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Solaris Celebrates Grand Opening

EDISON—Not even a heavy rain could put a damper on the recent grand opening reception of Whispering Knoll, Edison's newest assisted living community. Members of the press and the community, as well as physicians, hospital board members and staff were able to view, first-hand, the grand elegance of the 118-suite community.

Attendees were treated to guided tours of the beautiful community by Whispering Knoll staff and dined on gourmet delicacies from the same staff that cook for the residents. A flag raising ceremony and ribbon cutting were also part of the festivities.

Featuring 118 studios, one- and two-bedroom apartments, Whispering Knoll offers a number of unique amenities. These include scenic gardens, peaceful patios, a gift shop, library with Internet access, a cinema, exercise center and game room, numerous social lounges, formal dining room and a bistro for more relaxed dining.

In addition to these and other

basic offerings, Whispering Knoll provides a comprehensive activities program that includes daily social events, arts and crafts, religious services and exercise classes, as well as regularly scheduled community outings and transportation that can be arranged for local appointments and shopping needs.

The community also has a Special Care Community for residents with memory impairments. In this separate community, comfort and consideration to residents' special situations combines to offer independence and security. In the Special Care Community, which consists of 16 private apartments and two deluxe suites, a professional, caring staff on duty tends to the special needs of individuals with memory impairment around the clock.

Whispering Knoll is truly a distinctive assisted living residence, affording residents the independence of living on their own, along with the confidence of knowing that an experienced, attentive staff is present at all times. The community is an

alternative for people who are looking for a special place to call home—a place that allows active seniors to maintain their independence for as long as possible. Whispering Knoll's affiliation with Solaris Health System and close proximity to JFK Medical Center, provides

residents with the assurance that should a medical emergency or situation ever arise, expedient, quality medical care can be readily accessed.

For more information about Whispering Knoll, a distinctive assisted living community, call (732) 744-5541.



A COMFORT TO THE COMMUNITY—Helen Lauritsen, (second from L.), a resident of Whispering Knoll Assisted Living Community cuts the ribbon officially opening Edison's newest assisted living community. Guests of the opening were able to view, first-hand, the elegance of this 118 suite community. With Lauritsen are: (L.-R.) Louis P. Amato, chief operating officer, Solaris Health System; Thomas Lankey, senior vice president, Long-Term Care, Solaris Health System; and Leonard Sendelsky, chairman, Board of Directors, Hartwyck Management.

Throw Cancer Overboard!

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Though not the usual required attire, a life jacket and black tie will fit in at the American Cancer Society's Middlesex County gala, where more than 200 "life-savers" will gather to fight cancer.

Guests are invited to "Come Sail Away for a Night of Wine and Roses" at the cruise-ship-themed event on Saturday, April

28 at the Hilton East Brunswick. This year's event will honor Raritan Bay Medical Center, with divisions in Perth Amboy and Old Bridge, for its commitment to cancer control.

Tickets for this black-tie event are \$300 per person. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Guests will enjoy epicurean

delights prepared by the Hilton catering staff and dance the night away to the beats of Next Generation. The event's silent auction will include a stunning 18-carat white gold diamond and pearl bracelet, a number of fabulous vacation packages, and exciting sports memorabilia. Attendees should be sure not to miss their chance in the 50/50 raffle, sponsored by the

American Cancer Society Partners in Cancer Control. Raffle chances are \$100 each.

For tickets or additional information, contact the Middlesex County office of your American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345. For more information about the American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345 or visit its web site at www.cancer.org.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management is pleased to announce its Spring Household Hazardous Waste Days scheduled for Sunday, May 20 at the Middlesex County College in Edison near the Mill Road entrance; and on Sunday, July 15 at the Old Bridge Public Works/Municipal Complex, off Route 516 in Old Bridge. All collection times are 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Acceptable materials which County residents can bring to the events for disposal include but are not limited to: pesticides/herbicides, flammable liquids, solvents, pool chemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, paints, car batteries, household batteries, anti-freeze, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs (no broken bulbs) and asbestos. Residents wishing to bring asbestos must double bag the material, are limited to 300

pounds and must pre-register by calling the Division.

Materials which residents must not bring and which will not be accepted at the drop-off days are tires, explosives and munitions, infectious waste, unknown materials and empty containers. Tires are accepted at four different locations all year round. Please call the Division for details.

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

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

Business Over Breakfast Meeting

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business Over Breakfast on May 3 from 8-10 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, Route 1, North Brunswick.

This month's program will be "Network Your Way to Success." They will welcome Steve Juliano of Shulman Turrisi & Associates, to present this critically important topic.

Pre-registration is necessary and admission includes a complete breakfast. Pre-registered members \$22, members at the door \$28, non-Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce members \$30. Only pre-registered attendees names will appear on the networking list—register today! Call (732) 821-1700 for more information and directions or on line at www.mcroc.org.

Also, the County Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business After Hours at Sovereign Bank, Iselin, on May 16 from 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Schedules Safe Sitter Program

AREA—Is your pre-teenage son or daughter ready for the responsibility of looking after your younger children when you run to the store or of watching your next door neighbor's children when they go out on a Friday night? Your child may be eager to earn that extra money for CD's and the latest fashions this summer, but how confident are you that if an emergency occurs, your child will know what to do?

The Safe Sitter Program at St. Peter's University Hospital will teach your child how to handle those emergencies and give you peace of mind. Safe Sitters will learn what to do for a choking child or if a child stops breathing; how to call for

emergency help; how to feed and diaper a small child; how to entertain children and keep them safe.

The course is open to boys and girls age 11-13. The \$50 fee covers all materials and costs for the 13-hour program, which will be held June 25, 26 and 28, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the hospital's conference center, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick and August 20, 21 and 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the 4-H Center, 645 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick. Registration is limited to the first 18 students for each class. Slots fill up fast.

For a registration form or more information, call (732) 745-6699.

Vitale Announces Tax Relief

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Senator Joseph F. Vitale Jr., has announced that under recently enacted legislation, residents of Woodbridge and neighboring towns will be receiving much-needed property tax relief.

"Too many New Jersey residents struggle to pay their property taxes," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). "I was proud to vote for this legislation that provides \$1,071,825 in property tax relief for Woodbridge residents."

The new law (P.L. 2001,c44) reduces the pension payments by government employers to the Police and Firemen's Retirement System this year from \$225 million to \$75 million

through a revaluation of the system's assets.

"The new law puts money in residents' pockets because the city's savings must be used for tax relief," said Senator Vitale. "This law provides short-term property tax relief while we look for a long-term solution to the problem of crushing property taxes."

Under the measure, the following towns in Senator Vitale's district will also be receiving property tax relief: Carteret (\$341,805), Perth Amboy (\$823,718), Sayreville (\$358,776) and South Amboy (\$126,809).

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Free Internet Learning Day

EDISON—On May 5 Verizon Yellow Pages will host a free Internet Learning Day at CompUSA Training SuperCenter in Edison. The goal is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to learn how to use the World Wide Web.

Internet Learning Day will consist of one-hour training sessions from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and is open to the public. Each session begins with an overview of the Internet and frequently used Internet vocabulary. Verizon has also produced the Internet Learning Disc, which is a free CD-ROM that helps novice Internet users navigate the World

Wide Web, step by step.

All participants will receive the self-tutorial disc and an informational packet that includes the classroom presentation, a list of local organizations offering free Internet access and information on purchasing computers at a discount.

Each session will be limited to 24 participants to ensure that each individual has a computer. Participants must be at least 18 years old. To register, call 1-877-707-7685.

The CompUSA Training SuperCenter is located at 1130 US Hwy 1 North, Edison Woods Shopping Center, Edison.

Military Briefs...

Rapach Joins Air Force

SAYREVILLE — Air Force Airman 1st Class James M. Rapach has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air

Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

He is the son of James and Rose Rapach of Sayreville.

Rapach is a 2000 graduate of East Brunswick High School.

Feger Completes Airborne Training

SAYREVILLE—Army Pvt. John J. Feger has graduated from the three-week airborne training course at the Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the first week of training, the student underwent a rigorous physical training program and received instruction in

the theory of parachuting; the second week, received practical training by jumping from 34-foot and 250-foot towers; and in the final week made five static-line parachute jumps, including one night jump from an in-flight aircraft.

Feger is the son of Barbara Feger of Sayreville.

Johnson Graduates Military Training

PARLIN—Air Force Airman 1st Class Don-Nishha D. Johnson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and

customs and received special training in human relations.

She is the daughter of Equasia Earth of Rocky Mount, N.C. and Don Johnson of Parlin.

Johnson is a 1996 graduate of Rocky Mount Senior High School.

Spadaro VS Stephens Draws Interest

EDISON—One of New Jersey's two hottest races for Mayor this June will be in Edison, where the incumbent faces a strong challenge for renomination, according to PoliticsNJ.com.

Councilman William Stephens is running against two-term Mayor George

Spadaro in the Democratic primary.

The state's hottest political website says former Passaic County Freeholder Scott Rumana's opposition to newly-elected Mayor Judy Orson in the Wayne Republican primary is the other hot mayoral contest.

An Evening For Women

PERTH AMBOY—What images do you have of Mary? Have you ever considered Mary in the different roles that she played during the different stages of her life? Join us as we explore these various roles and how these roles can be found in our own lives.

Join us on Tuesday, May 1 at Emmaus House, 101 Center Street, Perth Amboy, from 7:30-9 p.m. The presenter will be Sr. Susan McGrath, S.M.G. A donation of \$7 is requested. Call (732) 442-7688 for reservations.

Women's Day Celebration

METUCHEN—New Hope Baptist Church will hold Women's Day at the church, 45

Hampton Street, Metuchen, on May 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Tracey Brown of Ruth Fellowship, Plainfield is the guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend this celebration of the accomplishments of women in the church. White attire by women is optional.

Call 732-549-8941 or visit <http://community.nj.com/cc/nhbc>

Carteret's Herrero Makes Honors

CARTERET—Freshman Michael Herrero of Carteret was among the 325 students at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City recognized at a recent honors assembly. Students receive honorable mention if their second marking period overall grade is above 80 and below 85 and they have a cumulative grade point average of 85. Herrero received honorable mention during the second marking period.

Herrero is a 2000 graduate of St. Peter's School, New Brunswick and is the son of Mrs. Myrna Candelario of Carteret.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Jewish Historical Society Meeting

AREA—The Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey announced that it's annual Spring Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 11 a.m. at Congregation Etz Ahaim, 230 Denison St., Highland Park.

The meeting will feature nomination and installation of officers as well as a slide presentation by Gloria Golden about Crypto-Judaism. Golden has researched Crypto-Jews (Jews who converted but still practiced Judaism in secret) and Conversos (Jews who converted to full-fledged Christianity) in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Many people in both groups continued some Jewish practices, often without knowing the origin of what they are doing. Now, 500 years after the expulsion of Jews from the Iberian Peninsula, her goal has been to find how much Judaism remains within the New Mexico Converso community.

"It's amazing to discover that there is still an adherence to Judaism through rituals and practices," said Rachel Weintraub, spokesperson for the society. "The connection varies within each family but Sephardic culture has been carried into the twenty-first century."

"Golden's vision is to create an awareness, through photographs and oral histories, that the story of the Conversos is an essential part of our Jewish heritage," said Weintraub.

The meeting is open and free to the public and refreshments will be served.

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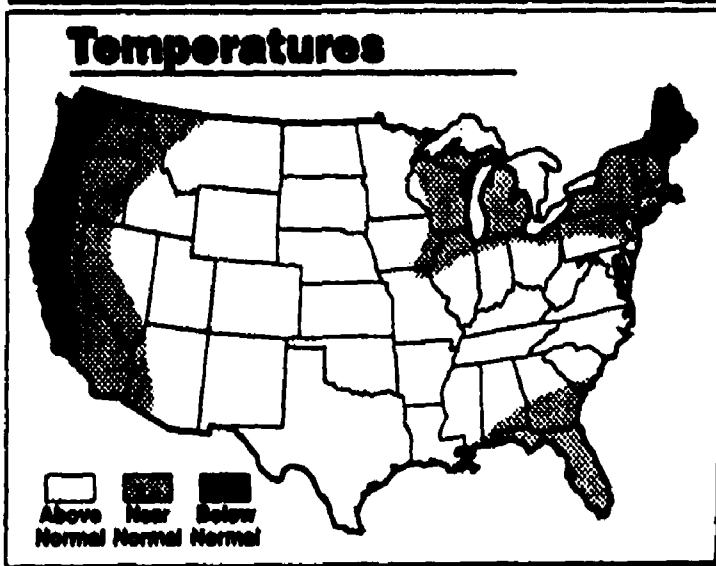
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Bright and sunny.	Clear.	Partly sunny and warm.	Partial sunshine.	Cloudy.	Sunshine; windy later on.	Warm with sun and clouds.	Rather cloudy and warm.
63	45	71/53	69/52	67/54	76/57	76/57	76/57

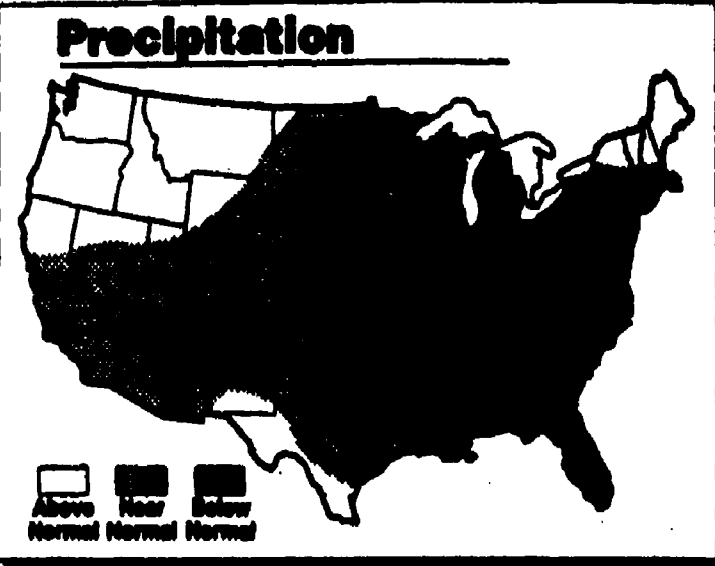
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm weather will dominate the West. Temperatures across the Southwest, Rocky Mountains, western Plains and Great Basin will average 15 to 20 degrees above normal. A series of storms will bring precipitation to the Pacific Northwest. Elsewhere, cool and wet weather will cover northern and central New England. Dry weather will prevail across the Southeast and Plains.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	74 52 s	75 55 s	78 57 pc	76 59 pc
Boston	55 42 s	63 49 pc	62 48 pc	59 44 pc
Chicago	68 48 pc	70 48 pc	70 51 pc	72 54 pc
Cleveland	59 44 pc	65 47 s	67 48 s	68 52 s
Denver	78 44 s	80 44 pc	74 44 pc	72 48 pc
Des Moines	82 49 pc	72 55 s	73 55 s	72 56 s
Detroit	62 44 pc	67 46 pc	67 48 c	70 52 c
Houston	78 54 s	80 60 s	82 61 pc	82 56 c
Indianapolis	64 44 s	71 49 pc	70 55 c	73 57 c
Kansas City	75 53 s	77 55 pc	74 55 pc	75 59 pc
Los Angeles	75 54 s	73 54 pc	78 52 s	78 47 pc
Miami	84 70 r	83 69 pc	83 70 pc	84 64 pc
Min.- St. Paul	68 46 sh	66 42 pc	70 48 pc	72 50 pc
New Orleans	79 56 s	79 60 s	81 62 s	80 56 s
New York City	62 48 pc	70 54 pc	68 48 pc	65 55 c
Omaha	66 50 s	82 56 pc	82 57 pc	80 56 s
Phoenix	86 68 s	98 68 s	94 66 s	94 66 s
San Francisco	68 51 pc	66 51 pc	66 49 pc	64 48 pc
Seattle	64 44 pc	66 48 sh	61 44 sh	59 45 sh
Washington	66 50 pc	74 54 pc	68 50 pc	73 60 c

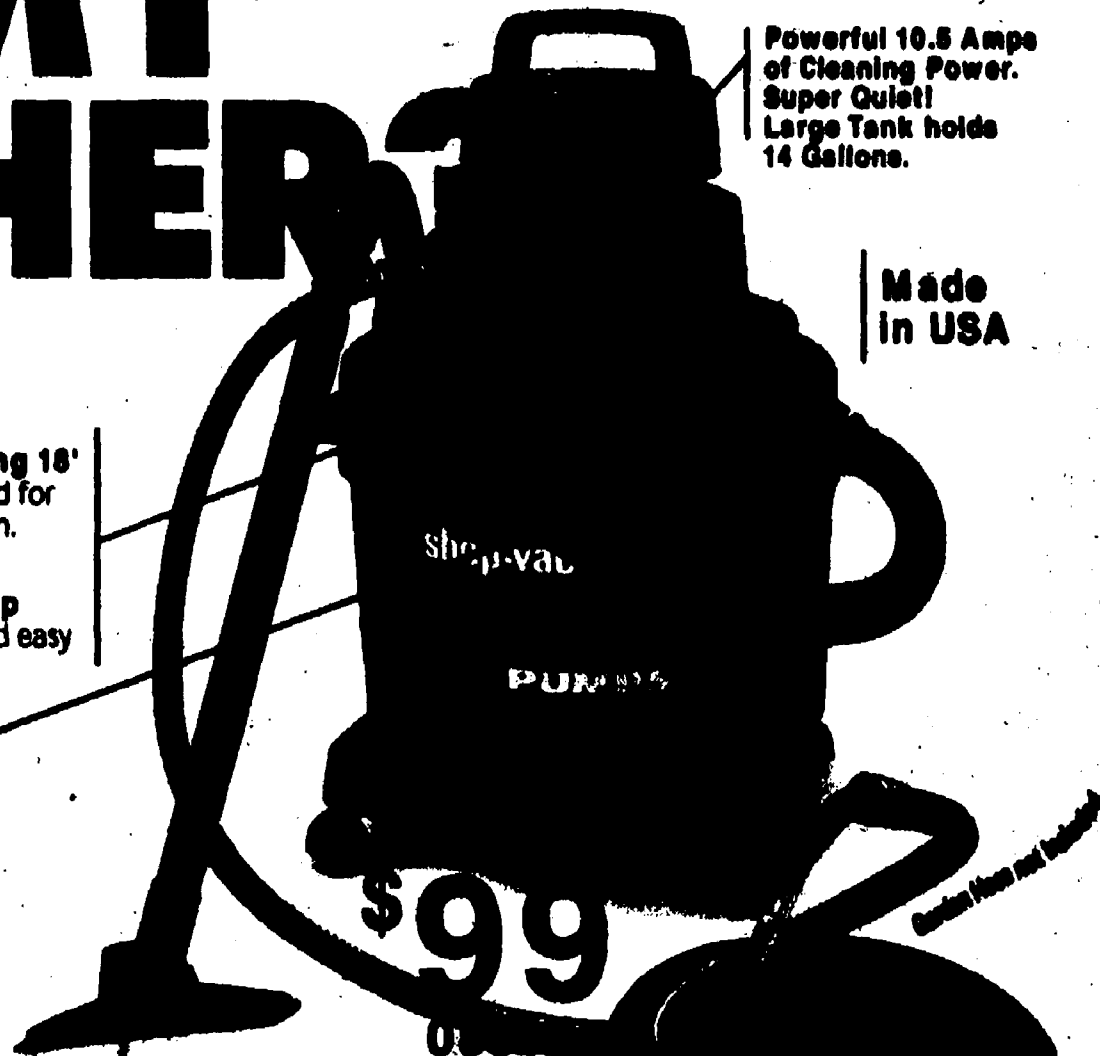
SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	
Thu.	6:03 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	
Fri.	6:01 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	
	Moonrise	Moonsset	
Thu.	8:10 a.m.	11:15 p.m.	
Fri.	8:57 a.m.	none	
Moon Phases			
New	First	Full	Last
			
Apr May 7	23 May	Apr 15	30
Weather (W):			
s-sunny, pe-partly cloudy,			
c-cloudy, sh-showers,			
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,			
st-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.			

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	52 45 c	51 45 c	52 39 pc	47 40 r
Berlin	57 42 sh	60 50 pc	60 45 r	52 41 c
Buenos Aires	68 50 pc	64 48 pc	64 54 pc	62 46 c
Cairo	87 57 s	81 62 pc	97 65 s	97 71 s
Jerusalem	70 47 s	77 53 pc	82 56 s	85 59 s
Johannesburg	83 55 s	76 82 c	77 50 s	75 49 s
London	54 48 pc	59 43 sh	51 38 pc	48 41 r
Madrid	71 42 pc	68 40 pc	72 47 pc	72 39 s
Mexico City	69 51 pc	65 55 r	66 55 r	66 52 sh
Moscow	58 48 pc	55 40 sh	50 41 c	61 47 pc
Paris	52 44 pc	51 39 c	53 36 c	49 41 r
Rio de Janeiro	81 69 pc	81 70 pc	81 68 s	80 68 pc
Rome	68 47 pc	68 48 s	68 48 s	67 49 pc
San Juan	86 73 pc	86 73 pc	86 73 pc	86 74 pc
Seoul	69 51 s	71 56 pc	74 62 c	76 61 r
Sydney	66 56 c	71 54 s	62 48 c	62 48 c
Tokyo	59 48 pc	64 59 s	70 59 s	74 59 s
Toronto	55 41 c	55 40 c	57 39 s	62 48 pc
Winnipeg	70 43 pc	64 44 pc	67 43 pc	66 42 pc
Zurich	54 37 pc	58 48 c	58 39 sh	56 44 sh

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

An Evening With The Manhattan Transfer

RAHWAY — With ten Grammy Awards and twenty-seven years on top of their field, the Manhattan Transfer, one of the twentieth century's greatest crossover groups, is bringing its special blend of hot and cool running jazz to the Union County Arts Center for one performance on May 12.

Since their inception, The Manhattan Transfer, comprised of Allan Paul, Cheryl Bentyne, Janis Siegel and Tim Hause, has refused to limit the vocal quartet to one type of music. With Grammy Awards for work as

diverse as the jazz/pop crossover "The Boy From New York City," the Jazz Fusion classic "Birdland" and their 1985 classic release "Vocalese," which with 12 Grammy nominations, is second only to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" as the most nominated single album ever. The Manhattan Transfer continues to be a sexy, jazzy, dynamic and thrilling group for those who like their jazz hot and their performers cool.

The Manhattan Transfer will appear at the Union County Arts Center on Saturday, May 12. Tickets are \$40, \$34 and \$28.

Union County Arts Center is a regional performing arts venue. Its wide array of offerings includes theater, music, film, dance and headliner entertainment. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra performs regularly at the Arts Center under its designation as resident orchestra of this vaudeville-era theater claimed by many to be the most beautiful theater in the state.

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

National Endowment of the Arts. The Arts Center wishes to thank The Merck Company Foundation for their continued generosity and Comcast for being the sponsor of the Family Fun Series. The following organizations and institutions are also proud contributors to the Union County Arts Center. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, The City of Rahway, The Rahway Savings Institution, Liberty Bank Schering-Plough Foundation and NUI/ Elizabethtown Gas.

Kean Presents Tom Sawyer

AREA—The Kean Children's Hour at Kean University will present *Tom Sawyer*, a rousing celebration of Mark Twain's great American classic. This fun-filled, action-packed production brings Tom Sawyer, a piece of Americana, to life on stage. It will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 2 p.m. at the Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$6.

For information, call (908) 527-2337.

Magic With A Message

AREA—The Community Theatre is proud to present a New Jersey favorite, Eco-Illusionist Steve Trash in *The Trashman Cometh* on Sunday, April 29 for two spectacular shows at 1 and 4 p.m. Part of the Community Theatre's Fun For The Family Series, tickets for both parents and children are \$12. The Community Theatre is located at 100 South Street, Morristown. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Community Theatre Box Office at (973) 539-8008 or buy tickets online by visiting <http://www.communitytheatre-nj.com>.

Unlike any other performer in America, Steve Trash is a one-of-a-kind family experience. Bringing together his acclaimed talent as an illusionist and his personal commitment to environmental issues, Trash will

present his latest show, *The Trashman Cometh*, at the Community Theatre. After sold-out performances two seasons ago, Trash's new performance includes levitating members of the audience, changing newspapers into \$100 bills, sawing "Mother Nature" in half with a 32-inch Stihl chainsaw, and performing Houdini's famous "Metamorphosis" illusion...only in Steve's version, it's done with three people and a garbage dumpster!

Steve Trash has performed his shows across the United States and in Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada and Greenland. His extended theatrical run at California's Theatre/Theatre was a smash hit, hailed as one of the season's best productions by the *Los Angeles Times*. His recent television appearances include CBS

This Morning with Harry Smith and CNBC's *America's Talking*. He has appeared at over 1000 colleges and universities, and his performances have been sponsored by the likes of Coca-Cola, CIBA Chemical, the 1998 World Expo and the Los Angeles and Kansas City Zoos.

Funding for the Community Theatre's 2000-01 season is made possible by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, with additional funding through a grant by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Steve Trash Online: <http://www.stevetrash.com>.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Cancer Patients Benefit From Minimally Invasive Procedures

AREA—The first minimally invasive nephrectomy to be performed at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick took place on Feb. 20. Dr. Michael Perrotti, urologic oncologist and Dr. W. Peter Geis, chair of the Department of Surgery, removed a cancerous kidney from a 45-year-old woman using minimally invasive surgical techniques. The patient was released from St. Peter's on Feb. 23.

"With minimally invasive surgery there is less physical insult to the body," said Dr. Geis. "Therefore there is less need for wound healing and fighting infection and blood clots, things that drain the patient's energy stores." Cancer patients are prone to clotting, he said.

"The key is that the patient is spared a large incision to remove the tumor," said Dr.

Perrotti, "so the risk of post-operative complications is reduced." In addition, he explained, the patient needs less pain medication. He or she can therefore walk sooner, which reduces the risk of pneumonia and clots, and the bowels return to normal functioning sooner. With faster recovery time, the patient does not have to wait as long to begin radiation or chemotherapy—very important in the treatment of cancer, said Dr. Perrotti.

"We have a spectrum of very experienced and talented people in minimally invasive surgery

here at St. Peter's," said Dr. Geis. St. Peter's University Hospital has teams of laparoscopic surgeons who perform minimally invasive surgery for cancers of the kidney, colon, stomach, esophagus and lung.

Dr. Geis, who was named chair of St. Peter's Department of Surgery on July 1, 2000, wants to increase the role of minimally invasive procedures in "pre-op staging" of malignant cancers. Pre-op staging is the diagnostic study, using tools such as CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasound, that determines whether a cancer is operable and

how far it has spread. Endoscopes and laparoscopes—minimally invasive instruments that help the surgeon see inside the body through very small incisions—are more accurate diagnostic tools than radiology studies and are far less invasive than traditional exploratory operations.

"There needs to be an increased knowledge and understanding on the part of patients and their referring doctors," said Dr. Geis regarding minimally invasive testing and surgery for cancer patients.

Cut Prescription Drug Costs

AREA—Thousands of U.S. senior citizens have found legitimate e-mail order links to the world's lowest prices on prescription drugs and they are now having their prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad. Previously seniors had to travel to Canada or Mexico to obtain their prescriptions for pennies on the dollar—until now.

"U.S. seniors are now able to use e-mail to fill their prescriptions abroad according to FDA guidelines," says M.J. McCor-

mick, developer of www.medicines.md. The senior focused website offers free access to regularly updated international price lists for the 120 most popular brand name prescription drugs, as well as more than 1300 generic medicines. Seniors are able to compare their current prescription costs with the same medications when mail-ordered from abroad. Complete ordering information is available by visiting www.medicines.md.

Spring Into Action – Donate Blood Community Blood Drives Announced

AREA — The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate. Locations are:

Knights of Columbus, 164 High St., Carteret, on Sat., April 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy, 250 High St., on Sun., April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 233 N. Main St., Milltown, on Sun., April 29, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Blood Center of New Jersey is an independent, non-profit organization supplying blood and blood components to hospitals in Essex, Bergen, Morris, Hudson, Union, Somerset, Passaic, and Middlesex counties. All blood is collected,

tested, processed and distributed in New Jersey.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. People with a fever or sore throat should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 24-hour deferral for teeth cleanings and fillings. For those who have traveled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center at 973-676-4700, ext. 132 for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140.

Alzheimer's Support Group

AREA — Sunrise Assisted Living of East Brunswick (190 Summerhill Rd.) invites the public to attend a free Alzheimer's support group on Mon., May 14, at 7 p.m. The evening will begin with a presentation by Amy Matthews, Coordinator of Educational Services for the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter. Following the presentation, titled "Understanding Alzheimer's," an informal discussion will answer questions for anyone interested in learning more about the disease.

Sunrise of East Brunswick asks that support group attendees RSVP by Wed., May 9, by calling the community at 732-613-1355.

Incontinence Study Subjects Sought

AREA — Saint Peter's University Hospital's Program for Female Incontinence and Pelvic Organ Prolapse is seeking participants for a research

study of urinary incontinence in women. Participants must be at least 18 years old and have symptoms of an overactive bladder: more than 8 urinations in 24 hours and/or a strong sudden urge to urinate with or without leakage. Dr. Mark Mokrzycki, a gynecologist specializing in female urinary problems, and director of the Health Center for

Women, is conducting the study.

Physical exams, assessment of overactive bladder symptoms, as well as study medications are provided at no cost. Participants can receive \$100 for taking part in the study. Women who are interested should call the Saint Peter's Health Center for Women at 732-937-6003.

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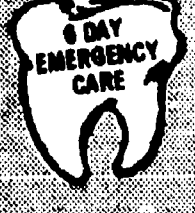
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Money "Baggage" And Personalities Affect Spending And Saving Decisions

AREA — Financial decisions, such as spending and saving, are not just the result of having a certain amount of income. On the contrary, they are largely driven by people's feelings about money and childhood experiences and influences. "Emotional" factors, such as a person's "money personality," can have as much of an influence, or more, than "financial" factors such as an amount or type of assets and income.

Susan Zimmerman, author of "The Money Rascals," likens a person's financial belief system to an iceberg. Just as the crew of the "Titanic" could see only the tip of the iceberg with which it collided, only part of the root causes people's "money behavior" is usually "visible." In other words, you may need to "dig deep" to find out what really causes people

to spend or save money.

Children develop beliefs about money through their family or origin and from the U.S. culture at large (e.g., advertisements). They may tithe the same amount to their church, for example, or keep records in the same manner their parents did. Even if a child's money behavior is the exact opposite of their parents (e.g., disorganized parents and organized child), the parents still had an influence.

To understand some of the influences on your money beliefs, answer the following questions:

- How did the people who raised you handle money?
- Do you have any specific childhood memories about money that stand out?
- How were family conflicts about money resolved?
- In what ways is your money management style the same or

different than family members?

- What commercials or advertisements do you recall as being most influential?

Zimmerman classifies people into eight distinct belief systems ranging from "super spenders" to "super savers." People often have "pieces" of several money personalities but usually one dominant style that drives their financial behavior. The eight money styles are as follows:

- People who make flashy purchases to impress others (i.e., "image" spenders).
- People who make rash and impulsive financial decisions and hate planning and budgets
- People with conflicting money beliefs who procrastinate so as not to have to make decisions
- People who are "too busy" and avoid all types of financial activities (e.g., balancing checkbook)

• People who live a very modest lifestyle and display their virtue by rejecting luxuries

• People who feel helpless, fearful, or insecure about money and worry a lot about their finances

• People who are security conscious and save steadily in slow-growth cash assets

• People who invest steadily and assume risks to potentially achieve a high rate of return.

Once a person understands the origins of his or her money beliefs and dominant personality trait, it is often easier to change future behavior (e.g., increase savings). Another driving force that is important to understand is a person's "money baggage," which are feelings and beliefs, however false or irrational, which affect financial behavior. One example of "financial baggage" is that some people believe that their bank

account or "name brand" possessions determine their self worth.

In summary, emotional aspects of spending and saving money are often extremely complicated. They are also very essential to getting your financial house in order. What is your dominant money personality, childhood money influences, and "financial baggage?" Insights into these emotional aspects of money can be a very important resource for taking charge of your financial future.

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Successful Retirement Requires Planning And Not Spending Savings

by Barbara O'Neill, Ph.D.

AREA — According to the 1999 Retirement Confidence Survey, 75% of American workers reported that they or their spouse are saving some money for retirement. Of those employed in the for-profit sector who are offered a 401(k) savings plan, 75% choose to participate. The other 25% of workers who are not saving for retirement tend to be younger and have lower incomes. Another group of workers with low retirement savings rates is those employed by small businesses.

Among the top reasons that workers cite for saving are: feeling they cannot count on Social Security (53%), starting to earn enough money to be able to save (49%), having seen others not prepare and struggle in retirement (48%), and the availability of a retirement plan at work (48%). The most frequent reason given by non-savers is having too many current financial responsibilities (66%), followed by other savings goals, such as a house or education (36%), and no retirement savings plan offered at work (31%).

Although the 401(k) participation rate is 75% on average, it varies according to workers' income and age. Not surprisingly, 401(k) participation rates peak at age 50-59 and increase with income. The 401(k) plan participation rate is 27% for workers

earning less than \$10,000 and 91% for those earning \$100,000 or more.

Just over half (52%) of all households have tried to figure out how much they will need to save by the time they retire. Thus, many people who are saving money simply appear to be saving some figure (e.g., the maximum amount that their employer will match) without a specific goal and are assuming (or hoping) that it will be enough.

Research shows, however, that those who have calculated their retirement savings need save considerably more than those who have not done a calculation. The 1999 Retirement Confidence Survey (RCS) found that the median (i.e., midpoint number: half above and half below) amount accumulated by households who have figured out what they need is \$66,532, compared with median savings of \$14,054 accumulated by those who had not calculated their required savings. Thus, planning appears to play an important role in retirement savings.

Many workers say they could save more. The RCS survey found that 57% of workers not currently saving for retirement and 69% of those who do could save an additional \$20 per week. With a 10% annual real rate of return, \$20 a week saved over 40 years can accumulate to over \$500,000.

A big problem affecting workers' financial security is "leakage" (i.e., cash outs) of lump sum distributions upon job change. About 75% of all dollars distributed to job changers are rolled over into another tax-qualified plan (e.g., IRA). The likelihood of a rollover increases with the size of a worker's distribution: only 12.7% of accounts less than \$1,000 are rolled over compared to 93.2% of distributions of \$100,000 or more.

Typical workers today hold multiple jobs during their career. Thus, many workers will receive a number of relatively small distributions. Many do not realize that, over time, these "small" distributions will grow to significant sums. For example, assume that a worker receives \$5,000 at ages 25, 35, 45, and 55. Assuming an 8% annual return, this individual would have almost \$200,000 at age 65 if all four distributions were rolled over and preserved.

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Car Accident Victims Get Course On Their Rights

Carteret, NJ- A new free report has recently been released that reveals information every car accident victim should have before they speak to anyone. Research shows that even a "fender bender" can cause pain, headaches, even arthritis. Many car accident victims worry more about their car than they do their rights. If you have been involved in an auto accident listen to the 24 hour toll-free recorded message by calling 1-888-721-8231. The call is FREE and so is the report.

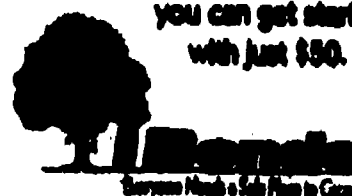
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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS**Festival Of Ballooning Announces Flight Science Contest**

AREA — The Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning presented by GPU Energy, the largest summertime balloon festival in North America, announces it is seeking entries for the 2nd annual New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) ABCs of Flight Program.

There will be a statewide mailing to superintendents and

principals of schools announcing the contest, which is open to grades 5-7 in all public schools in the state. Submissions must be by class and grade level. Schools may enter by having every child in their science class complete a short quiz about the science of flight and hot air ballooning. NJEA has provided schools with the quizzes and a curriculum that teaches children

about the history and science of ballooning and flight. Quizzes will be graded and winners selected based on the highest percentages of correct answers per class.

Five winning classes will be chosen by June 11, based on the highest percentages of correct answers. Winners will receive tickets to the 19th annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning and will experience

a hot air balloon tether right on their school grounds.

Entries should be submitted by May 11 to: Rosica Mulhern Inc., 95 Route 17 South, Suite 109, Paramus, NJ 07652.

The Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning presented by GPU Energy will be held July 27-29, rain or shine, at Solberg Airport in Readington, NJ. The fun-filled weekend will include

hot air balloon ascensions taking place at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Sunday's 6:30 a.m. flight will feature the Fleet Hare & Hound balloon competition.

For more information regarding tickets, attractions and directions, call 1-800-HOT-AIR-9 or visit the Festival website at www.balloonfestival.com.

Educational Opportunity For High School Seniors

AREA — Raritan Bay Medical Center announces an intensive five-day career workshop designed for students entering their senior year who are interested in pursuing careers in the healthcare field. The Healthcare Connection program will run the week of June 25-29 at the Old Bridge and Perth Amboy Divisions of the medical center.

Students will observe firsthand a variety of healthcare situations, interfacing with physicians, nurses, and staff in a wide range of departments including pathology, the emergency room, nursing units, the laboratory, pharmacy, and many more. Experts in each field will provide career information and resources, and students will engage in

hands-on experiences and observations that promise to offer insights into a large number of healthcare careers. Licensed CPR instructors will provide first aid training and certification at the close of the session.

"I found this program to be rewarding because I can now go into medical school with a vision of what is expected. I

have won several martial arts tournaments over the years, but this week-long experience was more thrilling and exciting" raved Ronald Magdon, a participant in last year's Healthcare Connection, now a graduating senior at Woodbridge High School.

Acceptance into the Healthcare Connection program is limited.

Transportation between the Old Bridge and Perth Amboy Divisions of Raritan Bay Medical Center is the responsibility of each program participant. Please call Janet Schneider in the Volunteer Department at 732-324-5006 for more information and an application packet. Application deadline is May 15.

Grants Available To Help Promote Family Involvement In Education

AREA — Teachers seeking funds to support activities and programs that encourage family participation at the school level can turn to their local McDonald's restaurant for help. McDonald's Tri-State Owners are making available \$50,000 in grants to help teachers execute programs or activities, such as parent newsletters, parent field days, parent-student assemblies and education programs for families that "tie" parents back to the schools and foster family involvement in education. Educators throughout the New York Tri-State area are eligible and can go to www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com or their principal for information and an application. The deadline is May 25.

To apply, educators should

submit the grant application along with a proposed project that involves parents and families of the applicant's students. Educators can request grants between \$500 and \$5,000. The project must be designed to include the families/parents of one class, grade or school.

The Arching Into Education Council, a panel of educators, education reporters, and New York Tri-State McDonald's Owners, will review the applications. Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by June 15. The decision of the selection committee is final.

The Together in Education grants program is a part of McDonald's "A+ Parents = A+ Kids" — a yearlong community initiative to promote the

importance of family involvement in education. Through "A+ Parents = A+ Kids," local McDonald's Restaurants will offer programs that provide teachers the resources they need to encourage family participation at the school level; reward families for reading together; recognize family members for being involved in their child's education; and help educate parents, grandparents and guardians on maximizing their child's learning inside and outside the classroom. As a member of the U.S. Department of Education's Partnership for Family Involvement in Education (PFIE), New York Tri-State McDonald's Restaurants is supporting the organization's

mission to increase opportunities for families to be more involved in their children's learning at school and at home and to use family, school and community partnerships to strengthen schools and improve student achievement.

McDonald's is the world's best-known brand and is the

global leader in food service. There are more than 600 McDonald's restaurants, owned by 200 franchisees, located throughout the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Tri-State area. Visit www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com for more information on other McDonald's New York Tri-State programs.

Kean Holds Commencement Ceremonies

UNION — Kean University will hold its 146th Commencement ceremonies on Thurs., May 10, at 10 a.m. at the University's Union campus at 1000 Morris Ave. Approximately 2,500 graduate and undergraduate students are expected

to receive their degrees.

The Kean University community will present an honorary doctorate of humane letters to Linda Denney, publisher of *The Star-Ledger* and an honorary doctorate of business administration to Li-Wen "Lee" Yang, a Kean alumna who is founder and president of Yang Enterprises, Inc.

Former U.S. Congressman Bob Franks will deliver the Commencement address.

Kean will provide a live broadcast of the Commencement ceremonies via the Internet at <http://gabriel.kean.edu>. The G2 Real Player is necessary for viewing and can be installed without charge by logging onto www.real.com.

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YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

Surviving High Fuel Prices Is a Gas, Gas, Gas

(NU) — Americans have a real love affair with their cars. For that reason, it's important to save gas any way you can — prices seem to be going up every day.

The experts at YouWinIt.com can help you do just that by giving you lots of great tips for saving gas and money. Fortunately, the surest way to improve your fuel cost problem isn't by buying expensive add-on equipment — it's by changing your motor-ing habits.

It's easier than you might think. Start with engine warm-up. Avoid prolonging this process, even on the coldest mornings — 30 to 45 seconds is really all you need. Avoid revving the engine, especially just before you switch it off, because this wastes fuel and washes oil down from the inside cylinder walls.

Another good idea is to eliminate jack-rabbit starts. Accelerate slowly when starting from a dead stop, and don't push the pedal down more than a quarter of the

way. This will help your carburetor operate at peak efficiency.

The gasoline you buy — and where and when — can also help you save gas. Buy it during the coolest time of day, either early in the morning or late in the evening. Gas is most dense at these times, and because gas pumps measure volume of gasoline, not density of fuel concentration.

The way you drive also can help you be more economical. Exceeding 40 miles per hour makes your car work harder to

overcome wind resistance. Obeying speed limits also gives you better efficiency. For example, driving at 55 mph gives you up to 21% better mileage, compared with former legal speed limits of 65 and 75 mph.

Manual shift driven cars allow you to shift to the highest gear quickly, which saves gas. Automatic transmissions should be allowed to cool down when your car is idling. Put the gear into the neutral position, which reduces the strain on your trans-

mission and allows it to cool off. Driving steadily is another good idea, because slowing down and speeding up waste fuel.

And don't overlook carpooling, which helps reduce gas expense in addition to other benefits — it helps keep the driver alert and reduces traffic congestion.

For more suggestions on how you can improve fuel economy, log on to www.YouWinIt.com, an Internet community that offers useful information and great sweepstakes opportunities.

Spring Cleaning Advice For Your Car

AREA — Spring's escalating heat, dust, pollen and intensified traffic will take their toll on your vehicle regardless of where you live.

"Everyone is used to 'winterizing' their cars, but with warmer weather it's just as important to give your vehicle a good spring cleaning, especially with increased traffic activity from vacations and road trips. Not only will better car main-

tenance lessen the odds of mechanical failure and make your vehicle last longer, it will also, most importantly, create a safer driving environment for yourself and others around you," said race car driver A.J. Foyt.

Six Spring Cleaning Tips for your car:

1. Make sure coolant and fluids are filled to appropriate levels. The number one cause of warm weather breakdowns

is overheating. A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is recommended for the cooling system.

2. Take your car to a professional to examine the tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps and hoses. Hoses and belts that may have cracked during the colder weather should be replaced immediately.

3. Have your air conditioning serviced by a certified specialist.

An inadequate operating system will not make the grade in hot weather, creating very uncomfortable driving conditions.

4. Change your oil and oil filter at recommended intervals, suggested every three months or 3,000 miles. This proves most valuable if you make frequent short trips, extended trips with lots of luggage or tow a trailer.

5. Replace your wiper blades and fill-up with a good windshield washer fluid. Colder weather can cause

blades to crack, creating a dirty windshield, which can pose a safety hazard and cause eye fatigue.

6. Examine your tires' tread, look for uneven wearing, and check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks. Badly worn tires should be replaced immediately. Keep your tires properly inflated; this not only helps fuel efficiency, but also helps to avoid damage to tires (make sure your spare and car jack are in good shape too).

"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.

Automakers Key Component Of Jersey's Economy

AREA — The automobile industry is a key component of New Jersey's economy, accounting for 162,000 jobs in the state, a new University of Michigan study shows.

Auto manufacturing is the largest manufacturing industry in the country and more than 4 percent of New Jersey's workforce is employed in the automobile industry.

Key findings of the study include:

• The automotive industry directly employs 162,000 workers in New Jersey, including production workers, engineers, sales and marketing employees and other staff.

• The auto industry generates more than \$7 billion in wages and benefits, including spin-off employment, in New Jersey.

• New Jersey has 644 new-car dealerships, which generate about \$20.5 billion in annual sales.

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Guest Editorial

Hospital Association Stands In The Way Of Protecting Patients

by Senator Joseph Vitale (D-19)

Earlier this year, Gary Carter, President and CEO of the New Jersey Hospital Association declared 2001 as "Year of the Nurse." But, if his remarks in the Association's recent paid editorial in several newspapers are any indication of the true value of that declaration, nurses in New Jersey should begin to wonder.

The purpose of the Association's advertisement was to publicly state its opposition to Senate bill 2093, legislation that would ban the use of forced, mandatory overtime for health care professionals in our state's hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other institutions. And while this article may have made a few member hospitals' CEOs' smile, it really only served to create unsubstantiated fear among the public, while angering and alienating tens of thousands of New Jersey's nurses.

Mr. Carter states in his article that "mandatory overtime must be available as a final resort to ensure that patients are cared for." And, he further writes, "the irony is that it is this bill, not overtime, that could deliver a devastating blow to health care quality." Sounds like the end of the world, doesn't it? Truth is, to every nurse, nurse educator, most nurse executives, academics and clinicians, it's the very use of excessive, forced overtime that threatens patient safety and those who provide the care.

According to an Institute of Medicine report, nationwide, nearly 95,000 patients die each year as the result of medical errors. Among its recommendations are: addressing the issues of work hours, work loads, and sufficient staffing.

S2093, sponsored by Majority Leader John Bennett and me in the Senate, and in the Assembly by Speaker Jack Collins and Assemblyman Jack Conners, would ban this dangerous practice, while

ensuring that overtime can be used in times of clearly defined emergencies. This is an important provision that is fully supported by all advocates of the bill. Also, nurses may continue to volunteer for overtime or make themselves available for overtime, but only as long as they feel they are able.

For many of the same reasons that when any of us board an airplane, we know that the air traffic controller who will guide it, and the pilots who will fly it, are sufficiently rested and prepared to do their job. And just as when truck drivers who work alongside other motorists are restricted to the amount of hours they may drive without rest, patients have the right to this equal measure of protection. But, unfortunately, if you are a patient in some of our state's hospitals or nursing homes, don't always expect that your nurse or other healthcare professional is rested. In fact, expect many of them to be overloaded, overworked, and exhausted.

To illustrate this point, an intensive care nurse, at the end of her eight-hour working day, was told the hospital is short-staffed, and that she must work another eight hours. After 16 hours, there was still no one to cover for her, and she ended up working 19 hours in a row, caring for acutely ill patients. A mother of two, this nurse started work at 3 p.m., and did not go home until the next day at 11 a.m.

Much of the practice of forced overtime began as hospitals and nursing homes downsized to compete in a market-based health care system, and often, one of the first cost savings measures the system employed was to cut nursing staff, and then require those nurses left behind to take on larger patient assignments. The result is an overworked workforce and an atmosphere where patient safety is put at

risk. Who would want to be the patient of a nurse working the 15th hour of the day?

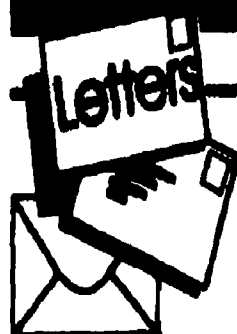
Mr. Carter argues that there are not enough nurses to meet the existing demand. And while it is true that a nursing shortage does indeed loom on the horizon for New Jersey and every other state, forcing nurses to work beyond their professional capacity is dangerous. In fact, this practice has led many nurses to leave the profession altogether.

As of last week, there were several legislative initiatives designed to address our pending nurse shortage, including the bill to ban forced overtime. From a new nursing school on the Rutgers, New Brunswick campus, and a center for nursing that will collect data and recommend innovative changes to the system, to bills that will provide tuition assistance and incentives designed to attract first time nursing students, the Legislature is doing its part and meeting the challenge.

In fact, the Legislature has also been more than supportive of health care institutions. To date, since hospital deregulation, the State of New Jersey has provided nearly 1 billion dollars to our hospitals. Through charity care reimbursements, the HIP debacle, and other programs, the legislature has offered its support at nearly every turn.

In this world of upside down healthcare where many patients and those who provide the care suddenly find themselves at the bottom of the food chain, the ban on mandatory overtime will not solve every ill or provide more money for hospitals. It will, though, provide patients with enhanced care and allow healthcare workers to provide it. After all, it's why they are there in the first place, isn't it?

READERS COMMENTARY



Residents & Business Owners Of Broadway Downtown Neighborhood

Dear Editor,

It is with great enthusiasm and civic pride that I publicly thank all the residents and business owners of our Broadway Downtown Neighborhood for helping make this first step of our project a success.

However, I would be remiss if I did not recognize B. Judith Lecki, Chairperson of SARA, for an outstanding job leading our City and its Broadway Downtown Neighborhood to a successful \$525,000 NPP grant.

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Single Letters

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

School Prayer Privilege

You thought praying wasn't allowed in public school? That depends. The New York Post reports that Lafayette High School in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn and several other New York City public schools gave praying students special privileges to be 15 minutes late for class from Nov. 27-Dec. 27. Islamic students, that is—for the month of Ramadan, when Muslims are required to recite daily midday prayers. The Post says the students turned the school auditorium

into a makeshift mosque for their daily prayer vigil.

"The school lets us do our own prayer," says Umit Kulug, a 17-year-old senior from Turkey. "It's beautiful." and it is. One just wonders why the beauty is not available to all.

In November, Brooklyn Shallow Intermediate School, also in Bensonhurst, had to paint over a much-loved playground mural memorial to slain neighborhood kids because it also portrayed Jesus. Ain't it great to be an American!

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

NCEA Distinguished Alumni Award

COLONIA—Vincent Partesi has been awarded the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Distinguished Alumni Award from St. John Vianney.

Partesi graduated from St. John Vianney of Colonia in 1970 and he attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Edison. Currently, Vincent Partesi is the President/Director (pianist, composer and arranger for CD recordings) at Partesi Music Service, Inc., Somerville. Partesi is an active performer,

songwriter, and lyricist. He can be heard on several jazz, pop and rock CD's and has also served as a consultant to various companies, including Technics and Panasonic in the development of keyboards. He is currently at work on his next creative endeavor in his fully equipped home studio.

Partesi has devoted his life and work to service to the Church community. He has served as a participant in the St. John Vianney Folk Group and as a CYO advisor for the Parish.

More recently, he is an active member of Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield where he is a parishioner with his wife and two children. He is their musical coordinator and pianist and enhances the Christmas season by assisting in the production of the Children's Christmas Program. In addition, he teaches piano, guitar and woodwinds to the students at St. John Vianney School, Colonia.

Partesi believes that the most important thing that he took from his twelve years in

Catholic school was that he must look to Jesus' life when he encounters hardship and indecision. This he believes because he was taught the scriptures and encouraged to practice his faith. This he gained in addition to receiving a top rate academic education. He feels that he was given a sense of "conscience" that helped guide him through all aspects of his life particularly those tough times.

2001 Insurance Commission Meetings

PERTH AMBOY — The Perth Amboy Insurance Commission announced its meeting schedule for 2001.

The meetings will be held in the conference room located in City Hall, 260 High Street, 2nd Floor, Perth Amboy. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held on April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5.



PARTESI HONORED—Vincent Partesi has been awarded the National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Alumni Award from St. John Vianney. He is pictured with his wife and two children after receiving the award.

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GEEZ, THAT'S NOT VERY NICE.

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POPEYE

LOOK, POPEYE... ISN'T THAT A BEAUTIFUL MOON?

IT'S JUST LIKE THE FIRST TIME WE REALIZED WE WERE IN LOVE!

WE DINED IN THAT WATERFRONT BISTRO... REMEMBER?

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...AND THE MOON HAD TURNED THE BAY INTO A SILVERY POOL OF LIGHT...

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by DAVE T. PHIPPS

DAD, HOW DO YOU WORK THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER!

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by TERRI DAVIS

Well, how do you like my new beard?

Matt, I don't understand why you'd hide such a cute, boyish face.

Because I don't want to look cute and boyish. I want to look professional.

Honey, if you want to look professional, I'm not sure facial hair is the answer.

However, you may want to get rid of the X-Men stickers adorning your briefcase.

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BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



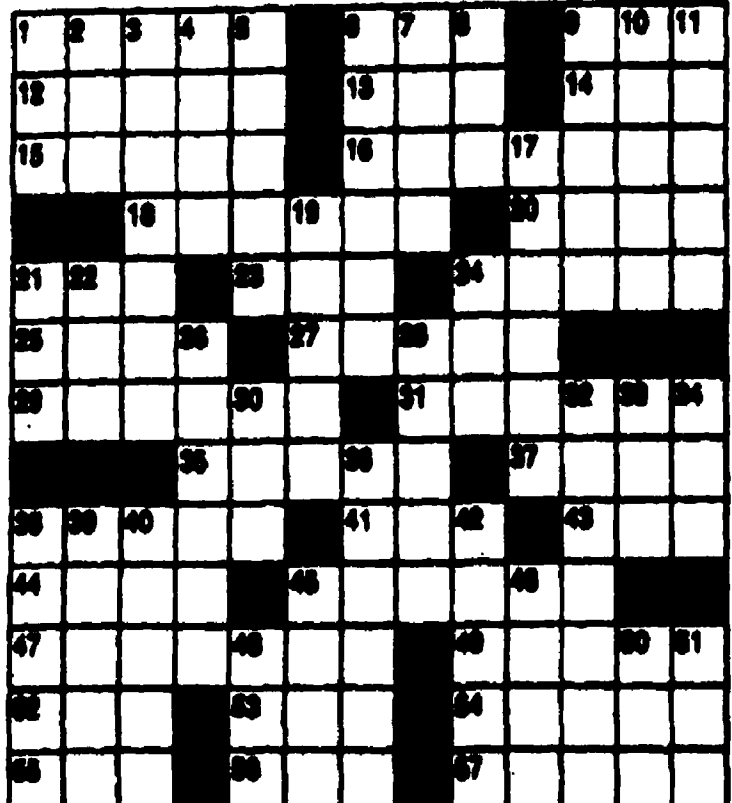
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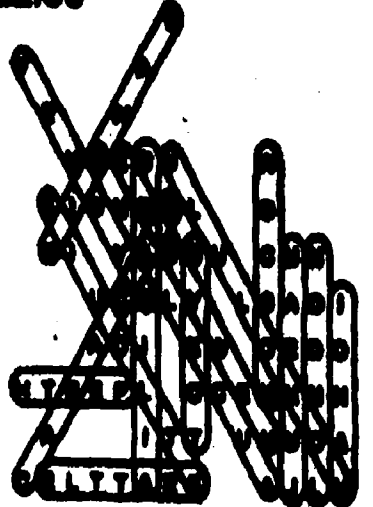
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OBITUARIES

Harold Hoadley, 68 of South Amboy

Mr. Harold W. Hoadley, Jr. of Eustis, Fla. (formerly of South Amboy) died March 29 in the Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford, Fla. He was 68.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Sayreville and South Amboy before moving to Eustis 22 years ago.

He was a restaurant owner for 20 years before retiring in 1994.

Surviving are his wife, Diane; three daughters, Charlotte, Deborah Hallacker and Mrs. Denise Ligato; two sons, Robert and Allen; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Trombino; a brother, Robert; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Isabella Degnaro of Parlin

Mrs. Isabella Degnaro of Parlin died April 7 in the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. She was 85.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in North Bergen before moving to Parlin four years ago.

She was a switchboard operator and news editor with Green Thumb in North Bergen, where she worked for 15 years before retiring 12 years ago.

Earlier, she had been a checker with the A&P food market in North Bergen for 25 years.

Mrs. Degnaro was a member of the Grace Lutheran Mothers Guild in North Bergen and the Sayreville Senior Citizens Thursday Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ward, Mrs. Edythe Coseglio and Mrs. Evelyn Colon; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Zelda Weiss, 76 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Zelda Weiss of Monroe Township (formerly of Perth Amboy) died April 5 in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 76.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Perth Amboy for many years before moving to Monroe Township in 1986.

She was an insurance agent with the Motor Club of America for 20 years before retiring.

Mrs. Weiss was a member of Hadassah in Perth Amboy, Deborah Women and the Democratic Club in Monroe Township.

Surviving are three sons, Joel, Daniel and David; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Pfeffer; a brother, Leo Perelman; and seven grandchildren.

William Miskolczi of Perth Amboy

Mr. William Miskolczi of Perth Amboy died April 11 at home in the Lake Neepaulin section of Wantage. He was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived there before moving to Wantage.

He had been employed as a stationary engineer for the Playboy Club for 10 years. Prior to that, he worked at Anaconda Copper Works in Perth Amboy. He was also a licensed pilot.

Mr. Miskolczi served in the Merchant Marine.

He was a member of the Friends of Lake Neepaulin.

Surviving are a daughter, Elaine Bore of Cliffwood Beach and a grandson, Joseph Bore.

Louise Giullano of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Louise Giullano of Perth Amboy died April 9 in the Perth Amboy Care Center. She was 87.

Born in Newark, she lived in Elizabeth and Colonia before moving to Perth Amboy.

Donald A. Brevet of Edison

Rev. Donald A. Brevet (formerly of Edison) died March 12 at Mercy Hospice in Scranton, Pa. He was 58.

He was a minister at the Reformed Church of America, retiring in 1998 after serving 10 years as pastor of the Saddle River Reformed Church, Upper Saddle River.

He resided with his wife of 36 years, E. Louise Brevet, in Lake Ariel, Pa. Previously, Rev. Brevet served congregations in Syracuse, N.Y. and Metuchen. Raised in Glen Rock, Rev. Brevet was a 1964 graduate of Rutgers University and a 1967 graduate of The New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Rev. Brevet served as associate pastor and pastor of The Reformed Church of Metuchen until 1976, before moving to Syracuse Reformed Church, Syracuse, N.Y.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children, Christine Carley of Monmouth Junction and Kurt Brevet of Warwick, N.Y.; two grandchildren, Katherine Carley and McKenzie Brevet; a brother Robert Brevet of Metuchen and his mother, Dorothy J. Brevet, who is a resident of The Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge.

Ronald J. Raji, 44 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Ronald J. Raji of Perth Amboy died April 12 at home. He was 44.

He was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

He was the owner of "Towing by Ron Raji" and A&R Towing, both in Perth Amboy, for 20 years.

He was a member of the Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department, serving as lieutenant with Lincoln Engine Company No. 1 and later with Garfield Engine Company No. 5.

His parents, Emil and Mary Szymatowski Raji are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Rose Michaels of Sayreville; two brothers, Richard of Edison and William of Perth Amboy; and several nieces and nephews.

David C. Bogert, 81 of Edison

Mr. David C. Bogert of Edison died April 8 in Genesis ElderCare, Westfield. He was 81.

Born in Belleville, he lived in Edison for two years.

He was an auto mechanic with Mallon Motors, East Orange, before retiring. Previously, he owned a laundromat in Haledon.

Mr. Bogert served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Louise; a daughter, Noreen; two sons, Richard and David Jr.; and four grandchildren.

Henriette Guenther of Edison

Mrs. Henriette Guenther of Edison died April 7 in Villa Maria Nursing Home, North Plainfield. She was 88.

Born in Mooredorf, Germany, she lived in Clark for 20 years before moving to Edison.

Surviving are a son, Ralph; and two grandchildren.

Stanley C. Olewinski of Carteret

Mr. Stanley C. Olewinski of Carteret died April 6 at home. He was 73.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Carteret for 40 years.

He was a stock handler for Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Newark, for 18 years before retiring in 1991. Before that, he worked for P. Ballantine & Sons, Newark, for 23 years.

Mr. Olewinski was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 11th Airborne Division, Company C, 188th Parachute Infantry.

Surviving are two sons, Robert and Kenneth; two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Snyder and Janice; and two grandchildren.

Edward Foster, 65 of Carteret

Mr. Edward Lee Foster of Carteret died April 18 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 65.

Born in Franklin County, N.C., where he received his formal education, he relocated to Carteret, where he resided for 36 years.

Mr. Foster was employed as a driver for Shorty's Taxi for over 20 years.

He was predeceased by his parents, Willie and Fannie Foster; a brother, Eugene Foster and a sister, Josephine Blacknall.

Surviving are his wife, Marie; four daughters, Doris Gregory, Connie Foster, Sharon Green and Sandra Applewhite, all of Carteret; four sons, John Davis of East Orange, James Foster of Avenel, Bobby Foster of Perth Amboy and Donald Foster of Carteret; two brothers, Willie Foster of Hillside and Apostle Johnnie Foster of North Carolina; six sisters, Mary Bell Wilkins of North Carolina, Dorothy Dean of Carteret, Annie Mae Ricks of Perth Amboy, Mabel Ricks of Maryland, Lessie E. Ricks of North Carolina and Margaret Mighty of New York; an aunt, Noonie Trailer of North Carolina; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one god-child.



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OBITUARIES

Paula Horvath, 87 of Edison

Mrs. Paula Maitner Horvath of Edison died April 5 in the Franklin Care Center, Franklin Park. She was 87.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Rutherford before moving to Edison in 1958.

She was a secretary for 20 years in the English department of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, retiring in 1983.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Jr. and Richard; a daughter, Mary Jeanne; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Marie J. Ferrigno of Edison

Mrs. Marie J. Ferrigno of Edison died April 11 at home. She was 78.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Hillside and Palm Coast before moving to Edison three years ago.

She served as president of the Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary in both Hillside and Palm Coast, Fla.

Mrs. Ferrigno was a member of the Nifty Niners Golf Club, Palm Coast.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lynn Gerardo; two sons, Wayne and John; two brothers, Peter and Raymond Mastellone; a sister, Mrs. Yolanda Loprete and five grandchildren.

Helen Therkom, 77 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Helen Therkom of Woodbridge died March 31 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 77.

Born in New York City, she lived in Edgewater before moving to Woodbridge 45 years ago.

She was a salesperson at Parnes Bakery, Woodbridge, for 20 years before retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Therkom was a member of the Woodbridge Senior Citizens Club and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Surviving are her husband, Herman; a son, Robert; a daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Sheer; two sisters, Della Broonan and Mrs. Mary Person; a brother, William Broonan; and four grandchildren.

Manuel N. Joao, 49 of Iselin

Mr. Manuel N. Joao of Iselin died April 10 in the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington. He was 49.

Born in Portugal, he lived in New York before moving to Iselin 11 years ago.

He was a carpenter with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Union Local 821 in Kenilworth for 23 years.

Mr. Joao was a member of the Portuguese Club, Elizabeth.

Surviving are his wife of 18 years, Maria; two daughters, Valerie and Kelly; parents Sabino and Maria Joao; and a brother, Jose.

Erling C. Nielsen of Woodbridge

Mr. Erling C. Nielsen of Woodbridge died March 16 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 74.

Born in Tyler, Minn, he lived in Perth Amboy for 30 years before moving to Woodbridge two years ago.

He was the president of Nielsen Products, Inc., Perth Amboy, for 19 years.

He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

Mr. Nielsen was an elder, trustee and past clerk of the sessions in the First Presbyterian Church. Also at the church, he was a superintendent and teacher of the Sunday school and a youth advisor.

Mr. Nielsen was a president and member of the finance committee of Camp Johnsonbury in Sussex County.

Surviving are his wife, Maureen; two daughters, Linda R. and Mrs. Cindy L. Simacek-Lix; two stepsons, Steven and David Turner; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Terri Lester and Mrs. Leslie Dyar; three brothers, Ove, Ivan and Milton; a sister, Mrs. Mary Arment and 11 grandchildren.

Elaine Schwartz, 47 of Woodbridge

Ms. Elaine B. Schwartz of Woodbridge died April 10 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 47.

Born in Newton, she lived in Woodbridge for 20 years.

She was a pharmacy manager with Drug Fair, Cranford. Earlier, she had been a pharmacist with Tiffany Drugs, Westfield, for 23 years.

Ms. Schwartz earned a bachelor's degree in science from Rutgers College of Pharmacy in 1976.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Bernice Schwartz and a brother, Richard S.

Elizabeth M. Balint of Woodbridge

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Balint of Woodbridge died April 16 in the JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 80.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Woodbridge for many years.

Surviving are her husband, Allen E., of 56 years; a son, George A.; two daughters, Patricia Balint and Mrs. Carol Apito; a sister, Mrs. Arlene Schicker; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

George W. Boner of Avenel

Mr. George William Boner of Avenel died April 18 at home. He was 78.

Born in Newark, he moved to Avenel 40 years ago.

He was a carpenter with Hannon Floor Covering, Newark, for 40 years before retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Carpenters Union Local 2212, Union.

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

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Ruth; six daughters, Mrs. Linda Wukovets, Mrs. Mary Ann Grimes, Mrs. Nancy Boesman, Mrs. Kathy Harma, Mrs. Terry Faria and Mrs. Suzanne Hogan; a son, George C.; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Aspinall; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Rita Egidio, 70 of Avenel

Mrs. Rita Egidio of Avenel died April 4 in the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was 70.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Roselle Park and Colonia before moving to Avenel in 1996.

She was a unit clerk at Rahway Hospital for many years before retiring.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Bunsco and Mrs. Donna Gior-dano; and a brother, Charles Cerniglia.

Francis R. Filippini of Colonia

Mr. Francis R. Filippini of Colonia died April 7 at home. He was 85.

Born in Newark, he lived in Nutley before moving to Colonia 45 years ago.

He was a clerk at Sears in Newark for 45 years and in Watchung for five years before retiring in 1981.

A Navy veteran, he served as an electrician's mate second class aboard the USS Denesola and the USS Bunker Hill during World War II. He also served with the Navy in the Korean War.

During the 1960s, he was active in the Woodbridge Police Reserve and Civil Defense in Woodbridge.

Mr. Filippini was a member of the Iselin Senior Citizens, Colonia Senior Citizens and the Lake Island Rifle and Pistol Club, Carteret.

Surviving are a son, Eugene; a daughter, Mrs. Debbie Polidura; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Rose Ronzo, 83 of Colonia

Miss Rose Ronzo of Colonia died April 2 in the West Caldwell Care Center. She was 83.

Born in Newark, she moved to Colonia 15 years ago.

Miss Ronzo was a factory worker for Charms Candy Co., Bloomfield. She also worked for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

Surviving are two brothers, Joseph and Gus; and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Molinaro.

Helene Hellwig, 74 of Colonia

Mrs. Helene Hellwig of Colonia died April 14 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 74.

Born in Newark, she moved to Colonia 43 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Nedean and Mrs. Jeanne Hodson; two sons, J. Gary and Robert Louis; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Borrelli and Mrs. Arkie Silano; and eight grandchildren.

Francesca Francis of Iselin

Mrs. Francesca Francis of Iselin died April 16 in the Robert Wood Johnson University, New Brunswick. She was 74.

Born in Newark, she lived in Iselin before moving to Jackson in 1993.

Surviving are four sons, Charles, Michael, Kenneth and Joseph; a daughter, Mrs. Lori Ann Gonnella; a sister, Mrs. Connie Fredericks; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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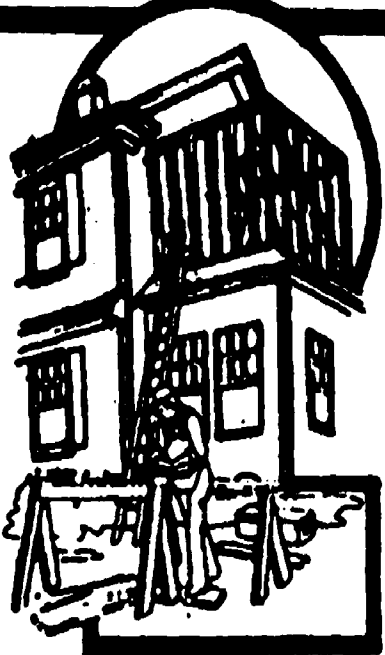
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The bathroom for many has become a place to relax, rejuvenate, work out and get away from the daily grind. As the bathroom continues to evolve into a retreat for stressed out Americans, one thing remains constant-no one wants to clean it.

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Volunteers will be required to complete 30 hours of training to prepare for responding to crises and helping victims obtain support services and information.

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