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Ferry Service To Start Feb. 4

SOUTH AMBOY — Workers are busy preparing for the Feb. 4 opening date of the Seastreak USA ferry service, which will take passengers from South Amboy to Manhattan.

The ferry service plans to run four round trips per day to East 34th Street in New York. According to information posted on Seastreak's website, www.seastreak.com, a round trip would cost \$33 during peak hours and \$25 during off-peak hours and on weekends.

Free parking will be available at the South Amboy terminal lot, which will accommo-

date around 300 cars.

Eric Nielsen, project manager for Joseph Jingoli & Son Inc., the firm that heads the South Amboy Redevelopment Corp. (Devcor) said, "It will be similar to Penn Station in New York."

Recently, workers were widening the ramp to the one lane bridge over Main Street that will provide access to the ferry access terminal. Other workers were installing fencing around the old Reliant Energy cogeneration plant, which will be converted into offices.

Devcor has also recently broken ground on a new road to

the ferry terminal. They are rebuilding Main Street near the terminal as a four-lane road. The state Department of Transportation has provided \$3.5 million for this project.

There are also plans to build a \$6.5 million bridge to connect Main Street with the ferry terminal and the train station by year's end.

Businesses that will be part of the terminal, including a coffee shop, restaurant and dry cleaners, are still more than a year away.

In the next 18-24 months, the city plans to improve the marina near the terminal. The area now has rusted structures and debris from the area's history as a coal transfer point. It was also the site of the explo-

sion of a barge loaded with military ordinance in 1950, which cut the northern waterfront off from the rest of the city for years.

According to Joseph Jingoli, Jr., CEO of Jingoli and Son, Devcor is negotiating with a company to put a large power plant on 10 acres in the northern waterfront area.

In the southern waterfront area, Baker Cos. is constructing the 185-home Lighthouse Bay development. The development is expected to expand the tax base by nearly \$200 million and provide homes for hundreds of new residents who will spend money at city businesses, according to Kenneth Wilson, vice president at Baker Cos.



GASPAP RECEIVES 2001 FRANKLIN AWARD—Joann Gaspar, a Sayreville resident (C, L), receives the March of Dimes 2001 Franklin Award from March of Dimes Central Jersey Executive Director Donna Zaleski (far L), March of Dimes Executive Board Member Jeanette Reed (C, R), and March of Dimes Central Jersey Executive Board Chair Tom Connors (far R). The award was presented at March of Dimes annual Franklin Awards volunteer recognition ceremony. The Franklin Award commemorates Franklin Delano Roosevelt, founder of the March of Dimes, and is given for outstanding volunteer commitment to the foundation's mission for preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

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EDISON—The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society will be presenting its annual Local History Day on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 1-4 p.m. at the Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen.

Local History Day is one time of the year when local residents can view the extensive collection of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society, an event that has been well attended during the past fifteen years.

This year, in addition to the usual display of materials, there will be a display of the "Passport to Edison" project with Ian Durand and the Center for Community Renewal, and the "Potters Crossing History Project" with John Richardson.

The Society will also display the entire J. Lloyd Grim-

stead Collection of old photographs of the Metuchen-Edison area. Grimstead took more than 2,000 photographs of houses in this area in the 1930s. All the photographs are developed and indexed. If you have an old house in Metuchen and want to see what it looked like in 1930s, this is your opportunity to take a look.

Old maps and other items of local historical interest will also be on display.

In addition, the Society will have available for purchase many of its historical publications, including the *Images of America-Metuchen* and *Images of America-Edison* books.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Carol Bertrand at (732) 549-8405.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Smoke-Free Comedy Night A Success

MIDDLESEX COUNTY The Stress Factory was a full house on Sunday, Jan. 6 when the Middlesex County Communities Against Tobacco Coalition (CAT) sponsored a night of 100 percent smoke-free comedy.

The event included free admission and dinner, excluding dessert and alcoholic beverages.

Comedian Ted Alexandro, who appeared on "The Late Show" with David Letterman and just recently had his own half-hour comedy special on Comedy Central, was the show's headliner.

CAT gave all attendees brochures and stickers used to promote smoke-free dining. "It was so nice to enjoy an evening

out without having to deal with having smelly clothes and breathing smoke-infested air," said Joan Mauer, one of the 300 attendees at the event.

The events of the evening sparked the addition of another 100 percent smoke-free event for next month. "Everything went so well, and when I asked the audience if they wanted

another smoke-free event, their support was overwhelming," said Vincent Brand, owner of the Stress Factory. "We are considering having a smoke-free night on a consistent basis."

CAT will co-sponsor the next 100 percent smoke-free event at the Stress Factory on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The event will cost each person a total of \$11, which includes tax, for admission and dinner. All beverages and dessert are excluded. The evening will take part from 6-9:30 p.m. Limited seating is available. To reserve tickets, call the Stress Factory at (732) 545-HAHA or (732) 545-4242.

Birth Announcements

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The following are birth announcements for the

month of December 2001.

Helen J. Ledesma and Hector V. Morataya of Carteret are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Angel Jose Morataya**, born December 2, 2001.

Miguelina and Dario Rivas of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Dariana**, born December 3, 2001.

Maria Isabel and Fernando Raphael Piastre of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Marcos**, born December 4, 2001.

Joyce Akinyi Ngada and Joab Opala Dande of Edison are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Eugene Odttiambo Dande**, born December 5, 2001.

Jewmerico and Leonard Copeland of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Janae Amaya Lee**, born December 5, 2001.

Katherine Scarlett Pena of Perth Amboy is proud to announce the birth of her son, **Lewis Aaron Pena**, born December 7, 2001.

Diana Maria Vargas and Odalis Raphael Jimenez of

Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Odalis Enrique Jimenez**, born December 12, 2001.

Felita R. and Norman G. Real of Keasbey are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Ryan Christopher**, born December 13, 2001.

Alina Danuta and Janusz Hempterek of Parlin are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Anna**, born December 14, 2001.

Kenia B. Placencia and Erick Zarco of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Derick Zarco, Jr.**, born December 14, 2001.

Nita L. and Lalit I. Patel of Fords are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Bhumy Lalit**, born December 15, 2001.

Luz Maria Salas and Kelly Lee Hines of Avenel are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Kelis Susana Hines**, born December 16, 2001.

Yanet Mena and Modesto Francisco Jimenez Rosario of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son,

Adrian Jimenez Rosario, born December 18, 2001.

Pascaline Nouatin and Edward L. Stone of Sewaren are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Tep-ra Shaku-ra Stone**, born December 19, 2001.

Ingrid David and Miguel Angel Rosario of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Michael Angelo Rosario**, born December 20, 2001.

Rosa Vidal and Jose Martinez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **John David Martinez**, born December 26, 2001.

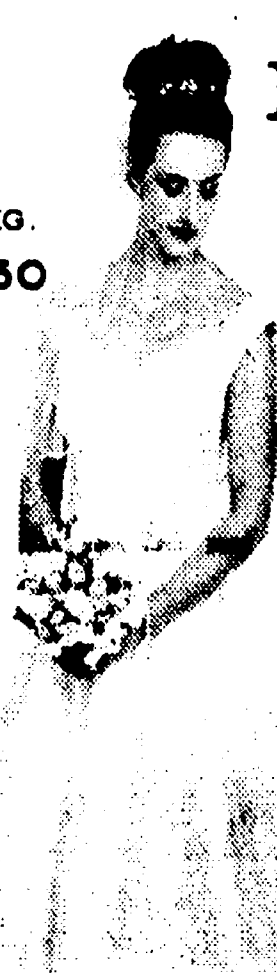
Virginia Mily Gomez and Misael Nieves of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Michael Alexander Nieves**, born December 27, 2001.

Dawn Johnson and Miller Salgado of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Michael Jonathan Salgado**, born December 29, 2001.

Melissa Ann and Victor John Ferrer of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Victor John Ferrer, Jr.**, born December 30, 2001.

Edna Scafe and Danny Guzman of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Daiwon Emmanuel Guzman**, born December 30, 2001.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**March Of Dimes Honors Volunteers**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
— The March of Dimes Central Jersey Division of the New Jersey Chapter recently presented 2001 volunteer awards to five individuals and one organization in Middlesex County, along with nine others at the March of Dimes' annual Franklin Award volunteer recognition reception held at the Holiday Inn, Jamesburg.

Ernie Doel of Sayreville received the 2001 Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award. Betty Crews, Joanne Gaspar, William Van Pelt and FedEx Express-New Jersey Market each received 2001 Franklin Awards.

The Franklin Award commemorates Franklin Delano Roosevelt, founder of the March of Dimes, and is given for outstanding volunteer commitment to the March of Dimes mission to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. The Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award honors one individual who has made exceptional contributions to the foundation.

Ernie Doel is a Sayreville resident and is employed by Verizon Communications. Doel has been a volunteer with the March of Dimes for the past 18 years. His involvement began when he joined the Middlesex WalkAmerica Logistics Committee as site coordinator and Doel now serves as Middlesex WalkAmerica Chair. Each year he volunteers his time to ensure that WalkAmerica is a safe and successful event. Today, Middlesex WalkAmerica attracts over 4,000 participants and has been named one of the top ten WalkAmerica sites in the March of Dimes Northern Region-out of 500 sites since 1997.

An active March of Dimes volunteer for over fifteen years, Perth Amboy resident Betty Crews has captained her WalkAmerica PSE&G team to a top county, division and statewide team. She's also a member of the PSE&G/March of Dimes statewide committee and a consistent \$1,000 plus top walker. Crews is also a recent recipient of the 2001 PSE&G Godlewski Award given to one PSE&G employee per year for outstanding commitment to the March of Dimes.



PERTH AMBOY RESIDENT RECEIVES FRANKLIN AWARD— Perth Amboy resident Betty Crews (C., Left) receives the March of Dimes 2001 Franklin Award from March of Dimes Central Jersey Division Executive Director Donna Zaleski (far L.), March of Dimes Executive Board Member Jeanette Roed (C., Right) and March of Dimes Central Jersey Executive Board Chair Tom Connors (far R.).

Joanne Gaspar, also of Sayreville and an employee of Merrill Lynch, is a 10-year volunteer and WalkAmerica team leader for the Middlesex County Community College team. She actively recruits walkers at March of Dimes events and WalkAmerica breakfasts. Gaspar is also instrumental in the March of Dimes Middlesex Softball Tournament, running set-up and registration.

Thirteen year March of Dimes volunteer William Van Pelt of Edison is an employee of the Edison School System. "Buddy," as his friends call him, is the team leader for Edison High School and youth recruitment chair on the Middlesex WalkAmerica Committee. He speaks at WalkAmerica breakfasts, organizes school challenges and provides entertainment on WalkAmerica Sunday.

FedEx Express New Jersey Market is active with the March of Dimes throughout the state, including the Middlesex County area. FedEx Express employees from Middlesex County raise funds and participate in WalkAmerica each year. Active for 10 years, FedEx Express has provided free shipping to all

Central Jersey WalkAmerica materials during the WalkAmerica season (February-April). It is also a sponsor and provides checkpoint assistance at each site on the day of the WalkAmerica event.

"The Franklin Award is given for outstanding volunteer commitment to the March of Dimes and our mission of saving babies' lives," said Tom Connors, March of Dimes Central Jersey Division Executive Chair. "These award winners are excellent role models for other individuals and organizations who would like to make a real difference in the lives of babies and families everywhere."

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs on research, community services, education and advocacy. For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at www.marchofdimes.org or the Spanish Web site at www.nacersano.org or call 1-888-MODIMES.

Literacy Tutors Needed Throughout County

MIDDLESEX COUNTY Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex is holding Tutor Training Workshops for both Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language Programs. Literacy Volunteers will train you, no prior teaching experience is necessary. Upon course completion, tutors will be matched at mutually convenient libraries with adults who have requested

help. Schedule is as follows: Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9 a.m. 1 p.m., March 5-April 9 at the Woodbridge Public Library, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30 9 p.m., Feb. 26-April 4 at the Piscataway Public Library and on Sundays from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. April 13-May 11 at the Old Bridge Public Library.

Call the office at (732) 432-8000 for more information.

Fast Track Networking Group

MIDDLESEX COUNTY The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce announces the monthly "Fast Track Networking Group" meeting on Friday, Feb. 15 at 8 a.m.

The group is open to members of the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce

who wish to expand their business networks, develop leads and share needs. The group meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Admission is free for chamber members.

For reservations or information, contact the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce at (732) 821-1700.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Bill Toughening Hate Crimes Act Becomes Law

STATE Acting almost 19 months after the U.S. Supreme Court declared New Jersey's hate crimes law unconstitutional, the Acting Governor recently signed into law Assembly Deputy Majority Leader Neil M. Cohen's legislation to revise the law so future convictions remain enforceable.

Cohen's bill (A-2702) will give jurors the expressed power to convict individuals of bias crimes and impose the harsher penalties authorized for hate-crime offenses. Previously, the state's hate crimes law made judges responsible for deciding at the time of sentencing whether harsher bias crime penalties should apply in the event the judge decided a defendant was motivated by bias.

"At a time when acts of intolerance are on the rise against Jews and Muslims, it is in New Jersey's best interest to have a hate crime law that will stand up in court," said Cohen (D-Union). "We need to send the message to individuals who trade in hate that their crimes will be met with tough and certain penalties."

Cohen's bill (A-2702) will require a prosecutor to charge a

defendant in a hate crimes case with "purpose to intimidate" so that a jury could hear evidence during a trial on that charge. Cohen was also co-sponsor of the original hate crimes act and sponsored an amendment that included crimes based on gender and disabilities.

The new law addresses issues that arose in the wake of a June 2000 decision when the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the Constitution requires juries not judges to determine when a hate crime was committed before imposing tougher penalties.

The law also will require prosecutors to prove beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury that a person committed a hate crime by seeking to intimidate a victim because of his or her race, color, religion, gender, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

"There needs to be harsher sentences for hate crimes, but the state can't circumvent the Constitution to do so," said Cohen. "Charging a hate crime offender with intimidation and proving it in court will put these kinds of criminals behind bars where they belong."

Menendez Announces Over \$2 Million In Healthcare And Education Funding

STATE—Rep. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) has announced that over \$2 million in funding was passed in the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriations Bill for the 13th Congressional District.

"The passage of this bill recognizes the continued importance of education, healthcare, and job training, not only in our district, or in the state of New Jersey, but across the nation," said Menendez. "In these trying economic times, I will continue to work to ensure that opportunities are available for every member of our community."

The following funding for the 13th District was included in the Labor-HHS-Education FY 2002 Appropriations Bill:

- \$600,000 for the American Airlines Travel Agency for a multi-state education demonstration project, which integrates a comprehensive training program in computer fluency and computerized travel/hospitality industry

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reservation software system applications; developed by the American Airlines Travel Academy (AATA) into a comprehensive academic curriculum for 11th and 12th grade public school students.

- \$800,000 for Kean University's Global University Studies Internship Program, which seeks to establish a comprehensive international studies program focused on preparing Hispanic and other minority undergraduate and post-graduate students for careers in the U.S. State Department, Foreign Service, and international organizations.

- \$200,000 for Babyland Family Services, a major non-profit child and family service organization for at-risk children and their families, to strengthen children's educational skills and promote the further education and self-sufficiency of parents, as well as

enable the agency to track child and family needs in order to enhance client services.

- \$200,000 for The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities, which will bring together nationally-recognized research, education and community outreach programs aimed at eliminating health disparities affecting minority populations.

- \$500,000 for Steven Institute of Technology for the expansion of its ocean-based science and mathematics education department.

- \$250,000 for Union County College to expand their program that connects unemployed and underemployed older youth and adults to the college's lifelong learning, literacy and occupational training programs through the use of network technology.

Local Offices For Sept. 11 Victims Set To Open

STATE—Two Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund offices opened Friday, Jan. 18 in New Jersey for the families of the victims of the terrorist attacks on our country.

The offices one in Jersey City, the other in Edison will be open six days a week and each will be staffed by at least six people. Senators Robert Torricelli and Jon Corzine said that the decision to open two offices in New Jersey to help families apply for money through the Victim Com-

pensation Fund recognizes the deep impact that the attack on our country has had in the state.

Kenneth Feinberg, the Special Master in charge of the Victim Compensation Fund, decided to place two offices in New Jersey at the urging of Senators Torricelli and Corzine. Both Senators thanked Special Master Feinberg for following through on his promise to open offices in New Jersey.

Torricelli and Corzine in-

tend to pursue changes in the law regarding the Victim Compensation Fund due to their concerns regarding the limits set for non-economic damages for pain and suffering. They will also be working to eliminate the provision that deducts life insurance payments and pensions from the eventual compensation award.

Regulations and applications for the Sept. 11 Victims Fund will be available in both New Jersey offices. Family members will also be able to review the status of applications at the offices and staff members will be available to answer questions.

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ChildWatch
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AREA—Thankfully, Spring Lake's six-year-old Anna Cardelfe is home and safe after being kidnapped. This is a good time to stress the message that our neighborhoods are safer when people who live and work in an area are aware of what is going on around them.

To support this effort, PSE&G, and all electric and gas utilities in New Jersey have created *ChildWatch* programs. If a child is lost, injured or feels threatened, they can approach one of over 5,300 PSE&G vehicles or enter a PSE&G customer service center for assistance. The vehicles are equipped with two-way radios so PSE&G can contact the police. PSE&G employees will wait outside of the vehicle with the child until the police arrive.

PSE&G worked with public safety officials and police departments throughout the state to help create safer neighborhoods for our children. *ChildWatch* is designed to support and supplement the police department and other community safety programs—not to replace them.

Identifiable markings on PSE&G vehicles include orange and yellow stripes, the PSE&G logo, which includes a large "energy burst," and every PSE&G vehicle carries a *ChildWatch* sticker on both sides.

PSE&G urges parents to occasionally ask children if they have noticed any PSE&G vehicles in the neighborhood and to let them know that the PSE&G employees who work in those trucks and vans can help them. PSE&G has a commitment to helping to make our communities safe.

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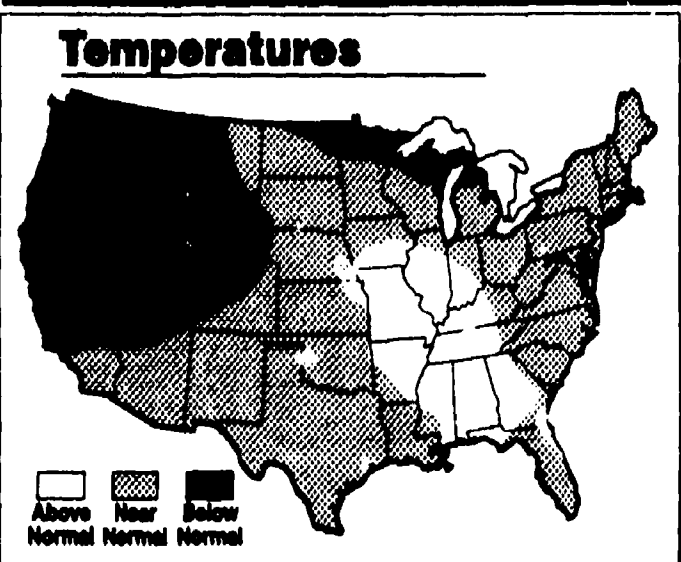
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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Rain, then a few showers.	Cloudy with showers.	Cloudy and cold.	A good deal of sun.	Mainly cloudy; flurries.	Partial sun and cold.	Cloudy, flurries; cold.	Cold with clouds and sun.
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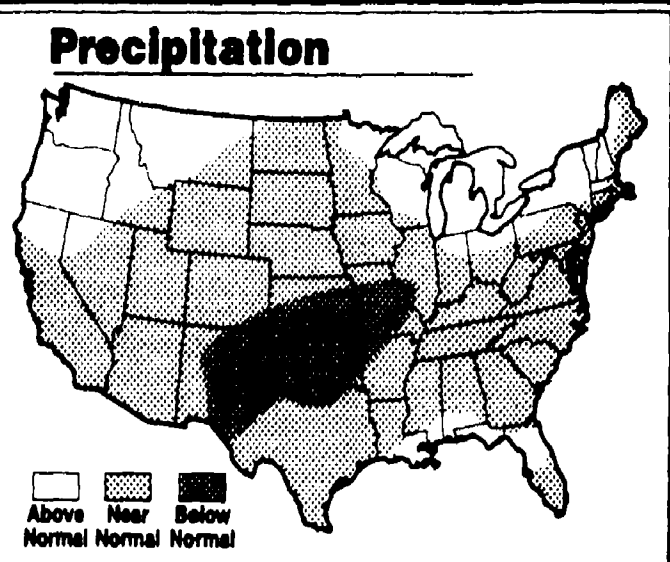
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NATIONAL SUMMARY

Unsettled weather will dominate the Northwest during the period. Storms will bring rain and snow to Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Temperatures across the western third of the nation will average below normal. Elsewhere, dry weather is expected across the southern Plains. Cool air will chill portions of the Great Lakes. Florida will remain warm.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



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Atlanta	70 44 sh	54 34 sh	52 32 pc	54 34 s
Boston	34 32 i	38 24 r	34 22 c	36 25 sf
Chicago	34 16 sn	28 22 pc	34 20 c	28 18 pc
Cleveland	38 26 i	34 22 sf	34 23 sf	36 21 sf
Denver	26 8 pc	40 17 s	46 20 pc	48 22 s
Des Moines	21 18 sn	28 20 pc	38 23 pc	33 22 pc
Detroit	34 24 i	30 22 pc	34 21 sf	35 21 sf
Houston	58 32 sh	58 38 c	58 44 c	60 44 c
Indianapolis	40 24 c	34 23 c	37 24 c	37 21 c
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New Orleans	71 51 r	61 43 sh	62 45 s	61 43 s
New York City	42 40 r	50 26 c	44 26 pc	43 26 sf
Omaha	22 13 sn	32 18 pc	39 21 pc	37 21 pc
Phoenix	62 41 s	62 43 s	66 44 pc	66 32 pc
San Francisco	53 41 pc	53 42 c	53 43 c	55 37 c
Seattle	44 36 sh	46 36 c	47 40 sh	48 42 c
Washington	48 44 r	50 32 sh	48 28 c	46 25 c

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 7:08 a.m.	5:13 p.m.
Fri. 7:07 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 8:44 p.m.	9:12 a.m.
Fri. 9:58 p.m.	9:43 a.m.
Moon Phases	
Full	Last
Jan 12	Feb 20
New	First
Feb 4	Feb 20
Weather (W):	
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,	
c-cloudy, sh-showers,	
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,	
sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.	

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	42 36 pc	45 44 pc	48 40 r	45 41 r
Berlin	42 36 sh	39 38 pc	51 42 pc	43 40 c
Buenos Aires	81 66 sh	81 63 s	77 58 s	81 60 pc
Cairo	70 46 s	72 46 s	68 45 s	63 45 s
Jerusalem	56 37 s	58 38 s	56 39 s	50 33 pc
Johannesburg	80 58 pc	79 56 pc	76 57 c	82 60 pc
London	45 37 pc	49 48 r	51 43 c	48 44 r
Madrid	55 32 pc	57 36 s	56 40 sh	55 45 sh
Mexico City	72 46 pc	68 44 c	71 45 pc	70 45 pc
Moscow	21 4 sn	15 5 c	16 12 sn	26 22 c
Paris	40 39 pc	43 41 sh	46 36 r	43 34 r
Rio de Janeiro	84 74 c	84 76 r	78 69 r	77 70 r
Rome	61 43 pc	59 46 pc	64 47 s	66 50 pc
San Juan	83 71 pc	84 71 pc	83 71 pc	83 72 pc
Seoul	31 20 s	34 23 s	38 26 s	40 28 s
Sydney	79 68 c	79 70 c	84 74 sh	81 65 sh
Tokyo	42 28 s	43 33 s	48 45 pc	49 37 r
Toronto	26 17 sn	30 7 pc	23 21 sf	23 16 sf
Winnipeg	1 -4 c	10 0 c	14 6 sf	18 4 sf
Zurich	41 36 pc	42 41 pc	52 42 s	45 35 r

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**New Tax Law Offers Benefits But Also Requires More Decisions This Year**

AREA Many taxpayers got an advance installment on their 2001 tax savings in the fall last year without filling out a single form. Now, as April 15 approaches, things get a little more complicated.

Some of the biggest benefits of the tax law, rate reductions, won't take any extra mental effort when you file your federal tax return. You read the tax tables, just as always. To take advantage of some of the

other benefits, however, you'll need to plan and make decisions, according to the tax experts at the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA).

Rebates and Rate Reductions

The rebate checks many people received, \$300 per taxpayer for many people, were an advance credit, based on the taxpayer's 2000 federal tax return. The money represents the tax reduction people will get as the result of the creation of a new 10-percent tax rate. If you didn't receive a rebate check, or if it wasn't for the full \$300 per taxpayer allowed, you may be entitled to some additional credit on the return you file this year. You will be able to claim the credit on Form 1040,

Line 47, Form 1040A, Line 30, or Form 1040EZ, Line 7, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

If you can be claimed as a dependent, you cannot claim the Rate Reduction Credit, but you may get the benefit of the new 10-percent tax rate by using the Tax Computation Worksheet for Certain Dependents. Rate reductions, one half of 1% in the top four tax brackets, will be reflected in the tax computation tables, according to the IRS.

Child Care and Education

The child tax credit increases to \$600 per child this year, and it is no longer required that there be three children for this provision to apply. College and professional school students will also benefit from a change in the rules that makes

withdrawals for higher education expenses from state-run "Section 529 Plans" tax-free. Interest on student loans will be deductible until the loan is paid off. In the past, interest on student loans was only deductible for five years.

Retirement Savings

People who are planning for retirement will be able to save significantly more money in tax-sheltered IRA and 401(k)-type accounts, including 403(b) and SLIPs. The limits for IRA accounts will go up by \$1,000 annually for the next three years. The limit on 401(k)-type plans will go up \$500 this year and then \$1,000 a year through 2006. Additionally, people 50 or older will be able to make "catch-up" contributions. Taxpayers who are serious about planning

for retirement will have a great opportunity to increase their savings while reducing their current tax bill.

Other Tax Law Changes

The new tax law introduced more than 85 major provisions in areas ranging from making Holocaust restitution payments tax free, to increasing the estate tax benefits for people who donate land for conservation purposes (the Qualified Conservation Easement Exclusion).

For more information about the new tax law and online tax advice, go to the NJSCPA website at www.njscpa.org. For the best available advice on tax matters, you can locate a Certified Public Accountant near you through the NJ SCPA's Find-A-CPA service at www.findacpa.org.

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Employers Urged To Double-Check Wage Reports

AREA—Social Security urges employers to file error-free wage reports. The wage reports filed by employers in January (and February, or through March for electronic filers) reflect the amount of wages paid to employees and the taxes withheld for Social Security, federal, state and Medicare during the previous years. According to Dennis Mass, Social Security manager, Elizabeth, Social Security

receives 240 million wage reports a year.

Small employers are more likely to have errors in their wage reports. Large employers are required to make wage reports by magnetic media or electronic filing, but businesses with fewer than 250 wage reports have the option of filing by either magnetic media of paper, a more error-prone process. "Errors in filing these reports can be cost-

ly, both to workers who rely on the earnings information for accurate retirement, survivors, disability, and Medicare hospital insurance benefits and for employers," said Mass. "Correct reporting saves time and money for the employer and for the government."

Social Security investigates over 200,000 wage reporting errors annually. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) can assess penalties for the employer if discrepancies in wage reports are not corrected. Correct reporting insures that employees have the proper wage amounts credited to their Social Security records. These amounts are used to calculate the Social Security benefits payable to the worker and his

or her family if the worker dies, becomes disabled, or retires and determine the worker's eligibility for Medicare coverage. Employers should use the W-2 form for the proper year. For example, a W-2 form for 2000 cannot be used to report 2001 wages.

Be sure to file Copy A of the W-2 form with Social Security. When a copy other than "A" is filed, it is more costly to process and may result in errors.

Frequent errors also include a misplaced digit in the Social Security number, failure to reflect a name change in the newly married or divorced and incorrect or misspelled names, particularly in the case of Hispanic and Asian surnames.

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Evening	328	\$245.50	\$40.50	\$24.50
SUNDAY, Jan. 20				
Mid-Day	372	\$361.00	\$60.00	\$36.00
Evening	781	\$239.00	\$39.50	\$23.50
MONDAY, Jan. 21				
Mid-Day	674	\$236.00	\$39.00	\$23.50
Evening	952	\$321.50	\$53.50	\$32.00
TUESDAY, Jan. 22				
Mid-Day	085	\$238.50	\$39.50	\$23.50
Evening	551	\$285.00	\$95.00	\$28.50
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 23				
Mid-Day	141	\$166.50	\$55.50	\$16.50
Evening	302	\$246.50	\$41.00	\$24.50
THURSDAY, Jan. 24				
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Evening	747	\$269.00	\$89.50	\$26.50

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Number	Straight	Box	
FRIDAY • Jan. 18 • Devine Media			
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Evening 9941	\$2,815.50	\$234.50	
JERSEY CASH 5	13-18-19-23-30		
BIG GAME	1-2-9-26-27/6		
SATURDAY • Jan. 19 • Devine Media			
Mid-Day 2869	\$4,594.50	\$191.50	
Evening 4024	\$3,676.50	\$306.00	
JERSEY CASH 5	3-15-28-37-38		
LOTZEE	17-22-30-93		
SUNDAY • Jan. 20 • Devine Media			
Mid-Day 3669	\$2,060.00	\$171.50	
Evening 5234	\$3,479.50	\$144.50	
JERSEY CASH 5	4-9-17-24-30		
MONDAY • Jan. 21 • Devine Media			
Mid-Day 2345	\$1,205.00	\$50.00	
Evening 1080	\$1,780.00	\$148.00	
PICK SIX	5-7-10-22-23-24		
JERSEY CASH 5	7-9-28-32-38		
TUESDAY • Jan. 22 • Devine Media			
Mid-Day 5103	\$3,543.50	\$147.50	
Evening 7111	\$1,505.00	\$376.00	
JERSEY CASH 5	7-21-31-32-38		
BIG GAME	1-12-35-37-49/1		
WEDNESDAY • Jan. 23 • Devine Media			
Mid-Day 5076	\$3,043.00	\$126.50	
Evening 2422	\$2,642.00	\$660.50	
JERSEY CASH 5	13-17-23-29-31		
THURSDAY • Jan. 24 • Devine Media			
Mid-Day 1567	\$2,510.50	\$104.50	
Evening 1080	\$1,415.00	\$117.50	
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN

"In The Bedroom"

Where Real-life Nightmares Reside



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By Michael S. Goldberger

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



Each film is unconsciously and innately connected to a slew of words that eagerly beckons to describe it. It's like a movie review just waiting to be written, not unlike what Rodin said about sculpture. He assured that the images he carved already resided within the stone, and that all he did was chip away the excess. With cinema, these staples of the film critic's vocabulary flit in and out of your mind as you watch. And in the case of "In The Bedroom," a disturbing domestic drama featuring great performances by Sissy Spacek, Tom Wilkinson and Marisa Tomei, the preeminent term that comes to mind is wrenching.

Fast on its descriptive heels are heart-rending, thoughtful, searing, violent and alarming. But though in combination they describe what is essentially an estimable piece of art, it's doubtful even "The Thinker" could handle seeing director Todd Field's contemporary tragedy more than once a decade.

This is tough stuff. And being uncompromisingly realistic, its purposely uncertain conclusions are hardly intellectually consoling enough to mitigate the psychological devastation preceding them. Optimally, you see "In The Bedroom," note the artistic achievement, discuss with kindred souls what it all might mean (preferably over some comforting cuisine), and then just hope you're better for the experience.

Probably the most frightening thing affirmed by Robert Festinger's screenplay is how utterly uncivilized even the most cultured among us can act. Being painfully reminded that we aren't quite as safe in our society as we would like to think, that real life means having no net to catch us, can put you on edge. And it's precisely this scathing edge that "In The Bedroom" mercilessly rides on the way to telling its woeful tale.

But though it begins quite casually and seemingly without any

special poignancy at a backyard barbecue tossed by Dr. and Mrs. Matt Fowler, you may not at first notice director Field's economy of exposition. Hence you won't catch "In The Bedroom's" New Englanders (small-town Maine, to be exact) engaging in small talk. And when you think you have, you're wrong. Listen carefully.

They're always saying something, either about their feelings or as a presentiment of what is to betide them. And though Mr. Field spares us the washing ashore of dead albatrosses and other such obvious portents, what we're supposed to get out of the social gathering is that the Fowlers' only offspring, Frank (Nick Stahl), is keeping company with Natalie Strout (Marisa Tomei), an older woman. Uh, that's a separated and not yet divorced older woman with two small children, to be more specific. Which has Mrs. Fowler, magnificently portrayed by Sissy Spacek, more worried than most.

You see, Frank is scheduled to begin college in the Fall. And Mom fears that the smitten lad, previously obsessed with architecture, may stay behind to play house instead of designing them. But while the affable yet con-

fused young man unconvincingly confides that it's just a summer thing, Dad's angst is later aroused when the honor student does offhandedly talk about skipping academia and becoming a lobster man, like his granddad was; maybe the call of the sea skips a generation, he opines. Oh, and one more thing you ought to know. Natalie's husband (William Mapother) is a jealous ne'er-do-well. Thus, as Mr. Shakespeare was once heard proclaiming, the stage is set.

And things do not bode well in Maine. But it would be a misprision on the critic's part to tell much more. So suffice it to note that the reference to Shakespeare is not mere chance. For while "In The Bedroom" doesn't quite meet the classical Greek definition of tragedy, odds are that if the Bard came across this tale, he'd more or less recognize some of his less happier contemplations. You know: a dash of "MacBeth," a smidgen of "Hamlet." Just enough to make things really sad and miserable. Which was probably a lot more fun in Shakespeare's time, when bad things happened more readily, and simply knowing that what has scourged the actors has not befallen you was in and of itself

an entertaining relief.

However, in today's more sanitized social climate, that's a given. Our tragedies have become sublimated to our greater goal of becoming one with the big yellow smiley face. Women of leisure no longer have the vapors. Melancholia as a sign of breeding is out. If we find our surroundings unhappy, then chances are we are crazy, depressed, low on some very expensive pharmaceutical, or, at the very best, a stick in the mud. And thus when a film astutely, artistically and infallibly reminds us that unspeakable danger lurks in the simplest elements around us, it is a harsh awakening.

But is it entertaining? Does such dire tutelage necessarily fit the definition of entertainment? That, and whether or not the star-crossed characters of "In The Bedroom" might have avoided their anguish, are speculations better left to that compulsory apres film dinner.



"In The Bedroom," rated R, is a Miramax Films release directed by Todd Field and stars Sissy Spacek, Tom Wilkinson and Marisa Tomei. Running time: 130 minutes

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

New Special Ed. Law Will Provide Taxpayer Relief

AREA The NJ School Boards Association recently praised former Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco for signing legislation that will boost the state's commitment to special education — without requiring additional state spending during fiscal year 2002-03.

The bill ultimately will provide state funds to local school districts for all special education costs in excess of \$40,000 per pupil. These costs usually reflect the placement of students in facilities outside the district as a result of state and/or federal requirements or court orders. An NJSBA report issued in 2000 showed that the cost of out-of-district special education placements can exceed \$100,000 per pupil and, in some cases, is above \$200,000 per student. The vast majority of those costs are borne by local property taxpayers.

"The special education funding

act will be remembered as one of the major legacies of the DiFrancesco administration, which never lost sight of the education and health needs of New Jersey's children," said Edwina M. Lee, NJSBA executive director. "The legislation's sponsors, Senators Robert Martin and Richard Bagger, are to be commended for their determination to provide funds that school districts need to meet their state and federal responsibilities for children with special needs."

The additional state aid will also relieve local property taxpayers who shoulder a disproportionate share of state and federally required special education costs, according to NJSBA.

Under the legislation, the new state funding will be phased in over a three-year period, beginning with the 2003-04 budget year. The state will provide the increased funding according to

the following schedule:

2003-04 — 60% of any costs in excess of \$40,000 per pupil and up to \$60,000

2004-05 — 70% of any costs in excess of \$60,000 and up to \$80,000

2005-06 — 80% of any costs in excess of \$80,000

2006-07 and afterward — 100% of special education costs in excess of \$40,000

Because of the state's pending fiscal crisis, the bill was lan-

guishing in the Legislature and was likely to die on the vine when the legislative term ended on Jan. 8. To salvage the bill, NJSBA asked the sponsors to amend it, so there would be no immediate fiscal impact. With the amendment, the legislation gained final approval.

Up to now, school boards had limited opportunity for financial relief from extraordinary special education costs. They could appeal to the state when special

education costs for a student exceeded \$40,000. But not all districts were granted relief and, often, amounts granted represented only partial reimbursement. For example, the state Dept. of Education reports that it received 2,276 applications for additional funds in 2000-01 to assist with extraordinary special education costs. The applications totaled \$33.1 million. Of that amount, only \$14.9 million was provided to local school districts.

Association Grants \$25,000 For Potential Principals

STATE — Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Prudential Foundation, the leadership development program, Principals in Training, will be extending to provide effective training to prepare potential school leaders for New Jersey's public schools. "The Prudential Foundation's investment reflects its commitment to school leadership development," said Jo Ann Bartoletti, Executive Director of the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association. "The quality of our schools depends upon the effectiveness of school principals, and the Principals in Training program seeks to address the increasing shortage of principals by taking potential candidates through a year long training program focusing on skills essential for success in the principalship. We are grateful to the Prudential Foundation for

providing us with the resources to facilitate this project."

The grant will provide potential school leaders with the opportunity to participate in monthly sessions led by highly successful, currently practicing school principals. The program focuses on direct instruction, case studies and job simulated experiences. Training sessions feature topics such as the climate and culture of schools, leadership styles, curriculum planning, supervision and evaluation of staff and school law.

Now in its third year, Principals in Training reaches out to individuals who have completed or are near the end of graduate work or who have been identified as potential school leaders. The program helps to prepare participants to become effective school principals by focusing not only on academic theory, but also on essential

skills and practical knowledge. Candidates come from across the state and represent rural, urban and suburban schools. The program requires that the superintendent of each candidate support participation.

Studies have shown that the United States is in the midst of a severe shortage of school leadership. The Principals in Training program was developed in response to the growing shortage of quality applicants for school leadership positions. It provides a clinical practicum for future principals.

The New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association is the state's largest organization of school administrators, serving over 6,000 school leaders. NJPSA focuses on school quality and the professional leadership needs of all school administrators and supervisors and is dedicated to assign school leaders in their efforts to improve teaching and learning.

Lehigh Students Named To Dean's List

AREA — The following local residents were among the 1,094 Lehigh University students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2001 semester.

- Rachel Heller of Emerson Rd., Clark.
- Lisa McCutcheon of Stonehenge Terr., Clark.

- Jasmine Rieder of Saint Germain Dr., Clark.

- Patrick Buonincontri of Autumn Ct., Colonia.

- Patricia Kosnik of East Cliff Rd., Colonia.

Names were announced by Sharon K. Basso, dean of students.

Undergraduates on the

Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better — on a 4.0 scale — and carried at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Lehigh University is located on the east coast close to New York City and Philadelphia in historic Bethlehem, PA, and is among the nation's most highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh offers the broad academic programs of a leading research university and the personal attention of a small college with a 12-to-1 student-faculty ratio. Four colleges offer more than 110 majors in the liberal arts, business, education, engineering and the sciences. Students can customize their college experience and work with renowned faculty on hands-on projects, internships and innovative studies that cross disciplines. With a culture that encourages diversity and involvement, it is no wonder that Lehigh is widely known as a place where students emerge as leaders in careers and life.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**February Workshops Slated**

AREA — The Center for Women and Families (CWF), located at 1801 E. Second Street in Scotch Plains announces its February 2002 Community Education Workshops. CWF is a community-based non-profit agency offering low and no-cost professional counseling to adults, youths and families, legal consults, support groups for adults and children, community education workshops, job skills training, help-line referrals and more.

On Tues., Feb. 5, Carolyn

Podchaski, Certified Financial Divorce Planner, will present "Hands on Budgeting for Divorce." The workshop, to be held at CWF's headquarters from 7:30-9 p.m., will address ways to cope with financial concerns during and after the divorce process. Simple budgeting tools will be discussed so one can gain a financial picture and plan for the future. Ms. Podchaski also will offer professional tips for finding assets, such as stocks and bonds, bank accounts and pension plans that

a spouse may be withholding.

On Wed., Feb. 6, from 7:30 - 9 p.m., Divorce Mediator Art Lieberman will present "Parting Partners: Simplifying Separation and Divorce" at his offices, 2350 South Avenue, in Scotch Plains. This workshop will help to understand what divorce mediation is and how it can minimize the struggle, confusion, stress and cost of complex divorce proceedings.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, Dr. Christine Masterson, OB-GYN will present "Women's Intra-generational Health and Sexuality" at CWF's offices from 7:30-9 p.m. on topics such as breast health,

STDs, pregnancy, sexual drive, menopause, hormone replacement therapy and more. The workshop offers the expertise of a licensed OB-GYN in connection with health and wellness for adult women and mothers of maturing daughters.

On Mon., Feb. 11, Denise Bane, PhD, Professional Career Counselor, will present "Job Secrets" at CWF's offices from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed include exploring new career options, learn tips for developing a powerful resume that will open doors, and interviewing techniques that will help you get more offers leading to suc-

cessful salary/benefits negotiations.

All CWF Community Education Workshops are \$10, but as with all agency services, the fee can be partly or fully waived for those who cannot afford to pay. Proceeds for these services help support agency operations that in turn benefit the community with an aim towards greater personal stability, success and reward. CWF invites anyone interested in any of these upcoming workshops to register in advance by calling the office at 908-322-6007 as space is limited.

Blood Center Announces Community Blood Drives

AREA — The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate. "Donations continue to lag behind hospital requests for blood," said Judy Daniels, BCNJ spokesperson, "We are continuing to request donors with all types of blood to

donate if they are eligible."

The Blood Center of New Jersey is an independent, non-profit organization supplying blood and blood components to hospitals in Essex, Bergen, Morris, Hudson, Union, Somerset, Passaic, and Middlesex counties. All blood is collected, tested, processed and dis-

tributed in New Jersey.

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Blood Drives slated for February in Middlesex County are:

Fri., Feb. 1, Brill's Karate & Fitness, 45 Broad St., Milltown, 3-8 pm.

Wed., Feb. 6, Rutgers University, Student Center, 126 College Ave., New Brunswick, 10 am - 4 pm.

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EDITORIAL**Readers Commentary****We Can And Will Learn To Fight This New War**

Dear Editor,

The last time the U.S. military went into action, in Kosovo, it relied on jet-fighter aircraft and rockets or smart bombs and electronic technology. The time before that, in Desert Storm, it relied on those same weapons, plus troops using big, fast tanks, trucks and jeeps. Earlier, in Vietnam, it relied on jet bombers and fighters, tanks, electronics, sea power and ground troops equipped with modern weapons. In Korea, it was air, sea and ground firepower, plus maneuver. But this time, in Afghanistan, it will be a different kind of war, one reminiscent of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, battles that were fought more than a half-century ago.

The enemy in Afghanistan will be in caves, rocky defiles, and trenches, armed with rifles, grenades, some mortars, a few radios, and perhaps some radar. Every enemy soldier, apparently will be ready to die in defense of the country. That is as it was on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The difference is the size of Afghanistan, almost as big as Texas, as opposed to Iwo Jima (5 miles long, a cou-

ple of miles wide) or Okinawa (about 25 miles long, generally 2 or 3 miles wide). The Japanese had caves, defiles, and trenches. They had some artillery, mortars, some radio communication and infantry prepared to die.

Before the invasions, the U.S. Navy and the Army Air Force and Navy fighters pounded the islands with shells, bombs and napalm, in two of the most powerful attacks ever. They devastated almost everything above ground. But they hardly took out any enemy soldiers. What worked on Iwo Jima and Okinawa was infantry. The Marines and Army took fearful casualties, as many as if not more than the numbers of enemy on the islands. They took almost no prisoners, not by choice but because the enemy simply would not surrender. The critical weapons were rifles, grenades, to some extent mortars, satchel charges and most of all, flame throwers. To overcome the Japanese, the Americans had to work their way up to the entrances of the caves, then send flames into the openings. That either burned the Japanese or, by sucking out all the oxygen, suffocated them.

The terrorists in Afghanistan have at their disposal what amounts to a nearly unstoppable weapon, in some ways the ultimate weapon. It is a man willing to give up his life for his cause. In World War II, the U.S. Navy took its most severe losses not at Pearl Harbor, the Battle of Midway, or the Battle of the Atlantic, but in the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. What sank more American ships and killed more sailors than any other weapons was the Kamikaze. There was no machine then, and no computer now, that can respond as fast or as accurately as the human eye and brain. Kamikaze pilots are relatively easy to train and difficult to stop.

What we most need is to improve and extend our surveillance. After Pearl Harbor, there were congressional investigations to attempt to find out what happened and why our intelligence was caught so badly off-guard. How on earth in 1941 could American intelligence, at a time of great tension between Japan and the United States, lose the Japanese fleet? Scapegoats were found. Intelligence was improved and extended, and by 1944 was

the best in the world. That can be done again.

We have spent more than half a century providing our military with the best weapons, the most advanced weapons, the technologically superior weapons. They deterred the Soviet Union, as they were designed to do. Now it is not the Soviet Union we are fighting, and few of those high-tech weapons will make much difference in Afghanistan. What we will rely on is the human component, most of all intelligence and especially our ground forces. As is almost always the case in war, it will come down to the poor bloody infantry. But as the Marines and Army showed at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, American soldiers will be there and will prevail.

One final thought: After the unconditional surrender (which we also are demanding of the Taliban), we turned Japan from a feudal, criminal society into a flourishing democracy. Perhaps we could do something similar in Afghanistan. At least we could try.

Henry A. Damen
Edison

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Support Safe Walking Sites

Dear Editor,

Anna Adams, a woman's name- a daughter- a sister- a wife- a senior citizen- a woman that was killed while crossing the street at Cleveland and Inman Avenue, Colonia.

She was struck by a large empty school bus that was making a left turn from Cleveland Avenue onto Inman Avenue and pronounced dead at 4 p.m. on a clear sun shining day.

Did they both have a green light? Who had the right of way? We don't know why or how this happened, but I do know that Anna was a young vibrant 78-year-old woman full of vigor vitality and in good health. A member of all four senior citizen's organizations in Colonia, an avid dancer and daily walker, like many senior citizens who can't afford the health clubs she walked Inman Avenue instead.

I do know that the avenue has

become a challenge and puts in harm's way with its disintegrating, uneven, cracked and tree roots raising sidewalks. The water is discharged by a sump pump and becomes ice for 20 feet of sidewalk. That is a hazard. The Garden State Parkway bridge is hardly ever shoveled unless we call the removal of the snow. Then there is motorist who fails to give us the right of way we with our short and deliberate steps and failing eyesight, they with their 4,5000 LB-200 horsepower weapon blocking the sidewalk, driveways and intersections causing us to go around them and into the street further jeopardizing our safety. We are losing the battle!

I do know that we are in the process of launching a campaign to raise money for a Woodbridge Community High School Track to be located at Colonia High School for all of

our children from JFK High School, Woodbridge High School and St. John Vianney School.

I do know that Anna would have supported and used the track along with our residents and seniors.

Get our children, residents and seniors off Inman Avenue and onto a safe track were we won't have to wear bright orange clothing or reflecting material during the daylight hours and hope that we are seen and even that may not insure our safety.

She was the third woman pedestrian killed on Inman Avenue and I will not let her die in vain.

Support our Community High School Track, Anna Adams would have!

George Vasiliades
President
Senior Citizen's
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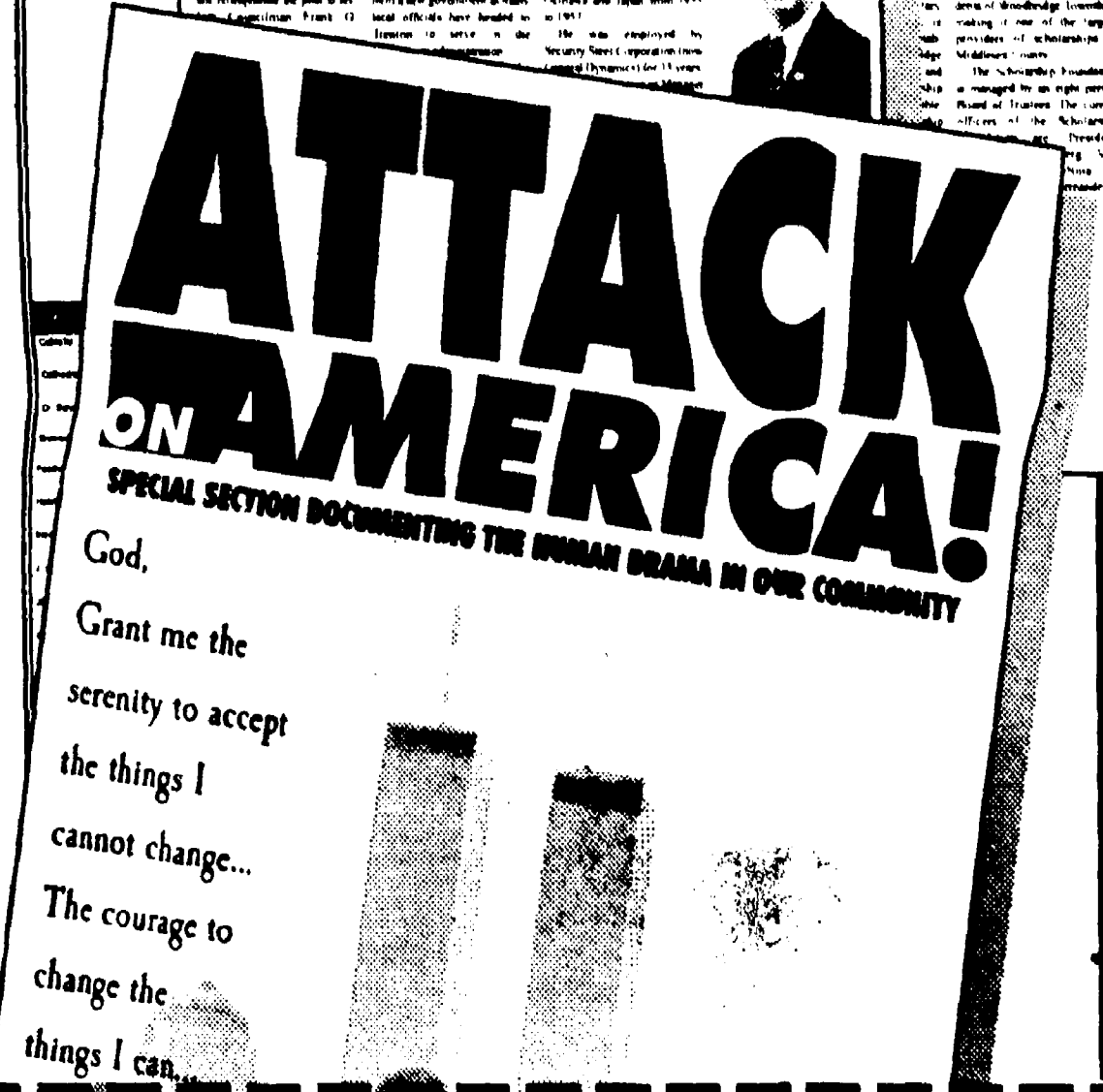
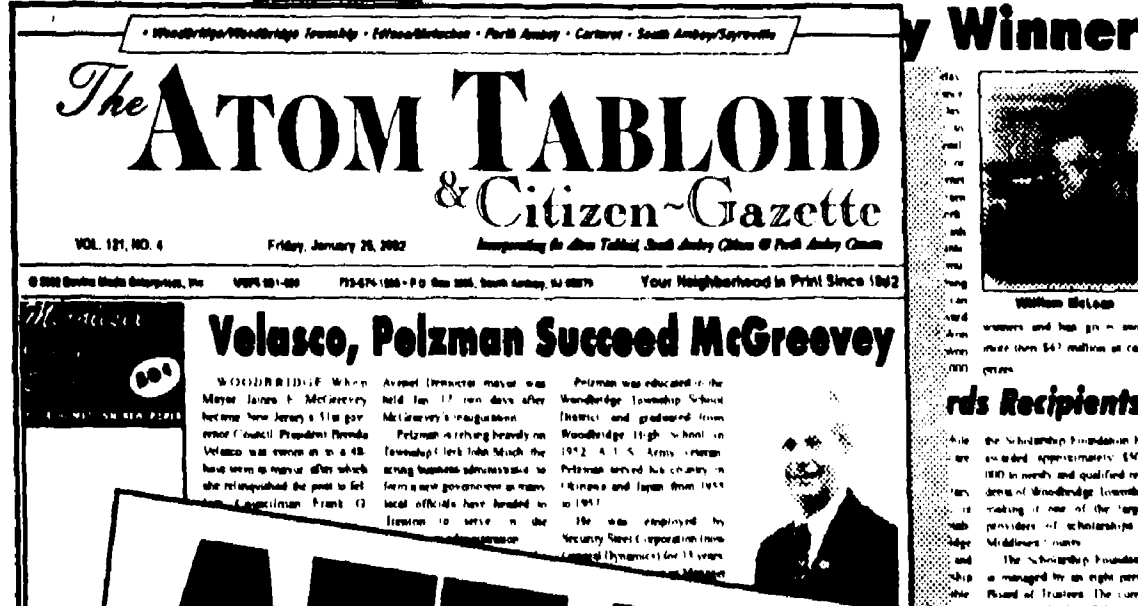
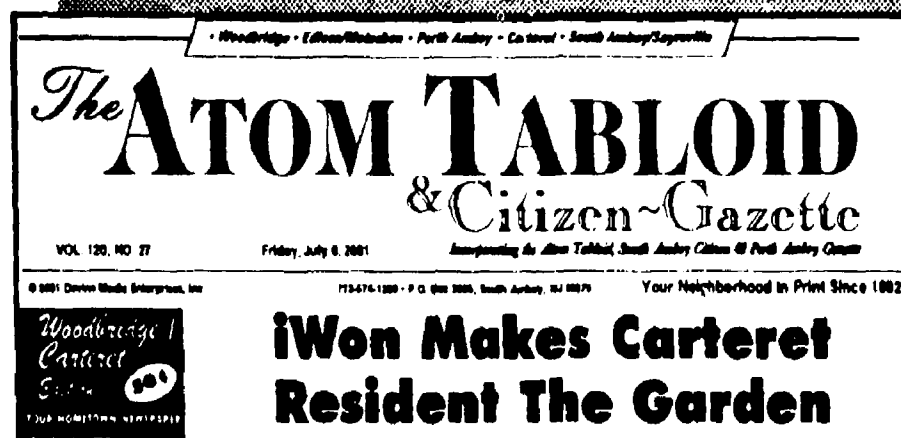
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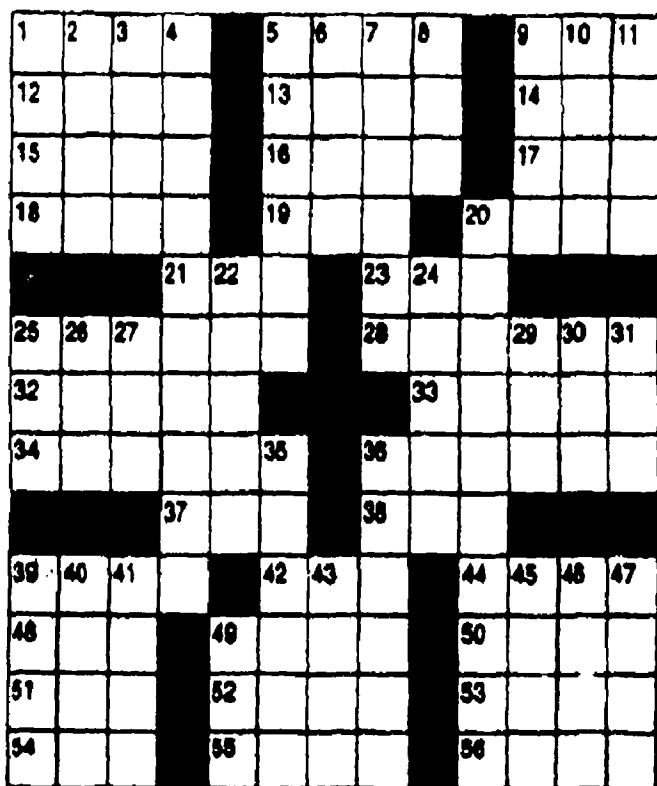
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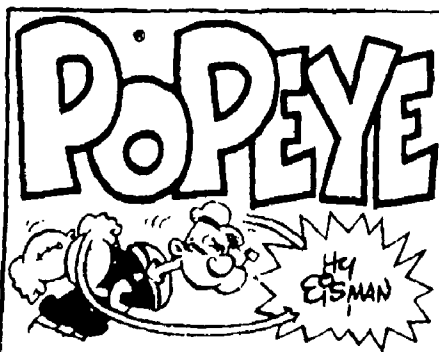


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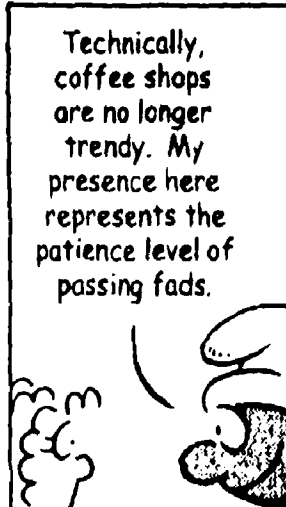
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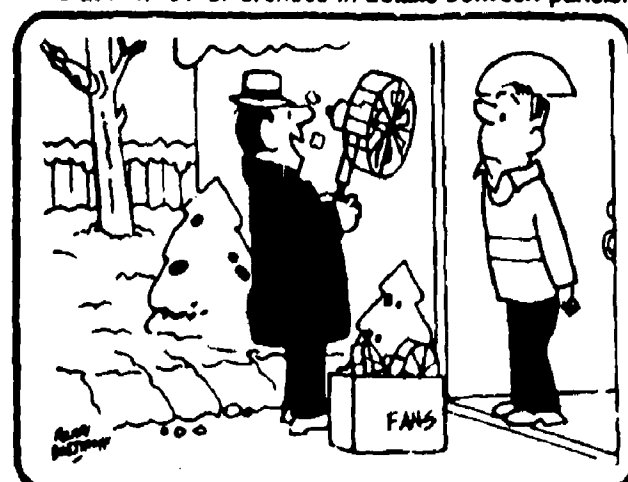


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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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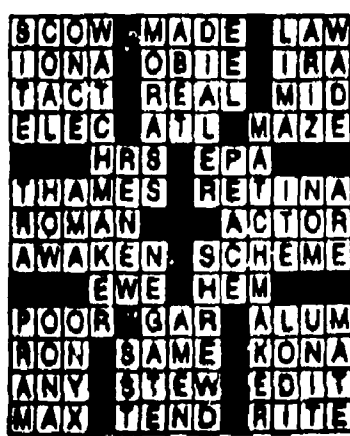
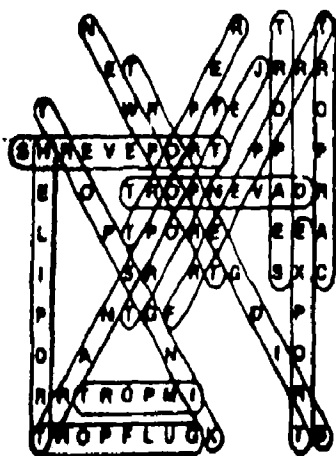
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SWF, 50's, 5'1", petite, attractive, romantic, seeking a white tall man 5'8" + professional 49-56. Someone who is nice so we can both enjoy our time together. ID# 1042

SWF, semi-retired, down to earth, kind and independent, compassionate, homebody but adventurous. Seeking same in senior man. ID# 1044

SHF, 45 years old, 120lbs. I am studying English, I'm from Peru. I like to read, listen to music, dance, talk, cook and go for walks. I'm sensitive, kind, honest and enjoy family. I am Catholic. No smokers/drinkers please. ID# 1036

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between 66-75. I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc. please write. ID# 1034

SWF, Looking for a 70-ish male with a flair for living. Nice appearance, college educated and financially secure, brownish hair. Love to cuddle by Mr. Affectionate. ID# 1033

SWF 69, A compassionate and caring 69 year old SWF is looking for a 70's plus man who likes dining out, walks, theatre, good conversation with a good sense of humor and down to earth, trusting and caring. ID# 1032

SWF 39, Petite, attractive, romantic, adventurous. Enjoys candlelit dinners, traveling, cooking, snuggling. Seeking romantic, honest, outgoing SWM 39-46 for long term relationship. (picture?) ID# 1030

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

DWCM, ISO short female, 40's-50's, sensitive, kind, down to earth; togetherness, LTR. I'm 5'8", strong 175, young 54, hair, educated, homeowner, F/S, no bad habits, retired. Enjoy nature, shore, dining out, animals, homelife. Include phone #, message. ID# 1069

Single Black male, seeks single attractive passionate, 30-40 yrs, hispanic female non-smoking, physical and nice appearance. Let's talk. ID# 1068

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SWM 46, 6'2, 230 lbs seeking SDWHA 30-50 female, who enjoys movies, New York, Vids, music, travel and walks on the beach. ID# 1065

SWM, never-married, 44, 5'9". Seeks black woman 25-50 for dating and relationship. Possible marriage in the future, must be affectionate and love to be cuddled. ID# 1066

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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DWM 53, 5'10", N/S, no pets, salt & pepper hair, hazel eyes, stocky build, 190lbs. Seeking SWF or DWF to share with me all the fun and excitement Atlantic City casinos have to offer. Movies, ball room dancing, languages are my hobbies. Hispanics, Orientals ok. You won't be sorry. ID# 1062

Hi, I am a 34 year old Jewish male, 5'7", who is a college grad and N/S. I'm looking for a single Jewish female, 25-37, for a serious relationship. I'm a big sports fan & have additional interests such as dining out & going to the movies. Give me a try, you'll never know what you'll get! ID# 1058

SWM 48, Athletic build, blue eyes, good looking, N/S, enjoys music (rock, "big hair bands") movies, walking and good times together. Like to meet cute WF who can cook. Teach me! ID# 1059

SWM 45, never married, 5'10", 150 lbs. Kind, considerate, honest, open-minded. Enjoys art, music, movies, reading, traveling and bicycling. Seeks vivacious SWF 30-45 to share life with. ID# 1056

SWM 45, 5'10" 170 lbs, green eyes, brown hair. Enjoys cooking, dining out, good conversation, movies and fun with kids. Looking for a SWW, 40-46, honest, pretty for a LTR & friendship. Good shape and fun loving. ID# 1055

64 yr old, white, widower, seeks white female for honest relationship. I love to travel, dine out, movies etc. I am looking for a woman with a great sense of humor who enjoys the same. ID# 1052

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Old Fashioned, Christian man seeking marriage minded christian woman, 35-60. I enjoy bible study, nature, zoos, NYC, water falls, fire places and hugs. Write and include phone number. ID# 1049

SWM, 44, N/S, 6'2", eyes of blue, seeks N/S female for a very special relationship. Physical features are not as important as in having a heart of gold. I enjoy movies, dining out, sporting events and taking walks. ID# 1051

Retired WWM, trim, fit, 5'9", 155lbs, blue eyes, hair graying, n/s, artistic nature. Enjoys dining, dancing, music, old movies, theater, beaches, mountains. In search of WF dating partner, 50-60, similar traits and interests. need not bat 1000, in the ball park is fine. ID# 1047

Hi, I am a SWM, 49, 6'1" and 185lbs. I am looking to meet a woman for love and LT relationship. I'm sensitive, easy going, sensuous, very secure and honest. Give me a try-nothing to lose. ID# 1039

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless, not too thin, NS. Loves homelife, movies, music, quiet times and travelling, for friendship first. ID# 1057

SWM, 44, never married, stocky build. Enjoys staying home, oldies and talking sports. Non-smoker, a casual drink while dining out. Seeks SWF same, 40-45 for companionship or more. ID# 1038

Annulled WM 60 - Semi-retired ex-teacher, 6ft, blue eyes, husky. Non-smoker, social drinker is refined, easy going, secure, baggage free, seeks S/DWF 48-60 n/s, solvent, polished with old fashioned values for friendship with poss. LTR. ID# 1031 *Rebecca, you responded to ID #1031 but forgot to put your phone#...

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM 52 - Seeks kind, considerate, honest, sensitive, down to earth WF 40-55 for growing old with. Possible marriage in future. Want to be there in the good as well as the bad moments in life. Send photo if possible. ID# 1024

SBM 51 - 5'6" 160 lbs, seeks black/ white woman, 25-50, who is honest, kind and sweet, for a relationship of the best kind. P/P, smoker OK. ID# 1035

FRIENDS

SWF 53 -Hi, I enjoy drives to the country, dining out, dancing and traveling. Prefer a man to be between 55-60 years of age. ID# 1053

ALTERNATIVE

SWM 36 -ISO of other SPM or BM, 21-38 yrs old, enjoys the beach, movies, clubs, smoker/social drinker. Seeking LT relationship, into cuddling, very romantic passionate, seeks same/likes to party, hang out, muscular. send pic w/phone #. ID# 1046

SBF-honest, sincere and loving. Looking for a full figured feminine woman between the ages of 30-40 yrs Looking for a friendship first, possible relationship. I'm a 38 yr old SBF, petite and straight forward n/s, n/d. No bi's please. ID# 1050

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Sophie Pajak, 90 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Sophie L. Pajak of Princeton (formerly of Perth Amboy) died January 21 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 90.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there for 65 years before moving to Princeton 25 years ago.

Her five brothers and six sisters are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, Bernard of Princeton; three granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

Georgina Diaz, 77 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Georgina Diaz of Perth Amboy died January 21 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 77.

Born in Havana, Cuba, she resided in Perth Amboy since 1968.

She was employed by the Perth Amboy Board of Education for the past 30 years, retiring earlier this month.

Mrs. Diaz was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Her son, Lazaro Diaz, died in 1986; and her father, Nilo Najarro, is also deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Hilario Diaz; a son, Jose Diaz of Perth Amboy; a step-daughter, Juana Rosa of Miami, Fla.; her mother, Guadalupe (Sanchez) Najarro of Miami, Fla.; a sister, Carmelina Dudot, also of Miami; two grandsons, Michael and Matthew Diaz and two brothers living in Cuba.

Sophie Sturek, 79 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Sophie (Majdisz) Sturek of Houston, Texas (formerly of Perth Amboy) died January 20 in Triumph Hospital, Channelview, Texas. She was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there until moving to Houston in 1982.

Mrs. Sturek was a communicant of Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Her parents, Paul and Anni Stich Majdisz, are deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Frank Sturek; a son, Francis Sturek of Houston; a brother, Andrew Majdisz of Sayreville; two grandchildren, Michael and Jennifer; a great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Pasquale Stasse of Perth Amboy

Mr. Pasquale J. "Patsy" Stasse of Perth Amboy died January 20 in Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. He was 68.

Born in South River, he formerly resided in South Amboy before in 1982.

He retired two years ago after more than 40 years as a quality-control inspector.

Mr. Stasse served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

His wife, Lois Ann, died in 1965.

Surviving are two sons, John R. Stasse of Keansburg and Guy E. Stasse of Perth Amboy; two daughters, Lori Ann Gentile of Keansburg and Leandra Falco of Cliffwood Beach; his companion and friend of more than 20 years, Joan White of Tuckerton; ten grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Doris Dumansky, 81 of Carteret

Mrs. Doris Florence (Beardsmore) Dumansky of Toms River (formerly of Carteret) died January 20 in Toms River. She was 81.

Born in Birmingham, England, she lived in Carteret for many years, then in Florida for 10 years before moving to Toms River in 1988.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Dumansky was a member of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Carteret.

Her husband, Walter, died in 1988; and a brother and sister, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Suoninen of Toms River; a son, Thomas Dumansky of Toms River; and seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Reuben W. Hager active in Metuchen

Mr. Reuben W. Hager of Edison died January 17 in The Woodlands, Plainfield. He was 88.

Born in Moscow, Idaho, he lived in Metuchen before moving to Edison in 1962.

He was employed by Georgia Pacific Corp., Clifton, before retiring in 1978.

He was a graduate of the University of Idaho.

Mr. Hager served in the Air Force during World War II and received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star.

He was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church and active with the Boy Scouts, the Little League and the Young Men's Christian Association, all of Metuchen.

Mr. Hager was also a member and past president of the Metuchen Riding and Hunt Club and a member of the Metuchen Golf and Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Fern; two sons, Gary and Glen N.; and two grandchildren.

Walter Bagan, 84 of Edison

Mr. Walter M. Bagan of Edison died January 20 at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. He was 84.

Born in Jersey City, he lived there for 40 years until moving to Edison, where he resided for the remainder of his life.

He was a union carpenter with Local 1456 in New York City for 25 years before retiring in 1980.

He was also employed as a school crossing guard for 15 years.

Mr. Bagan was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's R.C. Church, Edison, where he had served as an usher, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Edison Police Reserve and the Bonhamtown Senior Citizens, Edison.

Surviving are his wife, Alice of Edison; three daughters, Mary Kemps of Union, Diane Kaus of Linden and Judith Lowe of Edison; and ten grandchildren.

Margaret Herrmann of Edison

Mrs. Margaret M. Herrmann of Edison died January 19 in the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. She was 72.

Born in Newark, she lived in Long Branch for 30 years and Clark before moving to Edison in 1997.

She was a supervisor in the payroll department of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in East Orange, where she worked for 11 years before retiring in 1996.

Earlier, she worked in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Newark and Fine Far Markets, Long Branch.

Mrs. Herrmann was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 3459 and the American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 1066 of Colonia.

Surviving are a son, James M.; four daughters, Margaret Dispenzere, Jeanne Denes, Emma Kluesner and Patricia Bastianelli; and five grandchildren.

Frank J. Carniglia of Metuchen

Mr. Frank J. Carniglia of Metuchen died January 19 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 51.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Metuchen for 24 years.

He was employed by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority at the Meadowlands Racetrack as a betting-window cashier since 1976.

Surviving are his wife, Lorraine; a son, Frank T.; a daughter, Stephanie; his mother, Angelina Carniglia; a sister, Margaret and a brother, John.

Wallace E. Wagner of Parlin

Mr. Wallace E. Wagner of Perth Amboy died January 20 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 64.

Born in South River, he resided in Sayreville most of his life.

Before his retirement in 1991, he was employed as a pasteurizer with Haagen Dazs ice Cream, Woodbridge for 12 years.

He owned and operated Wally's Sharpening Service in Parlin during that time. Prior to that, he worked for Costa Ice Cream Co.

Mr. Wagner served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Disbrow; a daughter, Laurie Occhipinti of Parlin; three sons, Wallace Jr. and Keith, both of Parlin; and Glenn of South Amboy; a stepfather, Jason Wren of Mesquite, Texas; a sister, Tracy Little, also of Mesquite and 12 grandchildren.

Thomas J. Viola, 33 of Parlin

Mr. Thomas J. Viola of Parlin died January 19 at Willow Creek Care Center, Somerset. He was 33.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he resided in Parlin for the past 25 years.

He was a graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School, where he was a member of the varsity wrestling team.

He also was a former member of the Sayreville Men's Softball Team.

Mr. Viola was a communicant of St. Bernardette's R.C. Church, Old Bridge.

Surviving are his parents, Thomas A. and Rose (Leone) Viola; and a brother, Anthony J. Viola of Parlin.



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OBITUARIES**Hakim D. Boutros of Parlin**

Mr. Hakim D. Boutros of Parlin died January 21 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 67.

Born in Beni-Suef, Egypt, he resided in Parlin since 1981.

Before his retirement last year, he was employed as chief accountant with Confort & Company, Long Island City, N.Y., where he worked for 21 years.

Mr. Boutros was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville.

Three sisters, Hekmat, Mary and Monira Boutros, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife, the former Andree Noujaim; a daughter, Christine Boutros of Old Bridge; a son, Paul Boutros of Maple Shade; a brother, Maurice Boutros and four sisters, Victoria, Alice, Fawzia and Dr. Esther Boutros, all of Egypt.

John M. Finn, 73 of Parlin

Mr. John M. "Jackie" Finn of Parlin died January 18 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. He was 73.

Born in Jersey City, he moved to Parlin in 1956.

He was a truck driver with Preston Trucking 151 Line, Bordentown, where he worked for 25 years before retiring. Previously, he worked for the National Lead Co., Sayreville for 20 years.

Mr. Finn was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 641.

He served in the Navy during World War II, and was a member of the Sayreville Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 4699.

He was a member of the Jersey City Knights of Columbus Paulish Hook Council 475.

Mr. Finn was also a charter member of the Madison Park First Aid Squad, the Matt Talbot Retreat Movement and the Step One Club, South Amboy.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Irene; two sons, John and Timothy; three daughters, Eileen Boyd, Patty DeFalco and Cathy Marrero; a sister, Catherine Gotti; a brother, Joseph; and six grandchildren.

Stephen H. Longo of Parlin

Mr. Stephen H. Longo of Parlin died January 19 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. He was 84.

Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Parlin since 1955.

He was an executive chef with Johnson & Johnson and Ortho, both in New Brunswick, before retiring 20 years ago. Earlier, he had been executive chef at the U.S. Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Pa.

Before that, he owned and operated the Madison Pine Restaurant, Perth Amboy, for ten years.

Mr. Longo served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 21 and the Police Reserve, both in Sayreville.

Surviving are Constance, his wife of 60 years; two sons, Stephen H. and Mark; a brother, Nicholas; a sister, Marie Lunetta and two grandchildren.

Alice E. Parisen, 78 of Avenel

Mrs. Alice Evelyn Geertsens Parisen of Avenel died January 8 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 78.

Born in Philadelphia, she lived in Avenel for over 50 years.

She was an active member of the Girl Scouts of America for over 25 years, serving as a leader. She served as the Girl Scout organizer for Middlesex County and was also a delegate for many years, which are both elected positions.

She was a nursery school teacher, Sunday School teacher, class mother, and Vacation Bible School teacher for most of her life.

Her husband, Raymond J. Parisen; a son, Raymond Jr.; a brother, John Geertsens and her parents, Kristian Geertsens and Violet Cloud Geertsens, are all deceased.

Surviving are four daughters, Susan Parisen, with whom she lived; Kathleen Milano of Woodbridge, Helen Steever of Hilton Head, S.C., and Christine Parisen of Perth Amboy; a sister, Violet Hanson of Spring Hill, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Stacy Dodich Ramos, Nicole McGrath, Vincent Milano, Karen Dunn, Kristin Dodich, Christina Milano-Vazquez, Michael Steever and Sarah Milano and two great-granddaughters.

Viola A. Cedrone of Woodbridge

Mrs. Viola A. Cedrone of Woodbridge died January 7 in the JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 72.

Born in Newark, she moved to Woodbridge 47 years ago.

She was a beautician at Salon 57 in Fords for 20 years.

Mrs. Cedrone was a member of the St. Cecelia's Rosary Society and Senior Citizens in Iselin.

She was also a member of the Iselin Senior Citizens and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Lucius R.; a son, Robert; four daughters, Barbara Christine, Lorraine Kelly, Dolores Scheurman and Michelle Kopko; a brother, Alphonse Pecoraro; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Frank Knautz, 83 of Fords

Mr. Frank Knautz of Fords died January 8 at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. He was 83.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Fords for over 50 years.

He graduated from Perth Amboy Vocational and Technical High School, earning his degree in interior finishing.

Mr. Knautz owned and operated Timkin Welding Service, Woodbridge from 1948 until his retirement in 1981. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1937-39.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a technical sergeant with the 9th Armored Division 60th Infantry Battalion, in the Normandy, Central European, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church, Fords.

His wife, the former Elizabeth Timko, died in 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley K. Alters of Bloomsburg, Pa.; a son, Frank S. Knautz of Sarasota, Fla.; two grandchildren, Jennifer L. and Daniel E. Alters and a devoted friend and longtime companion, Viola Oram of New Brunswick.

Emery Roman, 94 of Fords

Mr. Emery Roman of Fords died January 7 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 94.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, he lived in Fords since 1938.

He was an electrician with General Cable Co., Perth Amboy, for 30 years before retiring in 1972.

Mr. Roman was a member of the Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Martha Roman; six sons, James Roman of New Brunswick, Robert Roman of Toms River, Nicholas Roman of East Brunswick, Donald Roman of Holmdel, Joseph Roman of Edison and Ernest Roman of Avenel; a daughter, Martha Olwiany of Edison; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Wayne M. Wood, 45 of Avenel

Mr. Wayne M. Wood of Readington Township (formerly of Avenel) died January 21 at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown. He was 45.

Born in Augusta, Ga., he formerly resided in Avenel before moving to Readington in 1980.

He was employed as a forklift operator with Raritan Valley Recycling, Raritan Township.

Surviving are his parents, Herbert R. and Lillian Wood of Readington; a sister, Dawn A. Slicklen of Flemington; four brothers, Reid F. Wood of Woodbridge, Daniel J. Wood of Alpha, Clark A. Wood of Readington and Walter F. Wood of Lambertville; five nieces and four nephews.

Elsie C. Post, 56 Edison HS teacher

Mrs. Elsie C. Post of Avenel died January 16 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 56.

Born in New Brunswick, she moved to Avenel many years ago.

She was an art teacher at JFK High School, Edison. Earlier, she had been an art teacher at Colonia High School and a bedside tutor.

Mrs. Post was a member of the New Jersey Education Association.

She was a patron of the Barron Arts Center, Woodbridge, where her art work has been displayed. She was also a member of the Rockport Art Association, Rockport, Mass.

Mrs. Post earned a bachelor's degree in art education from Montclair State University and a master's degree in education from Kean College, Union.

Surviving are her husband of 32 years, Neil; a daughter, Christina and her parents, Elsie and Earl Carstensen.

Michael S. Toth, 80 of Hopelawn

Mr. Michael S. Toth of Hopelawn died January 18 at Roosevelt Care Center, Edison. He was 80.

His wife, Claire A. Hoffmann Toth, died in 1999 and two brothers, Joseph and Emery Toth, are both deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Michele Kutcher of Hopelawn and a granddaughter, Samantha Kutcher.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**A New Addition**

EDISON Colleen M. Sica of Brick has joined Professional Eyecare Services, the practice of Drs. Papa and Grosso, Edison. Sica graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia where she received her doctorate degree. She completed residency training at the New Jersey Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

Dr. Sica was a member of the Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society and received recognition for clinical excellence in Pediatrics and an Alumni Association Award for outstanding scholarship.

Dr. Sica, daughter of Mr.



Dr. Colleen M. Sica

and Mrs. James Trenchard of Bridgewater, is the wife of Michael Sica, Esq., originally of Carteret.

Guidance Department Offers Financial Aid Workshop

PERTH AMBOY—Perth Amboy High School will host a financial aid workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

John Iacovelli from the Higher Education Student Assistance authority will be the presenter. He will discuss the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Aid).

Parents of students planning to attend colleges, community/junior colleges, hospital schools, and technical, vocational and business schools in September will receive assistance in completing the FAFSA.

Parents of all students attending high school are invited to attend to learn about grants, loans, and scholarships. As the costs of higher education continues to increase parents should become aware of all financial aid programs available through federal, state and private sources.

Refreshments will be served.

NJIT Awards Degrees, Honors

COLONIA Sandra Barry of Colonia, is the top graduating student at New Jersey Institute of Technology's winter graduation which was held on Jan. 23.

Barry, who graduated magna cum laude from NJIT's School of Architecture, was the commencement speaker. She is an honors student at NJIT, in the prestigious Albert Dorman Honors College and graduated with a grade point average of 3.8.

While at NJIT she received a design award from the Architecture School and she also studied abroad at the University of Sienna, Italy.

She is a graduate of Colonia High School.

NJIT's 119th commencement exercises were held in Prudential Hall, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark.

James Stewart Polshek, an esteemed architect chosen to design the Clinton Presidential Library and Carol Bartz, the president of the world's largest personal computer software firm both received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees during the event.

NJIT awarded some 450 bachelor's, 547 master's and 29 doctoral degrees.



New Jersey Institute of Technology honors graduate Sandra Barry, of Colonia, with NJIT President Saul K. Fenster

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K-Mart Declares Bankruptcy

AVENEL—The blue light seems to be fading at K-Mart. The beleaguered retailer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on January 22.

While the recession has made the environment for retailers tough in general, this is just the latest in a string of bad news for K-Mart.

Not only has the company announced that weak December sales would cause it to miss analysts' earnings estimates for the fiscal year ended Jan. 30, but credit rating agencies Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's have each downgraded their credit ratings on the discount retailer.

The company has 20 retail stores in New Jersey, including one on St. Georges Avenue, Avenel.

Competition from more nimble discount retailers like Wal-Mart and Target has made

it a difficult environment for K-Mart to compete in, say analysts.

Chief among K-Mart's problems, say industry watchers, are its ability to compete on price, which stems from an inefficient supply-chain infrastructure.

While discounter Wal-Mart is renowned for its "just-in-time" inventory system that allows the company to restock products as necessary and keep its costs low, K-Mart lacks this efficiency.

"They decided to take Wal-Mart on by way of trying to create what they call price parity," says Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, Montclair. "That is impossible. You can't do that with Wal-Mart. That's like having the state of Luxembourg declare war on the United States."

Four Chaplains Service To Be Held

CARTERET The American Legion Post 263, Carteret, will be hosting a service for the four chaplains who sacrificed their lives in World War II on Sunday,

February 3 at 2 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 714 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret. The public is invited to attend.