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# Freeholdes Break Ground For New Facility At Roosevelt

EDISON—Led by Freeholder Director David B. Crabel, Middlesex County officials celebrated the ceremonial groundbreaking for a new, state-of-the-art 180-bed nursing home at Roosevelt Care Center annex site in Edison on Monday.

Financed by a court bond issue, the \$20.3 million facility will have a 30-bed unit for memory-impaired residents, and will include a sub-acute unit for hospital patients who need further rehabilitation before returning home. The building is expected to open in July, 2004. "This new facility has been designed to meet the demands of new

technologies and new innovation in long-term and rehabilitative care planning," said Crabel.

"It will allow us to deliver services more effectively and greatly enhance the quality of life of Roosevelt's residents."

"But this building is only the first step in our extensive plan to create a bright future for Roosevelt," he said. "Once this construction is completed, the historic portion of the main building will undergo a renovation and modernization."

It will ultimately provide space for 165 additional residents and will

include 45 comprehensive care beds for people who do need nursing care, but who are capable of more independent living.

"Together, these two facilities will continue to offer the best nursing care in Central New Jersey, and all of the current Roosevelt Care Center residents are guaranteed a place," Crabel said.

In the audience at the groundbreaking were current Roosevelt residents and their families, staff members, volunteers and officials from Edison Township, Middlesex County and the Middlesex County Improvement

Authority, which owns and manages Roosevelt Care Center.

The demolition of the annex building began this summer; actual construction of the new facility is expected to begin within the next month.

In addition, the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, which had been located in a free-standing building on the annex property, has been temporarily relocated to the main Roosevelt building. The hospice building will be repositioned on the annex site and reopened.

## Mayor Vas Dedicates New Fishing Pier

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 23 to dedicate the new fishing pier that has been constructed as part of Perth Amboy's \$9.8 million Shoreline

Improvement Project. The pier is the first of its kind to offer recreational fishing opportunities along the city's southern beaches.

"This pier features some of the most magnificent views of Raritan Bay and will undoubtedly provide countless hours of recreational enjoyment for residents and visitors, alike. I hope everyone will take advantage of the many improvements emerging along our shorelines," stated Vas.

The impressive new pier, which is the first of two planned for the first phase of the project, measures 16 feet wide and juts out at an angle 220 feet into the Raritan Bay. The pier includes a

fish-cleaning station at the far end, where running water will be installed shortly. The pier also features pile clusters, which would allow a ship to dock temporarily in the event of an emergency. PSE&G will also be installing ornamental acorn light posts shortly.

Phase I of the Shoreline Improvement Project, which should be completed this winter, also includes another fishing pier, which is presently under construction. Completion of the second pier is scheduled for next month. Phase I also includes the widening and stabilizing of Perth Amboy's southern shoreline along Sadowski Parkway between High and Second

Streets. Massive amounts of sand are being added along this 2,200 linear feet stretch. While a majority of the sand has already been deposited, work has temporarily been halted until Dec. 1 because of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection imposes a ban on dredging-related activity during the fish-breeding season.

In addition, the five existing groins that protect the city's storm water outfalls are being reconstructed, one new groin is being installed and two additional groins have been installed underneath the fishing pier. The groins will serve to strengthen and protect the sand in the future in order to deter erosion. The first phase is being constructed by Trevcon Construction Co., Inc., of Liberty Corner, who was awarded a contract in December at a cost of \$3,906,000.

Latter phases of the project will include the addition of a service dock for the boat launching facility, a fuel dock, pump out station, restrooms, a bait concession stand and rehabilitation of the jetties. In addition, the former Goldberg's scrapyard on Second Street will be transformed with a boat ramp, rack storage system and a parking lot.

The city has received a total of \$8.5 million grants for the total project with \$5 million coming from the Middlesex County Open Space Program, another \$1 million coming from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program and \$2.5 million from the DEP's Natural and Historic Resources Division of Engineering and Construction.

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## NEWS

## Two Area Women Celebrate Their 100 Years Of Service As Sisters Of Mercy

**WATCHUNG** Sisters Louise Gorka and Marlene Fritz recently celebrated their Golden Jubilee during a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sept. 28 in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Mary. Reverend

Patrick G. Fitzpatrick was the principal celebrant of the Mass. Reverend Edward W. Edwards, Mount St. Mary chaplain, gave the homily.

These two sisters, both natives of Sayreville, were joined in the celebration by their sister Golden Jubilarians: Sisters Mary Carmelita Kaschak, Mary Dora McGrath, Mary Edwardine Brown, Percy Lee Hart and Mary Joel Hopkinson.

Sister Louise, daughter of Louis and Stella Kriskowski Gorka, graduated from St. Stanislaus School, Sayreville and St. Mary High School, South

Amboy. A member of St. Stanislaus Parish, she entered the Sisters of Mercy on Sept. 24, 1952.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Georgian Court College, Lakewood, and a master's degree in Music Education at Trenton State College in Ewing.

Sister Louise (Sister Mary Paulita) taught junior high grades in St. Nicholas School, Atlantic City, from 1954-64. From 1964-80, she taught in St. Mary High School, Perth Amboy; Mount St. Mary Academy, Watchung, and Phillipsburg Catholic High School, Phillipsburg.

Since 1980 she has served in

the Diocese of Trenton as pastoral minister in Holy Family Parish, Union Beach, and currently as director at The Gathering Place, Middletown.

Born in South Amboy, Sister Marlene is the daughter of Carl and Klara Schuehle Fritz. She graduated from Our Lady of Victories School, Sayreville and St. Mary High School, South Amboy. She entered the Sisters of Mercy from Our Lady of Victories Parish on Feb. 2, 1953.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in German from Georgian Court College, Lakewood, and a master of arts degree in German in Middlebury College, Vermont.

Sister Marlene (Sister Mary Clarissa) taught in schools in the

Camden Diocese from 1954-67. From 1970-71, she served in Dortmund, Germany, as an exchange teacher. She taught in St. Mary High School, South Amboy and St. Mary High School, Perth Amboy, from 1971-76. She was Assistant Directress at Mount St. Mary Academy, Watchung, from 1976-81 and from 1984-95.

Sister Marlene served in the Trenton Diocese in Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville; Georgian Court College, Lakewood and Project Paul, Keansburg. From 1996-2000 she was an administrator in Marylawn of the Oranges, South Orange. For the past two years she has been a clinical supervisor for the College of Education and Human Resources at Seton Hall University in South Orange. In addition, she serves as development associate for the regional community.

The Sisters of Mercy, founded in Ireland in 1831 by Venerable Catherine McAuley, have been traditionally dedicated to the education and the advancement of women and the poor. They have worked in many cities and towns throughout the State of New Jersey since 1873. The Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of New Jersey number 281 Sisters and 127 Mercy Associates serving in schools, parishes, social service agencies and other ministries. They joined 24 other regional communities of Mercy on July 20, 1991, to found the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an organization of 5,100 sisters and 2,300 lay associates.

Visit them on their website at [www.newjerseymercy.org](http://www.newjerseymercy.org).



**GOLDEN JUBILIARAINS**—Sisters of Mercy Golden Jubilarians are pictured with Sister Diane Szubrowski, president of the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of New Jersey. They are from (L.-R.) Sister Marlene Fritz, Sister Diane and Sister Louise Gorka.

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# Kiddie Keep Well Holds Annual Board Meeting

EDISON The John E. Toolan Kiddie Keep Well Camp Board of Directors held their election and the Annual Meeting of the Board on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Officers elected were President, Stanley Lease; Vice President, Kenneth Gonzalez; Secretary, Theresa Friedman; Treasurer, Thomas Tighe; and Assistant Treasurer, Michael Huzar.

Stanley Lease, a resident of Metuchen and a commercial real estate broker in Middlesex County has served on the Board for several years. He is also very involved in fundraising for the camp. Upon being elected, President Lease stated his gratitude to the board members for their confidence in electing him to the office. He said that he "would be available to the

Board as needed, as the camp continues to address the needs of disadvantaged children with Middlesex County. I see my role as providing direction and leadership to the Board as we plan for this, our 80th season and for the future of the camp."

The Kiddie Keep Well Camp is a private, non-profit corporation which provides a residential camping experience for disadvantaged children from Middlesex County between 6-13 years of age. Their program focuses on health and wellness and includes a physical exam and a dental exam for each camper. In addition to the traditional camping activities like swimming, arts and crafts, sports, nature, campfires, and dance and drama, they also provide a fire safety lesson, ses-

sions on anger management and self-esteem and other basic life skills.

Because they maintain an infirmary that is staffed around the clock by registered nurses, they are one of the few camps available to children with special health problems, like asthma.

The facilities can house a maximum of 175 children at one time. In the summer of 2001 they were able to serve a total of 675 children during their four, twelve-day sessions. In the summer of 2002 they were forced to limit attendance to only 550 campers because of financial constraints. "It is very difficult and painful to turn so many children away when we regularly receive over 1,000 applications each summer,"

said Executive Director, Eleanor Bates.

The camp is provided at no cost to the families whose children are accepted. Last summer, 100 percent of their campers met the federal guidelines for poverty. While many of them come from good loving homes, the current economic environment has made this camp program even more significant for them. Unfortunately, many of these children have also been living with physical, emotional, drug and/or alcohol abuse as well as poverty. The camp also keeps a very limited number of the most at-risk children, like those who are homeless, for an extended period of time beyond their regular twelve day session.

"Our critical concern at the present is to strengthen the financial base of the camp to assure our ability to meet the mission, goals, and objectives of the camp," said Lease. "We recognize that we could not have provided these services for all these years without the support of citizens, community organizations, corporations and the municipalities that we serve."

The current costs are \$40 a day per camper, or \$480 to send one child for fun and friendship at a twelve day encampment. Anyone wishing to make a donation should send it directly to the camp at: 35 Roosevelt Drive, Edison, NJ 08837. For further information, call Eleanor Bates at (732) 548-6542.

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**"Our expos are affordable alternatives to letting the townspeople know these businesses exist. It's about home business owners making themselves available in a unique, non-threatening atmosphere. And it's about townspeople supporting small businesses, while keeping the tax dollars at home..."**

dollars at home," says Briggs. Alyce Edrich, editor of The Dabbling Mum.com (<http://thedabblingmum.com>) goes on to say, "Attending an expo is a great way to 'get out of the house' and feel rejuvenated."

"That's so true," Briggs asserts. "Whether one is looking for a home business or simply wants to purchase some great stuff, our expos offer a great place to stretch those legs and meet neighbors."

Current events taking place in

your area are: Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 3050 Woodbridge Ave., Edison.

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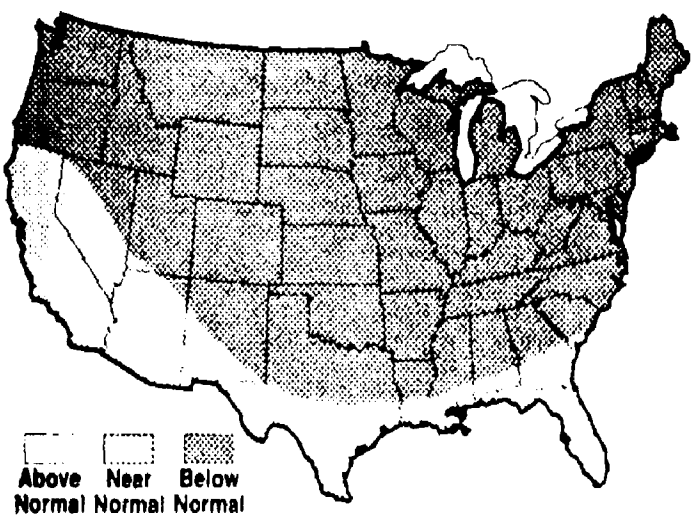
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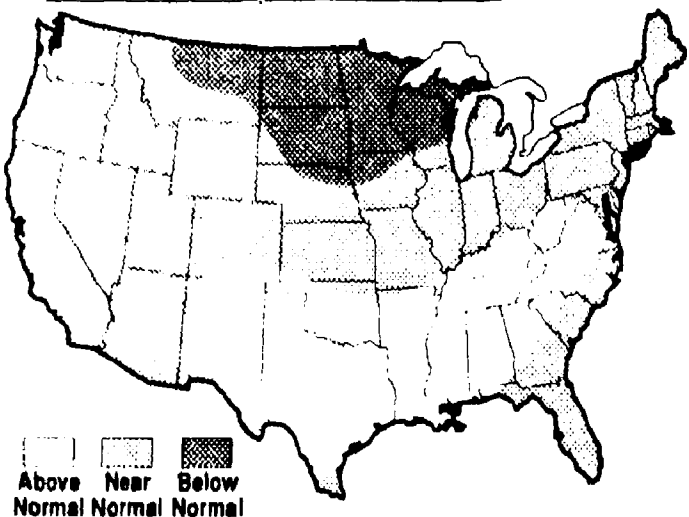
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**LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST**

| Thursday         | Thu. night              | Friday                     | Saturday                  | Sunday              | Monday        | Tuesday               | Wednesday                 |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|                  |                         |                            |                           |                     |               |                       |                           |
| Breezy and cold. | Partly cloudy and cool. | Crisp with clouds and sun. | Cold with clouds and sun. | Plenty of sunshine. | Mostly sunny. | Partial sun and cold. | Cold with clouds and sun. |
| 49               | 33                      | 51/33                      | 46/31                     | 51/32               | 54/34         | 48/31                 | 47/31                     |

**THE WEEK AHEAD...****NATIONAL SUMMARY****THE WEEK AHEAD...****Temperatures**

Another discharge of cold Canadian air will spill eastward during the period. Temperatures across the Plains, Midwest, Northeast and Southeast will average 10 to 20 degrees below normal. Although there may be some lake-effect snow across the Great Lakes, high pressure will bring a generally dry stretch of days. Precipitation will border the cold air across the southern Plains and Southwest.

**Precipitation****U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES**

|                  | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday   |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| City             | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  |
| Atlanta          | 57 40 s  | 55 35 pc | 51 35 pc | 56 36 s  |
| Boston           | 42 37 c  | 46 33 pc | 46 34 pc | 49 30 s  |
| Chicago          | 36 22 c  | 34 20 c  | 36 28 pc | 47 32 s  |
| Cleveland        | 41 26 sn | 38 29 c  | 39 30 pc | 48 34 s  |
| Denver           | 40 28 pc | 46 32 pc | 53 35 pc | 54 30 pc |
| Des Moines       | 36 20 pc | 37 22 pc | 47 28 s  | 54 39 pc |
| Detroit          | 38 24 c  | 39 27 pc | 43 29 s  | 46 33 s  |
| Houston          | 64 48 pc | 64 44 pc | 60 40 s  | 66 46 pc |
| Indianapolis     | 41 20 pc | 39 23 pc | 48 43 pc | 53 41 pc |
| Kansas City      | 40 24 pc | 42 28 s  | 46 30 s  | 56 33 pc |
| Los Angeles      | 71 54 pc | 68 54 pc | 68 56 c  | 66 54 c  |
| Miami            | 87 72 t  | 80 65 pc | 78 64 pc | 82 70 pc |
| Minn. - St. Paul | 30 18 c  | 30 20 sf | 40 30 pc | 45 32 pc |
| New Orleans      | 71 53 pc | 64 49 pc | 63 46 s  | 64 48 s  |
| New York City    | 48 40 c  | 50 38 pc | 47 38 pc | 51 34 s  |
| Omaha            | 38 22 s  | 36 26 pc | 42 30 s  | 53 32 s  |
| Phoenix          | 79 56 pc | 80 57 s  | 79 56 pc | 75 50 pc |
| San Francisco    | 65 52 pc | 65 52 pc | 65 51 pc | 64 40 c  |
| Seattle          | 56 44 pc | 58 44 c  | 56 42 pc | 56 47 pc |
| Washington       | 54 43 c  | 54 41 pc | 52 38 pc | 50 36 s  |

**SUN & MOON**

|      | Sunrise    | Sunset    |
|------|------------|-----------|
| Thu. | 6:26 a.m.  | 4:55 p.m. |
| Fri. | 6:27 a.m.  | 4:54 p.m. |
|      | Moonrise   | Moonset   |
| Thu. | 12:55 a.m. | 2:59 p.m. |
| Fri. | 2:09 a.m.  | 3:28 p.m. |

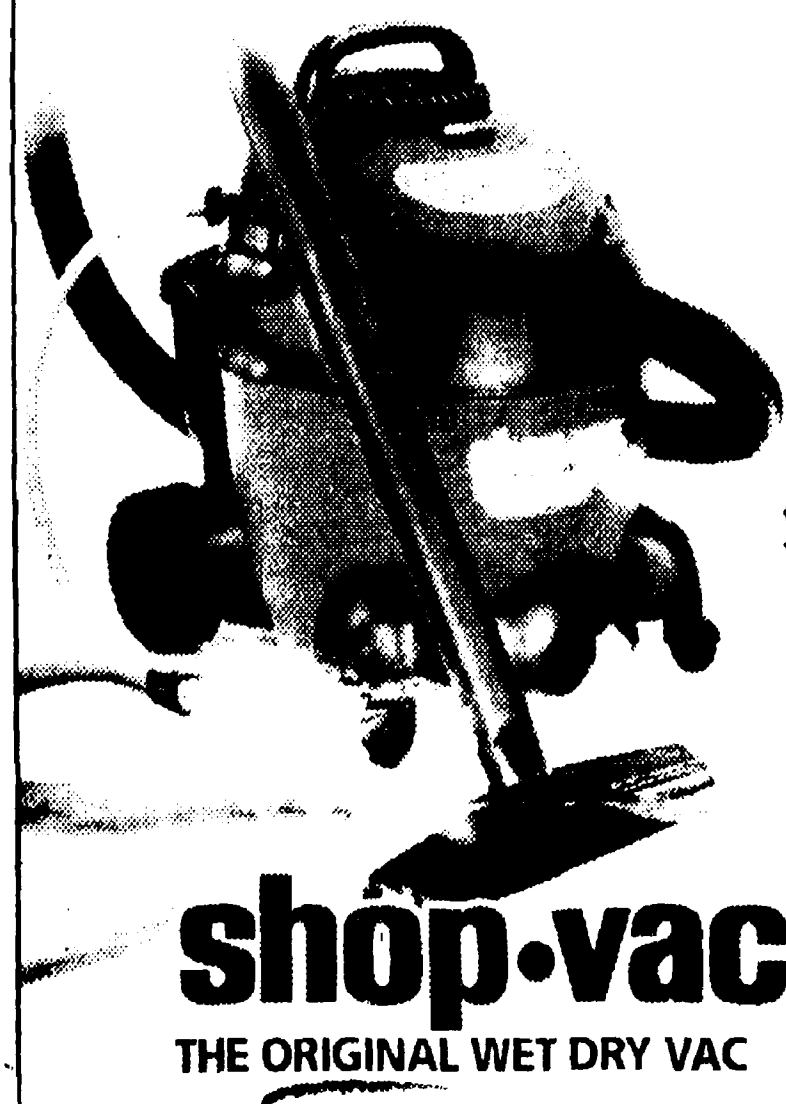
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| Last   | New    | First | Full   |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Oct 11 | Oct 29 | Nov 4 | Nov 19 |

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

**WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES**

|                | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday   |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| City           | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  | Hi Lo W  |
| Amsterdam      | 47 32 s  | 44 30 pc | 42 32 pc | 39 31 sn |
| Berlin         | 37 25 pc | 37 25 s  | 35 27 sf | 36 28 pc |
| Buenos Aires   | 75 53 pc | 74 51 pc | 74 49 pc | 78 58 pc |
| Caro           | 81 60 pc | 82 61 pc | 82 62 pc | 82 62 pc |
| Jerusalem      | 71 52 pc | 72 53 pc | 73 54 pc | 73 54 pc |
| Johannesburg   | 79 57 pc | 80 58 pc | 80 57 pc | 78 54 pc |
| London         | 50 37 s  | 52 43 r  | 56 37 r  | 42 32 c  |
| Madrid         | 67 45 s  | 67 45 s  | 61 32 s  | 51 32 pc |
| Mexico City    | 71 47 pc | 67 45 pc | 66 44 pc | 66 44 pc |
| Moscow         | 28 20 pc | 28 15 sn | 28 26 pc | 39 30 s  |
| Paris          | 51 37 s  | 50 35 pc | 48 31 pc | 42 31 c  |
| Rio de Janeiro | 79 69 pc | 81 70 pc | 82 70 pc | 80 69 pc |
| Rome           | 68 51 pc | 69 48 pc | 63 47 pc | 61 40 pc |
| San Juan       | 88 76 s  | 88 76 pc | 88 76 pc | 87 73 pc |
| Seoul          | 54 32 pc | 44 29 pc | 46 30 pc | 47 31 pc |
| Sydney         | 83 58 pc | 76 53 pc | 78 57 s  | 77 52 c  |
| Tokyo          | 60 52 s  | 61 40 pc | 50 40 pc | 52 42 pc |
| Toronto        | 35 17 sn | 35 19 c  | 36 20 pc | 43 31 s  |
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**November 6 at 6:45 p.m.—Union Catholic Regional High School** will be hosting their Fall Open House. All interested 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited. Early bird tours-6:45; a formal program begins at 7:30 p.m. The campus is located at 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. Call (908) 889-1600 for more info.

**November 6 at 7:30 p.m.—The Barron Arts Center,** 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge presents "A Taste of The Arts." A free admission (donations accepted). For reservations call (732) 634-0413. The building is handicapped accessible.

**November 9—The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1962** is planning its 40th reunion at the Clarion, Edison. For details or to forward information on class members, contact Karen Degnan, 45 Caswell Ave., Fords, (732) 634-0683.

**November 10 at 4 p.m.—Music At St. Mary's** Concert series presents John J. Miller, Organist. The concert will be held in the church in South Amboy. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

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# First-Time Financing: Advice For Small Businesses

**AREA**—Obtaining a commercial loan can be one of the biggest challenges facing a growing business. Even experienced small business owners can feel overwhelmed and underprepared when seeking outside financing for the first time. The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) offers the following insights into how to borrow from a bank directly or through an SBA-guaranteed loan.

## Do Your Homework

Bank loans can be a flexible source of capital for businesses, but don't underestimate the need to make a strong case. Your ability to secure a loan greatly depends on how well you present yourself and your company to prospective lenders.

Start by determining exactly how much funding and what type of financing your business needs. The most common reason for borrowing money is to purchase assets. Short-term debt, such as a line of credit, is typically used to cover the cost of short-term assets, such as current inventory. As the inventory is sold, and cash is generated, the loan is repaid. For larger needs, such as purchasing expensive equipment or property or starting a major expansion, you'll need to turn to long-term debt.

## Research Lenders

The next step is to seek out banks active in small business financing. Look for lenders that routinely make the size of loan you need and who have some familiarity with your industry and geographical area. Assuming your current bank fits that criteria, it's a good idea to start where you already have an established banking relationship.

## Prepare A Business Plan

It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of a solid, up-to-date business plan. When you apply for a loan, you will need to provide prospective lenders a business plan that includes detailed information about yourself and your company. Your plan should include an executive summary, a description of the company, a market analysis, an overview of your operations, a marketing plan, a description of your management team and staff, and financial

statements and projections. Prepare for the meeting by reviewing your plan and financial statements with your CPA and by anticipating the questions that will come up.

## Know What Lenders Look For

In evaluating your loan request, the lender will examine what is commonly referred to as the "five Cs" of credit worthiness: character, capacity, capital, collateral and conditions. Be prepared to make a case for meeting each one. Of these criteria, your character is probably the most important, but your capacity to manage the business successfully and generate the cash that will repay the loan is critical as well. Capital, the money you personally have invested in the business, is an important indicator of your own confidence in the business, while collateral, the property you are asked to pledge, is a secondary source of repayment that protects the lender's interest. Conditions focus on the economic climate and environmental influences on the business and are often beyond the borrower's control.

## Get Your Financial Statement In Order

In addition to the five C's, a prospective lender will look at the financial statements you provide within your business plan. The lender will likely want to see personal financial statements for you and each partner or stockholder owning a substantial

percentage of the business; a balance sheet that shows what the company owns and owes; a profit and loss or income statement; and cash flow statements. It's a good idea to work with a CPA to create these statements.

## Understand How The SBA Works

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is a federal agency that provides management and financial assistance to small businesses. In most cases, the SBA does not grant direct loans, but works in conjunction with banks to guarantee a variety of loans for small businesses. If a bank turns down your loan request, ask about the possibility of an SBA loan guarantee. Under the SBA loan guarantee program, proceeds may be used for a variety of purposes including inventory acquisition, machinery/equipment, working capital, and debt restructuring.

## Consult With A CPA

Banks want to lend money to credit worthy businesses. To demonstrate that you and your business are a good credit risk, consult with a CPA who specializes in small businesses. He or she can provide valuable advice about how to present key financial and business information accurately and competently.

If you don't have a CPA, you can easily locate one online using the NJSCPA Find-A-CPA service. Just go to [www.findacpa.org](http://www.findacpa.org) and in a few clicks, you can locate a highly qualified professional who is right for you.

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# CANDIDATES FORUM

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## In The Race for U.S. Senate



**Name:** Frank Lautenberg  
**Candidate for:** U.S. Senate  
**Political party:** Democrat  
**Age:** 78  
**Occupation:** retired, former U.S. senator  
**Family:** Divorced, 4 children  
**Education:** B.S. Columbia University  
**Qualifications:** served for 18 years in the Senate  
**Top issues:**  
 1. Social Security-- Signed a pledge to block efforts to invest social security revenues in stocks. Said he would oppose efforts to "raid" social security funds to fund other programs.  
 2. Iraq - Supports military action because Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and his stores of chemical and biological weapons are a significant threat.  
 3. Abortion - Favors abortion rights, but supports a law requiring teens to notify adult guardians before having abortions.



**Name:** Douglas Forrester  
**Candidate for:** U.S. Senate  
**Political party:** Republican  
**Age:** 49  
**Occupation:** President of a pharmacy benefits corporation  
**Family:** married, 3 children  
**Education:** Harvard University, Princeton Theological Seminary  
**Qualifications:** State pensions director 1984-1990; mayor of West Windsor  
**Top issues:**  
 1. Taxes - Wants to repeal taxes on Social Security benefits and estates; supports making President Bush's \$1.4 trillion tax cut permanent.  
 2. Social Security - Signed a pledge to oppose any private investment of social security funds.  
 3. Guns - Opposes virtually all new gun laws; says authorities should more strictly enforce current laws.

**Name:** Elizabeth Macron  
**Candidate for:** U.S. Senate  
**Political party:** Libertarian  
**Age:** 47  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Family:** married, 1 child  
**Education:** B.A., Rutgers University; J.D. New England School of Law  
**Qualifications:** Civil rights legal work for Forfeiture Endangers American Rights, Citizens for Justice, Institute for Justice and Legal Center for the Defense of Life.  
**Top issues:**  
 1. Terrorism and impending war: "I would advocate policies to phase out: a) U.S. role as world policeman; b) foreign aid; c) embargoes, and d) U.S. impediments to private commercial and humanitarian initiatives. I would advocate policies to stop antagonizing, bullying, and bribing Middle Eastern countries, to stop exporting the U.S. drug war, which until September of last year supported the Taliban, and to stop attempting to play puppet master by first training and supporting the likes of bin Laden, Hussein, Noriega and then declaring them public enemies when they demonstrate independent thought. I would advocate policies to encourage citizens to arm, take self-defense training, and be vigilant to terrorist activity."  
 2. Faltering economy - "I would advocate policies: to deregulate commercial and charitable organizations to remove ill-conceived and unnecessary obstacles to productivity and growth; to reduce government spending and its consequences by a 10 percent across-the-board cut; to reduce taxes of all kinds to place more resources in private hands for investment, job creation, and real consumption."  
 3. Congress for sale - "The solution to this problem does not involve campaign finance reforms or other forms of incumbent protection. It simply requires two things: candidates that can't be bought and voters who refuse to buy.  
 I implore the electorate to get serious about your votes. Stop electing politicians, start electing statesmen.  
 Resist appeals to spend money on this special project and that special need. Unite and insist that government programs address real problems and benefit everyone. If Congress has nothing to sell, it can't be corrupted."

**Name:** Ted Glick  
**Candidate for:** U.S. Senate  
**Political party:** Green Party  
**Age:** 53  
**Occupation:** Executive Director, Independent Progressive Politics Network  
**Family:** married, 1 child  
**Education:** Two years at Grinnell College, Iowa  
**Qualifications:** "Since 1968, I have been a peace activist, a community organizer, a youth counselor, a founder and coordinator of the National Campaign to Impeach Nixon, and since 1975, a national leader of the movement for an alternative political party."  
**Top issues:**  
 1. Environmental protection - "We need to move towards energy independence, reverse global warming, create jobs and reduce the threat of terrorism through a crash program to reduce our use of oil, nuclear, and other dirty fuels by getting energy from the sun, the wind, and other clean, renewable fuels.  
 We need to halt suburban sprawl and overdevelopment by reducing the power of developers over our elected officials through serious campaign finance reform."  
 2. Health care - "We need what virtually every other industrialized country has: a single-payer, universal health care program to provide medical, dental and mental health care for all. It should be publicly financed, providing for a choice of health care providers, and covering every U.S. resident whether working full or part time, retired, laid off, in school or between jobs."  
 3. Electoral justice - "We need 'clean money' campaign finance reform for New Jersey and the whole country, as already exists in Maine, Vermont, Arizona, and Massachusetts. We need 'instant runoff/preference voting' where voters rank their candidate preferences, thus voting for whomever they like most without worrying about electing the one they like the least."

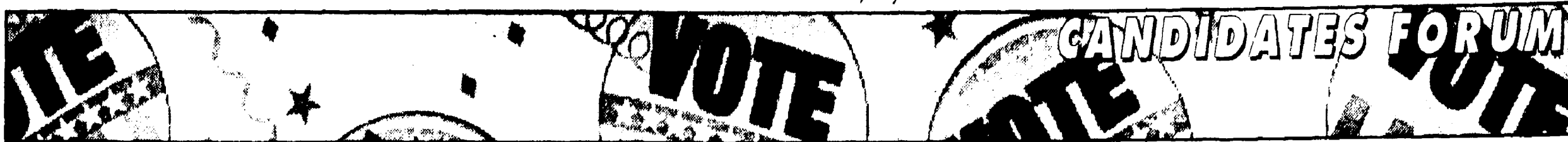
**Name:** Gregory Pason  
**Candidate for:** U.S. Senate  
**Political party:** Socialist  
**Occupation:** National secretary, Socialist Party USA  
**Family:** married, 1 child  
**Education:** Mendham High School  
**Qualifications:** Current state steering committee member of the National Writers Union (UAW Local 1981), past chair of the Coalition for Free and Open Elections.  
**Top issues:**  
 1. War and civil liberties - "We need to stop making enemies across the world by trying to impose our will - and economic system - on others while ignoring international opinion. Stop the proposed war on Iraq, the embargo against Cuba, knee-jerk support of Israel and sign on to the international criminal court. We also need to stop the attack on civil liberties/free speech and end secret arrests/trials/detentions, and immediately slash the military budget."  
 2. Corporate greed/global capitalism - "Corporate corruption and greed is a byproduct of capitalism, and has been encouraged by the Democrats and Republicans continued pandering to corporate interests and tax cuts for the rich. We need a system based on production for use instead of for profit. We also need to end the international corporate /government treaties that enforce this system. Abolish the World Bank, end the IMF, and dissolve the WTO."  
 3. Social Services - "Human needs must be given a priority in national budgets. We need a national nonprofit health care system, free public education from preschool to post-secondary, fully funded national rail system, investment in renewable energy sources, affordable housing and a livable minimum wage. All supported by a steeply graduated federal income tax and the redirection of 50 percent of the military budget toward human needs instead of a war economy."

**Name:** Norman E. Wahner  
**Candidate for:** U.S. Senate  
**Political party:** NJ Conservative Party  
**Age:** 68  
**Occupation:** retired businessman  
**Family:** married, 5 children  
**Education:** North East Catholic High School  
**Qualifications:** Founding member of the NJ Conservative Party, current state chairman, actively campaigned for public office (local, state and federal) since 1997. Active in Cinnaminson on environmental and substance abuse issues.  
**Top issues:**  
 1. Term limits - "The only way to eliminate corruption in government."  
 2. Taxes - "A national flat tax on sales or all income."  
 3. Illegal immigration - "Strict enforcement of existing laws will drastically reduce the drain on our health care systems, free up more entry level jobs for U.S. citizens and significantly help control terrorism."

## In The Race for Congress 6

**Name:** Frank Pallone  
**Office:** Congressman (6th District)  
**Political party:** Democrat  
**Age:** 51  
**Occupation:** Congressman  
**Family:** married, 3 children  
**Education:** B.A. Middlebury College, M.A., Tufts University; J.D., Rutgers Law School  
**Qualifications:** Served on Long Branch City Council from 1982-1988, state Senate from 1983-1988, U.S. House of Representatives 1988-present.  
**Top issues:** As the ranking Democrat on the House Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, Pallone has played a leading legislative role





## In The Race for Congress 6

in the protection and restoration of our natural resources. Because New Jersey has more Superfund and brownfields sites than any other state, toxic waste cleanup programs have a profound impact on our health and welfare. After President Bush and Republicans in Congress announced \$88 million in cuts from New Jersey's Superfund cleanup program earlier this year, Pallone forced the Administration to provide additional funding to several high priority sites eliminated by Bush, including the Chemical Insecticide Corporation site in Edison. Pallone has also introduced legislation that would reinstate the Superfund tax on oil and chemical companies to make certain that polluters, not taxpayers, pay for cleanups.

Pallone authored legislation, signed into law in January, creating a new federal program to clean up brownfields sites. The

law provides the funding to allow New Jersey to redevelop more contaminated sites, turning eyesores into prosperous business centers providing more job opportunities and a cleaner and safer environment.

As co-chairman of the House Democratic Health Care Task Force, Pallone is a leader in the fight to provide a comprehensive and guaranteed prescription drug benefit to all seniors under Medicare, with no gaps or gimmicks in coverage. Pallone worked with his Democratic colleagues to write legislation that would provide a low monthly premium and a low annual deductible. It would ensure access to the drugs seniors and people with disabilities need at the pharmacies they choose. Pallone will continue to fight next year to finally provide all Medicare beneficiaries prescription drug coverage.

**Name:** Ric Medrow  
**Candidate for:** Congress (6th District)  
**Political party:** Republican  
**Age:** 38  
**Occupation:** Adjunct professor of Irish women's history  
**Family:** Married, 2 children  
**Education:** B.A., Carnegie Mellon University; M.A., Monmouth University; post graduate work, Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

**Qualifications:** Member, Recreational Fishing Alliance; member, Club for Growth; Schundler Edison coordinator.

### Top issues:

1. Education – "I will improve our inner-city schools so that seniors can finally get property tax relief. Throwing money at schools without reform hasn't worked. It isn't fair to senior citizens, and it isn't fair to our children. We must give more power to teachers and parents and put the money in the classroom. Administrators and bureaucrats in Trenton and Washington don't know what's best for kids. Parents and teachers do. I am a teacher of Celtic women's history in the inner-city at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn."

2. Our Economy – "We are in a jobless recovery. My wife,

Leslie, was unemployed for nine months, so I know how tough it is in this job market. If Congress would just work together with the president, we could have a compromise that would help the unemployed. We must cut taxes for the middle class to stimulate the economy and help small business owners. Isn't it time the average man or woman got a break? My opponent has voted against every major tax cut in the last four years. My opponent has voted for higher taxes for married people, people with children, and even to tax people who die. And isn't government spending out of control? Shouldn't we reign in the spending spree before our federal deficits get out of control again? Haven't we sent enough of our tax dollars to corporate farmers in South Dakota?"

3. Women's Health – "We must fight for women's health, doctors and midwives. Medical malpractice insurance has destroyed women's relationships with their gynecologists by driving doctors out of business. We must enact tort reform immediately. Shouldn't women be able to know that the medical professionals they trust most will be there when they need them for their next mammogram or Pap smear?"



## In The Race for Congress 6

**Name:** Barry Allen  
**Candidate for:** Congress (6th District)

**Political party:** Libertarian  
**Age:** 62

**Occupation:** Computer engineer

**Family:** Divorced, 1 child

**Qualifications:** "NOT a politician and NOT a lawyer;" secretary of the Board of the Piscataway Society Hill Condominium Association

### Top issues:

1. War on drugs – "This is an expensive and destructive war that is unwinnable. Like Prohibition in the 20s, it has enriched criminals, corrupted the police, and filled our pris-

ons with non-violent citizens. It's time to try other solutions. We can begin by decriminalizing marijuana, especially when prescribed for patients by their doctor."

2. Unemployment – "Thousands of people are losing their jobs in this district as the business cycle turns down. They are being dismissed with little or no severance pay. State unemployment payments are little more than enough to cover the COBRA payments necessary to extend their medical insurance. Corporations should be required to give a minimum of

six months' severance pay and continue making medical insurance for up to 12 months. They seem to have no trouble coming up with millions to pay departing CEOs."

3. Rising cost of prescription drugs – "Drug prices need to be brought under control. One thing that can be done is reform of the drug patent laws. Today, companies can extend patents with trivial 'improvements' of a drug and so keep cheaper generic drugs off the market. For our senior citizens, it is time to include prescription drugs in Medicare."



## In The Race for Congress 7

**Name:** Tim Carden  
**Candidate for:** Congress (7th District)

**Political party:** Democrat  
**Age:** 53

**Occupation:** Business Owner

**Family:** Married, three children

**Education:** B.A. from Harvard University

**Qualifications:** Cabinet Secretary to Gov. Brendan Byrne; Commissioner of New Jersey Department of Human Services; Founder and CEO of Public Private Initiatives, a company that brings the public and private sectors together to build government projects more quickly and for less money; Chairman of the Board of Directors of Independence: A Family of Services, an organization that provides help to teens in the

Newark area complete their education and develop skills for a lifetime of employment; Board member of National Institute for People with Disabilities.

**Top issues:** 1. Prescription Drug Benefit for Seniors – "Congress needs to extend Medicare to cover prescription drugs for seniors. I oppose the plan passed by the House of Representatives, which prohibits the federal government from negotiating the cost of prescription drugs with drug manufacturers. I support the proposal that guarantees seniors access to all prescription drugs, not just those that a private insurance company decides to pay for, has a low monthly premium and deductible, and has no gaps in

coverage."

2. Stop Influence Buying in Congress – "Corporations and other special interests make millions of dollars on campaign contributions to influence legislation. I have

proposed banning contributions to members of Congress from the industries they regulate."

3. Ensuring Social Security's Health – "Money paid into Social Security should be used only for Social Security. I oppose the current plan that Congress passed that borrows money from the Social Security trust fund to pay for other government needs. In addition, I oppose any plan to privatize Social Security by lowering fixed benefits and gambling on the stock market."



**Name:** Mike Ferguson  
**Office:** Congress (7th District)

**Political party:** Republican  
**Age:** 32

**Occupation:** College professor, education consultant, member of Congress

**Family:** married, 2 children  
**Education:** B.A., Notre Dame University; M.P.P., Georgetown University.

**Qualifications:** Founder and president of Strategic Education Initiatives, Inc.; former director of Save our School Children.

**Top issues:** 1. Homeland Security – "After the events of 9/11, securing our homeland and protecting our families must be our highest priority. We must continue to reform our government to make it more effective at rooting out terrorist plots and protecting our borders."

I will also continue to work to ensure that our men and women in uniform – whether it be in the police department, fire department, or the U.S. military – have the necessary tools and training needed to

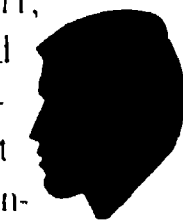
win the war on terror."

2. Retirement security – "Quality health care and a firm financial foundation are the cornerstones of retirement security."

That's why I voted to improve Medicare by adding a comprehensive prescription drug benefit that will drive down drug costs and ensure access to life-saving drugs.

I also want to preserve and protect Social Security for today's seniors and tomorrow's retirees.

That's why I oppose privatizing Social Security, oppose



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## In The Race for Congress 13

**Name:** Robert Menendez  
**Office:** Congress (13th District)

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 48

**Personal:** Married 2 children

**Education:** B.A., St. Peter's College; J.D., Rutgers University Law School

**Occupation:** Member of Congress

**Qualifications:** Elected to Congress for five terms; vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus; a former Union City mayor and school board member; former state assemblyman; former state senator.

**Top Issues:**

1. Economic Development - "I will continue working to bring investments to our district. I have won hundreds of millions of dollars in federal investment for things such as the Hudson-Bergen light rail project, the Port

of New Jersey and New York and neighborhood revitalization. These efforts bring jobs and commerce and improve the quality of life."

2. Education - "I will continue to fight to increase funding for hard-pressed areas like our to reduced class size, modernize our schools, hire

well-qualified teachers and make sure financial aid is available to all who need it to attend college."

3. Health care access - "I will continue my work to provide access to quality health care for all our citizens. I have won funding for hospitals and to build the Jersey City Medical Center. I will fight for passage of my 'patients navigator' legislation, a Medicare prescription drug benefit and a patient's bill of rights."



**Name:** James Geron  
**Candidate for:** Congress (13th District)

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 39

**Personal:** Married, 2 children

**Occupation:** teacher

**Education:** B.S. St. Peter's College; M.A. New Jersey City University

**Qualifications:** Former busi-

ness owner, educator

**Top Issues:**

1. The high cost of prescriptions - "Encourage competition in the pharmaceutical industry."

2. National security - "Better cooperation of government and border agencies."

3. Education - "Keep politics out of education. Let educators make education decisions."

**Name:** Herbert H. Shaw  
**Candidate for:** Congress (13th District)

**Political party:** Politicians Are Crooks

**Age:** 72

**Occupation:** operating engineer

**Family:** married, 4 children

**Qualifications:** taxpayer

**Top issues:**

1. Corruption - "Big business and bossed labor unions compete by corrupting the ever-willing Republican and/or Democratic parties who have an alternate monopoly on government. the result is a 'global economy' with the loss of meaningful manufacturing jobs, which are the real assets of a nation."

2. Corruption/local - "Pay attention and vote - especially in school board elections. That's where the money is."

**Name:** Dick Hester  
**Candidate for:** Congress (13th District)

**Party:** Pro-Life Conservative

**Hometown:** Newark

**Age:** 66

**Personal:** Married, 16 children

**Education:** Graduated St. Benedict's Prep.; attended Manhattan College; fellow, Society of Actuaries.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Qualifications:** "Those defined in Article I, Section II of the U.S. Constitution; at least 25 years of age, a citizen for at least seven years; and an inhabitant of New Jersey."



## In The Race for Congress 7

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 increases in the retirement age, oppose increasing Social Security taxes, and oppose reducing Social Security benefits."

3. Economic security- "I look forward to continuing to

work for strong economic growth and creating jobs and increasing opportunity for every New Jersey family.

That's why I voted for significant tax relief for New Jersey's families, including eliminating the marriage

penalty; across-the-board income tax cost; a doubling of the per-child tax credit to \$1,000; increasing the adoption tax credit; and increasing tax credits for families to save for the children's education."

**Name:** Darren Young  
**Candidate for:** Congress (7th District)

**Political party:** Libertarian

**Age:** 42

**Occupation:** Software developer

**Family:** married, 2 children

**Education:** B.A., Rutgers University

**Qualifications:** "My qualifications are honesty, integrity, and intelligence. My ideas are based on a philosophy of limited government."

**Top issues:**

1. Less government, lower taxes - "The entrenched and

self-serving Republican and Democratic politicians in Washington have drastically increased the size and scope of the federal bureaucracy over the last 30 years. Our tax dollars are going down a rat hole. Not every problem needs a government solution; in fact, most government programs fail miserably."

2. Privatize Social Security - "The only way to save Social Security is to do what many other countries have done: privatize the system. The government takes' your

retirement money and wastes it on pork-barrel projects. There is no 'Trust Fund.' Social Security will be broke before most of us retire."

3. Decriminalize drugs - "Drugs are bad, but the War on Drugs is worse. Foreign terrorists reap huge profits through artificially high prices, our kids find it easier to buy drugs than beer through the black market, and hard core criminals are released from prison to make room for pot smokers. Just as alcohol Prohibition failed, so too has the War on Drugs."



## In The Race for Freeholder

**Name:** David B. Crabiel  
**Office:** Middlesex County Freeholder

**Political party:** Democrat

**Occupation:** Funeral Director

**Family:** Married, five children

**Education:** New Brunswick High School

American Academy of Funeral Service, New York City

**Qualifications:** Served as mayor of Milltown for 11 years; Freeholder 1978-91; 1994-present; Crabiel serves as the chairman of the administration and finance committee; liaison, Middlesex County Improvement Authority; member of the Middlesex County Planning Board; member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning

Authority, Inc.; alternate member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Association of Counties.

**Top issues:** 1. Taxes - "Middlesex County has the second lowest per capita property tax levy in New Jersey, and I am committed to maintain that record of property tax control."

2. Technology Training for Students - "In order to prepare today's students for tomorrow's job market, Middlesex County has undertaken a 5-year program to place a modern computer in every classroom, K through 12, in public, private and parochial schools throughout Middlesex County. Also, the County, together with the



Vocational-Technical High School system, has created a new Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies on the campus of Middlesex County College for gifted students from each of the 25 municipalities."

3. Services for frail, physically-challenged - "Middlesex County is about to construct a new extended-care facility and to rehabilitate portions of Roosevelt Care Center to provide 345 state-of-the-art beds for Medicaid-eligible citizens in need of extended nursing care or comprehensive personal care. The County is also constructing a 100% barrier-free athletic complex at Roosevelt Park to help the physically-challenged participate in organized team sports."

**Name:** Camille Fernicola  
**Office:** Freeholder  
**Political party:** Democrat  
**Age:** 60

**Occupation:** Director, Division of Golf Operations for the County of Union

**Family:** Divorced, three children

**Education:** Graduated Hillside High School; Middlesex County College;

Insurance Institute of America

**Qualifications:** Freeholder 6 years, Planning and Engineering Departments; Piscataway Township Council Member, 15 years; Open Space Advisory Committee & Urban Forestry Liaison; Housing and Community Development Committee Liaison; Solid Waste Advisory Committee Liaison; Middlesex County

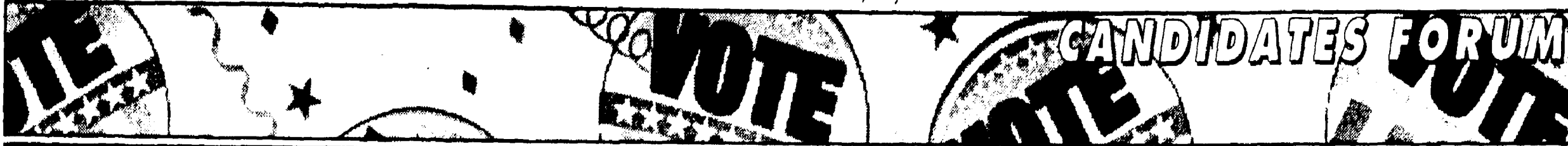
Democratic Committee, 29 years

**Top issues:** 1. Open Space - "We should continue our aggressive plan of purchasing suitable land for both passive and recreational open-space preservation."



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## In The Race for Freeholder

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tion. We have already bought or contracted to purchase about 6,000 acres since the program started which helps preserve and protect our environment and enhances our residents' quality of life."

2. Traffic - "I will continue

to encourage road improvements to accommodate the traffic needs of our residents and the many thousands of drivers passing through our county.

More work needs to be done with industry in the area of encouraging flex time, telecommuting, carpooling and

mass transportation."

3. Stable Taxes - "I will continue working for efficient, quality county government services at the least possible cost to our residents. Proudly, under Democrats' leadership, we have had stable county taxes for the past 9 years."

**Name:** Roger Craig  
**Candidate for:** Freeholder  
**Political party:** Republican  
**Age:** 65  
**Occupation:** Realtor  
**Family:** Married, five children

**Education:** M.A., Rutgers University

**Qualifications:** Former mayor, 1993-94; township committee, 1992-97; Middlesex County Freeholder, 1996; Vice-Chairman MCEOC (Head Start); former school board member, 1975-78

**Top issues:**

1. Unsafe roads, impassible intersections - "Middlesex County leads the state in dangerous intersections and in the amount of increase in traffic deaths. This is because the Democrat freeholders allowed runaway development to get ahead of the existing infrastructure. I will make the safety of

our families on our roads a major priority, by saying no to these projects unless we establish the safety of our roadways, and by forcing state, local and county government to make necessary improvements.

2. Too much waste and spending - "There is a county tax increase in 23 of the 25 towns in Middlesex County. Instead of returning the approximate \$30 million a year the county saved when the state took over the county courts system to the taxpayer, they spent it.

The county pays \$14 million less to Roosevelt Hospital than it did a decade ago, but they spent that money too. And then there is the questionable spending - like the money the county spent to help Edison purchase the Oak Tree Pond property, giving a



Democrat campaign contributor a \$4.2 million profit, approximately \$1 million an acre. No more wasting money. We will cut spending and find those lost tax dollars and return them to their rightful owners, the taxpayers!"

3. Runaway authorities - "The Middlesex County Utilities and Improvement Authorities have long constituted a shadow government unrestrained by the people's vote. From the unbid waste hauling contracts, to the grossly mismanaged partnership attempts at Roosevelt Hospital, 1 to the hundreds of millions in debt accumulated by these authorities, it appears that the authorities have not operated in the best interest of the taxpayers.

I promise to shine the light of public scrutiny on these governmental shadow agencies and make them accountable to the public."

**Name:** Joseph Paone  
**Candidate for:** Freeholder  
**Political party:** Republican

**Age:** 42

**Occupation:** Lawyer

**Family:** Married, one child

**Education:** B.S., Marquette University; J.D., Delaware Law School of Widener University

**Qualifications:** Former Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor, Former Counsel to New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association, Republican County Committeeman/Ward Chairman

**Top issues:**

1. Mismanagement- "My opponents have thrown away millions of dollars in chasing

buyers for Roosevelt Care Center, wasting open space funds to help a politically connected developer make an unseemly profit in the "Oak Tree Pond Deal," and protecting undevelopable land in Old Bridge

in order to funnel \$11 million to the mayor of Perth Amboy. They have also embarked on unnecessary construction projects to reward political benefactors. If elected, I will demand that the board changes the way it does business."

2. Property tax relief "The state took over funding of the courts from the county



in order to provide what today would amount to over \$30 million a year in property tax relief to the county taxpayers. My opponents have eliminated the county police. Instead of returning the savings back to the taxpayer, they have wasted it. If elected, I will return the savings back to the taxpayer."

3. Accountability - "My opponents have shifted much of their responsibilities to the country's independent authorities to insulate themselves from accountability. These independent authorities have amassed \$423 million in debt. We need to make the freeholder board accountable."

## In The Race for Surrogate

**Name:** John M. Krenzel

**Candidate for:** Middlesex County Surrogate

**Political party:** Republican

**Age:** 44

**Family:** single

**Education:** B.A., Rutgers University; J.D., Seton Hall University

**Qualifications:** nine years on South River Borough Council, served as Council President and Chairman of Finance Committee; Sayreville Lions Club, former president; trustee; lector-St. Mary's Church, South River

**Top issues:**

1. Need for balance in government - "The all Democratic County government needs a watchdog. Republicans can provide this."

2. Technology updates - "Keep the Surrogate's office on the cutting edge of technology which will make serving the residents of Middlesex County easier."

3. Expand satellite office - "Why have the deputy Surrogate visit only large towns? Expand programs to include smaller towns."

**Name:** Kevin J. Hoagland  
**Office:** Middlesex County Surrogate

**Party:** Democrat

**Hometown:** New Brunswick

**Age:** 43

**Personal:** Married, 2 children

**Education:** A.A., Middlesex County College; B.A., Rider University

**Qualifications:** Middlesex County surrogate, 1992 to present; president and founder of the Central Jersey Spinal Cord Association; past Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus Post 257.

**TOP ISSUES:**

1. Traffic congestion - "I have established six satellite offices throughout Middlesex County."

2. Antiquated probate process - "I have implemented the use of a new computer software program, 'Facstore Surrogate System,' to help the public, along with the installation of a stand-alone computer system."

3. Communication with the public - "I have created a Web site which includes e-mail, and I have published an information booklet available to all residents of Middlesex County."

## Sayreville Council

**Name:** Dennis Grobelny  
**Candidate for:** Sayreville council

**Political party:** Democrat

**Qualifications:** Grobelny is a long-time Sayreville resident who has tried to run an issue-oriented campaign

**Top issues:**

1. Taxes - Grobelny believes that Sayreville's recent tax increases are the fault of Republican mismanagement. Grobelny favors

looking for grants to help reduce the burden on Sayreville's tax payers.

2. National Lead site - Grobelny believes the National Lead site should be redeveloped for the benefit of Sayreville's taxpayers.

3. Traffic congestion - Grobelny believes that traffic congestion is a major problem facing Sayreville that could be improved with engineering studies and better roads.

**Name:** Jeffery Pawlowski  
**Candidate for:** Sayreville council

**Political party:** Democrat

**Occupation:** business owner

**Family:** married, two children

**Qualifications:** former councilman; former member, planning and zoning boards

**Top issues:**

1. National Lead site - Pawlowski would like to see the National Lead site devel-

oped for public use and so it could generate revenue for Sayreville.

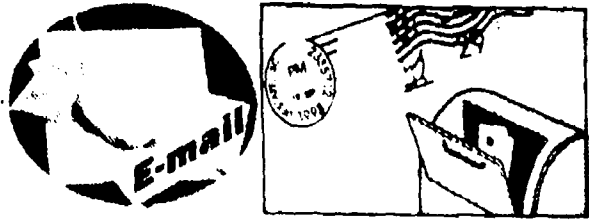
2. Traffic congestion - Pawlowski believes that traffic congestion is a major problem, which could be solved through engineering studies and road improvements.

3. Housing density - Pawlowski would like to reduce housing density in Sayreville.



**VOTE**  
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## EDITORIAL

## Editorial

Crabiel & Fernicola  
For Freeholder

On Tuesday, incumbent Democrats David Crabiel and Camille Fernicola will face Republican challengers Roger Craig and Joseph Paone in the race for Middlesex County Freeholder.

Crabiel and Fernicola have impressive records of service and deserve your support in this election.

Under Crabiel and Fernicola's influence, Middlesex County has the second lowest per capita property tax levy in New Jersey. Crabiel and Fernicola remain committed to maintaining that record of property tax control.

The Freeholder Board under Crabiel directorship has also instituted a program to help prepare today's stu-

dents for tomorrow's job market that would place computers in every classroom, K-12, in public, private, and parochial schools.

Earlier this week, the county broke ground on the new Roosevelt Care Center, to provide services for Medicaid-eligible citizens in need of extended nursing care or comprehensive personal care.

The incumbents also have an impressive record for acquiring open space: the Freeholder Board has acquired or contracted to purchase over 6,000 acres since the Open Space preservation program began.

Crabiel and Fernicola are the best choice to guide Middlesex County's future.

## Kevin Hoagland For Surrogate

Incumbent Middlesex County Surrogate Kevin Hoagland will face Republican challenger John M. Krenzel on Tuesday.

Hoagland has had an impressive record over his ten year tenure. He has created six satellite offices throughout the

county. He has also worked hard to improve the office's communication with the public, developing a web site and an information booklet available to all county residents.

Vote for Hoagland on Tuesday.

## Exciting Opportunities

Dear Editor,

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye, AARP members have some very exciting opportunities in the next six months both to learn about the issues important to seniors in New Jersey and to make our voice heard in the State House in Trenton. Governor James E. McGreevey and AARP are sponsoring six "town hall" meetings for seniors from the whole state of New Jersey.

Many prominent legislators and a panel of experts will be present to address important issues such as legislation creating a New Jersey "Do not call" list to limit telemarketing calls and steps for improving access to affordable prescription drugs for New Jersey seniors (a sub-

ject close to my heart). Each seminar will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude by 1 p.m.

We are very excited at this rare opportunity for AARP members to hear directly from their Governor and legislators about what the state is doing about these senior issues. These events are also an opportunity for AARP members to be seen and heard by their elected representatives on issues that matter to them.

For additional information, call me at (732) 381-4613 or e-mail to [espres99@comcast.net](mailto:espres99@comcast.net).

Hope to see you in Trenton!

**George Vassiliades**  
AARP Middlesex County  
Advocate Coordinator

## Governor's Education Plan Criticizes, Not Supports, Abilities Of Teachers

An op-ed by Assemblyman  
David W. Wolfe

As the former Chairman of the Assembly Education Committee, I am growing increasingly concerned about Governor McGreevey's 20-point plan for improving New Jersey schools and the impact it will have on teachers and students throughout the state.

The plan, which includes "improvements" such as lowering teacher standards and allowing high school students to skip their senior year, appears to be another misguided, expensive approach to improving education.

I have spoken out against the Governor's proposal to lower teacher standards numerous times during the past several months. However now that a format education plan has been presented, the Legislature and the public schools should take a much closer look.

The Governor's plan contains numerous flaws.

First, the Governor has already lowered teacher standards by dropping the grade point average requirement from 2.75 to 2.5. When former Governor Whitman proposed increasing the GPA requirement from 2.5 to 2.75 in 2000, she received resounding public approval. Parents believed a higher grade point average would set a higher standard of quality for potential teachers. I whole-heartedly agree.

By requiring a 2.5 GPA for teacher candidates, Governor McGreevey and the Department of Education are willing to accept mediocrity as a standard. Under the new proposed, New Jersey would only be asking its potential teachers to achieve a C+. How can we expect A's and B's of our students when we only ask for C's

of their teachers?

Governor McGreevey is on record as saying that "improving teaching standards is the most important piece of the education reform package he unveiled."

Unfortunately, lowering the college grade point average needed for potential teachers to become educators completely flies in the face of his public rhetoric.

But while the Governor is asking less of teacher candidates, he is expecting more of New Jersey's current teachers to become Nationally Certified.

For a teacher to become Nationally Board Certified, he or she must under go an extensive series of performance-based assessments that include teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes, and also complete a series of written exercises that demonstrate the depth of their subject-matter knowledge. The fee for Certification is \$2300.

I am strongly in favor of having our children taught by nationally certified teachers, but for this proposal to be most effective, there needs to be an incentive for going through the rigorous and time-consuming certification process. With this proposal, the Governor is placing a large financial burden on teachers, without offering any incentives.

Of the nearly 16,000 nationally certified teachers in the United States, only 48 teach here in New Jersey. We clearly need to encourage more teachers to explore this route. However, I wonder how easily the Governor's Administration will be able to convince teachers who strived only to achieve a 2.5 in college to devote extensive time and effort, not to mention thousands of dollars, to become nationally certified.

And finally, the Governor's proposal to allow high school students to skip their senior year. Governor McGreevey and the Democrats want to allow students to skip their senior year and take college courses or apprenticeships instead.

This fact of his plan is completely contradictory to his other 19 points, which are supposed to expand and strengthen the educational experience. Eliminating 25 percent of high school cannot possibly give students the maturity they need for college or the workplace.

I support strengthening our schools and demanding nothing but the best of our teachers and students, but it must be done wisely and within reason.

My colleagues and I are outraged at the thought of jeopardizing not just the quality of education for New Jersey's children, but also the teaching environment and educational requirement for teachers.

The New Jersey Education Association, as well as parents across the state, have stated opposition to much of this agenda, and I think it only appropriate that the Governor's administration listen to their concerns.

As an educator, I believe there is always room for improvement in the classroom, but for this plan to succeed, the Administration needs to talk *with* teachers, not *to* them. The cornerstone of education in New Jersey needs to be centered around preparing our children for successful futures, and that can be done best by the individuals who spend the most time with them—their teachers.

*Assemblyman Wolf represents parts of Ocean and Monmouth counties.*

## Protection Needed From Predatory Lenders

Dear Editor,

Financial times are difficult. Many people experienced the joy of having a steady income during the economic boom but have been struggling ever since. But for many people living on a fixed income, their only large asset is the equity and comfort of their homes.

Unfortunately, these are often seniors who are being targeted by unscrupulous lenders.

Everyone deserves access to credit and each of us will likely need credit at some point. The

subprime lending industry is critical for individuals with sub-par credit, but some lenders are taking advantage of people's difficult circumstances and trust. Predatory lenders are creating home equity loan packages using paperwork that is intentionally confusing and packages including various concealed fees and payments, enormous interest rates, giant pre-payment penalties, and unnecessary hidden add-ons.

Predatory lenders are preying on seniors because seniors often own their homes that have

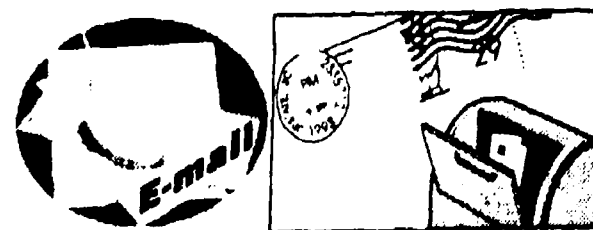
increased in value over the years. Seniors and others need protection.

It is time for our state senators to approve legislation similar to that approved by the Assembly in June that will restrict predatory lending practices while preserving our ability to seek and receive subprime loans. Each day represents a chance for more victims and lost dreams. Speak to your state senator today.

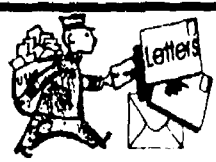
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## EDITORIAL



## Readers Commentary



## New Concept To A Draft

Dear Editor,

I understand that the administration is not in favor of a draft at this time. I understand that in the eight years before they took office our national defense took a back seat. What I am suggesting is that the Homeland Defense Branch institute a program for security using (a draft only for Homeland Defense) with dedicated young Americans (A Type of Lottery per State to increase Manpower) to work with regular military, national guard, coast guard, border, port and airport security agencies and medical facilities, to

be trained as part of our National Defense. We have sent people to Israel to get better at national security and improve our security system. Train our young men and women coming out of school for this important job.

This program I am suggesting will not only improve our security right now, but will be a program that will protect our children and grandchildren for years to come.

I talked to a man from the selective service system and he seemed to think I was on the right track. This can be done as a draft or with

recruiters going to schools or universities presenting this program for Homeland Defense.

Get our young men and women involved now because in 20 years they will be our leaders, they will have to protect our Homeland.

Reaching them in different types of security, training and cross training them wherever necessary will definitely make us stronger and make our young men and women more aware of the evil that is out there.

**David J. Robinson**  
North Brunswick

## Only In New Jersey

Dear Editor,

Only in New Jersey could events take shape that would change the course of two political parties in one fell swoop. The New Jersey Supreme Court in its infinite stupidity saw fit to re-write election laws which have stood for over fifty years.

I say both political parties because the state democrats will never again feel safe backing sitting elected officials. If they had any ethical standards at all they would never have allowed Torricelli to run for re-election. They and everyone else in New Jersey knew that the "Torch" was corrupt to the core but their greediness would not allow them to take on a proven fund raiser. No one even

talked about Torricelli's treasonous act in releasing details about CIA operatives which led to the death of at least one of our brave undercover people. The U.S. Senate should have tried him for treason, convicted him and sentenced him to death by firing squad. That is the proper course for traitors...sitting senators or not.

The New Jersey Supreme Court also did something totally unintended for the republicans. It gave a uniting point for the GOP. Their candidate Forrester, was not the most popular candidate ever elected in a primary. Republicans are so appalled by the act of the Justices that they are now working together for the first time behind Forrester as

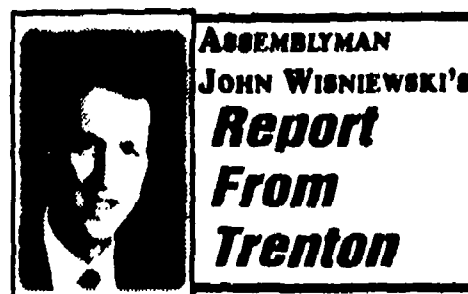
one.

As they say, let the games begin. As a senior citizen, I can't believe that anyone seventy-eight years old should be running for U.S. Senate... Strom Thurmond not withstanding. Lautenberg had his day in the sun and failed to represent the state while he represented us in the senate for eighteen years. He did nothing which can be pointed to as leadership. Let alone something worthy of the honor of representing New Jersey again.

Just in case someone missed it, the New Jersey Supreme Court should be impeached for failure to perform their sworn duties. Their roll is to rule on the validity of laws, not to write them or as in this case re-write election laws which have stood the test fifty years.

I am voting for Forrester because he is the only candidate standing who won a primary election fair and square and I urge everyone to do the same. Democrats, Independents and certainly every Republican should get behind Forrester so that New Jersey will not be the laughing stock of the nation.

**Robert A. Brown**  
Edison



## The Department Of Motor Vehicles

No matter where you live in the Garden State, we all share one thing in common. Notwithstanding our many different national origins and beliefs, we are all brothers and sisters in one sense. Despite our differences we can all agree on one thing. The Department of Motor Vehicles.

From age 16 and onward New Jerseyans of every kind share a sense of frustration and dread when it comes to dealing with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Now I want to make it clear that I recognize that there are good and hardworking people at the DMV. But for all those good and hardworking people there are also a few there that give the rest a bad name. And even though there are good people working at the DMV, the failure of prior administrations has left this Department to come anywhere close to properly serving the public.

Why is it that the DMV has become the agency we all love to hate?

Currently, the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles operates under a public/private system wherein four regional centers are staffed by state employees and 45 agencies operate as private entities. And these 45 private agencies are staffed by a confusing mix of public and private employees. For example, state employees will administer road tests while a private employee will process the paperwork.

But that's not the entire problem. That's just the tip of the iceberg.

There hasn't been any investment in the DMV for well over a decade. Most people find their computers at home are unusable after a

couple of years. Not the DMV. The DMV is using ancient computers better suited for door stops than for processing data.

Personnel cutbacks have had a terrible effect on the DMV. Simply put, there are half the people doing the same work. The pay scale is terrible. Employees are constantly looking for a better opportunity, causing a high turnover. That high turnover leads to many of the frustrating problems we all experience at a DMV office.

This is not good. But here comes the really bad part.

New Jersey's driver's license is recognized as one of the easiest to forge. New Jersey is a hotbed for phoney licenses. Not only that, but there have been cases of some employees in these agencies actually selling documents to the wrong people for thousands of dollars.

We can't allow this to go on. Not just because it's inconvenient. But because it's dangerous. Phony and illegal documents can be used by criminals and terrorists. This is a matter of our security.

As Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee I will be holding a hearing in Trenton on October 31st to examine the current problems at the DMV. We need to get to the bottom of this mess. I am glad that Department of Transportation Commissioner James Fox and DMV Director Diane Legreide and others have agreed to come and testify on these problems and the potential solutions for fixing the DMV.

I know that Commissioner Fox and the McGreevey Administration is committed to making the DMV more user friendly. More importantly, I know that we all want to see security improved at the DMV. While we all love to hate the DMV, it doesn't have to be this way. The hearing on the 31st will be the first step in fixing the DMV.





**CANDIDATES FORUM****VOTE****VOTE****VOTE****Sayreville Council**

**Name:** Vincent Zarcaro  
**Office:** Council  
**Political party:** Republican  
**Occupation:** Senior Product Assurance Engineer for Automated Data Processing  
**Family:** Married, 1 child  
**Education:** B.A. Degree in Communication Management from Dayton College, Diploma in Computer Information Systems from DeVry Technical Institute  
**Qualifications:** Councilman for the past three years, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, Mayor's Liaison to the Environmental Commission and the Open Space Committee, Knights of Columbus, Council 2061, Parishioner of St. Bernadette's  
**Top issues:**

1. Overdevelopment is the greatest challenge - "The problem is all the new homes under construction were approved before we got into office. We need to look at rezoning properties to prohib-

it new housing and encourage clean commercial ratables instead. The Planning Board has begun this process at the request of Frank Makransky and myself."

2. Preserving Open Space to prevent sprawl - "A plan of the prior administration to turn the borough wellfields into an amusement park was defeated and we have preserved those 540 acres as open space forever. In addition, we have identified four parcels of property to be acquired as open space by the county."

3. Redevelopment of the National Lead site - "The proper redevelopment of this site has the potential to bring in millions in tax revenue without putting any new children into the overcrowded school system."

The borough's redevelopment commission has begun condemnation proceedings to take over the property so commercial ratables can be attracted."

**Name:** Frank Makransky  
**Office:** Sayreville Council  
**Political party:** Republican  
**Age:** 43  
**Occupation:** Retired, formerly production planner for Hershey Foods  
**Family:** Married  
**Education:** Jonathan Dayton High School  
**Qualifications:** three year councilman; served on Board of Health; served on Board of Education Blue Ribbon Committee; active/coach little league; member Sacred Heart Parish; Holy Name society; president of Polish National Alliance Lodge 2886; Vice President of council district.  
**Top issues:**

1. Redevelopment of National Lead site - "Increasing tax ratables without negatively affecting residents. Redevelop the area

with clean commercial ratables. Also, traffic will be routed directly to/from the parkway and other major highways so the roads in Sayreville will not be congested."

2. Traffic congestion - "Work with county for smart growth to alleviate traffic problems. Most congestion problems are on the county roads."

3. Overdevelopment - "Most of today's construction was approved years ago. For instance, the new apartments Winding Woods receive approval in 1979 and the Towne Lake Development (260 homes) were approved in 1998. My running mate and I have taken steps to slow development and to make it tougher to build in Sayreville."

**Run For South Amboy Mayor**

**Name:** John O'Leary  
**Office:** South Amboy Mayor  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Age:** 47  
**Personal:** Married, 3 children  
**Education:** B.A., St. Bernards College  
**Occupation:** Insurance consultant, mayor  
**Qualifications:** Mayor of South Amboy for 16 years; former police officer; member of the city's planning board, recreation department, the South Amboy Municipal Alliance Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the Middlesex County Conference of Mayors, the Middlesex County Transportation Coordinating Committee,

the Knights of Columbus and the Cardinal McCarrick Advisory Board.

**Top Issues:**

1. Quality of life - "Our city needs to continue to improve the quality of life and continue the current progress. There are many new programs and projects in place, including a new marina, a new senior/recreation center and a new state-of-the-art technology center."

2. Northern and southern waterfront redevelopment - "We will continue our progress here with the addition of a \$50 million office/flex space and a \$300 million congeneration facility. With the help of our newly formed redevelopment partner,

DEVCOR, the city will continue its mission to bring more clean ratables and more jobs to our residents. There is \$200 million already in the ground (the Lighthouse Bay housing development on the waterfront).

3. Promote volunteerism - "As mayor, I will continue to promote volunteerism. As a city, we have to continue to support the numerous volunteers of our fire and first aid departments."

We have many nonprofit organizations that foster good will and help to promote the team effort that makes South Amboy a great city in which to live and work."

**Name:** Gene Reagan  
**Candidate for:** South Amboy Mayor  
**Political party:** Independent  
**Age:** 45  
**Occupation:** President, Home Stat Inspections, Inc.  
**Family:** Married, 4 children  
**Education:** Sayreville War Memorial High School; certified HQS Section 8 Inspector; Radon Technician-DEP; Pesticide Operator-NJ Pest Commission  
**Qualifications:** member, Board of Education (1998-2002); vice president, Board of Education (1999-2000); member, Sayreville Housing Advisory Board (1999-present); South Amboy Youth Baseball & Rec Basketball Coach (1997-present); Garden State Knights Youth Traveling Baseball Coach (1999-present)  
**Top issues:**

1. Affordable Housing -

"South Amboy is doing a disservice to their citizens and to its future by failing to encourage construction of moderate income housing. This policy means that younger families who wish to upgrade their homes are forced to relocate out of town. This deprives South Amboy of their experience and dedication to the city. I will work to encourage growing families and senior citizens to remain here and continue their contributions to the health and growth of South Amboy."



2. Fiscal Responsibility - City owned waterfront properties were undersold to certain individuals, who then flipped the properties to developers for a profit of over \$5 million. These monies should have benefited

the taxpayers and not private individuals. All major sales of property and major expenditures regarding development be by public bid, and not behind the scenes arrangements. As a Board of Education member, I know that the city was chronically delinquent in their payments. There have recently been large discrepancies in the budget of the city which have yet to be explained."

3. Tax Rates - "In order to ease the burden on our residents, I will focus on lowering taxes. In order to do so, we need to attract clean industry and business to South Amboy. Although the present administration has given exorbitant tax abatements to certain individuals, I will collect their tax monies and pass the savings on to the taxpayers of South Amboy."

**Race For South Amboy Council**

**Name:** Vincent Mackiel  
**Candidate for:** South Amboy Council  
**Political party:** Independent  
**Age:** 49  
**Occupation:** Residential Program Specialist, ARC of Middlesex County  
**Family:** Single  
**Education:** B.A., Kean University  
**Qualifications:** Citizen Advisory Committee - NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Program 1988-2000; South Amboy Redevelopment Agency, 1987-1990; past candidate for councilman, 1986 & 1999; Community Coordinator of Public Events and

Governmental Hearings, 1985-1995

**Top issues:**

1. Road and railroad crossing safety - "The safety of our roads and railroad crossings is calling out for change. I will work with local, county and state officials to slow vehicles and speed rehabilitation to all traffic junctions."

2. Healthcare - "Healthcare for young and middleage workers and seniors is seriously challenged since Memorial Medical's closing. As councilman, working

to bring back real emergency room options, my goal will be to restore the hospital setting. I will oppose a corporate only redevelopment of this site."

3. Environmental burden - "The neighborhood open space environment and business center is stressed by pollution and taxing overdevelopment. Our community can utilize 24 million dollars in transit/state casino revenue to purchase Amboy Aggregates Waterfront Company among others properties and restore a tax base to South Amboy. This purchase will solve a lifetime environmental burden."

**VOTE! Nov. 5**


**OBITUARIES**
**Jorge Maldonado, 76**  
of Perth Amboy

Mr. Jorge Maldonado of Perth Amboy died October 14 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 76.

Born in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico, he resided in Perth Amboy for the past 54 years.

He was a fork truck operator for 23 years at Witco Chemical Co. in Perth Amboy, where he was past president of union Local 8397, retiring in 1990.

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

He was a member of the Salvation Army in Perth Amboy, and was a local election poll worker for the City of Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife of over 50 years, Dorothy (Yackman) Maldonado; five daughters, Sandra Lee Toth of Colonia, Adriana Maldonado of Puerto Rico, Diane Goldin of West Long Branch, Nancy Sonsidek and Michelle Maldonado, both of Perth Amboy; three sons, Robert J. Maldonado of Union Beach, George Maldonado of Piscataway and David Maldonado of Laurence Harbor; two sisters, Mary Sepulveda, Enrique, Pedro and Benito Maldonado, all of Puerto Rico; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Julius J. Filippone**  
of Edison

Mr. Julius J. Filippone of Edison died October 15 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 87.

Born in Middlesex, he lived most of his life in Edison.

He was self-employed and the owner of Jules TV Service in Edison.

Mr. Filippone was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117 in Edison, the AARP, the National Federal Employees (NFE) and the Bonhamtown Senior Citizens.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His parents, Santi and Julia (Mancusco) Filippone, are deceased.

Surviving is his wife, Grace (Vecchio) Filippone.

**Charles L. Fekete, Sr.**  
of Edison

Mr. Charles L. Fekete Sr. of Edison died October 14 at his workplace in Seaside Heights. He was 52.

Born in New Brunswick, he lived all his life in Edison.

He worked at Casino Fishing Pier in Seaside Heights.

Mr. Fekete had served in the Navy.

His father, Charles Fekete, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Jean (Fisher) Fekete; a son Charles Jr. Fekete of Edison; a daughter, Jill Fekete of Edison. He was the son-in-law of William T. and Doris Fisher. He is also survived by his in-laws, Kathleen and Dorian McKnee, Ricky and Richard Eddy, Christine Sa and Tony Sa, and William T. Fisher Jr.; his mother, Mary Shamy Fekete; a sister, Faye Steinhauer, and his best friends, Tootsie and Rascal.

**Maria Caban, 49**  
of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Maria Caban, 49, of Jersey City (formerly of Perth Amboy) died October 12 at New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. She was 49.

Born in Manhattan, N.Y., she lived in Perth Amboy for many years, moving to Jersey City in 1999.

She was a customer service representative for Randy Hangers in East Rutherford for the past three years.

Surviving are two children, Katherine and Raul Siurano; two sisters, Nancy Padilla and Francine Ortiz, and two grandchildren, Raul Jr. and Samantha Siurano.

**Joseph Naar, 74**  
of Perth Amboy

Mr. Joseph Naar of Perth Amboy died October 16 at his home. He was 74.

Born in Hungary, he came to the United States in 1958. He resided in Perth Amboy for the past 44 years.

He was a carpenter by trade, and was employed by Carpenters Union Local 65 in Perth Amboy for many years before retiring in 1992.

Mr. Naar was a communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Anna Vincze Naar; a daughter, Mary Naar of Perth Amboy; two grandchildren, Heather Naar and Richard Velez Jr.; his brother-in-law, Michael Vincze of Woodbridge, and several nieces and nephews.

**Catherine Crosby**  
of Colonia

Mrs. Catherine Engel Crosby of Colonia died October 16 at Rahway Hospital. She was 85.

Born in Jersey City, she moved to Colonia in 1969.

She was employed as an assembly worker for Western Electric in Kearny for many years before retiring.

Mrs. Crosby was a communicant of The Church of the Holy Comforter, Rahway.

Her husband, Herbert Crosby, died in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Loretta McCabe of Piscataway, and two granddaughters, Maureen McCabe of Dunellen and Meredith Badolato.

**Teresa DaSilva, 86** of Colonia

Mrs. Teresa S. (Iorio) DaSilva died October 16 at Rahway Hospital. She was 86.

Born in Colonia, she lived there all her life.

Prior to Mrs. DaSilva's retirement in 1981, she worked for Regina Corp. in Rahway for 14 years.

Previously, she worked for Park Plastic in Linden for 10 years and worked for the A&P in Linden for five years.

Mrs. DaSilva was a member of St. John's Vianney R.C. Church in Colonia, and a member of the

Senior Citizens Club of Colonia. She served as a poll clerk for the Board of Elections in Colonia.

Her husband, John M. DaSilva Sr., died in 1994, and two brothers, Ralph and John Iorio, and three sisters, Mary Marchitto, Mildred Condas and Anna Colacarro, are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, John M. DaSilva Jr. of Colonia; a grandson, Dean DaSilva of Suffolk, Va.; two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Michael, and several nieces and nephews.

**Otto Fuchs, 74** of Edison

Mr. Otto Fuchs of Edison died October 12 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He was 74.

Born in The Bronx, N.Y., he lived in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Hamden, Conn., and Rochester, N.Y., before moving to Edison in 1965.

He worked as a research chemist for Napp Chemical in Lodi for 10 years before retiring in 1992.

He held two chemical patents. He was a graduate of City College of New York and the University of Buffalo, where he earned his master's degree in chemistry in 1959. Mr. Fuchs was an Army

veteran of the Korean War. He was a parishioner of St. Helena's R.C. Church in Edison. He was also a member of the church's Holy Name Society and ran the church's blood drive.

He was an active volunteer for the church's Boy Scouts.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Nancy; four sons, Robert of Delaware Township, N.J., Thomas of Estell Manor, Richard of Byram Township and Steven of New Market, Md.; two daughters, Katherine Leslie of Upper Montclair and Kristine Bobowsky of Point Pleasant; a brother, Walter of Vienna, Va., and five grandchildren.

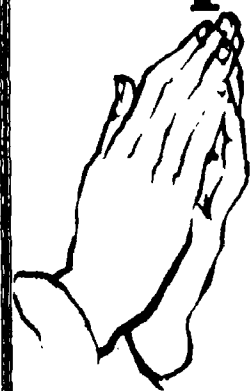
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# Asian Longhorned Beetle Discovered In New Jersey

STATE Secretary of Agriculture Charles M. Kuperus announced on Oct. 11 that the Asian longhorned beetle—which attacks and kills maples and other hardwood trees—has been detected for the first time in New Jersey in Jersey City.

The N.J. Department of Agriculture (NJDA) will quarantine the affected 9-acre site and the surrounding area within a 1/2 mile radius to prevent the beetle's spread.

"The experience of other states has shown that public

cooperation is key to effectively eradicating this highly destructive insect," said Kuperus. "If not controlled, the Asian longhorned beetle could have devastating effects on forested areas and residential trees in New Jersey and throughout the Northeast. Therefore, it is critical that everyone assist in this effort by reporting potential infestations and cooperating with state and federal authorities working to control this pest."

The quarantine will restrict the movement of firewood,

green lumber and other living, dead, cut or fallen material, including nursery stock, logs, stumps, roots and branches from potential host trees. These items may be moved within the quarantined area but not outside of it.

"I am grateful to Secretary Kuperus for acting quickly to address this potential devastating threat to the state's forest resources," said Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell. "The DEP will work cooperatively with state and federal agriculture officials to ensure that we eradicate this pest."

The Asian longhorned beetle, which is native to China and prevalent in Japan and Korea, has caused serious tree losses in New York state and Chicago.

The beetle was first spotted in Jersey City by someone who saw it fly onto a tree. A later news report called his attention to the potential threat of the Asian longhorned beetle. He contacted the NJDA, and state and federal agricultural inspectors confirmed the beetle's presence. Based on an initial survey, it appears that approximately 100 trees are affected within a 9-acre area just north of the Newport Parkway and just east of Washington Boulevard. The source of the infestation is unknown.

State and federal agricultural officials have inspected potential host trees within a quarter-mile radius of the affected site found no evidence of further infestation. Inspectors now are checking potential host trees within one-half mile.

USDA officials have determined that the Asian longhorned beetle first entered the United States inside solid wood packing material from China. It was first discovered in this country in 1996 in the Greenpoint area of Brooklyn. The beetle was found in Central Park in 2001.

Since 1997, the NJDA and USDA have conducted annual surveys for the Asian longhorned beetle in northeastern New Jersey. The Department currently is surveying plots within a 25-mile radius of the New York infestation.

In light of this week's discovery, more intensive monitoring of every potential host tree within a 1 1/2-mile radius of the Jersey City infestation will be conducted every year to ensure the beetle has been eradicated. Effective methods for eradicating the beetle include removal of infested trees and chemical treatment of surrounding, non-infested host trees.

The beetles are about 1 to 1 1/2 inches in length, are black and shiny with white spots, and have long distinguishable

antennae that are banded with black and white. They attack many different hardwood trees, primarily maple (Norway, sugar, silver and red) but also horsechestnut, willow, elm and boxelder.

To lay her eggs, the female beetle chews small oval or round niches in the outer bark of the tree. When immature worm-like beetles hatch, they bore into trunks and branches and create immense tunnels for themselves inside the trees. The adult beetles chew their way out, usually in late spring or early summer, leaving round exit holes about the size of a dime in their wake.

Signs of Asian longhorned beetle infestation include:

- large round holes anywhere on the tree, including branches, trunk and exposed roots;
- oval to round, darkened wounds in the bark; and
- large piles of coarse sawdust around the base of trees or where branches meet the main stem.

Anyone who suspects the presence of the Asian longhorned beetle should contact the NJDA at (609) 292-5440.

For more information on the Asian longhorned beetle, including photos, visit the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service web site at [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov). Under Hot Issues, click on the Asian longhorned beetle.

## Holiday Deadline Notification

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will have the following deadlines...

For our November 29th issue.

**Editorial Material**

Nov. 15 at 5 p.m.

**Space Reservations For Ads**

Nov. 19 at 12 Noon

**Ad Materials**

Nov. 20 at 12 Noon

**Classified Ads**

Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.

**Public Notices**

Nov. 25 at 10 a.m.

For our December 6th issue

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Nov. 25 at 5 p.m.

**Space Reservations For Ads**

Nov. 26 at 3 p.m.



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already out there. So, you'd better get your hands on it soon, because tickets went on sale Sept. 25. And they go fast!

Not a teen? Not a problem! Monday Thursday, you can take a teen to any event with two-for-\$5 tickets. As long as a teen buys the first ticket, the second free tickets can be used by anyone—a fellow teen, mentor, teacher or parent. On weekends, tickets are \$5 each, but museum admissions are two-for-\$5 any time.

Or check out our Take 5 program, where teachers, student leaders, parents and mentors can buy six tickets for \$25, with no purchase limit, (subject to availability), including adult chaperones. It's the best way to take groups for arts fun around the city. For more Take 5 information, call (212) 750-0555, ext. 203 or e-mail [info@high5tix.org](mailto:info@high5tix.org).

In this season's catalog, events from Oct. 1-Jan. 31 will be available. Teens can choose from a total of 616 performances at over 90 different venues.

This fall's highlights include four Teen Scenes: special events during which participating arts venues donate a large block of tickets for a performance so that teens can have a peer-to-peer arts experience. It also features a Museum Weekend from Oct. 18-20, when teens can visit up to 13 of New York's finest museums—all on one \$5 ticket.

High 5 catalogs are available through High 5 (call (212) 445-8587), as well as participating Ticketmaster outlets in all five boroughs and selected sites in New Jersey, including HMV Records, Tower Records and other stores.

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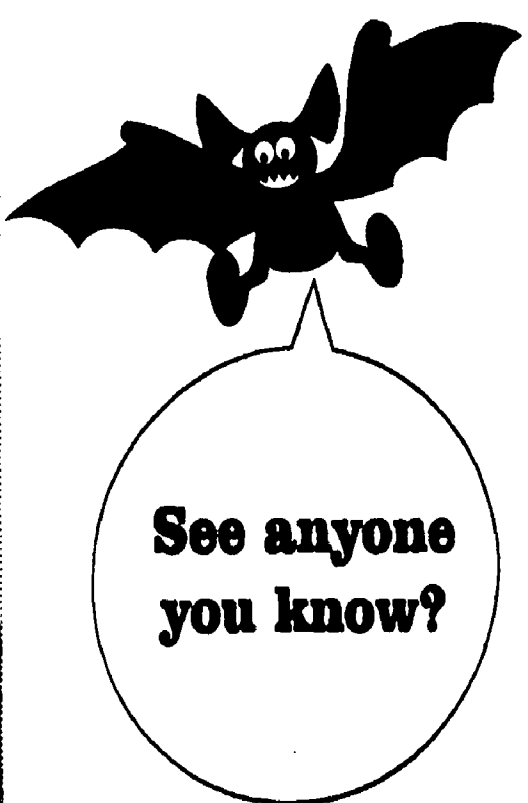
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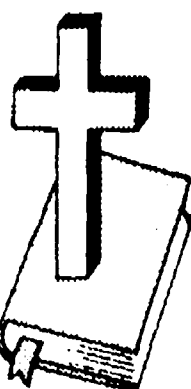
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The celebration begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 with the 'It's Harvest Time' Joy Night Service. The guest speaker for the evening is the dynamic

Rev. Vanessa Nero, pastor of the Glorious Hope Baptist Church, Elizabeth. On Sunday evening, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. the guest speaker is the super dynamic Rev. Jeffrey Bryan, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Newark. Both pastors will be joined by their choirs and congregation. We anticipate a glorious time in the Lord. Come and witness the marvelous works the Lord is doing in this ministry.

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## St. Mary's Class Of '57 Reunion

SOUTH AMBOY—St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, Class of 1957 will hold their 45th class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Brielle House, Brielle.

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## South Amboy Student Inducted Into Honor Society

SOUTH AMBOY—Lauren McNeany of South Amboy, was inducted into the Honor Society at Boston University's Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences on Friday, Sept. 27. Dean Alan Jette presented McNeany, a physical therapy major, with a certificate of membership.

A 1999 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School, McNeany is the daughter of Donald and Patricia McNeany of South Amboy.

The Sargent College Honor Society was established in 1924 to honor scholarship and service to one's school and community. While striving to maintain academic and personal integrity and achievement, the Honor Society encourages programming which broadens its members' knowledge of concerns and issues fac-

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