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## Morris Nanton Trio Set To Perform At Benefit Concert

EDISON—The John E. Toolan Kiddie Keep Well Camp will hold a benefit concert on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Middlesex County College Theater in the College Center, Mill Road, Edison. Tickets for the event are \$30. The concert is being performed by the Morris Nanton Trio.

The Trio has been performing together for 40 years, and is well known throughout the tri-state area. According to Executive Director Eleanor Ann Bates, "When people refer to the Trio music as "Out

of this world," it is a very true statement. In fact, the first music to be heard in outer space over the Apollo's radio as it orbited around the earth was the Trio's recording of "Jada. "We are excited to be able to hold this concert for the camp," Bates said. Both Morris Nanton and Norman Edge are local people with a national reputation for excellence in the field of jazz music.

Known throughout the metropolitan area by their performance for cultural arts and society, the Trio also makes SRO appearances at colleges

and public schools. They completed an unprecedented 22 year stand at the Cove in Roselle, where such guests like Rashan Roland Kirk, the late Don Elliot, Chet Baker, Sal Nestico, Babs Gonzalez, and Jose Morello were pleased to share the spotlight with the group. Most recently, the Trio has performed at Yellowstone Jazz Festival, the Palmer Square Jazz Festival at Princeton and with Count Basie Orchestra. Nanton and Edge have been performing for 40 years.

Their records include,

"Flower Drum Song," "Roberta" and the "First Jazz Quartet" on the Warner Bros. label, "Ray Ellis Orchestra and Chorus," "Big, Big Voice of Lovelace Watkins" on the MGM label and "Something We've Got," "Preface," and "Soul Fingers" on the Prestige label.

Tickets for the concert are available at Kiddie Keep Well Camp, 35 Roosevelt Drive, Edison, NJ 08837 or call (732) 548-6542.

For further information, call Eleanor Bates, Executive Director at (732) 548-6542.

## Water Company Offers Special 5% Discount

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) recently announced that, for a limited period of time, it will be offering shares of its Common Stock at a 5 percent discount to participants in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan (DRIP). This offer applies to all purchases under the Plan made between March 1-August 1, 2002, whether by Optional Cash Payment, dividend Reinvestment or employee payroll deduction.

The 5 percent reduction in price will also apply to divi-

dends paid and reinvested on March 1, 2002 (to holders of record Feb. 15, 2002) and June 1, 2002 (to holders of record May 15, 2002).

This offer is limited to an aggregate of 100,000 shares on a first-come, first-served basis. During this reduction period, the price of the stock will be 95 percent of the purchase price, as described in company's prospectus, dated Jan. 25, 2000.

Purchases made at the reduced price and then subsequently withdrawn from the Plan, within six months after purchase, will be subject to a withdrawal fee equal to the origi-

nal 5 percent share reduction on all shares withdrawn.

For plan details or to obtain copies of the Prospectus, call Marion F Reynolds, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company at (732) 634-1500.

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State of New Jersey.

Middlesex Water Company operates the water and wastewater systems for the City of Perth Amboy through its subsidiary, Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy), Inc. The Company's Delaware subsidiary, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., together with Southern Shores Water Company, are subject to the regulations of the Public Service Commission in Delaware.

For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's web site at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com)

## New Increases In Emergency Management Funding

COUNTY — The State Office of Emergency Management has awarded the City of Perth Amboy the highest amount of funding of any municipality in Middlesex County.

The sum of \$8,000 is being distributed by the NJ State Police, which receives funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for allocation to New Jersey municipalities.

This year's funding represents an increase of

63 percent for the City of Perth Amboy. The increase is a direct result of the city receiving approval of its Emergency Management Operations Plan from FEMA, as well as meeting compliance with the mandates from the agency.

The allocation will be applied towards the operations of the city's Office of Emergency Management, which oversees large-scale emergencies and hazardous materials clean-up activity.

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## YOUR LOCAL NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND**—Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas (C) chats with Frank DiDolce (L), a resident at the Perth Amboy Nursing Home, and Yolanda Jimenez (R), a certified nurse assistant at the home. Jimenez, a resident of Perth Amboy, was one of 14 students who received a certificate in the English Language and Communication Skills program offered by Middlesex County College's Institute for Management and Technical Development. Mayor Vas offered congratulations at the Jan. 3 reception. The 10-week course was funded by the Literary Grants Program of the New Jersey Department of Labor.

## Chinese New Years

**EDISON**—Initiated by the recently re-elected Mayor George Spadaro, Edison will have its first Chinese New Year Parade on Feb. 10 from 2-5 p.m. The parade route will start at the former Topps Plaza and end in front of the Municipal Building where there will be outdoor cultural programs as well as indoor food vendors. A fireworks display will start at about 5 p.m. There is a rain/snow date of Feb. 24.

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## A Very Special Thank You

**WOODBIDGE** On Dec. 28, the Woodbridge Lodge #2116 invited all active duty military service members and their families, to a special dinner given in their honor. It was the Elks way of saying "thank you" for the service and sacrifices they are making for our nation in this time of need.

Among the guests, was 2nd Marine Division, Cpl. Rich Buda, Jr. of Hopelawn, who was accompanied by his parents, Rich and Nancy. Stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Cpl. Buda will be shipping out to the war zone, soon. Among his gear will be a large parcel of letters and cards that were written

by the 6-8 grade students of St. John Vianney Catholic School, Colonia. Organized by Social Studies teacher, Barbara Pinelli-McDonough, as an opportunity for the children to show their appreciation, the students expressed their love and gratitude in their own simple and beautiful words, poems and drawings, to our troops who are fighting for them and our nation.

Cpl. Buda will dispense them among his marine buddies, to let them know how proud the children and all Americans are of them.



**SHOWING THEIR THANKS**—Marine Cpl. Rich Buda Jr. (2nd from L) with his parents Rich and Nancy at his side were among the special guests of the Woodbridge Elks "Thank you" dinner for our service people. Cpl. Buda will be delivering the many cards that were made by some of the local school children, for the Marines who are fighting the Taliban terrorists. Next to Mrs. Buda is E.R. Phil Materniak and Rob Lehman, Veteran's Chairman (R.), who organized the event.

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## YOUR LOCAL NEWS

## Pathmark Continues Recovery Middle School Organizes Kindness Challenge

CARTERET Pathmark Stores, Inc., sold \$200 million worth of 10-year bonds in the private placement market, said sources recently. Desdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and Credit Suisse First Boston were the joint-book managers for the sale, the source said.

Pathmark is a regional supermarket headquartered in Carteret currently operating 141 supermarkets primarily in the New York-New Jersey and Philadelphia metropolitan areas.

Pathmark emerged from bankruptcy on Sept. 19, 2000, just 60 days after filing for Chapter 11, saving 10,000 jobs.

Pathmark had hoped a purchase by Royal Ahold could fuel it with much-needed capital, but the deal fell through under anti-trust scrutiny. The firm emerged from bankruptcy as a public company with \$1 billion less debt.

Pathmark borrowed \$200 million at an interest rate of 8.75 percent by issuing bonds, known as 'senior subordinated notes' that will mature in 2012. On Jan. 11, Pathmark announced it would issue the notes to repay indebtedness.

Pathmark said it met its fourth-quarter and full-year earnings forecast, as a higher customer count helps to offset soft sales during the holiday season. The company also reported it expects a modest increase at stores open at least a year for the quarter, ending Feb. 2.

Pathmark said it continues to expect fourth-quarter earnings per share in a range of 29 cents to 34 cents per share, and sees fiscal 2001 earnings of 80 cents to 85 cents per share.

The retailer expects earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for the fourth-quarter to be in the range of \$50 million to \$55 million. For 2001, Pathmark expects EBITDA in a range of \$185 million to \$190 million.

"Sales were soft during our holiday season, a trend we believe has been experienced by many of our competitors," Jim Donald, chairman and

chief executive of Pathmark, said in a press release in December. "We continued, however, to see increases in customer count despite this softness. So far, in January, we are seeing a more normal sales trend. We continue to be optimistic regarding fiscal 2002."

In the wake of the World Trade Center tragedy, Pathmark, its customers, and associates raised \$600,000 in donations which were distributed to four organizations involved in assisting families who suffered a loss on Sept. 11: The Twin Towers Fund, administered by the New York City Mayor's office, the American Red Cross, the New York State World Trade Center Fund, managed by Governor Pataki's office and the Burn Unit of Staten Island University Hospital.

In addition, Pathmark donated \$100,000 worth of product to agencies and organizations, including rescue efforts in the vicinity of Ground Zero as well as local organizations such as police, fire and emergency services throughout New York and New Jersey.

One of the company's stores, Pike Slip Pathmark located in Lower Manhattan, was used as a command center by both the National Guard and the New York City Police Department from Sept. 11-28. This store was used as an immediate source for food and medical supplies, as well as a communications post.

AVENEL Since Jan. 18, every student and teacher at Avenel Middle School were keeping busy fine-tuning their academic skills to promote the development of a caring school community. Centering around the philosophy and the example set by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., students and teachers organized events that promoted making their school and community a better place to work and live and foster the development of positive character traits. Activities included student presentations on Channel One

(closed circuit TV) that paid tribute to Martin Luther King; class discussions that focused on Dr. King's quotes and excerpts from his speeches; encourage the performance of acts of kindness inside and outside of the school; constructing a Kindness and Justice Wall in the school's corridors with each brick representing acts of kindness performed by students and staff. In addition, all seventh graders took part in a interdisciplinary Service-Learning project as they studies world-wide hunger, nutrition, volunteered in

a local soup kitchen and held a Soup drive called *Super Bowl Week* to help replenish the food pantries in Woodbridge. The object of the *Do Something Kindness and Justice Challenge* is to develop a school environment that fosters and nurtures life long habits of kindness, caring and active civic engagement. Last year Avenel Middle School was selected a *National Do Something Champion* for its acts of kindness and the promotion of positive character building activities and civic engagement.

## Sayreville's Kelly Chosen For NJ Sports Hall

SAYREVILLE—Tom Kelly, who grew up in Sayreville and attended St. Mary's High School in South Amboy, was one of eight local sports legends inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey.

## Kelly retired at the end of Master's Degree Awarded To Local Grad

PERTH AMBOY—A total of 159 graduate students at Illinois State University have completed requirements for master's degrees or certificates of advanced study with the close of the Fall 2001 semester. Announcement of those awarded degrees was made following certification of all records.

Perth Amboy resident, Anibelka Hernandez received her Master of Science in Education degree.

last season, after managing the Minnesota Twins for 15-plus seasons. He lead the Twins to two World Series wins, in 1987 and 1991. The Twins were 1,140-1,244 under Kelly's leadership.

Also inducted into the hall were former Kansas City Royals outfielder Willie Wilson, professional bowler Johnny Petraglia, former Seton

Hall basketball player, the late Walter Dukes Jr., Devils and Nets CEO Lou Lamoriello, former Olympians Peter Westbrook Jr. and the late Andy Stanfield, and former Seton Hall track coach John Gibson Jr.

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## YOUR COUNTY NEWS

### New Police Officers Sworn In At MCC

MIDDLESEX COUNTY Police Department and were — Two new recruits joined the sworn in by President John Middlesex County College Bakum recently.



**IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS**—Lieutenant Thomas "Skip" Garley of the Woodbridge Police Department holds the bible as his son, Sean, repeats the oath of office after being sworn in as the newest police officer at Middlesex County College recently.

After a one-week campus orientation, they will attend a 22-week program at the Somerset County Police Academy before returning to take their places among the 11 uniformed officers of the College," said George Bandics, police director. "We are very pleased to have these capable and dedicated people joining our staff."

Taking the oath of office were Sean Garley, 24, of Iselin and Cassandra Licata, 24, of East Brunswick.

Garley is an assistant manager at Schlesinger and Associates, a market research firm in Edison, and attends Middlesex County College, where he will earn an associate degree in Criminal Justice. He is following the tradition of his father, Thomas "Skip" Garley, who is a lieutenant in the Woodbridge Police Department.

Licata holds a BA degree in Criminal Justice from Kings College (NY) and has been a dispatcher with the New Jersey State Police and the Franklin Township Police. She served an internship with the Essex County Sheriff's Department in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

The Middlesex County College Police Department is on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on the 200-acre campus.

### Women In Business

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce announces the quarterly meeting of the "Women In Business" networking group. The mission of this group is to enhance the professional and personal life of women in business through education and support.

This dynamic presentation "Protection-Don't Leave Home Without It!" will help people assess personal safety in various situations, provide valuable life-saving information and share techniques for self-defense. Detective Harry Hudson of the New Brunswick Police Department and Andrew Politi of Jersey Shore Aikikai will present this topic.

"It is not for women only, it is about helping people feel safe," according to MCRCC President Nancy Ostin. "The presentation is for everyone, while we will focus on safety for women, we encourage all to attend. Everyone who has a woman in their life, a wife, mother, sister, daughter, or friend will benefit from this program—you can attend together!"

This interactive workshop will include dinner. Admittance is \$18 for chamber members, \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is requested, space is very limited.

Call (732) 821-1700 for more information and directions. Register on line at [www.mcrcc.org](http://www.mcrcc.org).

### Cryan To Vice-Chair Regulatory Oversight Committee

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Assemblyman Joseph Cryan was officially appointed by Assembly Speaker Albio Sires to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee recently.

Cryan, a restaurateur, is serving his first term in the General Assembly.

"In my opinion, committee oversight is an integral part of the legislative process where bills are improved in the best interest of the state and our constituents," said Cryan (D-Union).

"It's an honor and a privilege to serve on a committee responsible for reviewing regulatory policy that can affect the business community and the state's economy."

In general, the Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee will take under consideration bills dealing with departmental rules and regulations, legislative intent and regulatory affairs.

Cryan also has secured prestigious positions on both the Assembly Budget Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

"These panels will have important roles to play as the Legislature attempts to address a revenue shortfall approaching \$2.5 billion," said Cryan. "We will be looking at every potential way to trim the fat and cap spending in order to improve our finances."

The Budget Committee will hold public hearings and take testimony from each department of state government before submitting an approved final state budget to the full Assembly.

The Appropriations Committee will oversee legislation "to appropriate State funds or which involves an actual or potential appropriation or expenditure of \$100,000 or more of State or other public funds."

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Heroes

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The graduating class of the Middlesex County Fire Academy saluted the firefighters and police officers who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The class of 80 firefighters graduated in a ceremony held on Jan. 16. It is the first class to graduate since the World Trade Center attack. The firefighters began their training in August and completed their 120 hours of training in December.

"You are the real heroes," said senior fire instructor Dave Petry to the graduates.

"A real hero is the person who puts others before himself and puts their heart and soul in the jobs they do," he added. Rory Zach, senior fire instructor, said that when the new semester starts next month, the new class will be even larger. He said that his conversations with fire chiefs suggest that more people are interested in becoming firefighters, perhaps because of the Sept. 11 tragedy

Top 10 Trends  
In Recruiting

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Human Resource Council Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Forsgate Country Club from 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.

This special program will feature Mark Mehler and Gerry Crispin of CareerXroads for a dynamic presentation titled, "Top 10 Trends in Recruiting" The Challenges and Opportunities.

Pre-registration is requested. The program includes lunch and networking, the cost is \$25 for Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce members, \$30 for non-members, call (732) 821-1700. Table sponsorships are available.

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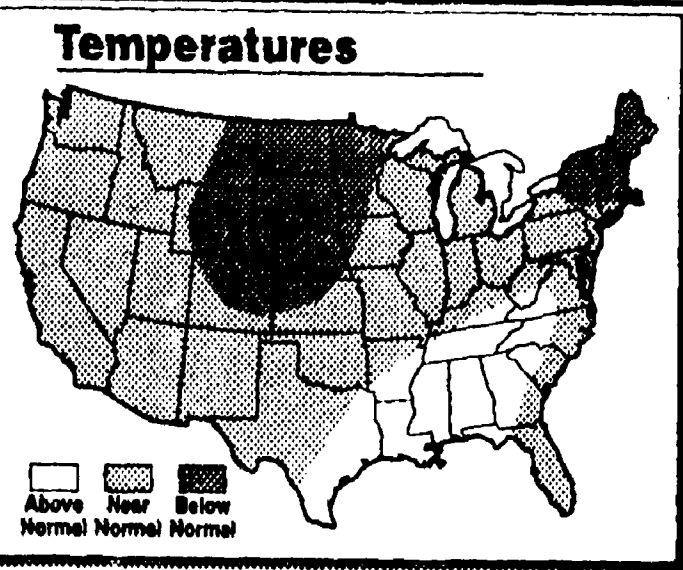
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

| Thursday               | Thu. night     | Friday                     | Saturday               | Sunday                | Monday                  | Tuesday                    | Wednesday     |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                        |                |                            |                        |                       |                         |                            |               |
| Mild with partial sun. | Patchy clouds. | Cold; snow and rain early. | Cold with partial sun. | Partial sun and cold. | Mostly cloudy and cold. | Cloudy with snow and rain. | Partly sunny. |
| 43                     | 30             | 37/30                      | 38/25                  | 37/14                 | 38/33                   | 51/34                      | 39/23         |

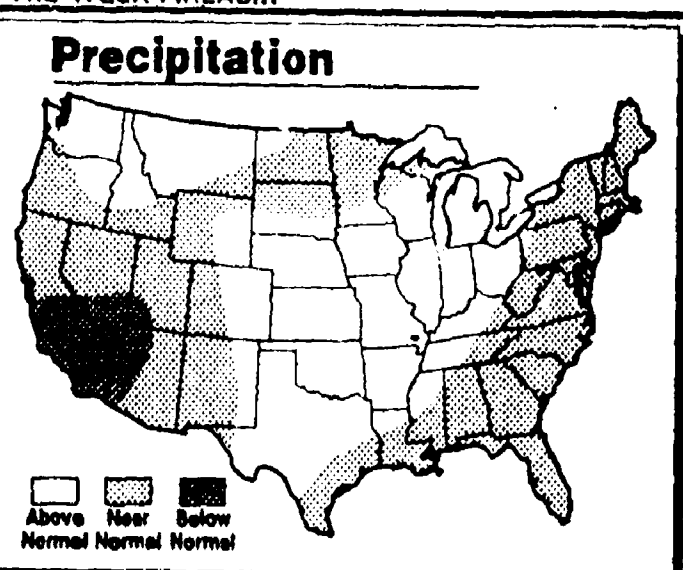
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

The jet stream will guide storms across the Pacific Northwest and into the Plains. South of the jet stream, warm weather is expected across the central and southern Plains. Meanwhile, cold air will chill portions of the Great Lakes, Northeast and Middle Atlantic. Dry weather will cover much of the Southeast and Gulf Coast.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

| City           | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday   |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta        | 50 34 pc | 54 37 s  | 50 32 pc | 56 32 s  |
| Boston         | 36 24 c  | 38 22 c  | 36 20 sn | 32 11 pc |
| Chicago        | 36 22 c  | 30 16 sn | 34 24 c  | 38 28 c  |
| Cleveland      | 37 23 sl | 35 21 c  | 27 18 c  | 35 20 c  |
| Denver         | 46 25 pc | 44 24 pc | 50 27 pc | 49 14 pc |
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| Detroit        | 36 22 sl | 32 18 sl | 29 16 c  | 32 19 pc |
| Houston        | 66 36 pc | 66 40 pc | 62 43 s  | 69 42 pc |
| Indianapolis   | 41 25 c  | 39 22 c  | 33 20 c  | 40 28 c  |
| Kansas City    | 46 28 s  | 42 18 pc | 38 24 c  | 44 32 pc |
| Los Angeles    | 69 45 pc | 74 46 pc | 73 47 s  | 71 46 c  |
| Miami          | 80 60 c  | 76 60 pc | 76 62 pc | 77 51 pc |
| Minn.-St. Paul | 28 10 pc | 24 8 sn  | 26 10 sl | 30 14 s  |
| New Orleans    | 62 45 s  | 64 46 s  | 60 43 s  | 66 40 s  |
| New York City  | 38 32 pc | 38 32 c  | 36 26 c  | 34 18 pc |
| Omaha          | 40 18 pc | 34 22 pc | 42 20 pc | 38 28 pc |
| Phoenix        | 72 48 s  | 70 48 s  | 74 50 s  | 75 46 pc |
| San Francisco  | 56 43 pc | 59 45 pc | 63 47 pc | 60 43 pc |
| Seattle        | 48 38 c  | 50 38 c  | 47 30 r  | 39 25 c  |
| Washington     | 44 34 sh | 44 34 r  | 42 30 c  | 46 20 s  |

SUN & MOON

| Sunrise                           | Sunset    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Thu. 7:01 a.m.                    | 5:22 p.m. |
| Fri. 7:00 a.m.                    | 5:23 p.m. |
| Moonrise                          | Moonset   |
| Thu. 3:40 a.m.                    | 1:07 p.m. |
| Fri. 4:39 a.m.                    | 1:56 p.m. |
| Moon Phases                       |           |
| Last                              | New       |
| Feb 4                             | Feb 12    |
| 20                                | 27        |
| Weather (W):                      |           |
| s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,        |           |
| c-cloudy, sh-showers,             |           |
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Great Acting, And A Little Ham



By Michael S. Goldberger

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You'll laugh, you'll cry. But for the first few scenes in director Jessie Nelson's emotionally-charged "I Am Sam" you may be suspicious. You'll wonder whether or not Sean Penn's portrayal of a mentally challenged father desperately trying to retain custody of his seven-year-old daughter is really great. And though your reservations will soon be delightfully dispelled, you should be excused your initial cynicism.

It has long been held that any experienced actor can feign a tour-de-force given the right gimmicky part. Yet the fact is that on a major league level such roles are fraught with peril. There is a tightrope of good taste and realism to walk. Happily, keeping all his plates

spinning and his juggling clubs aloft, Mr. Penn traverses this thespic high wire whilst also imparting a flourish all his own.

Still, despite all the consciousness-raising Penn provides via his delineation of Sam Dawson's travail, there is by nature of the task a practically unavoidable helping of ham in this soulful stew. The cast is primarily made up of good and bad, with few gray characters to discern.

Now that's not to say that Sam can't tell when someone's being disingenuous with him. Quite the contrary. However, good manners often deter him from acknowledging his opinion. But when push comes to shove, the lovable character can spot a phony a mile away. In

short, his judgement is not impaired. And thus it's obvious that in creating Sam, writers Kristine Johnson and Jessie Nelson meant to impress how, despite his inability to learn beyond a first grade level, in other areas he is capable of functioning as a fully competent adult.

Only problem is, knowing exactly what those abilities are isn't the simple black and white affair that separating the cast's good guys and bad guys is. And thus when a school psychologist theorizes that Lucy Dawson (Dakota Fanning) is hesitant to learn beyond the level of her father's stunted intelligence, those powers that be decide to wrest the little gal from her natural pop for her own academic and psychological good. Richard Schiff is excellent as Turner, the state's villainous attorney.

At first blush, it doesn't look good for dad and daughter. It matters little that Sam's fathering skills, featuring an uncanny

amount of patience as their cornerstone, will shame most audience members into reassessing their own parenting techniques. His job as a helper at Starbucks will hardly afford him the kind of legal clout he'll need to keep Lucy from being placed in a foster home.

But don't give up just yet, dear reader. Bear in mind that "I Am Sam," though managing a commendable level of tension, suspense and courtroom angst, has more feel-good moments than are normally allotted to strict dramas. So it should come as no surprise when, in response to Sam's plight, director Nelson plops down the deus ex machina and out trots Michelle Pfeiffer.

She is Rita Harrison, great lawyer, terrible mother, unhappy wife and, in general, societally detached Yuppie. You know the stereotype. That's her Porsche parked over there. And although California's most successful divorce lawyer had absolutely no intentions of accepting Sam's case on a pro bono basis, she is cowed into it by a set of embarrassing circumstances. Call it repayment in kind, though, as she's in for an education. We ravenously share in the ennobling enlightenment, and feast on the prospect of a triumphant underdog.

While Miss Pfeiffer's hyperactive attorney is unconvincing at first, things straighten out nicely once Rita and Sam get to

sparring. But next to Mr. Penn's portrayal, the real performance of note is Dakota Fanning as Lucy, which is short for Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds. A devotee of anything to do with the Beatles, Sam Dawson has drawn on the Fab Four not only to name and subsequently raise his daughter, but he has adopted their philosophy as the closest thing he has to a religion.

To wit, during one court scrutiny when Lucy is asked to assess her father's parenting abilities, the moppet quite confidently answers: "All you need is love." And she's perfectly touching, there and throughout the film. Perhaps even a bit too perfect, and a mite too precious. For she's an acting phenom. And that can work against you when you're a child. Because part of being a kid means to be imperfect and unstudied. Even when acting. But with young Miss Fanning strutting the boards so authoritatively, there might be a tendency for some to marvel at her precocious abilities instead of concentrating on her character. You're supposed to be sympathizing with Lucy, and not wondering if they cloned Olivier to make her.

"I Am Sam," rated PG-13, is a New Line Cinema release directed by Jessie Nelson and stars Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer and Dakota Fanning. Running time: 132 minutes

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**YOUR HEALTH NEWS****New Law To Require Defibrillators In All NJ State Buildings**

STATE — The American Heart Association applauds acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco and the New Jersey legislature for the passage of legislation that requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish guidelines for the placement of automated external defibrillators in all state buildings. The legislation was signed into public law on Jan. 8 by acting Governor DiFrancesco. The American Heart Association, which has referred to sudden cardiac arrest as a *major unresolved public health issue*, called the new law a monumental step

toward improving the survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest in New Jersey. The Commissioner now has 180 days, effective Jan. 8, to issue guidelines to implement the law.

Two identical bills, Assembly bill A2873 and Senate bill S1584, were introduced and passed requiring the NJ Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to issue guidelines to place defibrillators in state buildings. The American Heart Association calls "early defibrillation" the critical link in the chain of survival that provides people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest the best chance at

survival. Sudden cardiac arrest is different than a heart attack, and can strike anyone, at any age.

According to the American Heart Association, at least 220,000 Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest annually and the national survival rate is about 5%. Few victims survive after 10 minutes and brain damage can begin in around the sixth minute. Most people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest suffer from a deadly heart arrhythmia called ventricular fibrillation. They are clinically dead and the key to survival is: **Early 9-1-1; Early CPR; Early**

**Defibrillation; and Early Advanced Care.** Early defibrillation, or an electrical shock with an automated external defibrillator (AED) to restart the heart, in the first five minutes is critical.

Hundreds of NJ companies, retail stores and public places now have defibrillator programs. At least 11 major NJ shopping malls have defibrillator programs as well as more than 40 NJ golf courses and more than 160 NJ police departments.

The legislation signed into public law by acting Governor DiFrancesco now requires guidelines to be established to place defibrillators in state

owned and operated buildings, such as: The Garden State Parkway and NJ Turnpike rest-stop facilities, DMV buildings, state parks, beaches and museums, more than 240 train, bus and ferry terminals, state court buildings, PNC Bank Arts Center, Newark International Airport, Meadowlands Raceway, the NJ State Aquarium, Giants Stadium, Monmouth Park Raceway, and others.

For more information about the American Heart Association chain of survival, CPR training or automated external defibrillators, call the American Heart Association at 1-877-AHA-4CPR.

**Study To Test Effectiveness Of A Pill For Glaucoma**

AREA — Researchers at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-New Jersey Medical School are seeking volunteers to test the safety and effectiveness of a new medication that may prevent vision loss in glaucoma patients.

The four-year clinical trial is open to individuals between the ages of 18 and 82 with glaucoma. The drug being tested is Memantine, which is manufactured by Allergan Inc., in Irvine, Calif.

Glaucoma, a medical condition that occurs when pressure in the eyeball increases resulting in damage to the optic nerve and eventual loss of vision, affects nearly three million Americans. Symptoms of this problem, which has no known cause, are rarely present until it is in advanced stages.

Dr. Robert D. Fechtner, associate professor of ophthalmology and director of the Glaucoma Division at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in Newark, said,

"Currently prescription eye drops or surgery are the two methods used to lessen the build-up of pressure in the eye that results in a gradual loss of vision."

"When glaucoma is detected in its early stages, the treatment success rate is about 90 percent," Dr. Fechtner said. "Yet more than half of the individuals with glaucoma are unaware that they have this medical problem."

Individuals accepted into the trial must have fairly good

vision (20/30) and a damaged optic nerve with peripheral vision loss. Participants who already are taking glaucoma medication will continue to do so during the course of the trial. In addition, each will be given either Memantine or a placebo, a substance containing no medicine.

For more information about the study at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, call (973) 972-0205.

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The topic will be announced

at the time of the meeting. Members, families, friends and the general public are all invited to attend.

Lupus is a chronic, inflammatory disease which afflicts an estimated two million Americans. Lupus can affect the skin, joints, heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, and other parts of the body. Although the disease is controllable in most people today, it can be fatal and there is still no known cause or cure.

The Lupus Foundation of America, NJ Chapter provides patient and family support services, information and referrals, public education about lupus and funds lupus research projects.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information about the meeting or about lupus, contact the Foundation office at 287 Market St., Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, 201-791-7868.

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## Reservists, New Enlistees May Get Deferral For Back Taxes

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The Act covers active duty members of the military services - Army, Navy, Air Force,

Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Reservists must be placed on active duty to qualify. National Guard personnel not serving in a "federalized" status - that is, called to active duty specifically by the President of the United States - are not covered.

The deferral applies to taxes that fall due before or during military service, and extends the payment deadline to six months after the military service ends.

No interest or penalty accrues during the deferral period.

The deferral is not automatic. A taxpayer must apply for the deferral. When applying, the taxpayer must prove both an inability to pay the tax and that this inability resulted from military service. A taxpayer must also have received a notice of tax due, or be on an installment agreement with the IRS, before applying for the deferral.

The deferral is limited to an initial period of service, not reenlistment periods. This

would include:

- An active duty period pursuant to a first enlistment,
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- The first period of reenlistment following a break in service of at least one year.

For officers meeting one of these conditions, the period is limited to two years.

The deferral does not extend the deadline for filing any tax returns. However, taxpayers

may get extra time to file under other provisions, such as being stationed overseas or in a combat zone. Afghanistan was designated a combat zone beginning Sept. 19, 2001, by Executive Order No. 13239.

Details for applying for the tax payment deferral are in IRS Publication 3, "Armed Forces' Tax Guide," which is available on the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), or by calling toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

## Forms And Publications — How To Order

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If you know what form or publication you need, call the IRS toll-free order number at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). If you're not sure what to order, review IRS Publication 910, "Guide to Free Tax Services," which lists publications and related forms, with descriptions and a subject matter index.

Two other helpful publications are Publication 2053,

"Quick and Easy Access to IRS Tax Help and Forms/Fax Forms List." This four-page publication explains how to obtain forms and publications via personal computer, phone, walk-in, mail, or CD-ROM and includes a detailed list of forms available by fax.

Publication 2053A is a shortened version, omitting the three-page "Tax Products by Fax" list.

Personal computer users may download forms and publications from the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). This site also has links to state tax forms and to forms that you can fill in online and then print.

During the tax-filing season, many libraries and post offices offer free tax forms to taxpayers. Some libraries also have copies of commonly-requested publications. Braille materials are also available. Many large gro-

cery stores, copy centers, and office supply stores have forms you can photocopy or print from a CD-ROM.

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## Taxpayer Rights A Priority For IRS

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Besides what is expected of IRS employees, taxpayers have many other rights. They have the right to have someone represent them before the IRS and to accompany them to any meeting with IRS employees. When there is a disagreement, they have the right to request that the independent IRS Appeals office review the case. Taxpayers who still disagree can put their case before the court system.

Taxpayers who have been unsuccessful in resolving issues with the IRS through normal channels have the right to contact the Taxpayer Advocate by calling, toll free, 1-877-777-4778. The Taxpayer Advocate can offer special help if an IRS action is causing the taxpayer significant hardship.

To let taxpayers know about their rights, the IRS produces Publication 1, "Your Rights as a Taxpayer." The Spanish-language version is Publication 1SP. These publications, which highlight taxpayer rights and related IRS programs, are available on the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Information on the Taxpayer Advocate Service is also available on the Web site.

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| Mid-Day                           | 959 | \$271.00       | \$90.00  | \$27.00 | Mid-Day                         | 8985     | \$1,890.00 |
| Evening                           | 926 | \$226.50       | \$37.50  | \$22.50 | Evening                         | 4631     | \$2,698.00 |
| MONDAY, Jan. 28 • Devine Media    |     |                |          |         | JERSEY CASH 5 4-9-20-31-34      |          |            |
| Mid-Day                           | 160 | \$224.00       | \$37.00  | \$22.00 | Mid-Day                         | 6357     | \$2,997.50 |
| Evening                           | 855 | \$337.00       | \$112.00 | \$33.50 | Evening                         | 4275     | \$2,679.50 |
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## EDITORIALS

# Guest Editorial

## Real Reform So Your Vote Counts

by Senator Robert G. Torricelli

When the Voting Rights Act was signed into law over thirty years ago, many thought it was the end of a long journey undertaken to ensure that the ideals on which this country was founded were more than just abstract notions. The Voting Rights Act, and before it the 14th Amendment, were definitive and much needed expressions by our nation's government that liberty and equality in theory is only as meaningful as liberty and equality in practice.

The immediate consequence of the 2000 elections and its unsettling debacle was a realization that even thirty years after the Voting Rights Act became law, the nation's election system was not what people imagined it to be. The election brought to light many problems with the nation's voting system, including the impact that outdated voting machines, undertrained poll workers, and poorly-designed ballots can have on an election.

Throughout the past year, Congress and the nation have evaluated how best to ensure that future elections are ones in which Americans can have faith in the results. I have spent countless hours devoted to the subject. Over a year ago, I introduced one of the first bills seeking to improve election systems and procedures. Others soon followed with their own ideas about how to best bring about change to what we had learned was a clearly flawed system.

With so much at stake, the legislative process has not

been without disagreement and at times it seemed that little would be changed. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate, however, have finally made progress in crafting bipartisan legislation seeking to make elections more fair for all Americans. The House of Representatives has passed legislation supported by a majority of both parties. In December, along with a bipartisan group of Senators, I introduced the "Equal Protection of Voting Rights Act of 2001," bipartisan legislation to modernize the nation's election procedures.

The "Equal Protection of Voting Rights Act of 2001," represents a balance between establishing national standards for voting and giving states the flexibility to make improvements tailored to their state's needs. First, this bill creates a permanent federal system of analysis and assistance. This legislation establishes an Election Administration Commission, consisting of two commissioners from each party who will serve four-year terms. The Commission will bring expertise to modernizing elections and provide states and localities with advice for enhancing voting procedures.

Secondly, this legislation establishes three minimum national requirements for voting procedures to ensure that voting across the nation is uniform and nondiscriminatory. These minimum national standards include requiring states and localities across the nation to utilize voting systems that

enable voters to verify how they voted and ensure accessibility to language minorities and individuals with disabilities. It would also obligate states and localities to provide for provisional balloting and direct them to establish a statewide voter registration list with the names and addresses of eligible voters.

Perhaps most importantly, however, this legislation provides \$3 billion in federal grants for states and localities to modernize voting systems, improve accessibility to polling places and train poll workers, among other things. States and communities must show that they comply with the three national requirements to be eligible for the grants.

An additional \$400 million is authorized for providing early funds so that states and localities can implement some improvements quickly. One hundred million of the bill's fundraising is directed to provide grants to make polling places physically accessible to those with disabilities.

I hope that this legislation once and for all, completes our nation's journey to ensuring that all eligible Americans are able to cast their vote fairly, accurately, and without interference. To some, this legislation may not be perfect, but it is the result of reasoned compromise and is a balanced response to all that our nation has learned from the 2000 elections. I will work to ensure that this legislation is passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President.



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

As the parents of three daughters and a lovable, but rambunctious, golden retriever, my wife and I have learned not to look at the world around us through the eyes of an adult but through the eyes of a child. This is especially true when it come to safety issues around the home.

An uncovered electrical outlet, household cleaners placed casually in the cabinet under the sink or grandmother's irreplaceable crystal perched on the coffee table pose no hazards to an adult. But to a child or the family pet they are invitations to disaster.

**A small child or pet having more than a taste of this product could be at risk for alcohol poisoning. If a child were to ingest as little as an ounce or two serious side effects could occur.**

With my "childproof antenna" fully extended, I was surprised to learn that a relatively new product on all the store shelves and I'm sure in many of our homes -hand-sanitizing gel-can pose a serious threat to our children. How can that possibly be? We are all familiar with this product. It comes in containers of all shapes and sizes and often has a very appealing herbal or fruit sent. It markets itself as a effective product in killing those germs we all want to avoid during the cough, cold and flu season. When used as directed, on our hands, the product is safe and effective.

Where the problem lies is the exact same qualities that make this product appealing to adults, a convenient handy to

use container, most without child restraint and pleasant texture and fragrance make it a potential hazard to our children and pets. For you see, the active ingredient in these hand sanitizing products is alcohol. Most of these products contain over 60% ethyl alcohol, that's a stronger alcohol concentration than most hard liquors and its substantially more than beer or wine. A small child or pet having more than a taste of this product could be at risk for alcohol poisoning. If a child were to ingest as little as an ounce or two serious side effects could occur. That is why the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System offers these tips on hand sanitizing gels.

Children should use this product only with adult supervision.

The best way to clean hands is hand washing with soap and water. This method also removes most germs.

Gel sanitizers are meant to supplement hand washing, not replace it.

Always store this product, along with cologne, mouthwash, perfume, aftershave and rubbing alcohol well out of reach of children and pets.

If you suspect your child or pet has ingested this product, do not wait for symptoms to develop; contact the New Jersey Poison Control Center immediately.

The New Jersey Poison Control Center is staffed with trained medical professionals who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. They are available for immediate treatment advise or to answer any questions you may have on drug or poison information.

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## Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Worried about the poor money-management skills of today's youths, the American Bankers Association is sponsoring a financial education program for school children. Wells Fargo, one of the participating banks, is sending 200 workers and high-tech businesses to teach

some 100,000 skulls full of mush about the world of finance.

One would think this volunteer effort would be greeted with appreciation. Wrongo! According to an AP story, representatives of the "consumer program" of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, fear schools

will become marketing opportunities for the bank. Sending banks into the classroom, they say, is "like the fox guarding the chicken coop." Another group, Commercial Alert, calls the program a "Trojan horse for marketing credit cards and other products." Oh, I get it kinda the way "consumer groups" are Trojan horses for liberal politics?

Wells Fargo CEO Dick Kovacevich says, "it is in everybody's best interest if people are

better educated about money." Not everybody's, Mr. CEO. The truth is, certain people profit from keeping people uneducated about money. I'm talking about those who promote class warfare and gain political power from convincing the undereducated they are helpless victims. In other words, liberals! And enraging them is but a side effect to teach American kids how to succeed.

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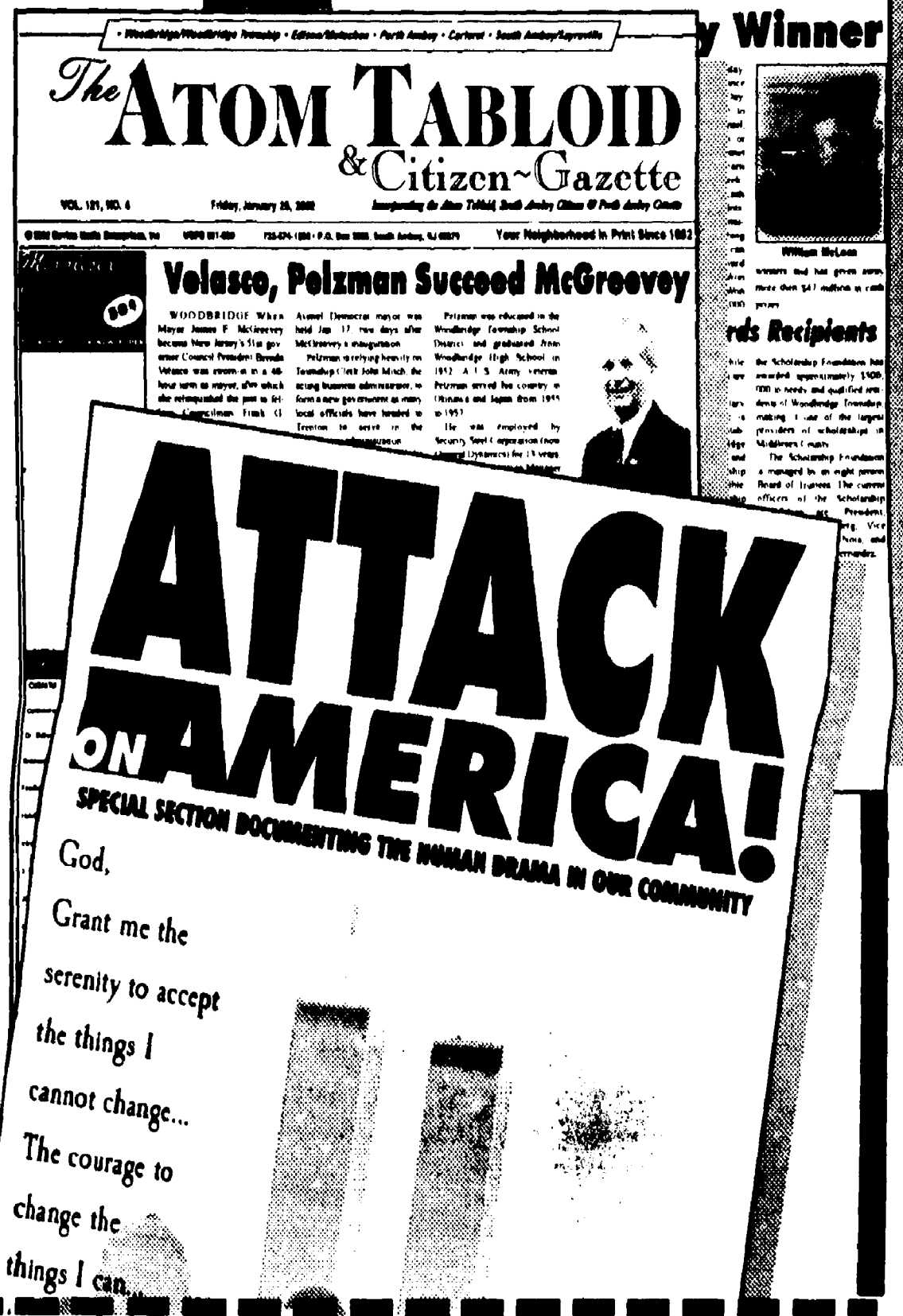
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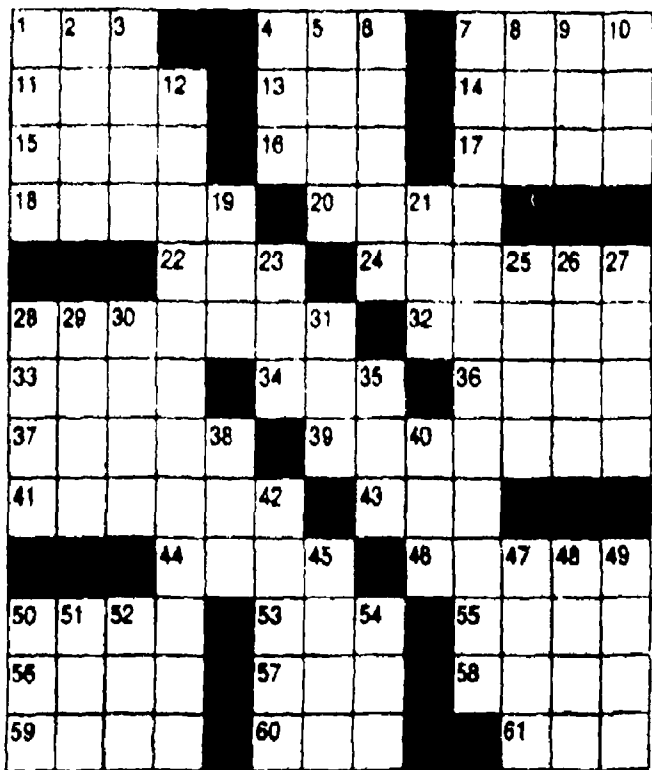
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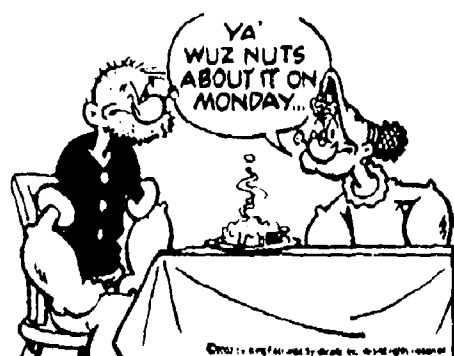
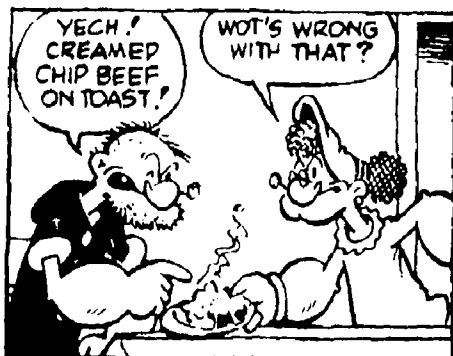
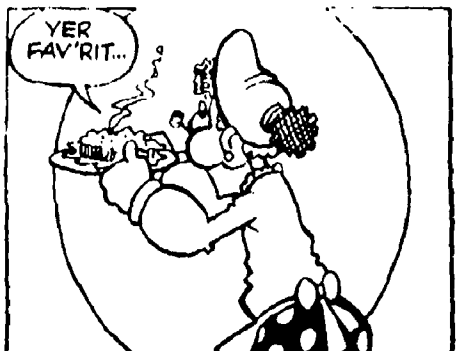
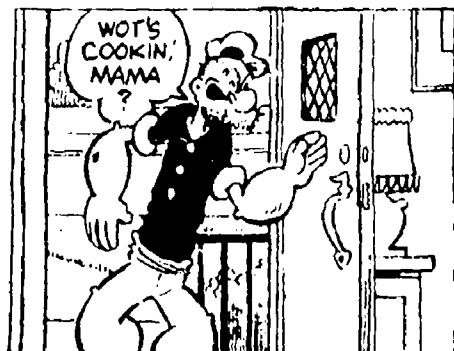
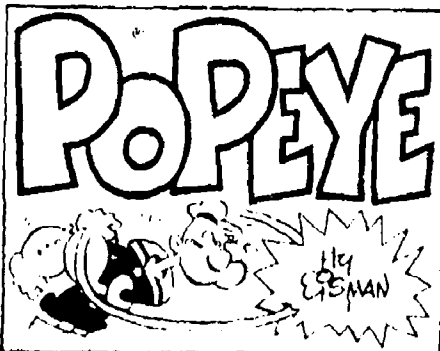
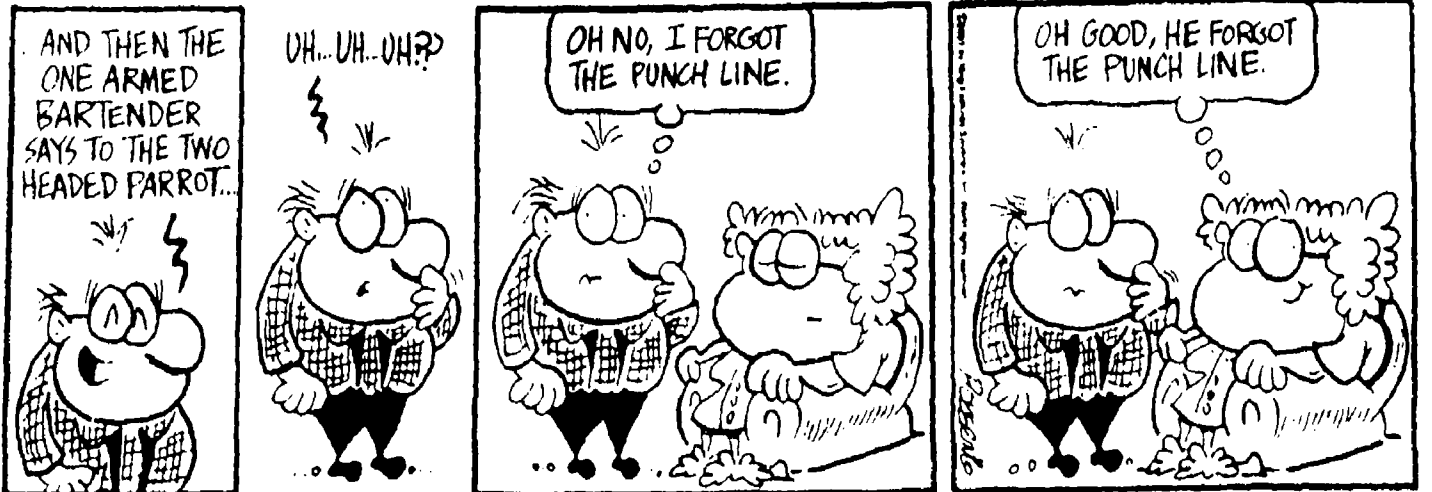
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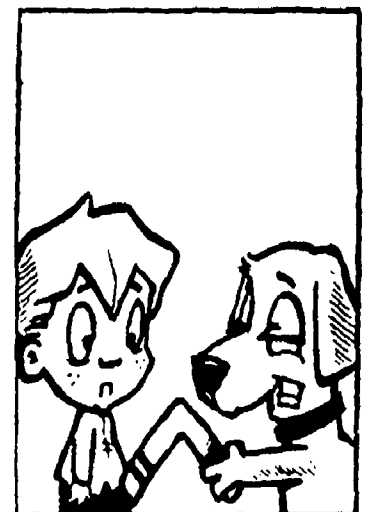
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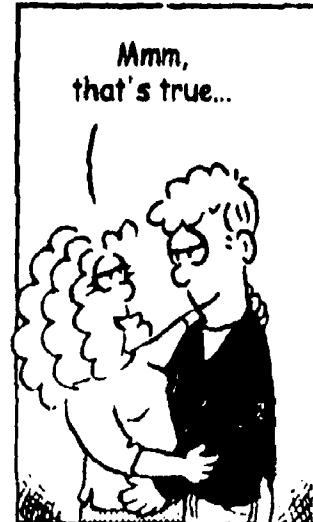
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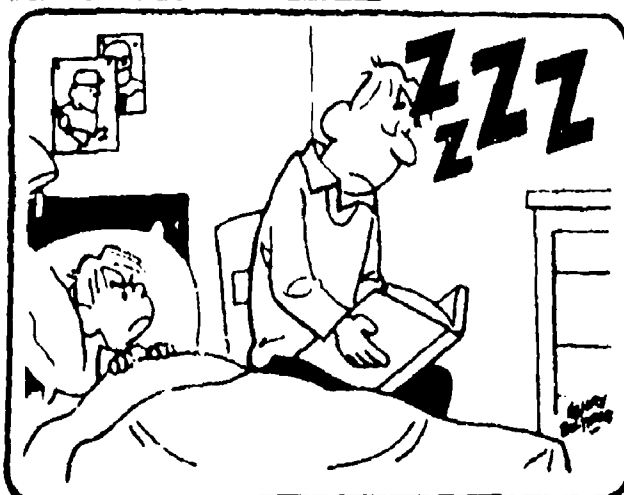
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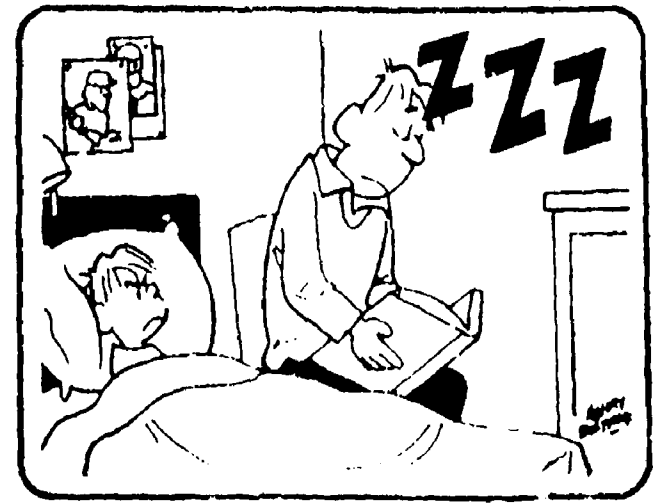


## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture has been added 2. Chair back is different 3. One "Z" is missing 4. Dresser drawers are gone 5. Dad's nose is smaller 6. Boy's hands are hidden

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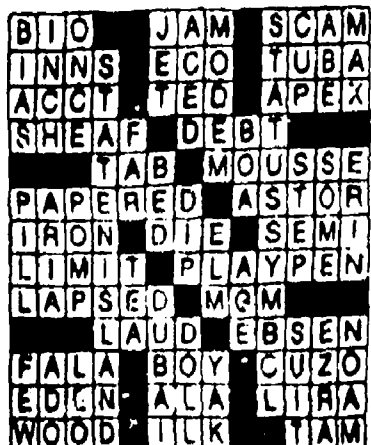
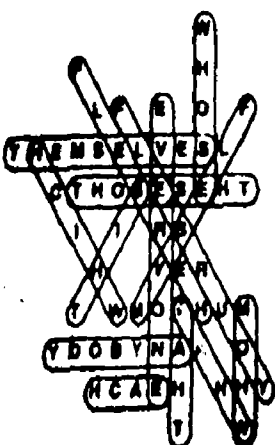
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**WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

**Female-5'0"**, not very attractive, ISO dark handsome big man for fun & possible relationship. ID# 1070

**Recent Widow**-Sad and blue, would like to meet a man like you! I am 58, 5'3" 118lbs. Financially secure, kind & generous and pretty also. Love cooking, games, prefer WWDM 60 yrs + with a sense of humor. Let's start anew in 2002 ID# 1063

**WWF**-My New Years resolution is to find a gentle man who is in his early 60's, family oriented, a big heart and needs someone like me. Can you help me out? ID# 1061

**DWF 43**, -5'3" N/S brown hair, brown eyes and mom to one child. Positive, outgoing, passionate, ISO F/S male for steady relationship. ID# 1060

**WWF 57**, -slim, attractive, full of life, creative, caring, multi-interests. Looking for a man 50-65 with similar characteristics. ID# 1054

**Attractive SWF 49**, -5'4", 135 lbs., long hair, affectionate and honest. I am looking for an honest and caring man to share life with. For the good and bad times! ID# 1048

**SWF 41**, -Enjoys fun times, walks in the country, sight seeing, historic landmarks, dining out, reading. Seeking non-smoking SWM 40-50 for long term relationship. ID# 1045

**WWF**, widow, seeking a nice man for companionship between 65 and 70 yrs of age. I enjoy movies, walking and dining out, TV and reading. I am also an animal lover. ID# 1043

**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

**WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

**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

**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 be cuddled 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

**MEN SEEKING WOMEN**

**DWM**, 45, N/S, no children, ISO female who like me, enjoys quiet times, hugs, kisses and cuddling. For long-term relationship, possible commitment. ID# 1071

**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

**MEN SEEKING WOMEN**

**Single Male 42**, of mixed descent, seeks a nice lady. If you like riding the train, CD101.9 radio, watching Jeopardy on TV, or are just curious, send me a letter. Let's talk over a drink. ID# 1067

**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

**Union County Gentleman**, starting over Mid-50's, easy going, secure w/no vices. I'm not looking for the impossible! ISO caring, honest, F/S, affectionate, slim lady that appreciates TLC. ID# 1064

**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.

**MEN SEEKING WOMEN**

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

**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, 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 LTR 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

**MEN SEEKING WOMEN**

**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

**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 LTR 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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## 4,000 Plus To Participate In Groundhog Job Shadow Day

AREA From Feb. 1 to May 15, Junior Achievement of NJ will assist middle and high school students across the state participating in Groundhog Job Shadow activities. The purpose is to provide students with an up-close look at what a real job is like, and how

the skills they learn in school are put to use in the workplace. The opportunity for students to get exposure to the field they are interested in through a local company is very exciting for both the student and the host.

During a job shadow experience, a student receives an

armload of benefits, such as seeing a link between education and success, encouragement to get the necessary education and skills for the job they want, stressing the importance of teamwork on the job and gives them information to make important career choices.

The exciting Job Shadow experience also helps students determine which career field they would like to have a job in. The company benefits through increasing their exposure within the community, helps to prepare the future workforce and encourages em-

ployees to volunteer within the community.

Companies can get involved by hosting students for a few hours on a date between Feb. 1 and May 15. Contact Pamela Markert at Junior Achievement of NJ at 908-789-8828 to sign up.

## Can't Get Respect?

*The Foundation is Offering It Free*

AREA Respect is sometimes hard to get. The NJ State Bar Foundation is making it easier by offering its latest publication, a newsletter titled, *Respect*, free to interested schools.

Based on the popularity of the special diversity issue of the Foundation's legal newspaper for kids, *The Legal Eagle*, the Foundation developed the idea for *Respect*, a newsletter about law and diversity geared for students in grades 7 to 12.

Intended for publication three times a year, *Respect's* first issue features articles on the controversy over flying Confederate flags, hate speech in music lyrics and an essay which originally appeared in the diversity issue of *The Legal Eagle*. Written by a young Japanese-American student, the essay recounts her family's struggle during World War II when Japanese-Americans were forced into internment camps.

"We hope that the teachers and parents who read the newsletter will use it to stimulate a dialogue among students about the complex issues discussed in these articles," said NJ State Bar Foundation President Daniel M. Hurley.

One teacher is using the newsletter to do just that. Susan Santowasso, a teacher at Crossroads Middle School in Monmouth Junction, divided her class into three groups and assigned each group a different *Respect* article. Those three groups were then divided in half and asked to advocate one side of the issue presented in the article. The students were to read through the article highlighting the facts they would use to defend their particular side of the issue. In front of their classmates, each group debated their issues and then the class voted on which side presented the most convincing argument.

"The students really en-

joyed arguing their cases even if they had to defend a side they did not believe in," said Santowasso, who contends that certain issues have already come up in class where she or her students have referred back to those debates.

According to Santowasso, her students found *Respect* useful and liked the way the newsletter presented current events in an interesting way. She also said the students liked the way the articles provided both sides of the issues and, they admitted that the stories made them think about things that they had not thought about, changing their views on certain issues for some.

Santowasso also encouraged her students to take *Respect* home and allow their parents to read it, which sparked a dialogue among many. One parent remarked that he changed his opinion about the Confederate flag after reading the article in the newsletter.

The Foundation's Tolerance Committee serves as the editorial advisory board for *Respect* and oversees its content. Board members are Louis H. Miron, an attorney in Westfield, who

chairs the committee; John J. Henschel, with the Rutherford law firm of Caron, Constants & Wilson; Maria E. Hernandez, with the law firm of Lopez-Montalvo in Newark; Desha Jackson, assistant corporation counsel for the City of Newark; Lisa H. James-Beavers, executive director of the NJ Department of Education's School Ethics Commission in Trenton; Caroline L. Meuly, assistant prosecutor for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office in New Brunswick; Robin R. Parker, chief for the Office of Bias Crime and Community Relations in Trenton; Rafael Perez, with the law firm of Cosen & O'Connor in Newark; Lourdes I. Santiago, with the law firm of Mark & Santiago in Jersey City; Dr. Maria Schmidt, supervisor of social studies for the Westfield School District; Amy Zylman Shimalla, with the law firm of Copeland, Shimalla & Wechsler in Warren; and Dr. Paul Winkler, with the NJ Department of Education's NJ Commission on Holocaust Education in Trenton.

Currently the newsletter is distributed free to more than

120,000 NJ students across the state, with more orders pending. The Foundation encourages teachers to order one copy for each student.

To request copies of the *Respect* newsletter and receive future issues please visit the Web site at [www.njsbf.org](http://www.njsbf.org) or contact the NJ State Bar Foundation at 1-800 FREE LAW. *Respect* is made possible by funding from the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of NJ.

Founded in 1958, the NJ State Bar Foundation is the educational and philanthropic arm of the NJ State Bar Association. The Bar Foundation's mission is to promote public understanding of the law through a free, comprehensive public education program. Among its activities, the Foundation, established in 1958, conducts seminars and conflict resolution training, publishes materials, operates a videotape loan library and speakers bureau, and coordinates elementary, middle and high school mock trial competitions. For more information about the Foundation's programs and publications, visit us online at [www.njsbf.org](http://www.njsbf.org) or call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

## McGreevey Chooses Librera As New Education Commissioner

STATE Dr. William Librera, who served as superintendent of schools in Montclair, Bernardsville, Wallkill Valley Regional and Allamuchy, was nominated as commissioner of education by Governor James E. McGreevey. Librera, a Denville resident, was also a high school principal in Maplewood and

an assistant professor at NJ City University.

"Bill Librera knows public education at every level," said McGreevey. "He has more than 30 years of experience in education as a teacher, principal and superintendent in NJ and will lead my administration's efforts to improve the state's public schools."

## College Tuition Assistance

AREA A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of

scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 900 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses,

application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

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**OBITUARIES****Steve Volkay**  
of Perth Amboy

Mr. Steve Volkay of Perth Amboy died January 29 at Amboy Care Center, Perth Amboy.

He worked as an iron worker and was a member of the District Council of the Iron Workers of Northern New Jersey.

He also worked as a bartender for many years and was a member of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union.

His wife, Olga Szatmary Volkay, died in 1952. His parents, Michael and Rosalia (Chincar) Volkay and a sister, Margaret Wataha and his friend and companion, Anne Cronk, area all deceased.

Surviving are two nephews, Joseph Volkay of Woodbridge and Steve Wataha of South River; and two grandnieces, Danielle and Christine Volkay

**E. Siewarga-Boyes**  
of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Elizabeth Siewarga-Boyes of Perth Amboy died January 29 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 85.

She was born in Perth Amboy and was a lifelong resident.

She worked at Maiden Form for 20 years before retiring in 1973.

Mrs. Siewarga-Boyes was a communicant of Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Perth Amboy. She was a member of the church's Senior Citizens.

He first husband, Andrew Siewarga, died in 1969. Her second husband, Stanley Boyes, died in 1980. Three brothers and three sisters, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Siewarga of Woodbridge and Robert Boyes of Morganville; a daughter, Betty Ann Pappachritus of Perth Amboy; five grandchildren; Kelly Cuzzola, Kyle Cottrell, Robert Boyes, Amy Boyes and Claudine Mistretta; and five grandchildren.

**Mary Volocsin, 71**  
of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Mary Volocsin of Middletown (formerly of Perth Amboy) died January 30 at her home in Middletown. She was 71.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there until moving to Middletown in 1983.

She retired several years ago from Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank, where she worked in the business office for three years. Prior to that, she worked in the business office of Perth Amboy General Hospital, (now Raritan Bay Medical Center) for 10 years.

Mrs. Volocsin was a communicant of St. Catherine's R.C. Church, Holmdel.

Her husband, Paul Volocsin, died in 1979. Her parents, George and Anna (Porohivc) Vasilenko, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Caga of Middletown; a granddaughter, Jennifer Caga of Middletown; her nieces and nephews, Jerry and Rose Celecki of South Amboy, Maryanne and Joseph Laneski of Montrose, Pa. and John Celecki of Perth Amboy.

**Patricia Fruscella**  
of Carteret

Mrs. Patricia (Glennon) Fruscella of Carteret died January 29 at Rahway Hospital. She was 68.

Born in New York City, she resided in Carteret for the past 30 years.

She retired as senior classification officer from the State Department of Corrections, where she worked for 23 years.

Mrs. Fruscella was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her husband, Anthony Fruscella, died in 1981.

Surviving are four sons, Thomas of Hanover, Pa. and Richard, Anthony and James, all of Carteret; and five grandchildren.

**Margaret G. Fuchs**  
of Edison

Mrs. Margaret G. Fuchs of Edison died January 29 at Norwood Terrace, Plainfield. She was 90.

Born in Philadelphia, she lived in Berkeley Heights before moving to Edison in 1987.

She was a teacher for 36 years with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools before retiring in 1972.

Mrs. Fuchs graduated from Kean College in Union with a bachelor's degree in education.

Surviving are a son, Colonel John Winthrop Fuchs, USAF; a daughter, Beverly Ellen; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

**Potenciano Racelis**  
of Metuchen

Mr. Potenciano R. Racelis of Metuchen died January 30 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. He was 90.

Born in the Philippines, he moved to New Jersey in 1975.

He worked as an educational administrator in the Philippines for 40 years before retiring in 1974.

He was an accomplished pianist.

His wife, Rosario Poblete Racelis, is deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Ray of Iselin, Roberto of Iselin and Fernando of Texas; three daughters, Cecilia of Metuchen, Aurora of Iselin and Levie, also of Iselin; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Stephanie Lapinski**  
of Edison

Mrs. Stephanie Lapinski of Edison died January 17 in JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Bayonne, she moved to Edison 16 years ago.

She was a machine operator for Best Foods in Bayonne for many years before retiring.

Surviving are a daughter, Christine Higgins; three sisters, Helen Dolac, Josephine Bellack and Loretta Jaroszewski; a brother, Chester Stobierski; and a grandchild.

**Normand L. Turcotte**  
of Fords

Mr. Normand L. Turcotte of Fords died January 18 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 86.

Born in Fall River, Mass., he lived in Newark and Hopelawn before moving to Fords five years ago.

He was a wire inspector for Federal Pacific Electric in Newark for 20 years before retiring in 1980.

Mr. Turcotte served in the Air Force during World War II.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 1352 and a member of the Senior Citizens Club, both Hopelawn and the 303rd Bomber's Group, 8th Air Force of London, England.

Surviving are two sons, Robert and Bruce and five grandchildren.

**June Whitley, 84**  
of Woodbridge

Mrs. June Whitley of Woodbridge died January 18 in St. Michael's Hospital, Newark. She was 84.

Born in Newark, she lived in Avenel before moving to Woodbridge 15 years ago.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7164 and the Golden Circle, both of Avenel.

She was also a member of the Evergreen Senior Citizens of Colonia.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Quinn and Judith Lyon; a son, George, three brothers, Charles, Joseph and Robert Treilart; a sister, Lorraine Stoll; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Mary Orban, 87**  
of Fords

Mrs. Mary Orban of Fords died January 18 at home. She was 87.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she lived there for 35 years and then in Fords for 10 years. She spent the remainder of her life in Edison.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Lux of Woodstown; a son, Joseph Roman of California; a brother, Joe Barron of Throop, Pa., and four grandchildren.

**Geraldine Rose Fahy**  
of Fords

Mrs. Geraldine Rose Fahy of Fords died January 20 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 73.

Born in Newark, she lived in East Orange before moving to Fords 45 years ago. She was employed in the office of Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin, for 20 years before retiring eight years ago. Mrs. Fahy was a member of the Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are her husband, Frank M. Sr.; two sons, Frank Jr. and Michael J.; three sisters, Marie Woods, Rose DePalma and Christine Conduro; a brother, Dominick Cifrodella; and four grandchildren.

**Olga Elliott, 76**  
of Woodbridge

Mrs. Olga Elliott of Woodbridge died January 18 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 76. Born in Ginter, Pa., she moved to Woodbridge in 1954. Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Alvin B.; four sons, A. Joseph, Donald B., Jeffrey and Russell; two sisters, Mary Rudisson and Ann Rawls; a brother, Mickey Blaha, and three grandchildren.

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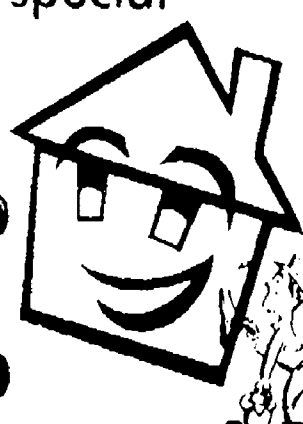
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## YOUR COUNTY NEWS

### Young Men Display Original Web Pages, Receive Awards

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Middlesex County, Inc., recently celebrated the completion of its third successful rotation of the Logging Onto Technology (LOT) program. An awards dinner was held at the First Baptist Community Development Corporation (FBCDC) Family Resource Center on Jan. 23 where students received recognition for their original web page designs.

LOT, in its second year, is a collaborative effort of NCADD of Middlesex County, Inc., the First Baptist Community Development Corporation, and Spheres LLC and funded by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Human Services. The goal of the project is to teach internet skills and web design to young men from the Franklin and New Brunswick communities. The participants are all between the ages of 14 and 17 years old and completed a ten-week program to learn basic web design. The program included a brief introduction to browsers, the use of e-mail, searching for information on the World Wide Web, downloading graphics and creating tables.

Using html, all of the participants created original web pages during the ten-week course. Each student was encouraged to be as creative as possible, and was given the opportunity to work independently to develop their own idea for a web page design. The results of their efforts were put on display at the celebration, for their families and others in attendance to view.

Following the display, a presentation was made by a panel of professionals in the Information Technology field. They addressed such topics as computer networking, educational opportunities, and technology and community relations. After a question and answer session, prizes were awarded for best web page, most meaningful content, most improved and best effort.

The next session of the LOT program is scheduled to begin on Feb. 13. Young men age 14-17 from New Brunswick or Franklin who are interested in registering may contact First Baptist Community Development Corporation at (732) 247-0444 or NCADD at (732) 254-3344.