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First-Ever Community Land Security Program Debuts In Middlesex County

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Last Friday, Community Action Partnership announced that the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) has been chosen as the first launch site for the Partnership's Community Land Security program. The announcement was made at First Baptist Church on Sewaren Avenue.

The Community Land Security program is designed to protect residents of low-income

communities from terrorism.

Derrick Len Span, national president of the Community Action Partnership, said, "The education and training aspects of Community Land Security are critical because low-income people need to be on heightened alert just like the rest of the country. They are more likely to live near chemical and power plants, so they really need to be well-versed in the appropriate safety measures." Span said that to be considered for the Community

Land Security Program, a community action agency must demonstrate capacity to run the program and have other programs that it can be attached to and be able to leverage additional dollars to match the seed money provided by the partnership.

The community action agency must also be able to organize volunteers from within the community; develop an evacuation plan; and show that there is an actual threat due to the community's proximity to a chemical or power plant.

In addition to creating the evacuation plan, community action agencies must present at least three anti-terrorism workshops each year. Within those guidelines, agencies may establish programs to fit their needs, Span said. Span emphasized that

Community Land Security is intended to augment the efforts of all of the agencies involved in homeland security.

He added, "Terrorism directives and warnings are currently a part of our lives. With Community Land Security, the Partnership aims to keep low-income Americans plugged into these messages and urge them to practice homeland security techniques in their own communities."

Carroll Thomas, CEO of MCEOC, said that Middlesex was chosen in part because of MCEOC's strong ties to the community, including the cooperation of the mayors of Woodbridge, Carteret and Perth Amboy.

Thomas said that one of the benefits of MCEOC's involvement in the program is that they

will get a voice in the county and state evacuation plans. He also said that the program will help make information available, both to keep community members informed about potential threats and to keep government officials informed of suspicious activity.

Another goal is to increase the number of minorities who serve as volunteer emergency workers, Thomas said.

Thomas said that the county will be divided into five regions, and the Corporation will hold five workshops in each region.

MCEOC has a 37 year history of helping residents of Middlesex County. The Corporation will have 17 locations by the end of October and runs a host of programs geared to helping people move up the ladder to self-sufficiency.

Perth Amboy Woman Accuses Cop

PERTH AMBOY—A Perth Amboy woman has made allegations against a state trooper who was accused last week of having a woman perform sex acts on him in his patrol car after she sought police help.

Trooper Joseph Panick, 35, was charged Friday with official misconduct and suspended without pay as a result of the charges and an internal investigation in the matter. He surrendered to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office and was later released on \$25,000 bond.

The second woman, Wendy Buckowczyk of Perth Amboy, contacted NBC News this weekend after learning of the charges against Panick, a network spokeswoman said Sunday. Buckowczyk claims Panick

harassed her after a traffic stop that occurred several years ago, and a story on her allegations aired Saturday.

County authorities declined to comment on the report, saying they had not spoken with Buckowczyk. It also was not clear if she had filed a formal complaint against Panick.

"She waits six years to report these alleged incidents," Panick's lawyer, Charles Sciarra of Newark, told the Courier News of Bridgewater for Monday's editions. "It's bizarre behavior from someone."

Panick, a 15-year veteran stationed at the Kingwood barracks, was accused of attacking the woman on Sept. 3. He was scheduled to make his next court appearance on Wednesday.

South Amboy Receives \$1.2 Million In Federal Funds

SOUTH AMBOY—Last week, U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) announced the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded \$1,226,396 to the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the continued construction of the South Amboy Rail Station pedestrian overpass and transit plaza, which is part of the South Amboy Intermodal Transportation Initiative. This funding

announcement of more than \$1.2 million brings the total federal funding for the pedestrian overpass and transit plaza section of the project to date to \$2,966,994.

According to the Department of Transportation, the federal funds made available today will be matched by \$306,593 from the State of New Jersey through toll revenue expenditures. The total

cost of the pedestrian overpass and transit plaza is estimated at \$7 million.

"The more than \$1.2 million in federal funds awarded today to South Amboy will allow the city to continue the transformation of the waterfront area, as well as continue the goal of creating a multi-modal transportation center that is both commuter and environmentally friendly," Pallone said.

Amtrak Train Kills Area Man

EDISON—A man was killed late in the afternoon on Sept. 16 after he was struck by an Amtrak train at the Edison Train Station.

A witness said that the man just stepped off of the platform and onto the tracks.

Police said that the man was hit at about 4:15 p.m. They were

withholding personal information pending notification of the victim's next of kin.

The train that struck the man was a Keystone Line train that originated in New York City and was en route to Harrisburg, Pa., according to an Amtrak spokesman. The passengers on

that train were transferred to another train and none of the passengers were injured.

Two of the tracks at the Edison Train Station were temporarily shut down while authorities investigated the incident, causing delays for both Amtrak and NJ Transit trains.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Annual Children's Musical Announced

EDISON Middlesex County's historic summer theater, Plays-In-The-Park, has announced their indoor children's musical: The Prince Street Player's Version of *The Wizard of Oz*. The show plays for ten performances, indoors at the Stephen J. Capestro Theater, formerly the Roosevelt Park Amphitheater, the home of "Plays-In-The-Park." Backstage at the theater there is an indoor black box theater that seats 150.

Admission is only \$3 for adults; children 12 and under are admitted free. Performances are Sunday, Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m.

and 2 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The box office, which is located in the production office at the back of the theater building, is open daily from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tickets may also be purchased via mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wiz Tickets, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 and include a check made payable to the Treasurer, Middlesex County for the adult tickets and include the number free children's tickets needed.

Please include alternate dates as well. The Theater is handicapped accessible. The Prince St. Player's version of *The Wizard of Oz* is an original children's musical version running about 1 hour and 15 minutes. It features all the familiar characters, but the songs are different from the MGM musical.

Funding has been made possible in part by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission through a grant provided by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, and by the generous financial support of the Friends of Plays-in-the-Park.



LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST—Examining the sleeping quarters of Civil War soldiers, are Chelesea L. of Edison (R.) and Steven Fano of West Caldwell, students attending The Children's Institute of Verona's Extended School Program. Pictured with the children are Civil War actors, Ken Coanshock of Carteret, Jeffrey Cohen of Rahway and Charles Lirio of Bronx, N.Y. The volunteer actors showed the children the supplies which each soldier carried, his weapons and told them many facts about the war itself. The theme of this year's Extended School Program at TCI was "Patriotism," and this visit was a culmination of many school projects focused on our country. The Extended School Program provides students with autism and learning and emotional disabilities with a continuation of their regular academic program and reinforces the individual goals and promotes further growth and development. It prevents academic, language and social emotional regression that may occur during the summer months. For more information about The Children's Institute or to schedule a tour, contact Executive Director/Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Ettinger at (973) 509-3050. Photo by Ann Dussing.

Watershed Friendly Guide Released

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — A Watershed Friendly Property Management Guide has been created to help residents of Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean Counties improve and maintain water quality and quantity, protect streams and waterways, enhance wildlife habitats and improve the environment.

The Watershed Friendly Guide includes information on:

- Water Conservation
- Water Saving Tips for Home, Lawn & Garden

- Avoiding Mosquitoes and Ticks

- Benefits of Native Plants
- Composting
- Wildlife Habitats
- Stream Maintenance
- Local agencies involved in watershed management

The Watershed Friendly Property Management Guide was written using grant money from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and matching funds from Freehold Soil Conservation District and Monmouth County Water Resource Association.

For a free copy of the guide, contact Freehold Soil Conservation District at (732) 446-2300, fax (732) 446-9140 or e-mail to FSCD@webspan.net. Please include a mailing address along with any request.

4-H Open House Sunday September 22nd

EAST BRUNSWICK—If you've ever wanted to learn more about, or get involved with the local 4-H program, here is your chance. On Sunday, Sept. 22 there will be an open house held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the 4-H Center on the corner of Cranbury and Fern Roads in East Brunswick. The open

house culminates the celebration of the 100th anniversary of 4-H.

Four-H offers learning and fun for youth in a variety of project areas from animals to dance to leadership. Attendees can learn about 4-H and the clubs of Middlesex Co., meet 4-H members and volunteer lead-

ers, enjoy petting zoos, demonstrations or even join a 4-H club.

The open house is part of 4-H's Fall Fest: a fun, free family event which takes place the weekend of September 20 to the 22nd. In addition to 4-H displays and demonstrations, Fall Fest will showcase animals, rides, a Haunted House, vendors, games and crafts.

If you'd like more information on the Open House, please contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 745-3446. For directions to the 4-H Center visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices/4hclubs.asp

Four-H offers educational programs to all youth, grades K through 13 on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

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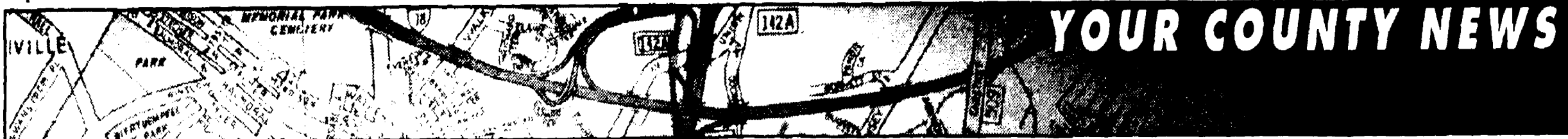
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Democrats Running On Experience, Track Record

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The county's freeholder race is heating up, with November's elections drawing closer.

Democratic freeholders David Crabel and Camille Fernicola are campaigning on their years of experience and their accomplishments while in office.

Democratic County Chairman Joseph Spicuzzo said that the Democratic candidates will focus on open space preservation during their campaign.

In 1995, the county created

an open space trust and now collects a special three-cent tax from property owners to buy land. The county has acquired 4,700 acres of open space in 13 communities over the past seven years. The goal is to preserve 7,000 acres of open space.

Spicuzzo also said that the incumbents are pleased to be able to tell voters that the Roosevelt Care Center issue has finally been resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

In August, Crabel announced that the county will

spend \$15 million to renovate the historic section of the building and create 165 beds. Those beds, combined with the 180 beds at the new nursing home across the street from Roosevelt will accommodate the approximately 310 current Roosevelt residents.

The Democratic incumbents are being challenged by Joseph Paone, a Woodbridge attorney, and Roger Craig, a former freeholder and former South Brunswick mayor.

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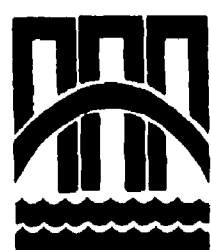
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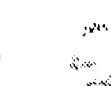
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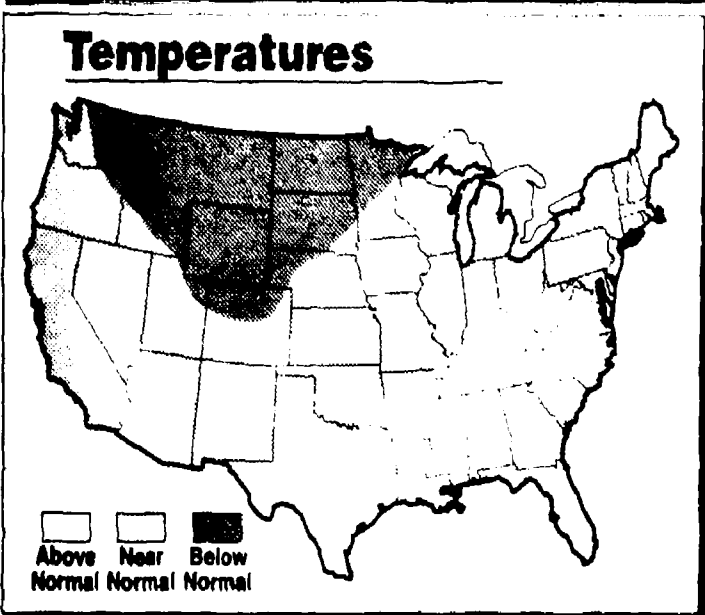
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Mostly sunny and warm.	Mainly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy and showery.	Mainly cloudy.	Rather cloudy, a shower.	A few clouds.	Partial sunshine.	Sunny.
81	62	79/63	80/60	74/53	70/53	74/55	75/56

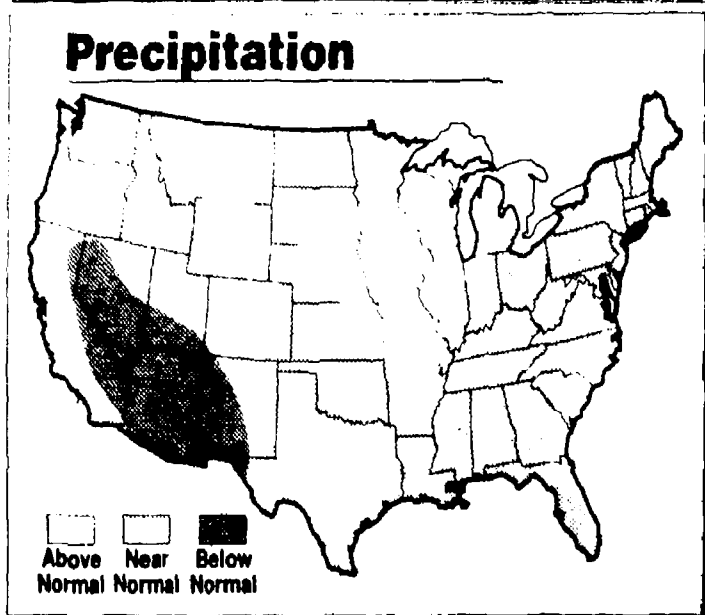
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm and dry weather will dominate the Southwest, Great Basin and Northwest during the period. Temperatures across the regions are expected to average 5 to 10 degrees above normal. A trough will allow cooler air to push southward into the northern Plains and Upper Midwest. Storms will bring rain to the Midwest and Great Lakes.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	84 68 pc	86 69 pc	83 66 r	84 51 s
Boston	74 59 s	74 61 r	75 60 pc	71 59 r
Chicago	74 58 t	72 54 pc	72 50 pc	66 41 s
Cleveland	80 57 pc	77 60 pc	72 52 r	68 40 s
Denver	78 48 s	72 42 s	73 50 s	76 47 s
Des Moines	73 53 pc	76 51 pc	69 50 pc	71 46 s
Detroit	76 58 t	76 56 pc	70 52 c	66 39 pc
Houston	92 74 pc	90 70 pc	86 64 pc	86 64 pc
Indianapolis	81 59 t	80 59 pc	73 51 c	69 41 s
Kansas City	78 56 pc	80 56 s	73 53 s	75 49 s
Los Angeles	82 62 s	86 64 s	87 62 s	87 58 s
Miami	87 77 t	86 76 t	87 76 t	89 79 t
Minn.-St. Paul	68 55 sh	68 48 pc	66 45 c	65 44 pc
New Orleans	89 75 pc	88 73 pc	88 71 pc	83 60 s
New York City	80 64 s	80 66 pc	78 64 c	74 57 sh
Omaha	74 54 pc	76 50 pc	70 50 s	74 48 s
Phoenix	101 76 s	100 74 s	97 75 s	98 71 pc
San Francisco	76 57 s	76 57 s	73 56 s	74 59 s
Seattle	66 52 pc	68 52 s	69 51 s	68 54 c
Washington	82 66 pc	82 68 sh	80 63 r	76 55 c

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 6:41 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 6:42 a.m.	6:58 p.m.
Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 6:37 p.m.	4:31 a.m.
Fri. 7:01 p.m.	5:32 a.m.
Moon Phases	
Full	Last
Sep 21	Oct 6
New	First
Sep 29	Oct 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

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	65 50 pc	69 52 pc	66 52 pc	70 60 pc
Berlin	64 49 pc	68 46 pc	63 49 pc	67 51 s
Buenos Aires	60 41 s	60 38 s	57 42 pc	66 49 pc
Cairo	88 60 s	87 61 s	84 62 s	86 65 s
Jerusalem	74 52 s	76 53 s	75 51 s	75 53 s
Johannesburg	85 53 pc	83 52 pc	80 49 s	79 50 s
London	65 50 c	70 52 pc	70 58 pc	69 61 r
Madrid	67 55 c	80 57 c	73 57 r	72 53 c
Mexico City	74 57 sh	69 60 r	69 59 r	72 53 sh
Moscow	52 42 r	52 39 pc	42 31 c	43 32 c
Paris	69 57 r	66 51 c	69 56 pc	66 61 t
Rio de Janeiro	76 71 c	80 67 c	70 64 r	71 66 r
Rome	80 65 pc	80 63 pc	75 53 pc	70 49 s
San Juan	89 77 pc	89 77 c	88 77 pc	88 77 c
Seoul	78 64 pc	70 60 sh	72 54 pc	71 56 s
Sydney	71 43 pc	69 48 s	77 48 s	73 51 s
Tokyo	73 63 pc	75 65 pc	78 68 c	74 63 pc
Toronto	70 56 pc	70 54 c	64 46 r	57 34 s
Winnipeg	59 44 sh	47 33 c	49 30 c	55 48 c
Zurich	68 60 r	67 52 t	68 51 pc	68 54 c

September 23-Raritan Bay Medical Center sponsors an *HIV support group meeting*, held at Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. For time, location and to register, call (732) 324-5022.

September 24 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Heart of Hope Chapter Auxiliary will be sponsoring *Ring Rage Sale* in Room C and D, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. For more info., call (732) 324-5006.

September 24 at 7 p.m.-Edison Zoning Board Meeting at the Cerks Office, Police Department (Court Room).

September 25 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.-Raritan Bay Medical Center sponsors a free *Diabetes Support Group* held at Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. For registration, call (800) 624-6555.

September 25 at 1 p.m.-The Perth Amboy Federation/AFT, NJSFT, AFL-CIO, is sponsoring a "Welcome and Congratulations Luncheon" for the city's school district "Retiree Class of 2002" at the Federation's Al Shanker Educational Resource Center, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy.

September 25 at 7 p.m.-Edison Planning Board Meeting in Clerks Office, Police Dept. (Court Room).

September 25, Oct. 2 and 9 from 7-9:30 p.m.-Raritan Bay Medical Center presents *Preparation for Childbirth Class* held in Centennial Hall on Sept. 25. Room C and D on Oct. 2 and 9. The series cost \$75 per couple. For registration and info., call (732) 417- (calendar continues on page...5)



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Terri's DATING Trips



I found out a long time ago that you can't judge a book by its cover. Thus, I look for a man with integrity and decent values.

During my second attempt at a membership at an online dating site, I started communicating

with a man who seemed to have values comparable to mine (maybe that was the problem). Despite the fact that I didn't find this guy physically attractive, I perceived that his inner attributes would compensate and perhaps

cause me to feel a certain level of attraction for him. I didn't care that his polyester pants were several inches above his ankles, because I'm not shallow at all.

I met Pat at a local pub one Friday afternoon for lunch. The conversation originally was quite good. So, for the first time in quite a while, images of the convent were vague at best. Could today be the turning point? Will I finally acquire a second date? My head was spinning in anticipation.

Not long after I ordered my glass of wine, my date leaned across the table and KISSED ME!!! WooHoo! At that instant, I was thinking about future dates and the potential for something

intimate. Could a relationship actually be in my future? I had to keep reminding myself, 'Terri, chill out; be realistic.'

About 15 minutes after that wonderful kiss, Mr. Nice Guy scooted into the seat opposite me. Then, he took my foot and placed it into his lap. Well, that's ok I guess. Then he took my shoe off, and I began envisioning a foot massage. Here I was in a local establishment and longing for a foot massage. It seemed rather harmless. What transpired next, however, caused quite a bit of commotion in my life. You see, Pat didn't massage my foot with his hands. Rather, he took off my sock and began sucking my toes!!! Being taken aback

and left speechless (even happens to me sometimes), I snapped my foot out of Mr. Wonderful's mouth.

I glanced around the room and did not detect any onlookers. Thus, I thought I was free from future harassment, but I was prematurely jumping to conclusions. The following week, one of the patrons said he "... noticed me getting cozy with my lunch partner." I now have a difficult time returning to that establishment.

As for my date-I cannot predict what has happened to him, but I only have one hope for him... that he trades in his polyester suit!

See the Popcorn Movie Review online at: www.new-jersey.ws

State Theatre Presents Kenny Rogers

NEW BRUNSWICK — Ready to share his favorites, Kenny Rogers, "The Gambler," will appear at the State Theatre, New Brunswick on Friday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. for an unforgettable performance.

As one of country music's biggest crossover successes, Rogers' numerous accolades include four Grammy Awards, 11 People's Choice Awards, 18 American Music Awards, eight

Academy of Country Music Awards and five Country Music Association Awards. In addition, he was named "Favorite Singer of All Time" in a *PM Magazine/USA Today* poll in 1986 and in 1989 readers of *People Magazine* voted Rogers "Favorite Male Vocalist."

In 1990, Rogers was honored with the Horatio Alger Award, given to those who have distinguished themselves despite humble beginnings.

Tickets for this performance are on sale now starting at \$25. The State Theatre Box Office is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. For telephone ticket orders or information, call (732) 246-7469 or toll free 877-STATE-11 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Patrons may order tickets online at www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Schools Required To Develop Anti-Bully Policies

METUCHEN—In an effort to prevent violent behavior in New Jersey's schools, Gov. James E. McGreevey signed legislation recently at the Edgar Middle School in Metuchen that would require school districts to adopt policies prohibiting bullying.

"Our children deserve to receive a quality education in a safe environment, where they are free from threats and harassment," said McGreevey. "By requiring our schools to develop policies that prohibit bullying and encourage respect, students and parents can be assured that cruel and harmful treatment-

whether at school, on the bus, or at a school function—will not be tolerated."

With input from parents, school employees, students, administrators and the community, the new law will require school districts to adopt policies prohibiting bullying, harassment and intimidation on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or on school buses.

While the school district will have control over the content of the policy, the new law seeks some uniformity by requiring each district to include certain com-

ponents including a statement prohibiting harassment and bullying, a definition of bullying, the consequences for committing such acts, procedures for reporting and investigating violations, prohibition of retaliation and public awareness measures. The legislation defines bullying, harassment and intimidation as any verbal, written or physical act-motivated by race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, gender identity and mental or physical disabilities—that damages a student's property or insults, harms or instills fear in the student.

Investing ABC: Teaching Your Kids About Stocks

AREA—More and more youngsters and teens are becoming fascinated by the stock market. Choosing stocks, tracking their performance, and making money can be exciting, challenging, and rewarding. But, as experienced investors know, the market also can be frustrating and risky, especially during volatile times.

To help kids understand the risks and rewards of the stock market, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) recommends that parents talk to their children about investing. Here is some advice to help parents get started.

Explain The Importance Of Financial Goals

Don't start off by trying to explain options, selling short, margin calls, and other complicated concepts. Instead, begin by explaining the difference between short- and long-term financial goals and between saving and investing. To help your child understand that investing is about making money grow to meet long-term financial goals, use examples he or she will understand. For example, if your child wants to buy a new video game, he or she should focus on saving. However, if he or she hopes to buy a harley in ten years, investing in stocks or mutual funds may be more appropriate.

Teach Them About Risks And Rewards

The safest way to make money in the stock market is to buy shares in strong companies with the potential to grow, and to hold onto them. Young investors (and older ones, too) need to understand the concept of risk versus reward—the higher the potential reward from a particular investment, the higher the risk of losing money.

Let Them Test The Waters

Before putting real money on the line, your child can test his or her stock selection skills and interest levels by choosing two or three stocks and following their performance. Teach your child how to find the stock price in the newspaper financial listings or online. Each day, he or she can check to see how the stocks are doing. Watch for stories on the company and share them with your child. Discuss how the story is likely to impact the stock's performance and then monitor the financial listings for changes in share price.

Making The Purchase

When minors can't own stocks or open brokerage accounts in their own names, parents can set up custodial accounts under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or Uniform Transfer to Minors Act, depending on state laws. You simply complete a form with the child's name and Social Security number and the name of the custodian. You and your child should first decide which companies you want to invest in. One of the best strategies is to select stocks in kid-friendly companies, such as McDonalds, Disney and Microsoft, that are associated with products your child knows and can identify with. Buying a small number of shares without paying high commissions can be a challenge. Some companies will let you make an initial purchase directly without going through a broker, after which you can enroll in the company's dividend reinvestment plan (DROP) and buy additional shares. CPAs point out that by getting your kids interested in investing you're buying more than shares of stock. You're teaching your child financial skills he or she can use for a lifetime.

Washington Mutual Buys Every Seat On Broadway For Area Teachers

AREA — Bravo! Broadway's Ben Vereen and New York's newest bank, Washington Mutual Bank, FA, recently launched a show-stopping "Spotlight on Teachers" program with a high-kicking event in Shubert Alley.

The inspiration behind this special performance is Washington Mutual's unprecedented buy out of every available seat on Broadway for NYC area and NJ teachers to enjoy a Saturday matinee on Nov. 16. Over 28,000 tickets will be given to K-12 public, private and charter school teachers in the area through a nominating process at a community level, which officially began in late August.

Washington Mutual is looking for people to nominate K-12 teachers who make a difference in the classroom. A past or present student, a parent of a student, or even a colleague can nominate a teacher—it doesn't matter. The process for nominating a teacher is simple. All the nominator has to do is visit their local "WaMu" financial center and fill out a form describing why their teacher is special. If they can't make it in to a financial center, the form can be downloaded and

printed by visiting the "Spotlight on Teachers" page at www.wamucommunities.com.

The nominator will need to include the teacher's name and school, and then give the form to the teacher, who will fill out their contact information and drop off the form in the mailbox or at any Washington Mutual Financial Center in New York or New Jersey.

"Teachers are one of the most important factors influencing the quality of a student's education, so we created a unique initiative to shine the spotlight on New York and New Jersey teachers," said Randy Grimm, a group manager of Washington Mutual's operations in New York and New Jersey. "We believe investments in the good work of teachers will pay the greatest dividends for

students." More than 14,000 of the nominated K-12 teachers will be randomly selected to receive a pair of tickets to a Saturday matinee performance on Nov. 16.

"Spotlight on Teachers is our way of thanking teachers in the New York and New Jersey metro area for their hard work and dedication," added Grimm. "It also gives people a chance to show their appreciation for teachers who have made a positive impact in their lives." No purchase is needed to enter or win the Spotlight on Teachers drawing. Employees of the Washington Mutual family of companies are not eligible. See Official Rules for details, available at Washington Mutual financial centers or at www.wamucommunities.com.

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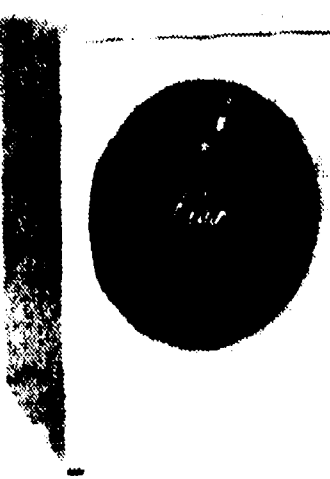
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**Retirement Goal-Setting: Factors to Consider and Available Resources**

AREA—One of the most common investment goals is accumulating a nest egg for retirement. How much do you need to retire? The short answer is that "it depends."

Some people can live happily on about half of their pre-retirement income while others require 100% (or more) to main-

tain, or even enhance, their lifestyle. For many people, 70% to 80% of the amount that they earn during their working years is a realistic income replacement percentage and one that is commonly quoted in financial publications. There is no "one size fits all" answer when it comes to retirement planning.

A lot depends upon a person's goals (example: travel and hobbies) and lifestyle decisions (example: where you choose to live), as well as available resources such as an employer pension and or free or low-cost retiree health insurance from a previous employer.

Michael Stein, in his book *The Prosperous Retirement*, notes that there are three distinct phases of retirement: active, passive, and final. Expenses during the early years (active phase) of retirement can equal, or even exceed, those during the years before. Often, expenses decrease in later years (passive phase) but may increase again during the final phase due to medical expenses and/or long-term care costs.

The best way to make an accurate estimate of how much you'll need is to track current living costs for a month or two. Then use this information to project the amount of income

that you'll need in the future. Consider expenses that will end or decrease in retirement. Common examples are:

- commuting costs and business travel
- union dues
- 401(k) plan contributions and Social Security taxes

Perhaps your mortgage will also be repaid by the time you retire and you will have launched your children successfully into adulthood.

Now consider expenses that are likely to begin or increase. Common examples are:

- travel and hobbies
- health care costs, dental expenses, Medigap health insurance premiums, and/or long-term care insurance
- gifts to children and/or grandchildren

Inflation will also increase expenses over time. Thus, a reasonable inflation rate (3% to 5%) should be factored into retirement savings calculations.

Retirement analyses should be accurate enough so that people neither save a lot more money than they need to nor have to drastically lower their standard of living after retirement.

A good resource to make a round estimate of the amount of money you'll need is the Ballpark Estimate worksheet on the American Savings Education Council Web site at www.asec.org. Additional planning tools from universities in the Cooperative Extension System can also be found in the "Calculating What You Need to Invest" section of the Investing For Your Future home study course at www.investing.rutgers.edu.

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IRS Seeks Volunteers

SPRINGFIELD—Looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? Do you like to help people?

"The Internal Revenue Service is seeking volunteers for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs throughout New Jersey," said IRS New Jersey spokesperson, Gregg Semanick.

During the tax filing season, VITA and TCE volunteers, in community locations all through the state, help fill out tax returns for older taxpayers, people with

disabilities, non-English speaking and other people who cannot afford professional assistance. Some of the volunteer groups even offer free electronic tax filing. The IRS provides VITA and TCE volunteers with free instruction and all the materials needed to prepare basic income tax returns such as Forms 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040. Training is generally held during January at convenient locations.

Who are these volunteers? They are people just like you - members of professional organizations, college students, law

and accounting students, homemakers or members of volunteer or community organizations. Although an accounting background is helpful, it is not required, but computer skills are a plus.

Volunteers are also needed to help in other aspects of the VITA and TCE programs such as organizing sites, instructing classes, reviewing returns prepared at the sites and publicity. If you have a skill and would like to help, VITA and TCE can find a way to involve you in the program. Local civic and fraternal organizations, educational institutions, churches and social groups can also sponsor VITA and TCE programs. Tax assistance generally is provided at schools, churches, malls, libraries and other convenient neighborhood locations.

Interested in becoming a VITA or TCE volunteer? Does your organization want to sponsor a VITA or TCE site in your community? To get involved, contact Stephen M. Savage, IRS New Jersey VITA TCE Coordinator for more information. To do so, phone 973-645-3853 or send a FAX to 973-645-6691. You can also request information via e-mail at stephen.m.savage@irs.gov.

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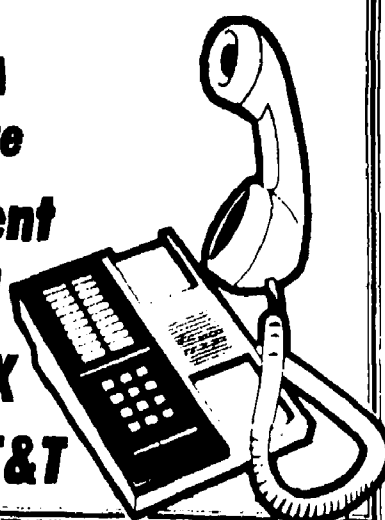
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McGreevey Promotes Childhood Immunization

STATE—Gov. James E. McGreevey and Gov. Sila M. Calderon of Puerto Rico recently urged all parents to have their children properly immunized.

"Immunizations are a cost-effective preventative measure which save parents and children from avoidable illnesses," said McGreevey. "Gov. Calderon and I encourage all families to take advantage of the free and low-cost immunizations available in their communities."

"It is not that long ago that the start of a new school year meant new worries for parents fearful of the spread of polio, diphtheria and a host of other childhood diseases," said Calderon. "Today, science and strong public education

programs have made these diseases largely a thing of the past. But we must remain vigilant and encourage all parents to make sure their children are fully immunized."

McGreevey said children receive most of their vaccinations in the first two years of life.

"By age two, about 78 percent of New Jersey's children—a rate on par with the national rate—are appropriately immunized," he said. "The State's goal is to have at least 90 percent of children properly vaccinated by age two."

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services recently initiated a statewide public awareness campaign to increase childhood immunization rates.

The campaign includes television and radio commercials, print advertisements and outreach efforts at festivals, parades and other public events.

A 24-hour-a-day, seven day-a-week hotline is available (1-800-328-3838) to answer parents' questions and guide them to the nearest immunization site. The Department's hotline has both English and Spanish-speaking counselors on staff. Translators are also available for other languages. Free or low-cost vaccines, made available through the federal Vaccines for Children Program, can be obtained at participating doctors' offices and at the 13 Federally Qualified Health Centers statewide, such as CAMcare

Health Corporation in Camden. Local health departments statewide also hold free or low-cost immunization clinics.

In 2000, New Jersey recorded 64 cases of vaccine preventable diseases, including 58 cases of pertussis (whooping cough), four cases of mumps, one case of rubella and one case of tetanus. Nationwide, there has been an epidemic of pertussis.

The Health Department is now implementing a new childhood immunization registry to be used by all doctors and clinics statewide. This will help health care providers maintain immunization records, share records with other providers and ensure timely immunization. It will

also enable the Department to collect more detailed information, including geographic and demographic data, about childhood immunization.

The Health Department is also working with the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a number of special projects to reduce barriers to timely immunization, both in public clinics and among private providers. These include streamlining administrative procedures, expanding accessible service hours for patients, and ensuring that all parents are aware vaccines are available for their children, regardless of ability to pay or insurance status.

Armed With AEDs, Police Save Lives By Cutting Response Time

NORTH BRUNSWICK — In communities where police are equipped with automated external defibrillators (AEDs), people who have a sudden cardiac arrest have a better chance at survival, according to new research reported in the August 12 issue of *Circulation, Journal of the American Heart Association*.

For four years, the American Heart Association has advocated that all New Jersey first responder vehicles—police, other law enforcement, fire, and emergency response—all be equipped with defibrillators. According to a survey of New Jersey police departments conducted by the American Heart Association during September and August 2001, at least 180 New Jersey police departments now have some form of defibrillator program.

According to the study published in *Circulation, Journal of the American Heart Association*, police in Miami-Dade County, Florida, equipped with AEDs cut response time to sudden cardiac arrest victims by almost three minutes. During the first 10 minutes after someone has a cardiac arrest, every minute saved means about a 10 percent increase in relative survival, says Robert J. Myerburg, M.D., director of the car-

"Because sudden cardiac arrest victims have only a 10-12 minute window to be successfully resuscitated, more people must learn to recognize a cardiac emergency and call 9-1-1 immediately so an appropriate equipped first responder can treat them in time."

diovascular division and American Heart Association chair of cardiovascular research at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Over the last several decades, community cardiac arrest survival efforts have been concentrated on the fire-rescue model, in which teams train in cardiac resuscitation skills that include using AEDs. However, data from large metropolitan areas with heavy traffic congestion and from rural areas showed low overall survival rates—as low as 1-2 percent.

The results led Myerburg and his colleagues to consider expanding the use of AEDs to include police. "The theory is that police are already on the road when a call comes in, so there is a potential for faster response," he says.

The 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system in Miami-Dade was re-configured so that both police and fire/rescue were dispatched to certain medical emergency calls. Using this dual-dispatch mode, the time from the call to first responder arrival was 4.88 minutes compared to the historical response time of 7.64 minutes. With the dual-responder system, help arrived on the scene of a cardiac arrest in less than five minutes for 41 percent of calls, compared to 14 percent for the standard fire-rescue calls.

From Feb. 1, 1999 to April 30, 2001, Miami-Dade 9-1-1 dispatchers received almost 2.25 million calls. 56,321 of which were medical emergency calls that triggered the dual deployment system. Cardiac arrest was the reason for 420 of these calls with

police arriving first 56 percent of the time. Survival was 17.2 percent for 163 victims with ventricular fibrillation or pulseless ventricular tachycardia (irregular heart rhythms that require an electric shock to correct). The survival rate had been only 9 percent during the one-and-a-half years just prior to establishing the police responder program.

Unfortunately, 61 percent of the victims had non-shockable rhythms, which reduced the absolute survival benefit to 1.6 percent.

Myerburg says it's likely that the high rate of non-shockable rhythms represents

time lost from onset of symptoms to placement of the 9-1-1 calls. "With longer time from onset of cardiac arrest to treatment, the likelihood of survival declines," he says.

"The study demonstrates how training police and other lay responders to use AEDs can dramatically improve the outcome of sudden cardiac arrest," says Vinay Nadkarni, M.D., chairman of the American Heart Association's Committee on Emergency Cardiovascular Care. "Because sudden cardiac arrest victims have only a 10-12 minute window to be successfully resuscitated, more people must learn to recognize a cardiac emergency and call 9-1-1 immediately so an appropriate equipped first responder can treat them in time."

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EDITORIAL



ASSEMBLYMAN
**JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
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"Despite the existence of laws in all 50 states requiring the use of car safety seats or child restraint devices for young children, more children are still killed as passengers in car crashes than from any other type of injury." This statement, set forth in prepared testimony given before the Assembly Transportation Committee this past Thursday on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics, is an eye-opener. In the most recent year for which statistics are available, 539 children under 5 years of age died while riding in motor vehicles. Almost half were unrestrained and many others were restrained improperly.

Thursday September 12, 2002 was not the first time I had heard that testimony. During last year's session of the General Assembly with Assemblyman Ken LeFevre I helped write a law that toughened the standards for child restraints in cars.

The facts were clear and horrifying. Too many children were being seriously injured or killed in entirely preventable circumstances.

The legislature acted and adopted A-539 which became law as P.L. 2001, c. 244.

That law required children who were less than 8 years of age or who weighed less than 80 pounds to be restrained in an approved car seat or booster seat.

This legislation changed New Jersey from a state

which lacked laws to sufficiently protect children riding in cars to the state with the toughest and most effective car seat legislation in the nation.

Since the "eight and eighty" legislation became law, there have been several measures introduced by my colleagues to change that standard. This past Thursday all of those bills were considered by the Assembly Transportation Committee, which I chair. At the end of nearly two hours of testimony from The Academy of Pediatrics, AAA, the State Safety Council and the Safe Kids Coalition, I chose to not release any of these bills. The testimony was unanimous. New Jersey's current law is pretty good.

At some point in time down the road the Assembly Transportation Committee may revisit these bills when better language is worked out and when data becomes available on the effectiveness of the current law. Until then there will be no change in the law.

If you have doubts about the proper use of your child safety seat, you can refer to the following chart prepared by the National Highway Traffic Safety Association;

Later this fall my office will be hosting a workshop on the proper use and installation of child safety seats. If you are a parent and have a question about the proper use of your child safety seat, I hope to see you there!

Until then, remember, using a car seat is not an option, it the law.

Readers Commentary

A Heartfelt Thank You

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research, I wish to send a heartfelt thank you to the thousands of New Jersey citizens who have purchased specialized Conquer Cancer License plates. In just four years, the sales of these license plates have generated more than \$1.3 million, all dedicated to supporting cancer research. Because the development cost for the plates was underwritten by New Jersey pharmaceutical company Schering Plough, more than 90 percent of the purchase price of each plate goes directly to cancer research.

These purchases have made a significant difference in our fight against cancer in three ways. As the second most popular specialized plate in the State, more than

27,000 New Jersey drivers demonstrate their commitment to conquering cancer on a daily basis and raise visibility on the need for research. Recently, license plate revenues have funded half of the "seed" grants awarded by the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research to New Jersey based researchers. These talented scientists have, in turn, used three funds to leverage \$4.50 in national funds for every State dollar provided. This funding, awarded to our top research and medical facilities throughout the State, has contributed not only to New Jersey's prominence in the fight against cancer but also to strengthening our scientific infrastructure.

For years, New Jersey has consistently ranked among the ten highest states for cancer incidence and mortality. The eco-

nomie costs of cancer are enormous. Recent analysis indicates that all cancer-related costs to New Jersey are estimated at over \$5 billion per annum. Needless to say, the burden from human suffering and sacrifice cannot be measured. However, it is for these reasons that the Commission is dedicated to carrying out its mandate despite its budget crises.

Again, thank you, all of you, who help the NJCCR and New Jersey cancer researchers in our efforts to eradicate cancer. I encourage your readers, especially those whose lives and families have been touched by cancer, to join with me in keeping our message of hope in the public eye. Buy a Conquer Cancer New Jersey license plate.

Paul E. Wallner, D.O.
Commission Chairman

The Sleeping Giant Awakens

Dear Editor,

The AARP state office is in the process of reorganizing its staff. It has been a sleeping giant in the past with 1.3 million members in the state of New Jersey, with little action taken then. Now committees like Capitol City Task Force and Middlesex County Grassroots Task Force successfully organized will be the "watch dog" for important legislation to be considered and make our presents in Trenton known.

We will be examining bills closely that protect the health and welfare of our senior population and protest the ones that create hardships for us.

Bills such as Senate Bill #1200 by Senators Buono and Lance, to protect us from predatory lending.

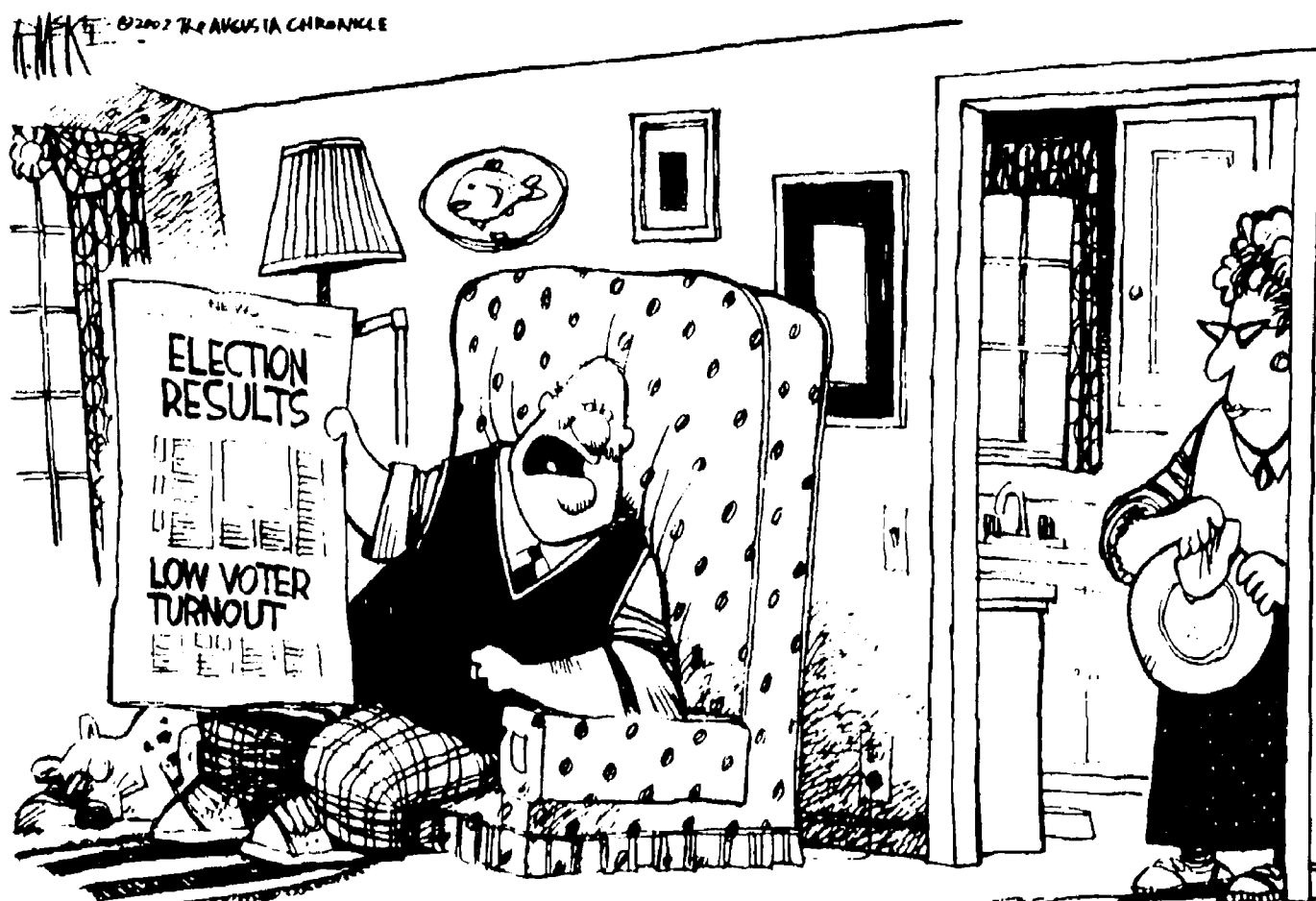
Bill #A727 by Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein and Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew, overwhelmingly approved by Assembly in June. But the Senate has failed to pass legislation to protect

consumers from telemarketing fraud and invasions of privacy.

Bill #A2507 by John S. Wisniewski primary sponsor and John H. Adler co-sponsor reducing the time for unclaimed property to revert to the state.

These bills also effect our young population as well. Look out, The sleeping giant is no longer sleeping.

George Vassiliades
Middlesex County
Advocate Coordinator



"MARK MY WORDS, MILDRED!... IF WE DON'T GET SOME BETTER ELECTED OFFICIALS SOON, I SWEAR I'M GONNA GO DOWN TO THE POLLS AND VOTE MYSELF!..."

ATTENTION CANDIDATES!

All candidates for local office are invited to submit information for a candidate profile to run in an upcoming issue of this newspaper. To receive a copy of our questionnaire, call...

Peggy at: **732-574-1200**

or email: editor@devinmedia.com

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

**SOLID WASTE
&
RECYCLING
GUIDE**

Included in this issue.....

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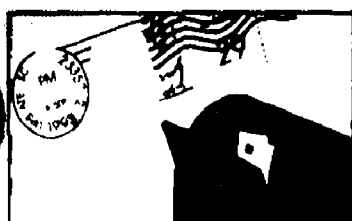
Auto Recycling

Household Appliance Drop-off

Household Hazardous Waste

PREPARED BY:

MIDDLESEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

EDITORIAL

Dear County Residents:



Welcome to the fifth edition of the Middlesex County Recycling Insert. I am pleased to present it to you as Freeholder Chairperson for the Department of Planning, Division of Solid Waste Management.

I would like to congratulate and thank all County residents and businesses for achieving the highest County recycling rate in New Jersey for 2000! That is the second year in a row that our County has had the highest recycling rate. Also, thanks to your hard work we have exceeded a 60% recycling rate for 1995 through 2000.

The County, through the Division of Solid Waste Management, is continuing to work hard to introduce new programs and expand existing ones to further enhance our recycling and solid waste system. The consumer electronics drop-off program which began last year has been an overwhelming success and additional drop-off sites are currently being considered. The County is also adding more household battery drop-off sites. The paint, household hazardous waste, and tire recycling programs also continue to be popular with our residents.

This guide was compiled by our Division of Solid Waste Management staff. The Division works closely with the Solid Waste Advisory Council, Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), and Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) to promote safe and sound solid waste and recycling practices for our citizens.

As you use this guide, please take advantage of the many County-sponsored recycling and solid waste programs and services available to you. If you have any questions, you may call the Division of Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170, e-mail solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us or visit our website at www.co.middlesex.nj.us

It is my continuing honor to represent and serve the citizens of Middlesex County on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Yours sincerely,

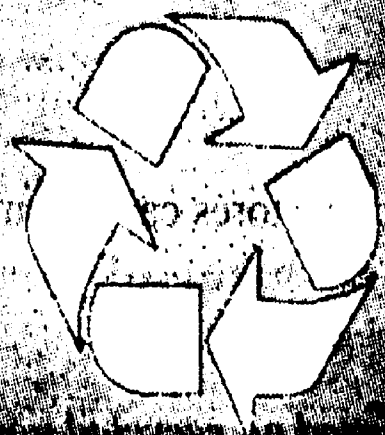
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Freeholder

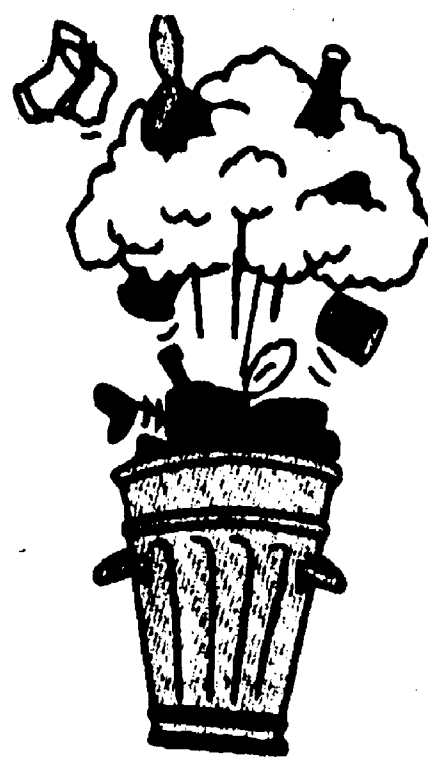
What do I have to recycle?

Residents (including multifamily units), governments, institutions, and commercial establishments (retail, restaurant, offices, warehousing, etc.) must recycle the following materials:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel cans
- Plastic milk, water, soda and laundry bottles
- Newspaper
- Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Leaves
- Brush
- Motor oil
- Textiles



WHAT IS IN OUR GARBAGE?



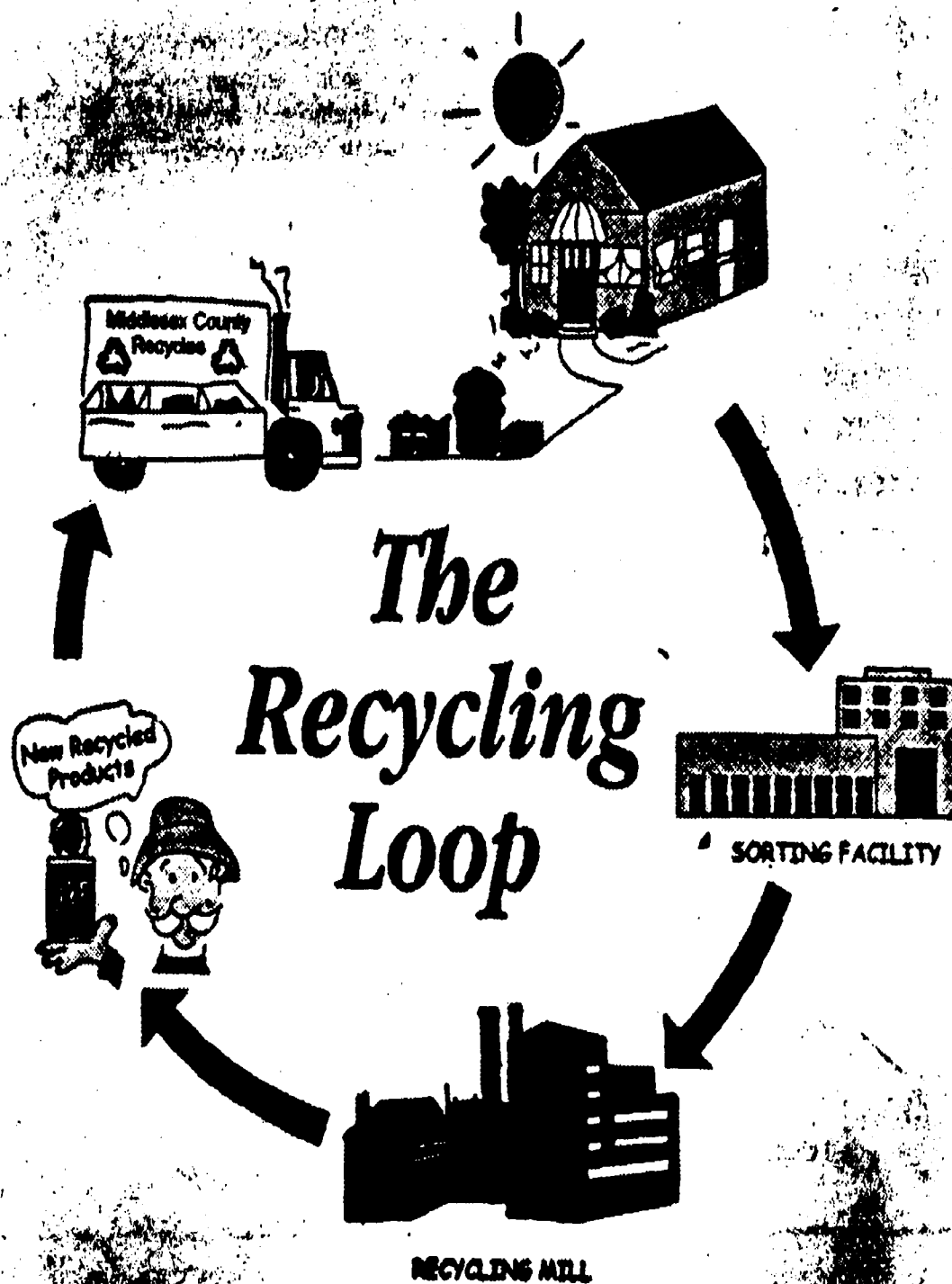
Paper	28.7%
Yard Waste	10.7%
Plastic	3.8%
Metals	16.2%
Wood	5.7%
Food Waste	5.7%
Glass	1.8%
Concrete	18.1%
Other	9.1%

Middlesex County residents and businesses generate over 2 million tons of garbage and recyclables each year.

Above figures represent composition of the whole solid waste stream by weight based upon a 1991 County composition study.

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**What Does it Mean to Buy Recycled?**

A recycled product is one that is made from material that has been recycled.

Why Buy Recycled Products?

Recycling is a three step process, otherwise known as the **RECYCLING LOOP**: Separation of recyclables from garbage, collection/sorting and processing of the recyclables, and the use of the recycled material to manufacture new products. Manufacturers will not use recycled materials in their products unless businesses and consumers purchase those products. So it is up to each and every one of us to Keep Recycling Working by Buying Recycled!!!

Did you Know that you may Already be Purchasing Recycled Products?

Many products that you currently purchase are made from recycled materials. For example, most chipboard, such as cereal boxes, is made from a percentage of recycled materials. Glass bottles, aluminum cans, and steel cans, all contain an average 25 - 50% of recycled material according to the Environmental Defense Fund. Newspapers often contain some recycled paper content as well.

What are Some Examples of Products that you can Purchase which are Made from Recycled Materials?*Made from paper:*

- writing paper
- greeting cards
- cardboard storage boxes
- cat litter
- notepads/ notebooks
- toilet paper, tissues, napkins

Made from tires:

- playground cover
- door mats
- garden hoses

Made from plastic:

- plastic trash bags
- plastic lumber
- carpet
- plastic garbage cans and compost bins
- clothing

Others:

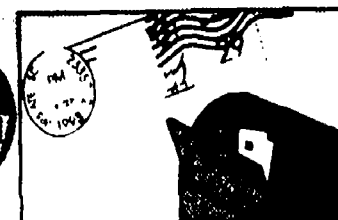
- aluminum cans
- steel/tin cans
- re-refined motor oil
- glass bottles and jars
- composted potting & top soil, mulch

Where Can I Purchase Recycled Materials?

Even though they do not advertise it, most retail/grocery stores carry items made from recycled materials. The packages will often indicate what percentage of recycled materials were used. You can also visit the State's Buy Recycled website at www.recyclenj.org to learn more about where and how to buy recycled.

This guide is printed on recycled newspaper.

EDITORIAL



Backyard Composting

Help the environment while creating a wonderful amendment for your soil!

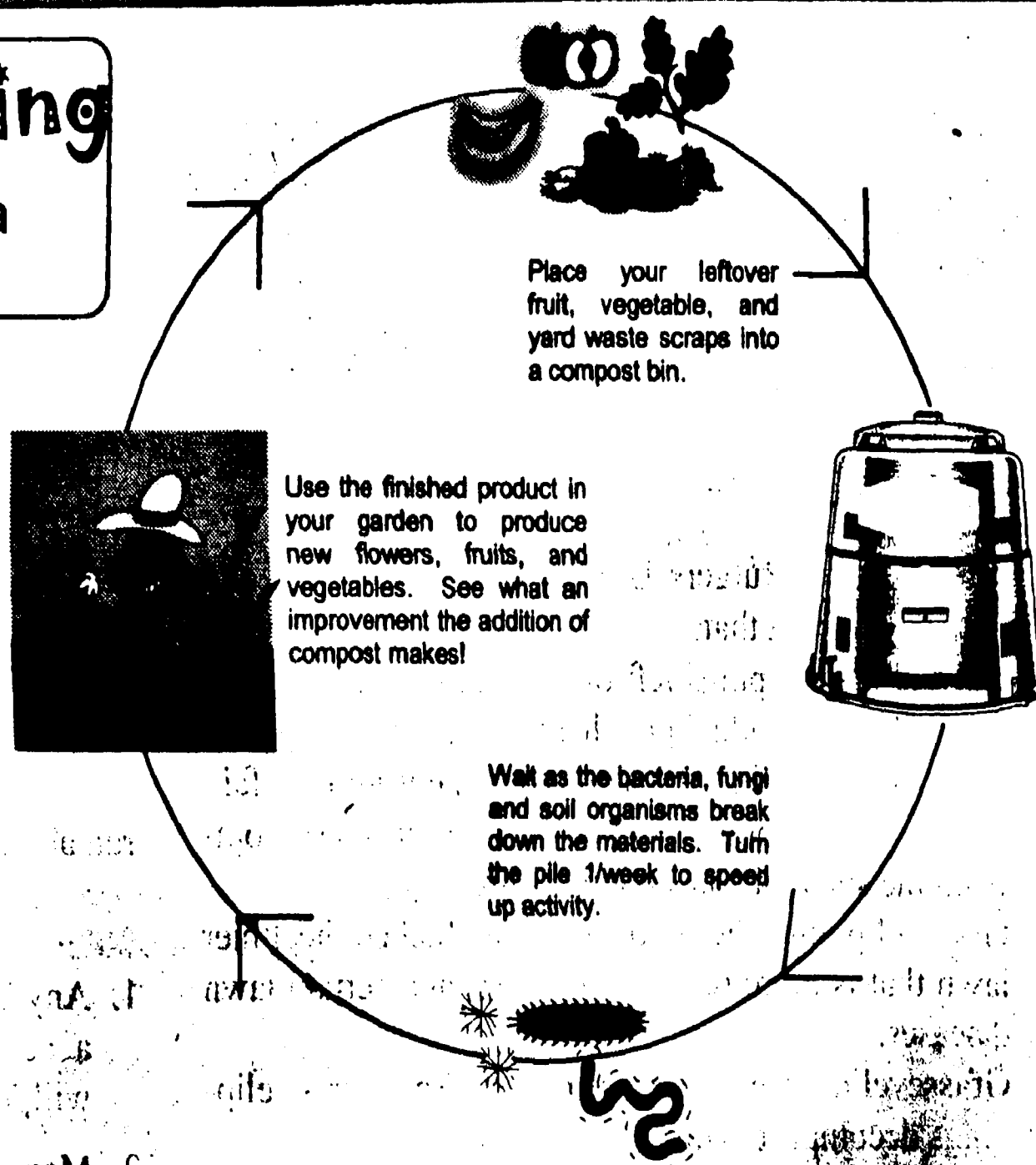
Composting is a simple process of decomposition carried out by microorganisms and organisms commonly found in soil.

Three steps to creating your own compost are:

1. Add a mixture of approximately 1 part green material (grass, fruit and vegetable scraps) to 2 parts brown material (leaves, straw) in a compost bin or pile.
2. Add water as needed and periodically turn the pile.
3. Wait 6 weeks to 6 months depending on the size of the pile, the types of materials you added, and the frequency of turning the materials and your compost will be ready!

Remember, it is okay to include:

- Leaves
- Grass
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds/filters and tea bags
- Other yard waste such as chopped twigs, branches, straw hay and saw dust.



Don't

- Add animal scraps
- Add dairy products
- Add cooking oils or fats
- Add meat
- Add diseased or insect infested plants or weeds

To learn more about Backyard Composting, come to one of our FREE classes:

Sign up now! Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

East Brunswick Library
Saturday, October 5, 2002
10 am—12 noon

John F. Kennedy Library
Piscataway
Thursday, October 17, 2002
6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Classes will run approx. 2 hours.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Workshop Date _____

2nd Choice Date _____

(you will be registered for your first choice unless otherwise notified)

If you are interested in purchasing a compost bin, please enclose the appropriate fee by check made payable to Treasurer, County of Middlesex. Pre-purchased bins can be picked up at the workshop.

Please indicate the type and quantity of bin(s) you are purchasing:

Handy Composter - \$5 each _____

Earth Machine - \$25 each _____

Home Composter - \$29.99 each _____

Mail registration form to: Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management, 100 Bayard Street, 2nd Floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or e-mail to solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

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CUT IT & LEAVE IT!

Grasscycling:

Don't bag your grass clippings.

Leave them on the lawn.

Grasscycle For a Healthier Lawn

Lawn experts at Rutgers University and other research centers have found that:

- Short grass clippings left on your lawn act as a natural fertilizer, producing a healthier lawn that greens earlier in the spring and stays green later into the fall.
- The grass clippings shelter the tender grass roots from the sun and conserve moisture.
- Grass clippings help to create a thicker, healthier lawn that is more resistant to weeds and certain lawn diseases.
- Grasscycling does not cause thatch. Short grass clippings decompose within a few days.

Grasscycling Saves....

Your Time. Experts say we spend as much as 35% of our mowing time getting rid of the clippings: emptying the mower bag, raking, filling the lawn waste bags and dragging them to the curb.

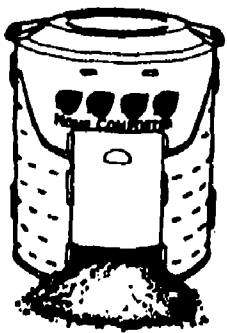
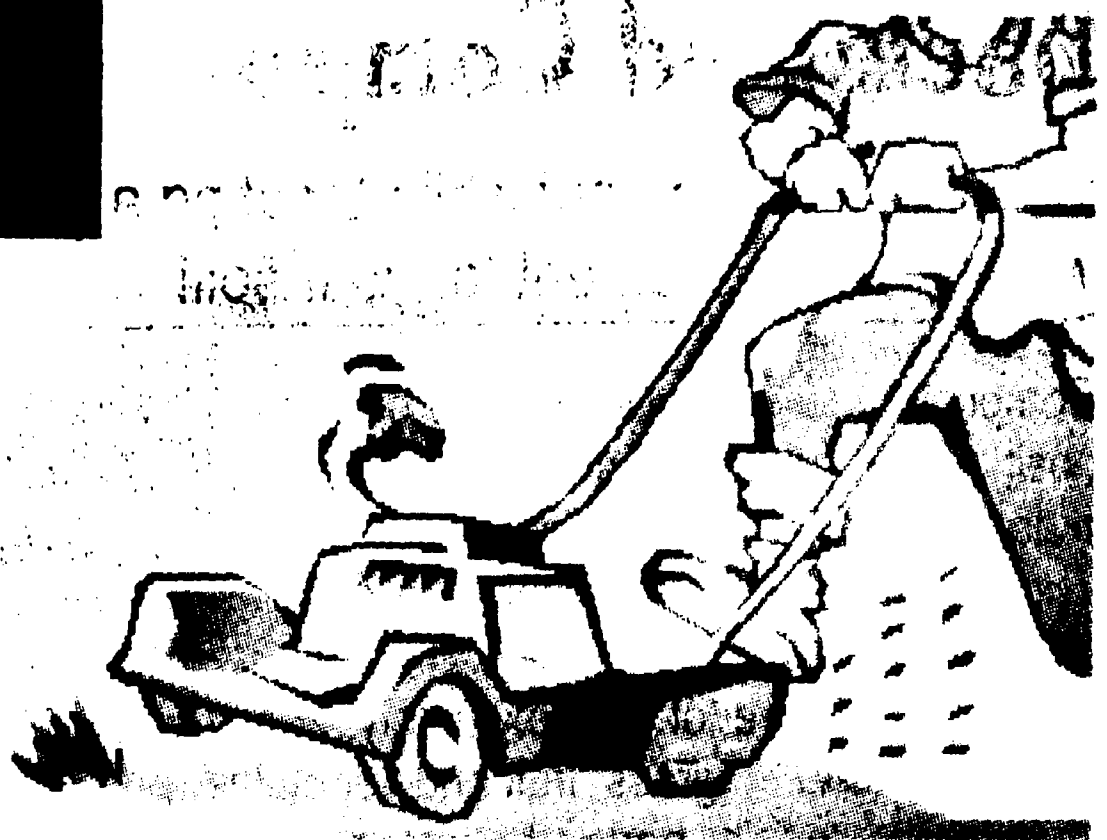
Your Money. You need to water and fertilize your lawn far less frequently, because the clippings conserve moisture and act as a natural fertilizer: they add almost two pounds of valuable nitrogen to every 1,000 square feet of lawn. You will also buy fewer lawn waste bags.

Your Town's Money. An average lawn creates about one ton of clippings each year. Municipal costs for the collection and disposal or recycling of grass clippings

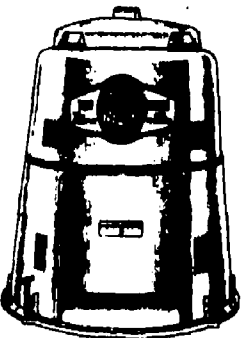
run about \$100 per ton.

5 Tips For A Great Looking Lawn

1. Any lawn mower will work, but a mulching mower (or a conventional mower with a mulching attachment) will produce the best results.
2. Mow high. Remove only the top 1/3 of the grass blade. You may mow a little more frequently, but your overall lawn care time will decrease.
3. Keep your mower blade sharp. Dull blades tear the grass. This produces ragged, brown edges that invite lawn disease.
4. Water in the morning to a depth of one inch. Shallow watering leaves your lawn susceptible to drought stress, disease and insect problems.
5. Don't over-fertilize. Grasscycled lawns need fertilizer only once or twice per year.



Home Composter
32" high X 34" wide at base



Earth Machine

Middlesex County residents can buy **Backyard Compost Bins Year Round.**

WHEN: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

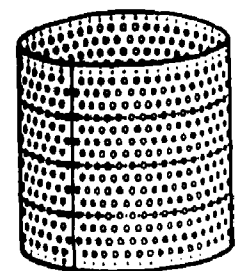
WHERE: Middlesex County Improvement Authority Offices
55 Edgeboro Road, East Brunswick

COMPOST BINS AVAILABLE:

Home Composter \$29.99

Handy Composter \$5.00

Earth Machine \$25.00



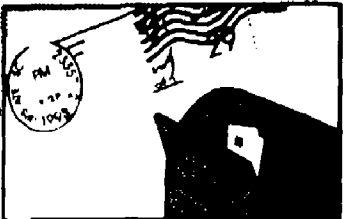
Handy Composter
30" high X 36" wide at base

Free kitchen pail and composting guide included.

Cash (exact change, please) or checks (made payable to "Treasurer, County of Middlesex") acceptable. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 or the MCIA at 1-800-488-6242 for more information.



AMERICA, INC.

EDITORIAL**ATTENTION MIDDLESEX COUNTY BUSINESSES****RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS**

Just a reminder that all commercial establishments in the County, including but not limited to restaurants, retail, hotels, offices, warehouses, or manufacturers must have a recycling system in place. You are required, at a minimum, to recycle newspaper, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic milk, water, soda, and laundry bottles, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, leaves and brush, textiles, and motor oil. Your business must have separate containers for your garbage and recyclables. You may, depending on your market and/or hauler, commingle your recyclables together.

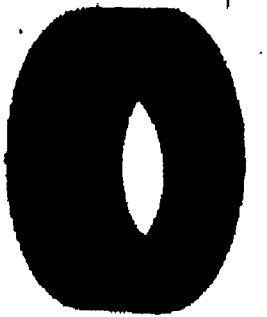
The only exception to the requirement for separate containers is if your business has applied for and been granted a recycling exemption by your municipality. This exemption, where authorized, must be issued by your town in writing. A letter from your garbage hauler stating they will separate your recyclables from your garbage **does not constitute** a valid recycling exemption. Recycling exemptions are granted at the discretion of your municipality and not every town grants exemptions. Depending on your type of business, a town may refuse to grant the exemption based upon concerns with contamination of the recyclables. Contact your Municipal Recycling Coordinator (see page 16) for more information. Please note that the Division of Solid Waste Management does not encourage the granting of recycling exemptions. **This exemption does not apply to residential/multifamily units.**

You are probably aware that the Middlesex County Health Department is continuing their successful recycling inspection program. Inspectors visit every business establishment in every municipality as well as multifamily units to ensure their compliance with the Recycling Act and County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mixing your garbage and recyclables in one container without a proper recycling exemption means that your business is in non-compliance with the Recycling Act. Although the overall goal of the program is to educate businesses and multifamily units to recycle, a notice of violation and/or fine may be issued to repeat offenders of any recycling requirements.

If you would like to report a non-compliant commercial establishment, please call the Middlesex County Health Department at 732-745-8492.

TIRE STORAGE and WEST NILE VIRUS

If your business regularly stores or generates tires, you should be aware of the new County storage and disposal requirements adopted in response to the West Nile Virus problem.



- If you have 5 or more used tires on your site, the tires must be stored in totally enclosed structures, closed trailers, or covered roll-off containers. The County Health Department has begun an inspection/education program to ensure that used tires are being stored and disposed of properly. You can assist in this endeavor by making your employees aware of the proper way to manage tires.
- Properly dispose/recycle your tires. You can contact the Division of Solid Waste Management to obtain a list of private vendors that provide tire recycling services.

Electronics

Certain consumer electronics contain heavy metals and materials that are considered hazardous. These items must be properly disposed according to Hazardous Waste or Universal Waste regulations.

Televisions and computer monitors contain significant quantities of lead. Any electronic items, such as VCR's, stereos, computers, etc., can contain lead in the circuit boards as well other heavy metals like nickel, cadmium and mercury. Older clothes irons and portable electric heaters may contain mercury switches.

These items should be brought to facilities that demanufacture and remove the harmful products for proper disposal. Businesses in this area are encouraged to utilize consumer electronics demanufacturing facilities approved by the State such as:

Hesstech, LLC
45 Executive Drive
Edison, NJ
(800) 958-1404

Onyx Superior Products, Inc.
1453 Pinewood Street
Rahway, NJ 07065
(800) 478-6055

Newtech Recycling Inc.
111 Chimney Rock Road, Building 2
Bridgewater, NJ
(732) 469-9774
www.newtechrecycling.com

The NJDEP maintains a list of approved facilities. Contact the NJDEP at 609-984-6650 or visit their website at www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/lrm/uwrcompu.htm for the names of additional approved facilities. Please call ahead for a list of acceptable and unacceptable items as well as pricing. You can learn more about diverting hazardous materials from the waste stream by visiting the Rutgers Solid Waste Policy Group website at <http://aesop.rutgers.edu/~wastemgmt/>

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Consumer Electronics Drop-Off Program

No Fees!
(for Middlesex County residents only)

When:

1st Saturday of every month 9 am - 1 pm
3rd Monday of every month 12 pm - 4 pm

Location:

HESSTECH
45 Executive Avenue (off Mill Road)
Edison, NJ (Heller Industrial Park)

Open To:

FREE to Middlesex County Residents
Partially subsidized program available for Middlesex County Schools, Municipalities, and Government Agencies. Please call for information.

For further information call:

Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Mgmt.
(732) 745-4170 or e-mail solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

Directions:

Take Route 1 North to Route 514 East or Route 1 South to Route 531 South to Route 514 West. Once on Route 514, take the exit for Mill Road (near County College). Proceed 3/4 mile and make a right onto Executive Avenue. Go 1/2 mile and make a left onto Corporation Row, and make the first left into the Hesstech parking area.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

(including but not limited to)

Computers

Monitors

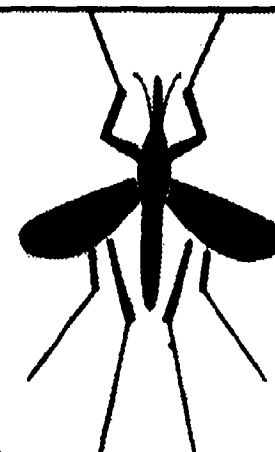
Televisions

Telephones

Fluorescent Lamps

Irons

TIRE STORAGE AND THE WEST NILE VIRUS



What does the proper storage and recycling of tires have to do with the West Nile Virus?

Tires stored outdoors can collect water and provide an ideal breeding site for mosquitoes, including the one species - *Culex pipiens* - the primary transmitter of the West Nile Virus.

What should I do to help prevent the West Nile Virus?

♦ **Store tires indoors or in a covered container.**

If you have 5 or more used tires on your property the tires must be stored in totally enclosed structures, closed trailers, or covered roll-off containers.

♦ **Properly dispose/recycle your tires.**

County residents can utilize any one of the County's four permanent Tire Recycling Program drop-off locations identified on page 9.

♦ **Empty any objects on your property filled with standing water.**

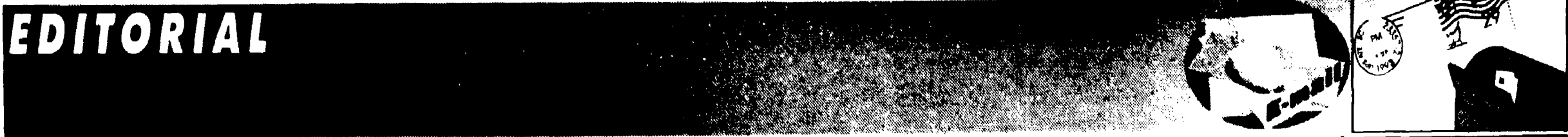
Any container or bucket that is susceptible to collecting water can also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. These items should be removed, covered, or emptied after each rain event.



♦ **Report illegally dumped tires.**

If you see a pile of illegally dumped tires, please report it to your local municipality or to the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission at 732-549-0665.





COUNTY SPONSORED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

(See directions to sites on page 10)

Paint Drop-off Program

On the first through fourth Saturday of every month, residents can bring paint and paint related items to one of the various locations for proper disposal. This program operates every single month of the year and is slated to continue through the year 2003. Refer to the chart for times, locations and acceptable items. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 if you have any questions pertaining to this program.

Weekend Cycle	Northern Locations	Southern Locations
1st Saturday	Middlesex Recycling Drop-off Center 1200 Mountain Ave. 8:00am-4:00pm	East Brunswick Public Works Dept. 300 Middlesex County 8:00am-4:00pm
2nd Saturday	Dunellen Public Works Yard 235 Hill Street 8:00am-4:00pm	East Brunswick Public Works Dept. 300 Middlesex County 8:00am-4:00pm
3rd Saturday	East Brunswick Recycling Drop-off Center 1200 Mountain Ave. 8:00am-4:00pm	Edison Recycling Drop-off Center 60 Main Street 8:00am-12:00pm
4th Saturday	Middlesex Recycling Drop-off Center 1200 Mountain Ave. 8:00am-4:00pm	South Brunswick Recycling Center (by Municipal Bldg.) Kingston Ln./Rt. 522 8:00am-4:00pm

RULES

Middlesex County Residents Only
(proof of residency required)

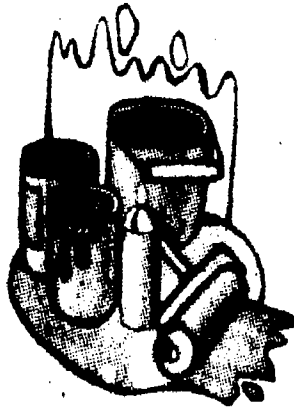
Acceptable Items:

Paints, and Paint Related Items (Latex (water), and Oil Based Paints, Stains, Varnishes, Lacquers, Thinners, Paint Aerosols)

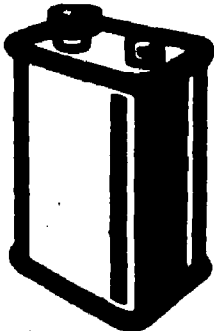
No Household Hazardous Waste
(see page 9)

No Commercially Generated Waste

Free of Charge



Household Battery Drop-off Program



There are more than 30 locations throughout the County where residents can bring household batteries for recycling/disposal. Batteries accepted include the commonly used alkaline batteries found in a variety of sizes including but not limited to, C, D, AA, AAA and 9 Volt. Other types of batteries accepted are 'button' cells found in watches, calculators, etc. You can even bring in your old camcorder and laptop batteries. See the chart for a list of some of the locations near you. For a complete list of sites, call the Division at 732-745-4170. Note: Any type of rechargeable batteries can also be brought back to the point of purchase for recycling. (Information concerning automobile batteries can be found on page 9 or by calling your municipal recycling coordinator to determine if your town accepts these batteries.)

Locations that Accept Batteries in Middlesex County

Cranbury	Boro Hall	Main Street	New Brunswick	County Courthouse Foyer	Bayard St. (JFK Square)
Dunellen	Library	New Market Rd.	North Brunswick	Public Works Dept.	45 Quarry Ln.
East Brunswick	Library	Civic Center Dr.		Municipal Complex	710 Hermann Rd
	Recycling Center	Dunhams Corner Rd.	Old Bridge	Library	1 Old Bridge Plz. (Rt. 546)
Helmetta	Boro Hall	Main Street	Perth Amboy	Public Works Yard	599 Fayette St.
Highland Park	Boro Hall	221 S. 5th St.	Placataway	Library	500 Hoes Lane
	Dept. Public Works	444 Valentine St		Library	Stelton Rd. & Murray Ave.
Jamesburg	Library	229 Gatzmer Ave.	Plainsboro	Conservation Center	Grovers Mill Rd.
Metuchen	Library	480 Middlesex Ave.	Sayreville	Library	1050 Washington Ave.
	Senior Center	15 Center St.		Senior Center	423 Main St.
Middlesex	Recycling Center	1200 Mountain Ave.	South Amboy	Senior Center	Stevens Ave.
Milltown	Boro Hall	39 Washington Ave.	South Brunswick	Recycling Center	Kingston Lane/Rt. 522
	Milltown Hardware	66 No. Main St.	South Plainfield	Library	2484 Plainfield Ave.
Morroe	Senior Center	Perrineville Rd.		Recycling Center	Kenneth Ave.
	Recycling Center	Spotswood Gravel-Hill Rd.	South River	Public Works Yard	Whitehead Ave.
New Brunswick	Library	Livingston Ave.	Woodbridge	Library	St. Georges Ave.

It is important that you properly dispose of your household hazardous waste (HHW). This can be done in a responsible manner by utilizing our household hazardous waste days. Improper disposal of HHW can lead to environmental damage as well as possible injury to yourself and sanitation workers. The information below lists the locations and times for this Fall's collection events. Next year's (2003) tentative collection days are set for Woodbridge Public Works on Saturdays, March 15 and September 20; Middlesex County Road Dept. (North Brunswick) on Saturdays, April 19 and October 18; Middlesex County College (Edison) on Sundays, May 18 and November 16; and Old Bridge Public Works on Sunday, July 20. Please call us if you would like to be placed on our permanent mailing list. If you only have paint, paint related items or household batteries to dispose of, you may find our programs covering these items listed on page 8 to be more convenient.

Residents of Middlesex County who are physically incapable of bringing material to our Household Hazardous Waste disposal events may be eligible to receive a free pick-up from your home. Please contact the Division of Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170 for details.

Middlesex County residents (no businesses) can recycle (FREE) up to eight tires with or without rims (preferably without) by bringing them to one of four locations located in the County. Be sure to see the attendant before leaving any tires. Automobile and light truck tires only □ no oversized tires. Tire drop-offs are closed on Sundays and holidays.

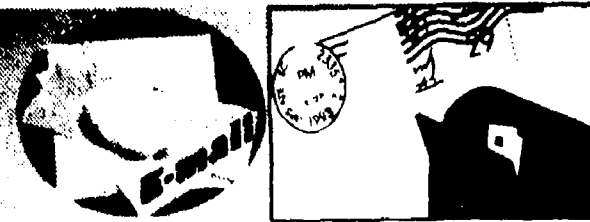


PLAINSBORO CONSERVATION RECYCLING CENTER Off Grovers Mill Road <u>April 1st — December 15th</u> Monday 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Thursday 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. <u>December 16th — March 31st</u> Saturday 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.	METUCHEN RECYCLING CENTER Jersey Ave. Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
EAST BRUNSWICK RECLAMATION CENTER 357 Dunham Corner Road Monday — Saturday 8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	WOODBIDGE RECYCLING CENTER 225 Smith Street, Keanbey (beneath Parkway & Rt. 9 Bridges) Hours: Monday — Saturday 8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

(see directions on page 10)

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DIRECTIONS

Dunellen, 235 Hall St. (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

From the North: Take Route 1 South to I-287 North (Somerville). Take the exit for Rt. 529/Dunellen off of I-287. Merge onto Stelton Road (Rt. 529). Go straight through 3 lights. After passing a Sunoco Station on the left, turn left and stay on Stelton Road. (Do not follow Route 529). Go through one light. At the second light (end of road) turn left onto Lakeview Avenue. Almost immediately the road bears to the right. You are now on New Market Road. Just after passing a school on the left (at a triangle) turn left onto Grove St. Go through one light and follow until the road turns into South Avenue (Harry's Deli on right). Go two blocks down and turn left onto Hall St. Dunellen Public Works is at the end of Hall Street on the left. **From the South:** Take Route 1 North to I-287 (Somerville). Take the exit for Rt. 529/Dunellen off of I-287. Merge onto Stelton Road (Rt. 529). Go straight through 3 lights. After passing a Sunoco Station on the left, turn left and stay on Stelton Road. (Do not follow Route 529). Go through one light. At the second light (end of road) turn left onto Lakeview Avenue. Almost immediately the road bears to the right. You are now on New Market Road. Just after passing a school on the left (at a triangle) turn left onto Grove St. Go through one light and follow until the road turns into South Avenue (Harry's Deli on right). Go two blocks down and turn left onto Hall St. Dunellen Public Works is at the end of Hall Street on the left.

East Brunswick, Scudders Mill Rd. (PAINT & TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)

From the North: Take Rt. 18 south to Cranbury Road (Rt. 535 S). Bear right at the fork onto Dunhams Corner Rd. and continue for approx. 2.5 miles. The Reclamation Center will be on the right before reaching Church Ln. **From the South:** Take Rt. 130 north. After passing the Middlesex County correctional facility on the right, bear right onto Old Georges Rd at the sign for Maple Meade. Pass the Church Lane Plaza on the left and turn right onto Church Ln. Follow Church Lane until it ends and turn left onto Dunhams Corner Rd. The Reclamation Center will be on the left. **Or** Take Cranbury South River Rd. (Rt. 535 North) and turn left onto Dunhams Corner Rd. After passing the Crystal Springs Aquatic Center on the right, look for the Reclamation Center on the left.

Helmetta, 615 Main St. (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

From the Northeast: Take Rt. 18 to Rt. 615 South (Bordentown Ave / Main St.). Follow Main St. into Spotswood. Stay on Main St. for about 1 1/2 miles at which point the road splits. Bear left staying on 615 South (green street sign at fork says Manalapan Rd). Continue for just under 2 miles and turn left at the Helmetta Municipal Building. Paint site is behind Borough Hall. **From the West:** Take Rt. 130 to Church Lane (via Georges Rd.). Follow Church Lane east until it intersects with Dunhams Corner Rd. and turn right. Follow Dunhams Corner Rd. until it turns into Helmetta Blvd (at traffic light). Continue until Helmetta Blvd. merges with Lake Ave bearing left at the fork. Make the first right at stop sign (continuing on Lake Ave.) and proceed to Main St. At Main St. turn right and travel about 100 feet to the Helmetta Municipal Building on the left. Paint Drop-Off site is behind Borough Hall.

Metuchen, Jersey Ave. (TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)

From the North: Take Rt. 27 South. Once in Metuchen, go to the fourth light and turn right onto Central Ave. At the first light turn left onto Durham Ave. Go about one block and turn right onto Jersey Ave. Go to the end of the street and the Public Works office will be on the right. **From the South:** Take Rt. 27 North. Once in Metuchen (going under I 287), make a left at traffic light onto Bridge St. Follow until the end and make a right at the light onto New Durham Rd. Make next immediate left at a light onto John Street. Follow until the end and make a right at the stop sign onto Durham Ave. Follow for a short distance and after the large bend toward the left, make the next left onto Jersey Ave. Go to the end of the street and the Public Works office will be on the right.

Middlesex Borough, 1200 Mountain Ave. (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

From the South and East: Take I-287 North to Exit 9 for Highland Park and Bound Brook (or simply take River Rd.) Merge right toward Bound Brook onto River Rd. (Rt. 18) and follow to the end. Turn right onto Lincoln Blvd. Go through 2 lights and at the 3rd light turn left onto Mountain Ave. Go about 5 blocks and turn right onto Monroe Ave and continue straight to the Recycling Center and follow the one way signs. **From the North and East:** Take Rt. 28 (Bound Brook Rd.) West and once in Middlesex turn left onto Mountain Ave. Pass the Municipal Bldg./Police Headquarters and turn left. Continue straight to the Recycling Center and follow the one way signs.

Middlesex County College, Woodbridge Ave. And Mill Road, Edison (HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF SITE)

From The North/N. West: Take Rt. 287 South and take the exit for Rt. 514 West. Travel about 2 miles passing the first entrance for the college and at the light turn left onto Mill Road. Once on Mill Road travel to the first light and turn left into the College entrance. The collection area will be on the right. **From The South:** Take Rt. 1 North. Shortly after crossing the Raritan River take the exit for Woodbridge Ave. (514 East) Once merged onto 514 follow for approximately 2 miles. Bear right at the sign for Mill Road/Middlesex County College. Once on Mill Road, travel to the next traffic light and turn left into the College entrance. The collection will be on the right.

Middlesex County Roads Department, Apple Orchard Lane, North Brunswick (HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF SITE)

From The North: Take Rt. 1 South to Rt. 130 South. Follow Rt. 130 for approximately 3 miles and turn left onto Apple Orchard Lane toward the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility. The Road Department Garage is the second building on the left, after Youth Services. **From The South:** Take Rt. 130 North. After entering North Brunswick, follow for approximately 1 mile and turn right onto Apple Orchard Lane toward the Adult Correctional Facility. The Road Department Garage is the second building on the left, after Youth Services.

New Brunswick, 400 Jersey Ave. (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

From the North: Take the NJ Turnpike South to exit 9 or take Rt. 1 South to Rt. 18 North. Follow Rt. 18 North into New Brunswick and take the exit for Rt. 27 South/Princeton. (or simply follow Rt. 27 South) Merge onto Rt. 27 which is also called Albany St. Make sure you are in the left lane before reaching the 4th light at the train station. Continue going straight on Rt. 27 which turns into French St. Before reaching the 8th light, bear left onto Jersey Ave. (at the white clock tower). Continue going straight and follow Jersey Ave. for just under 1 mile. Turn left into the second driveway for the New Brunswick Public Works.

New Brunswick (cont.)

From the South : Take Rt. 1 North. Once in North Brunswick, get in the right lane and take the exit for New Brunswick via Jersey Ave. Follow Jersey Ave. for approximately 2.5 miles Turn right into the first driveway for the New Brunswick Public Works. **OR** Take Rt. 130 North. Cross over Rt. 1 onto Georges Road. At the 1st light turn left onto Hermann Rd. At the 2nd light turn left onto Livingston Ave. At the 2nd light turn right onto How Lane (right turn only). Go over the bridge and turn right at the light onto Jersey Ave. Travel just over 1 mile and turn right into the first driveway for the New Brunswick Public Works.

Old Bridge, 1 Old Bridge Plaza (HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & PAINT SITE)

From The North: Follow Rt. 9 South and exit for Rt. 516 East/Matawan. Merge onto Rt. 516 East and travel approximately 1/4 mile. Municipal Center will be on the left. **From The West:** Take Rt. 18 South (toward East Brunswick) pass Brunswick Square Mall at right and Movie City 5 further down (on the left). Take exit for Matawan/Rt. 516 East. Follow Rt. 516 East for approx. 3 miles. After passing the interchange for Rt. 9, go approximately 1/4 mile, the Municipal Center will be on the left.

Plainsboro, Grovers Mill Road. (TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)

From Rt. 1: Take Rt. 1 South to Scudders Mill Rd./Plainsboro exit (use jug handle right after light). Cross over Rt. 1 and follow Scudders Mill Rd. through 4 lights. At the 5th light turn right onto Dey Rd. At the stop sign cross over onto Edgemere Ave. Continue straight and at the next stop sign, turn left onto Maple Ave. Follow Maple Ave. until the next traffic light and turn left onto Grovers Mill Rd. Travel about 1 mile and after the sharp bend in the road, turn left at the white and green sign that reads Plainsboro Twp. Conservation Recycling Center. Travel down the power line access road and turn right at the first driveway into the Conservation Center. **From Rt. 130:** Take Rt. 130 South. After passing Cranbury Station (restaurant) turn right at the next light onto Dey Rd. Travel on Dey Rd. for approximately 4.5 miles. Continue going straight through 2 traffic lights until you reach a stop sign where Dey Rd. turns into Edgemere Ave. Continue straight and at the next stop sign, turn left onto Maple Ave. Follow Maple Ave. until the next traffic light and turn left onto Grovers Mill Rd. Travel about 1 mile and after the sharp bend in the road, turn left at the white and green sign that reads Plainsboro Twp. Conservation Recycling Center. Travel down the power line access road and turn right at the first driveway into the Conservation Center.

South Brunswick, Kingston Lane Rt. 522 (Ridge Road) (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

From the North: Take Rt. 1 South to Major Road (right lane exit). McDonalds will be just beyond the exit on the right and a water tower will be on the left. Cross over Rt. 1 and follow Major Road to the end at a stop sign. Make right onto Kingston Lane. Bear right at the next light onto Monmouth Junction Road (also called Rt. 522). Turn right into the Municipal Complex and follow the road past the Municipal Bldg. (on the left) to the Recycling Center (on right). See attendant before unloading. **From the South:** Take Rt. 130 North. Get into the left lane after passing the Turnpike entrance sign and make a left through the center island at a sign for Deans/Dayton. You are now on Georges Rd. At the first traffic light (5 way intersection), turn left between Dayton Video and the Dayton Diner onto Monmouth Junction Rd. (Rt. 522) At the next light bear left and turn right into the Municipal Complex. Follow the road past the Municipal Bldg. (on the left) to the Recycling Center (on right).

South Plainfield, Kenneth Ave. (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

From I 287: Take Rt. 287 North and take the Durham Ave./South Plainfield Exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp bear right and merge onto Durham Ave. Go through 1 light. Bear right at the 2nd light and proceed over the bridge (you are now on Hamilton Blvd.). Continue straight until the next light and turn right (right turn only lane) onto Belmont Ave. Travel just under a half a mile and turn right onto Kenneth Ave. (opposite the Public Works Department). Continue going straight on Kenneth Ave. past the dead end sign on the right and the James W. Conroy Memorial field on the left. The recycling center will be on the right. **From Rt. 28:** Take Rt. 28 to Rt. 529 South (Washington Ave). Travel about 1 mile. After crossing over New Market Pond, turn left onto Lakeview Ave. (which turns into New Market Ave.). Proceed through 3 lights. At the fourth light, turn right onto Hamilton Blvd. Follow Hamilton Blvd. until the 1st light and turn left onto Belmont Ave. Travel just under a half a mile and turn right onto Kenneth Ave. (opposite the Public Works Department). Continue going straight on Kenneth Ave. past the dead end sign on the right and the James W. Conroy Memorial Field on the left. The recycling center will be on the right.

Woodbridge, 225 Smith St., Keasbey (PAINT, TIRE, HOUSEHOLD HAZ. WASTE DROP-OFF SITE)

From the South West: Take either N.J. Turnpike North to Exit 10 or Rt. 1 North and get onto Rt. 440 N. toward Staten Island (Rt. 287 South becomes Rt. 440 North). Take the exit for Smith St. / Industrial Ave./ Fords. Follow the signs for Smith St., bearing left toward Keasbey. Go through one light. Stay in the right lane and turn right at the sign for the Woodbridge Municipal Service Center between bridge overpasses. Go down the hill toward the river and turn right, toward the Recycling Center.

From the South East: Take Rt. 9 North to Rt. 35 North. Stay in the right lane following signs for Rt. 35 North and go around the circle. Stay right and take the Rt. 35 Victory Bridge across the river. Turn left at the first light onto Smith St. Travel less than 1 mile and stay in the left lane. Just after passing under the bridges, take the left lane U-turn. Immediately get into the right lane. Turn right at the sign for the Woodbridge Municipal Service Center between bridge overpasses. Go down the hill toward the river and turn right, toward the Recycling Center.

NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

SMOKE DETECTOR DISPOSAL

Homeowners can mail smoke detectors back to the appropriate manufacturer only. All alarms/detectors are to be marked "for disposal". Below are the phone numbers of some of the more common manufacturers. You may also try contacting the place of purchase for disposal options or suggestions.

Code One/Firex/Maple Chase Products 630-719-5500	Triad Safety Systems 308-236-7062	American SenSors 416-493-3457
First Alert/BRK Brands 800-323-9005 800-392-1395	System Sensor 630-377-6580	Radio Shack 817-415-3205
Gentex Corp. 616-772-1800		Masterguard 972-446-9966

HOME GENERATION OF MEDICAL WASTE

Although it is technically "legal" for a home self-care generator of syringes (sharps) to place them in the garbage if properly secured, there is a much safer way to dispose of these items. Many hospitals in and around the County participate in the New Jersey Hospital Association's Safe Syringe Program. Hospitals provide sharps containers to the home generator and the generator returns to the hospital when full. Contact the hospitals listed below for further information.

Note: Under no circumstances should needles ever be put in any type of container and placed out for recycling collection. This is very hazardous to all personnel handling recyclable materials.

St. Peter's Univ. Hospital
New Brunswick
732-743-8600 ext 8470
Ask for Safe Syringe
Program

Princeton Med. Center
Princeton
609-497-4266
Joan Gillard

JFK Medical Center
Edison
732-321-7539
Judith Lechek

Somerset Medical Center
Somerville
908-685-2200
Ask for Safe Syringe Program

Rahway Hospital
Rahway
732-499-6056
Janet Tassos



In addition, Waste Management, a hauling company has a "Sharps Disposal by Mail" program. Participants are provided with an approved disposal container and mail the full containers for disposal using the US Postal Service. Interested parties can call Waste Management for details and pricing at 877-WASTE-MD. Corbado Inc. also has a program for sharps. Call 1-800-499-1387 for details.

PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL

Propane tanks without OPD (Overfill Protection Devices) valves are no longer permitted to be refilled. If you are a County resident and have one of these older tanks, you may bring it to any of our Household Hazardous Waste Days (see page 9). In addition, the following companies will also accept these items, however the companies may charge a fee. Call the company of your choice for more information.

Acetylene Supply Co.
Woodbridge
732-634-7500

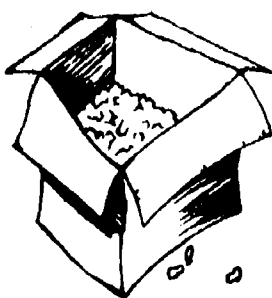
H & H Gas Co.
Windsor
609-448-3232

Synergy Gas
South Plainfield
908-755-5100

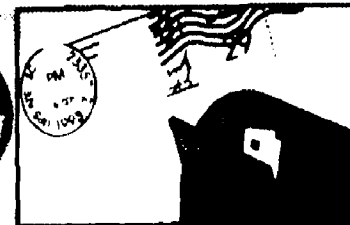
Propane Power Corp.
Newark
973-589-3030

Middlesex Welding
North Brunswick
732-297-0900

Polystyrene "Styrofoam" Peanut Drop-off
Locations for Re-use:



Mail Boxes Etc.
Call for Locations
1-800-828-2214
www.mbe.com

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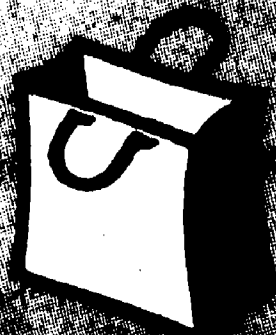
What can I do with all my grocery shopping bags?

Think of the 3 R's when you consider what to do with those bags from the retail and grocery stores!

REDUCE—Don't take the bags in the first place. If you only have one or two manageable items, carry them by hand.

REUSE—Bring reusable cloth bags to the store. Or, reuse the plastic or paper grocery bags in your bathroom, kitchen or bedroom garbage cans.

RECYCLE—Brown paper bags can be recycled with your corrugated cardboard. Some stores, including most ShopRite, Wegman's, A&P, and Acme stores accept the plastic bags back for recycling. If yours does not, ask them to start a collection program.



What can I do with my old cell phone?

The national Donate a Phone campaign collects wireless phones to benefit victims of domestic violence. These phones allow victims to call for assistance when faced with an emergency situation.

Phones can be donated by placing the phone, battery, and charger (if available) in the mail to:

Call to Protect
c/o Motorola
1580 E. Ellsworth Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

In addition, the Cellular Fashion in Edison and East Brunswick and Rep. Frank Pallone's office in New Brunswick will accept donations at their location.

For more information and a list of current locations to drop-off wireless phones, visit their website at www.donateaphone.com

There is also a new program called Sprint Project Connect which collects wireless phones to benefit the National Organization on Disability (NOD) and Easter Seals. Phones may be dropped off at participating Sprint Stores and Easter Seals locations. For more information visit the NOD's website, www.nod.org



Markets Directory Available

Do you need information on how to recycle concrete, asphalt, wood, fluorescent bulbs or other items? The Division of Solid Waste Management has a Markets Directory listing businesses that provide recycling services. There are over 40 different items in the directory. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 for a free copy.

NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

In 1995, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) began its curbside recycling program in the municipality of Cranbury. Today, the MCIA program has expanded to include 17 of the 25 municipalities in Middlesex County, including Cranbury, Dunellen, Helmetta, Highland Park, Jamesburg, Middlesex, Milltown, Monroe, New Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Amboy, South Plainfield, South River and Spotswood.

Currently, the MCIA has a contract with Waste Management of New Jersey to service the municipalities in the program. The contractor collects the recyclables on a biweekly schedule. The materials collected include: aluminum cans, glass (bottles and jars), #1 and #2 plastic (milk, soda, water and laundry bottles), steel cans, newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper and textiles. Commingled materials (aluminum, glass, plastic and steel) are to be placed in the 20 gallon round container. Mixed paper, magazines and junk mail (no newspaper) should be placed in the 14 gallon rectangular container. Presently, cardboard is to be cut to approximately 24" X 24" wide by 24" high, bundled and tied. Newspapers should also be tied in bundles no higher than 12". Textiles are to be placed in bags provided by the MCIA.

The MCIA has a hotline for residents with questions regarding the recycling program or who have not received a pick-up by the contractor. The number is 1-800-488-6242. Please check to see if your municipality is included in the list above before calling.

The following communities operate their own curbside recycling programs consistent with the County-wide Recycling Plan: Carteret, East Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen, North Brunswick, Perth Amboy, South Brunswick and Woodbridge. If you are a resident of one of the nine communities listed above and have any questions on your recycling program, please contact your Municipal Recycling Coordinator. See page 16 for phone numbers.

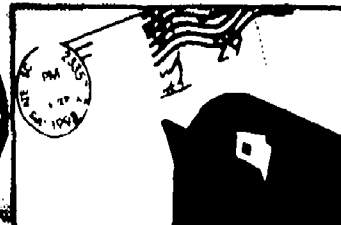
Below are the general preparation requirements for most communities in Middlesex County. Please refer to your municipal recycling mailer for more specific information.

Material	Preparation Requirements	Restrictions
Newspaper 	Cross-tied with string or twine in bundles of no more than 12" of height. Color print advertisements can be included.	Do not: bundle newspapers above 12". Do not: place newspaper in the rectangular mixed paper bin.
Glass Bottles 	Bottles must be rinsed, drained and have their lids removed. Labels do not have to be removed.	Do not include: window glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs, mirrors or pyrex. These materials are not currently recyclable in the curbside program.
Aluminum Cans 	Beverage cans should be rinsed and the excess water should be drained.	Do not place anything such as straws or cigarette butts in the can.
Tin (Food) Cans 	These cans should be emptied, rinsed out and drained.	Do not place any waste material in the can.
Corrugated Cardboard 	Flatten and tie with string or twine into bundles.	Do not include: <u>boxboard</u> / <u>chipboard</u> (Cereal boxes)
Plastic Containers 	The caps must be removed, the bottles rinsed and dried.	Do not include any other plastic bottles/containers except those with a # 1 or # 2 recycling symbol.
Shredded Paper Magazines Junk Mail Mixed Paper 	These types of paper should be placed in your rectangular recycling container or tied with string or twine.	Do not include: <u>newspaper</u> in this container

EDITORIAL

ASSEMBLYMAN

which lacked laws to suffi-

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE****I'm recycling, why isn't that enough?**

Although recycling does reduce the amount of trash going to the landfill, it still costs money to collect and recycle those materials. By reducing the amount of waste that you generate and reusing items when possible, you will help save money, energy, and resources for the next generation.

Here are some ideas to help you Reduce and Reuse:

- Don't buy what you don't need!!!
- Buy products with the least amount of packaging.
- Buy items packaged in recyclable material.
- Borrow, rent or share items that you use infrequently.
- Use a mug at work instead of disposable cups.

Write to the Mail Preference Service to request your name not be sold on mailing lists so that you receive less junk mail: c/o Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 9000, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Include all variations of your names as well as street address, city, state, and zip. Changes could take 3-6 months. Call 1-800-827-6836 or Trans Union at 1-888-567-8686 or Trans Union LLC's Paper Removal Service, PO Box 1288, Lincoln, NE 68502-3288-7328.

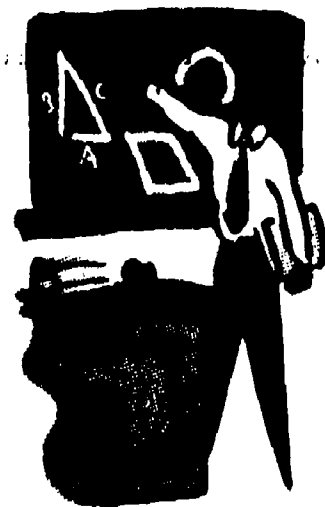
**ATTENTION TEACHERS**

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management has a number of educational resources for teachers who wish to obtain instructional information about solid waste and recycling. An "Environmental Resources Guide" which lists activity guides, videos, books, and field trips that are available through the Division or other agencies were mailed to all schools last year. If you did not receive a copy, call the Division at 732-745-4170 to obtain one.

The Division also sponsors assembly programs for elementary schools during the spring and fall terms. Professional performers are hired to present shows about recycling and solid waste. To inform schools about the shows, letters are sent to the principals of each school. This is usually done in September, and again in December. Shows are booked on a first come, first served basis.

The MCIA has an assembly show featuring their recycling robot, "MC Blue". These shows are available for all age groups. Contact the MCIA at 609-409-5033 if you are interested in booking an MC Blue show.

In addition, Middlesex County provides \$10,000.00 towards Environmental Awareness Contest grants. Grants of up to \$1000.00 each are awarded to qualified schools and environmental groups. The contest is held each year and requires the submission of an application due in June. Grant award notifications are mailed in early fall. Examples of projects awarded grants in previous years included composting demonstrations, litter pickup programs, and environmental resource libraries. If you are interested in this program for the 2003-2004 school year, call the Division at 732-745-4170 to be placed on the mailing list for the application, which is sent out in the Spring.

**FREE USE OF EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS**

If your school or civic group is looking for a video on recycling or waste management, the Division of Solid Waste Management has a FREE lending library. Just stop in our offices, located at 100 Bayard Street, 2nd floor, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:15 pm and Tuesdays 8:00 am-6:30 pm, and you may borrow one or more videos for viewing. Popular choices include Bill Nye the Science Guy's "Garbage", the 3-2-1 Contact Series on environmental issues, as well as videos that show the recycling process, household hazardous waste information, and litter reduction. Video directories were mailed to each school earlier this year. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 if you did not receive one.

NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

LITTER**What is litter?**

Litter is waste that is discarded improperly either intentionally or unintentionally.

Why do people litter?

- They feel no sense of ownership or respect for the property
- They think someone else will clean up after them
- Litter has already accumulated there
- They do not realize the consequences of their actions or the potential harm the litter can cause

**I only litter occasionally, what harm can that cause?**

Litter can cause injury to animals (including marine life) and humans, pollution, fires, and costs hundreds of thousands of your tax dollars to clean up.

What are the most commonly littered items?

According to the Clean Ocean Action's survey in 1999, cigarette butts topped the list of the most common item found during their beach cleanup. Other items on their list of the "dirty dozen" included plastic bags, caps, lids, straws and plastic beverage bottles along with glass and metal beverage bottles.

More about cigarette butts.....

Many smokers who don't properly dispose of their cigarette butts may not realize the negative impact that the butts have on the environment. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, a plastic that can take 5-10 years to degrade in the natural environment. According to Kathleen Register from Clean Virginia Waterways, filters are designed to trap carcinogenic chemicals and these chemicals can leach out of a used cigarette filter which is a potential biohazard to aquatic life. For more information about cigarette butt litter, visit www.cigarettelitter.org or <http://hometown.aol.com/teamstein/myhomepage/index.html>

What can I do?

First and foremost, DON'T LITTER. The best way to get others to change their bad habits is to provide a good example.

Don't just complain about litter, TAKE ACTION! Organize a litter cleanup in your neighborhood. Many towns and the County have adopt-a-road or adopt-a-spot programs. If not, most would be willing to provide supplies for a neighborhood cleanup.

If you see your friends or family littering, let them know their actions are inappropriate. Many people litter because of ignorance and are willing to change their behavior once they realize the environmental damage that litter can cause.

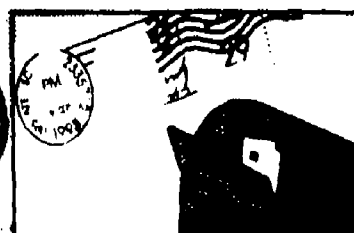
Remember: Every "litter" bit hurts!

**Middlesex County Clean Communities Program**

The Middlesex County Clean Communities Program takes a three pronged approach to solving the litter problem: Cleanups, Education, and Enforcement. The State previously provided funding to all counties and most municipalities to implement a program to reduce the amount of litter in their community. The funding for these grants was through a tax on fifteen potential litter-generating items. Unfortunately, the tax sunset, therefore towns and counties will no longer receive these grants. Efforts are underway to reinstate the State Clean Communities Program. Middlesex County has used its grant to fund an Adopt-A-Road program and a highly successful program for the cleanup of roads, parks and other public places by a work detail consisting of low-risk inmates from the Adult Corrections Center. These programs are continuing in 2002 and we hope to continue them into the future.

Middlesex County Adopt-a-Road Program

This Program is a way for organizations and citizens around the County to assist the County in achieving our mutual goals of safe, attractive and litter-free roadways. Additionally, the Program serves to raise the level of public awareness concerning the amount of roadside trash. Groups choose a one-mile stretch of a County Road to clean. They must then perform two cleanups of both sides of this stretch of road during the grant year. Each cleanup should be no less than 2 months apart. After the second cleanup, the group will have a sign placed along the roadway they adopted identifying who they are and illustrating their commitment to the community. Groups will also receive a \$200.00 grant after the completion of their project. Contact the Division at 732-745-4170 to learn how you can participate in this program.

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www.mciauth.com**

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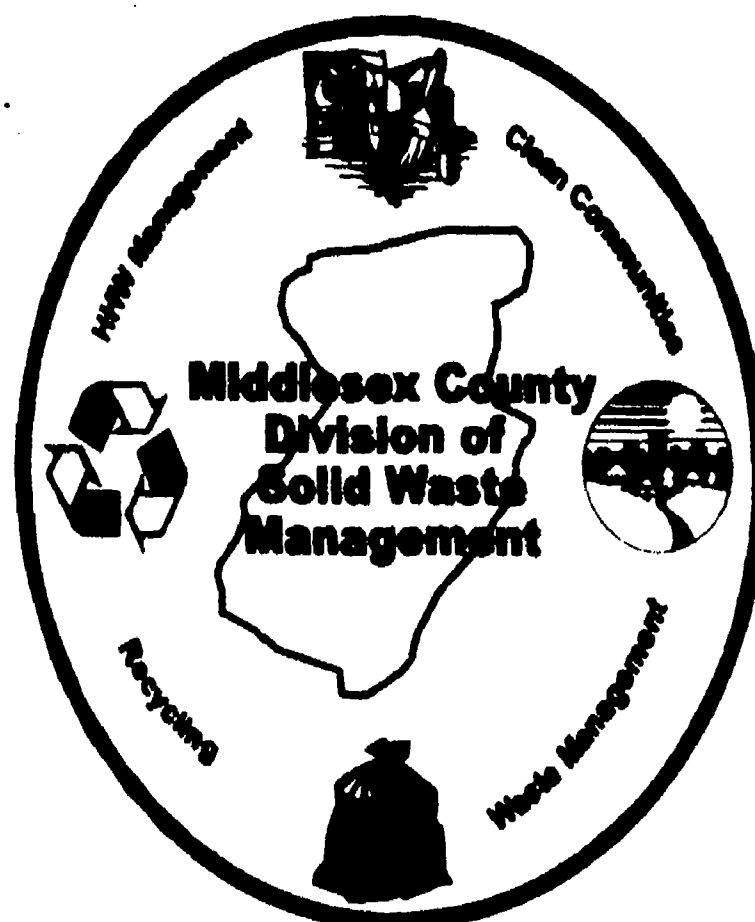
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Bernard G. Mihalka, Director
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www.co.middlesex.nj.us

Town	Public Works Phone #	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881	732-541-3882
Cranbury	609-395-0900 x222	609-395-0900 x222
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www.njrecycle.com (Association of NJ Recyclers)
www.mciauth.com (Middlesex County Improvement Authority)
www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw (NJ DEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste)
www.hubertscouldtalk.rutgers.edu/ (Rutgers Coop. Extension Service)
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waste.rutgers.edu/~wastemgmt/ (Rutgers University Solid Waste Policy Group)
www.1800cleanup.org (Earth's 911)
www.epa.gov/region02/ (US EPA Region 2 Homepage)
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www.nrc-recycle.org (National Recycling Coalition)
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NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

PA Library Awarded Computer Grant

PERTH AMBOY -- The Perth Amboy Public Library is the new recipient of a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant in the amount of \$16,935 to purchase new computers, related equipment and training. The grant comes from the foundation's 2002-03 State Partnership Program, which is dedicated to partnering with public libraries to bring access to computers, the Internet and digital information for low-income communities.

"To succeed in today's highly-competitive environment, one must take advantage of all the technological tools available. Unfortunately, not everyone has access to these tools. Therefore, we are extremely grateful for this award because it will enable us to service a population that is sorely in need of computer access," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

Perth Amboy's grant will

cover the cost for the city to receive six Gates Library Computers, along with one Hewlett Packard Laserprinter, two Spanish language keyboards, an array of software and various networking and wiring equipment. The Gates Foundation will also provide training and technical support for library staff, as well as publications that cover computer information for library staff and application and Internet Information for patrons and staff.

Perth Amboy's Public Library currently has six computers—four for adult use and two for the children's library. The grant will allow the library to double their computer availability and serve a broader population. Perth Amboy is one of only two municipalities in Middlesex County to receive the grant, based on their successful application. The Gates Foundation has awarded a total

of \$1.8 million in grants to 401 public library buildings in New Jersey, based on their population and poverty level.

The goal is to help bridge the digital divide and equip less fortunate families with the tools to succeed in today's technologically advanced society.

Beanie Baby Collection Display

SOUTH AMBOY—The Dowdell Library of South Amboy will have a collection of Beanie Babies on display for the month of September, courtesy of David Tucka. All are welcome to visit the library to view this wonderful collection.

The library is located at 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy.



SAYREVILLE STUDENTS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS—200 Club Scholarship winners from Sayreville (Front row, L.-R.) Laura Lasko (Lipman Selznick Witkowski, PA Scholarship); Kim Oliver, Erin Kelly, Kelli Connors, Jessica Wolski and Dana Seibel. (Back row, L.-R.) Liz Brungoli, Sarah Dovidaskas, Brian Kenny, Kevin Burns and Tom Cassidy.

Future Trends In Employment

EDISON—"Future Trends in Employment" will be presented at the Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 7-9 p.m.

The program, which is sponsored by the New York Times and India Abroad, will consist of a panel discussion featuring panelists from companies in key industries such as pharmaceuticals, financial services and technology. The moderator will be a journalist from the New York Times. They will discuss the hiring outlook for their respective industries as well as job-hunting tips for those seeking employment. A question and answer session will take place following the panelists' discussion.

This program is free and open to the public. Register by calling (732) 287-2298, ext. 1 or you may sign up at the circulation desk.

Beshara Receives ROTC Scholarship

PARLIN—Dia A. Beshara has received and activated a Type I Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship.

Scholarship entitlements include full college tuition and most lab fees, a \$510 annual book allowance and a monthly nontaxable stipend of at least \$250 during the school year.

Air Force ROTC scholarships are not activated until the student enlists in the Obligated Reserve Section of the Air Force Reserve, signs a contract and passes the medical, moral, fitness and physical qualifications for enlistment and contracting.

Beshara will attend Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

He is the son of Amal and Mona Beshara of Parlin.

200 Club Of Middlesex County Awards College Scholarships

EDISON—The 200 Club of Middlesex County awarded scholarships to 102 college students at a ceremony in August at Middlesex County College. The students, who are attending colleges all over the United States, are children of police officers, firefighters and rescue personnel.

The 200 Club is an organization dedicated to supporting public safety personnel.

"Members of the club want to thank them and their families for the sacrifices they make," said Jay Ziznewski, chairman and president of the 200 Club of

Middlesex County.

The total amount awarded was \$89,600 and included ten corporate sponsorships of \$1,500 each from the Englehard Corporation, Falcon Maintenance, Ray Catena Auto Group, Ryan Auto Group, Sitar ShopRite, Willie Sitar Sr. Memorial, UDI Trucking, Colonel David B. Kelly, Verizon Corporation and Joseph S. Yewaisis Memorial.

Five academic scholarships were awarded from Monsignor Francis Crupi Memorial; Thomas J. Nagy Memorial; David T. Wilentz Memorial;

Lipman Selznick, Witkowski, PA; and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

The other 87 scholarships were for \$800 each from the club. Earlier in the year, the 200 Club also provided survivors' benefits to the families of two Port Authority officers who died in the World Trade Center disaster. The club also honored nine public safety officer for heroism and accomplishment in the field of law enforcement and public safety.

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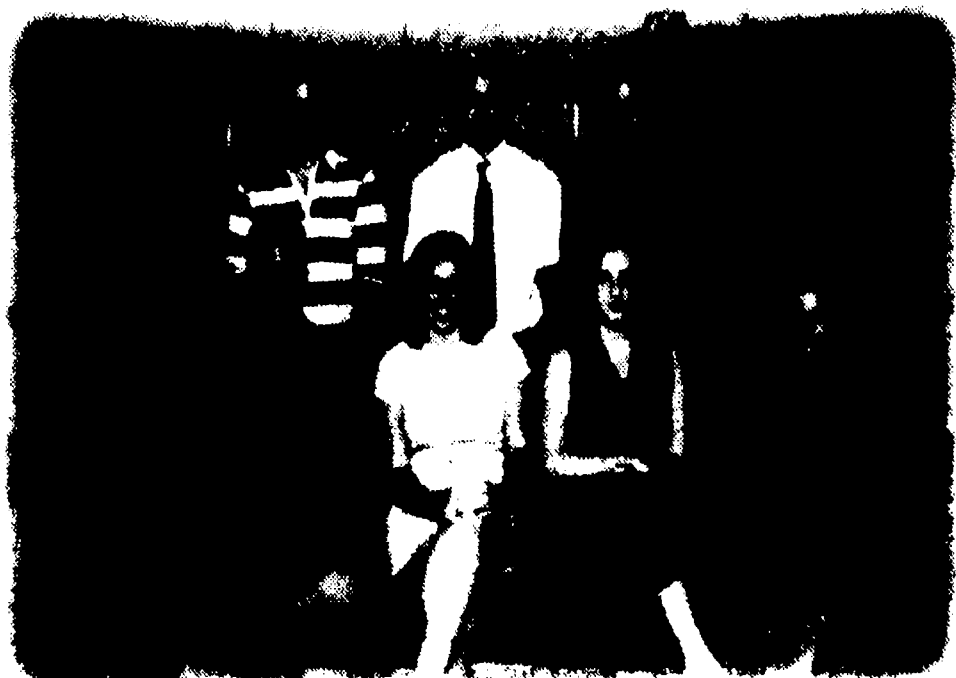
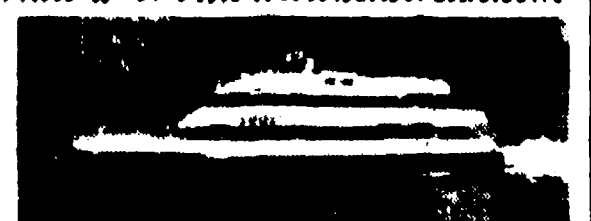
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200 Club Scholarship winners from Meluchen, Edison and Highland Park. (Front row, L.-R.) Anthony Severino, Brett Severino, Nicole Ducca, Kristina Ducca and Jaime Hoyt-Vitale (Ray Catena Auto Group Scholarship); (Back row, L.-R.) Lauren Mosko, Rich Westover and Ryan Westover.

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Distinguished Lecturer Series At William Paterson University

AREA—FBI and CIA interaction in the face of terrorism, as well as changes in America in such areas as politics and businesses, will be under discussion this year as William Paterson University presents the 23rd season of its Distinguished Lecturer Series beginning in October on the campus in Wayne.

Anna Deavere Smith, a playwright, actor and professor, opens the series on Oct. 11. Stansfield Turner, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Louis Freeh, former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, discuss homeland security on Nov. 22. Terrorism and threats to America are topics of discussion for Senator Fred Thompson on Feb. 14. Financial services visionary Christos M. Cotsakos, chairman of the board and CEO of E*TRADE Group, Inc., will present a lecture on changing the rules of engagement on March 28. The Capitol Steps, a comedy team made up of Capitol Hill staffers, will perform on May 2.

Tickets for the series are maintained at an affordable level as the result of the generosity of the program's partners. Subscriptions are \$105 for the general public and \$35 for William Paterson students. A limited number of single tickets may be available at the Shea Center Box Office for the first lecture on Oct. 7, and for all

remaining lectures on Oct. 14. For ticket availability and to purchase single tickets, call the box office at (973) 720-2371 between 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; prices are \$26 standard; \$24 for senior citizens and William Paterson faculty, staff and alumni; \$10 for William Paterson students; and \$14 for students from other schools. All lectures begin at 8 p.m. in Shea Center on campus; parking is free.

Deavere Smith, whose presentation is titled, "Snapshots: Glimpses of America in Change," has made a name for herself in the theater through her performance pieces, which explore issues of race, community and character. In 1996, she was awarded a prestigious MacArthur "genius" Fellowship, for "creating a new brand of theater—a blend of theatrical art, social commentary, journalism and intimate reverie." She has also appeared on television in "The West Wing," and this season is starring in the new CBS series, "Presidio Med." She is the founder of the Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue based at Harvard. Deavere Smith is a tenured professor in the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, with an affiliation at the NYU School of Law.

"Homeland Security and Interagency Cooperation" is the topic of a speech to be presented by Stansfield Turner and Louis

Freeh. Turner, as CIA director, and Freeh, as director of the FBI, have many years of experience between them heading huge agencies charged with protecting America and her citizens. After a long career in the Navy, where he earned the rank of admiral, Turner was named to the CIA by President Jimmy Carter. He has taught at Yale University, West Point, and in 1991, he joined the faculty of the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland at College Park. President Bill Clinton appointed Freeh director of the FBI. A lawyer, he began his career in law enforcement as an FBI special agent. Freeh held various positions in the New York City U.S. Attorneys Office including Deputy United States Attorney; he was also appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District in New York. Freeh now serves as senior vice chairman for administration at MBNA Corporation, the largest independent credit card lender in the world, overseeing legal affairs and is responsible for personnel, facilities, security and trans-

portation functions.

Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson, who retires from the U.S. Senate in January 2003, discusses "Threats to America Present and Future: Terrorism and Beyond" in one of his first post-Senate appearances. Thompson has had an eclectic career that includes politics, the law, and acting. He is a member of the powerful Senate Committee on Finance, which has jurisdiction on taxes and the Social Security and Medicare programs. He is also a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the National Security Working Group, which observes and monitors executive branch negotiations with foreign governments. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, which promotes improved understanding of international affairs.

Christos M. Cotsakos is chairman of the board and CEO for E*TRADE Group, Inc., a global leader in online personal financial services. A William Paterson alumnus—he graduated in 1973—Cotsakos is considered

one of the visionaries and architects of e-commerce, e-finance and digital financial media. His unique leadership style has transformed a struggling online trading company to a full-service financial service industry leader. His book, "It's Your Money, The E*TRADE Step-by-Step Guide on Online Investing," was a national bestseller with all the proceeds going to charity. Cotsakos will speak about "Changing the Rules of Engagement."

The Capitol Steps, a comedy group that pokes fun at politicians in Washington and beyond, concludes the series on May 2. Consisting of Capitol Hill staffers, the group has built a reputation for irreverent humor based on the proposition that if entertainers could become politicians, then politicians could become entertainers. Truly bipartisan, they lampoon both Democrats and Republicans with their light-hearted satire. They have produced 18 comedy albums, have been featured on three PBS specials and can be heard on National Public Radio.

Unions Rally In Unified Support Of Torricelli

STATE—Rallying to the needs of working families, union leaders representing more than one million workers in New Jersey pledged their active engagement on behalf of Senator Robert Torricelli's reelection on Wednesday. In a forceful display of political determination by a broad cross-section of unions, the leaders said their official endorsements is just their open-

ing act, pledging financial support, campaign activism, issue advocacy and the mobilization of their vaunted Election Day program to get voters to the polls.

Noting that Torricelli has one of the best union voting records in Congress, Wowkanich described the senator as a "proven leader in New Jersey and Washington on the issues of importance to working families."

Senator Torricelli has earned the support of unions and working families the hard way, by fighting for their needs, Wowkanich noted.

Torricelli's accomplishments include tax deductions for college tuition, protecting the financial viability of Social Security and Medicare, keeping Bacon Davis protections in place, support for project labor agreements and sending off Republican attempts to cripple the ability of unions to freely organize. Torricelli has also delivered federal resources to New Jersey to the benefit of the state's economy and social needs.

Current issues in which the senator is taking on the fight of working people include prescription drug benefits, affordable health care, retirement security, corporate responsibility and expanding educational excellence for all children.

With more than 1,000 union locals representing more than one million workers, the AFL-CIO has dedicated its full resources to Torricelli's reelection pledged.

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YOUR SPORTS NEWS

COLONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

~ ATHLETIC SEASON ~

Varsity Football 2002

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat.	09/21/02	Bishop Ahr	H	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	09/27/02	North Brunswick	A	7:00 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football 2002

Mon.	09/23/02	Bishop Ahr	A	3:45 p.m.
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Freshman Football 2002

Fri.	09/20/02	Bishop Ahr	A	3:45 p.m.
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Girls Soccer 2002

Sat.	09/21/02	Woodbridge	A	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	09/24/02	Perth Amboy	H	3:45 p.m.
Thurs.	09/26/02	Sayreville	A	3:45 p.m.

Boys Soccer 2002

Fri.	09/20/02	Woodbridge	H	3:45 p.m.
Tues.	09/24/02	Perth Amboy	A	3:45 p.m.
Thurs.	09/26/02	Sayreville	H	3:45 p.m.

PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

~ ATHLETIC SEASON ~

Varsity Football 2002

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Fri.	09/20/02	J.P. Stevens	H	7:00 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football 2002

Mon.	09/23/02	J.P. Stevens	A	3:45 p.m.
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Freshman Football 2002

Sat.	09/21/02	J.P. Stevens	A	3:45 p.m.
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EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

~ ATHLETIC SEASON ~

Varsity/JV Tennis 2002

Mon.	09/23/02	Sayreville-V	H	3:45 p.m.
Mon.	09/23/02	North Brunswick-JV	A	3:45 p.m.
Tues.	09/24/02	Somerville-V	A	3:45 p.m.
Thurs.	09/26/02	Highland Park-V	H	3:45 p.m.

Cross Country (Home games: Donaldson Park)

Sat.	09/21/02	Bethel, Connecticut	A	TBA
Tues.	09/24/02	Piscataway/N. Bruns.	H	3:45 p.m.

Varsity Football 2002

Fri.	09/20/02	East Brunswick	A	7:00 p.m.
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Jr. Varsity/Freshman Football 2002

Fri.	09/20/02	East Brunswick-Frosh	H	3:45 p.m.
Mon.	09/23/02	East Brunswick-JV	H	3:45 p.m.

Boys Soccer 2002

Fri.	09/20/02	Piscataway-All	A	3:45 p.m.
Sat.	09/21/02	Perth Amboy-V&JV	A	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	09/24/02	East Brunswick-All	H	3:45 p.m.
Thurs.	09/26/02	South Brunswick-All	A	3:45 p.m.

Girls Soccer 2002

Fri.	09/20/02	Piscataway-V&JV	H	3:45 p.m.
Fri.	09/20/02	Colonia-Frosh at Avenel Middle School	A	3:45 p.m.
Sat.	09/21/02	Perth Amboy-V	H	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	09/24/02	East Brunswick-All	A	3:45 p.m.

Opening Weekend Results

AREA—High school football season opened last weekend.

In games played on Friday, Sept. 13, J.P. Stevens defeated North Brunswick, 56-0; Perth Amboy fell to South Brunswick by a score of 20-8, and Colonia lost to Old Bridge, by a score of 38-0. Sayreville beat Edison, 42-6; Carteret defeated Bishop Ahr 17-8; St. John Vianney lost to Wall by a score of 38-14; and Metuchen lost to Brearley by a score of 27-7.

In games played on Saturday, Sept. 14, JFK (Iselin) lost to Hillside, 26-0; and Cardinal McCarrick beat Manville, 47-0.

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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN
Maria thanked Brooke for saving Maddie's life after the plane crash. Later, Opal gave Maria the startling news that she (Maria) had been a doctor. Chris told Trey and Kendall that Vanessa was being held as a material witness. Aidan warned David to stay away from Anna. Meanwhile, as Anna and Tad started building a case against David, Maggie rushed to his defense. Jamie was crushed when Brooke decided to leave town. Petey blackmailed Kendall after finding her and JR at the loft. Liza refused Adam's offer of a compromise. Wait to See: Greenlee and Kendall form an unlikely partnership.

AS THE WORLD TURNS
Barbara's threats raised Hal's suspicions. Craig approached Carly with a job offer. Paul and Bonnie agreed to team up. Emily had upsetting news for Alison. Mike and Molly's relationship could depend on the status of a construction project. Wait to See: Brandy has a surprise for Paul. Jessica ignores her instincts. Lucinda decides to cover for Molly.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
Massimo persuaded Sheila to stay the night with him, but

couldn't get her to reveal her identity. Rick visited Amber in jail, but stalked out when she tried to implicate Erica in her predicament. Later, Erica confronted Sheila with her newly acquired knowledge of her mother's past marriage to Eric. Wait to See: Erica grows increasingly suspicious of Sheila's involvement in Amber's problems. C.J.'s feelings for Bridget grow stronger.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES
John used the blue key to unlock the Gemini Twins' bracelets, and discovered a pattern that formed a Phoenix. John then told a shaken Marlena that Stefano had returned through the Twins. Already wracked with guilt for causing Chloe's father to run off, Philip was further unnerved when Brady accused him of forging the note to Chloe. Shawn told Belle he loves her. Wait to See: Salem participates in the Leukemia Society's Light the Night Walk. Chloe learns a shocking truth about Philip.

GENERAL HOSPITAL
Brenda, unaware that Alcazar had tricked her into believing she had inherited her mother's disease, was desperate to escape from the yacht so she could warn Sonny about Alcazar's plan to kill him. Meanwhile, Felicia begged Alcazar to take her hostage and let Maxie and Georgie go. Luke was sentenced to life in prison for killing Rick. Brenda set the yacht on fire in her escape attempt. Wait to See: Felicia makes a decision about Roy. Luke escapes.

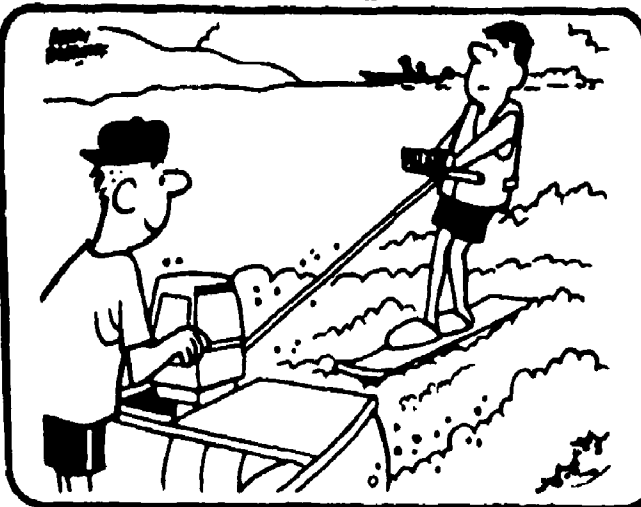
being watched, and if he didn't return, he'd be tracked down and sent to prison. Antonio told Cristian that he had slept with the mystery woman. Keri had a joyful reunion with her mother, Liz. Sam asked Blair if she still loved Todd. Wait to See: Lindsay uncovers Troy's secret. Jen has shocking news for Cristian.

PASSIONS
Zombie Charity asked the "friends" in Tabitha's basement for a favor. Alistair shocked everyone by agreeing to give Theresa the executive job she demanded at Crane Industries. Beth asked her mother to tell her who her father was. Luis continued to agitate over wanting to tell Antonio the truth about his (Luis') relationship with Sheridan. Meanwhile, Sheridan accused Julian of trying to have her killed. Tabitha's old enemy, Hecuba, reappeared. Wait to See: Grace and Charity realize evil is back in Harmony and is causing all the bizarre happenings of the evening.

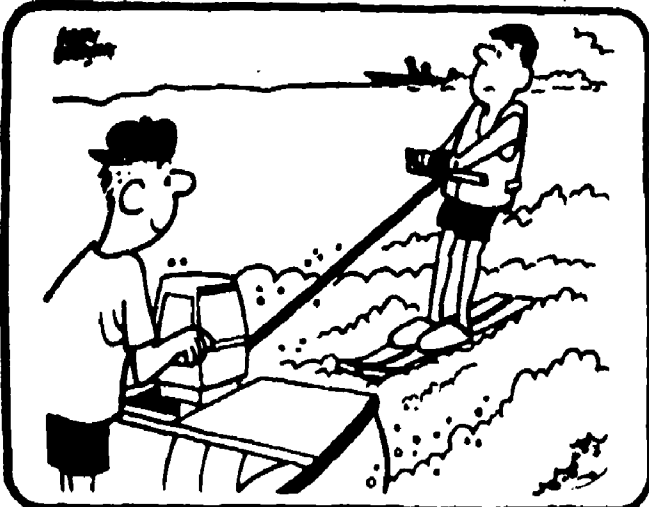
PORT CHARLES
Alison told Rafe they were destined to be together. Lucy tried to draw Kevin out from the now dominant "Ryan" personality. Ian tried to persuade Kate to let him help her with Brennan. Chris realized Karen knew the truth about Frank and the Avatar. Livvie devised a way to make people believe Alison left town. Meanwhile, as Alison begged the Avatar not to kill her, a tormented Rafe went searching for her. Wait to See: Chris tries to make a deal with the devil. Rafe and Alison reach an understanding.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS
Mac and Brittany got the good news that Raul could wiggle his toes. But to Brittany's dismay, Raul refused to forgive her for acting irresponsibly. Ashley finished her videotape for Abby in which she revealed Victor is her biological father. Brad shared his concerns for Ashley with Olivia. After the pool house burned down, Jack invited Diane to stay in the main house, much to Phyllis' chagrin. After learning that Paul and Chris had been talking together, Isabella ordered Michael to get Chris to back off by seducing her. Victor told Nikki he had to go to the office before they set out on their honeymoon. Wait to See: Paul and Chris confront their feelings for each other.

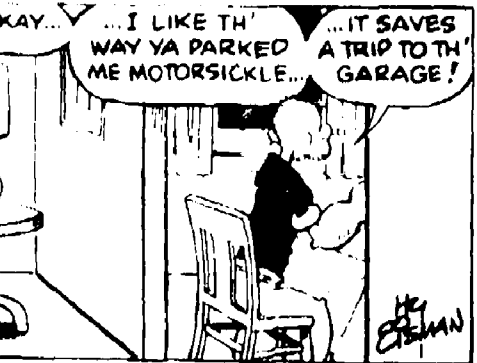
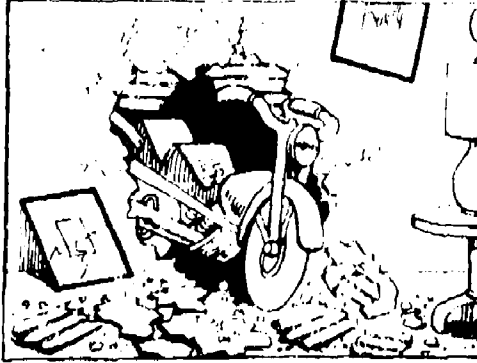
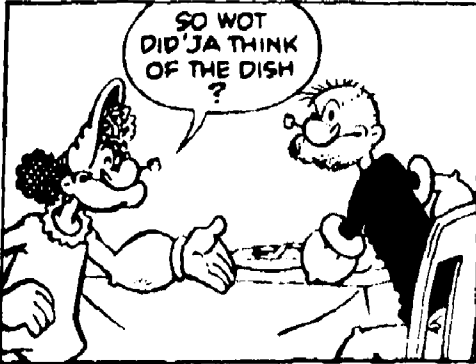
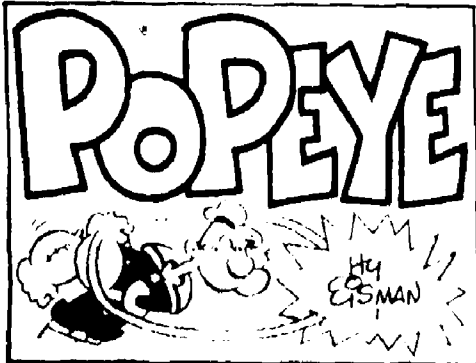
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8 to Puzzle



OBITUARIES
**John C. Potthoff, 90
of South Amboy**

Mr. John C. Potthoff of South Amboy died September 9 at home. He was 90.

Born in South Amboy, he lived there all his life.

He was a banker, beginning with South Amboy Trust Co. and retiring from First Union in South Amboy after 55 years of service. He retired in 1981.

Mr. Potthoff was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church in South Amboy.

He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 426 in South Amboy and the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Post.

His wife, Hulda (McNutt) Potthoff, died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, John "Mubby" Potthoff of Bayville and Samuel J. Potthoff of Old Bridge; a daughter, Bridget Ann Obszarski of Amelia Island, Fla.; four grandchildren, Walter, Charles, Lisa and Gus, and three great-grandchildren, John, Frank and Samantha.

**Anne F. Farmer, 85
of Edison**

Mrs. Anne Evanik Farmer of Edison (formerly of Rahway) died September 11 at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison. She was 85.

Born in Central City, Pa., she lived in Kearny and Rahway before moving to Edison in 1999.

She was employed as the cafeteria manager for Roosevelt Elementary School in Rahway for 15 years before retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Farmer was a 50-year member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rahway, where she served as a deacon.

Her first husband, Walter Schaefer, died in 1959; a son, Alan Schaefer, died in 1952, and her second husband, Richard Farmer, died in 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Elaine Minch of Virginia and Lynne Yates of South Plainfield; a sister, Mary McLean of Edison; and three brothers, Frank Evanik of West Caldwell, Peter Evanik of Union and James Evanik of North Arlington. She was also loved by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren and their families.

**Frederick Hetmanski
of Carteret**

Mr. Frederick Hetmansk of Carteret died September 9 at Rahway Hospital. He was 44.

Born in Carteret, he lived there all his life.

He was a 1976 graduate of Carteret High School.

Mr. Hetmanski was formerly employed by Rickel Home Center in South Plainfield as a maintenance man for 15 years. After Rickel closed, he furthered his education and became a boiler man. He worked as a boiler man for API Foils in Rahway for the past three years.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Iselin.

His father, Bronislaw Hetmanski, died May 17, 2002.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine (Hutchings) Hetmanski; four children, Erick, Elisa, Donald and Sarah, all at home; his mother, Katherine Hetmanski of Carteret; two sisters, Elizabeth Remeika, of Avenel and Christine Pisano, of Little Egg Harbor, and a brother, John Peter Hetmanski of Carteret.

**James T. Teufel, 74
of Iselin**

Mr. James T. Teufel of Iselin died September 8 at home. He was 74.

Born in Irvington, he lived in Maplewood and Union before moving to Iselin in 1958.

He was an operations consultant for the state of New Jersey in Trenton for five years before retiring in 1988.

Previously, he had been a supervisor at the N.J. Bell Telephone Co., Newark, for 32 years.

Mr. Teufel served in the Navy during peacetime.

He was a member of American Legion Post 471, Iselin, and a regular contributor to the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association.

Mr. Teufel was also a member of Boys Town in Nebraska.

Surviving are his wife, of 52 years, Irene; two sons, James and Michael; four daughters, Carolyn Basiaga, Susan Sullivan, Maryellen Zakutansky and Nancy Gernek; a brother, Thomas; a sister, Joan Eisenhut; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Anthony J. Torntore
of Metuchen**

Mr. Anthony J. Torntore of Metuchen died September 11 at home. He was 77.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., he resided in Metuchen for 39 years.

He was a communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen, where he was a founding member of its Parish Council.

Mr. Torntore was an inventory control manager for JC Penny in New York City for 25 years before retiring in 1985.

Also, he was the proprietor of Anthony's Picture Framing in Metuchen until 1998.

Mr. Torntore was a graduate of St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minn.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Irene; a son, Jim of Edison; a daughter, Joanne Devine of Pittsburgh, Pa.; his twin sister, Rose McCabe, and a sister, Connie Lundquist, both of St. Paul, Minn., and four grandsons.

**Theresa A. Stec, 90
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Theresa A. Stec of Mendham (formerly of Perth Amboy) died September 8 at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown. She was 90.

Born in Austria-Hungary, she lived in Peth Amboy and later in Hackettstown for six years before moving to Mendham just a few months ago.

Mrs. Stec was a homemaker.

Her husband, Frank, died in 1973, and three sisters, Rose Jensen, Roberta Roberts and Mary Rader; and her parents, Joseph Ulrich and Elizabeth Resch Ulrich, are all deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Francis Stec of Long Valley, N.J., and Randolph Stec of Sherrard, Ill., and five grandchildren.

**George Murdock
of Woodbridge**

Mr. George W. Murdock of Pompano Beach, Fla., (formerly of Woodbridge), died September 5 in Florida. He was 70.

Mr. Murdock served in the Army during the Korean War.

He worked for Shell Oil Co. for many years before retiring from the Woodbridge Public School District.

Surviving are his four siblings, Louise, Dennis, Victor, and Clifford, and several nieces and nephews.

**Rose M. Izzo, 82
of Iselin**

Mrs. Rose Marie (Vistica) Izzo of Portsmouth, R.I. (formerly of Iselin) died September 8 at Newport Hospital in Newport, R.I. She was 82.

Born in New York City, she was raised in The Bronx, N.Y. She moved to Iselin in 1954. She was a resident of Lavallette until two years ago, when she moved to Portsmouth, R.I.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Izzo was active as a volunteer with the Seaside chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation. She was a communicant of St. Bonventure's R.C. Church in Lavallette.

Her husband, Ralph, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Burlingame of Portsmouth, R.I.; two sons, Richard Izzo, of Monroe and Robert Izzo of Franklin; four sisters, Ann Natale of Florida, and Millie Malone, Mamie Student and Jean Nizich, all of New York, as well as six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Arlene T. Karpinski
of Edison**

Mrs. Arlene T. Karpinski of Franklin (formerly of Edison) died September 8 in St. Peters University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 62.

Born in Bayonne, she lived in Edison before moving to Franklin in 1995.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Walter J.; a daughter, Joann Sotirhos; a son, Gary; a brother, Vincent Sorrentino, and five grandchildren.

**Harold Levanda, 77
of Carteret**

Mr. Harold Levanda of Carteret died September 6 at Highlands in Edison. He was 77.

Born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., he had lived in Carteret for the past 44 years.

He was a retired warehouseman at ShopRite Warehouse in Elizabeth, where he worked for 27 years.

Mr. Levanda was a parishioner of Holy Family R.C. Church, Carteret.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of American Legion Post 263, Carteret.

His two brothers, Walter and Joseph Levanda, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Theresa (Puschalski) Levanda; a son, Mark Levanda of Port Reading; two grandchildren, Mark Joseph and Jamie Levanda; a brother, Anthony Levanda of Corn Crest, Pa.; two sisters, Margaret Solomon of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and Jean Jones of Allentown, Pa.

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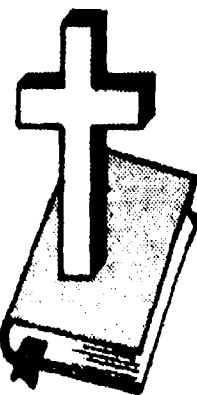
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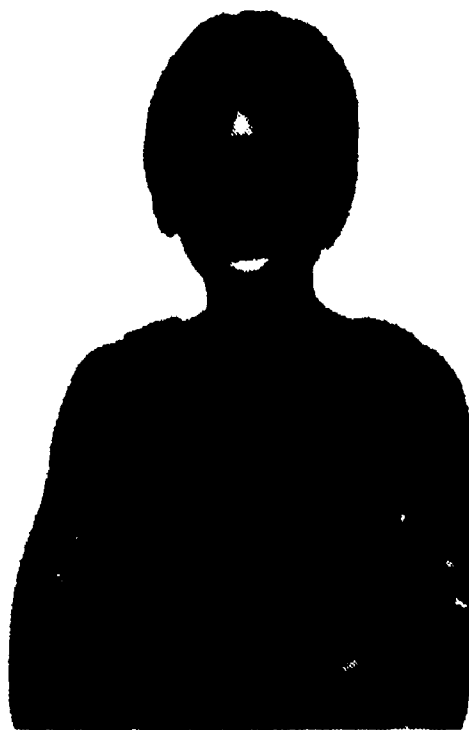
PERTH AMBOY — Letecia Daily, a graduate of Perth Amboy High School, recently completed her second year of studies at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. She is the daughter of Anna W. Daily and the late Albert J. Daily, Jr. Anna Daily is a teacher at Perth Amboy High School and is a local member of the First Baptist Church, Woodbridge and a certified substitute teacher.

Letecia Daily was selected for inclusion on The National Dean's List-Honoring America's Outstanding College Students for 2001-02 as well as 2000-01. According to the announcement by Jeffrey J.

Fix, V.P. of Student Programs, this "is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country recognizing gifted students selected by their deans or comparable faculty members." From 2,500 of the nation's colleges and universities, only 1/2 of 1 percent of college students receive this award.

Daily was also selected by the United States Achievement Academy for 2001-02 and 2000-01 as a recipient of the ALL-American Scholar Collegiate Award, which honors academically outstanding college students nationwide.

Among her school activities are: CSU Universal Dance Troup; SOUL (Student Organ-



Letecia Daily

ization United in Leadership); campus lifeguard; campus tour guide; model for drawing classes; communications club and Athletes In Action (Chris-

tian organization). Daily was selected to travel to South Africa with Impact (African American Division of Campus Crusade for Christ) this summer. As a member of Operation Sunrise Africa Johannesburg summer project, she participated in the largest mission to reach Africans with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Selected members of this nationwide campus ministry went in teams to college campuses near Johannesburg as well as visited several communities such as Soweto and Tembisa to help fulfill the mission of reaching 50 million Africans in 50 cities in 50 days.

Children's Craft Project

SOUTH AMBOY — The children's department of the Dowdell Library will hold a fall craft for children, ages 5 and up, on Friday, Sept. 27 at 3:30 p.m. Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult caregiver.

For further information, contact the Dowdell Library at (732) 721-6060.

City Loses Link To Past

SOUTH AMBOY — When South Amboy native Joe Rzepka passed away last month, the city lost an important link to its past.

Rzepka was the last living South Amboy explosion survivor of 1918 who was a participant in the award winning documentary video, "The Morgan Explosion of 1918."

This documentary, produced by Frank Yusko/Visionary Video is available in the South Amboy Public Library.

Neve Shalom Scholar In-Residence Shabbat

METUCHEN — The renowned tenor and Cantor, Alberto Mizrahi, will be the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Neve Shalom during the Shabbat of Oct. 18-19. Cantor Mizrahi will chant the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

After services, there will be a dinner for which reservations are required. Cantor Mizrahi will discuss "Creating an American Nusach" beginning at 8:15 p.m. At the Saturday morning service, which begins at 9:30 a.m., Cantor Mizrahi will chant the Musaf service.

Afterwards, there will be a luncheon (for which reservations are required). Cantor Mizrahi's topic will be "Crossing the Sacred Bridge: Our Middle Eastern Roots and the Influence of Jewish Music on Western Culture".

Cantor Mizrahi will be featured in a cantorial concert on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 8:00 p.m. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

For additional information, please call the Neve Shalom office at (732) 548-2238.

Reservations for Friday's dinner and Saturday's lunch must be received by Oct. 14.

Neve Shalom is located at 250 Grove Avenue in Metuchen.

Senate Candidate Arrested At News Studio

EDISON — As his supporters shouted, "Let Ted In," Green Party U.S. Senate Candidate Ted Glick was arrested on Sept. 5 as he tried to enter the News 12 studio where his Democratic and Republican opponents were to debate.

Glick got as far as the ante-

room of the News 12 Studio in Edison, where he was charged by police with criminal trespass. The chanting quickly turned to "shame on you."

He was subsequently released without bail for a court appearance Oct. 1.

Glick had been seeking permission to be a spectator at the

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debate between Democratic Senator Robert Torricelli and Republican Douglas Forrester so that he might counter their remarks to the press afterward.

Glick and his supporters had gone to the debate site to protest his exclusion from participating in the debate as a candidate.

"The least they can do is to let me in to reply to their remarks," he told his supporters who had gathered with banners, placards and even a pounding drum outside the studio in the Raritan Center industrial complex.

"They refuse to let me in and I refuse to leave until they can do that," Glick said.

He was arrested at 7:59 p.m., one minute before the debate, sponsored by News 12 and the Star-Ledger was scheduled to begin. The public was excluded from the debate which also called for the candidates to be questioned by News 12 and Star-Ledger reporters.

Glick and about 75 shouting, chanting and singing supporters had congregated outside the studio at 6 p.m. along with similar groups from the Torricelli and Forrester camps.

Glick had gained entry to the anteroom with his wife, Jane Califf, and State Green

Party Chairman and Congressional Candidate Joseph Fortunato along with campaign staffer Blyden Potts.

They argued for some 30 minutes with News 12 representatives and police before Glick was arrested and placed in handcuffs. The others were not arrested.

The debate was the first of several slated for the Democratic and Republican senatorial candidates. Glick has so far met with no success in seeking to participate.

Glick said he had been told by a News 12 executive that he didn't have enough recognition to be admitted to the debate. His challenge to Torricelli and Forrester to debate at another venue has met with no reply.

"It's a Catch 22," Glick said earlier. "They won't give us a chance to let people know about us and then they say that because people don't know us they won't give us a chance."

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