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Wisniewski Honored By Firefighters

SAYREVILLE—One of the state's largest and most active firefighting organizations has chosen Assemblyman John Wisniewski as this year's recipient of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association's (NJ-SFMBA) Legislator of the Year for 2002.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to work with this state's firefighters who are the backbone of our communities and readily respond to our emergency needs on a moment's notice," said Wisniewski (D-Sayreville).

"As shown by the bravery of the firefighters who responded to the World Trade Center terrorist attack, these men and women willingly put their own lives in harms way

to save another. They are true American heroes and should be whole-heartedly supported."

Wisniewski will receive the award on Sept. 17 at the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association's 106th Annual Convention at Trump Marina Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

Wisniewski—who has developed a reputation as one of the Legislature's leading advocates for firefighters since first being elected in 1995—also serves as the Chairman of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission.

"Emergency services personnel are a community's first line of defense when faced with an emergency situation and deserve to be held in the

highest esteem," said Wisniewski. "By addressing their needs, we ensure the safety of the community and the firefighters who serve it."

Wisniewski has sponsored laws to increase the maximum age for the appointment of an exempt firefighter, better define the command structure in multiple-town responses to fires and other emergencies, and create a state loan program to cover the costs of installing sprinkler systems in dormitories and other student housing facilities.

Most recently, Wisniewski has sponsored a law that will give the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA) an additional year to develop a mandatory certification procedure for people who install,

repair, service, inspect and maintain fire protection equipment.

The measure also extends the membership of the Fire Protection Equipment Advisory Committee which make recommendations to the DCA Commissioner regarding the rules and regulations pertaining to professional training, standards, identification and record keeping procedures for certified fire equipment handlers.

Wisniewski also has sponsored legislation that would mandate basic training for newly-appointed entry-level firefighters, prohibit water utility standby fees or charges for fire protection systems and permit municipalities to offer prescription drug benefits to

certain retired volunteer firefighters and emergency aid volunteers.

"Firefighters are an indispensable part of every community's fire safety efforts," said Wisniewski. "I look forward to continuing to do my part to ensure that these fire departments have the necessary tools to complete these goals and protect our communities."

The New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association was first organized and established on Dec. 11, 1897. Since its inception, the NJSFMB has grown to include 106 Fire and EMS locals and maintains an active membership of over 5,000 career personnel.

Perth Amboy Investing Over \$2 Million For Lead Removal Projects

PERTH AMBOY—Perth Amboy is now in the process of investing over \$2 million into removing hazardous lead-based paint conditions in residential homes in conjunction with the state and federal government as well as local property owners. The city has been awarded a total of \$725,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program and \$388,747 from the NJ Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Lead Based Paint Abatement

Program to undertake the removal of hazardous, lead-based paint in several multi and single-family dwellings.

Both funds, however, are being administered through the DCA. However, the actual investment in improving these hidden, but highly hazardous conditions, reaches over \$2 million, as each property owner is required to provide a minimum 25 percent match of the HOME funds received. In most cases, the property owner is investing a significantly higher dollar amount than the minimum requirement, for a total of nearly \$1.2 million in private investments.

Three of the five projects that have received funds are presently completed or nearing completion. Two five-unit rental buildings on Smith Street have received \$60,000 each from the LBPA fund. However, the building at 271

Smith Street has received \$100,000 in HOME funds, while the building at 424-426 Smith Street has received \$125,000.

The city is now in the process of administering the funds to rehabilitate two new buildings—a 15-unit rental building on Gordon Street and a single-family rental home on Brace Avenue. The 15-unit building has received \$159,630 from the LBPA fund and \$275,000 in HOME funds. The single-family home has received \$19,117 in LBPA funds and \$25,000 in HOME funds.

The two programs are designed to provide safer, healthier living conditions for lower income families, particularly those with children. Children are known to be the most susceptible to lead conditions. In fact, according to the NJ Department of Health and

Senior Services, 1.7 million children nationwide have been affected by lead poisoning. High levels of lead in the body can have permanent effects on

a child's brain and other organs and neurological damage can show up in some children as learning difficulties and behavioral problems.



WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT—Pictured L-R: South Amboy Mayor John O'Leary, David Delvecchio of Devcor and Susan Ney, Assistant Deputy Director of Project Development for the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA). The \$10 million check from CRDA will be used to purchase land and redevelop the South Amboy waterfront. The check presentation was made aboard a SeaStreak Commuter Ferry. SeaStreak's South Amboy terminal, which opened in February, is the only commuter ferry service from Middlesex County into Manhattan. It is the first piece of the renaissance of the City's waterfront.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

MCEOC Program Offers Children Head Start

NORTH BRUNSWICK—For more than 37 years, the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) Head Start program has provided a safe and nurturing environment to children of income-eligible families and to children with special needs. Head Start is a federally-funded child development program for children three to five years old.

The Agency is currently accepting applications county-

wide for available openings at its 15 centers. Some of the centers offer year-round children's programs and extended hours, to meet the needs of working parents. Middlesex County children will be placed based on available openings at each center. The fall term begins on Sept. 17.

"Children thrive and learn best in a nurturing environment," said Carol Kempner, MCEOC Head Start Director. "The Head Start program was

designed to meet children's intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs and to enable parents to meet these needs."

According to Kempner, the MCEOC Head Start program offers classroom education, medical, dental and mental health services, nutrition, transportation and family services at no cost to income-eligible families, per 2002 Federal Guidelines. In addition, children with special needs, regardless of income eligibility, are welcomed into an inclu-

sive classroom setting. MCEOC Head Start Centers are licensed by the Bureau of Licensing of the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.

"Head Start addresses the needs of families as a whole. Parents are able to go to work, school or other training programs during the day while their children receive the best possible experiences Head Start can offer," said Kempner.

In all, MCEOC operates 15 county-wide Head Start Centers, which can accommo-

date a total of 650 children. For more information or to enroll a child, contact MCEOC's main office at (732) 846-6600, ext. 217, or contact the Family Service Worker at your local Head Start Center.

The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency, whose programs assist households in Middlesex County and Central New Jersey.

Hospital Community Day Features Harry Carson

HOLMDEL—Bayshore Community Hospital invites the community to attend their 30th Anniversary Community Day and Health Fair on Sept. 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Featured this year, is a special meet and greet guest appearance and signing session with former NFL Hero, Harry Carson (from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.), a 5K road race, 3K walk, free barbecue, kids half-mile race and kiddie dash.

Beginning at 10 a.m., enjoy free health screenings including: asthma, laser imaging for plastic surgery, osteoporosis, blood pressure and a special

screening by the American Cancer Society for facial skin sun damage. Lots of free health information will be available. DJ music, free giveaways and plenty of things to keep the kids busy including: a giant inflatable slide, castle maze and moonwalk; clowns, balloon animals, pony rides and more. And don't forget the free BBQ that begins at 11 a.m.

Make sure to pre-register for Bayshore's 30th Anniversary 5K run and 3K walk which begin at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration for both is \$15 per participant if postmarked by Sept. 10 and \$20 the day of the race. A



Former NFL Giants great, Harry Carson, will be on hand to meet and greet fans during Bayshore Community Hospital's 30th Anniversary Community Day festivities.

registration fee of \$8 is required for the Kid's Half Mile Race for children ages 6-12, which begins at 10:15 a.m.

The Kiddie Dash, for children ages 6 and under, requires a registration or fee and will begin immediately following the Kids' Half Mile.

All races commence from the parking lot behind the Hospital and proceeds will benefit the Bayshore Community Hospital radiology services expansion.

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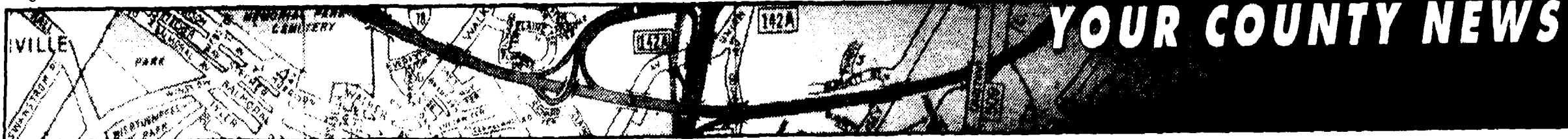
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REBELing For Clean Air—No If, Ands, Or Butts

EAST BRUNSWICK — The Middlesex County REBEL Chapter recently participated in a beach clean-up at Keansburg Beach and Boardwalk. Along with chapters from Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset Counties, Middlesex REBEL collected over 2,000 cigarette butts. The event involved 150 teens and over 3 hours of litter patrol.

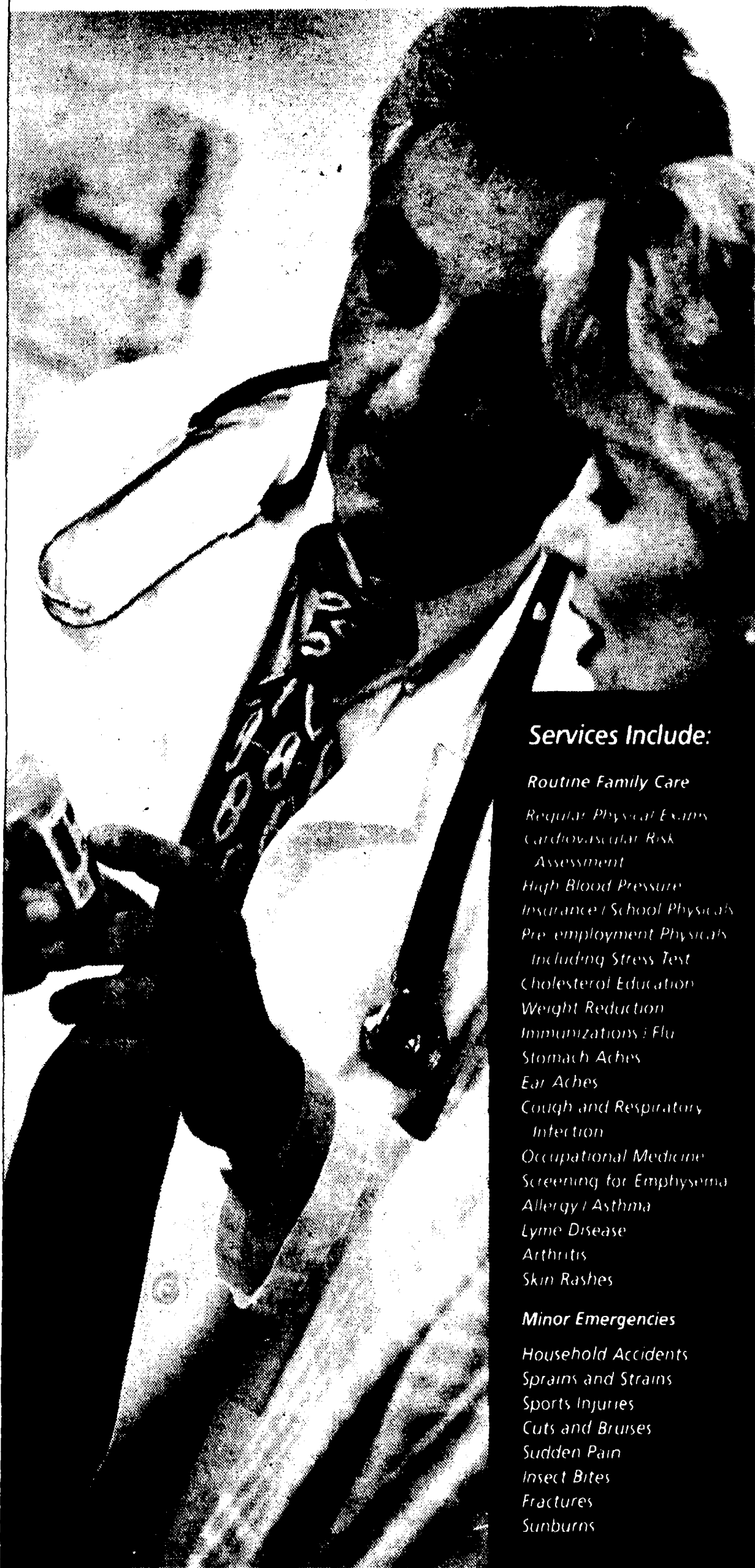
The event was to highlight REBEL's "Spare the Air: It's What We Breathe" campaign. The campaign is designed to fight against Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS), which causes about 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually among adult non-smokers. Unfortunately, those most affected by ETS are children, who show increases in respiratory infections, cases of asthma, hospital admissions and ear infections. Keansburg Mayor Michael Minervini and Freeholder Amy Handlin were both present at the event and praised REBEL for saving lives and saving the environment by fighting against ETS.

This event was part of a broader statewide clean-up activity comprised of all 21 New Jersey counties. Other locations targeted for clean-up that day included Liberty State Park and Wildwood Beach. All together, 17,327 cigarette butts were collected by REBEL members.

Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies (REBEL) is a statewide anti-smoking youth movement developed to empower youth to prevent and reduce the spread of tobacco use among their peers and other members of the community. This activity is supported by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program, coordinated by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Middlesex County, Inc., and funded by the Master Settlement Agreement.

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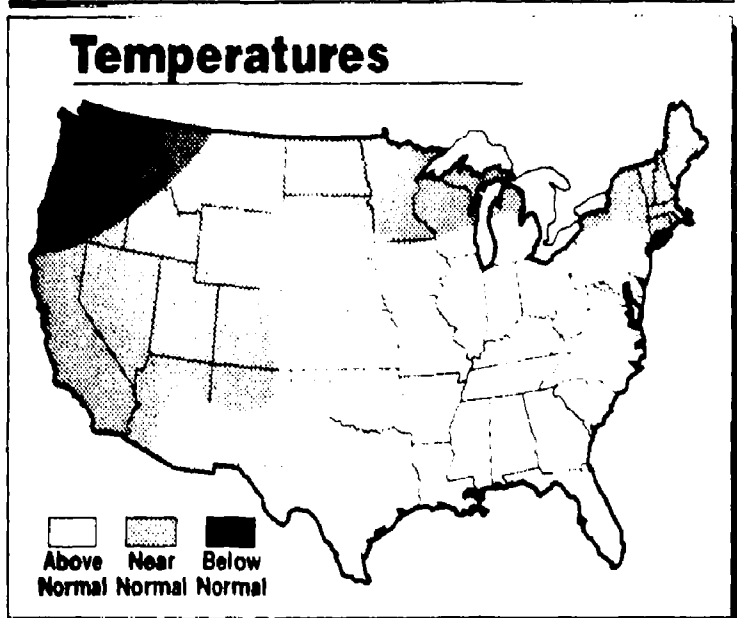
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy; rain for a while.	Cloudy with rain.	Rather cloudy and humid.	Rather cloudy and warm.	Rather cloudy and warm.	Mostly cloudy and humid.	A few showers and humid.	Humid with a few showers.
76	65	81/66	84/65	80/71	84/69	87/70	84/69

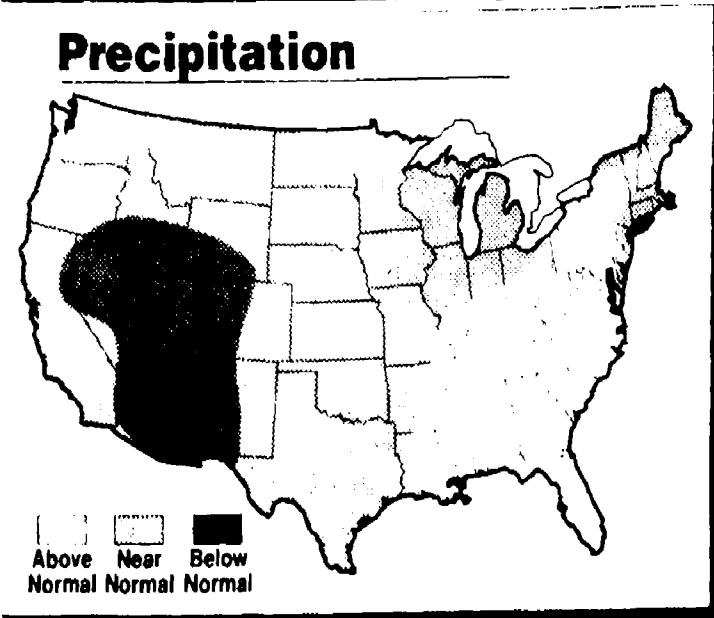
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

A ridge of high pressure will keep the eastern half of the nation unseasonably warm. The warmest weather will be found across the Plains, where temperatures are expected to average 10 to 15 degrees above normal. Showers and thunderstorms will bring rain to the Southeast and Middle Atlantic. Cool air will begin to push southward into the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountains.

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	85 68 pc	86 68 c	85 68 c	86 69 c
Boston	70 60 sh	72 60 c	76 62 pc	77 71 c
Chicago	80 64 pc	82 66 pc	84 66 pc	86 68 pc
Cleveland	78 62 pc	80 62 pc	80 62 pc	80 64 pc
Denver	82 56 s	84 58 pc	86 58 pc	83 60 s
Des Moines	84 62 pc	84 63 c	84 63 pc	86 65 t
Detroit	78 62 pc	78 62 pc	80 62 pc	82 66 pc
Houston	96 74 s	96 74 s	94 76 s	93 71 pc
Indianapolis	84 64 pc	85 64 pc	82 64 pc	83 66 pc
Kansas City	86 62 s	86 64 pc	88 64 pc	86 68 pc
Los Angeles	77 63 s	79 61 s	81 62 s	81 61 s
Miami	89 78 t	90 79 t	87 79 t	91 76 pc
Minn.-St. Paul	80 62 pc	78 58 t	78 60 pc	82 62 pc
New Orleans	90 74 t	92 74 t	92 74 pc	90 75 c
New York City	74 66 r	78 68 c	80 68 c	80 73 c
Omaha	84 64 pc	86 64 pc	86 62 pc	88 64 pc
Phoenix	102 80 pc	102 80 pc	104 82 s	104 80 s
San Francisco	76 56 s	73 56 s	71 56 s	73 54 s
Seattle	76 56 pc	74 56 pc	70 54 c	72 53 pc
Washington	76 68 r	80 68 c	84 70 c	82 73 c

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:21 a.m.	7:34 p.m.
Fri.	6:22 a.m.	7:33 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	10:56 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
Fri.	11:28 p.m.	1:37 p.m.

Moon Phases			
Last	New	First	Full
Aug 13	Sep 30	Sep 6	Sep 21

Weather (W):
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,
c-cloudy, sh-showers,
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	73 57 pc	73 63 pc	73 60 c	71 52 pc
Berlin	79 63 pc	77 59 pc	74 62 c	73 51 pc
Buenos Aires	61 46 pc	61 43 pc	53 34 pc	56 39 s
Cairo	97 67 s	96 67 s	95 68 s	92 70 s
Jerusalem	85 58 s	88 61 s	86 61 s	83 59 s
Johannesburg	61 53 c	75 53 s	74 51 pc	66 55 r
London	77 64 pc	75 64 pc	74 63 r	73 55 c
Madrid	81 53 pc	85 55 pc	91 61 pc	90 63 pc
Mexico City	75 52 pc	74 51 pc	72 57 c	74 56 r
Moscow	74 58 c	79 59 pc	75 58 c	68 52 r
Paris	73 53 pc	75 56 pc	76 56 s	78 58 pc
Rio de Janeiro	78 66 pc	80 70 pc	80 69 pc	76 67 c
Rome	74 62 t	77 63 c	78 62 pc	77 64 pc
San Juan	89 77 s	89 78 t	90 78 pc	89 76 pc
Seoul	86 71 pc	86 70 pc	83 68 s	84 70 s
Sydney	66 47 pc	71 50 pc	75 55 pc	70 55 c
Tokyo	85 75 c	85 75 pc	84 76 sh	82 75 t
Toronto	78 60 pc	76 62 pc	75 63 c	80 61 pc
Winnipeg	77 53 pc	69 60 sh	77 59 pc	68 51 sh
Zurich	71 60 r	72 56 pc	78 59 pc	78 61 c

To submit items for the Community Calendar, e-mail them to

carolynnjean@yahoo.com or fax them to 732-388-4143 attention: Community Calendar. Items must be received at least 10 days before desired publication date.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 from 7:45 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. — The JFK Medical Center Foundation will host the JFK Annual Golf Classic at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club in Edison. The cost to participate is \$500 per golfer and includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks, as well as a dinner reception, awards ceremony and surprise gifts. Call (732) 632-1540 for more information.

September 7 from 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. — The Inman Avenue Association will hold its Semi-Annual Townwide Cleanup of Colonia. Anyone interested in volunteering, call Charlie Shaughnessy at (732) 388-9646.

September 7 from 8 p.m. — Midnight — St. Stan's Polka Party will be held at St. Stan's Auditorium, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Advance tickets are \$11 per person and tickets at the door are \$13 per person. Mass will be featured at 5:30 p.m. in the school gym. For tickets, call Connie at (732) 651-6391 or the church office at (732) 254-0212.

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POPCORN

"The Adventures of Pluto Nash"

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Is there a more talented comedian with a more lacklustre film career than Eddie Murphy? Probably. But then that wouldn't serve the thesis of this film criticism. So just play along. Otherwise I have no review and you're on to the obits. And anyway, my rather sad postulation about a brilliant young comic who sells his artistic soul to Hollywood in return for riches isn't far from accurate. You see, while Mr. Murphy is no doubt enjoying that proverbial laugh all the way to the bank, he apparently isn't saving much in the way of guffaws, chuckles and titters for us. Crack a smile during a showing of "The

Adventures of Pluto Nash," his latest foray into the realm of formulaic funniness, and you're probably thinking about something else...like how good it will feel when the movie ends.

An uninspired farce about gangsters of the future trying to muscle-in on a nightclub owner, director Ron Underwood's laugh-deprived effort takes place in Little America, our first colony on the moon. There, in the year 2080, title character Murphy runs the Club Pluto. A former reprobate who, aided by his robot Bruno (Randy Quaid, as an outdated model '62), made quite a reputation for himself

as a smuggler, Mr. Nash now plays it straight. He wants nothing to do with the heavies who wish to buy him out.

Here's the thing, though. While gambling is about to be banned on Earth, chances are it'll be legalized on the moon. So these bad guys won't be taking no for an answer. Expect the usual gunplay as Murphy's Pluto Nash tries to defend his club and the moon colony itself from mob domination.

To say that the jokes in screenwriter Neil Cuthbert's script are tired could only be perceived as a compliment. That would at least indicate that the film contains said cackle-producing items. But they are a rarity in "The Adventures of Pluto Nash," tired or otherwise.

And unfortunately, this moon-based misfire is not so bad that it's good. It's just plain bad. Yet it is nevertheless

amusing to wonder what they were thinking when they decided to place this old saw in a mock futuristic setting. Hokey and simplistic, it plays like a primer on how the mob takes control of things. Just imagine. Someday, a student at Harvard learning about how the gambling capitals of Las Vegas and Atlantic City came into being, might excitedly blurt out, "Hey, I saw this in an Eddie Murphy movie when I was a kid."

Its educational value aside, one is hard put to find redeeming value of any sort in Mr. Murphy's latest film. And that includes his acting. What's missing in "The Adventures of Pluto Nash," aside from an engaging plot, decent direction and good acting, is likeability. After all, who is this guy in outer space trying to hang on to his nightclub? Why should we care about him? He isn't particularly intriguing or dash-

ing. And his romantic interest in Dina Lake (Rosario Dawson), a would-be chanteuse waiting tables at Club Pluto, couldn't even register a lukewarm on the penny arcade's love meter, no matter how hard they squeezed.

The sad fact is, the personal affiliation Mr. Murphy once sowed with his audience has been supplanted by Eddie Murphy the franchise. And despite how well he has entertained us in the past, we don't owe him a laugh. Especially when he presents us with something that makes "The Jetsons" (1990) seem like high art.

"The Adventures of Pluto Nash," rated PG-13, is a Warner Bros. release directed by Ron Underwood and stars Eddie Murphy, Rosario Dawson and Randy Quaid. Running time: 95 minutes

Choral Society Celebrates 40th Year

AREA—Singers, all voices, are invited to join The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, Inc., in celebrating its 40th Anniversary Year. Under the direction of James S. Little, the Choral Art Society, a non-profit community chorus, is dedicated to the study and performance of great choral works.

Rehearsals are held weekly on Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m. from Sept.-May and take place in the choir room of The Presbyterian Church, Westfield, located at the corner of Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street. The season's first rehearsal is on Tuesday, Sept. 3, with registration and music purchase starting at 7:30 p.m. Singers interested in joining are invited to attend a rehearsal and meet with James S. Little, the Society's musical director.

The 2002-03 Season will start on Friday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. with the Annual *Messiah* Sing at the First Baptist Church, Elm St., Westfield.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, the Society, along with orchestra and guest soloists, will perform J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion* at The Presbyterian Church, Westfield. Saturday, May 10, 2003, the Society's 40th Anniversary concert will be a performance of Handel's *Judas Maccabeus*, also at The Presbyterian Church, Westfield.

The Choral Art Society, whose members come from Union, Somerset, Bergen, Hudson and Middlesex counties, originated in Sept. 1962, as The Suburban Symphony Chorus under the direction of Peter Sozio. In Sept. 1963, Evelyn Blecke became the

director and in 1964 the chorus found an independent organization under its present name. Blecke served the organization as director for 32 seasons, fol-

lowed by Thomas Booth and Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth, for two seasons each. James S. Little is starting his fourth season as Musical Director.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Bayshore Wound Care Center® Archives Healing Outcomes**

HOLMDEL Millions of people throughout the United States suffer from chronic non-healing wounds. They frequently affect the elderly, who comprise the most rapidly growing segment of the population, and account for a disproportionately large share of total U.S. health care expenditures.

Chronic wounds are most common among people with diabetes, venous insufficiency (a circulatory disorder) and patients who are immobilized and at high risk of developing pressure ulcers. In the U.S. alone, there are over 16 million

people with diabetes. Up to 15 percent of this population suffers from chronic nonhealing wounds. Another 2.5 million people in this country are estimated to have chronic wounds caused by prolonged pressure on the skin. Roughly, half a million people in the U.S. are afflicted with venous ulcers resulting from venous insufficiency.

Bayshore Wound Care Center, is a service of Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, www.bchs.com The Wound Care Center is a comprehensive outpatient center that provides a

thorough diagnostic appraisal of the wound and the patient, followed by a carefully designed case management program. The interdisciplinary medical team is lead by Randy Shafritz, M.D., and a board certified vascular surgeon. The team also includes general surgeons, infectious disease specialists, podiatrist, and nurses, all with advanced training in Wound Care Management.

The Bayshore Wound Care Center is pleased to announce for the second quarter of 2002 that their Healing Outcomes are 84 percent, according to Michael Schutsky, the Center's Program Director. Bayshore Wound Care Center is affiliated with Curative Health Services, www.curativehealth.com, the national leader in wound care management and is the only Center serving Monmouth,

Ocean, Mercer and Burlington Counties in New Jersey.

Bayshore Wound Care Center is located at 719 North Beers Street, Suite 1c, Holmdel, conveniently located two miles from exit 117 on the Garden State Parkway on the Bayshore Community Hospital campus. To call for an appointment, call (732) 203-9780 or 1-800-991-HEAL. Wound Care Center® is a Curative Network Member.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Adds MRI Services In Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY—Raritan Bay Medical Center's inpatients and outpatients can now have magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) tests conducted on-site at the Medical Center's Perth Amboy Division. In April, Raritan Bay Medical Center opened a mobile MRI unit adjacent to the hospital's blue wing entrance, connected to the hospital by a seamless corridor for easy access. This marks the first time Raritan Bay has offered MRI services in Perth Amboy.

In the past, patients were transported to an off-site location for their testing. This new

unit greatly increases convenience and ease of accessibility and enables physicians to receive MRI results more rapidly.

"MRI testing has become an intrinsic part of medical practice," said Stephen Warren, MD, chair of the radiology department. "Having MRI services at Perth Amboy allows physicians to provide the finest care, in a timely manner."

Offering MRI services at Perth Amboy Division has been under review for some time. "One of the most important considerations were determining if the hospital in Perth

Amboy has space available for the unit," said Maria D. Pagano, vice-president, OBD and clinical services. "It was determined that a mobile unit was the most appropriate way to provide this service in a timely manner."

The MRI mobile unit is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and is located adjacent to the blue wing entrance. For scheduling, contact coordinator Mike Connelly at (732) 324-6055. A physician's referral is required for scheduling.

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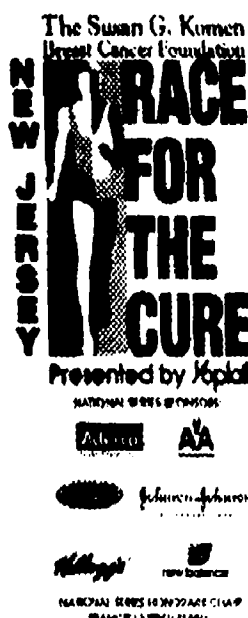
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**Sunrise Assisted Living Hosts Agewiseliving Workshop**

EAST BRUNSWICK — Sunrise Assisted Living of East Brunswick (190 Summerhill Rd.) invites the public to attend a workshop, titled "Is it Forgetfulness or is it the Real Thing? Accommodating and Managing a Loved One's

Memory Impairment," on Monday, Sept. 9, beginning at 7 p.m.

AgeWiseLiving, LLC, based in New York City, will provide an overview of warning signs of memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's dis-

ease, information on the diagnosis process, how to make home a safe and confusion-free place, how to assure that a loved one gets the best care possible, and more. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 4, to Sunrise of East Brunswick at (732) 613-1355.

Tourette Syndrome Association Meets

AREA — The Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey-Middlesex/Union will meet on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at 65 James Street, Edison at the Neuroscience Institute of JFK Medical Center.

Cheryl Meehan from Arizona will speak on her challenges with TS and her healing process through alternative means.

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Stender Advises Home Buyers: Be Educated Consumers

AREA—New Jersey is one of the most expensive states to live in and the situation will not improve in the near future. However, there are a few important things a prospective homeowner can do to better prepare themselves.

"Dangerous business practices such as predatory lending make performing preliminary research essential for consumers," said Stender (D-22). "New home buyers should educate themselves on their rights so that they are more prepared for the home-buying process."

In order to become well informed, consumers should enroll in a home buyer education and counseling program.

Certain mortgage companies require new applicants to complete these courses so that they are better aware of the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in the home-buying process.

"Anyone looking for a local home buyer education and counseling program can contact their local municipality's planning and development office for help," said Stender. "Any

bank's mortgage officer can also recommend programs to you."

Mortgage companies examine potential home owner's credit history, income, employment history, debt to income ratio, and assets during the application process.

"New Jersey may be one of the most expensive states to live in, but owning a home is still a vital and accessible part of the American dream," said Stender.

Union County Seniors Learn About Their Finances

UNION Stewart A. Ritter, Senior Vice President of Investments at Prudential Securities in Westfield was the featured speaker at a recent meeting of the Union Township Active Retirees.

The members of the organization, who attended the meeting, enjoyed Ritter's unique combination of energy, substance and humor. The audience was educated on a number of ways in which every person can easily become smarter about money and investments and made aware of the necessary steps to take when gaining control of your own individual finances. The tone of the seminar was educational, focusing on practical and useful topics for senior investors such as how to hire a professional financial advisor.

Ritter is a well-known Financial Advisor in Union County. His written articles on investing have appeared in the Union Record Press, Westfield Leader, Cranford Eagle, and a number of

other publications. He also writes a regular investment newsletter titled, "Stew's Views," as well as a special newsletter for seniors, "Stew's Senior Views," which is available to the general public, free of charge.

Ritter has developed a specialty for addressing the unique issues facing senior investors. He is dedicated to teaching those who want to become smarter investors and has assisted over 500 investors to help them protect their principal and obtain their long term financial goals. He has lectured on financial topics for the Union County and Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Associations, the Scotch Plains Lions Club, as well as other organizations.

Clubs and organizations interested in utilizing Ritter's services can schedule an appointment by contacting his Senior Marketing Coordinator, Rose DeSimone at (908) 789-7827.

What? Me Retire?

by Dennis Mass

Social Security Manger

Retirement isn't what it used to be.

Just the other day I read that some experts think we may retire from our primary careers at age 60-65...and then go on to another career doing something else, something totally different, maybe part time. One poll found two-thirds of baby boomers who plan to work after retirement will do so not just for the extra money, but because they want to work.

That rings true to me, for a couple of reasons.

First, the big gains we've seen in medical research will probably mean even longer and more vital lives.

And secondly, many people will want to do more than sit in an easy chair. One guy I know of retired from a job in banking where he worked about 37 or 38 hours a week, and felt worn out at the end of the day. But he retired only to take up his real interest, cabinet making. He now works about 60 hours a week and loves it.

Of course, people might wonder just what these new work possibilities might mean for their Social Security checks. And I am always happy to explain that the news is good all around.

After you reach the full retirement age (now age 65), you can collect all of your Social Security retirement benefits even if you decide to keep working, no matter how much you make. In fact, while you're get-

ting those monthly benefits, you also may be increasing your future benefit amounts.

Here's why.

Each year you work adds another year of earnings to your Social Security work record. Your retirement benefit payments are figured on the highest 35 years of your working lifetime. Quite possibly the money you are making at 66, 67 or older will be more than you made 30 years ago. While you're working and receiving benefits, Social Security will review your earnings record each year to see whether you're due an increase in your monthly benefit. If so, we'll send you a notice telling how much your benefits have increased.

And there's also another way you can work past your full retirement age and increase your

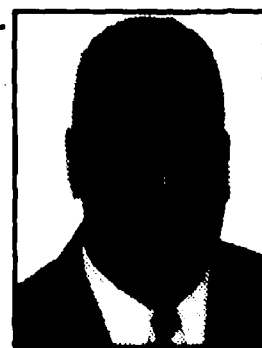
Social Security benefits. Just postpone getting any Social Security retirement benefits immediately. Each year you work increases your eventual benefit amount by a certain percentage until you're age 70. For example, if you were born in 1943 and 1954, your full retirement age will be 66. If you continued to work up to age 70, you would receive four years worth of credits and your benefit would be about 32 percent larger. That's quite a difference.

Before you make any retirement decision, we encourage you to visit www.saa.gov and check out the Social Security Benefits Planner.

It will help you calculate your benefits using different retirement situations, including one in which you just don't retire at all.

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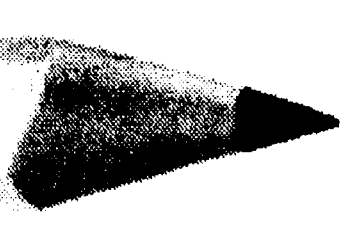
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Back to School



A Homework Assignment For Parents And Children: Exercise

AREA These days children do not get much after-school exercise beyond surfing the Internet, playing video games or watching television. In fact, according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) nearly half of American youths do not meet the standard recommended activity levels. As a result, children are missing out on many of the health benefits associated with regular exercise including weight control and reducing the risk of diabetes and heart disease.

"Be a healthy role model for your children," said Gerard Malanga, MD, Director of Sports, Spine and Orthopedic Rehabilitation at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, one of the nation's leading

providers of physical rehab services. "If your child sees that you are physically active and having fun, they are more likely to be active."

Physical activity need not be strenuous to be beneficial. In fact, current recommendations state that children and adults should strive for at least 30 minutes of daily moderate-intensity physical activity such as brisk walking, jogging, swimming or jumping rope.

"If possible parents should try to schedule activities in ten or fifteen minute blocks of time throughout the day to help reduce fatigue, frustration and, even, boredom," stated Dr. Malanga. "The overall goal is to make physical activity a way of life."

Although, health benefits

can be achieved simply from becoming more physically active, the greatest benefits come from engaging in planned and structured exercise. The best way to accomplish this is to get the whole family involved by planning activities that can provide everyone with exercise and enjoyment. For example, take a hike, play a game of tag or organize a neighborhood-sporting event.

With any form of physical activity, it is important to keep in mind the following safety guidelines recommended by Dr. Malanga:

• **Warm up/Cool down.**

Gradually begin and end your exercise session with five minutes of light intensity activity such as walking at a slow pace. It is also important to stretch after your activity to help increase flexibility and prevent muscle strain.

• **Proper equipment.** Make sure both you and your child wear activity specific safety gear. For example, helmets for bike riding and elbow and kneepads for inline skating.

• **Exercise intensity.** A good rule of thumb is the talk/sing test. If you or your child is breathing too heavily

to sing, but still able to talk, the intensity is good.

• **Prevent dehydration.** Drink water before, throughout, and after exercise. A good rule of thumb is to take a water break every 15 minutes. Therefore, if you're leaving the house, bring water with you.

• **Don't over do it!** Exercise should stop immediately if you or your child experiences any of the following symptoms including pain, headache, dizziness, nausea and/or severe fatigue.

"Childhood is the best time to start forming healthy exercise habits," noted Dr. Malanga. "By teaching your child the importance of exercise, you can instill fun and healthy habits that will last a lifetime."



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AREA With school back in session, the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club has important information for parents. The big yellow bus is by far the safest way to send your child to school.

An independent study, conducted by The National Research Council (NRC) for the Department of Transportation, examined the ways that children travel to and from school and found that:

• Buses account for 25 percent of all trips, but only 2 percent of children's traffic related deaths.

• Teen drivers account for 14 percent of trips and 55 percent of traffic deaths.

• Crashes with adults driving account for 20 percent of students' deaths.

• Children walking to school accounted for 16 percent of deaths.

• Crashes involving children



riding a bike to school accounted for 6 percent of deaths.

"School buses are required to meet more Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards than any other type of motor vehicle. By all measures, they are the safest vehicles on the roadway," said Michele Mount, the Club's manager of public affairs. "If you can send your child to school on the bus, you should do so," she stressed.

By contrast, the most dangerous way for your child to travel to school is with a teen driver. Older students often resist taking the bus and opt to ride to school with friends and siblings, instead. However, New Jersey's newly enacted graduated driver's license, or GDL, restricts drivers under 18 from carrying multiple passengers. "The best transportation choice for teens is the bus," said Mount. "It's safer, and reduces the temptation to violate the passenger laws associated with the GDL."

If you can't send your child to school on the bus, the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club

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Back to School

Grading Teachers Fairly

by Dr. Dorothy Rich
President, Home and
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To judge whether a teacher is good, bad, or in between, you don't need to be an expert on education. As a teacher, I give parents clues on who to look at and grade my work when they visit my classroom.

That's why I tell parents to visit their children's school and classroom as soon as possible in the new school year.

Parents should schedule a visit and expect to spend a few hours in the classroom. They have to see the teacher and classroom in action to really know how to grade it.

Here are my basic clues for parents. You'll have your own to add.

- Don't be impressed with my bulletin boards or with whether the desks are neat and

the room is quiet. Some of the best learning in my classroom goes on with students making noise or even laughing.

- Assess: Is there a feeling of security among the students? Do I encourage divergent opinions and answers, or am I "answer pulling," looking for the exact one I have in mind?



- How do I treat "wrong" answers? Do I discard them? Do I try to point out reasons why one answer is better than another?

- How do I treat "difficult" children, and what do I define as "difficult." It's possible that your children, on their problem days, may get similar treatment.

- Look carefully at my personality and me. I need not be beautiful. Yet like all good teachers, I need to convey to students qualities of optimism and encouragement.

- Try to come back to see me more than once. If you come away pleased with what

you've seen, tell me. We teachers need praise, too. If something upsets you, discuss it with me first.

- Try not to tear down teachers in front of your children. This doesn't mean you need to whitewash the school and blame children when they come home complaining about something. Yet, agreeing with the children that teachers are "stupid" or "dull" defeats any good purposes.

- Watch out especially for phone conversations, when children can overhear parents complain about the "boring" homework they have been assigned. Instead talk to someone at the school, where it can do some good.

- For the best evaluation, look to your children. Are they interested in learning? Are they eager to go to school? When this is happening, the school year is good. When it isn't, there is trouble...trouble that all of us...students, parents and teachers--need to pay attention to.

Dr. Dorothy Rich, founder and president of the nonprofit Home and School Institute, is the creator of the trademarked MegaSkills program for character and academic development used by the National Education Association and school districts in more than 4,000 schools.

Are You Interested In Learning Chinese?

CRANFORD—Beginning this fall, Union County College is offering a course of study in Mandarin Chinese (Modern Standard Chinese). The course, "Beginning Mandarin Chinese I" (CHN 101), is designed for students who have had little or no previous exposure to the Chinese language. Hanyu Pinyin, the internationally recognized system of phonetic spelling for Mandarin Chinese, will be used as an aid to pronunciation in the class. The course is designed to provide a solid foundation in pronunciation, grammar and proficiency in the four language skills of understanding, speaking, reading and writing.

In the spring semester, "Beginning Mandarin Chinese II (CHN 102), will be offered. It is the follow-up course to "Beginning

Mandarin Chinese I" and will focus on building up vocabulary and sentence patterns. Students in this course will be expected to perform role-plays to carry out conversations in Mandarin Chinese on a variety of topics. The course will also require students to understand, speak, read and write all new words that are found in the textbook, workbook and other materials.

In addition to Mandarin Chinese, Union County College offers language courses in French, German, Italian and Spanish.

For more information on registering for the Mandarin Chinese course or any course at Union County College, contact the Office of Recruitment at (908) 709-course to "Beginning 7518.

The Big Yellow Bus Is Your Child's Safest Ride To School

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offers advice to keep children safe during school commutes.

Educate your kids on safe biking and walking habits. If they bike, make sure their helmet fits properly, the bike is in good working order and they understand basic traffic safety rules. If your children walk, show them the safest route and take "practice trips" so you can point out possible traffic hazards. Also, form "walking schools buses," where an adult walks a group of children from a meeting point at school to their homes.

If parents drive children themselves, or opt to carpool, make sure that children under the age of eight who weigh less than 80 pounds are properly secured in a booster or car seat. For assistance in choosing and installing car seats, contact the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club at (973) 245-4860 to locate a AAA-certified child passenger safety technician in your area.

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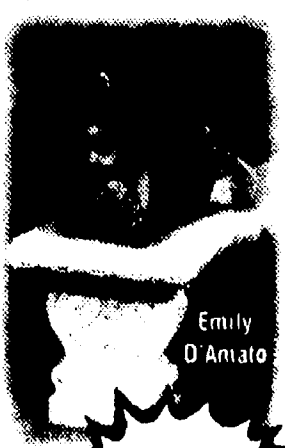
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**JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
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Back To School Safety

As the summer winds to a close, many parents take a deep sigh of relief because it's almost time to send the kids back to school. From kindergartners on up to those who are college bound, the approach of September signifies a return to the class room. This generally causes a change in schedule for most. And it should include a revision to your family's safety plan.

There are steps that families and children of all ages can take to avoid danger when kids go back to school this September.

Children who are just starting school are facing a whole new environment. Part of preparing your child for this experience is talking about a safety strategy. Make sure your child knows not to accept rides from strangers. It is also useful to establish a code word with your child so that they can differentiate between someone you may have sent to pick them up or a random stranger. Make sure they know that their teacher is someone they can trust to tell them if something out of the ordinary happens.

Encourage older children to walk or bike with a friend or in a group. Remind them of the basics: not to talk to or go anywhere with a stranger. If they

see someone who doesn't look like they belong around playgrounds or yards, let them know they should tell an adult. A useful strategy is to role play an encounter with a stranger to allow them practice in case they are approached.

Safety is not only important for kids in grammar and high schools. For many college students, their days at university are the first ones they spend away from home. It is important to prepare them for their independence by reminding them to always lock their doors, not to walk alone at night, and to be cautious about whom they let into their rooms.

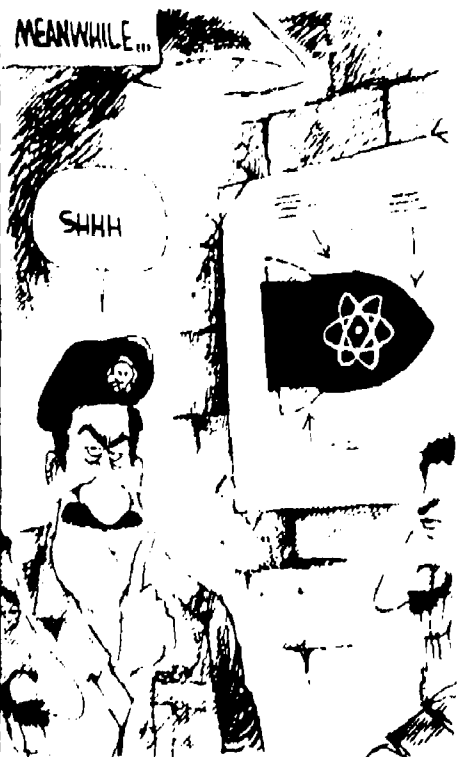
No matter what age your child is, it is crucial that you talk to them about staying safe. While you don't want to scare them, it is important to discuss the issue of strangers so your child will know how to react if confronted by one. Teach your children to trust their instincts. They should know that if someone makes them feel uncomfortable, it's probably not a safe situation.

Above all else, talk with your children. Establish a dialogue wherein you and your child can regularly discuss what it means to be and stay safe. A useful place to start is at www.mcgruff.org, where kids and parents can learn and talk about tips for staying safe. For more information, please contact my District Office at 732-316-1885. Best wishes to all students for a safe and successful school year.

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Readers Commentary

Why The Telethon Is My Favorite Show

by Charo

It's almost Labor Day, and you know what that means!

That means it's time once again for me to help my good friend Jerry Lewis with his annual labor of love: the Jerry Lewis Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

This year will be the 37th Labor Day Telethon - can you believe it? Thirty-seven years of staying up all night bringing wonderful entertainment to audiences across the United States and Canada - along with important news about progress against neuromuscular diseases.

Now, I haven't been doing Telethons as long as Jerry Lewis - no one has - but I'm proud to say I've performed on 22 MDA Telethons. During that time, we've had a lot of fun together - and we've raised a lot of money to help fight neuromuscular diseases.

And let me tell you, MDA has put all that money to good use. They've got some of the smartest scientists in the world looking for treatments and cures for more than 40 different neuromuscular diseases. And to help people who are

living with these diseases today, MDA has 230 clinics across the country.

People sometimes ask me, "Charo, why do you still go on the Telethon every year?" Well, let me tell you.

I once met a little girl on the Telethon. She was maybe 3 years old, and she was showing the first signs of muscular dystrophy. She looked at me with the most beautiful little face you ever saw, and she told me she was going to be a dancer. And she believed so strongly that, because of Jerry Lewis and the Telethon, she was going to be all right.

That little girl really made me think about how lucky I am, because I get to dance and sing and make people happy - just as she wanted to.

We should support Jerry Lewis and the MDA Telethon because it's a very important and serious and honest-to-goodness organization, and it helps a lot of people every day.

In order to keep all the MDA clinics open, and to keep all those scientists working in their labs, MDA needs our help - now, more than ever. That's why I'm hosting videotaped segments for the

Telethon from the Las Vegas Sahara Hotel and Casino featuring my new show, "Bravo," and some great friends, like Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, Ronn Lucas, Clint Holmes and the Scintas family.

There'll be fun... there'll be laughter... there'll be wonderful music... there'll be cuchi-cuchi... and that's just my part. Just wait until you see what Jerry Lewis has in store for the rest of this year's show.

So please watch the Telethon on Sept. 1-2 (check local listings for time and station). And when you do, call in and pledge as much as you can to support MDA. Your donations give hope to many, many people and their families.

A musician/composer/comedienne extraordinaire, Charo has released several albums featuring salsa-disco, flamenco and classical guitar music, and appears frequently on television. She serves MDA as a national vice president.

Charo currently stars in "Bravo," a variety show she developed, featuring contemporary Latin music, dancing and comedy. "Bravo" is performed in the Congo Room at the Las Vegas Sahara Hotel and Casino.

Get Your Children's Eyes Examined Before School Starts

Dear Editor,

As the hot days of summer draw to a close and the beginning of fall is nearby, many parents (including myself) are preparing their children for the beginning of the school year. While we spend hours purchasing school supplies including: paper, pens, calculators and other items, many people neglect one of the most important tools in the learning process which is a healthy pair of eyes. A children's eyesight is pivotal in the learning process. For this reason, I am encouraging all parents to arrange for your children to have a comprehensive eye examination before the start of the school year.

The visual acuity screening administered in most schools assesses only if the eyes are seeing clearly. A comprehensive eye examination not only

assesses whether the eyes are seeing clearly, but also how the eyes function together. The ability of the eyes together is what makes the process of vision and learning possible. A comprehensive eye examination measures the eyes' ability to work together, to focus properly and to move together in activities such as across a page of print or reading from a chalkboard. In addition, a comprehensive eye examination will diagnose diseases and abnormalities of the years. Some of these conditions can be present even when there are no symptoms.

Children suffering from undetected vision problems can have many difficulties in school. Some signs that your child may be experiencing vision difficulties in the classroom include: trouble finishing written assignments, losing

his/her place when reading, having a short attention span when doing close work, skipping words when reading, making errors when copying from a classroom board and having greater potential than grades may indicate.

A comprehensive eye examination will help you make your child's time in the classroom more productive and rewarding. It is never too early to check your children's eyes. In order to find an optometric physician in your area, visit the website at <http://www.eye-care.org> or contact the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians at (609) 671-0900. Best wishes for a productive school year.

**Christopher J. Quinn,
O.D.
President
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Optometric Physicians**

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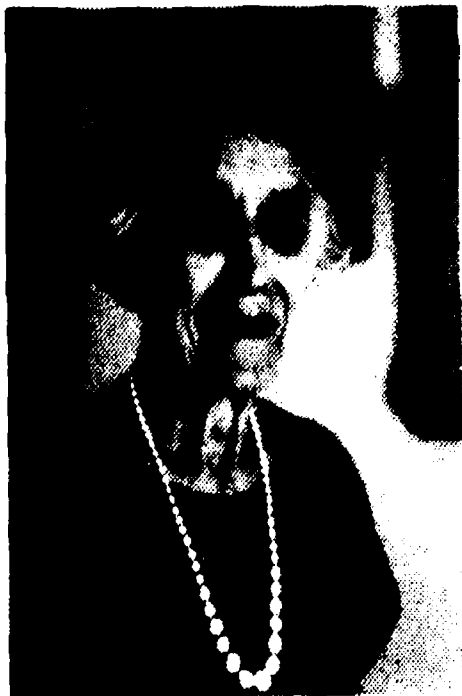
YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Brickman Legacy Fund Launches WHW Capital Campaign

METUCHEN—When Dr. Leo Brickman's family gathers for a memorial service on Sept. 1 to unveil his grave stone, two simple engraved words will describe the man they adored...Loving and Brilliant. "His initials said it all," said Molly Brickman of Highland Park, Leo's wife of 59 years.

And it was because of that special mix that the research scientist who died November 2000 left behind a legacy of generosity and commitment to a better world with his bequest to Women Helping Women, the Metuchen based social service agency. The Leo Brickman Legacy Fund is now being used to launch the 27 year old agency's first capital campaign.

"Dr. Brickman's generosity has laid the foundation which will enable Women Helping Women to purchase a new



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN BEGINS—Molly Brickman stands among some of the many works of art that she and her husband Leo collected. Women Helping Women's Leo Brickman Legacy Fund is launching the non-profit agency's first capital campaign.

building and create The Women Helping Women Center," said Melissa Higgins, executive director. "We have definitely outgrown our cozy little house

"We have definitely outgrown our cozy little house on Main Street and need a larger space which would enable us to expand our programs and services to meet the ever-growing community need."

on Main Street and need a larger space which would enable us to expand our programs and services to meet the ever-growing community need." Since 1988 Women Helping Women have provided affordable counseling and support services to more than 5,000 individuals a year from its building at 224 Main Street, Metuchen. Prior to that, the agency was housed for 13 years at St. Luke's Church on Oak Avenue.

The agency's unique programs and services are crucial to women, young children and teens struggling with issues relating to domestic violence, sexual abuse, divorce, depression, loss, self-esteem, peer pressure, relationships and addiction.

A Metuchen resident for nearly 45 years before moving to Highland Park in 1994, Dr. Brickman had a long career as a research scientist at Johnson & Johnson. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, he graduated from high school at age 14. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Manitoba. He won a scholarship to McGill University, where he received his doctorate in chemistry in 1940.

For more information about contributing to Women Helping Women's Capital Campaign or to leave a bequest, call Arlene Klemow, director of development at (732) 549-6000.

Fall Senior Program For YMHA

PERTH AMBOY On Wednesday, Sept. 4, the YMHA will hold their first Senior Club meeting of the new season.

Interested potential members are invited to attend to find out about the coming season's activities, to listen to members and guests suggestions for programs, entertainment and trips. A light, free lunch will be served.

Guests are requested to call the Y so that space may be reserved for them at (732) 442-0365. It's a good opportunity for a group to come in with their own ideas! Dues are only \$35; Monday lunches are \$1.75 and Wednesday light lunches are free. There is never a charge for a party and entertainment and transportation is available to non-drivers only at no charge. The YMHA serves the whole Perth Amboy area and all the Woodbridge towns, plus parts of Edison, Parlin, Sayreville and Old Bridge.

The Y is located at 316 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy. Call now if you want more information.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Carden Pledges To Preserve America's Retirement Program

AREA—Tim Carden, 7th District Democratic Congressional Candidate was recently joined by local leaders at the Somerset County 4-H Fair to discuss the importance of Social Security to local retirees and supporters on the birthday of Social Security, America's retirement program. Since its inception 67 years ago, Social Security has lifted millions of seniors out of poverty and allowed them to retire with

financial security. "As I go door-to-door in the district, I am told over and over that the threat of privatizing Social Security is of utmost concern," Carden said. "I have assured everyone that I support efforts to protect Social Security and I urge retirees, as well as young people, to voice their opposition to attempt to decrease benefits and increase risk by privatizing Social Security," said Cohen. In July 2001,

Mike Ferguson voted to support Bush's push for Social Security privatization, Carden said.

"No matter how you phrase it, privatization means Social Security benefit cuts," Carden said. The Bush Commission plans would cut Social Security guaranteed benefits by nearly 17 percent for today's 35-year-old worker and 41 percent for the very young. These benefit cuts

apply to everyone. Workers who do not want to invest would still face large cuts in benefits and so would workers and families collecting disability benefits (www.cbpp.org).

Nearly one in six New Jersey residents—1,348,996 individuals—receives Social Security benefits. Among these are 926,548 retirees, 125,692 people too disabled to work and family members who rely on a retired, disabled or

deceased worker for income, including 199,822 spouses and 96,934 children.

"The people of New Jersey deserve to know that if they work hard, Social Security will be there for them," said Carden. "Since 1935, Social Security has allowed generations of retirees to live with independence and dignity. We need to make sure that we strengthen and preserve it for generations to come."

Homecoming 2002 To Bring Rutgers Alumni Together

NEW BRUNSWICK — Culminating in a gridiron dual between the Scarlet Knights and the Black Knights, Rutgers' annual homecoming festival will feature a weekend of exciting and entertaining activities Sept. 13-15. "Un-knighted on the Banks" is this year's theme as thousands of graduates celebrate the state university that gave them an excellent education, friends and hundreds of memo-

ries. The highlight of the weekend takes place Saturday, Sept. 14, as the Scarlet Knights take on the Army Black Knights in a football match beneath the lights of Rutgers Stadium. Kick off is at 7 p.m.

Prior to the game, alumni, their families and friends are invited to gather at Festival Fields directly across from Rutgers Stadium for food, music, games and socializing beginning

at 4 p.m. The Rutgers Glee Club, Queens' Chorale and Alumni Band will provide entertainment, along with jugglers, clowns and magicians. The popular Rutgers Kids Zone, featuring King Arthur's castle adventure, will again be part of festival activities. There is no admission charge to Festival Fields.

Special discounted tickets to the game are available to alumni. To order tickets, call (732) 445-2766 between 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 13, the Rutgers University Alumni Federation will host its annual Alumni Meritorious Service Awards Dinner at Neilson Dining Hall on the Douglass campus. Eight individuals will be honored for their faithful volunteer service in support of alumni and university activities. The weekend concludes with the annual Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament at the Rutgers Golf Course on the Busch campus, Sunday, Sept. 15.

New Law Protects Residents During Heat Waves

STATE—Acting Governor John O. Bennett signed into law legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Wilfredo Caraballo and John Burzichelli that would require utility companies to continue electrical service during heat waves for people protected under the Winter Termination Program on Aug. 6.

Bennett was serving as acting governor while Governor James E. McGreevey was out of the state.

The measure (S-83) also sponsored by Senators Robert Singer and Bennett (both R-Monmouth), directs the state Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to create regulations requiring electric utility companies to maintain electric service to Winter Termination Program customers when the heat level on any given day rises above a predetermined threshold. This measure allows people most at-risk from heat-related illnesses—the elderly and disabled—to run an air conditioner regardless of their outstanding financial debts to the electric provider.

"Each summer we read about people dying from heat stroke because of inadequate ventilation in their homes," said Caraballo (D-Essex). "We must ensure these tragedies don't happen because a person didn't have electricity to turn on an air conditioner."

Utility companies are often forced to turn off electric service to customers who are delinquent in paying bills. This measure does not relieve people from paying their outstanding debts to their electric utility; however, it ensures that they have electricity to run an air conditioner on the hottest days of the year. The BPU would determine what constitutes a hot day.

The Winter Termination Program compels utilities to annually provide heat from November 15 through the following March 15 to the elderly, disabled or those facing specific financial hardships. This law affords these customers the same protection during the hot summer months.

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OBITUARIES
Rita A. O'Toole, 73
of Sayreville

Mrs. Rita A. (Wieczorkowski) O'Toole of Sayreville died August 11 at home. She was 73.

Born and raised in South Amboy, she lived in Sayreville for the past 37 years.

Before retiring in 1990, she was employed by Dr. Harold McKenna, M.D., in South Amboy.

She was previously employed by South Amboy Memorial Hospital for 30 years as a supervisor in the operating room. She had also worked in the operating room at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Mrs. O'Toole was a 1949 graduate of St. Peter's School of Nursing, and was a member of St. Peter's Nurses Alumnae Association.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church in South Amboy, she served on its Stewardship Committee and as a trustee on the Finance Committee.

Her son, the Rev. Eugene J. "Chip" O'Toole, died in 1996, and a brother, Frank Wieczorkowski, died in 2000.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene L. O'Toole; a brother, Joseph Wieczorkowski, of Toms River, and her sister-in-law, Greta Wieczorkowski of Monroe.

Myron Wolansky, 81
of Carteret

Mr. Myron Wolansky of Las Vegas, Nev. (formerly of Carteret), died August 14. He was 81.

Born in Carteret, he lived there many years until moving to Las Vegas.

He was a World War II Navy veteran serving in the Pacific Campaign.

Mr. Wolansky was a member of Theodore Roosevelt Free and Accepted Masons, Carteret, and a member of the Star Landing Veteran of Foreign Wars Carteret.

Retiring in 1987, he was a painter for 22 years with the Local 159 and also worked at the Sands Hotel.

His sister, Sophie Chabena; two brothers, Basil Wolansky and Harry Wolansky Jr., are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Ethel Walling Wolansky; a sister, Mary Wrubleyski of South Plainfield; and nine nieces and nephews.

Josephine M. Skrocki
of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Josephine M. Skrocki died August 17 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 90.

She was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

Mrs. Skrocki was a registered nurse. She retired in 1962 after many years as the nursing supervisor at Perth Amboy General Hospital, (the forerunner of Raritan Bay Medical Center).

She as a member of the New Jersey State Nursing Association, she served as secretary of District 4 until her retirement.

She belonged to the Alumni Association of the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing.

Mrs. Skrocki was a parishioner of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy, and was a member of the Rosary Altar Society of the St. Stephen's Seniors.

Her husband of 42 years, Fred C. Skrocki, died in 1980. four sisters, Regina (Bruc) Werbowski, Freda Floersch, Jeanette Cone and Martha Fritsche; and three brothers, John, Narczy and Leo Konopka.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Calabrese of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Fred J. Skrocki of South Plainfield; three granddaughters, Robin Skinner of Greeley, Colo., and Sheryl Lapp and Beth Skrocki, both of South Plainfield; two grandsons, David Calabrese of Denver, Colo., and Michael Calabrese of Eugene, Ore., and two great-grandchildren, Jared and Wren Skinner.

Albert E. Matefy, 87
of Carteret

Mr. Albert Emil Matefy of Trumbull, Conn., (formerly of Carteret) died August 17 in St. Vincents Medical Center, Bridgeport, Conn. He was 87.

Born in Trenton, he lived in Carteret and Cranbury before moving to Trumbull.

He owned Bills Superette, Carteret, and the Holiday Cocktail Lounge, Woodbridge.

Mr. Matefy was also a postman in Port Reading before retiring.

Mr. Matefy was a member of a Masonic lodge and received the title of Master Mason at his 50th anniversary.

He also was a member of the Carteret Craftsman Club, and the Lions Club and the Elks Club in Woodbridge.

Mr. Matefy was a former cubmaster of Pack 182 and a champion shuffleboard player at Rossmoor in Monroe.

Surviving are his wife, Millicent; sons, Robert and Denys, and three grandchildren.

Helen Lupkin, 84
of Edison

Mrs. Helen Lupkin of Edison died August 11 at home. She was 84.

Born in Newark, she lived in Hillside and Irvington before moving to Edison 17 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Louis; daughters, Arlene Minuskin and Susan Childs; a son, Edward; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Lucille Ford, 85
of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Lucille Ford died August 16 at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy. She was 85.

Born in Pikes County, Ala., she lived in Perth Amboy since 1963.

She was a member of St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Perth Amboy.

Her two sons, John Matthews, J.W. Ford, and a daughter, Emma Brumfield, are all deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Wille Ford of North Carolina, and James Riggins of Irvington; a daughter, Mary Riggins of Perth Amboy; a sister, Rose Lee Riggins of Perth Amboy; a brother, G.W. Riggins of Alabama; 18 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mary Radd, 80
of Edison

Mrs. Mary (Haszara) Radd of Edison died August 11 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was 80.

Born in Raritan Township, she lived in Edison until the time of her death.

Mrs. Radd was a retired assembly worker for Westinghouse Corp. in Edison.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Radd of Edison and Robert Radd of Warrentown, Mass.; and two sisters, Betty Davis of Colorado and Helen Snowhill of Cape Cod, Mass.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Chester P. Zaleski
of Metuchen

Mr. Chester P. Zaleski of Metuchen died August 17 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Metuchen since 1959.

He was formerly employed as a printer for the Woodbridge News Tribune.

Mr. Zaleski served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946.

He was a communicant of St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen.

His wife, Rosalie (Dwyer) Zaleski, died in 1999; a son, Raymond, died in 1979; two sisters, Josephine and Jane, and two brothers, William and Peter, are also deceased.

Surviving are his daughter, Roseanne Zaleski of Metuchen; his sons, Robert Zaleski of Raleigh, N.C., and Daniel Zaleski of New York City, and his grandchildren, John Zaleski, Julia Zaleski and Luke Spaltro.

Richard P. Drahos
of Edison

Mr. Richard P. Drahos of Edison died August 11 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 65.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in Edison since 1969.

He was a clerk at the Edison Post Office for 32 years before retiring in 1997.

Mr. Drahos served in the Army during peacetime.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's R.C. Church in Edison.

Surviving are his wife, Judith (Rubarski) Drahos; two sisters, Margaret Dugas of Fords and Loretta Dwyer of Piscataway, and many nieces and nephews.



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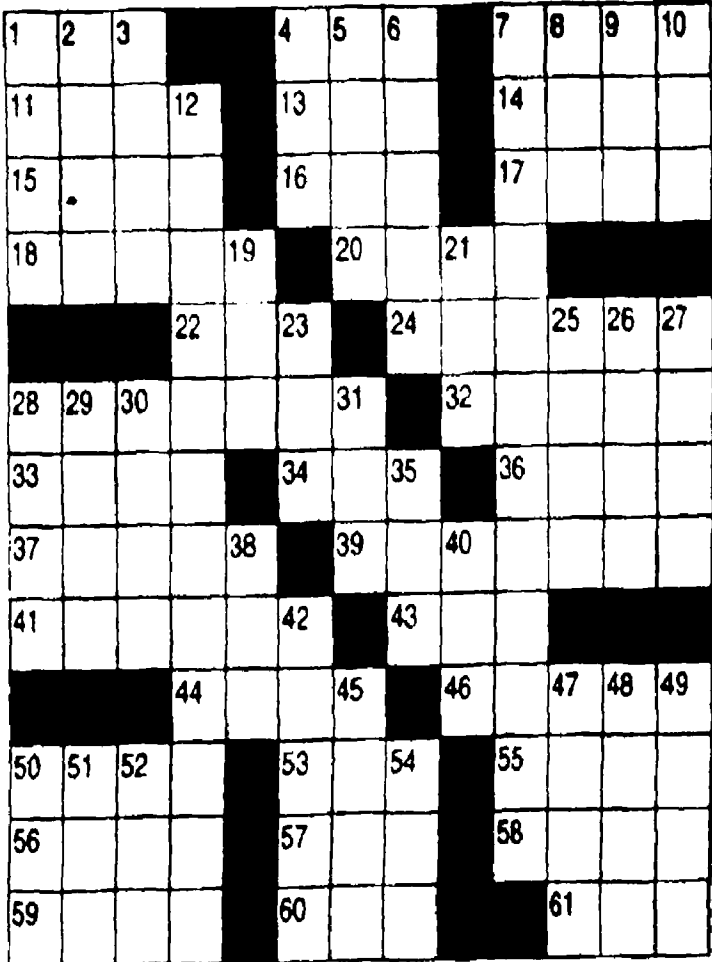
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Tad showed Brooke the photo of "Maureen Gorman." After David sent "Maria" scurrying back to the mausoleum, she spotted the plaque with the name Maria Santos Grey on it. Bianca was uncomfortable when Tim mentioned Maggie's apparent feelings for her. Vanessa revealed shocking information to Leo about Trey. Brooke and Edmund's wedding began. "Maria" came face to face with someone from her past in the mausoleum. Wait to See: Maria disappears with Maddie. David's lies are exposed.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Margo and Katie prepared themselves for a risky liver transplant. Tom caught an uninvited guest in his living room. Sierra enraged Rosanna by revealing a "secret." Emily, Susan and Alison agreed to undergo family counseling. The group in Avanya confronted an unexpected visitor. Wait to See: Lisa turns Barbara away.

THE BOLD

AND THE BEAUTIFUL

During a scuffle, Amber knocked Erica out. Later, dressed in nurse's scrubs,

Sheila warned Amber never to go near "that girl" (Erica) again. Bridget accepted C.J.'s invitation, unaware that her date would turn out to be C.J.'s friend, Scott. After spotting Darla and C.J. spying on her and Scott, Bridget impulsively kissed him, prompting a jealous C.J. to storm in and demand to know what was going on. Wait to See: Sheila and Massimo find much to discuss.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Sami devised a way to trap Colin into exposing the fact that he and Nicole were lovers. After he and Lexie made love, Brandon vowed revenge against Abe. Chloe cut Philip short and joined Brady on an important journey. Bo and Billie went undercover posing as lovers. Belle learned more about Cassie and Rex's past. Wait to See: Philip's jealousy causes him to take drastic action.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Edward slipped into a coma as Skye tried to steal the contract. Sonny agreed to keep Courtney's secret from A.J. Scott denied he killed Rick. Michael saw a videotape of Sonny threatening Alcazar. Nikolas gave Alexis the human skull he found in Rick's locker. Later, as Scott puzzled over the skull's disappearance, Alexis accused him of murdering Theresa Carter. The mystery woman called Sonny's penthouse and heard Carly's voice answer. Wait to See: Scott sets a trap for Luke. Luke forces Laura to see the truth.

GUIDING LIGHT

Michelle faced up to making a heart-wrenching decision. Edmund created more havoc as he stirred up Cassie's doubts. Tony reached out to Marah. Ed went too far. Phillip backed out of a deal with Harley. Wait to See: Michelle accepts Bill's invitation. Josh tries to reason with Marah.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Allison took Viki and Lindsay hostage in Viki's cabin. Jen taunted Natalie about Cristian. Ross realized he had lost Tia; meanwhile, Todd

admitted he had feelings for her. Unaware that Asa had stopped harassing Rae out of fear she'll do an exposé of him, Renee hinted at a possible reconciliation with him. But Rae was preparing to blackmail him into marrying her. Wait to See: Viki reminisces about her relationship with Ben.

PASSIONS

Kay feared Charity knew the truth about her evil acts. Beth fainted when Antonio revealed "Diana" is really Sheridan Crane. Meanwhile, Sheridan realized that whichever brother she chose - Luis or Antonio - it would rip their family apart. Eve decided to tell Pilar the truth about Antonio's serious health problems. Wait to See: Tabitha and Zombie Charity open a door into the future. (Please Note: Josh Ryan Evans, who played Timmy, died Aug. 5 of complications from a long-standing heart condition. Ironically, it was on Aug. 5 that Timmy's death scene aired. At the family's request, donations may be sent in his name to Make-a-Wish Foundation via phone at 1-866-880-1382; online at www.makeawish.org or by mail to Make-a-Wish Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 29119, Phoenix, AZ, 85038-9119.)

PORT CHARLES

Rafe was determined to make a family with Livvie and their unborn baby. Alison told Lucy she planned to get over Rafe by going to Bermuda with Jack. Livvie panicked when she learned Rafe and Ian planned to use Karen to trap the Avatar and remove his shroud. Jamal and Marissa made love for the first time. Lucy persuaded Alison to join her in a sance to contact Ed about Rafe. Wait to See: Rafe and Ian prepare to unmask the captured Avatar. Alison vows to save Rafe's soul.

THE YOUNG

AND THE RESTLESS

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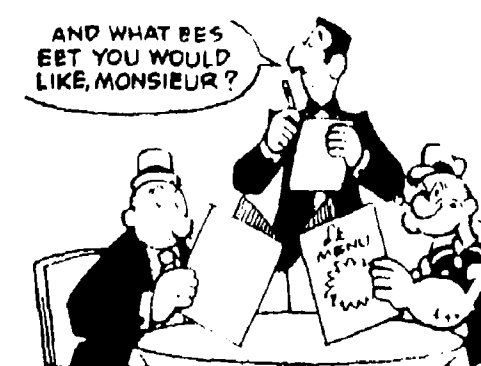
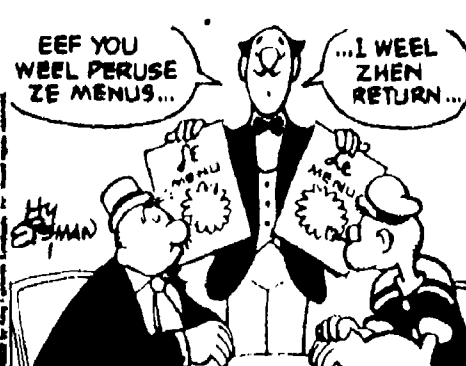
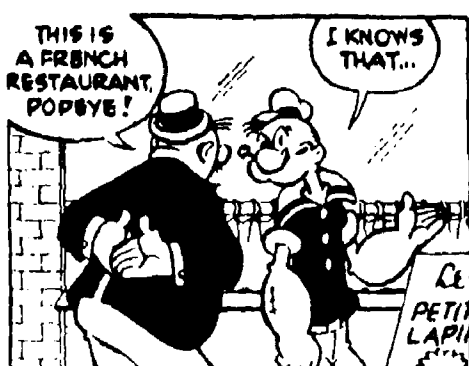
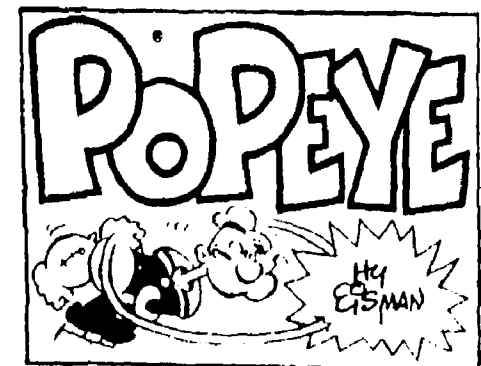
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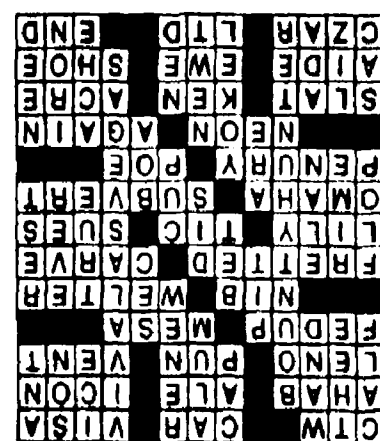
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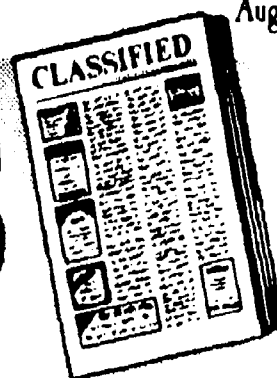
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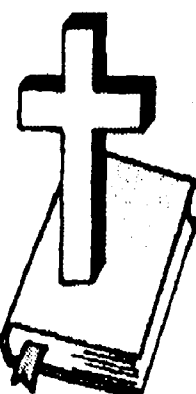
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PERTH AMBOY The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has awarded the Perth Amboy Police Department a computerized system to assist in investigating cases of missing and abducted children. The timely award, which comes amidst recent high-profile abduction cases throughout the nation, consists of computer hardware and software that allows law enforcement agencies to easily scan images and rapidly disseminate information for missing child posters.

"When a child is reported missing, time is of essence. Each hour a child is missing, the probability of a safe recovery greatly diminishes. We are grateful for this resource because it will allow our law enforcement officers to combat the challenges that arise during such a crisis," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

Called LOCATER—Lost Child Alert Technology Resource—the system can also be used for a number of purposes, such as stolen vehicle recovery, wanted persons and crime alerts. The system includes NCMEC's

latest poster-creation software, state-of-the-art computers, scanners, color printers and three years of Internet access.

NCMEC, a private, nonprofit organization that acts as the nation's clearinghouse for information on missing children and child victimization, works cooperatively with the U.S. Justice Department as a powerful resource for law-enforcement personnel and prosecutors. In 2000, Congress directed NCMEC to assist local law-enforcement in some of their difficult cases by providing the means to rapidly disseminate and share critical missing child data.

In response to this directive, NCMEC created LOCATER. Subsequently, funding from a Congressional grant has enabled NCMEC to provide these resources to any law enforcement agency whose responsibilities including investigating cases of missing or abducted children. Given Perth Amboy's proximity to high profile abduction cases in New Jersey and Philadelphia, the resources will prove especially helpful in the future.

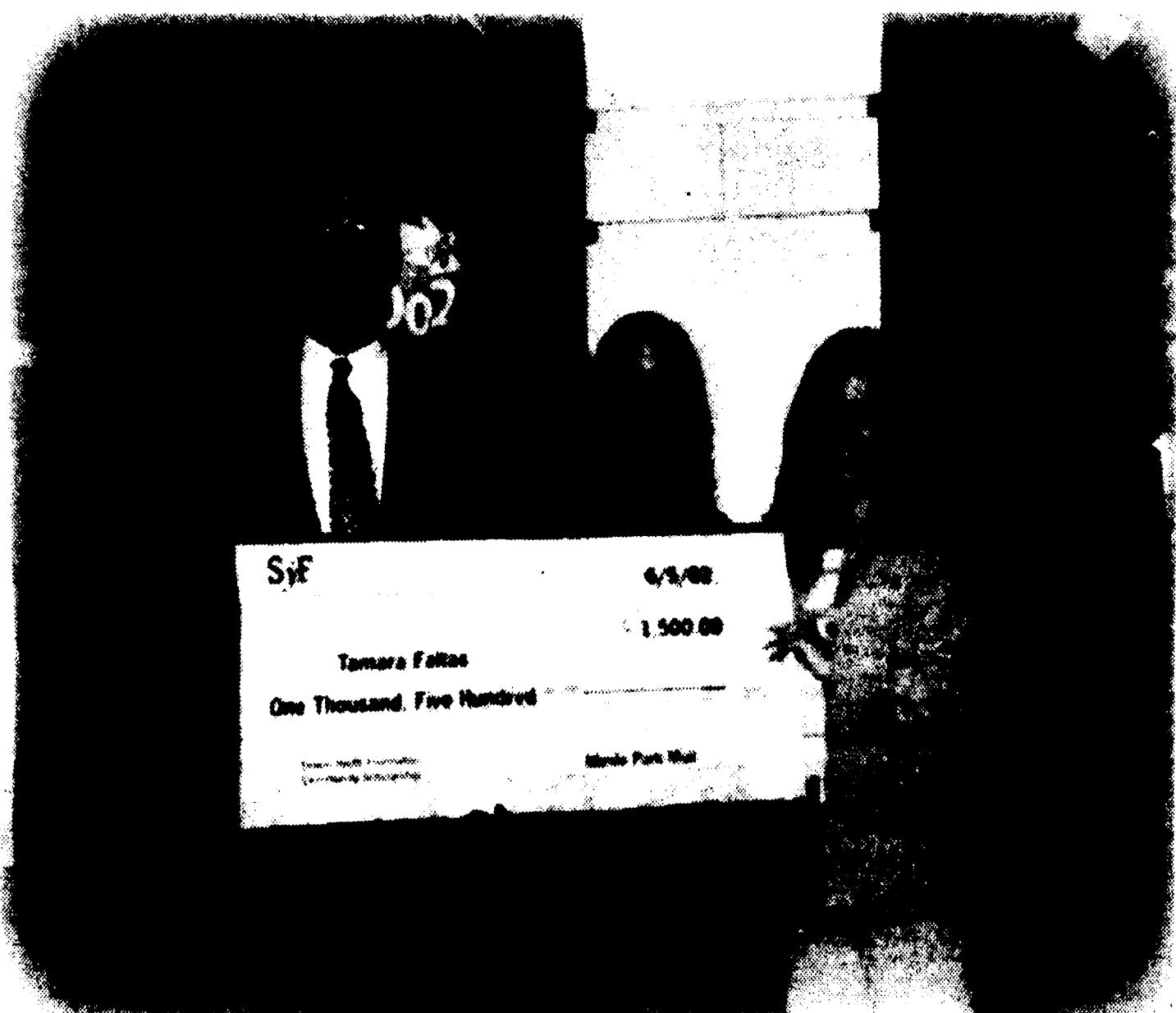
The Simon Youth Foundation Awards Scholarship

EDISON—Tamara E. Faltas of Edison was recently honored at Menlo Park Mall with a \$1,500 Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship, presented by Menlo Park Mall Manager Michael Hauser and Menlo Park Mall Marketing Director Suzy Lichter. Faltas joins a privileged few high school seniors chosen from over

3,000 students who applied nationwide.

Recipients of the scholarship were selected based on academic performance, leadership skills, participation in school and community activities and financial need. Tamara excelled in her studies at John P. Stevens High School and was a member of the National Honor Society and

French Honor Society. She will be attending Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, this fall. Following a long line of family pharmacists, dentists and doctors, she plans to major in pharmacology. Fueled by her performances in three school plays, she also has a strong interest in theatre. This year she has dedicated herself to maintaining



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