes for the needy.

His parents, Frank and Veronica Zboya Patala, two brothers, the late Reverend Frank Patala and Edward Patala, are all deceased.

Surviving is his sister, Elsie Cenegy of Perth Amboy; two nieces, Noreen Zavorsky and Lisa Schumera and a nephew, William Cenegy; and he was the great-uncle of Victoria, Frank and William.

**C. Winogradow, 72
of Carteret**

Mrs. Christina Winogradow of Carteret died November 2 at Rahway Hospital. She was 72.

Born in Ukraine, she lived there for 30 years before moving to Carteret, where she lived for the past 40 years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Winogradow was a member of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Carteret.

A brother, Ivan, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, George Winogradow of Carteret; two sisters, Tatiana Sinawsky and Maria Motorna, both of the Ukraine.

**Victor Velazquez, 61
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Victor Velazquez of Howell (formerly of Perth Amboy) died October 22 at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. He was 61.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Howell a year ago.

He was employed by Wonder Bread, East Brunswick, where he worked for ten years.

A son, Victor Velazquez died in 1984; a brother, Carlos Louis Velazquez died in 1985.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian Collazo Velazquez; two sons, Victor Velazquez Jr. of Clifton and Michael Velazquez of Perth Amboy; six daughters, Lucinda Velazquez of Seaside Heights, Damaris Velazquez of Perth Amboy, Sharon Velazquez, Viquita Chappell, Carmen Hannah and Shalimi Sherron, all of California; a stepdaughter, Estelle Collazo of Perth Amboy; two brothers, Miguel Negron of Philadelphia and Valentin Aponte of Puerto Rico; a sister, Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico; and seven grandchildren.

**Michael J. Bucsak
Ex-Fire Chief**

Mr. Michael J. Bucsak of Carteret died October 28 at JFK Johnson Rehab. Center, Edison. He was 50.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a lifelong resident of Carteret.

He was a 1969 graduate of Carteret High School.

He worked in the parks Department of the Borough of Carteret for the past 13 years. He was president of AFSCME Local 2291, Carteret.

Mr. Bucsak was a 27-year volunteer for Carteret Fire Department Company #2, where he was past chief in 1987 and 1999.

He was the fundraising chairman for the Carteret chapter of St. Barnabas Burn Unit, Livingston.

He was also a member of the Elks Lodge #2235, Carteret, and was a past exalted ruler there from 1988-90.

Mr. Bucsak was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

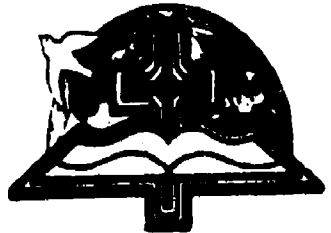
Surviving are his wife, Rose N. (Santos) Bucsak; two daughters, Michele and Millene Falcao of Carteret; a sister, Sandra Bucsak Kelly of East Hanover; and two nephews, Kevin and Shawn Kelly of East Hanover.

**A. Smolnikow, 51
of Sayreville**

Mr. Andrey D. "The Duke" Smolnikow of Sayreville died October 7 at home. He was 51.

Born in Vilak, Austria, he came to the United States in 1951 and settled in Mahwah. He later lived in Laurence Harbor before moving to Sayreville six years ago. He was a self-employed mechanic/machinist for 25 years before filing for disability in 1997. Mr. Smolnikow was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by many friends.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Perth Amboy To Award Bid For Sidewalk Facelift

PERTH AMBOY The Perth Amboy City Council is expected to award a bid for an ambitious, near-million-dollar Sidewalk Improvement Project along Amboy Avenue—one of the main transportation arteries in Perth Amboy. Drawing on the success of the Smith Street Sidewalk Improvement Project, which provided a total aesthetic facelift to the downtown business district, the city decided to conduct a complete overhaul of the Amboy Avenue area. The same improvements are also in the process of being completed along State

Street.

"Amboy Avenue provides direct access to our city from neighboring Woodbridge and Route 440. When this project is completed, we will have successfully created a welcoming route into our city from every avenue. This project is also another 'win-win' situation for our residents because it provides a complete aesthetic boost to the neighborhood at no cost to our taxpayers," stated Mayor Joseph Vas.

The \$726,450 project is being funded entirely by the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ)

Assistance Fund, which allows the city to redirect the 3 percent sales tax collected by participating businesses to pay for capital improvements. Prior to bidding the project, the city submitted an application to the State Urban Enterprise Zone Office for funding approval.

The project will include many of the same elements of the Smith and State Street Sidewalk Improvement Projects, such as:

- * 60 decorative benches.
- * 110 ornamental acorn light posts.
- * 126 new trees,

- * 60 trash receptacles,
- * 7,000 linear feet of new concrete sidewalks and Belgian block curbing, and
- * 21,000 square feet of brick-paver edging surrounding the concrete.

The project will focus on the heart of Amboy Avenue's business district, which runs from New Brunswick Avenue to Hall Avenue. Amboy Avenue plays an integral role in providing a direct route into and out of the city. At its northern most end, it connects to Route 440 and the Outerbridge Crossing and also leads directly

into neighboring Woodbridge.

The project has been designed by the Aybar Partnership of Ridgefield, the same company that oversaw the Smith Street and State Street phases. It will be constructed by Jenicar Builders of Kearny, the company currently constructing the State Street improvements. The city expects to begin the project early this winter and, as specified in the contractor's bid, it will be completed no later than 180 days from its commencement.

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

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Students Attend
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Academy

SOUTH AMBOY—Three ninth grade students, Amanda Christensen, Elizabeth Gray and Kimberly Kassing have been selected to participate in the Douglass Science Weekend Academy for 9th and 10th grade women.

The Douglass Science Weekend Academy is a program that is held on Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 on the Douglass Campus at Rutgers University. The program is only open to 9th and 10th grade women in Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties. Only 48 students are selected to participate based on their application, essays and letters of recommendation. This program is designed to offer opportunities of hands-on labs and activities led by high school teachers and Rutgers faculty to average and above average students. The Douglass Project is a part of Douglass College at Rutgers University to support all women in math, science and engineering.

Congratulations

IT'S A GIRL! Mr. and Mrs. Kovacs of Metuchen are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, E'Lana Sommer, born October 15, 2001 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. E'Lana Sommer weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and measured 20 1/2 inches. The maternal grandparents are Mrs. Adeline Mokrzycki of Carteret and the late John Mokrzycki. The paternal grandmother is Daria Kovacs of Carteret.