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On Independence Day Leave Fireworks Celebrations To The Professionals

AREA—With the Fourth of July approaching, the nonprofit NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) and the Atlantic Mutual Companies suggest parents teach their children to leave fireworks to the pros, don't touch them and leave the area if others do.

In 1999, according to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems (NEISS), approximately 8,500 people suffered fireworks-related injuries severe enough to require emergency room treatment—and nearly 40 percent of those injured were under the age of 14.

Even sparklers can burn as hot as 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause severe contact burns and ignite clothing.

"Research indicates that children from 10-14 years of age are at the highest risk for fireworks-related injuries, with 15- to 19-year-olds close behind," said Daniel H. Olmsted, senior

vice president, Personal Insurance Division. Atlantic Mutual Companies.

To help prevent fireworks injuries to children, follow the safety tips listed for injury prevention. Developed by the NFPA and available for classroom instruction, *Risk Watch* teaches children how to evaluate as well as avoid potentially dangerous situations.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- * Teach children about the physical danger of fireworks. Without using scare tactics, explain to children that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious permanent damage such as blindness, hearing loss and disfigurement, as well as result in the loss of fingers or hands.

- * Fireworks should never be touched. Children should never approach or touch any type of fireworks, or be in an area where amateurs are using fireworks. They should be

instructed to leave such areas and notify an adult, who should then contact the fire department immediately.

- * Sit back and enjoy the professional displays. The safest way to enjoy the Fourth of July is to let the pros handle the fireworks displays. Children and adults alike should give the pros plenty of room to work and adhere to all safety regulations and signs.

- * Provide alternate ways to celebrate. Give children noisemakers, hats, horns, confetti and streamers to celebrate the Fourth. This will keep them entertained and out of harms way.

- * Set a good example. Since children often mirror adult behavior, it is important to act responsibly when dealing with fireworks and all heat sources. Don't permit your children to use any fireworks, even sparklers. Report any unautho-

rized fireworks sales, use, storage and manufacturer to police or fire departments and leave the displays to the trained professionals.

For additional facts and figures on fireworks safety and the *Risk Watch* fireworks safety lesson plan for children please visit www.fireworks.org.

The international nonprofit NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) publishes a wide variety of educational and safety materials, including the *National Fire Codes®* and is developer of the *Risk Watch* comprehensive injury prevention curriculum and the *Learn Not to Burn®* fire safety curriculum. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Mass.

Additional information about the Atlantic Mutual Companies can be found on the Internet at www.atlanticmutual.com.

Whorowski To Attend Fairleigh Dickinson

SOUTH AMBOY—South Amboy resident, Megan Whorowski, will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University's Madison Campus this fall. Whorowski is the daughter of William and Elizabeth Whorowski of South Amboy.

Fairleigh Dickinson University offers two uniquely different campuses in northern New Jersey, more than 50 different associate and baccalaureate programs and special accelerated

programs. There is an option to attend FDU's own campus in England and outstanding career development opportunities that take advantage of the University's close proximity to New York City and New Jersey's corporate corridor. The University is dedicated to the preparation of world citizens through global education.

Megan will be a 2001 graduate of St. Mary's High School.



Megan Whorowski

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Pallone Says Cleanup Must Continue Until Site Safe

STATE—U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) stated the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should not allow the cleanup taking place at the Superfund site along the Raritan River in Edison, known as Mound B, from being demobilized until waste samples are tested and show that the land is now safe.

Pallone also said that if the land is not deemed safe the EPA should require that the cleanup continue. Currently, according to EPA, the cleanup is scheduled for demobilization at the end of this week, and there are no plans to continue if tested samples come back with troubling results.

The New Jersey Congressman did commend EPA for listening to his suggestions and requiring Waste Management sample the waste and remove all drums from Mound B. Pallone, who was joined at a press conference at the site in March by Robert Spiegel, Executive Director of the Edison Wetlands Association, had suggested that EPA take over the clean up after Waste Management said it would remove only intact drums and would not sample the soil. Pallone reiterated these concerns in a letter to William Musynski, Regional Administrator for the EPA.

"It's encouraging to hear that all the drums are being removed from the site," Pallone said. "This was one of my major concerns, and I am glad EPA is addressing it."

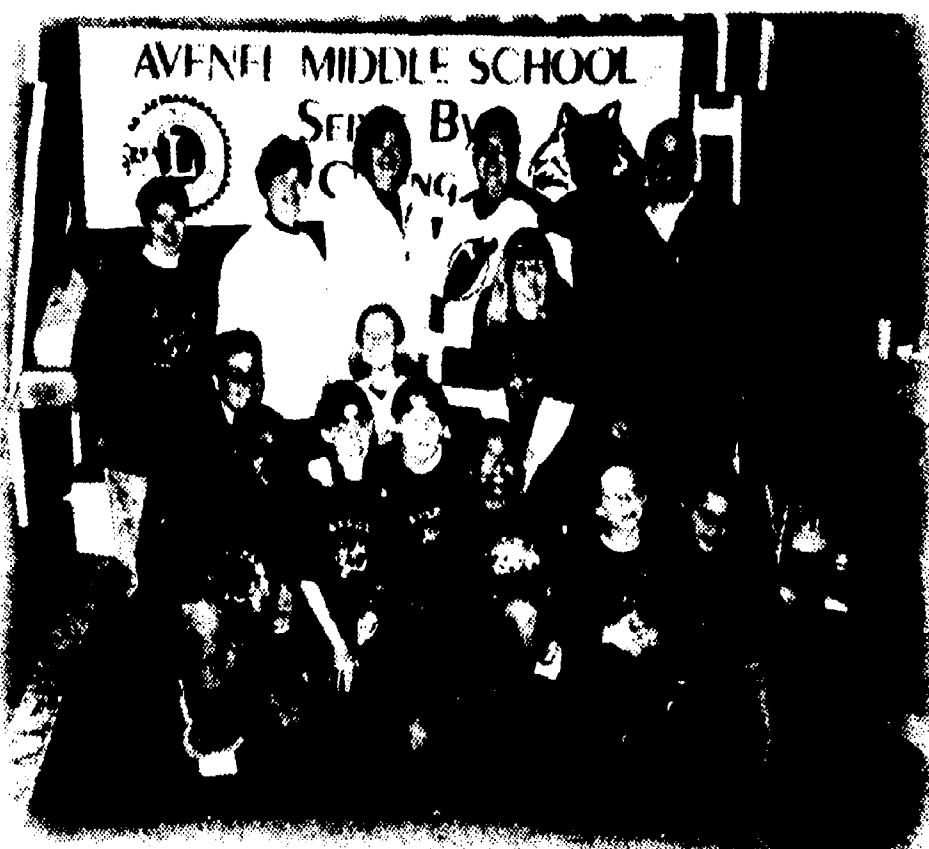
"However, I am concerned that while EPA is now requiring waste sampling at Mound B, they have not developed a plan to come back for further cleanup if the samples prove to be dangerous," Pallone continued. "EPA should not allow this project to be demobilized

until the samples have come back and shown without a shadow of a doubt that the land is safe. I want a commitment from EPA that if the sampling shows that the data is problematic, a comprehensive cleanup will begin immediately."

Pallone said ensuring that the area is completely safe at the end of the cleanup is crucial, since the area will be turned into a Nature Trail where families, particularly children, will go for recreation.

The Mound B section of the Kin-Buc Landfill Superfund Site contains hundreds of buried drums of waste. Kin-Buc Landfill operated from the 1950's until 1976 and accepted over 70 million gallons of chemical waste. As a result, the area around the site, as well as the adjacent wetlands, Emonds Creek and the Raritan River were polluted, which ultimately resulted in a fishing and crabbing advisory for the Raritan River.

Middle School Participates In Relay For Life



AVENEL—Avenel Middle School students, along with many faculty members joined in and participated in the *Relay For Life* fundraising event sponsored by The American Cancer Society. The event took place on May 18 at The Club at Woodbridge. Participants raised money through donations and pledges from friends and families. Mr. Rauso and Mrs. Fennessey, advisors of The Service-Learning Club at Avenel Middle School worked diligently to encourage students to donate loose change along with providing the students an opportunity to wear a baseball style hat, during the school day for a 50-cent donation to the *Relay For Life* event. "We had an overwhelming response, the students often donated a dollar instead of the requested 50 cents. It means so much to see our students recognize the importance of finding a cure for cancer, a disease that has an affect on all of us," said Fennessey. The evening participants walked laps on the outdoor track for nearly six hours. Avenel Middle School was recognized for the most "Team Spirit" along with receiving the award for "Top Fundraising Youth Group," with donations totaling \$1,700.

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Ladder of Success

PERTH AMBOY – Beginning in September, Perth Amboy Catholic School will be reorganized age appropriately. This move is part of an effort to create a more efficient educational environment for both teachers and students.

The first phase of the project started in September 1999, when students from the St. Mary Campus were transferred to the newly refurbished Our Lady of Hungary school building. This building, newly equipped with the latest in science and computer lab equipment, is now PAC Middle School, serving grades 6-8.

In September, the St. Stephen and Holy Spirit campuses, which both presently serve students through 5th grade, will also be reorganized. Holy Spirit will become the primary campus,

serving students from pre-kindergarten-2nd grade. St. Stephen will become the intermediate campus, serving grades 3-5.

PACS administrator Religious Teacher Filippini Sister Jeanette De Sena said, "The main focus of reorganization is to prepare our children the best way we know how. Today teachers are certified for more specialized and specific age groups. Now we can put teachers in each class according to their specialization."

Linda Hunter, science teacher,

explained that since there is "greater interaction with children within their own age levels, the students will bond better socially, academically, and religiously."

The establishment of primary, intermediate and middle school campuses enables PACS to provide an educational model that bridges three distinct phases of child development. Each phase builds upon the previous, providing a continuity of education from the first day of school until their last.



Vanessa Tapanes

Unit 248 Scholarship Winner

COLONIA—The recipient of the Colonia Unit 248 American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship was Vanessa Tapanes. Vanessa attends Colonia High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tapanes of Colonia. The presentation was made by Guidance Head Martha Hyatt.

St. Anselm College Graduates

FORDS—John W. Kovalsky graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at the 108th Commencement Exercise of St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire on May 19. John is a resident of Fords and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kovalsky.

VFW Officers Installed

COLONIA—The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6061 and Ladies Auxiliary officers for the 2001-02 administration were installed at the Post Home.

Installing officers were Past Post Commander John Jauch and District 8 Past President Julia Wall who installed the following: Commander Angelo Manna; Sr. Vice Commander Tommy Murphy; Jr. Vice Commander Tony DiGirolamo; Quartermaster Paul Bongard; Adjutant John Jauch; Advocate Ted Rocca; Chaplain Charles Orgelfinger; Surgeon Ted Rocca; Service Officer Paul Bongard; Legislative Officer Richard Schneider; Officer of the Day Joe Richvalski; Guard Charles Krauss; Trustee Cliff Dykeman; and Trustee Richard Schneider.

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Attention!

Important Information on page 9 needs your attention....

Military Briefs

Garay Graduates

Basic Military Training

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Pvt. Erica Garay, a 2000 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

In addition to the physical conditioning program, she spent

numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

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

Fernandez Ready For Action

EDISON—Marine Corps Pfc. Felipe E. Fernandez, son of Dalinda and Felipe Fernandez of Edison, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank.

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

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

He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core val-

ues—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Fernandez is a 2000 graduate of Edison High School.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Schundler Endorsed, Leads Cash Contest

STATE - Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler received the backing of seven conservative members of the State Assembly for his campaign for the Republican nomination for Governor last week.

Schundler is competing for the GOP nomination with Bob Franks, a former state and federal lawmaker who is viewed as more liberal based upon his record of supporting abortion, gay rights and gasoline taxes.

Joining Schundler at a state-house news conference were Michael Patrick Carroll and Guy Gregg of Morris County, Guy Talarico of Bergen County, Clare Farragher of Monmouth County, and Scott Garrett of Sussex County.

Bergen County Assemblyman John Rooney, who is being challenged in the GOP primary by Talarico, had previously endorsed Schundler, along with Essex County Assemblywoman Marion Crecco.

Meanwhile, reports filed with the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) show that Schundler is leading his rival for the primary nomination in fundraising.

Schundler is on track to collect the maximum \$3.7 million in matching funds for the June 26 primary, according to ELEC staff members.

Schundler raised \$2.44 million in private contributions, compared with only \$1.15 million for Franks, according to the most recent campaign finance reports.

Neither Republican has yet collected public matching funds.

A candidate who raises \$1.9 million in private contributions qualifies for the maximum amount of public funding.

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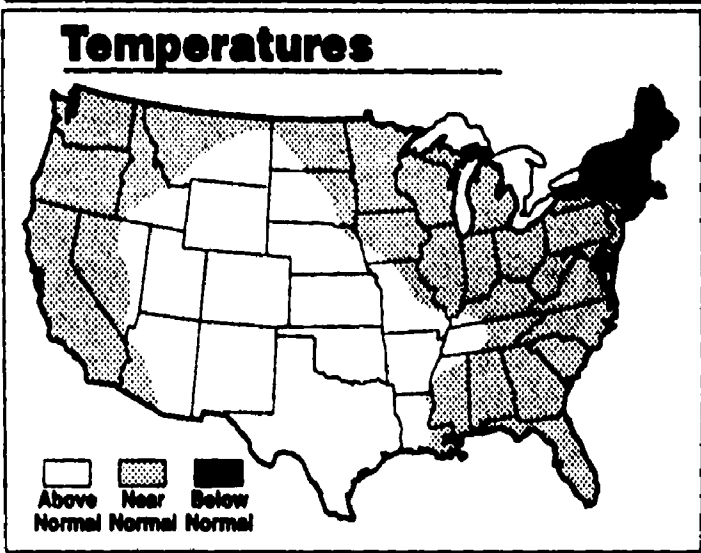
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

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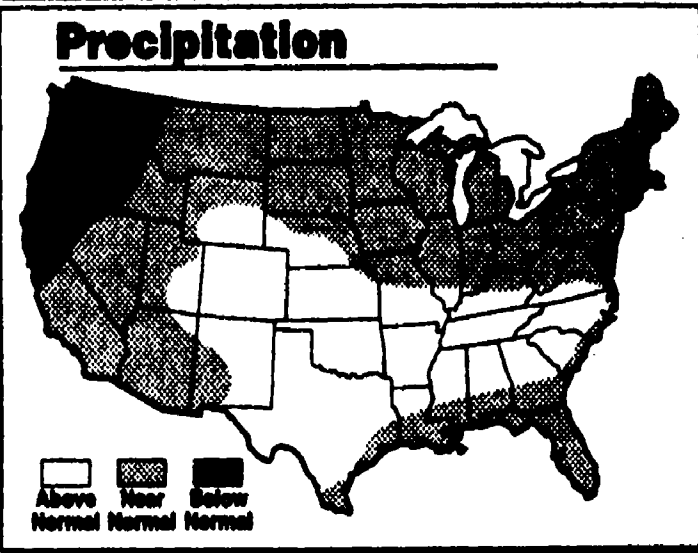
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm weather will dominate the middle of the nation. Temperatures across the central and southern Plains may average 10 to 15 degrees above normal. Wet weather is expected across much of the Southeast and southern Plains. Elsewhere, cool air will press southward into the Northeast and northern Great Lakes.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	84 68 pc	90 68 c	90 70 c	92 68 c
Boston	90 72 s	88 62 pc	71 58 t	74 52 c
Chicago	88 66 pc	88 66 pc	82 62 t	85 58 pc
Cleveland	86 66 pc	84 64 pc	82 62 pc	78 60 pc
Denver	88 56 pc	84 56 pc	86 58 pc	88 58 pc
Des Moines	88 65 pc	88 65 pc	83 65 pc	82 64 pc
Detroit	82 64 pc	84 64 pc	79 61 t	79 52 c
Houston	92 74 pc	92 74 t	92 74 t	91 70 t
Indianapolis	88 64 pc	86 68 t	83 68 t	84 66 t
Kansas City	86 66 pc	86 66 t	84 66 pc	84 68 t
Los Angeles	88 62 s	88 60 s	86 59 s	89 54 s
Miami	87 78 t	93 78 c	90 79 c	91 74 pc
Minn.-St. Paul	82 64 pc	80 62 t	78 60 sh	82 60 s
New Orleans	88 73 r	89 74 t	90 74 t	96 70 pc
New York City	92 74 pc	92 74 pc	88 68 c	80 63 c
Omaha	86 65 pc	88 65 pc	88 63 pc	82 64 t
Phoenix	109 84 s	111 84 s	109 82 s	109 82 s
San Francisco	72 56 pc	70 54 pc	70 54 pc	71 50 pc
Seattle	69 54 sh	68 52 c	71 53 pc	72 50 c
Washington	92 74 pc	94 74 c	90 70 c	88 72 t

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	5:29 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Fri.	5:29 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	1:36 p.m.	1:14 a.m.
Fri.	2:44 p.m.	1:42 a.m.
Moon Phases		
First	Full	Last
June 27	July 5	July 13
Weather (W):		
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

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Berlin	74 54 pc	71 52 pc	67 59 r	72 54 c
Buenos Aires	63 47 pc	59 45 pc	61 47 pc	55 30 pc
Cairo	95 85 s	98 64 s	98 65 s	95 65 s
Jerusalem	83 56 s	85 57 s	86 57 s	85 56 s
Johannesburg	67 42 s	63 38 pc	65 40 s	63 38 s
London	71 59 pc	74 61 pc	73 57 c	74 59 pc
Madrid	90 54 s	96 58 s	96 59 s	95 58 s
Mexico City	75 53 c	74 54 sh	75 56 sh	73 58 r
Moscow	76 58 c	80 57 pc	79 58 s	81 61 pc
Paris	65 51 pc	71 56 pc	73 56 c	74 55 pc
Rio de Janeiro	73 61 pc	72 61 c	73 61 pc	73 61 pc
Rome	83 60 pc	81 57 s	79 58 s	80 62 s
San Juan	88 76 pc	87 78 r	87 79 c	86 78 r
Seoul	86 75 pc	87 78 c	81 73 r	91 75 pc
Sydney	65 50 pc	61 47 pc	59 44 pc	59 46 pc
Tokyo	84 75 pc	81 75 c	83 77 c	86 76 c
Toronto	85 62 pc	82 63 pc	89 51 c	87 43 pc
Winnipeg	78 63 c	73 51 sh	70 44 pc	73 54 pc
Zurich	69 51 pc	70 54 pc	76 58 pc	76 58 c

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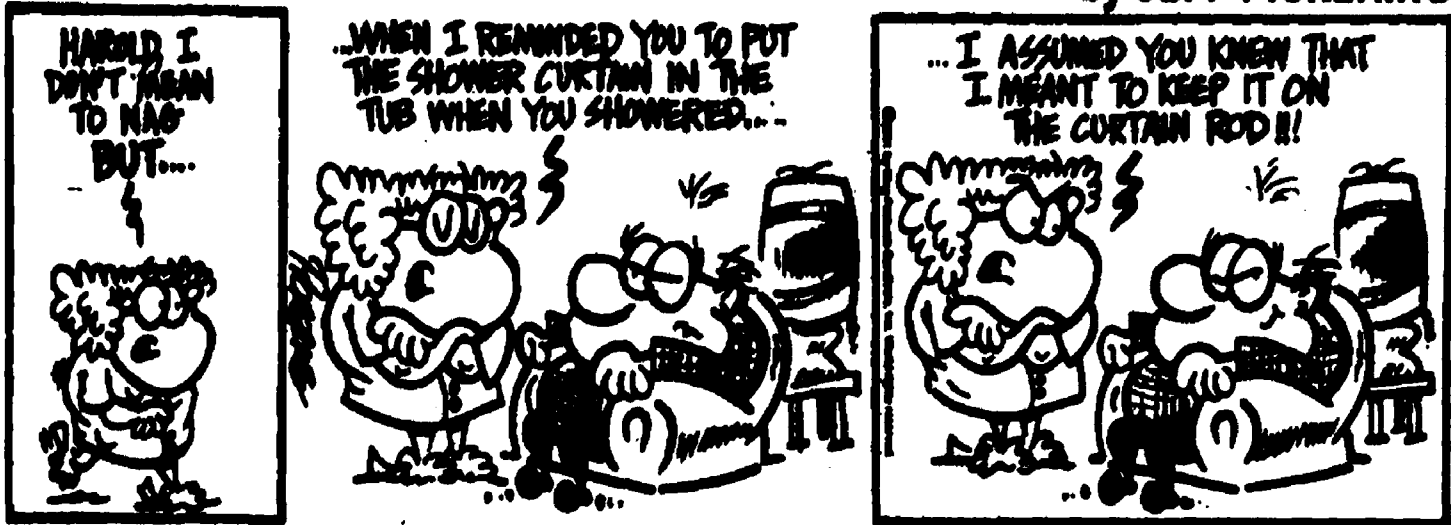
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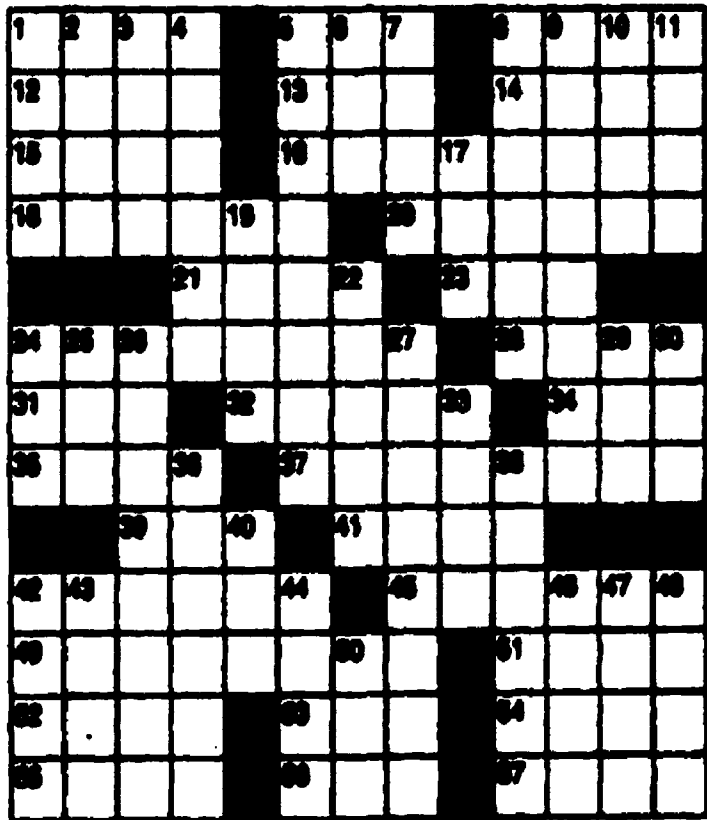
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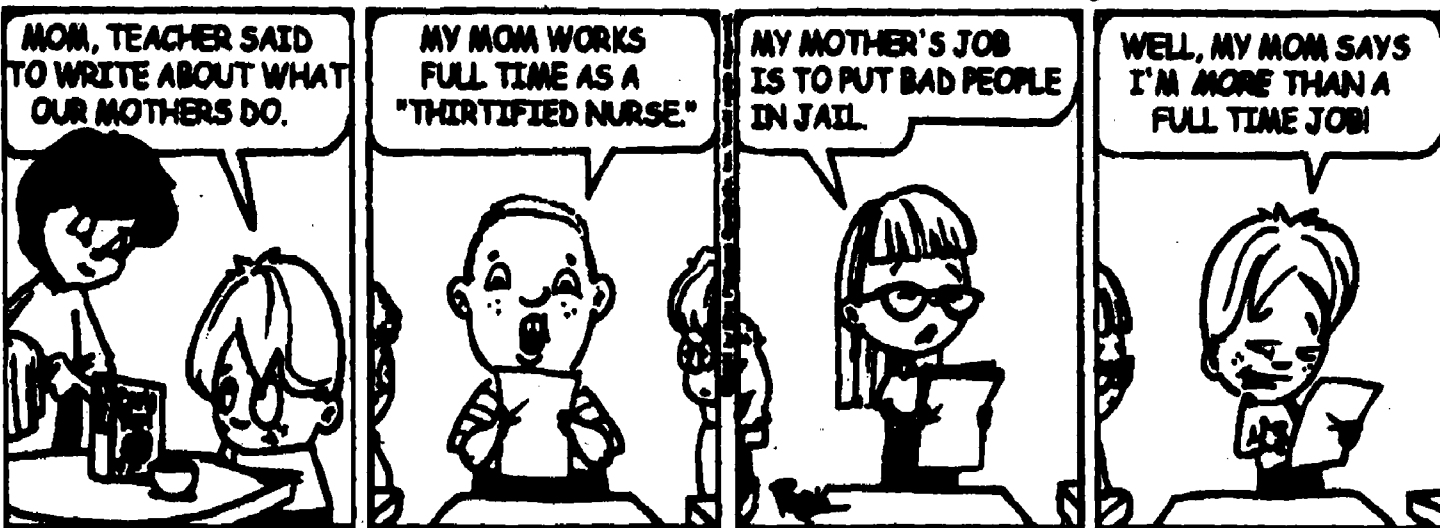
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- 22 Thumbing one's nose gesture
- 24 Dren (up) ally
- 25 Melody
- 26 Cellarbone
- 27 Family member
- 29 "- for the million ..."
- 30 Chic no more
- 33 Gen. Robert -
- 36 Casino employee
- 38 Lower trunk area
- 40 Ring decision
- 42 Late-braking development
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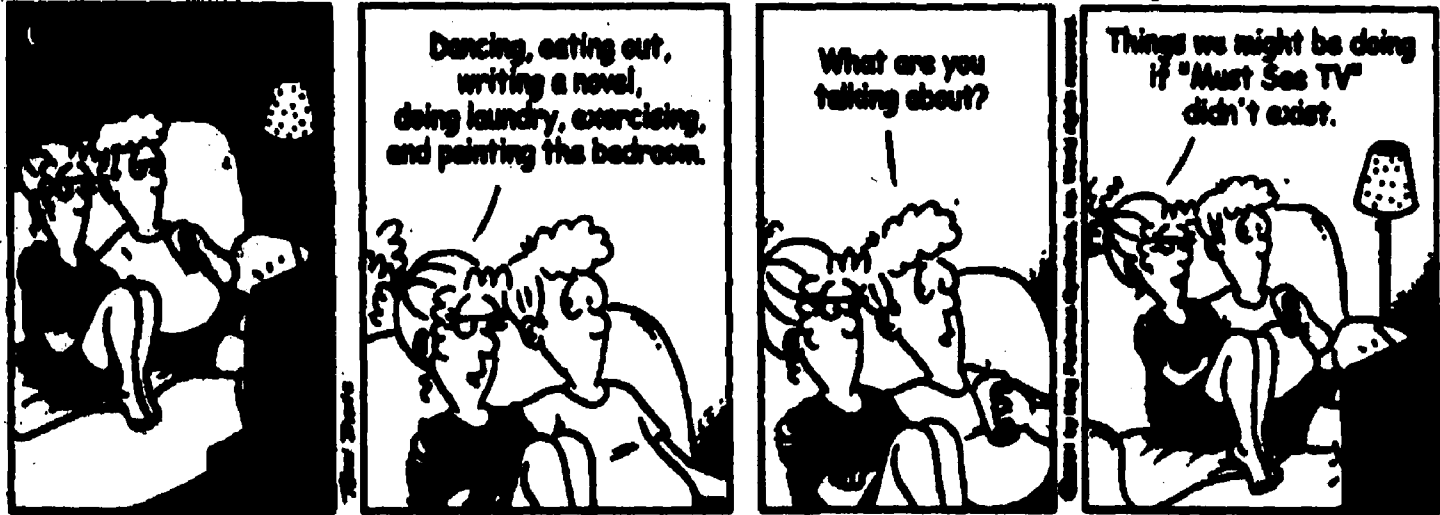
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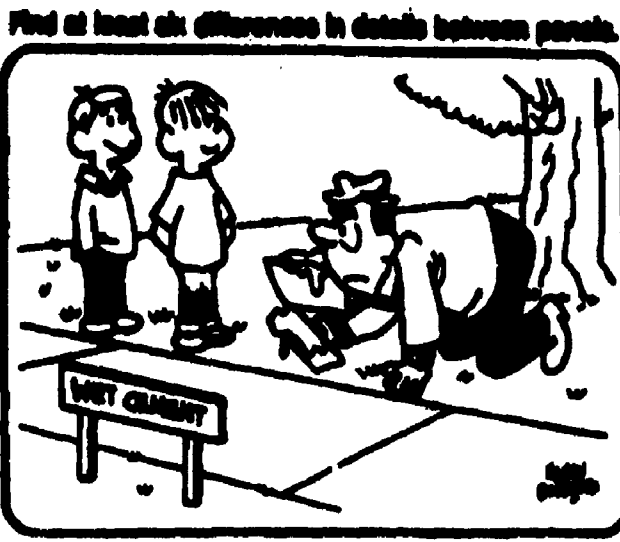
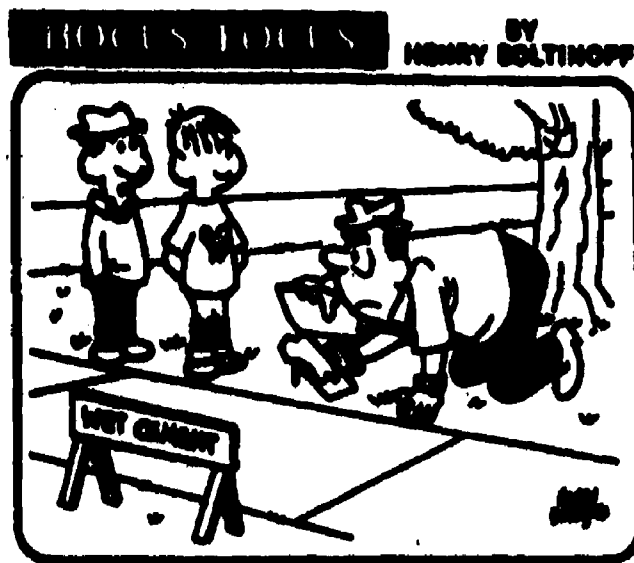
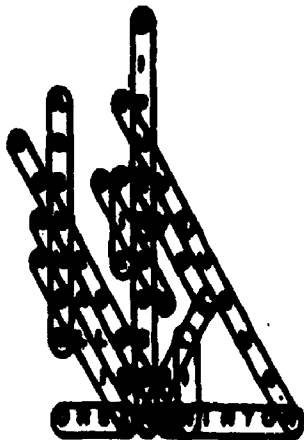
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Blank	Naught	Null	Zich
Cipher	Nil	Shut	Zip
Goose egg	No score	Void	

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to Puzzles



Differences: 1. Sign legs are different; 2. Man is missing; 3. Man's shoes are longer; 4. Boy's shirt is different; 5. Three birds in background; 6. Different doorway in missing.

YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Brain Tumor Pilot Study Being Conducted

EDISON — The New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center in Edison has joined with Hartford Hospital and the University of Connecticut's Cancer Center in Hartford, Conn.,

to participate in a primary brain tumor pilot study.

The study evaluates the effectiveness of treating brain tumors using chemotherapy with 5-Thioguanine (TG) and Temozolomide (TEM), both of which are oral medications. It is being facilitated by Subramanian Hariharan, M.D., director of neuro-oncology at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute and assistant professor of neuroscience at Seton Hall University's School of Graduate Medical Education in South Orange, and Joseph Landolfi, D.O., a neuro-oncologist at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute and also an assistant professor at Seton Hall School of Graduate Medical Education.

"We are very excited about this study opportunity," explains Hariharan. "By conducting this study, we are evaluating new combinations of medications while also concentrating on our patients' quality of life. Radiation treatments can extend life, but often the quality of life is poor, which is a real concern for patients."

A primary brain tumor is one that originates in the brain itself and can occur at any age. Approximately 90% of primary brain tumors occur in adults, representing more than 15,000 new cases every year. They are generally classified according to the cells from which they originate or the location in which the cancer develops.

"This study evaluates both the safety and efficacy of TG and TEM when used in combination with chemotherapy. Patients in the study have been diagnosed with malignant brain tumors and have already been treated with radiation therapy or one course of chemotherapy," notes Landolfi.

Hariharan is a graduate of the University of Kerala in India. His graduate medical education includes a residency in internal medicine at Atlantic City Medical Center; a residency in neurology at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia; and a fellowship in neuro-oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Medical Center in New York City. He is board certified in neurology and internal

medicine.

Landolfi earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Stratford. After completing his internal medicine internship at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, Landolfi went on to complete his residency in neurology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, acting as chief resident in his final year. Landolfi served his fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

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Is Your Family In Need Of In-Home Respite Services?

STATE — The Community Support Program (CSP) of Community Access Unlimited in Elizabeth is a fee-for-service program that was established in 1981. The program provides services to people with disabilities and/or mental illness.

The program is unique in the social service field because it operates as a fee-for-service program that ensures anyone with a disability can receive immediate support. The Community Support Program can provide support services to people in ten different counties in New Jersey.

The Community Support Program can provide Respite.

The first step in order to receive respite services is to be referred by the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The Community Support Program can provide services such as: After-School Programming is provided with the assistance of working with Child Study Teams. People stalled on long waiting lists can start transitional skill training immediately. CSP counselors offer in-home instruction.

To find out more about the Community Support Program or to set up a free assessment/consultation please call 908-354-3040, ext 304, or visit our website at www.caunj.org.

Adult Children Can Help Parents Cut Rx Costs

AREA — Thousands of adult children of U.S. seniors are now using the Internet to have their parent's prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad. Previously, seniors had to personally travel to Canada or Mexico to obtain their prescription medicines at fair prices — until now.

www.Medicines.MD is a consumer focused website offering free quotes and full access to regularly updated international price lists for more than 800 popular brand name prescription drugs, as well as more than 1300 generic medicines. Visitors are able to compare their U.S. prescription costs when the same medications are purchased from abroad. Complete ordering information is available by visiting www.Medicines.MD.

YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

I Bonds Are An Attractive Savings Option

by Dr. Karen Easle,
RD, FADA, CFCS

AREA — Looking for a safe and low-cost investment that protects your savings from inflation for up to 30 years and pays about 4% more than bank savings accounts? If so, check out the U.S. Treasury Department's Bond. I Bonds are a relatively new type of U.S. savings bond that provide inflation protection. First introduced in 1998, they are sold at face value (e.g., \$50 for a \$50 I bond) and provide inflation-protected earnings for up to 30 years. Earnings are exempt from state and local taxes.

The earnings rate of I Bonds is a combination of two separate rates: a fixed rate of return (currently 3.4%) and a semi-annual inflation rate. Each May 1 and November 1, the Treasury Department announces a fixed rate of return that applies to all I Bonds issued during the six-

month period beginning with the effective date of the announcement.

Twice a year — on the anniversary and semi-annual anniversary of its issue date — the earnings rate of an I Bond will change to reflect an adjustment for inflation. The fixed rate of return, the rate an I Bond earns over inflation, remains the same. For example, let's say you buy an I Bond in October. Your I Bond will grow at the earnings rate announced during the previous May. Six months later, in April, the I Bond will pick up the earnings rate announced in the previous November.

On Nov. 1, 2000, the Treasury Department announced a 6.49% earnings rate for I Bonds bought from November 2000 through April 2001. This rate will apply for the first six months after their issue. The earnings rate combines the

3.4% fixed rate with an annualized rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

I Bonds are sold in denominations of \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000. A single owner can buy up to \$30,000 worth of I Bonds during each calendar year. I Bond earnings are added every month and interest is compounded semiannually. I Bond earnings can be deferred until the bonds are cashed in or they stop earning interest after 30 years. Investors cashing in I Bonds before five years are subject to a 3-month penalty.

I bonds provide peace of mind about the impact of inflation on the value of savings. For example, if inflation averages just 2.5%, in just 10 years it will take \$1.28 to equal today's dollar. In the rare event that the CPI-U goes down so

the decline is greater than the fixed rate, I Bonds will not decrease in value. Instead, the value of the bond will be maintained until the earnings rate again produces an increase in value. Thus, I Bonds protect investors' purchasing power from deflation as well as inflation.

Information about I Bonds is available on the web site www.savingsbonds.gov. The web site includes a "Savings Bond Calculator" to find out what your bonds are worth and what they're earning. You can also download the free "Savings Bond Wizard" to keep track of your savings bond portfolio. The Wizard is a free computer program that helps investors keep an inventory of savings bond holdings and determine their current value.

Information is also available by mail from the Bureau of Public Debt, Savings Bond

Operations Office, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or by phone by calling 1-800-4US-BOND (1-800-487-2663). You can order I Bonds at most banks or through employer-sponsored payroll savings plans. Most banks also serve as paying agents to redeem I Bonds. If they redeem EE bonds, they redeem I Bonds as well.

Inflation-indexed fixed-income investments are a nice compliment to stocks or growth mutual funds in an investor's portfolio. They reduce portfolio volatility while providing an inflation hedge. I Bonds are available in a variety of denominations and are appropriate for five- to 30-year financial goals.

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Identity Theft-Advice For You And Your Employees

AREA — Here's a tip for employers. Whether you employ hundreds of people or just a few, if an employee is the victim of identity theft, it affects your business' productivity. Theft of Social Security numbers is a primary way to steal a person's identity. Here is information to help your employees protect their Social Security number.

If an employee thinks someone is misusing his or her Social Security number, he or she should call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271. They should also file a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Identity Theft Hotline by calling 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

The FTC tracks complaints and will refer your employee's victim complaint to the appropriate law enforcement agency to investigate and prosecute identity thieves.

In addition to the help employees can receive by contacting the fraud hotlines, Social Security can:

- help correct their earnings record, if it is incorrect;

- issue a replacement card, if their Social Security card is stolen;

- determine whether they need a new Social Security number; and

- give information on how to contact each credit bureau and creditor to remove incorrect information from their credit record. (Social Security cannot fix credit records.)

Your employees can help prevent theft of their identity by keeping their numbers and cards safe. Once they provide their Social Security number

to you when they start their job, suggest that they put the card in a safe place and not carry it with them. In return, you should assure them that you will safeguard all their personal information.

You can get information about identity theft and what an employee needs to do from our leaflet, Social Security When Someone Misuses Your Number (Pub. No. 05-10064).

You can get a copy at our website www.ssa.gov, or by calling us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213.

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AREA — "The Social Security Fraud Hotline is available to handle allegations regarding violations of law or regulations that affect Social Security programs," states Dennis Mass, Social Security manager in Elizabeth.

The Social Security Fraud Hotline is operated by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). In fiscal year 2000, OIG obtained 2,604 criminal convictions and recovered more than \$280 million through fines, judgments, restitution and re-

coveries.

You can contact the Fraud Hotline in various ways:

- by phone: 1-800-269-0271 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (EST);

- by mail: Social Security Fraud Hotline, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235;

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN™
"Tomb Raider"

You Won't Dig It



By Michael S. Goldberger

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent



It's a dream come true, if you're a thirteen-year-old boy. Video game heroine Lara Croft, rich and classy but equally sassy, comes to life in "Tomb Raider," fleshed out, so to speak, by Angelina Jolie. Arms and legs whirling in a ballet of martial arts wonderment, her big, shiny, automatic pistols rattat-tatting with feverish intensity, she's just the gal to escort you across the Styx from childhood to teen-agery. You're no sissy if you like her. She is way cool and kicks major league, well, you get the drift.



But this film's attraction is like those high-pitched whistles that only dogs can discern. Except in this case it's solely adolescents who hear the call of "Tomb Raiders." Loaded down with explanatory lore ad nause-

am and suffocated by plot convolutions galore, the whole megillah is lost on the rest of us. We just don't get it. And really don't want to, in a been there, done that sort of way. In fact, if you're an adult, a miscued

drenching in this special effects-laden rite of puberty will have you searching the dictionary for something stronger than boredom to describe the excruciating experience. The French ennui is too polite a description for so tedious an assault on the senses. You never realized that the second hand on your Indiglo watch moved that slowly.

In all fairness, there is a story here. Not much of one and not a very original one, but one just the same. The same goes for the historical development of Lara Croft, a derivative affair at best. Actually Lady Croft, with an 83-room mansion in the English countryside to prove the pedigree, her road to video game stardom is an amalgam paved with the biography of almost every comic-book superhero who ever donned a cape. But lose the cape. After all, it's the 21st century. This no-nonsense femme fatale for the younger set is into Catwoman basic black, the Prada look. And she has no time for secret identities either. Besides, with the pendulum swung to the right these days, there's no need to hide her high birth as well as her agenda behind mask and costume.

One thing, though. Her glare. Miss Jolie adopts an almost leering smile. It's difficult to decide if said look is a slightly sadistic reflection of her joy as she renders pain unto the enemy, or whether the inscrutable expression has far more drastic implications. I've seen that look before and I've always run away. And I'm a lot older than thirteen. But in reminding of Mona Lisa, the attractive actress' glower suggests that maybe we're better off not knowing what da Vinci's mysterious lady was thinking after all.

In keeping with the

Age of Selfishness, Lara's goal to save the world from destruction at the hands of Manfred Powell, a powerful intriguer and would-be dictator, is merely a lucky byproduct of her real objective. And for this contemporary Antigone, that is to preserve the family name and redeem the reputation of her dear old pater, Lord Croft (real-life dad John Voight in a rather smarmy cameo). A simple memorial on the lavish estate informs that he is "missing in the field." To wit: If you're really rich, Egypt and all the rest of antiquity is merely the field. Nice work if you can get it.

Naturally, Lara won't be successful if Mr. Powell has his way. Modestly describing himself as an attorney, the character of power-hungry Powell is the film's living contribution to lawyer jokes. After all, they make great villains in real life. So why not transfer the fact to fiction? Thus, earning the film one of its few plaudits, Iain Glen as Powell is to be congratulated for that thespic accomplishment.

Of course, no film of this sort, good or bad, is without a bone of contention. Mystery writers call it the McGuffin. And in this case it's an ancient clock Lara finds in a secret room that she never knew existed. Bear in mind, she's been living in this mansion her whole life. But no matter, it goes without saying that Manfred Powell, Esq. wants that clock. Because guess what this strange little glowing timepiece can do. Very good! Yes, whomever possesses the clock controls time, and hence with it the power of life and death. "He will be G-d," exclaims Powell, the tone of his voice decidedly

more assertive than informative. You can't say this fellow doesn't have ambition.



Once all this gobbledygook is established, the battle between opposing camps takes place in and around the tomb where, lo and behold, resides the main whirligig. It's an elaborate, planetarium-like affair with the sort of Victorian influences you'd be more likely to expect in an H.G. Wells tale by way of Rube Goldberg. As the story goes, the contraption corresponds to the positions of the planets. Put the special clock in its place at exactly the right moment and the aforementioned command of destiny is yours. But don't mess up unless you've got 5,000 years to spare. That's how long it'll be before the planets will again be in proper alignment (the sneaking suspicion is there'll be a sequel before then).

The fighting intensifies as the witching hour nears. And in keeping with the video game that inspired the whole shebang, an endless legion of faceless bad guys pops up from every crevice like ducks in a shooting gallery. No surprise, they are promptly and vigorously dispatched by the indomitable Lara, aided and abetted only by the two or three silly young men who double as her butler, valet and techno-wiz geniuses. Yet for all the film's pretensions of cutting edge hipness, in the end director Simon West's shoot-em-up winds up back at the same stand-off that's been wrapping up action pictures since time immemorial. It's Lara vs. Powell. The traditional Good vs. Evil. The idea is right. The execution is horrible. Well, at least this time it's not decided by a Supreme Court decision.

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"Tomb Raider," rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by Simon West and stars Angelina Jolie, Iain Glen and Daniel Craig. Running time: 101 minutes

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Special Olympics Inspirational Athletes Celebrate Golden Moments

AREA—Together, Michael Gordon of Old Bridge and Robin Smith of Newark have competed in Special Olympic New Jersey games for almost twenty years. Between them they have many golden moments to reflect on and they are looking for more in their future; both will compete in the Special Olympic World Games held in Alaska.

Michael competes in speed skating and equestrian events. When he is not involved with sports, he enjoys working with younger disabled children and studying computers. Robin also

competes in speed skating. She loves the freedom she feels when she is on the ice.

In honor of these fine athletes, a limited edition Golden Grahams cereal will be on sale at ShopRite Supermarkets. This special box was made available through a cooperative effort between General Mills, manufacturer of Golden Grahams and Wakefern Food Corporation, the warehousing and distribution arm for ShopRite Supermarkets. Michael and Robin were chosen for this honor because of their many years with Special Olympics New

Jersey and for the long-term commitment they have given to their sport.

This is the 13th year that Wakefern Food Corporation has supported Special Olympics New Jersey. What began with 20 Associates handing out ice cream samples in 1988 has grown into six hundred volunteers and trailers full of food and prizes. The volunteers serve lunch, run games in Olympic Village town, teach supermarket skills or don one of over twenty costumes (including Mr. Peanut, the Keebler Elf and McGruff the Crime Dog) to enter-



tain the athletes and their families.

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Six Area Students Are Contest Winners

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Middlesex Water Company, a water utility supplying water to a population of 212,000 in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, has announced winners of its "Design a T-Shirt" Contest. The Company sponsors a different contest each year to encourage in children an awareness of water as a precious resource.

The contest encouraged students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades to design a water-related T-shirt based on one of two themes: "Water, Every Drop Counts!" or "Water, the Liquid of Life!" More than 900 students from area schools participated. The six winning students were invited to the Company's Open House at its Water Treatment Plant, where they each received Certificates of Achievement and U.S. Savings Bonds. Students were also presented with T-shirts bearing their award-winning designs.

Contest winners are as fol-

lows: Lorena DeJesus, Holy Spirit School, Perth Amboy, Grade 5; Lance DuChemin, Perth Amboy Catholic Middle School, Perth Amboy, Grade 6; Jessica Gabat, St. Bartholomew's, East Brunswick, Grade 4; Sarah Jelley, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Edison, Grade 6; Tara Negron, Colonia Middle School, Colonia, Grade 6 and Johnathan Schurr, JFK Elementary School, South Plainfield, Grade 4.

Middlesex Water Company hosts plant tours year round and visits area schools to inform students about wise water use and ways in which everyone can contribute to safe drinking water.

Middlesex County Company, organized in 1897, is an investor-owned water utility and is engaged in the business of supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes.



WINNERS AMASH IN CREATIVITY—J. Richard Tompkins, Chairman of Middlesex Water Company (C.) congratulates winners of the Company's Design a Water T-Shirt Contest. Winners are (L.-R.) are: Lance DuChemin, Grade 6, Perth Amboy Catholic Middle School; Sarah Jelley, Grade 6, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Edison; Jessica Gabat, Grade 4, St. Bartholomew School, East Brunswick; Johnathan Schurr, Grade 4, JFK Elementary School, South Plainfield; Lorena DeJesus, Grade 5, Holy Spirit School, Perth Amboy; and Tara Negron, Grade 6, Colonia Middle School.



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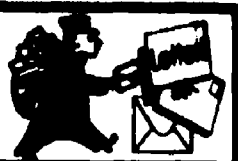
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EDITORIAL

Readers Commentary



Cell Phones Endanger Children

Dear Editor,

The television show, REAL TV, known for its participants portrayal of dare devil stunts should air a segment on car phone users as they wreak havoc on our roadways.

Hand-held cellular phones, certified for emergencies, are being used in the same manner as home appliances. Motorists can be found employing these devices during their commutes, differing from other infractions in that a phone tete a tete exceeds many minutes whereas simple acts of carelessness occur for mere seconds in time.

What of the children? How

many times must they be put at risk while the orator gabs excessively with another "important call?"

Why is it that we report a persons' threats against us but we tolerate one whom will not pry themselves away from using a contraption which endangers scores of humanity daily?

Hefty fines and motor vehicle points for anyone caught handling a cellular phone while driving are mandatory. That conversation you must partake in isn't worth jeopardizing another's life for. Or is it?

Pete Wagner
Colonia

Debt Of Gratitude

Dear Editor,

Once again the senior citizens of Woodbridge Township owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mayor Jim McGreevey and his people for the wonderful gift we received a few weeks ago, a free defibrillator.

Each of the senior clubs in the Township now have this great life-saving device in case of an emergency. We cannot thank enough the corporations who donated the money to buy

these units for us.

We also must thank Councilwoman Caroline Ehrlich who led the effort to raise the money and who also arranged to have us trained in how to use them.

What a great place to live. We are in a town where the government really cares about people and helping them every way they can.

Roland Mastapeter
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ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another..." That phrase is easily recognizable as the first sentence of the Declaration of Independence. They are powerful words that call to free people everywhere.

Unfortunately, the great story of how America gained its independence is too often forgotten. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were rebels. They risked everything for the ideas they believed in. How many of us are willing to do that today?

We may forget why the Declaration of Independence was necessary in order for America to gain it's own sovereignty. We forget that America was not handed it's Independence--a long and nasty war was fought for the right to live as a free people.

At the time, Great Britain was the Superpower and America was just a colonial backwater that was controlled from thousands of miles away.

America was small and had no military to speak of. There wasn't even a United States of America. Colonial America was a loose affiliation of states, much like today's European Union.

The Declaration of Independence began a series of events that we would later recognize as the beginning of a solid foundation for a great nation. What began as a group of men telling a king in so many words, "We're not gonna take it anymore," grew into a thriving democracy that has lasted over 200 years.

Taking the historical context of the Declaration into consideration, it is interesting to consider that were the Declaration written on July 4, 2001, it might not look the same. Although we still share the same principles and beliefs in the underlying message of the Declaration, if we had to rewrite it, there might be a lot of changes. America has changed and many of the things written in the Declaration of Independence just wouldn't fly today.

For example, in today's PC world "All men are created equal..." might be written, "All people are created equal, no matter their gender, race or creed." Writing that people are

"endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights..." might not fly today out of concern for atheists.

How about the statement, "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government..." Today, that sounds like a terroristic threat.

My point here is not to advocate any re-write of the Declaration of Independence. Far from that, my goal is to encourage people to read it in the context of the times. Thomas Jefferson and the members of the Continental Congress took a big gamble on that document. It was treasonous, it was terroristic, it was outrageous. But it was right. And because of their bravery, we have the country that we do today.

The Fourth of July isn't only about fireworks and barbeques, but that is how we celebrate the holiday. But let us remember to look at the past and realize where we have been and where we are headed. We can look to the past and appreciate the sacrifices that have been made for us to enjoy our freedoms and liberties. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

The District Of Hypocrisy

The setting: a certain east coast city, run by liberals, which had started to convert a vacant firehouse into a shelter for homeless women, most of whom were minorities. Officials overseeing the construction had spent \$440,000 of federal grant money on the project--when, abruptly, work was called off.

Turned out, the shelter's location was a big "oops." Local officials "belatedly realized" the shelter was being built next to the site of 765 luxury apartments. The apartment developers complained, and pronto, city officials did their bidding. Officials suddenly "discovered" the shelter lacked an environmental clearance, lacked an affirmative action plan, lacked a pre-construction conference and whatever other excuse was handy. They shut the shelter down

quicker than you could say, "get lost!" and city officials put the homeless back in their place. The 90 women affected by this reversal are now shoved into seven seedy trailers.

The city's deputy mayor for economic development admitted the women had to be relocated because the shelter "conflicts with the mayor's vision for a residential community." In other words, the winners of life's lottery will get their luxury apartments--homeless women get the shaft.

This is a true story, folks, which took place in the city whose proud motto proclaims, "Justice To All." A city run exclusively by "benevolent" and "caring" Democrats. That city? Washington, D.C.

In the interest of our readers, and to better serve you, every week, we run "Sniglets" and "Letter from Trenton" by John Wisniewski. Please, feel free to comment on these and any other columns we publish. If there is something you would like to see here, let us know.....

~Editor~

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Community Celebration--A Real Life Saver

Dear Editor,

On behalf of this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life committee, I would like to thank the residents of Middlesex County for their generosity and support. Approximately 400 people and 33 teams participated in this year's event at The Club at Woodbridge, raising more than \$60,000 for lifesaving American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy and patient services.

A special thanks to the many Relay For Life volunteers who worked to make this event a success. The Relay For Life committee did an outstanding job of pulling the community together and we would not have been able to do it without them. I would like to personally thank Charlie Heppel, James Batista,

Carole Hila, Billy Vezzosi, Irene Conte and Billie ReCorr, who served on this year's committee.

We also appreciate the generosity of this year's major sponsors--Sovereign Bank and The Club at Woodbridge--for their contributions and participation in this year's Relay For Life.

Again, thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society, and remember, it's not too early to become involved in Relay For Life for next year. To find out how, contact your local American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Ray Zirpolo
Chairperson
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Relay For Life

OBITUARIES

Terry L. Tiffany, 50 of Iselin

Mr. Terry "Tiff" L. Tiffany of Iselin died May 24 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. He was 50.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., he lived in West Palm Beach, Fla. and Rahway before moving to Iselin in 1988.

He was a self-employed fencing contractor for many years.

Mr. Tiffany was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Rahway.

Surviving are his wife, Patty Disney Tiffany; four sons, Terry of Huntington, W.Va., Jason, Donald and Neil, all of Iselin; a brother, Timmy Mulhern of Rochester, N.Y.; two sisters, Shelly and Cindy, both of Rochester; two grandchildren, Luke and Taryn.

George Textores, 71 of Iselin

Mr. George Textores of Iselin died May 25 at home. He was 71.

Born in Newark, he lived in Elizabeth before moving to Iselin 47 years ago.

He was employed by the Mohawk Construction Co. in Linden for 32 years before retiring as a general supervisor in 1985.

He was a military policeman in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Mr. Textores was a volunteer at the St. Cecelia's Church fair and a third degree member of the St. Cecelia Knights of Columbus, Iselin.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Cron and Mrs. Cynthia Mazza; two sons, Michael and Kenneth; a sister, Mrs. Jean Donnan; and seven grandchildren.

Pauline M. Bradley of Edison

Ms. Pauline M. Bradley of Edison died June 8 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 54.

Born in Belleville, she lived in Kearny before moving to Edison 10 years ago.

She was a meat wrapper with ShopRite supermarket in Kearny for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lisa A. Arvanitakis; her father, Joseph Bradley; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Ippolito, Mrs. Linda Noone and Mrs. Carol Caprio; and two grandchildren.

Lillian Oldenboom of Woodbridge

Mrs. Lillian Greiner Oldenboom of New Port Richey, Fla. (formerly of Woodbridge) died June 6 at Community Hospital, New Port Richey. She was 91.

Born in Woodbridge, she lived there until moving to Florida in 1970.

She was employed by the U.S. government as a bookkeeper for the Army at Raritan Arsenal for 15 years until 1955. She had also worked as a sales clerk for Christensen's department store in Woodbridge for many years.

Mrs. Oldenboom was a communicant of St. James R.C. Church, Woodbridge.

Her husband, Marinus Oldenboom, is deceased. She was also predeceased by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Greiner; four sisters, Anna Lauritzen, Edith Dietz, Helen Powers and Florence Olsen; and four brothers, Woodrow Greiner, Louis J. Greiner, Charles J. Greiner and Peter Gaynor.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Salvatore Remite of Colonia

Mr. Salvatore Remite of Colonia died June 7 in Rahway Hospital. He was 63.

Born in Elizabeth, he moved to Colonia in 1966.

He was a drafting supervisor for Bethlehem Steel in Elizabeth, where he worked for 30 years before retiring in 1986.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Janice; a son, Joseph; a daughter, Mrs. Donna Handel and four grandchildren.

Robert J. Ivan, 63 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Robert J. Ivan of Howell (formerly of Perth Amboy) died June 12 at CentraState Medical Center, Freehold. He was 63.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in Tinton Falls before moving to Howell two years ago.

He was a 1956 graduate of Perth Amboy High School.

He received a B.S. degree in marketing from Rider University, Lawrenceville.

Mr. Ivan owned and operated Allied Beverage Distributors in Perth Amboy for more than 40 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church and Holy Trinity R.C. Church, both in Perth Amboy.

His father, John Ivan, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Helen (Banas) Ivan; his mother, Helen (Fuzi) Ivan of Middletown; his sister, Louise Ivan of Denver, Colo; and a nephew, Michael Medvig.

Helen Sukunda, 74 of Colonia

Mrs. Helen Sagin Sukunda of Colonia died June 10 at home. She was 74.

Born in Johnstown, Pa., she resided in Colonia for the past 47 years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Sukunda was a member of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret and belonged to St. Ann's Auxiliary and the Sisterhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

John McGreevey of Port Reading

Mr. John "J.J." McGreevey of Port Reading died June 9 in Perth Amboy. He was 61.

Born in Jersey City, he moved to Port Reading 32 years ago.

He was a member of the Teamsters Union for 42 years, most recently Local 641, he was employed by Yellow Freight of Pine Brook for 14 years.

Previously, he worked for Davidson Transfer in Jersey City for 20 years, until the company closed in 1981.

Mr. McGreevey was a member of the Knights of Columbus Don Bosco Council, Port Reading and the Moose Lodge 193, Linden.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Barbara L.; two daughters, Connie McGreevey and Mrs. Jacqueline Scognamiglio; a sister, Patricia McGreevey and a brother, Hugh.

S. Koropatnick, 81 of Avenel

Mr. Stanley John Koropatnick of Avenel died May 29 at Overlook Hospital, Summit. He was 81.

Born in Newark, he lived in Avenel for 35 years before moving to Toms River 16 years ago.

He was employed as a tool and die maker for more than 50 years, retiring from Rotuba Extruders, Linden, in 1985.

Mr. Koropatnick was a communicant of St. Maximilian Kolbe R.C. Church and St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church, both in Toms River.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a corporal in Belgium, Germany and France. He was a life member of the Avenel Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7164.

Mr. Koropatnick also belonged to the St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus Council 5088, Avenel.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Anne Melnicavage Koropatnick; two daughters, Valerie A. Koropatnick of Burlington, Vt. and Marlene Wurtzbacher of Summit; a brother, John Koropatnick of Toms River; a sister, Anna Giezey of Toms River; and a grandson, John Wurtzbacher.

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Anonymous

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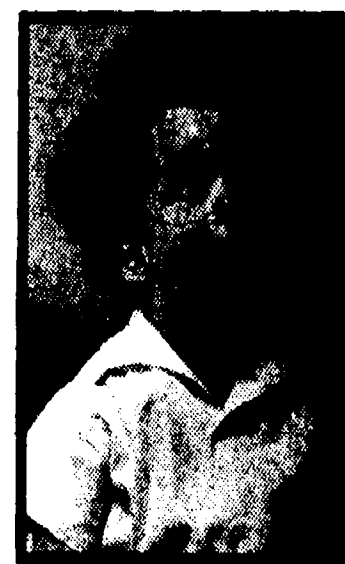
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Danielle Rondinone, daughter of Michael and Grace Rondinone of Edison. She plans to

Danielle da Costa, daughter of Manny and Cindy da Costa of Edison. She plans to enter

FDU's Pre-Law program. *Anthony DePasquale*, son of David and Cheryl DePasquale of Carteret. He plans to major in

Carl Gurney, son of Carl A. Gurney and Denise Haag of Woodbridge. He plans to study for a liberal arts degree.

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Danielle da Costa



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