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Helping To Make Thanksgiving Happy

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Thanksgiving was bountiful this year, thanks to the efforts of several community organizations.

The Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) and the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) provided Thanksgiving food to 30 needy Kosher families in Middlesex County. Governor James E. McGreevey attended an event to distribute the first meal at

Temple Sharrey Tefiloh in Perth Amboy.

The holiday baskets donated to area families include a Kosher turkey and Challah bread, provided by JRF and produce provided by MCEOC. Thirty families with Kosher needs were identified by seven Middlesex County Jewish congregations affiliated with JRF and MCEOC's faith-based partners. The baskets were assembled at Temple Sharrey Tefiloh and distributed to con-

gregation representatives the day before Thanksgiving.

"[This] event is not just about providing food to 30 Thanksgiving tables in our community, but of the bigger issue of finding Kosher surplus food sources," said Carroll H. Thomas, MCEOC President and CEO. "We thank Governor McGreevey for joining us today in our fight against hunger among Jewish households." The Perth Amboy branch of the Salvation Army

served Thanksgiving dinner to an estimated 40 people this year.

Catherine Navarro, the commanding officer of the Perth Amboy branch, said that it was important to give people a place to go for the holidays. "They don't have a family to share with," she said. "We're their family. We try to make it as close as possible."

In Edison, the Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Company provided Thanksgiving dinner for

about 125 seniors at the Inman-Grove Senior center.

About 35 volunteer firefighters and their families, as well as several students from the 4-H club at J.P. Stevens High School volunteered to make the dinner a success.

"It was a good chance to see some old friends and re-establish some old acquaintances," said Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Company member Scott D. Lewis, who organized the event.

Sayreville Interns Go To Trenton

SAYREVILLE—Last month, four Sayreville High School students and their advisor spent a day at New Jersey's State Capitol. The students spent the day touring the State House, the Annex and the Office of Legislative Services as part of the internship they serve in the Legislative Office of Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski (D-Sayreville).

Students viewed the Governor's Office, the Senate and General Assembly Chambers, and several Legislative Committee Rooms. The tour focused on both the history of the State House and the Legislative Process. Students also toured the Office of Legislative Services Library and Bill Room to better understand the staff work behind the legislative process. This year's

Legislative Interns are Sayreville War Memorial High School Juniors Montana Barone, Colleen Fisher, Kristen Flakker, and Sharon Lasko. The program supervisor, Claire Goscienski, was also in attendance as well as

a staff member from Wisniewski's district office. The interns had the following reactions to the trip:

"My visit to the New Jersey

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INTERNS VISIT TRENTON—Sharon Lasko, Lobbyist Paul Bontempo, Kristen Flakker, Colleen Fisher, and Montana Barone in the hallway where the State House and Annex meet.

State Trooper Killed On Turnpike

CARTERET—A New Jersey state trooper was killed after being struck by a tractor-trailer on the New Jersey Turnpike Tuesday.

Officials said that the trooper was hit by the tractor trailer and pinned underneath its rear wheels just outside the toll plaza near Interchange 12 in Carteret. The trooper was believed to be performing seatbelt inspections when he was struck.

Multiple state police units responded, and a Medivac helicopter was called to the scene. The helicopter was later cancelled.

The state trooper's identity was not available as we went to press because his family had not been notified.

The accident snarled traffic for much of Tuesday, as police units remained on the scene to continue the investigation.

The toll plaza was shut down in both directions for much of the day. Police in several neighboring towns closed roads leading to the Carteret interchange, and northbound traffic on Routes 1 & 9 was at a virtual standstill at times on Tuesday.

Carteret Considers Uniform Policy

CARTERET—The Board of Education is planning to introduce a school dress code next year in the borough's public schools.

During the summer, the board sent out a survey to parents with school children. Seventy percent of the people who responded were in favor of uniforms. A committee, made up of board President

Suzanne Loutfy, board member Yolanda Delgado, and Greg Setar, is trying to decide how to introduce the policy to the district.

They are considering whether to phase it in, starting with the elementary schools.

They also must select the uniform, and decide whether it will be voluntary or mandatory.

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AREA— You're awakened from a deep sleep by the sound of crashing thunder. As you glance over to your alarm clock you pull the covers over your head and revel in the delight that it is only 4:30 a.m. and you still have two more hours of sleep before you have to wake up and begin your day.

Now take into consideration Jeff Milling of Udderly Delicious Home Milk Delivery Service. He's been out already for two hours delivering glass bottled milk to several of his 300 New Jersey and Staten Island customers. No you're

not still in bed dreaming; glass bottled milk is back and can be delivered to your home along with eggs, juice, butter, bread and many other dairy products.

Many of us are too young to remember the milkman. The occasional scene in an old Andy Griffith rerun of the milkman delivering his fresh bottled milk, glistening bottles in hand, are all we have to draw from. With that vision in mind Milling started his own milk delivery service 7 years ago. But being a milkman is golden. It's mom and apple pie.

In a time of busy schedules and lack of free time, having milk delivery is a convenience that is well worth it. The last thing a parent wants to do is have to run out to the store, screaming kids in tow to pick up a container of milk. Milling will always make sure your delivery will be there regardless of weather conditions. Rain. Snow. Not a problem.

All deliveries are made with refrigerated trucks to make sure that the milk is at its

freshest. Udderly Delicious gets their milk from a farm in upstate N.Y. and it is delivered to you the same day.

"People are constantly stopping me on the route in awe that this service is still available," Milling says. "The half gallon glass bottles are our best seller. The milk is creamier and lasts longer than shelf bought super market milk. We even carry organic milk. Last year we added gourmet meat and seafood to our menu."

Brenda Gianchetti of Old Bridge, a stay at home mom and a customer of Udderly Delicious who started service last year, says "I was tired of sending my husband out for milk. The convenience and reliability of the service are well worth it. I wish I knew about them years ago".

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Verizon Wireless Offers First "Cord-Free" Headset

AREA—In another first, Verizon Wireless has begun offering the industry's first "cord-free" headset, the next step in hands-free communication. The JABRA FreeSpeak™ headset delivers a cord-free connection between a headset and any wireless phone from up to 30 feet away and eliminates the hassle of tangled wires. For phones equipped with voice activated dialing, users can make or receive calls without ever touching their phones.

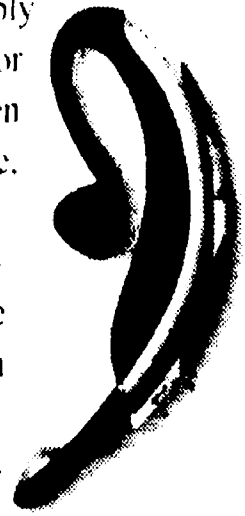
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Verizon Wireless, the FreeSpeak headset provides both cord-free comfort and hands-free convenience. The lightweight headset hugs the ear comfortably and the LED indicator light alerts others when you are on the phone, even from a distance.

The FreeSpeak wireless headset is made possible by Bluetooth technology, but the unique design makes the headset compatible

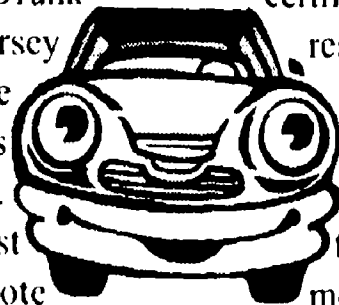
the Bluetooth enabled. A belt clip adaptor syncs the universal headset to the phone instantly; no technical assistance or phone modifications are necessary.

Customers may purchase the FreeSpeak headset package, including belt clip adaptor, for \$149.99 at Verizon Wireless Communications Stores or online at www.verizonwireless.com.

**Donate Your Car To MADD**

AREA—As winter and the end of the year approaches, Mothers Against Drunk Driving in New Jersey are asking people with unwanted cars to remember them.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving note that donors may be able to take the fair market value as a contribution on their income tax. The donor must have the certificate of title. Some restrictions apply. All a donor needs to do is call 1-800-720-6233 at any time and arrangements will be made to pick up the vehicle in just a few days.

**Football League Holds Registration**

AREA—The Atlantic Coast Football League is holding registration for the winter men's 2002 season. The league is offering players 18 and over both flag and 2-hand touch football. In flag, there will be an 8-on-8 two-count league and an 8-on-8 no-count league. In 2-hand touch there will be a 7-on-7 'A' league and a 6-on-6 'B' league. Both teams and individual players are welcome. Qualified referees are also being sought.

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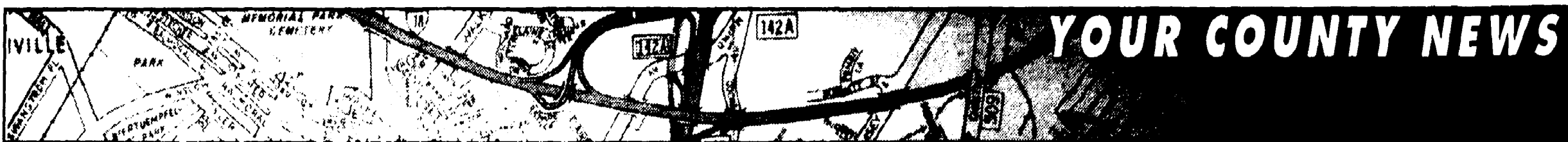
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A weekend option is available. This is a non-sectarian program for any homebound

senior over 60. We cover the Edison, Metuchen, Fords, Perth Amboy, Woodbridge and Highland Park areas.

If you, a family member, or neighbor feels this service would be helpful, call (732) 777-1940.



**ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton**

"December 7, 1941...a date that will live in infamy..." These words, spoken by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to a joint session of Congress on the day after the United States was deliberately and unexpectedly struck by the forces of the Empire of Japan, are the words that started this nation's involvement in World War II. With these words President Roosevelt permanently moved America to the center of the world stage.

Two days before, on Saturday, Dec. 6, President Roosevelt sent a message to the Emperor of Japan in an effort to avoid war. President Roosevelt received no reply. Later, the United States began to intercept a 14-part Japanese diplomatic message. At first, only the first 13 parts were decoded. While it was clear that the Japanese were no longer interested in a peaceful solution and was planning an attack, the target was unknown.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, the last part of the message was received, decoded, and passed

along to the President. It said that all diplomatic relations with the United States were to be cut off. Another message said to deliver the main message to Americans at 1 p. m. What the War Department realized is that 1 p. m. corresponds to the morning hours in the Pacific. By the time they were able to send an alert to Pearl Harbor, the attack had been underway for hours. The military personnel and civilians were caught completely off guard.

American aircraft were left parked wingtip to wingtip and battleships were lined up neatly in a row. Pearl Harbor was at peace. There really was no reason to think anything else. The Japanese surprise attack cost the lives of 2,335 servicemen and 68 civilians, and wounded over 1,100 more.

Before Dec. 7, 1941 there was a feeling in this nation that America was somehow isolated from the rest of the world. That two great oceans provided an impenetrable barrier to anyone who would wish this nation harm. We were wrong.

The attacks of Sept. 11th have again proved that America is not isolated. So for every reason that matters, we should take the time to thank and support our many veterans

who have helped to keep us safe. Let's thank the courageous men and women who fought for our freedoms and our way of life. We owe them a great deal of gratitude.

This year marks the 61th anniversary of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. A serviceman who turned 18 on that day, would be 79 years old today. The men who survived that day are our grandfathers and uncles, they are our neighbors, or they live in the nearby veteran's home. Many of them have passed on. If we can, let's find these survivors and thank them for their service. Let us hear their message that the price of our freedom is vigilance and preparedness.

Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 11, 2001 are two separate and distinct events. Perhaps one cannot be adequately discussed with reference to the other. But the lessons these dates teach are the same.

We may not be able to comprehend the anger that Americans felt on Dec. 7, 1941. But Sept. 11, 2001 gives us a pretty good idea.

To learn more about Pearl Harbor, please visit <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/dec07> or <http://www.thehistoryplace.com>.

ELDERDAY Care Center

EDISON ELDERDAY Care Center based in Congregation Temple Adath Israel in Woodbridge, a three-day (Monday/Wednesday/Thursday) program is designed for frail adults aged 60 plus who live in Middlesex County and can't stay home alone. The ELDERDAY Care Center is open to elder well individuals and those who are moderately forgetful or handicapped.

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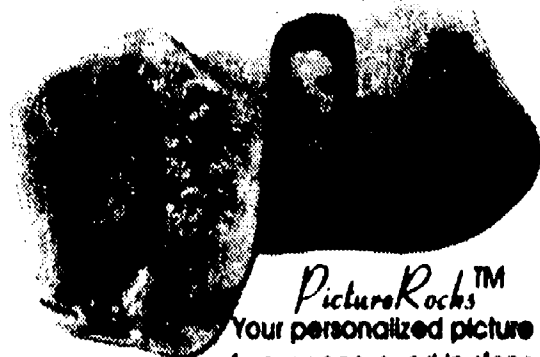


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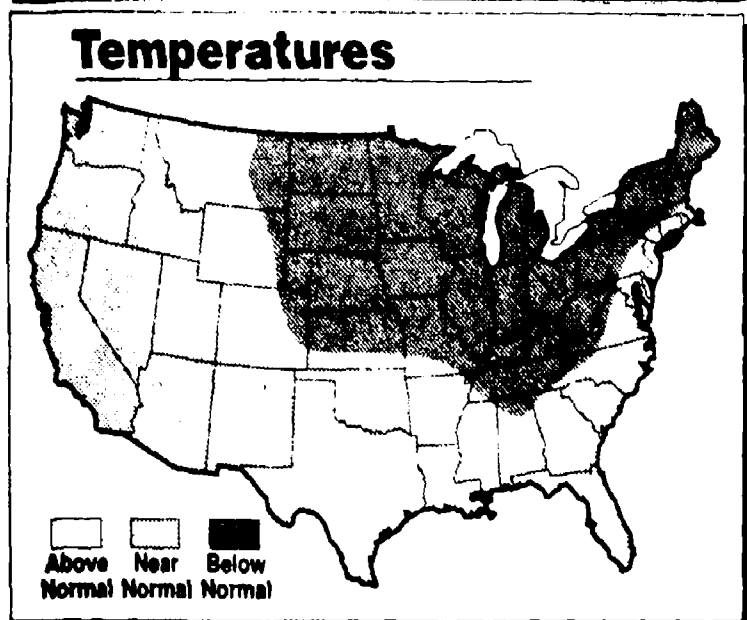
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy.	Mostly cloudy and cold.	Partly to mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Variable clouds.	Clearing and cold.	Cold with clouds and sun.	Cloudy and rainy.
32	23	36/19	39/26	42/29	37/19	34/31	47/38

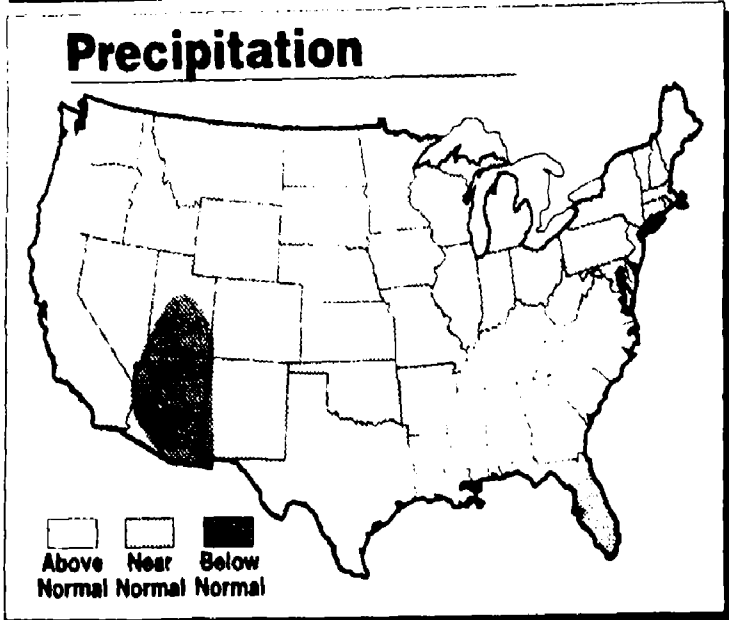
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Cold air will continue to dominate the weather pattern across the eastern half of the nation. Temperatures from the Plains to the Southeast will average below normal. Cold air will spark lake-effect snow over the Midwest. High pressure will keep the central Plains dry. Storms will bring rain and mountain snow to the Pacific Northwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	48 29 pc	48 33 s	51 36 s	51 40 r
Boston	32 24 c	34 24 pc	38 28 s	43 33 pc
Chicago	26 14 pc	28 20 pc	35 23 pc	33 11 c
Cleveland	29 19 sf	27 23 pc	35 28 pc	30 17 c
Denver	42 20 pc	49 25 s	47 28 c	45 25 pc
Des Moines	26 13 pc	31 16 pc	34 20 pc	26 9 sn
Detroit	26 18 pc	28 22 pc	36 27 c	37 14 c
Houston	52 36 pc	58 42 pc	60 48 pc	60 40 sh
Indianapolis	28 14 pc	31 21 pc	43 26 pc	31 22 pc
Kansas City	32 20 pc	42 28 s	46 26 pc	36 26 c
Los Angeles	71 46 s	67 46 pc	71 45 pc	69 47 pc
Miami	80 64 t	74 61 pc	76 64 pc	78 69 pc
Minn.- St. Paul	20 12 sf	22 16 pc	28 14 pc	22 2 c
New Orleans	53 39 pc	54 42 pc	63 49 pc	62 47 r
New York City	34 24 c	34 22 pc	38 30 s	46 34 pc
Omaha	30 14 s	40 24 pc	48 20 pc	32 20 c
Phoenix	72 48 s	71 47 pc	72 48 s	71 48 s
San Francisco	60 49 pc	58 49 r	60 49 r	54 44 c
Seattle	50 36 pc	45 38 pc	49 40 r	48 47 r
Washington	38 26 c	38 24 pc	44 30 s	49 34 pc

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	
Thu.	7:05 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Fri.	7:06 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	
	Moonrise	Moonset	
Thu.	8:36 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	
Fri.	9:39 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	
Moon Phases			
New	First	Full	Last
			
Dec 4 19	Dec 11 Dec	11 26	Dec
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	41 35 r	41 33 pc	39 32 pc	39 33 pc
Berlin	41 35 r	37 35 c	36 32 sn	33 27 sn
Buenos Aires	83 67 pc	86 61 pc	79 52 pc	66 46 s
Cairo	81 59 pc	80 58 pc	76 58 pc	76 47 s
Jerusalem	72 53 s	70 53 c	63 56 r	63 44 pc
Johannesburg	85 62 pc	85 65 c	85 67 c	83 65 pc
London	44 36 pc	46 35 pc	44 33 pc	41 33 c
Madrid	51 28 pc	47 26 pc	44 31 pc	47 26 pc
Mexico City	68 42 c	67 43 pc	68 43 pc	65 41 pc
Moscow	20 11 c	16 11 pc	21 13 pc	14 9 pc
Paris	38 33 c	38 29 pc	39 30 pc	39 30 pc
Rio de Janeiro	76 71 r	82 71 c	83 73 sh	82 70 c
Rome	52 42 sh	56 44 r	54 46 c	56 42 c
San Juan	86 74 s	86 74 s	85 73 s	86 72 pc
Seoul	42 20 pc	36 21 pc	32 21 sf	28 16 s
Sydney	75 54 s	73 52 s	65 54 c	82 63 s
Tokyo	65 46 pc	48 33 pc	43 41 pc	53 39 sh
Toronto	20 14 c	20 14 c	29 23 pc	25 12 sf
Winnipeg	14 7 c	19 10 sf	11 -9 sn	9 -8 c
Zurich	36 35 pc	37 34 sh	38 34 sn	41 31 sh

Items to appear in the Dec. 20 community calendar must be received by Dec. 12. Fax (732) 388-4143 or e-mail carolynnjean@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.—An annual Holiday Craft Fair at St. John Vianney Church, 420 Inman Ave., Colonia will be held. There is plenty of free parking. Handicapped accessible.

December 7 at 2 p.m.—The Friends of the Edison Township Public Library are sponsoring a concert at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. The "Sweet Adelines" will be performing. Call the library at (732) 287-2298, ext. 1 to register. You may also register at the circulation desk.

December 7 and 8—The Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Co., presents, *Utopia, Ltd.* or *"The Flowers of Progress,"* with full orchestra at the Ben Franklin Middle School Auditorium, North Van Dien Ave., Ridgewood. The show times are Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students, children under 12 free.

December 8 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.—A Christmas Bazaar will be presented by St. Stan's H.S.A. at St. Stan's School, 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Kitchen will be open at 10 a.m. for breakfast.

December 9—The Edison Council will meet. Work session meetings begin at 6 p.m. and regular meeting begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers at the Edison Municipal Complex.

December 10 at 7:30 p.m.—The Carteret Historical Committee will meet at the Deverin Community Center, 100 Cooke Ave., 2nd floor. All are welcome.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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December 10 at 7:30 p.m.—Cherish the Ladies, a renowned all-woman Irish music group will be performing traditional Irish music and dance at the William Paterson University in Wayne. Tickets are \$22 standard, \$20 for senior citizens and members of the William Paterson community and \$7 for William Paterson students. For additional info, call (973) 720-2371.

December 10 at 7:30–8:30 p.m.—Managing Stress Lecture at the Woodbridge Community Center, YMCA, will be presented. Admission is free to Woodbridge Community YMCA members and only \$3 for non-members. Pre-registration is a must. Call (732) 596-4170.

December 11—The Edison Council will meet. Work session meetings begin at 6 p.m. and regular meeting begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers at the Edison Municipal Complex.

December 11 at 7 p.m.—The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers will hold a business meeting in the Main Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge. Call (732) 297-1775.

December 11—The Poetswednesday at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, presents Holiday Open Readings starting at 6:30 p.m. for students ages 13–18 and at 8 p.m. for adults and a party following. Call the Barron Arts Center at (732) 634-0413.

December 11 at 7:30 p.m.—The Mid-Jersey Branch, NJ Div., American Assoc. of University Women will present a speaker at the Centenary United Methodist Church, 200 Hillside Ave. (off Grove Ave.), Metuchen. The topic is American History in song from the Frontier Era through WWI. The event is free and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Call (732) 225-4027 or 819-8540.



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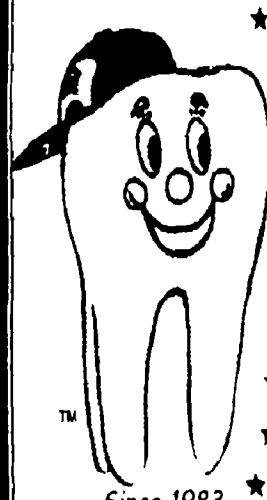
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Joule Reports Lower Fourth-Quarter Income

EDISON Edison-based Joule last week reported net income of \$107,000, or \$0.03 per share, for the fiscal 2002 fourth quarter ended Sept. 30.

This compares with net income of \$300,000, or \$0.08 per share, for fiscal 2001's final

quarter. Revenues were \$18.57 million compared with last year's \$20.72 million. In a press release, John G. Wellman Jr., president of the staffing company, said Joule is adjusting to the challenging economy.

He further noted that he

expects Joule to be profitable in the current quarter, with results approximating those of fiscal 2002's fourth quarter. "Longer term, we remain cautiously optimistic and, barring a double-dip recession, anticipate a profitable fiscal 2003," Wellman said.

Holiday Stamp & Post Card Fair

EDISON—The 2002 version of the Garden State Holiday Stamp & Postcard Fair will be held at the Edison Ramada Plaza Hotel on Saturday, Dec. 7. The site is located at 3050 Woodbridge Ave., in the Raritan Center, just west of Route 1-287 with easy access from NJ Turnpike exit 10 as well as from the Garden State Parkway and Routes 1 and 9.

Show hours will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

Attending collectors will be treated to a bourse featuring dealers from around the region with stocks containing a great variety of stamps, postcards, covers, souvenir cards, lots, collections, etc. from around the world as well as the United States. The participating dealers will also be ready to

purchase material brought in for sale by the public and to help collectors in any way they can.

Admission will be free to the public. There is also ample free parking. Dealer applications as well as other information can be obtained by calling (732) 247-1093 or e-mailing to acishows@aol.com.

Colonia Student Inducted Into Buckness Honors Organization

COLONIA—The following student has been inducted in to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at Bucknell University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is an honors organization recognizing outstanding academic achievement among first- and second-year college students and

encouraging members to develop leadership skills through community service.

Alexander Hooshangi, Colonia, son of Lynell and Nossratollah Hooshangi, Colonia.

A junior majoring in accounting in the College of Arts and Sciences, he is a graduate of Wardlaw-Hart-

ridge School, Edison. He is a dean's list student at Bucknell. Bucknell University is a highly selective liberal arts university that also offers professional programs in engineering, education, music and management as well as pre-professional programs in law and medicine.

Woodbridge Residents Enroll At Georgetown

WOODBIDGE—The following local residents are among the 1,490 students representing 47 U.S. states and 41 foreign countries in this year's freshman class. Georgetown University received more than 15,000 applications for the first-year class.

David Cho of Woodbridge

is a member of Georgetown University's Class of 2006 in the Robert E. McDonough School of Business. Cho graduated from Woodbridge Senior High School.

Nicole M. Girard of Woodbridge is a member of Georgetown University's Class of 2006 in the School of

Nursing and Health Studies. Girard graduated from Woodbridge Senior High School.

"We welcome the class of 2006," said President John J. DeGioia. "As these young men and women continue their academic careers, I am confident they are destined for lives of service and lives purpose as they engage the realm of ideas, cultivate their imagination and prepare for leadership at Georgetown University."

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Christmas Concert At St. Andrew's

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There will be a free offering and all are invited to attend. There will also be cake and coffee following the concert in the basement of the church. So bring the family and enjoy a delightful evening out together.

Perth Amboy School Board President To Address Urban Leaders On Parent Engagement

PERTH AMBOY — Seventy-five leaders from urban neighborhoods across the state will hear remarks from Mr. Austin Gumbs, President of the Perth Amboy Board of Education on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge.

The meeting, sponsored by the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, is a statewide initiative that provides training, peer leadership and small grants to grassroots leaders from challenged neighborhoods.

Graduates of the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative are eligible to receive a \$5,000 grant to launch initiative their own neighborhood. The Perth Amboy Public

Schools recently held its First Annual District Parents Symposium attended by 100 parents and school administrators. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Ira Resnick, senior program officer at the Community Foundation of New Jersey. The Foundation runs another grant program called "Pops," or the Parents Organizing Parents Strategy, to promote parent engagement in urban public schools. The Foundation is working with Perth Amboy schools to provide grants of \$3,000 to schools that seek to engage parents in activities that increase student achievement.

"We congratulate Superintendent Dr. Pablo Clausell and Board President Austin Gumbs for putting their commitment to parent engagement

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Malaspina Joins U.S. Army Under Delayed Entry Program

SOUTH AMBOY — Anastasia J. Malaspina has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job speciality prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus.

Malaspina has reported to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training.

She is the daughter of Candy L. and John R. Malaspina of South Amboy.

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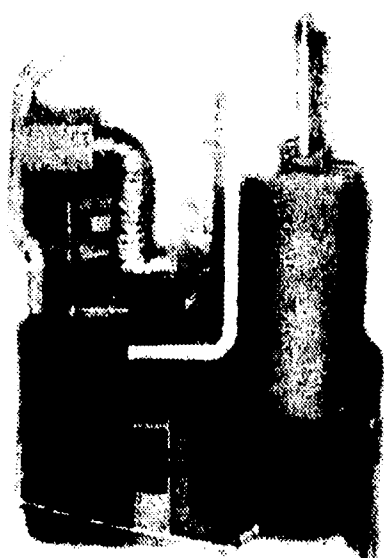


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ARTIST EXHIBITS AT COLLEGE—Eric Waldorf of Edison with his painting "Bull Fight." The work was one of two he exhibited at the Middlesex County College Alumni Art Show in November. The exhibit showcased the talents of seven Middlesex alumni artists who submitted 72 works for the event. Dr. Waldorf, a chiropractor, graduated from Middlesex in 1994.

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The staff of Luv Lee Brides will make your shopping experience a stress-free, friendly and satisfying one.

Gingerbread Kids

EDISON The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will hold registration in person or by phone beginning Dec. 9 for children 2-5 years of age and their parents/caregivers for "Gingerbread Kids and Cookies." This program will feature stories, videos, and a craft. Registration is limited and open to Edison residents only. Programs are as follows:

Main Library, Tuesday, 12/17 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call (732) 287-2351, ext. 3, 340 Plainfield Ave.

North Edison, Wednesday, 12/18 at 10 and 11:30 a.m., and 1 and 7 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Call (732) 548-0759, ext. 3, 777 Grove Ave.

Helping Your Child Deal with Separation & Divorce

METUCHEN—Is separation or divorce adversely affecting your child? Is your child showing signs of sadness, anger or guilt?

Women Helping Women, (WHW) a 27 year old non-profit agency providing affordable therapy and support services for women, teens and young children, will hold a parent education workshop entitled, "Helping Your Child Deal with Family Changes," on Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at The First Presbyterian Church in Metuchen. The workshop fee is \$12 for the general public and \$10 for WHW members.

"Separation and divorce can profoundly affect children," said Melissa Higgins, LCSW, executive director. "In this special parent education workshop, participants will be able to explore and better understand their children's feelings, and learn practical skills for helping children during this difficult transition period."

Issues to be covered in the December 16th workshop include:

- Common emotions felt by

children dealing with separation/divorce

- Blame and responsibility
- Ways to help children adjust to lifestyle changes, living arrangements and new parental relations and roles

Women Helping Women serves more than 5,000 women, young children and teens each year with low-cost counseling and support services. The programs are crucial to individuals struggling with issues relating to domestic violence, sexual abuse, divorce, depression, loss, self-esteem, peer pressure, relationships and addiction. Women Helping Women's unique programs and services include: individual therapy, support and therapy groups, legal clinics, help line, and community education programs.

For more information or to register for the "Helping Your Child Deal with Family Changes" workshop, please call Women Helping Women, 732/549-6000.

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into practice," Resnick said.

The Dec. 7 conference will provide information about how the new, federal No Child Left Behind Act will impact upon parents. Parents whose children are enrolled in failing schools can receive supplemental education services" for their children or transfer them to another public or charter school. At the conference, leaders will examine a variety of emerging strategies to improve student performance in urban schools.

The Foundation hopes the upcoming conference will provide the neighborhood leaders with new ideas about possible projects in their communities to increase parent involvement and to improve student academic achievement.

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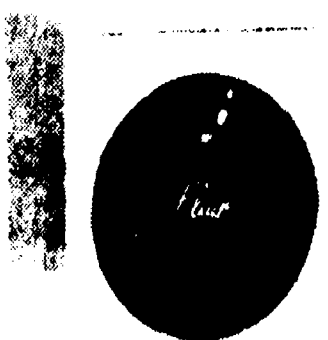
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To The Rescue: An Emergency Fund Can Help Plug The Gap

AREA—If you learned suddenly that your home needed a new roof, could you access the cash to pay for it before your possessions were drenched? What if you lost your job? Would you be able to cover your monthly bills? You could with an emergency fund, says the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA). If you don't already have one, now is a great time to establish a plan for 2003.

Everyone should have some easily accessible short-time savings stashed away. Having an emergency fund means that when the unexpected happens—whether it's a job loss or an unanticipated home repair—you'll have the resources to meet your day-to-day living expenses. Without an emergency fund, you may have to resort to credit cards and could find yourself paying off debt at double-digit interest rates for months or years to come. Or you may be forced to sell assets, such as stocks, when the market is down, resulting in a loss.

How Big An Emergency Fund Do I Need?

While CPAs generally recommend that you set aside enough money in your emergency fund to cover three to six months of living expenses, your individual circumstances may dictate that you have no more or less. Keep in mind that this recommendation doesn't equate to three to six months' of your current salary. You just need to set aside enough to cover your basic monthly expenses.

Building an emergency fund requires discipline. You may have to reduce spending to free up extra cash. The best advice is to treat your savings as you would a bill. If you determine you need \$12,000, set an affordable amount you can put away each month, without fail, until you reach your goal.

Where Do I Stash The Cash In My Emergency Fund?

There are two basic requirements: (1) your money should be in a safe investment; and (2) you should be able to access it quickly. CPAs generally suggest you use a savings account at a bank or credit union or a money market account. Money market accounts come in two types: bank accounts and mutual funds.

Both have relatively low yields, but high liquidity, and both typically pay more interest or dividends than savings accounts because they are considered less transaction-oriented. It's important to know that money market mutual funds are not insured, but since they invest in highly liquid, safe securities, they are considered relatively risk-free by most planners.

You may have to meet a minimum balance requirement to open your money market account or mutual fund, and you may be limited to only a few free checks each month. If you decide to go this route, look for a money market account or fund with a high interest or dividend rate, low fees, and check writing features. Some even provoke an ATM card, which may or may not be good, depending on how disciplined you are. Remember, your emergency fund should exist for things like unemployment, medical bills, or a new furnace—not a weekend at the beach.

What's In It For Me?

Saving money on your own is seldom as much fun as spending it, but like most other things, it becomes easier over time. The peace of mind that comes from knowing you have the financial resources to carry you through rough times can be worth the sacrifices you make now. And remember, should you have to tap the money in your fund for an emergency, repay it as soon as you can.

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CPAs Highlight Commitment To Ethics In Continuing Education Program

ROSELAND—Certified public accountants are unique among major professions in their emphasis on continuing education. In January, they will have a new required course, "New Jersey Law & Ethics."

"This is a very positive, proactive step that has been taken by the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy," says Howard Bookbinder, CPA, of Fair Lawn, who will serve as one of the instructors for the new course. Every CPA licensed in New Jersey is required to earn 120 hours of additional education credit every three years.

"It's the equivalent of spending one week every year going to school, just to maintain your professional standing," Bookbinder says. Starting in January, four of those credits now will have to be a state board approved law and ethics course.

"The new course will review the laws and regulations that affect CPAs, placing special emphasis on ethics. When I earned my CPA, this was part of the exam," says Bookbinder who has been practicing CPA in New Jersey for more than 40 years. "Now, I understand that material on ethics is not included in the test."

"This is a profession that has been built on fundamental principles of independence, objectivity and integrity," Bookbinder says. "We are determined to bring that back to the forefront in light of the current media frenzy, recognizing that for 99 percent of

my colleagues, it has never been otherwise.

"Continuing education is a core value of our profession," says James Hardenberg, CPA, a certified association executive who oversees educational programs conducted by the New Jersey Society of CPAs. "For as long as we can recall, CPAs have been investing their time and energy in education, whether it was required or not. The new law and ethics course will help reinforce our commitment to our professional standards."

Of the 120 CPE credits required for license renewal in the 2003-05 reporting period, 72 must be in technical subjects (including 24 in accounting and auditing for those in public practice) and four in New Jersey Law & Ethics.

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EDITORIAL

Readers Commentary

Thanks For A Valuable Lesson

Dear Editor,

My sister and I attended a CPR course on Thursday, Nov. 21 offered by the South Amboy Police Department. We would like to sincerely thank Sgts. Norek and Kales and Patrolman Satkowski for taking their time in teaching us this valuable information. We are so grateful to live in

a city where something like this can be offered. We take comfort in knowing these techniques in case a situation arises where we should need them. We thank them again for their time and effort, for the coffee and mostly for their willingness to share with us.

**Bonnie Makar
Gaye Switzer**

Thank You

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who helped me in my successful campaign for the Third Ward Council seat in Woodbridge Township. Without your support and confidence in my ability to represent you fairly and honestly, and belief in my sincere desire to work hard for each of you if elected, this victory would not have been possible. Your efforts will not be forgotten. To the Woodbridge Republican Party for nominating me as their candidate, and to the many Independents and Democrats who voted for me, my sincere thanks. I promise that I will keep your best interests in the forefront of all matters that come before the Council. A special thanks to the Avenel and Port Reading Firemen and First Aid

Squad members, along with the many volunteers who worked the phones, put up signs and delivered literature, for taking time from their busy lives to be an integral part of my campaign.

I am a life-long resident of Port Reading and have a strong commitment to the Township of Woodbridge. I want all my constituents, Republicans, Independents and Democrats alike to know that they will have a strong voice on the Township Council. Last, but certainly not least, a special thank you to my wife, Rose, for her love, support and patience.

**Vincent R. Martino
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Showing Our Strength

Dear Editor,

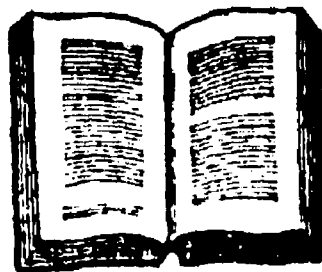
Middlesex County AARP members were among the more than 600 senior citizens from across the state that rally in show of strength. We descend upon Trenton to make our numbers known and to inform our legislators that the AARP is no longer a sleeping giant on key issues, that we mean business.

We have 1.3 million members and more than 50 percent of all New Jerseyans are over the age of 50, with 120 chapters. Last November nearly one of every three votes cast was someone at least 60 years old. We packed Trenton War Memorial and demanded legislative action on the restoration of the State Office Of The Public Advocate and its planned Division of Elderly Affairs. After an eight year absence it is time to bring back the Public Advocate Office. The Office of the Public Advocate is an independent investigator to

guarantee the state government is working according to its contract with the voters. To also help individuals and communities get what they need and what they promised from their government. After the meeting we assembled at the State House to press Governor James E. McGreevey and our lawmakers to pledge their support for the Public Advocate Measure which has been tied up in a Senate Committee since early in the year.

We departed from the gallery of the State Senate and boarded the bus knowing that it was a productive day. Our bus became disabled and the trip home was delayed by two hours. Unfortunately, because of our delay some of the children did not receive candy for Halloween. I don't know if that was good or bad for our seniors.

**George Vassiliades
AARP Middlesex County
Advocate Coordinator**



By The Book

by Peter Book

David Vs. Goliath

"You can't fight City Hall." So goes the chant of the wise guys. Perhaps I was a fool in not heeding this time honored advice. I took on Mayor Vas in a legal tussle. I thought that I had a good cause. A sort of David vs. Goliath confrontation. But, unfortunately, the judge before whom the case was heard did not think I had enough in my slingshot to slay my antagonist.

Like any right thinking resident I have always been in favor of improving my home town. I commend the efforts of Hizzoner in his revitalization projects. However, I am concerned that these projects be carried out in accordance with the Statutes and Ordinances and the state and federal Constitutions.

Mayor Vas has violated the ordinance requiring each and every property owner to maintain his sidewalk in his State Street, Amboy Avenue and Dublin Projects. This ordinance embodies long established law. In fact, Hizzoner signed an amended version. He decreed that sidewalks in these projects be fixed and repaired at government expense and adhere to a uniform standard. This is a totali-

tarianism at its worst! The sidewalks of residences, businesses, saloons, pool halls and churches are fixed and paid for by property owners who pay for their own sidewalks. This is a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitutions. In fact, the case of churches who already get a free ride this is a violation of the First Amendment regarding the establishing of religion. The time honored concept of Separation of Church and State. Remember, we first ratified the Bill of Rights here in Perth Amboy in 1789!

I sensed that the judge was not impressed by my argument. These modern judges tend to regard themselves as social engineers. They bend over backward in supporting liberal causes and the establishment. If Law and the Constitutions stand in the way brush 'em aside! This is for the common good. This is the kind of reasoning that resurrected Lautenberg. A far cry from the days of following the laws and constitutions as they were written, not in the interpretation the courts give the written word in twisting, spinning and torturing the common and logical meaning in turning black

into white, or vise versa.

Of course, I was disappointed and hurt. But it was not devastating. Going into court is not unlike taking a gamble at a casino in Atlantic City. The odds are always stacked against the player. It is the losers, not the winners who built the casinos and the courts.

I was not disheartened as I thought I would be. In a way, it was kind of exhilarating. I felt I had no choice but to fight this case in court on behalf of myself and my fellow property owners. I would have felt much worse had I not stood up and fought. Regardless of the judge denying my motion for summary judgement, I am still convinced that my cause is right, proper and just.

My deep regret is the loss of this case, not for me, but for my fellow citizens and residents of the City of Perth Amboy. They are the true losers in this confrontation with hizzoner, Mayor Vas. They are now paying, not only for their own sidewalks but also paying for the sidewalks of the favored few. This, on top of the highest property taxes in the land.



LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Silence! Now Pay Up

Who holds the copyright to quiet? In 1952, the "avant garde composer" John Cage came up with a totally silent "composition" he called "4'33" and four minutes and 33 seconds of absolute nothingness." And his representatives (he died ten years ago) are making sure he gets royalties on nothingness, wherever it is found.

This year, British composer Mike Batt put together a classical music CD. He added a track called "One Minute's Silence" at the end. "Just for a laugh," but told *The (London) Independent*, he listed the composer as "Batt/Cage": on the CDs credits. So Cage's

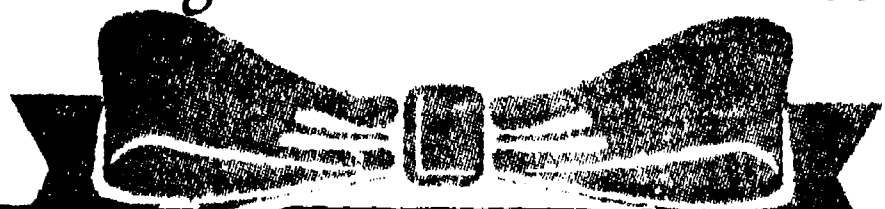
people are claiming copyright infringement. Gene Caprioglio, a representative of Cage's American publisher, told *The Los Angeles Times* that the British organization that collects royalties sent Batt its standard license form. That's right: they are claiming royalties. On silence. According to CBC News, when Batt told his mother, he says her reply was "Which art of the silence are they claiming got nicked (stolen)?" I hope Cage's American publisher can get this into the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. They could use a little silence.

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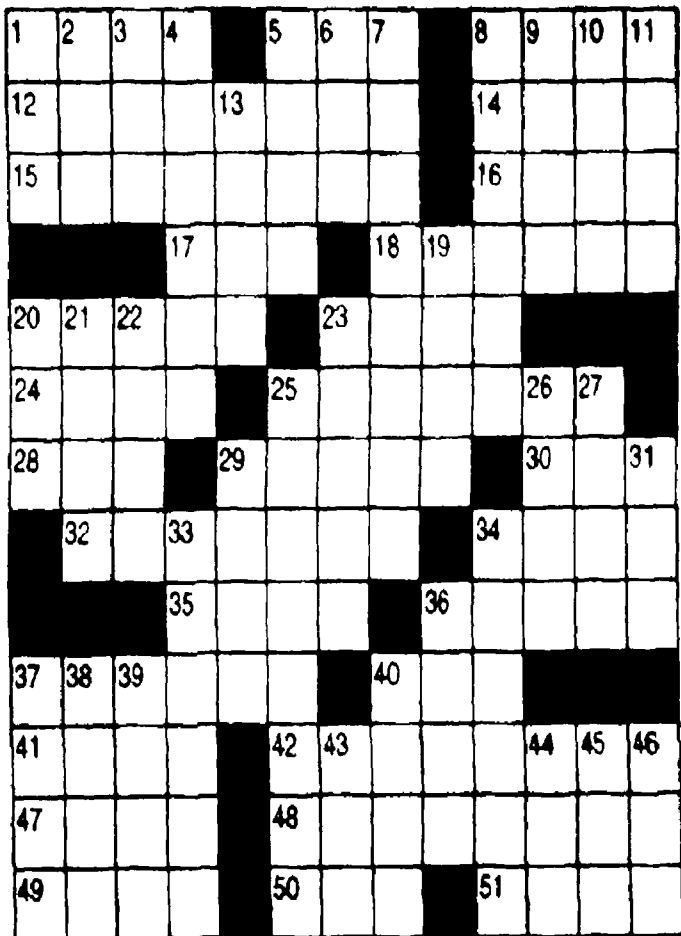
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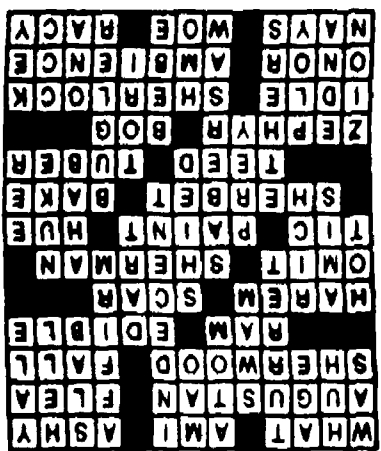
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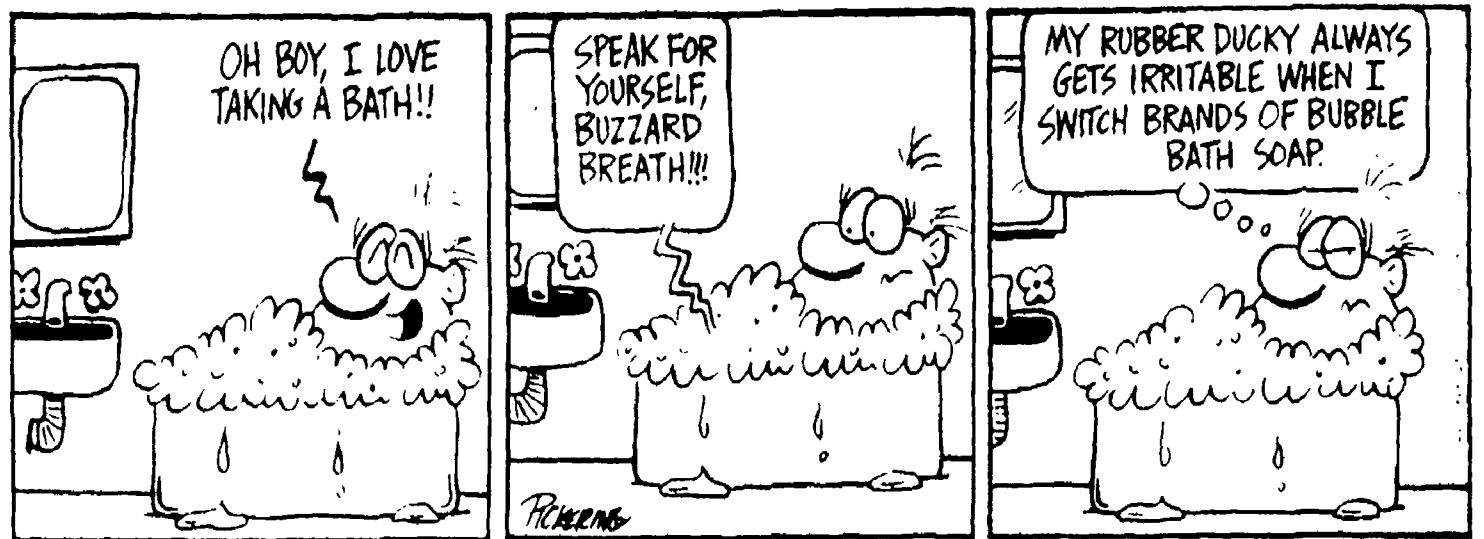
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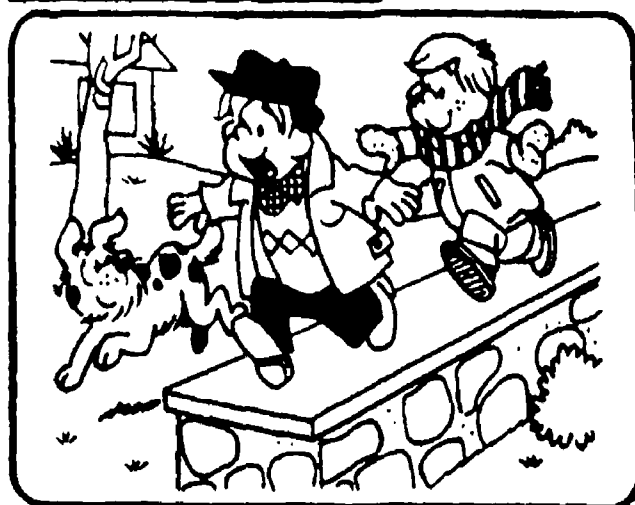
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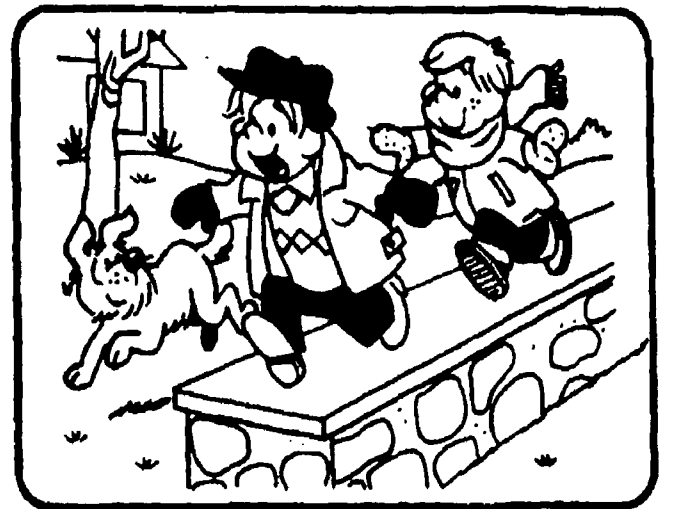


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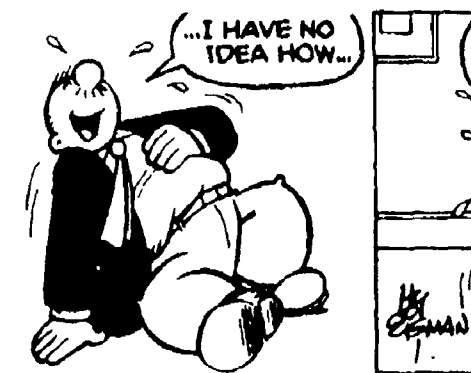
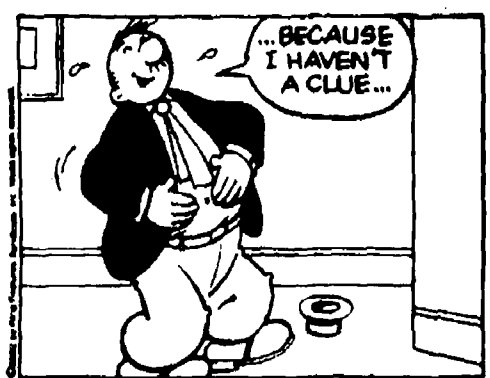
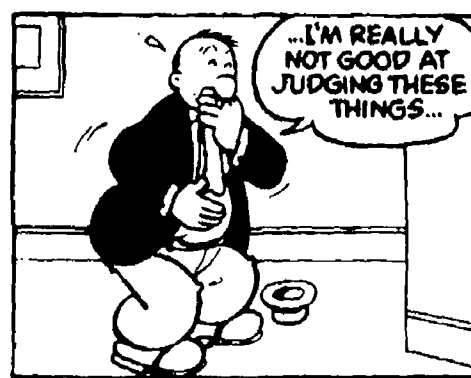
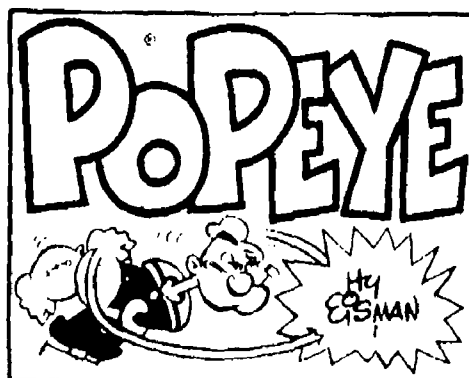
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Scarf has no stripes. 2. Boy's pants are black. 3. Dog has no spots. 4. Boy's shirt is different. 5. Boy is wearing mittens. 6. Shrub is missing.



JILL JACKSON'S HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... This year the American Film Institute has chosen Robert DeNiro as the recipient of its Life Achievement Award — one of the most prestigious in showbiz, and possibly one of the best awards shows, second only to "The Kennedy Center Presents." ... DeNiro's body of work is awesome. "Taxi Driver," "Raging Bull," "The Godfather" and on and on and on. ... His personal life has been rather unconventional. He grew up in New York's Little Italy and has always been thought of as Italian-American. Actually, he is more Irish in heritage. ... DeNiro donated sperm to his former

girlfriend Toukie Smith, who delivered twin boys, Aaron and Julian. He has been married to Diahnne Abbott and Grace Hightower. ... The tribute will be held for the first time at the new Kodak Theater on Hollywood Boulevard — home of the Academy Awards show.

Dreamworks has chosen Christmas Day to release "Catch Me If You Can." Directed by Steven Spielberg, it stars Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio. The synopsis says: "Frank W. Abagnale (DiCaprio) worked as a doctor, lawyer and copilot for a major airline before his 21st birthday. A master of deception and a brilliant forger, his frauds netted him billions. It is the mission of FBI agent Carl Henretta (Hanks) to

catch him and bring him to justice."

Reese Witherspoon's career continues to romp. She's overseeing her own production company, eyeing scripts that are pouring in, and is set to star in "Whiteout." Nope, not that stuff we use for typing errors, it's about U.S. Marshall Carrie Stetko, who discovers the first-ever murder in the Antarctic. It happens just before the sun is about to set for six months. She must catch the killer, or she will be stuck there with him in the dark for half a year.

A neighbor of mine, cinematographer Conrad Hall, could very well garner another Academy nomination for "The Road to Perdition." That's the rumble. Connie already owns two of the little gold men — one for "American Beauty,"

the other for "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." ... Another neighbor, John Lehr (Jesse), has taken time off from the tube to appear in "A Series of Comedic Lectures" at the Powerhouse Theater in Santa Monica. The set was designed by yet another neighbor, Beau Deshotel. I'm surrounded by talent, wouldn't you say?

BITS 'N' PIECES: Aside to Louise H. of Barstow, Calif. Rebecca Romijn-Stamos was born Rebecca Romijn. She added the Stamos when she married actor John Stamos. ... Drew Barrymore's newest is guitarist Joel Shearer. That could change by the time you read this. ... Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas are expecting their second bambino (or bambina). ... Arnie and

Maria Schwarzenegger shopping in Santa Monica loaded with tote bags, even as thee and me. ... To Beatrice H. of Del City, Okla. Nope. I don't think Angelina and Billy Bob will get back together. He doesn't seem to be able to commit to anyone permanently. ... Like a good mystery? Try Amanda Cross' latest, "The Edge of Doom" (Ballantine). A twisty, turny plot that would make a box-office bonanza. ... And for true movie buffs, director Sammy Fuller's "A Third Face" (Knopf), with an intro by Martin Scorsese, wherein the feisty director tells of "writing, fighting and filmmaking." ... Didya know that Renee Zellweger's first job was as a bartender's assistant?

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN "Die Another Die"

This Bond is Not Enough



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By Michael S. Goldberger

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You plunks yer money down and you gets what you paid for. It is what it is. More of the same. No more, no less. The same ol', same ol'. The same old soup. Business as usual. In other words, the James Bond 007 tradition lives on with "Die Another Day." And that's a good thing. After twenty films in forty years, there is something heartening about the immutability of Albert "Cubby" Broccoli's dynastic spy series.

Those who portray him may come and go. But it matters not. Because even comparing the Bonds has by now become a part of being a fan: i.e.- The young Sean Connery was best. Roger Moore was too tidy. Male super-model George Lazenby ("On Her Majesty's Secret Service"-1969) was a one-hit wonder that we're still trying to figure out. Ooh, and let's not forget the forgettable Timothy Dalton, who made the mistake of trying to clean up Bond's act. All of which brings us to Pierce Brosnan, the current Mr. Bond. He's no great shakes, but at least he gives you an honest day's work. Even with the passing of Mr. Broccoli in 1996, the recipe for success remains the same: First you start with the aforementioned secret agent...the one with the license to kill. Add a megalomaniacal villain hell-bent on taking over or destroying the world (either ambition will do). Add a drop-dead sexy woman (she can either be a villain or an ally, or, there can be one of each...sort of a literary allusion. And don't worry; part of James's unique talent is sorting out which is which). Then add a formulaic plot. It needn't have any truly novel twists, but it must be able to accommodate the following key ingredients: plenty of sexual innuendo, travelogue-quality scenery, oodles of special effects and gadgetry, and more derring-do than you could possibly fit in one film.

Now take these components and shake. Never stir! And if mixed correctly, you have created the comfort food of film. An action-laden reaffirmation that some things never change. As a respite from the madding crowd of amorphous, nihilistically inclined pictures that have, for the time being, commandeered

the action segment of Filmdom, "Die Another Day" serves its purpose. That's about it. And unless you're an aficionado of the series, before long it will submerge into your memory of things Bond, blending into the big blur of exotic locales, repetitively stirring scores and the impossible predicaments that somehow have a way of working out. For truth be told, none, save for "Goldfinger" (1964), is a particularly great film. Though, some would contend that "From Russia With Love" (1963) is the standout. But in any case, there are few who will argue that any of the others represents any notable accomplishment in cinema.

Mr. Brosnan, perhaps the prettiest gent to play the man who every woman wants and every man wants to be, tries to make up with looks what he lacks in machismo. But in all fairness, while we wait in vain for someone to equal Connery's 007, it's worth suggesting that in one important way, Brosnan is a Bond for today.

For although the super-sleuth has always been a little slow to change with the fad, over the years he has indeed become less the womanizer and a bit more sensitive to the fairer sex. Thus

in "Die Another Day," a more considerate James restricts himself to only two love interests. They are Halle Berry as Jinx---can't tell you who she works for; and Rosamund Pike as Miranda Frost---ditto the employer information. And to Brosnan's credit, probably bringing into the fold a new generation of Bond fan in the bargain, he manages to be politically correct without giving away the store.

Of course the villain this go-round isn't restricted by any such conventions, and can be as evil as always. The rogue son of a North Korean bigwig, he plans world domination via his handy-dandy, one-weapon-does-it-all invention known as Icarus. Want to change the climate of a particular region and thereby ruin its economy?

Icarus is your weapon. Want to swat enemy nuclear warheads out of the sky like flies? This is your baby. Want to make the world grovel at your feet? Look no further. Icarus is all you need. Problem is, in "Die Another Day" we can't always tell who the villain is. Which brings us back to that PC stuff. Because director Lee Tamahori's plot, penned by Neal Purvis and Robert Wade, is one of conspicuous inclusion, it addresses a whole punch list of hot topics that reads like little Johnny's latest current events lesson. But while global warming and terrorism only receive lip service, gene therapy is given a starring role. And because the bad guy in this

episode can't resist a technological trick, naturally he changes his identity. No, he doesn't become Dolly the sheep. But good guess. He does become a wolf in sheep's clothing, so to speak.

It's a variation on a theme...cliched, yes, but one of drama's great old ploys all the same. The ancients used masks. Fast-forward to fifty years ago and plastic surgery is all the rage in film, like when accused wife murderer Bogart gets a back alley face change in Dark Passage (1947).

And now here we are, technology once again our greatest boon and our fiercest bane. As part of making the latest Bond contemporary, he is tossed into the age of uncertainty.

That's right. Can't tell the good guys from the bad guys. But perhaps we can recognize the metaphor as it applies to us: i.e.-can't tell the honest corporate leaders from the common thieves who would deprive your grandma Sadie of the 401K she's been depending on; or, can't tell the pious holy man from the brain-washed zealot sworn to kill you if you don't switch to his brand of praying.

Luckily, our latest Bond is well equipped to muddle through the indistinct shadows of gray

besetting mankind. He even has, courtesy of quartermaster Q (John Cleese), an Aston Martin Vanquish that can instantly become invisible, and with him in it yet. So it really wouldn't be giving away too much to inform that, by film's end, James Bond has a pretty good idea of who's wearing the black hats and who's donning the white ones. And, although it's at least twenty minutes too long, this latest spy gambit happily reminds why we go to the movies in the first place.

Sure, metaphors are dandy. I like to spot at least one a day. However, more often than not, we are drawn to the picture show to escape from the harsh realities referred to in those metaphors, and perhaps exact a little vicarious revenge in the process. But more important in an increasingly cynical world, we seek assurance that the old values of morality and courtesy are still valid and that, at least in the movies, good still wins out over evil.

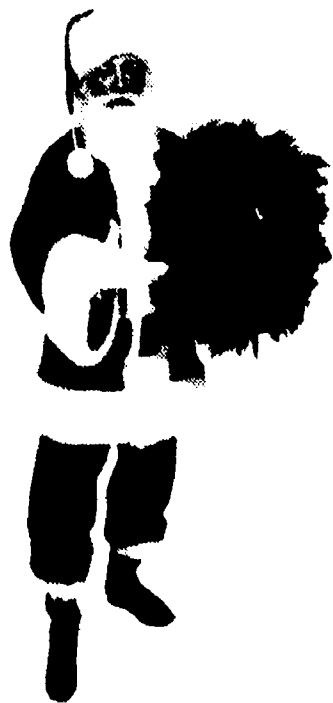
Thanks to "Die Another Day," 007 lives to convey that thought in yet another century.

"Die Another Day," rated PG-13, is an MGM/UA release directed by Lee Tamahori and stars Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry and Toby Stephens. Running time: 132 minutes

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Want Hypertension? Hurry Up!

AREA Young adults who fume at the slowpoke ahead of them on the freeway may be racing toward high blood pressure, researchers reported at the American Heart Association's 75th annual Scientific Sessions. The American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions is the world's premier gathering devoted to cardiovascular research and medicine and the 2002 Scientific

Sessions conference is being attended by more than 30,000 scientists, cardiologists, medical researchers, surgeons, other medical professionals, exhibitors and media from throughout the world.

This pioneer study examined the relationship between the feeling of being pressed for time and impatience with the development of hypertension in young urban adults. Time urgency/impatience (TUI) is a major component of so-called Type A behavior patterns. Other characteristics of Type A are competitiveness, hostility, tenseness and aggressiveness.

"Our findings indicate that TUI assessed during young adulthood is associated with increased risk of hypertension years later," says lead author

Liling L. Yan, Ph.D., research assistant professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago. "In general, the stronger the feelings of impatience and time pressure, the higher the risk of developing hypertension in the long term."

Numerous studies have examined the intense traits that characterize Type A personality and their potential effects on health. But results have been inconsistent, leading some researchers to explore whether different components of Type A have different health risks.

"The TUI component of Type A is characterized by a persistent preoccupation with time and pronounced impatience," she says. "To our knowledge, this is the first

study to concentrate on the relationship between TUI and hypertension, a very common health condition and a strong risk factor for heart disease.

"In the past, more attention has been paid to the hostility component in Type A, but TUI has never been adequately examined as a separate trait, despite suggestions that it may be linked to adverse health outcomes."

"The association between TUI and development of hypertension may be mediated by a variety of lifestyle and other psychosocial factors," says Kiang Liu, Ph.D., senior author and professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University. "The complex processes involved in the link between chronic exposure

to TUI and hypertension are not yet well understood."

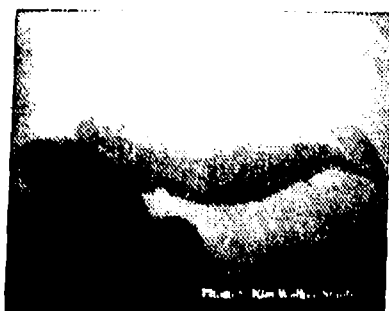
He notes that more studies are needed to confirm these findings and to identify potential biological mechanisms.

"It's important to realize that these modifiable personality traits, and reducing TUI tendency may possibly decrease future health risks related to TUI," Liu says.

Other co-authors are Karen A. Matthews, Ph.D.; Martha L. Daviglius, M.D., Ph.D.; T. Freeman Ferguson, M.P.H., M.S.P.H.; and Catarina Kiefe, M.D., Ph.D.

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Hospital Now Offers Left Atrial Ablation

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, among a handful of centers in the country, now offers a less invasive technique to eliminate atrial fibrillation. Known as Left Atrial Ablation, this new procedure is more successful than current cardiology catheter-based techniques and less invasive than traditional surgical techniques. Robert Wood

Johnson is one of the two cen-

ters in New Jersey that uses microwave energy to treat atrial fibrillation. According to the American Heart Association, atrial fibrillation, found in 1-2 million Americans, occurs when the two small upper chambers of the heart, known as the atria, quiver instead of beating correctly. As a result, a blood clot may occur because the blood in the atria is not pumped out completely. A stroke may result if a part of the blood clot leaves the heart and gets stuck in an artery in the brain. Approximately 15 percent of strokes are caused this way.

The procedure, which began being offered at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital several months ago, applies microwave energy to the left atrium. The energy produces a discreet lesion to prevent the

transfer of electrical signals, thus preventing atrial fibrillation.

"Right now we are only doing this in conjunction with other procedures," says Dr. Mark Anderson, Director of the Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgical Program at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Associate Professor of Surgery at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, who performs the surgery. "This will be offered as a stand-alone procedure for atrial fibrillation in the near future using a minimally invasive technique."

Currently, six patients have undergone left atrial ablation at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital with a 100 percent success rate. In general, there is approximately an 80 percent success rate with

this procedure. Success is achieved if the patient's heart is converted back to sinus rhythm, which is a more efficient rhythm for the heart. Prior to the procedure, the heart's rhythm is irregular. This conversion allows the patient to be taken off many medications, the most important of which is Coumadin, a blood thinner with a possible side effect of bleeding. In addition, the patient's risk of a stroke is nearly eliminated.

Left atrial ablation has been performed with procedures including Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (CABG) and aortic and mitral valve surgeries. The technique is suitable for anyone with chronic atrial fibrillation, meaning they have had it for more than six months and are not responding to medications, and who can endure an operation.

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Andrew Valenti, 78
of Edison

Mr. Andrew Valenti of Edison died Nov. 6, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 78.

Born in Newark and resided in Union before moving to Edison 51 years ago.

Mr. Valenti attended Union Township Schools and was a graduate of Dale Carnegie School. He formerly served on the Union Township Junior Police.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served as a staff sergeant during the Battle of the Bulge. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Valenti was employed by J. Leven & Co. in East Hanover for 15 years, where he was a sales representative. After his retirement, he was a flea market vendor at the Avenel Flea Market as well as the Arbor Flea Market in Piscataway.

Two brothers, Jack and Vito Valenti, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Josephine (Moravick) Valenti; a son, Bruno Valenti of East Brunswick; a daughter, Joanne (Dewie) Yadamiec of Edison; two brothers: his twin, Sam C. Valenti of Edison and Sal Valenti of Hudson, Fla.; two sisters, Jenny Mazza of Port Richey, Fla., and Ida Brown of Hudson, Fla.; a grandson, Anthony Valenti of East Brunswick; a granddaughter, Janine LuAnn Yadamiec of Edison; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and his beloved pet dog, Velvet.

Steven R. West, Sr.
of Edison

Mr. Steven Richard West Sr., of Edison died Nov. 4 at his home. He was 52.

He had resided in Edison Township all his life.

He is survived a son, Steven Richard West Jr. of Edison; a daughter, Dawn West of East Hanover; a sister, Barbara Ambrose of Hillsborough, and a granddaughter, Sarah West.

Cora Remeika, 73
of Carteret

Mrs. Cora Remeika of Carteret died Nov. 24 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was 73.

Born in Elizabeth, she moved to Carteret 30 years ago.

She retired from Park Plastics in Linden, where she worked for 40 years.

Her husband, Anthony Remeika, died in 1963; a brother, Richard Templeton, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Mullecker of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Vickie Dreboty, of Carteret; two sons, Anthony Remeika, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Richard Remeika, of Avenel; three sisters, Alice Jones of North Carolina, Thelma Strick of Red Bank and Shirley Covello of Florida; three brothers, Alan Templeton of Elizabeth, Ronald Templeton, also of New Jersey, and Stanley Templeton of Florida; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and her lifelong friend, Alyce Rhody.

Anna S. Rac, 88
of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Anna Smeriga Rac of Perth Amboy died Nov. 12, 2002, at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 88.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong city resident.

Mrs. Rac was a communicant of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Perth Amboy.

Her husband, John Rac, died in 1977.

Surviving are two daughters, Alice Dornish, of Bethlehem, Pa., and Jean Rac-Wuensch of Montclair; a son, Ronald J. Rac of Rumson; her grandchildren, Bradley and Ryan Dornish, Whitney McOmish, and Reagen Wuensch; her great-grandchildren, Amanda, Brandon and Colin Dornish; and her sister, Mary Heveri of Rahway.

Dawn Mitchell, 54
of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Dawn V. "Diva Dawn" Mitchell died Nov. 10 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 54.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, N.Y., she lived there before moving to Perth Amboy.

She was a certified nurse's assistant at Roosevelt Care Center in Edison for 23 years.

She was formerly employed by New Jersey State Veterans Home for four years and by the N.J. State Department of Developmental Disabilities for five years. She was a member of CWA Union Local 1065 in Edison.

Surviving are three sons, Michael W. Smith of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Norman W. Mitchell of Bramto, Ontario, Canada, and Neville S. Mitchell of Keasbey; a daughter, Karen Callum of Perth Amboy; her mother, Marrie White of Orlando, Fla.; her father, George Gregory of Hartford, Conn.; five sisters, Eileen Martin, Rema Blake and Christine Delfosse, all of Perth Amboy, Maureen Henry of Orlando, Fla., and Patricia White of Queens, N.Y.; a brother, Irvin Henry of Plainfield, and 10 grandchildren.

M. Stempinski, 77 of Parlin

Mrs. Margaret Stempinski of Parlin died Nov. 22 at Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel. She was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there prior to moving to Parlin 20 years ago.

Her husband, Joseph Stempinski, died in 1993; five brothers, Thomas, Harold, Edward, Andrew and Richard Dunham, and sisters, Ellen

What I admire in Columbus is not his having discovered a world but his having gone to search for it on the faith of an opinion. — A Robert Turgot

Catherine Gonyo, 90
of Fords

Mrs. Catherine (Kozak) Gonyo of Fords died Nov. 15 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 90.

Born in Ukraine, she lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Fords 51 years ago.

She was a seamstress at Standee Corp. in Perth Amboy for 10 years before retiring in 1977.

She had also worked at other clothing factories in Perth Amboy.

Mrs. Gonyo was a member of the Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens, and a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church in Fords.

Her sister, Stephanie Wilusz, and two brothers, Jack Kozak and Joseph Kozak, are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband, John M. Gonyo, to whom she was married for 72 years; a daughter, Dr. Marilyn Gonyo-Diehl of Clarksburg; two sons, John A. Gonyo of Fords and Gerald G. Gonyo of East Brunswick; a brother, Walter Kozak of Perth Amboy; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Udvary, Isabelle Dougherty, Jennie Dunham and Anna Prokopiak, are all deceased and her parents, Andrew and Isabelle Flynn Dunham.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Krystyna Stempinski of Sayreville, and a brother, Joseph Dunham of Brick.

Louis E. Carlucci
of Edison

Mr. Louis E. Carlucci Jr. of Edison died Nov. 23 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 54.

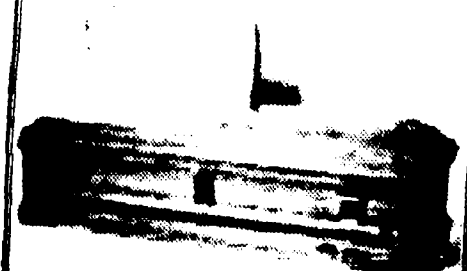
Born in Perth Amboy. He was a resident of Edison for the past 20 years.

Mr. Carlucci served in the Navy as well as the Navy Reserve.

He was a 1969 graduate of Middlesex County College in Edison, and a 1984 graduate of the Lyons Institute in Clark.

Mr. Carlucci was a member of American Legion Post 65 in Metuchen.

Surviving are a daughter, Laura E. Carlucci of New York City; his father, Louis Carlucci Sr. of South Brunswick; his mother, Elizabeth Carlucci-Batson of Edison; two brothers, Charles of Edison and Ronald of Toms River, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

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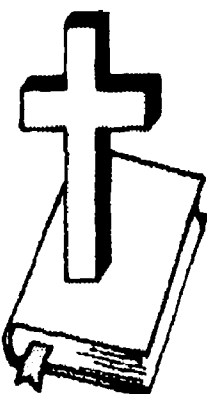
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"It's amazing to be able to

actually see first hand all the work that goes into making the government function as well as it does. We met many people and saw places that I normally only hear about in the news and read about in the papers," said Colleen Fisher.

"Working in the Assemblyman's office has allowed Sharon and I to closely

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"To provide high school students with hands on work experience in the role of an Assemblyman's Staff member is a most generous opportunity. As

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"I thank Sayreville Superintendent Dennis Fyffe and Program Coordinator Claire Goscienski for working to make this program a reality. But I especially would like to thank Montana, Colleen, Kristen and Sharon for the great help they have provided to my legislative office. I look forward to continued participation in this program," said Wisniewski.

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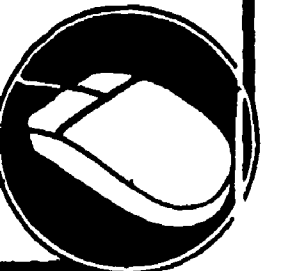
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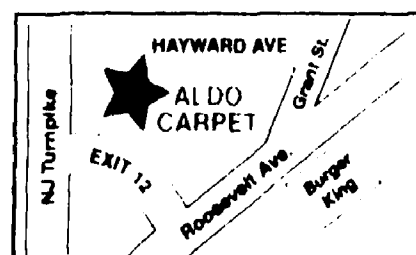
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