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Roberto Clemente Charter School Scheduled To Open In September

PERTH AMBOY — The Board of Trustees of the Roberto Clemente Charter School is pleased to announce the opening of the school scheduled for September 5. The school has recently executed a lease for facility space to include classrooms, laboratories, cafeteria and administrative offices at the property formerly known as the Most Holy Rosary School located on Barclay Street, Perth Amboy. All necessary renovations will be completed prior to the opening of the school in September, and the school anticipates taking occupancy in the month of August, for staff training and administrative activities.

The R.C.C.S. is currently accepting applications for enrollment for grades 6 and 9, the two grades to be served during the first year. Applications may be obtained by contacting the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development at 100 First

Street, Perth Amboy, where the school has its temporary administrative office. Seventy-two students will be accepted for each grade for a total of 144 students this year. Next year, grades 7 and 10 will be added. The following year grades 8 and 11 will be added and finally in year 4, grade 12 will complete the enrollment at 500 students. The first enrollment period has ended and the enrollment is now open to students from any district, although it is anticipated that the majority of interest will be from the Perth Amboy school district.

Charter Schools are public schools, subject to the same standards of educational practice held for any public school. For example, they must meet and exceed the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and students are tested utilizing the standard State mandated tests. However, the charter schools are independently oper-

ated by a Board of Trustees comprised of educators, parents, community leaders, entrepreneurs and others. The quality and integrity of the schools is monitored by local and state officials and the schools have interactive relations with the County Superintendent and the N.J. Department of Education through the Office of School Choice. In effect, the oversight is greater than for district schools.

Charter Schools offer a choice to parents and students; parents have the right to register their children for charter schools and the charter schools are required to accept the students who register with no screening or testing procedures prior to enrollment. If more students register within a specific enrollment period than slots allow, a lottery is held.

The R.C.C.S. will offer a smaller class size, with 18 students per classroom, and teacher assistants are also available to

further increase the ratio of adults to students and to provide one-to-one communication and assistance to students where appropriate. Students will wear the school uniform, identifying the school to the community and offering an opportunity to foster pride in the school. This program also reduces competition among students and reduces financial burden on families to provide school clothing.

The R.C.C.S. was founded by a group of individuals with diverse backgrounds, representing the community of Perth Amboy, who came together with the common belief that an excellent education is the ticket to the potential for success for its students. The current members of the board of Trustees are: Rev. Robert J. McCoy, Sr.—President, Margie A. Perez—Treasurer, Dr. Jaime Santamaria II, Manuel Seda, Ana Maria Zevallos, Robin Andjuar, Wanda Guilioghty, Jorge Cruz and Robin Trinidad. Ms. Lydia Trinidad—Executive Director of PRAHD is a founding member and current Lead Person for the School. The Board of Trustees is currently recruiting for all staff positions; applications can be made to the Board through the office at PRAHD.

The school has been given the name Roberto Clemente Charter School in honor of Roberto Clemente, a Latin American man whom many feel was the greatest baseball player in history. Born in Puerto Rico, he spent most of

his baseball career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, where he achieved recognition as National League batting champion, outstanding fielding, most valuable player and achieving 3,000 hits. He was the first Latino American player to be elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. He died in a plane crash on a mission to help others—victims of an earthquake.

"Our students need to develop the skills to compete in their rightful places in the community, the nation and the world. These skills, which will be emphasized throughout the curriculum in the school include multiple languages, math and science, technology and leadership," stated Rev. Robert J. McCoy, Sr., President of the RCCS Board of Trustees, in referring to the five focus areas of the school emphasized in the Charter Application and the basis for the curriculum and activities planned for the school.

The importance of the involvement of parents and the community cannot be overestimated. The involvement of parents is not only important, it is considered a must in the education of our youth and their academic success. The school welcomes all families and any interested members of the community to join in the joint effort for a better community, a better nation, and for a better and brighter future for all.

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iWon Makes Carteret Resident The Garden State's 98th Lucky Winner

CARTERET—Destination portal iWon.com awarded its \$10,000 Daily Prize to William McLean from Carteret. As an iWon user, McLean, 49, became eligible for a chance to win the site's various cash rewards simply by using iWon for things like searching the Web, reading the news, checking the local weather, sending and receiving emails, tracking stock quotes, etc.

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guaranteed cash prizes ranging from \$10,000 to a chance to win \$25 million. iWon has been giving away \$10,000 a day since its October 1999 launch. In addition to the \$10,000 cash giveaway, iWon also awards \$100,000 a month and a chance at \$25 million once a year. Through the Monthly Bonus Prize Program, iWon users can win terrific prizes like a vacation, home entertainment system or a shopping spree.

When asked what he plans to do with his iWon.com \$10,000 prize, McLean responded, "Las Vegas, here I come!"

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William McLean

Children Safer With New Sex Offender Law

STATE—Legislation sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale that would make information about sex offenders available online was signed into law by Acting Governor DiFrancesco.

"Families in New Jersey deserve to know if their children are threatened by a dangerous predator living in their neighborhood," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex), a member of the Senate Task Force on Internet Access to Sex Offender Registration. "This Internet registry will let parents do their own research instead of relying on others to notify them. The people of New Jersey spoke at the polls last November and this law is our answer."

The new law creates a system for making information about sex-offenders who have been found to pose a risk to the general public available over the Internet.

Records about all offenders classified as "high-risk," and certain offenders classified as "moderate risk" would be accessible by the general public. The information will include the offender's name, address, photograph, information about his vehicle, and a

brief description of his crime.

"The registry will still give parents information about sex offenders who live near their homes, but unlike the current community notification program it will also let them research offenders who may live near the places their children play or go to school," said Senator Vitale. "After the ballot measure passed the Senate Task Force worked hard to draft a fair and balanced law. The bottom line is that this will protect the children of New Jersey."

The law institutes criminal penalties for any use of the online information to commit a crime or to deny offenders access to insurance, loans, housing, or other goods or services.

It also creates the Internet Registry Advisory Council, made up of nominees from the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the General Assembly, to oversee the implementation and operations of the Internet registry.

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Cornell Hall Resident Wins Contest

UNION—Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center resident, 91-year-old Josephine Fortenbacher, was recently honored by friends and family at the long-term care facility for receiving the honor of having a painting she composed appear in the 2001 NeighborCare Pharmacy Calendar.

Cornell Hall's Recreation Department received a letter from the organization, which provides pharmacy services to the facility, announcing a con-

test it was holding for long-term care residents in New Jersey. "My mother loved to fish, sew, crochet and knit," said Josephine's son Charles Fortenbacher. "As far as I know, this is the first time she ever took a stab at painting." With the encouragement and guidance of Cornell Recreation Assistant Desi Vito, Josephine was motivated to dive into the project.

Besides having the print placed in the NeighborCare calendar, the staff at Cornell

Hall had the painting professionally framed and presented Josephine with her favorite desserts, a homemade jelly roll cake from the Brookdale Bakeshop in Union.

Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 177-bed long-term care facility located at 234 Chestnut Street, Union, is an affiliate of the St. Barnabas Health Care System.

For more information, call (800) 222-9147 or visit them on the web at www.saintbarnabas.com.



Pictured here from (L.-R.) Cornell Hall Recreation Assistant Desi Vito presents Josephine with her winning painting, *Memories of the Beach*, as her son Charles Fortenbacher and daughter-in-law AnnaMarie look on proudly. Josephine's sister-in-law Alma Fortenbacher also attended the celebration.

America's Night Out Against Crime

CARTERET—On Tuesday, Aug. 7, neighborhoods throughout Carteret are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "18th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime/drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Carteret Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, will involve over 9,600 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military

bases around the world. In all, over 32 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime' on Aug. 7. NNO 2001 is supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know

neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7-10 p.m. on Aug. 7, residents in neighborhoods throughout Carteret and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "The National Night Out campaign is an extraordinary way to build neighborhood unity and strengthen police-community partnerships. On Aug. 7, we invite neighborhoods

nationwide to join forces with us to Give Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party."

Residents of Carteret who would like to take part in National Night-Out 2001, are urged to contact Susan Skoczypiec, Coordinator of the event, at (732) 541-4127. As we did in 2000, we are asking all residents of Carteret to put their exterior lights on and spend a nice summer's evening outdoors, in a show of unity against crime and drugs. If you would like us to make a special stop at your residence, call and I will put your name on our list.

Free National Night Out promotional items will be handed out at this time, while supplies last. The National Night Out T-Shirts are on a first-come, first serve basis, so make sure you call early. This will ensure a shirt will be put aside for you. The cut-off date for calling is Friday, Aug. 3.

National Night-Out 2000 was such a huge success thanks to the more than 250 adults and children of Carteret who took part. We look forward to this year's National Night-Out 2001 being even bigger and better.

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Endangered Siberian Tiger Cub Saved

AREA — Just over two months ago, a tiny Siberian tiger cub was born at the Six Flags Wild Safari animal park, Jack-son. Despite the fact that this rare and amazing birth marked a milestone in the battle to save this endangered species, this cub's mom abandoned her sickly little boy.

In the wild, the law of the land is "survival of the fittest," and this fuzzy little cub certainly would have died. But thanks to the immediate action of the Six Flags Wild Safari veterinary team, the cub was rescued and taken in by nearly 30-year Veterinary Technician and Education Coordinator Karen Yuchinski.

Yuchinski, an exotic animal expert who has hand-raised many animals including kangaroos, giraffes, antelope, baboons, bear cubs and more, devoted herself to the around-the-clock care of this



and fight for survival led the Safari staff to name him "Rocky Jr."

Siberian tigers are an endangered species and considered the largest of all the "big cats." Natives of Russia and Manchuria, they typically reach a length of 13 to 14 feet, and weight of approximately 650 lbs. They have a life expectancy of 16 to 22 years. The Six Flags Wild Safari features seven Siberian tigers in its tiger section, which also showcases beautiful white Bengal tigers.

According to Yuchinski, Rocky Jr. will be introduced to the general public at approximately five months of age when he will be mixed with his twin sisters, two-year-old cubs Tatiana and Anastasia. "Rocky needs to be strong enough to defend himself during sibling horseplay," she noted.

needy cub assuming the role of "surrogate mother." Caring him home daily for nighttime feedings, the cub rarely left her sight. After nearly eight weeks of loving care, this feisty little orange and black-striped cat is out of danger and on his way to a long and healthy life. His lively personality, strong will

Perth Amboy Signs Ferry Lease: Vessel Makes First Sail To Manhattan

PERTH AMBOY—The past gave way to the present recently as Mayor Joseph Vas hosted a ceremony at Perth Amboy's historic ferry slip to officially sign the redeveloper lease agreement with Lighthouse Fast Ferry, Inc. for the operation of high-speed ferry service to Manhattan. Following the ceremony, nearly 200 invited guests made their way to the adjacent marina to board one of the Lighthouse's ferry vessels for a trial run to Manhattan.

"This is a monumental occasion for Perth Amboy. For over 300 years, ferry service has played a crucial role in the City by the Bay. We are pleased to join with Lighthouse Fast Ferry in re-establishing this timeless

transportation mode and making commuting easier and more enjoyable for everyone," stated Mayor Joseph Vas.

Lighthouse Fast Ferry—a publicly traded company from West Caldwell, trading under the symbol "LHFF"—will operate its line from the Southwest—Area 1 of Perth Amboy's FOCUS 2000 Redevelopment Plan, which lies along the Raritan River near the Victory Bridge. Rather than operating from the historic ferry slip which is now a registered landmark on both the state and national register of historic places, PARA will lease LHFF approximately nine acres of the IGI property that is being conveyed to the agency. The lease

features an option for LHFF to ultimately purchase the land.

LHFF will also be responsible for all of the upland improvements, including construction of an access road to connect with the new industrial road built by the city. They also plan to construct a ferry terminal facility that will include enclosed waiting areas, restrooms, ticket offices and approximately 600-750 parking spaces.

LHFF has already retained the firm of Langan Engineering & Environmental Services of Elmwood Park to prepare the plans. Pending approval of all applications from the NJ Department of Environmental

Protection, LHFF hopes to begin construction within three to six months and have the ferry service fully operational within the next year.

LHFF will operate two 250-passenger ferries between Perth Amboy and Pier II on Manhattan's East River. The ferries will operate three hourly trips into Manhattan on weekday mornings from 6:10-8 a.m. and five hourly return trips in the evening between 4:10-8 p.m. Cruising at 35 knots, the ferry service will make two stops in lower Manhattan. The Wall Street-Pier II stop will be easily reached in 40 minutes and the Manhattan Pier 34 stop in just under 50 minutes.

"This trial run demonstrates

how easy and hassle-free commuting to Manhattan can be. Why bother with the hassles of traffic, congestion and rising gas costs when you can relax and enjoy the luxuries that Lighthouse Fast Ferry offers?" stated Mayor Vas.

Ferry passenger amenities will include a galley serving coffee, pastries, soda, beer and snacks, a TV/VCR system, an audio/stereo system, comfortable seating with tables and outside viewing areas for use during warm weather months. LHFF has also proposed use of the ferries for excursion services and possibly personal charters.

For additional information, contact Mayor Vas at (732) 826-7121.

Annual Woodbridge Elks Picnic

WOODBIDGE—On Sept. 8, three days before the horrible sneak attack upon our nation, by terrorist murderers, all seemed tranquil in the town of Woodbridge. It was a warm, balmy day and Lodge #2116 held its annual picnic. Members, their families and friends enjoyed good fellowship, good food, drink and

entertainment.

The veterans from the Menlo Park Memorial Home were the honored guests of the Lodge and they enjoyed all the festivities, especially watching the children playing their games and dancing to the music. Edward C. Plantz, P.E.R. chaired the event and he and his staff of volunteers pro-

vided a day of wonderful memories for all who were there. It was to the last of the happy days for some time to come.

The next event was to be a Community Prayer Meeting at the Lodge, a few days later, for the innocent victims who were killed in that dastardly attack.

Middle School Participates In Relay For Life

AVENEL—Avenel Middle School students, along with many faculty members joined in and participated in the *Relay For Life* fundraising event sponsored by The American Cancer Society. The event took place on May 18 at The Club at Woodbridge. Participants raised money through donations and pledges from friends and families. Mr. Rauso and Mrs. Fennessey, advisors of The Service-Learning Club at Avenel Middle School worked diligently to encourage students to donate loose change along with providing the students an opportunity to wear a baseball style hat,

during the school day for a 50-cent donation to the *Relay For Life* event. "We had an overwhelming response, the students often donated a dollar instead of the requested 50 cents. It means so much to see our students recognize the importance of finding a cure for cancer, a disease that has an affect on all of us," said Fennessey. The evening participants walked laps on the outdoor track for nearly six hours. Avenel Middle School was recognized for the most "Team Spirit" along with receiving the award for "Top Fundraising Youth Group," with donations totaling \$1,700.



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We've heard so much about bombing missions over Afghanistan and the hundreds of fighter jets and bombers involved in Operation Enduring Freedom, but there's a homeland defense mission known as Operation Noble Eagle keeping skies over America safe.

Last week, Devine Media Newspapers got the chance to go along with the 108th Air Refueling Wing aboard a KC-135.

Our own James J. Devine and Rob Barker got up close

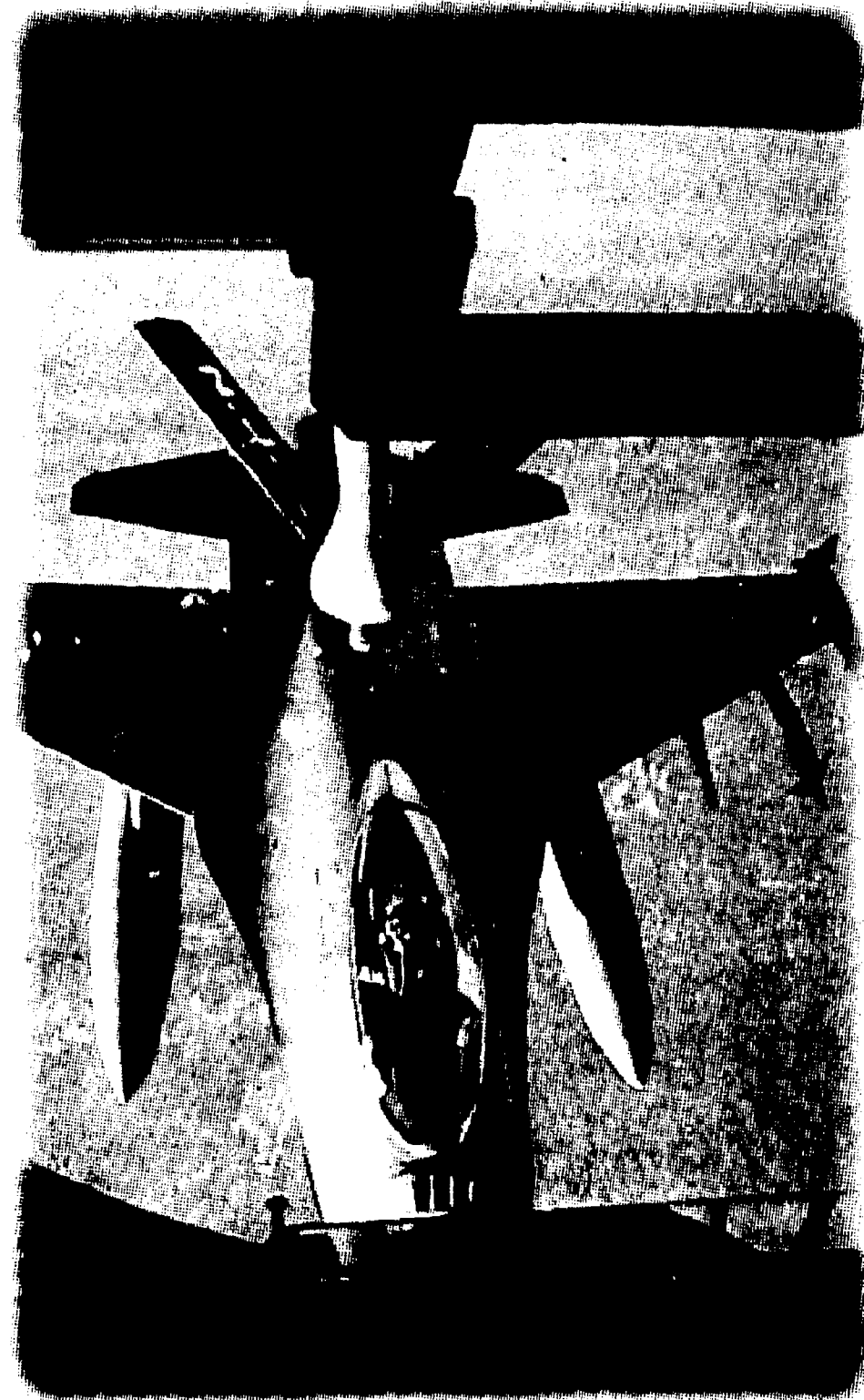
and personal to a number of F-16s, cruising at 350 to 500 mph while they loaded up on fuel.

The 108th's mission is to keep those fighters and bombers in the air for long periods of time by providing jet fuel while the aircraft remain thousands of feet in the sky.

"You do kind of get the sensation that you're not moving. But when you look in the background and you see clouds flying by you. It's pretty cool," said Tech Sgt. Ed, a KC-135 boom operator.

"As the fighter jets came close to the KC-135, we could just about see the pilots' eyes," Devine said. "With 1.7 million gallons of jet fuel under you and a heavily-armed fighter 15 feet away, there's a moment when you consider the valor of people who do this every day."

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LOWER THE BOOM... The mid-air refueling by New Jersey Air National Guard units involves connecting a KC-135 to F-15 and F-16 fighter aircraft with a "boom" -- identified by the arrow in the top center of this photograph -- from which fuel is loaded into the the fighters during combat air patrol somewhere over the Northeastern United States, as part of Operation Noble Eagle.

Devine Media photo by R.E. Barker

County Residents Receive Military Award

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The Distinguished Service Medal, New Jersey's top military award, were presented to 259 state residents in a special award ceremony on May 9 at the Sea Girt Interactive Community Resource Center.

In order to be eligible for the Distinguished Service Medal, recipients must currently be a resident of New Jersey and also have been a resident of the state at the time that they entered into military service.

They must have been honorably discharged and they must have proof of serving in combat while on active duty during wartime.

Recipients whose service was recognized by the award of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, or equivalent medal receive a NJ Distinguished Service Medal with an oak leaf cluster.

County residents recognized include:

Petty Officer Third Class Raymond E. Dillon, Edison, a Navy veteran of World War II; Petty Officer Second Class John J. Durkin, Jr., Woodbridge, a Navy veteran of the Korean War; Second Lieutenant Paul W. Bongard, Jr., Colonia, an Army veteran of the Korean War; and Seaman Second Class Walter E. Ellis, Parlin, a Navy veteran of World War II.

Sergeant Joseph M. DeLucia, Sayreville, an Army veteran of World War II, received the Medal with an oak leaf cluster.

The NJ Distinguished Service Medal was originally issued in 1858 for those who had distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia, but was infrequently used until re-authorized for use by Governor Kean in 1988.

After the Spanish American War, the Mexican Border Expedition and again after World War I, New Jersey minted special medals for returning NJ veterans to honor their service. After World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and subsequent combat actions, no such medal was available. In 1988, the NJ Distinguished Service Medal was authorized for that purpose.

Since its re-authorization, about 3500 medals have been awarded to New Jersey combat veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War.

Anyone interested in applying for the NJ Distinguished Service Medal should send a written request together with copies of all pertinent information, discharge document (e.g. DD 214), award citation, honorable discharge, etc. to: NJD-MAVA, Attn: CIO-GS-PA, P.O. Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340. Be sure to include full name, home address, and daytime telephone number.



FIFTEEN FEET AWAY... From the tail of our KC-135 Stratotanker, one could just about see the fighter pilot's eyes, according to James Devine, who went aboard a refueling mission last week.

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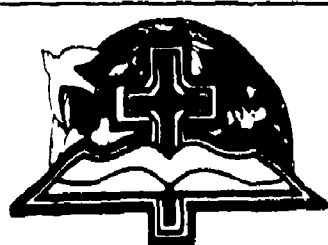
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Daffodil Days Raises \$31,000 For Cancer Research

PERTH AMBOY —

Daffodils, the symbol of hope to cancer survivors and their families, bloomed across Middlesex County. More than \$31,000 was raised for cancer research, educational programs and support services for cancer survivors. During the week of March 26, over 18,000 daffodils were delivered by volunteers throughout the county.

Area community members, including individuals from local businesses, hospitals and doctor's offices, schools and churches volunteered their time to Daffodil Days. Students at Robert N. Wilentz School, Perth Amboy, planted daffodils in a "Garden of Hope" in the schools' courtyard to pay tribute to a classmate battling cancer and to honor others in the school community touched by the disease.

Every dollar raised through the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days goes toward fighting cancer in Middlesex County communities for:

* **Research.** More than \$100 million each year—with more than \$35 million at work in New York and New Jersey.

* **Education.** Cancer prevention guidelines for breast,



HOPE SPRINGS INTO BLOOM—Fourth graders at Robert N. Wilentz School, Perth Amboy, plant daffodils in a "Garden of Hope" in honor of one of their classmates who is currently battling cancer. Daffodils are a symbol of hope for cancer patients and their families. The school raised over \$700 for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days, a nationwide fundraiser held the last week of March. Pictured planting daffodils (foreground) are Michael Santiago and Ebony Christian.

colorectal and prostate, are the standard used by health professionals and lay people alike.

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The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information about the American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345 or visit its Web site at: www.cancer.org.

Pentagon Victims Buried

FORDS — Navy Commander Patrick Dunn, 39, originally of the Fords section of Woodbridge, and Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert, of Lorton, Va. were among the first victims of the Pentagon attack to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Dunn, the son of a Newark policeman, worked as a planner and strategist at the Pentagon. He came from a family with a strong Navy tradition. His father served in World War II and Korea, and Patrick and one of his brothers were Naval Academy graduates.

"Pat's favorite thing was to be at sea. He loved to be at sea. He... absolutely loved it. His home was at the sea. If the ship was rocking, he was happy... It was in his blood," said his widow, Stephanie Dunn.

Patrick met Stephanie four years ago, at a sports bar in Alexandria, after coming off several long sea deployments. She is pregnant with the couple's first child.

"It's not just me or his family who are mourning. It's the whole nation, the whole Navy family....It's the world," Stephanie said.

A number of Pentagon victims have been buried at Arlington, but it is unknown home many Sept. 11 victims will ultimately be laid to rest there.

Burial at Arlington is generally reserved for those who have served in the military and their spouses, but there are a few other ways to be eligible. Cemetery officials are considering Pentagon burial requests on an individual basis.

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Yachts Used In Time Of Need

AREA—There are thousands of stories to be told about the Sept. 11 disaster in NYC, and one by one, we hear of them or read about them. Yet, here is one that needs to be told now.

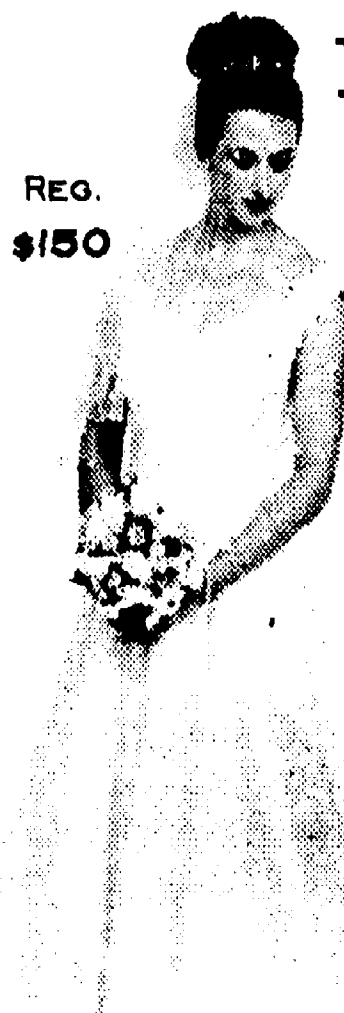
Directly across the street from the World Trade Center is the World Financial Center which houses thousands of business workers and residents in Battery Park City. One of the businesses that was located in the area was VIP Yacht Cruises, with offices on the ground floor at 393 South End Avenue and 5 luxury dining yachts docked at North Cove Marina.

Their employees all scram-

bled safely out of the building and ran toward the yachts. All the food from their commissary was delivered to the yachts to feed all those that came. All the yachts were used to ferry thousands of stranded commuters to Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and New Jersey, as well as ferrying the wounded to New Jersey hospitals.

Undaunted, all the employees and staff members were able to obtain most of their computers, papers, etc., and now are valiantly struggling to retain their business at the Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club, Weehawken, New Jersey.

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Patrick Martin To Lead South Amboy Schools

SOUTH AMBOY - When Robert Bloodgood retires as South Amboy's superintendent of schools on June 30, he will be replaced by Dr. Patrick Martin.

At Monday's reorganization meeting, the school board voted to appoint Martin, the director of secondary education in Wayne, as the district's next superintendent.

Also at the meeting Cindy Zammit was re-elected president and Edward Campbell was named vice president, replacing Joseph Connors.

Zammit, Campbell and Elizabeth DeLuca, who were unopposed for re-election to the board last month, took the oath of office for their new

three-year terms.

Martin was selected from a field of 32 applicants for the top job in the school district.

Martin, an educator for more than 20 years, began his career as a middle school English teacher. He also served as a middle school principal, a high school vice principal and an elementary school teacher.

Martin has been working in Wayne for more than four years.

Martin grew up in a small town, Jamestown, N.Y., and said he will feel comfortable working in South Amboy.

"I'm really the product of a small town, so I felt very much at home," he said.

"I think he has the ability to

take South Amboy where we need to go," said the board president.

"We're pleased with Dr. Martin," said Zammit. "I really believe he is a strong leader."

"I'm thrilled," said Eugene Reagan, a member of the superintendent search committee.

"He can take the district to another level. He seems like he has the get up and go to get up and go," Reagan said.

Several board members and representatives from the parent-teacher association met with Martin in Wayne last month and he came to South Amboy on April 10, meeting school officials, teacher, students and parents.

"I really got to know some of the people in South Amboy - their concerns and desires," said Martin. "I felt good about what I heard about their long-range plans for the district."

The district's new top educator has three children who attend schools in Wayne, so he said he has no immediate plans to move. Among Martin's priorities in South Amboy will be improving test scores and the construction of a new elementary school.

Superintendent for the last four years, Bloodgood, 62, began his career 34 years ago as an industrial arts teacher at the South Amboy High School.

"I don't think there's a job except for guidance counselor

that I haven't done," Bloodgood said.

Bloodgood became acting superintendent in 1997, replacing Robert Dicker. He was vice principal and principal of the intermediate school,

as well as director of special education and director of curriculum.

Bloodgood is to retire from his \$112,000 post on June 30. Bloodgood said he is proud of many accomplishments, particularly noting the district's pre-school program, which he helped launch 30 years ago.

"I knew it was the foundation for all to follow," Bloodgood said. "We were way ahead of the vanguard for pre-school programs."

Oldest African-American Woman Recognized

CARTERET—Mrs. Edna O'Bryant, the 103-year-old African-American woman who lives in the Herman Gardens, was recognized by Mayor James Failace in honor of Black History Month.

Born on April 10, 1897, O'Bryant came to Carteret in the 60's and has lived here ever since. She enjoys her good health and wants everyone to "live right, do right, and go to church."

O'Bryant lives alone and her godson of 51 years, Norville Pendleton, comes to check on her daily. She goes out to the doctor and the beauty parlor and just recently stopped going to ShopRite for herself.

As for her health, O'Bryant goes to the doctor regularly and has "nothing too serious" wrong with her. She feels she's "had a good life."



OLDEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN RECOGNIZED—Senior Abena Okyere presents Mrs. O'Bryant with a bouquet of flowers from the Human Relations Program. She is Carteret's oldest African-American woman to be recognized. Mrs. O'Bryant just celebrated her 103rd birthday.



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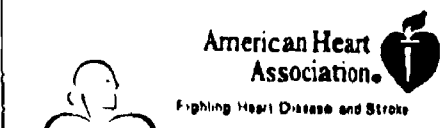


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HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS



QUITE AN HONOR, INDEED—Standing at attention at the Vietnam Memorial in Holmdel at the PNC Garden State Arts Center, the Honor Guard of the Star Landing Post 2314 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, pays tribute and honor to the KIA of New Jersey in the Vietnam Conflict. Carteret's war dead were singled out for special honors. Captain George Lisicki with Lieutenant Paul Hresko arranged the one day trip. The Memorial Wall lists the war dead and is considered to be one of the best-designed of state memorials. The figures show a fallen comrade with a nurse giving treatment and a soldier standing by.



A COMFORT TO THE COMMUNITY—Helen Lauritsen, (second from L.), a resident of Whispering Knoll Assisted Living Community cuts the ribbon officially opening Edison's newest assisted living community. Guests of the opening were able to view, first-hand, the elegance of this 118 suite community. With Lauritsen are: (L.-R.) Louis P. Amato, chief operating officer, Solaris Health System; Thomas Lankey, senior vice president, Long-Term Care, Solaris Health System; and Leonard Sendelsky, chairman, Board of Directors, Hartwyck Management.

Solaris Celebrates Grand Opening

EDISON—Not even a heavy rain could put a damper on the recent grand opening reception of Whispering Knoll, Edison's newest assisted living community. Members of the press and the community, as well as physicians, hospital board members and staff were able to view, first-hand, the grand elegance of the 118-suite community.

Attendees were treated to guided tours of the beautiful community by Whispering Knoll staff and dined on gourmet delicacies from the same staff that cook for the residents. A flag raising ceremony and ribbon cutting were also part of the festivities.

Featuring 118 studios, one- and two-bedroom apartments, Whispering Knoll offers a number of unique amenities. These include scenic gardens, peaceful patios, a gift shop, library with Internet access, a cinema, exercise center and game room, numerous social lounges, formal dining room and a bistro-for more relaxed dining.

In addition to these and other basic offerings, Whispering Knoll provides a comprehensive activities program that includes daily social events, arts and crafts, religious services and exercise classes, as well as regularly scheduled community outings and transportation that can be arranged for local appointments and shopping needs.

The community also has a Special Care Community for residents with memory impairments. In this separate community, comfort and consideration to residents' special situations combines to offer independence and security. In the Special Care Community, which consists of 15 private apartments and two deluxe suites, a professional, caring staff on duty tends to the special needs of individuals with memory impairment around the clock.

Whispering Knoll is truly a distinctive assisted living residence, affording residents the independence of living on their own, along with the confidence of knowing that an experienced, attentive staff is present at all times. The community is an alternative for people who are looking for a special place to call home—a place that allows active seniors to maintain their independence for as long as possible. Whispering Knoll's affiliation with Solaris Health System and close proximity to JFK Medical Center, provides residents with the assurance that should a medical emergency or situation ever arise, expedient, quality medical care can be readily accessed.

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PIECE OF HISTORY RAZED—Once utilized as the main Fire Station for the United States Army on the property of Middlesex County College, Edison, this vintage building built in the early 1930's was taken down last Thursday. The college acquired ownership of the property and now a roadway and parking lot expansion project has led to the structure's demise. The building, history and structural records on on file in Washington, D.C. RB Network News.

Students Pay Tribute With Acts Of Kindness

AREA — Both Avenel and Woodbridge Middle Schools have been named a "Do Something National Champion School" for their outstanding participation in the fourth annual Do Something Kindness And Justice Challenge, a national education initiative in which students in grades K-12 perform acts of kindness and justice for two weeks following the Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday.

In January, Middle School students honored the life and legacy of Dr. King by performing positive acts to improve their school and community.

Each day during the two-week initiative, students learned the values taught by Dr. King—responsibility, compassion, honesty, nonviolence, and moral courage—and put these values into practice through their community-building actions.

Local Middle School students joined more than 4 million students nationwide in participating in the program. Avenel and Woodbridge Middle schools are two of only 700 schools to receive recognition as a "Do Something National Champion School."



WALL OF KINDNESS AND JUSTICE—Avenel Middle School's Wall of Kindness and Justice. Each brick on the wall represents over 2,500 acts of Kindness and Justice performed by 6,7 and 8th grade middle school students. (L.-R., Back Row) Early Act Club Advisor, Elizabeth Fennessey and students Sarah Winters, Lauren Banda, Heather Brown, Krishna Patel; (Front Row) Shradda Pancholi. Early Act Club members are proud of the over 2,500 acts of kindness and justice performed by their peers.

Among the ways the students made a difference included shoveling snow for neighbors, collecting over 200 cans of soup for the soup kitchen and volunteering at various hospitals and senior residences.

"Young people are living the ideals to which my father devoted his life," said Martin Luther King III, Chair of the Do Something Kindness And Justice Challenge. "If young people can commit to a day of kindness and justice, they can

commit to a week of kindness and justice—a week becomes a year, a year a lifetime."

The Kindness & Justice Challenge is sponsored by the youth leadership organization Do Something and global technology leader Applied Materials.

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Patient's Right-To-Sue Legislation Becomes Law

AREA Senator Vitale, Assemblywoman Friscia and Assemblyman Wisniewski announced that Acting Governor DiFrancesco signed into law legislation to extend medical malpractice lawsuits to HMOs and commercial health insurers.

The legislators said the new law already is at risk of being undermined by President Bush and the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, which has approved a so-called patients' rights bill that would give residents a limited right to sue. The District 19 representatives said the proposed federal bill would effectively preempt the new state law in New Jersey.

All three legislators voted in favor of the new state law that would provide medical malpractice lawsuit options for patients sustaining serious harm because of an HMO delay or refusal to pay for care.

Under the law—the Health Care Carrier Accountability Act—patients who believe that an HMO decision has placed their

lives or health in immediate danger may file suit in state court against the HMO. In less clearly defined and less egregious cases, however, patients would first need to plead their case to a state-appointed medical panel before going to court.

The law excludes half of New Jersey's working population. The 2.7 million residents covered by employer provided plans regulated by the federal government are not protected under this law.

New Jersey is the ninth state to adopt the right-to-sue legislation. The eight states that have passed similar measures into law include Texas, Georgia, California, Washington, Arizona, Maine, Oklahoma and West Virginia. Missouri and New Mexico have passed laws that utilize other, more limited, approaches to HMO lawsuit liability.

Democrats in Washington, D.C. have been pushing for similar federal legislation. However the Republicans have yet to allow the proposal to be approved in the House of Representatives.

Edison Mom Walks To Give Thanks To March Of Dimes

EDISON Dawn Trimpert of Edison has a very good reason for supporting the upcoming March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Her name is Haley and she is only five-years-old.

Dawn and Haley have experienced first hand the mission of the March of Dimes.

Haley and Dawn, together with Dawn's fellow employees at Chanel, will walk in March of Dimes WalkAmerica

on Sunday, April 29 at Rutgers Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway to raise funds for research to save newborns.

Haley was born March 25, 1996 at St. Peter's University Hospital. While Dawn was in labor, Haley's heart rate dropped down to a dangerous level, so Dawn had to have an emergency cesarean section.

Weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces at birth, Haley appeared to be perfectly healthy. Everything was proceeding normally until Haley's fourth day of life.

"While I was nursing her she suddenly began to turn blue!" recalled Dawn. "I thought she was choking, so I screamed for my husband to get a nurse."

Haley was transferred to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) where she received 24-hour monitoring and care.

"I was out of my mind, crying, wondering, and praying and suffering from severe

postpartum depression," said Dawn.

After several days, it was discovered that Haley was suffering from a serious condition, called central apnea, which makes normal breathing impossible when the medulla in the brain has not fully developed.

"I had to wait and pray day after day that my daughter would be okay. I was a complete wreck," said Dawn.

At each feeding, Haley would stop breathing.

Today, Haley is a completely healthy and active five-year-old who attends preschool, loves to sing, and enjoys riding her bike.

"My daughter would not be here" except for care made possible through the March of Dimes, said Dawn.

For more information or to register for WalkAmerica, contact (609) 655-7400 or view the website at www.marchofdimes.org.



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

SWF, 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

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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Single Woman Spanish/French -5'5" Slim, poet, writer, professional 33 yr old. Seeking SWCM, tall, slim, professional, smart, artistic. Serious minded, a one woman man, for friendship. I'm Catholic and a non-smoker/non-drinker. If you're what I'm looking for then let's talk. ID# 1017

SWF 67, Seeks SWM, 65-70 years of age. Non-smoker, Enjoys the beach, movies, walks, drives. Looking for a friend. Long-term relationship. ID# 1015

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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

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

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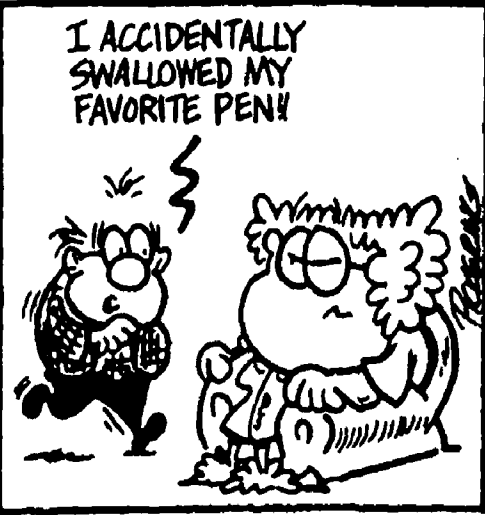
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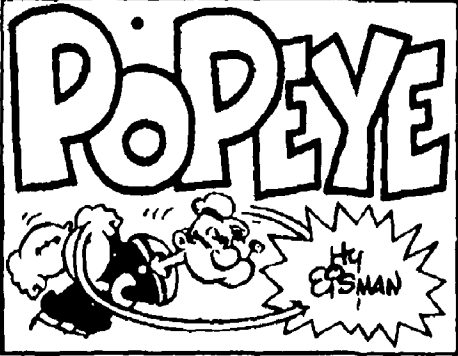
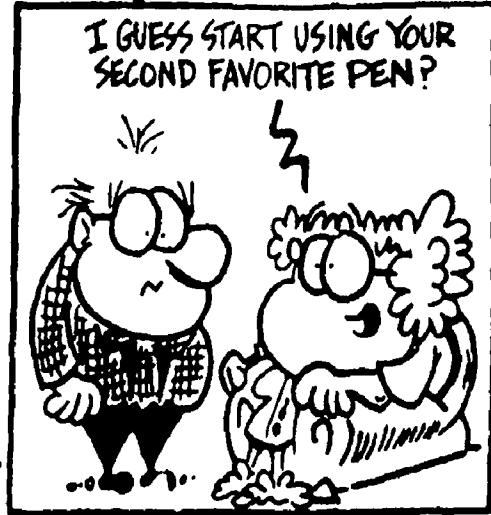
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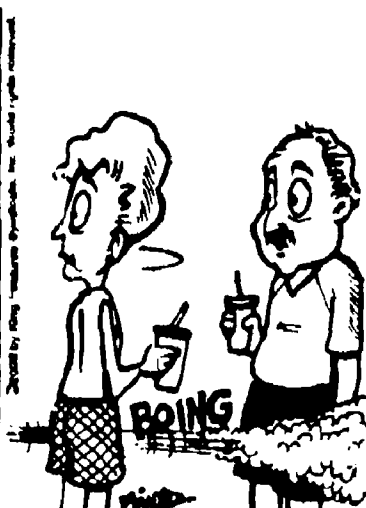


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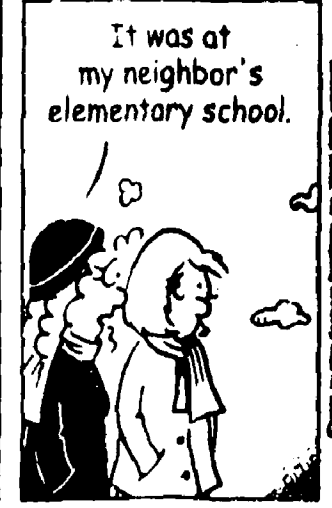
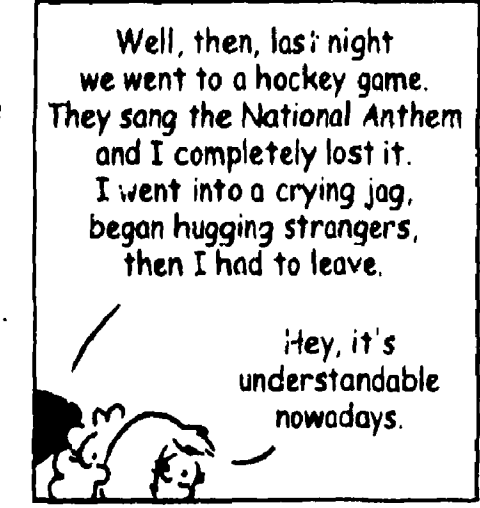
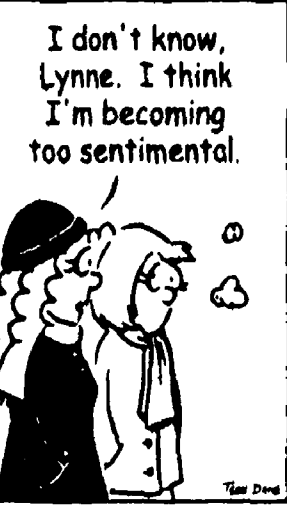
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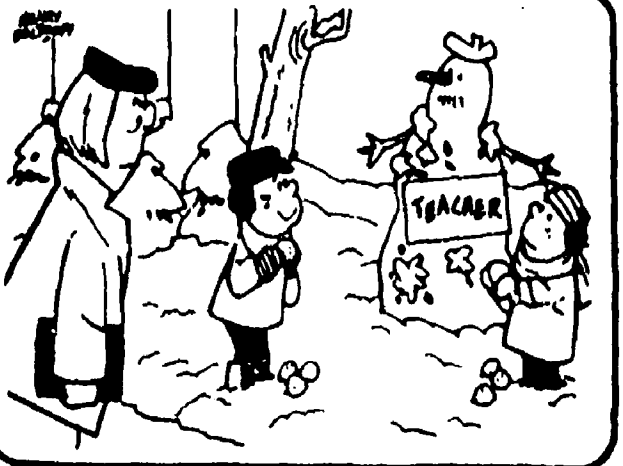
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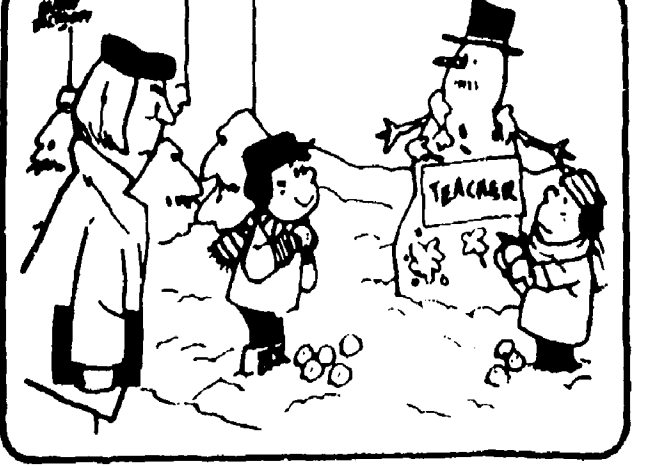


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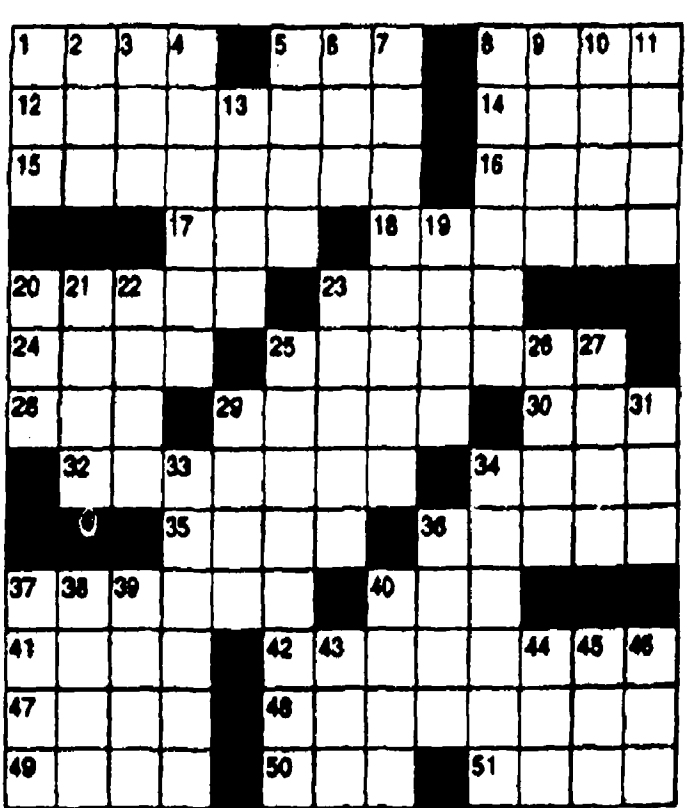
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowballs have been added. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.

ACROSS

- 1 U2 singer
- 5 Moreover
- 8 Flavor enhancer
- 12 Half an arctic pair
- 14 Sills solo
- 15 Some pipes
- 16 Elevator
- 17 Corrode
- 18 Gardening tools
- 20 Core
- 23 Ray of light
- 24 Piece of work
- 25 Type of hen
- 28 Dave Barry's claim
- 29 Roofing material
- 30 Puke
- 32 Intersections
- 34 Story
- 35 Horseman's lack?
- 36 Knight-ware
- 37 Life's work
- 40 Spoon-bender Geller
- 41 "Sad to relate, ..."
- 42 In the style of "Hee Haw"
- 47 Waiter's hand-out
- 48 Opened
- 49 Family members
- 50 Afternoon affair



DOWN

- 11 Vitality
- 13 "Get outta here!"
- 19 Glazier's sheet
- 20 "Please explain"
- 21 Grand-scale
- 22 Gridlock contributor
- 23 Panel
- 25 Unambiguous
- 26 Moved with the fishes
- 27 Hawaiian city
- 29 Dagger of
- 31 Eur. nation
- 33 Macaque type
- 34 Clan-related
- 36 "Judith" composer
- 37 Overly theatrical
- 38 Sheltered
- 39 Dennis Miller specialty
- 40 Bear in the air
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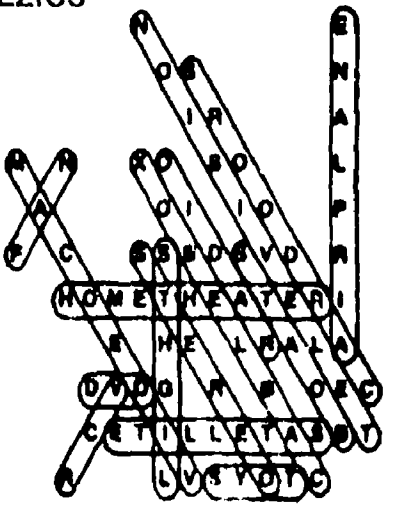
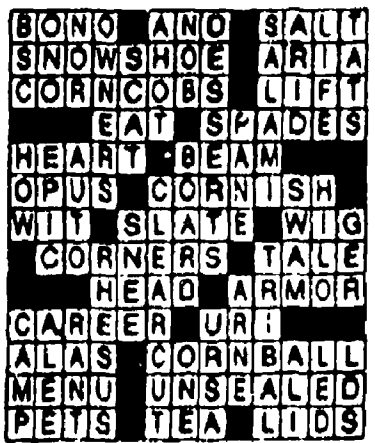
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Airplane
- Boats
- Cable box
- Car doors
- DVD
- Fan
- Home theater
- Lights
- Radio
- Satellite
- Stereo
- Television
- Toys
- VCR
- Video cam

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OBITUARIES

Marie E. Ryan, 82 of Edison

Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Ryan of Edison died October 21 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 82.

Born in Elizabeth, she resided in Edison since 1968.

She was an executive assistant at JFK Medical Center, Edison, for 22 years before retiring in 1990.

Mrs. Ryan was a communicant of St. Matthew's R.C. Church, Edison, where she was a member of the Altar-Rosary Society and the Legion of Mary.

She was also a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, Edison.

Her husband, Leo Thomas, died in 1969.

Surviving are two daughters, Dolores Emanski of Tampa, Fla. and Carole Ann Napolitano of South Plainfield; two sons, Leo Thomas of Hillsborough and Robert of Edison; and ten grandchildren.

Anna Mosolgo, 90 lived in Edison

Mrs. Anna Carol Mosolgo of Port Hueneme, Calif., in the Channel Islands Harbor area (formerly of Edison) died Sept. 27 at home. She was 90.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Edison and later moved to Westlake Village (Los Angeles County Calif.) for 30 years before moving to Port Hueneme in 2000.

She spent her last ten summers at her daughter's home in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Her husband, Martin Mosolgo, is deceased.

Surviving are her daughter, Beverly Van Nest; a grandson, Eric Arthur Giesing; a niece Marlene Clark and Marlene's children, Tammy Orm, Gary Clark, Jr. and Mandy Clark; and many family members, two nephews, Richard Mosolgo of North Brunswick and Ronald Mosolgo of Hilton Head, S.C.

Gary J. Frank, 35 of South Amboy

Mr. Gary J. Frank of South Amboy has been missing since the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. He was 35.

Born in Plainview, N.Y., he lived in Old Bridge before moving to South Amboy ten months ago.

He was the director of document control with the AON Corp., working on the 92nd floor of 2 World Trade Center.

Earlier, he had been employed by Abel-Noser in New York City for 18 months and before that, he worked for Pepsi-Cola in North Brunswick and Piscataway for ten years.

He was a graduate of Middlesex County College, earning an associate's degree in accounting. He also earned a degree in computer programming from the Chubb Institute in 1999.

Active in several pool leagues, he was a member of the Amateur Pool Players Association and the Association for Pool.

Surviving are his daughter, Jessica; his mother, Mrs. Ellen Vigeant; his stepfather, Charles Vigeant; a sister, Mrs. Felicia Cappel and Laurie Vigeant; his father Stanley Frank; and his companion, Elaine.

K. Deschense, 91 of Edison

Mrs. Katherine Deschense of Edison died October 16 at home. She was 91.

Born in Brooklyn, she lived in Edison for 60 years.

She was a secretary for New Jersey Wood Finishing, Woodbridge, before retiring.

In the early 1950s, she served as president of the Clara Barton Parent-Teacher Association, Edison.

Surviving are a son, Paul Deschense; and a brother, Raymond Auchman.

Stephen A. Klym, 83 of South Amboy

Mr. Stephen A. Klym of South Amboy died November 3 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 83.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Brooklyn and then Jamesburg before moving to South Amboy 21 years ago.

He was a mechanic for 40 years at Sunshine Biscuit in New York and Sayreville before retiring in 1980.

Mr. Klym served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, South Amboy.

Surviving are his wife, Frances (Kaczmarek) Klym of South Amboy; a daughter, Lorraine Senatore of Parlin; a stepdaughter, Patricia Kwiatek of Hillsborough; a stepson, Robert Wyckoff of Lillington, N.C.; a sister, Nellie Niewinski of Glenn Cove, Long Island, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Joseph Kwiatek, Melissa and Sarah Wyckoff; two nieces, Jeanette Kiesnowski and Linda Castello; and two nephews, Raymond Klym and Chester Klym.

Theodor A. Ebinger of Parlin

Mr. Theodore A. Ebinger of Parlin died October 17 in CentraState Medical Center, Freehold. He was 71.

Born in Philadelphia, he moved to Parlin in 1956.

He was employed by Ferdon Equipment, Union and United Airlines, Newark. Later he was a gate keeper in the Safari at Great Adventure, Jackson for six years before retiring two years ago.

Mr. Ebinger served in the Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 211, Sayreville and the Sayreville Police Reserve.

He was also a former troop leader for Boy Scout Troop 69, Parlin.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; a daughter, Mrs. Kathy Kowacz; two sons, Don and Rick; and seven grandchildren.

George Firestine, 64 of Sayreville

Mr. George R. "Slick" Firestine of Tobyhanna, Pa., (formerly of Sayreville) died October 20 at Mt. Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg, Pa. He was 65.

Born in South River, he resided in Sayreville for 40 years before moving to Tobyhanna in 1996.

Before his retirement in 1994, he was a welder with International Brotherhood of Welders Local 475 and Local 274, for 30 years.

He was a member of Sayreville Stalkers Rod and Gun Club and Barons of South River.

Mr. Firestine was a communicant of St. Ann's R.C. Church, Tobyhanna and Our Lady of Victories R.C. Church, Sayreville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dolores Roginski; two daughters, Susan Catania of Spotswood and Lisa Masiello of Bordentown; four grandchildren, Travis, Courtney and Tyler Catania and Justin Lee Masiello; his father, George A. Firestine of Tobyhanna; his mother, Rita Bardol Firestine Kielian of South River; and two sisters, Marie Lynch and Barbara Vacchio, both of Tobyhanna.

Elizabeth Abahazy of South Amboy

Mrs. Elizabeth Ebner Abahazy of South Amboy died October 21 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 82.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., she lived in Perth Amboy for many years before moving to South Amboy in 1954.

Mrs. Abahazy was a parishioner of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy.

Her husband, Lewis Abahazy, died in 1994 and her daughter, Marie Farkas, died last year.

Surviving are two sons, Lewis Abahazy of Lewis Center, Ohio and Theodore Abahazy of Aspers, Pa.; a daughter, Faith Sutak of South Amboy; a son-in-law, Joseph Farkas of Perth Amboy; six grandchildren, Jean Lessig of Edgewater, Fla., Lori Zadlock of Morgan, Paula Villarreal of Hanover, Pa., Jon Abahazy of Manalapan, and Jill and Michael Abahazy, both of Lewis Center, Ohio; and four great-grandchildren.

Mark Granholm, 37 of Edison

Mr. Mark D. Granholm of Edison died October 20 at home. He was 37.

Born in Baltimore, Md., he resided in Metuchen for 28 years before moving to Old Bridge, where he resided for seven years. He moved to Edison two years ago.

He was employed as an appliance technician with Ron's Appliance Service, Union Beach, for the past 12 years.

Mr. Granholm was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Metuchen, and The Loyal Order of Moose, Staten Island.

His stepfather, Anthony "Scottie" Bonner, died in 1994.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maria Woodring; his mother; Doris Bonner of Metuchen; his father and stepmother, Axel and Veronica Granholm of Arlington, Va.; two brothers, Dail R. Granholm of Stevens, Pa. and Glen N. Granholm of Bridgewater; two stepbrothers, Anthony P. Bonner of Gladstone, Mo. and Brian Bonner of Brick; two stepsisters, Margaret Paola of Brick and Elise Manalang of Alexandria, Va.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Sofie Woodring of Edison; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Wilhelm and Roseann Woodring of Edison, Christa and David Romeo of Edison and Angelika and Gary Howarth of Somerset; and five nieces and five nephews.

Louis W. Pulasty of Edison

Mr. Louis W. Pulasty of Edison died October 22 at home. He was 86.

Born in Iron River, Mich., he resided in Edison for the past 50-plus years.

He was a graduate of Carteret High School and Rutgers University with a B.S. graduate.

He was a certified accountant who had his own practice for 40 years.

Mr. Pulasty also worked for Foster Wheeler in Carteret as an accountant for 25 years.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Anna Zanyor Pulasty; a daughter, Elaine Bennett of Warren; two grandchildren, Kirsten M. Bennett and Garrett J. Bennett; a sister, Ann Simon of Sayreville; and many nieces and nephews.

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Don't Let Cold Weather Be An Excuse For Failed Motor Vehicle Inspection

STATE — Although the winter season has come late to the Garden State this year, New Jersey motorists still need to be mindful of cold weather conditions, when bringing their vehicle to their local inspection station. Parsons, the manager of New Jersey's enhanced inspection system, has issued tips to New Jersey Motorists to help avoid inspection failure for winter-related reasons.

*** Make certain that the vehicle's exhaust system is intact.** An exhaust system with a hole, for example, becomes more dangerous in the winter because the vehicle's windows are typically closed leaving no ventilation should exhaust gasses enter the passenger compartment.

*** Leave the vehicle running while waiting for inspection.** This will ensure that the catalytic converter and exhaust systems stay warm and will help to make certain that a valid emission sample is taken during inspection, further minimizing any delays in completing inspection.

Singer added, "New Jersey motorists can take an active role in reducing the amount of time they spend at inspection stations by performing a simple pre-inspection of their vehicle prior to their visits."

Parsons also has issued the following 12 point winter car care checklist, recommended by AAA:

*** Battery**—Check for loose battery cables and corroded terminals. Terminals can be cleaned with a wire brush dipped in baking soda and water.

*** Antifreeze**—Check the antifreeze strength in the radiator overflow reservoir with a hydrometer. Antifreeze should be clean and at a proper level.

*** Oil**—Check the oil level with the dipstick and consult the owner's manual for the recommended viscosity.

*** Brake Fluid**—Keep the fluid level within a quarter-inch from the top of the reservoir.

*** Power Steering Fluid**—Follow the owner's manual. Add slowly to avoid overfill-

ing.

*** Automatic Transmission Fluid**—The car should be on level ground in park position with the emergency brake set and engine running. Then check the fluid level with the dipstick.

*** Belts and Hoses**—Inspect belts for cracks, fraying and glazing. Check hoses for cracks, bulges, leaks and loose clamps. Replace as needed.

*** Air Filter**—Hold it up to a light. If you can't see light through it, replace.

*** Washer Fluid**—Keep reser-

voir filled with solvent.

*** Wipers**—Replace if they are split, leave streaks or skip.

*** Lights/Signals**—Make sure they work. Replace bulbs as necessary.

*** Tires**—Inspect tread wear and maintain proper air pressure indicated in the owner's manual. Check air pressure when tires are cold.

In addition to cold weather related factors, the most common reasons motorists fail—and items they can quickly address before visiting an inspection station are:

*** Lights that do not function** (turn indicators, headlights, tail lights and third rear brake light).

*** Cracked headlights and tail lenses.**

*** Windshield chips or cracks.**

*** Missing windshield wipers.**

*** Missing gas caps.**

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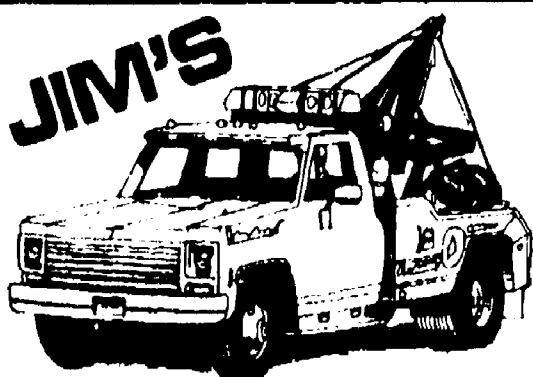
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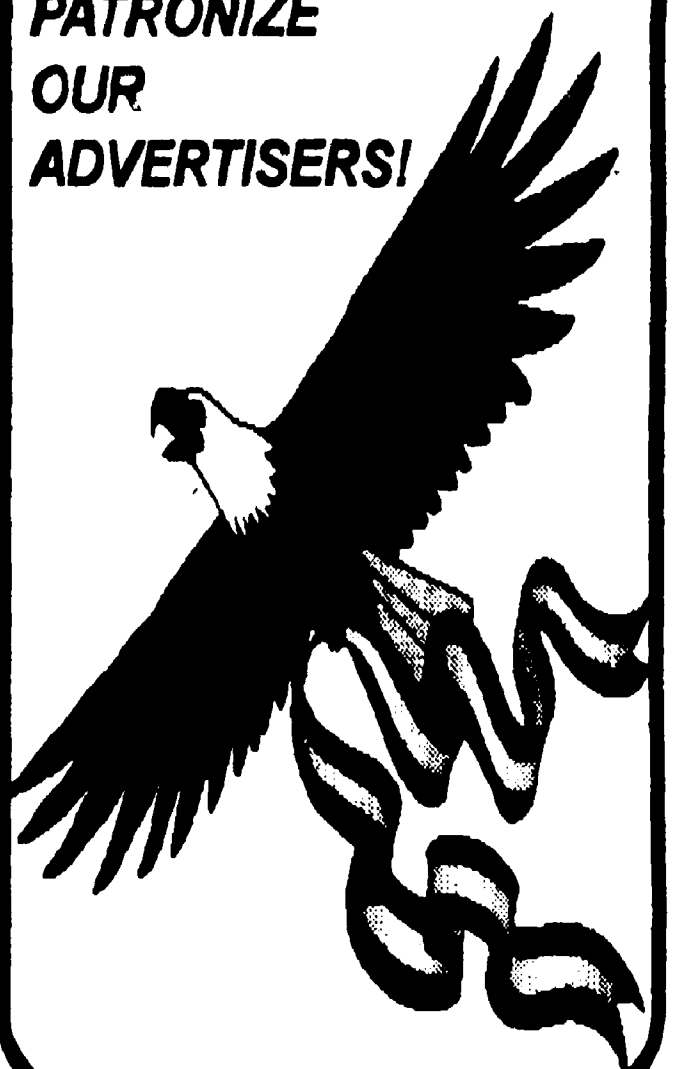
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