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Carden Criticizes Opponent For Adding To The Struggle Of Working Families

AREA—Last week, in a conversation with voters about their economic concerns, Tim Carden, 7th District Democratic Congressional candidate, criticized Mike Ferguson for continuing to put special interests before working families.

"During these tough economic times, this country needs representatives in Washington who will work on behalf of the people, not on behalf of Congress's biggest contributors," Carden said. "My opponent is one of Congress's leading recipients of special interest money - whose phone call do you think he will return first - yours or a big executive from an accounting firm." Carden referred to Ferguson's campaign contributions from the

accounting industry (according to Business Week, he took more money than any other member of the Committee regulating the industry in the House of Representatives) and from the drug companies (over \$200,000); and that in April, he voted against making it a crime to defraud investors and in June for a sham prescription drug bill that was supported by the drug companies.

Voters from across the 7th Congressional district, who met with Carden at the Country Squire Diner in Warren, told him how the downturn in the economy was affecting their lives. Over the next few days these citizens will receive 401(k) statements showing another sharp

drop in their retirement savings. People told of retirements delayed, of having to choose between food and drugs because of the lack of a prescription drug plan for seniors, and of grandparents paying for college education.

When Ferguson took office, the Dow-Jones was at 10,646. It's now below 8,000, down over 25 percent. According to recent news reports it is the worst quarterly performance since the crash of 1987. Since Ferguson took office, the unemployment rate in New Jersey is up 36 percent. The budget has gone from a \$236 billion surplus to a \$165 billion deficit, a swing of more than \$400 billion. The number of people without health insurance

has risen by 1.4 million. Two million jobs have been lost. After reviewing the gloomy economic data, Carden said, "Everything that should be going up is going down, and everything that should be going down is going up."

"My opponent took thousands of dollars from the accounting industry, then voted against common sense proposals to reign in corporate abuse. He took hundreds of thousands of dollars from drug companies, and then voted for a sham prescription drug bill supported by the industry. He took thousands of dollars

from corporations then voted for permanent corporate tax cuts, all while working families were struggling. Mike Ferguson is working for the special interests, not for you," Carden told the crowd.

Carden also spoke of his proposal to ban campaign contributions from companies who are regulated by Congress to the Congressman who oversees them. "You can't expect Congress to effectively police industries who are making campaign contributions to those members who have oversight over them," he said.

South Amboy To Be Site For New Generator

SOUTH AMBOY—The South Amboy Redevelopment Corp., Devcor, has partnered with Caithness Energy, LLC of New York to build a 500 megawatt power plant in the city's northern waterfront redevelopment area.

Mayor John T. O'Leary says that he expects the project to be completed within 2 1/2 years.

The plant will be built on 50 acres of vacant land located near Raritan Bay, off of northern Main Street, according to the mayor. The completed plant will

supply electricity to a power grid that stretches across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

The mayor said that approximately 250 union workers will participate in the construction of the plant. When the plant becomes operational, it will employ bet-ween 40 and 50 workers.

Devcor recently secured a \$10 million low-interest loan from the state Casino Reinvestment Development Authority to purchase the land for the plant. Devcor is also building 250,000

square feet of office and warehouse space in the northern waterfront area.

O'Leary said that Caithness should come before the city Planning Board for approval this winter.

Caithness is the largest producer of renewable energy in the United States, including 420 MW of geothermal projects and 210 MW of operating wind turbine projects Caithness also has a number of non-renewable energy projects, including 315 MW of gas turbine production.

deficit, a swing of more than South Amboy Receives Extraordinary Aid Funds

SOUTH AMBOY—Last Friday, Assembly Assistant Majority Leader John S. Wisniewski (D-19) said that the Department of Community Affairs will be giving \$900,000 in extraordinary Aid money to South Amboy.

"Through the joint efforts of the 19th district legislative team, I am glad the state has recognized the extraordinary budget circumstances...." said Wisniewski. "I am certain that these grants will provide much needed relief to property tax payers"

The awards are additional aid to places where the state recognizes extraordinary circum-

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stances in a municipal budget.

South Amboy actually received more money from the state than it had sought. South Amboy had only asked for \$850,000. The state award means that South Amboy will be able to keep their municipal tax rate stable under the proposed \$11.3 million budget for fiscal 2003.

Police Director's Son Sentenced

PERTH AMBOY— Thomas Cetnar III was sentenced Monday for stealing funds earmarked for undercover drug buys.

Cetnar, 41, was a captain in the Essex County Prosecutor's office and is the son of Perth Amboy's police director, Thomas Cetnar, II.

Superior Court Judge Jane Cantor sentenced Cetnar to six years in prison. Cetnar will have to serve roughly two years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.





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Bayshore CEO Announces New Administrative Appointments

HOLMDEL Thomas Goldman, president and CEO of Bayshore Community Health Services announces new appointments to the position of chief operating officer/executive vice president of Bayshore Community Hospital; chief operating officer executive vice president of Bayshore Community Health **Services**, the parent company of Bayshore Community Hospital and chief financial officer for all Bayshore entities.

Raimonda Clark was named chief operating officer/executive vice president of Bayshore Community Hospital. Clark joined the Bayshore family of organizations in November of 1988 as the vice president of nursing and was promoted to vice president of operations in 1994. In that capacity, her areas of responsibility have been the departments of nurs-



Raimonda Clark

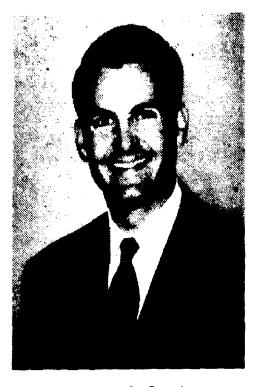
ing, pharmacy, radiology, laboratory, respiratory therapy, food services, environmental services and plant operations. She has provided oversight for numerous construction projects including the new Mitchell **Pavilion** for Emergency Services, a new intensive care unit, a special procedure unit, a cardiac catherization lab and a labora-



Jane Kaye

tory expansion. Currently in progress is Bayshore's largest endeavor to date, a state-ofthe-art ambulatory imaging pavilion which will expand and house a multitude of radiological services including a specialized women's breast care center. As executive vice president of the hospital, her additional responsibilities will include the departments of customer service, materials management and human resources.

Laurence C. Gumina was named chief operating offi-



Laurence C. Gumina

cer/executive vice president of Bayshore Community Health Services. Gumina rejoined the Bayshore family of organizations in September 2000 as the vice president of senior services. In that capacity, he was responsible for Bayshore Health Care Center, a skills nursing facility and comprehensive personal care center; The Willows at Holmdel, an elegant assisted living residence; Pleasant Valley Adult Day Centers; Bayshore Counseling Center and all senior related initiatives including the

ventilator and transitional care units. As executive vice president of the parent company, his additional responsibilities will include the administration of Rehabilitation Bayshore Services, Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Centers, Bayshore Mammography Diagnostic Centers and risk management.

Jane Kaye was named chief financial officer/vice president of finance for Bayshore Community Hospital and Bayshore Community Health Services. Kaye joined the Bayshore family of organizations in 1998 as the assistant director of finance. She was promoted to the director of finance in the following year and has served in that capacity to date.

As CFO for the corporation, Kaye has the fiduciary responsibility for numerous financial operations and is responsible for all internal and external fiscal controls. In her new capacity, her additional responsibilities will include all patient accounting, billing, budgeting and medical records.

New Group For Teens

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Jewish Family and Vocational After-School SPOT program is a Service (JFVS) of Middlesex County will begin a new group for teens as part of its After-School SPOT program (Support Program Of Teens). The new group will be for middle school students, ages 11-13 years. The group is for young teens trying to cope with the many changes they are experiencing and find themselves having some difficulty with friends, family members and/or peers. Or a middle school student feeling anxious, sad or having difficulty with school work or school rules would be

appropriate for this group. The comprehensive counseling program for teens and their families provided by JFVS and partially funded by United Way for over twenty years. This program includes groups for middle and high school teens, family and individual counseling and parenting education programs. The new group will be funded by a new grant from Staten Island Savings and Loan. The group will meet Mondays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the JFVS offices, 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201, Edison. Info:(732) 777-1940.

Anxiety Workshop

MIDDLESEX COUNTY -Jewish and Vocational service of Middlesex County is offering a workshop to help people deal with stress and anxiety. If you are feeling overwhelmed, experiencing panic attacks, having difficulty eating or sleeping or are experiencing trouble concentrating, this workshop can be helpful to you. Learn new coping strategies and understand why the anxiety feels so difficult

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Racing For Life: The Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure

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The Race for the Cure will be coming to the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in Princeton on Sunday, Oct. 20. On this day, RE/MAX of New Jersey will unite in support of the battle against breast cancer and the women whose lives have been affected by this disease. All proceeds from the Race are dedicated to eliminating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education and treatment.

"There's hardly anybody in our organization who hasn't been touched by breast cancer in one way or another," said Dave Liniger, Founder and President of RE/MAX International. "This is our way of giving back to women."

The Komen Race for the Cure® Series raises significant

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funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease. At all races, participants are invited to honor those who have battled breast cancer. "In Memory of" and "In Celebration of" back signs are available for participants and are part of what makes the Komen Race for the Cure® Series so unique. These signs will be available courtesy of RE/MAX and Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity as co-sponsors of

the Komen Foundation's Breast Cancer Survivor Recognition Program. Survivors who wish to be recognized on Race Day receive a pink cap and pink t-shirt, also courtesy of RE/MAX and Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity.

In addition, anyone can set up both a monthly E-mail reminder for a self-exam and an annual reminder for a mammogram by visiting www.remax.com and clicking on the "Early Detection Reminder" button with the familiar pink ribbon.

The Komen Race for the Cure is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world. In 2002, Races are scheduled in more than 100 U.S. cities and three foreign countries with over 1.4 million participants expected. To learn more about Komen Race for the Cure® or for breast health and breast cancer information, visit www.komen.org.

Proceeds from the Komen Race for the Cure help fund important breast cancer research as well as breast health initiatives on a local level. Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds remain in the local community where the Race is held, helping to support breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved. These programs are funded based upon a special needs assessment survey performed by each Komen Affiliate. A minimum of 25 percent of the net proceeds helps fund breast cancer research and project grants awarded through the Komen Foundation Research Program.



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CALENDAR

October 12 from 10 am.-12

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Grove & Library Place).

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Committee is in the process of

Monument for the victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attack. The memorial will

October 14-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Immunology and Infectious Diseases Dept.

is sponsoring an HIV support

group meeting to be held at

RBMC, 530 New Brunswick

Ave., Perth Amboy. For time,

location and to register, call

October 16 at 7 p.m.-The

Center for Women at Raritan Bay Medical Center will be sponsoring a fall educational

series which will be held at the

Old Bridge Medical Arts

Building, 3 Hospital Plaza, off

of Ferry Road, between Routes

9 and 18. The program is free,

but space is limited. Register between 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.—A lec-

ture of "Benefits of Massage"

will be hosted by Mid-Jersey

Branch AAUW at Centenary United Methodist Church, 200

Hillside Ave. (off Grove Ave.),

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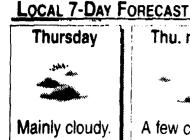
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Thu. night A few clouds.

Friday Several hours of sun. 70/52

Saturday Sunshine and some clouds.

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NATIONAL SUMMARY

Sunday Clouds and sun: a shower.

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Monday Warm with sunshine. 72/55

Tuesday Warm with clouds and sun.

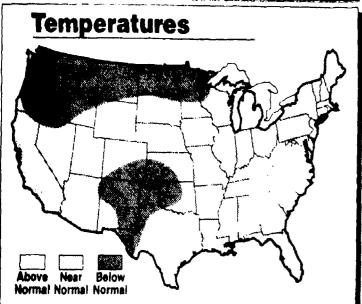
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Mainly cloudy with rain.

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THE WEEK AHEAD..

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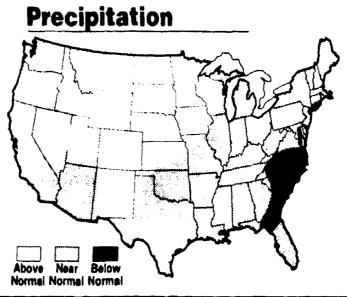


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A persistent ridge of high pressure in the West will lead to warmer-than-average

temperatures over the period. Ridging in the Southeast will also cause warm conditions. The Great Lakes region will have a few storms pass through leading to bouts of precipitation. Dry weather is expected in the southern Plains and Rockies.

THE WEEK AHEAD..



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Atlanta	75 59 c	74 60 c	77 59 c	77 61 pc
Boston	64 52 pc	66 52 s	67 50 s	65 53 sh
Chicago	66 50 pc	70 52 pc	66 48 c	66 53 c
Cleveland	64 49 s	67 52 pc	70 52 sh	68 52 c
Denver	66 44 s	68 43 pc	61 40 r	56 37 pc
Des Moines	68 49 pc	68 45 pc	63 47 c	67 54 c
Detroit	66 46 pc	70 48 pc	69 50 sh	64 52 C
Houston	76 65 pc	84 64 pc	84 64 pc	83 67 r
Indianapolis	71 49 pc	74 53 pc	74 54 pc	73 54 pc
Kansas City	72 52 s	76 50 s	78 50 pc	70 57 c
Los Angeles	74 56 pc	72 56 pc	76 58 s	79 46 s
Miami	90 77 pc	88 76 pc	88 77 pc	88 74 pc
Minn St. Paul	64 42 pc	60 40 pc	58 38 sh	58 50 r
New Orleans	82 73 c	82 68 c	85 66 sh	84 70 c
New York City	69 54 c	70 54 s	70 56 s	68 56 pc
Omaha	72 48 pc	68 46 pc	64 48 c	66 52 pc
Phoenix		88 65 s	83 61 s	82 50 s
San Francisco		66 52 pc		71 50 s
Seattle		56 44 pc	59 47 sh	59 40 pc
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WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

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Berlin	48 32 pc	49 37 pc	45 39 c	49 46 r
Buenos Aires	76 50 s	71 56 pc	78 62 pc	82 61 pc
Cairo	90 65 pc	91 66 s	92 68 s	94 68 s
Jerusalem	82 58 s	85 60 s	85 60 s	85 58 s
Johannesburg		79 55 pc	82 54 s	83 55 s
London	60 49 pc	59 52 c	58 51 r	55 42 c
Madrid	54 50 r	64 49 pc	66 53 r	63 46 c
Mexico City	68 57 r	66 56 r	70 53 r	72 52 c
Moscow	35 20 c	31 22 pc	33 24 c	34 25 pc
Paris	59 45 c	60 47 pc	57 49 c	54 36 pc
Rio de Janeiro	83 71 s	85 72 pc	85 72 s	83 69 s
Rome	80 66 c	77 60 t	76 55 pc	70 56 pc
	88 76 c	88 76 c	88 77 pc	88 74 pc
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Sydney		64 43 pc	70 50 s	71 49 pc
Tokyo		69 59 s	73 66 pc	72 69 r
	55 39 s	60 44 s	67 46 sh	
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Independent 9-11 Commission Passes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Robert Torricelli announced passage of his independent commission legislation as an amendment to the Homeland Security bill. The bill, which passed by a vote of 90-8 is the result of a bipartisan agreement forged between Torricelli and Senators Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) and John McCain (R-AZ). On Sept. 20, the White House dropped objections to the bill and a similar version has already the House passed of Representatives. The bill would create an independent commission to investigate security and intelligence failures prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

As early as Sept. 12, Sen.

creation of an independent panel to examine the events leading up to the attacks in a speech to his colleagues on the Senate floor. Sen. Torricelli's legislation has served as the blueprint for the bi-partisan legislation passed previously by the Government Reform Committee and now by the full Senate.

The Independent Commission is not intended to place blame on intelligence or government agencies. Instead, it is designed to determine what went wrong in the months and weeks leading to Sept. 11 so we can correct problems and avoid future terrorist attacks.

Speaking in support of the amendment on the Senate Torricelli began calling for the floor, Sen. Torricelli said, "No

one seeks to cast blame. But something is wrong-370 days have passed and thousands of lives were lost in a complete and total breakdown of the security of the United States of America. I do not simply hope that this commission is adopted, but that, on a bipartisan basis, members of this Senate send an unequivocal message that this Government is accountable, its agencies are accountable, and the American people will get answers."

The legislation calls for an Independent Commission consisting of 10 members: Three would be appointed by both the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and two each by the Minority Leaders of the Senate and the House. The Commission will consist of private citizens as well as several members of Congress. The Commission will have broad powers, including subpoena power and the power to hold hearings.

The Commission must be independent of the existing intelligence Congressional committees. The members need to bring a fresh, openmind approach; the intelligence committees are too close to the issue. The Commission will look at all agencies, including law enforcement agencies, which have responsibilities for intelligence matters or counter-terrorism. It will be designed to look at systematic failures that can be corrected to prevent further terrorist attacks. The Board would file a preliminary report of its findings six months after its establishment and a final report, including recommendations, after one year. The reports would be unclassified to the extent possible, but could include a separate classified section.

The Commission is modeled on the numerous commissions and boards that have been established after past national tragedies. Boards were established to investigate the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Challenge accident and the Kennedy assassination. Franklin Delano Roosevelt established a board of inquiry into Pearl Harbor only 11 days after the attack.

Senate Committee Releases Green Bill Outlawing Surgical Silencing Of Dogs

STATE — The Senate convicted of surgically silenc-Economic mittee approved legislation Assembly Deputy Speaker Jerry Green sponsored that would make the surgical silencing or debarking of dogs a third-degree crime.

If enacted, the legislation (A-1586) would allow surgical silencing performed by a veterinarian only in cases to protect the life or health of a dog. The surgical technique can be employed to silence attack dogs so they cannot bark and warn their intended victims.

"Adults and particularly children are not safe when silenced dogs live in the neighborhood undetected," said Green (D-Union).

"We cannot allow these surgically enhanced dogs to threaten residents and law enforcement officials." Those

Growth, Agri- ing a dog would face up to culture and Tourism Com- five years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

In addition, the bill would require that a dog license and registration tag not be issued unless the owner indicates on the application whether the dog has been surgically debarked or silenced.

Knowingly providing false information when registering such a dog would be a disorderly persons offense under the bill. "All too often children are unable to fend off a dog attack.

If the child can't hear the dog coming, the risk is even greater," said Green. "We can't prevent every dog attack. But if just one child is saved because of this measure, then it will be worth it."

The measure was released 6 to 0. It now is poised for possible Senate floor vote.



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Quadruple Bypass Survivor Named "Survivor Ambassador"

ELIZABETH Union County resident Mauro Checchio, a survivor of quadruple bypass surgery has been named. the "red cap survivor ambassador" of the American Heart Association's 2002 Union County American Heart Walk. The announcement was made by American Heart Walk chairman Gary Horan, president and chief executive officer of Trinitas Hospital. Featuring the theme, Step Out. Save Lives! Strengthen the Chain of Survival!. and presented nationally by Subway and Archer Daniels Midland Co., proud makers of the NutriSoy brand, Union County American Heart Walk returns to Jersey Gardens Mall. Eliza-beth, on Oct. 20, and survivors, businesses and citizens from all Union County communities are encouraged by Step Out, Save Lives!- Strengthen the Chain of Survival!.

A "red cap" is a red baseball cap featuring the American

Heart Walk logo and the slogan, Fighting Back! "Red caps" refers to survivors of heart attack, cardiac arrest. stroke or heart surgery that wear the red caps and walk in Heart Walk. American of Thousands survivors throughout the state, including Union County resident Mauro Checchio, participate in American Heart Walk to show that heart disease and stroke can be beaten.

As "red cap survivor ambassador" of Union County American Heart Walk, Checchio, assistant to the president of Kean University and assistant to the Union County manager in economic development, helps create awareness about the importance of survivors participating in American Heart Walk. Through his personal story he brings attention to the need for everyone throughout Union County to strengthen his or her personal chain of survival. The theme of the

American Heart Association's 2002 American Heart Walk is Step Out, Save Lives! Strengthen the Chain of Survival!

"I lead an active life. I play tennis, I golf and enjoy horticulture, so being diagnosed with heart disease was a bit of a shock," recalled Checchio. "I was first diagnosed in 1986 during a stress test when problems with my circulatory system were identified. I had my first procedure in 1986 and then an angioplasty procedure in 1987. I was well for some time and then had a second angioplasty procedure in 1995. It was in 2000 that I had the major procedure, the quadruple bypass surgery," he added.

"Today I feel great. I continue to be active and I work full time. I welcome the opportunity to be involved in the American Heart Association's American Heart Walk to urge other survivors to join us and (continued on page...7)

Transportation Is A Barrier For Seniors To Get To Their Doctors

STATE—A recent study by the NJ Foundation for Aging funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation looked at how seniors get to their health care providers. "Seniors surveyed are not using public transportation to get to their doctors' offices; if they need help into a van or up stairs then they are not able to use community van programs offered by many municipalities; if they need to go beyond their town's borders for a medical appointment then the municipal vans can't help them either," according to Grace Egan, Executive Director of the NJ Foundation for Aging. "Door to door escorted service is what is needed, and it just isn't available across the board to seniors who need it."

Historically senior transportation has been a longstanding need throughout NJ. This study focused on seniors' ability to get to their health care provider in Mercer and Middlesex counties. "This

study is a model to offer to other counties for analysis within their service areas. For the seniors we surveyed, medical appointments are a higher priority than general purpose activities like grocery shopping and visiting when it comes to driving or getting rides," Egan noted. The study surveyed transportation providers in the two counties. It showed that the most frequently used services are the door to door services provided by County Board of Social Services to older Medicaid client and those provided by non-profits, like the Red Cross. Their ridership, however, represents a fraction of the seniors that need these services.

For more information on the study or the NJ Foundation for Aging, call (609) 421-0206. The Foundation is the only public charity that focuses on the needs of older adults across New Jersey. Visit their web site at www.njfoundationforaging.org.

Kidney & Urology Foundation Of America: For Research And Programs That Touch People

Urology Foundation of America, Inc. (KUF) is dedicated to helping millions of Americans—young and old—avoid the **debilitating** effects of kidney, urinary and related diseases. The group is also devoted to fostering groundbreaking research that will result in new and more desirable treatments for these disorders.

The Kidney & Urology Foundation was formed to more aggressively focus on

AREA-The Kidney & and to nurture the development this mission by identifying the term goals is to create a The Institute also plans to of new therapies. Currently, 70 million Americans that's one in four people-suffer from some form of kidney or urologic disease.

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world's premier scientists in the fields of nephrology and urology research and making the results of their innovative research more accessible to people in need. For example, a patient in urgent need of kidney or urological care can call the Kidney & Urology Foundation to learn more about the latest research findings, how to enroll in experimental trials or transplant availability. The foundation also works to alleviate the stigma associated with kidney and urologic diseases through public education and advocacy programs.

One of the Kidney & Urology Foundation's longKidney and Urological Center of Excellence in the greater New York area, leveraging the metropolitan area's premier medical and clinical institutions to develop and deliver innovative programs providers, patients and their families.

At this time, the foundation's Renal Data Institute involves renowned hospitals and healthcare systems, such Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and Montefiore Medical Center, among others; and, offers a Kidney Transplant Recipient Cardiac Registry, a Pediatric Registry and an Adult Biopsy Registry.

track the incidence of cardiac events and treatment efficacy following kidney transplanta-

With a staff that has 50+ years of experience, the Kidney & Urology Foundation of America has accomplished a number of milestones.

- · Established the first full dialysis unit in the U.S.;
- Successfully lobbied the federal government to provide Medicaid funding for dialysis and transplantation;
- Gained placement of the universal organ donor card on the back of all drivers' licens-
- Established first Pediatric Registry, a database of clinical information on every child in NY/NJ region with renal discase.

The new foundation is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. For more information, call 1-800-633-6628 or visit the Kidney & Urology Foundation of America's web site at www.kidneyurology.org.

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(continued from page...6) show that you can beat heart disease. My story shows that through research new advances and new medical procedures will save more and more lives. Please join us at Union County American Heart Walk on Oct.

20," continued Checchio.

The American Heart Association is focusing such attention on strengthening the chain of survival, because the four-step process can be the difference between life and death for someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack, stroke or other medical emergencies such as choking, respiratory arrest, near drowning, among others. The four "links" in the chain of survival are: Link #1-Early Access (know the warning signs and call 9-1-1 immediately); Link #2-Early CPR; Link #3-Early Defibrillation (or an electrical shock with an automated external defibrillator to restart the heart); and Link #4-Early Advanced Care (medical help on the scene of the emergency). The American Heart Association supports the widespread availability of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Step Out, Save Lives!-Strengthen the Chain of Survival! Join Mario Checchio and hundreds of other survivors from Union County. For more information about Union County American Heart Walk, call your local American Heart Association office at (973) 376-3636.

How Much Can You Do

For Your Aging Parents?

by Carl Cesarz, MS, NCC, LPC

Recent improvements in health care and lifestyles means more of us are living longer. It's no longer uncommon for families to have one or more parents living into their 70s, 80s and beyond. One challenge of this change is that aging parents bring increasing demands on grown children who are facing their own personal work and family responsibilities.

Today's senior citizens live in a variety of situations. Most live independently with little or no help from their adult children. But there are also growing numbers of older Americans who, as their physical or psychological health changes, do require help.

That needed help can mean anything from an assisted living institution, to moving in with an adult child's family, to simply requiring more visits and assistance from a child. But regardless of the level of help required, it almost inevitably brings demands, anxiety and stress to adult children. The question often asked is, "Just how much can I do without neglecting myself and my family?"

It's an important question with ramifications for not only your aging parent, but for you and your own family. As much as it may hurt, we have to remember that our own immediate family (spouse, children) is our main priority and one that should not be neglected for a significant amount of

While emergencies, such as illness, may require a great deal from an adult child, there are also times when adult children may be "guilted" into doing more to help aging parents. The result can be the use of a great deal of emotional energy and time that really is needed for one's own children.

It's important to recognize the difference between caring for a parent with real needs, such as home hospice care, and a demanding elderly parent who insists that you "owe" help when and where he or she wants it. In the latter case, the ongoing list of demands will be never-ending, and the result will only be anger, frustration, and resentment towards the parent by not only the enabling adult child, but also his or her spouse and children.

If you find yourself in that hard place between an aging parent with his or her needs, and the demands of your own life and family, try to step back from the emotional issues and look logically at alternatives that might be available:

· Do you have one or more siblings who may be able to

cally or emotionally close to your parents, they may surprise you by being able to contribute in various ways. Or they may not. Take the high road and accept what help is offered. You're not going to be able to change the relationship between your parents and your sibling.

· Are there neighbors or friends of an aging parent who might be willing, even anxious to help? Have you talked to a social services agency, such as the local Council on Aging, to see what options and assistance might be available in the local area?

· Are you actively managing your time to make room for both an aging parent and your own life and family? While emergencies can make special demands, if the help needed is small things, such as household chores, shopping and bill paying, create a set schedule that allows you to help on a regular basis. Doing so will help create a sense of

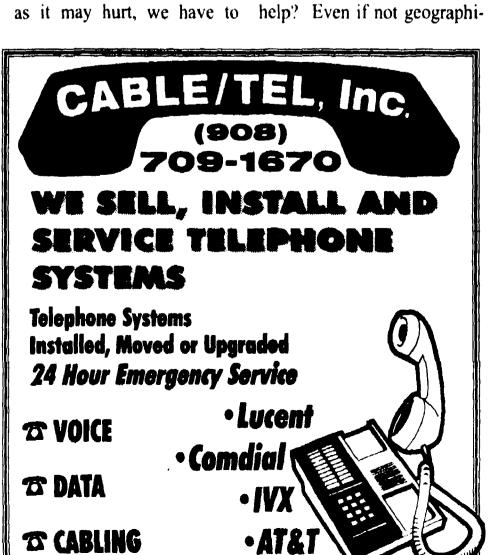
them. It may be frustrating considering all the possible responsibilities that exist for helping an aging parent, but a

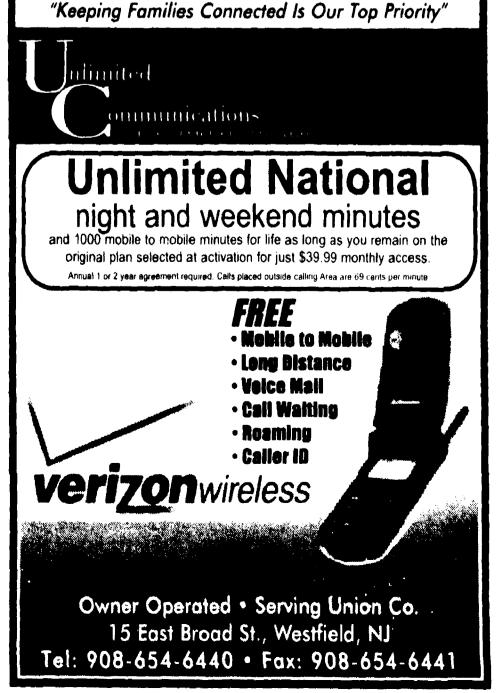
major part of time management is assertiveness and sticking to priorities. As hard as it may be, we sometimes have to say "no" for our own mental health when we are overburdened. We have to separate what is absolutely necessary for our parents well being (doctor's visits) with something that can wait (gardening).

Airline emergency briefings advise parents to don their own oxygen masks before we doing the same for their children. That general philosophy also applies to caring for ourselves first so that we can take care of our parents and fami-

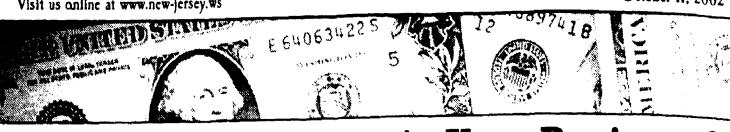
If we overextend ourselves too long everyone involved will pay the consequences. While we all want to help someone who nurtured and loved us in our formative years, it's essential we also understand our own limits, reasonably and realistically.

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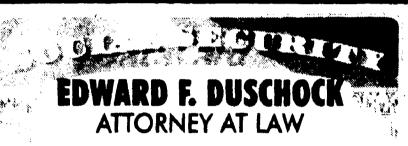
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Should You Incorporate Your Business?

AREA Many new business owners and those seeking to expand ask themselves whether should incorporate. Unfortunately, there's no one right answer to this question. The form of business you choose can vary depending on your type of business and your specific needs. According to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA), you might consider incorporating your business if you are interested in limiting shareholder liability, securing certain tax benefits, or obtaining financing. Here are the pros and cons for you to consider.

The Benefits Of Incorporating Your Business

Limited liability

Limiting liability often is the most important reason for small business owners to incorporate. Assuming that all the legal requirements for establishing and maintaining a corporation have been met, a corporation is treated as a separate legal entity and, as such, incurs business debts or liabilities on its own behalf. Typically, this means that, as a shareholder, you are not personally held liable for the debts and obligations of the corporation if the company cannot pay its debts or is sued. By contrast, a proprietor's or partner's home, savings, and other assets can be seized to pay the debts of the business.

Tax benefits

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Incorporating has a number of tax advantages. First, corporations are taxed at a lower rate than individuals. In a C Corporation, the first \$50,000 of

federal taxable income is taxed at 15 percent, significantly less than the marginal individual tax bracket of up to 27 percent. Corporations also have greater flexibility in deducting fringe benefits and other expenses. The cost of salaries, bonuses, education benefits, and dependent care assistance are among the benefits deductible by corporations.

In addition, items that are only partially deductible by a sole proprietor may be fully deductible in a corporation. For example, while the health insurance deduction for sole proprietors currently is limited to 60 percent of the premium cost, corporations can deduct 100 percent of health insurance benefits paid on behalf of an owner-employee. Finally, retirement plans set up within a corporation may provide additional tax benefits.

Self-proprietors pay selfemployment taxes (Social Security, Medicare, Workers Compensation) of 15.3 percent on all income earned in the business. In a corporation, only salaries are subject to these taxes. This means a sole proprietor who nets \$50,000 in taxable income from the business will pay income and self-employment taxes on the full \$50,000. The owner of a corporation, on the other hand, could lower his or her tax bill by choosing to pay himself \$40,000 in salary and leaving \$10,000 in the company's coffers.

Access to capital

Incorporating your business also can result in greater flexibility in raising capital. Instead of borrowing money and making

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interest payments, you can raise capital through the sale of stock and other equity interests. Although this involves giving up some ownership of the company, shares offered to investors can be tailored so that you maintain control of the company.

Continuous life

A corporation is the most enduring legal business structure. Unlike a proprietorship or partnership, a company does not cease to vist upon the death of its owner(s). If an owner of a corporation dies or wishes to sell his or her interest, the corporation can continue to exist and do business.

Disadvantages Of Incorporation

Double taxation

The primary disadvantage to a corporation is double taxation. When the profits of a corporation are distributed to shareholders as dividends, they are taxed twice-first as income to the corporation, and then as income to the shareholders. It is possible to avoid this double taxation by electing S corporation status.

Complexities

Forming and maintaining a corporation in good standing requires a significant amount of paperwork, recordkeeping and accounting. When a corporation is first established, articles of incorporation must be filed. While each state has its own requirements on what constitutes "in good standing," typically, corporations must hold and record minutes of annual shareholder and director meetings and document major decisions by directors. Also, a corporation needs to keep excellent financial records to facilitate the filing of more complicated tax returns.

Seek Professional Advice

Incorporating your business is not a decision to be taken lightly or without the proper analysis of your company's circumstances. A CPA can help you determine whether incorporating makes good business sense or whether you should consider another type of entity such as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) or an S Corporation. Like a corporation, these two entities have advantages and disadvantages. so it's a good idea to learn about all three before deciding what legal form your business should take.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

'Hallowedding' Ceremony Will Unite Costume-Clad Couples

JACKSON — Up to 50 adventurous couples will put on their Halloween finest and pledge their love under the Adventure's their annual "Hallowedding" event on Oct. 11.

Surrounded by family, friends and thousands of curious onlookers, the brides and ghouls will marry or renew

their wedding vows with Jackson Township Mayor Michael Broderick, accompanied by Dracula as "best man." moonlit sky at Six Flags Great Evil-Lynn as "maid of honor" and a gaggle of zombies as their bridal party. The Halloween-themed event is part of the park's 11th-annual, month-long Fright Fest celebration.

With one-of-a-kind, outra-

geous flower boo-quets in hand, the brides and their grooms will form a candlelight procession to the wedding site. The couples will then take their places at the base of the 150-foot-tall, illuminated Big Wheels and the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

Tradition takes over as classic love poetry, symbolic music and traditional wedding

vows fill the night air. The couples will exchange rings, some opting for plastic spider rings instead of gold, silver or platinum ones.

In true Six Flags Fright Fest-style, the wedding will end with great fanfare and guests will be invited back to the FestHaus for a reception of mischief and merriment at 7:30 p.m.

The reception will feature a disc jockey spinning Halloween music and beckoning guests to the dance floor; a full buffet dinner and a creepy, three-foot-tall wedding cake. "Hallowedding" guests can party and howl at the moon until the clock strikes 10 p.m.

All park guests are welcome to watch the "Hallowedding" ceremony as it unfolds, free with park admission (reception not open to the general public). The "Hallowedding" is part of Fright Fest at Six Flags Adventure, Great Northeast's largest Halloween party. On Friday evenings, Sundays Saturdays and through Nov. 3 (plus Columbus Day, Oct. 14 and Halloween day). Six Flags Great Adventure presents a thoroughly ghastly collection of Halloween-themed rides, attractions and shows for scream-seekers of all ages.



Watchung Arts Center Presents "Connections"

shop," founded by Summit photographer Ross Wagner, encourages photographers to search for their deepest connection with the world, prioritizing uniqueness of vision before the quest for technical mastery.

The photographs in this exhibit focus more on content and involvement than on technique. Accidental images, too, are considered as they often are clues to the development of a photographer's unique vision. Salon and pictorial imagery is de-emphasized.

Unique The Vision Workshop views photography as a path of self-discovery. Thus the photographs often say more about the photographer than they say about the subject before the lens. Frequently, the photographs ask more questions than they answer.

The images, often evocative and challenging, invite

AREA — The "Unique participation by the viewer. Vision Photography Work- Some of the local photographers showing their work are: Jennifer Bailey, Norma Bernstock, Ron Brown, George Bujarski, Sherman Feller, Rosemarie Gelber, Flint Gennari, Pam Greene, Linda Guerci, Don Halpern, Fred Hedge, Dot Kuehn, Sheilia Lenga, Virginia Maguire, Glenn Podel, Joe Riggio, Neal Snitow, Tom Stillman, Michael Tapes, Ray Yaros and Sue Zwick. Additionally, several prints by Pam Constable, who participates in the workshop via internet from Dunedin, New Zealand, will be shown.



Attention All Young Playwrights!

CRANFORD—The Union County Project is launching a New format. Artists' Showcase, a competition which invites high school aged playwrights to submit an original script for a play. To qualify, one must be a Union County resident in high school during the 2002-03 academic year. Only original works will be considered, no adaptations will qualify for the competition and the play must not have been previously produced or work-shopped. All submissions must be at least 10 pages, but no more than 30 pages long, and excerpts from longer

works will be considered. The College Theatre scripts must be typed in play

> There will be three awards given, for first, second and third place. The first place winner will receive a \$300 savings bond, the second place winner will receive a \$200 savings bond and the third place winner will receive a \$100 savings bond. All three winning scripts will have the opportunity to have a script-inhand performance in February 2003, when the prizes and certificates are awarded.

All entries must be postmarked by Dec. 1, 2002 and sent to The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. All entries must include a self-addressed stamped envelope, a 50 word biography of the author including contact information and the \$5 entry fee (check or money order, payable to The Theater Project). Only one entry per author.

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Assemblyman John Wisniewski's Report From Trenton

Have you been to one of Middlesex County's eighteen parks lately? They are beautiful parks, from the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in Sayreville to Johnson Park in Piscataway. Does someone in your family attends a Middlesex County Vocational School, or Middlesex County College? These two great educational institutions are sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Even if you haven't been to one of the County's eighteen parks, and even if you haven't been at one of the County's Vocational Schools or the County College, it would be near impossible to say that you don't make regular use of our county roads. Over 300 miles of well maintained roads make it easy to reside and do business in Middlesex County.

The fact is that Middlesex County has a lot to offer. Plays in the Park. Programs for our Senior Citizens. Support for local govern-And yes, Parks, ments. Vocational Schools, Roads and a County College. All of this for a reasonable cost, too. Middlesex County's property tax rate has been stabilized for nine years in a row, and Middlesex County has the lowest per capita cost of county government in New Jersey.

I am proud to say that I'm from Middlesex County, knowing that we have one of the most efficient and best run county governments in the state, and perhaps the nation. And this good government didn't happen by accident. What we have in Middlesex County is the result of hard work by dedicated elected officials. Here's the story of a few of them.

Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel has a distinguished resume of public service over many years. He served for Councilman and for eleven years as Mayor. He has been a Freeholder for over ten years, spending nearly half of that time as the Freeholder Director. Freeholder Director Crabiel is a recognized leader in county government. Under his guidance, Middlesex County has seen consecutive county property tax reductions for six years.

Freeholder Camille Fernicola served fifteen years on the Piscataway Township Council before she became a Freeholder in 1997. On the municipal, county and state levels, Freeholder Fernicola has amassed over twenty six years of public service, including eleven years as a State Democratic Committeewoman. During her tenure as Freeholder, she has been a driving force in the effort to secure open space in Middlesex County as well as establishing bicycle and pedestrian walkways though a County Task Force.

Kevin Hoagland's commitment to public service began in 1985 when he founded the Central Jersey Spinal Cord Association. Over the past seventeen years, Surrogate Kevin Hoagland has shown a long-standing commitment promoting issues of concern to the disabled community in Middlesex County throughout the state. As County Surrogate, Kevin Hoagland has created six satellite offices throughout the county and established an informational website, thereby creating a more accessible and user-friendly County Surrogate's Office.

Crabiel, Fernicola and Hoagland have served to make Middlesex County the perfect place to learn, to work and to live. They are public servants who have made the success of Middlesex County their life's work. This November I will be voting for them because I appreciate what they have done for all of the residents of Middlesex County. And I want them to keep on working for us.



Editorial

Lautenberg In The Senate

Former Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, who spent 18 years in the U.S. Senate before retiring in 2000, will face Republican businessman Douglas Forrester in the November 5 general election.

Lautenberg, who earned a reputation as a crusader against guns, tobacco and drunken driving during his 18 years in the Senate, deserves support. He is someone New Jersey voters know and trust, much unlike his GOP opponent.

Forrester fought hard to keep the veteran lawmaker off the ballot, even though the Republican asked Torricelli to step aside. That shows the kind of character this wannabe senator has just as much as his negative campaign tactics and issue-dodging throughout his candidacy.

Forrester wants to privatize Social Security, although not when he's talking to seniors. He wants to raise gasoline

taxes, but not when it gets widely reported. He wants to abolish the Superfund because he feels taxpayers, not polluters, should pay for toxic waste cleanup.

Forrester's anti-abortion, pro-gun views are also inconsistent with the New Jersey electorate, and he has yet to come clean on how he made money taking kickbacks from drug companies while over-charging those who relied on his company for prescription medicines.

The son of an immigrant silk worker, Lautenberg served in the Army during World War II, attended college on the GI Bill and formed what became a huge and highly successful payroll processing company, Automatic Data Processing

In the Senate, Lautenberg established a progressive voting record on most issues. As a former businessman and senior Democrat on the Budget Committee, however, he often took a more conservative position on fiscal issues.

He pushed through legislation to ban smoking on most domestic airline flights, to deny firearms to domestic violence offenders and to encourage states to raise the legal drinking age to 21.

He fought unsuccessfully to lower the permissible blood-alcohol level for driving to .08 percent.

He also championed environmental causes and Amtrak, whose financial problems remain as much a problem for Congress now as they were when he left.

A unanimous ruling by the state's highest court cleared the way for Lautenberg to replace Robert Torricelli as the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate. A solid vote by the people is all that remains to make him, once again, a great senator for New Jersey.

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Metuchen Company Receives State Grant

METUCHEN—Commission er Albert G Kroll of the New Jersey Department of Labor announced recently that Franco Manufacturing of Metuchen, New Jersey was recently awarded a \$59,840 grant for training to upgrade the skills of the company's 140 employees. Franco Manufacturing is investing \$87,661 in matching funds to provide the training.

"The Department of Labor's Customized Training Grant Program enables companies such as Franco to compete in today's global economy," said Gov. James E. McGreevey. "The funds support investment in new technologies, increases in employees marketability and earning power, and improved productivity."

New Jersey Labor Commissioner Albert G. Kroll said today, "The future productivity of New Jersey businesses and their ability to compete in this global economy rests on the skills of the workers. This is the kind of investment that will help keep Franco Manufacturing among the leaders in the field."

Customized Training grants are matching grants awarded to New Jersey businesses to provide training to the company's workforce in skills specifically needed to increase productivity and to increase marketability. The grants, awarded through the New Jersey Department of Labor, are funded through the Workforce Development Partnership Program.

In the past 12 months, 120 companies have been awarded over \$16 million in Customized Training grants to upgrade the skills of almost 24,000 employees. The companies receiving these grants have matched New Jersey's investment with over \$25 million of their own resources.

Albert G Kroll also stated, "If there are New Jersey companies out there who need to educate their employees in the latest technologies and process improvements, I recommend they call our Customized Training Program, at 609-292-2239. Another great source of what's happening in the New Jersey Department of Labor is our Web site,

Mayor Vas Announces New Community Policing Program

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas announced that Perth Amboy is the recipient of a \$600,000 Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Block Grant, which has allowed Perth Amboy to expand its police force and will now fund the creation of a unique community-policing program.

In the absence of detained First Assistant Attorney General Peter Harvey, Heddy Levine-Sabol, Chief Program Director for the Division of Criminal Justice, presented Vas with the check, which will have an enormous impact on reducing crime and improving the quality of life in a targeted neighborhood in the city.

The grant program has allowed the city to expand its police force from 135 officers to 132 so that seven officers may be assigned to pursue a unique opportunity in the neighborhood bordered by Second Street, Market Street, State Street and Sadowski Parkway. The grant will help the city address four major components that are aimed at improving the quality of live and answering safety concerns in this neighborhood.

The first, and most unique component will be a "Safe

Haven" program, which is an entirely new effort to provide positive recreational and educational activities for neighborhood youth and adults. Safe Haven will be administered by a coordinator who has been hired to work 35 hours per week for a 45-week period.

The Safe Haven Coordinator-area resident and Board of Education member Joel Pabon-will work in conjunction with the police department and part-time instructors that will be hired to implement the recreation and educational components of Safe Haven. Safe Haven will be a five-daya-week after school program designed to give area children a safe place to stay after school until their parents are home and also help exercise their minds and bodies. Safe Haven will operate out of the former Recreation Building, which has been transformed into a headquarters for the program.

In addition to providing recreational/sporting activities and class trips, Safe Haven will also help students maintain good standing in school and further facilitate school lessons through a homework assistance program. Certified teachers will be hired on a

Safe Haven will also promote literacy through a reading program designed to assist residents of all ages, including adults. A part-time social worker will also be hired to provide any necessary family counseling.

The second component will

part-time basis to offer pro-

gram participants one hour per

day of homework assistance.

The second component will involve a hands-on community policing approach, in which seven police officers will be assigned to the area in order to address a wide range of issues that have arisen through a comprehensive analysis of police activity in the neighborhood. Police will also utilize the Recreation Building to take police reports and handle other administrative duties.

The third component will be a Violent Offenders Removal Program for which the grant will fund approximately half of Assistant Middlesex County

Prosecutor Cindy Glaser's salary so that she can work directly with city police officers to coordinate and prosecute all arrests that have been made by the Violent Offenders Task Force. She will also work out of an office that has been made available in the former Recreation Building, further facilitating the hands-on approach to crime reduction.

The fourth component will be "a neighborhood revitalization" effort, which will involve various renovation and beautification projects in the target area that will be funded through Community Development Block Grants and other funding sources. The police department is currently in the process of distributing questionaires to the neighborhood, which will help identify and prioritize projects to be addressed.

Lanzafama Graduates From OCS

SOUTH AMBOY — Michael Lanzafama has graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

During the 14 weeks of training, the officer candidate received "basic soldiering" instruction in leadership, professional ethnics, soldier team development, combined arms tactics, weapons defense, squad drill, intelligence, field training exercises, land navigation, maintenance communications, staff and general military subjects, and physical training and conditioning.

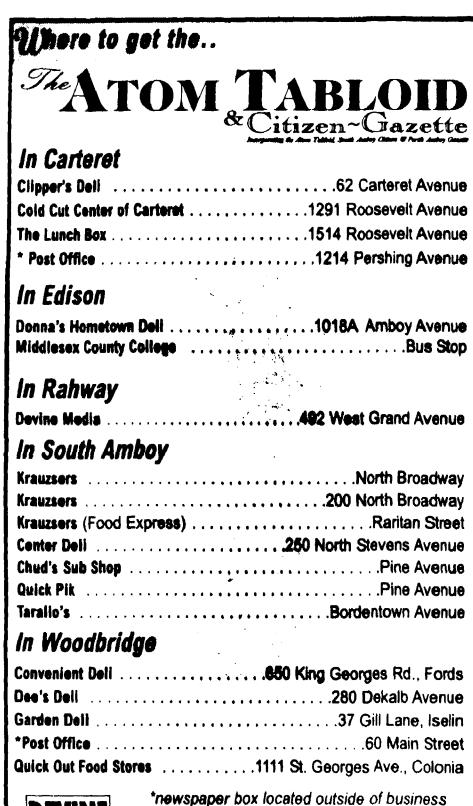
The candidate was tested on leadership skills and team work abilities required of a

commissioned officer. The student utilized acquired skills to function in "leader and follower" positions in squad and platoon elements in a stressful and demanding field environment.

Lanzafama is an instructor pilot assigned to the 1st Battalion 212th Aviation Regiment at Fort Rucker, Enterprise, Ala.

He is the son of Michael T. Lanzafama of South Amboy and Marylou Burt of Old Bridge.

The lieutenant earned a bachelor's degree in 2001 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University through the military extension program at Fort Rucker.





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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Anna held a gun on David to keep him from taking the evidence she had collected against him. Later, she collapsed in her office, unaware that a vial of one of David's experimental drugs fell to the floor and rolled out of sight. Erica knocked Trev unconscious when she heard his voice and assumed he was Richard Fields - the man who fathered Kendall when he raped her. Later, Trey told Kendall they might be brother and sister. Vanessa later told Erica that Fields is Trev's father. Maria and Aidan shared a kiss. Wait to See: Kendall learns new shocking facts about Trey.

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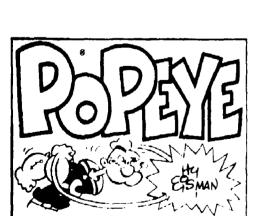
Marshall and Jessica's actions were caught on camera. Molly learned about Rosanna's investigations. Carly tried to reassure Jack of her love. Abigail became increasingly suspicious. Hal took on a new case. Wait to See: Jack gets a strange phone call. Aaron's fate hangs in the air.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

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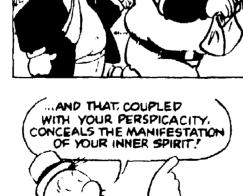


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that she knew Stephanie. Meanwhile, as Brooke and Eric reflected on their children (Bridget and Rick), Eric suddenly kissed Brooke, but assured her it wasn't meant to be more than a friendly act. But later, Eric couldn't stop thinking about it. Alone at the house. Amber was horrified and then furious when she came face to face with Sheila and realized she was behind all her troubles. Wait to See: Amber makes a fateful decision.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Tony made a surprise offer on behalf of the Gemini Twins. Victor told Nicole she could have whatever she wanted most in the world as a wedding gift. A drunken Philip crashed Chloe's birthday party, and then came between Shawn and Belle. Nicole received a bad medical prognosis. Nancy and Craig had wonderful news for Chloe. Wait to See: Kate and Sami join forces to bring down a common enemy. Cassie and Rex have a change of address.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

With AJ out of town. Courtney called Jason about a disturbing phone call and accepted his offer to sleep on his couch. Alexis decided to run against Scott for DA. After assuring Brenda that he'll protect her, Jax returned to Skye to say they had to delay their honeymoon until he ended Alcazar's vendetta against him. Later, Jax went back to the cottage to take Brenda away when Alcazar turned up and shot him, only to then be shot in turn by the just-arrived Sonny. Wait to See: Skye finds Brenda at Jax's bedside.

GUIDING LIGHT

Alexandra manipulated Alan and Olivia to exactly where she wanted them. Beth and Bill heated things up between them. Reva was stunned by a surprise witness at her trial. Edmund destroyed crucial evidence. Harley set out to find dirt on Eden. Rick returned to Springfield. Wait to See: Frank has a surprise for Marina.

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marry Jen, she warned Lindsay to tell no one that Al is her baby's real father. Seth comforted Natalie in her room, where Rex later spied the two of them, fully clothed, lying asteep on her bed. Nora stopped Troy's clinic from being shut down in a fraudulent lawsuit. Sam tried to get Blair to admit their feelings for each other were more than friendly. Liz came face-to-face with Antonio at his and Keri's engagement party. Wait to See: Seth gives Viki shocking news about Rex.

PASSIONS

Luis placed his grandmother's ring on Sheridan's finger and repeated his marriage proposal, only to have the magic moment broken when Antonio called out for her. Ivy suspected Julian still loved Eve. Gwen was upset when Alistair praised Theresa's work. Charity tried to make Miguel believe that the dancing baby she saw at the foot of her bed is evil. Antonio confronted Sheridan with his plans for them to elope. Wait to See: Grace tells a shocked Sam she has feelings for David.

PORT CHARLES

Tess appeared in the cave carrying a rag doll and tended to Jack's broken leg. Kevin was upset to learn of Lucy's dinner with Ian in New York City, and decided to come up with a way to get out of the clinic so he could go to her. Ed reminded Rafe to always trust his instincts. A mysterious person peered at Alison's photo. Wait to See: Livvie falls into her own trap. Jack wonders if Livvie and Tess are related.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Diane told Paul she felt threatened. In jail, Phyllis told Jack she had fallen into Diane's trap. Isabella sent a surprised Chris an invitation to her baby's baptism. As Victor and Nikki flew home to Genoa City from their honeymoon, he told her he would have to fly on to Canada on a business deal. Sharon again urged Diego to leave town. Meanwhile, Nick and Grace made love. Olivia told Dru how Ashley's cancer was affecting Brad. Wait to See: Phyllis faces more evidence against her.

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OBITUARIES

Martha McGlynn, 62 of South Amboy

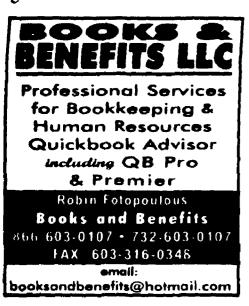
Mrs. Martha Sissick Mc-Glynn of Lakewoo (formerely of South Amboy) died September 29 at home. She was 62.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in South Amboy for 20 years before moving to Lakewood one year ago.

She was a graduate of St. Francis School of Nursing in Jersey City. She worked as a registered nurse and was employed by South Amboy Memorial Hospital, and by Elizabeth General Hospital and St. Elizabeth Hospital, both in Elizabeth.

Her daughter, Caroline McGlynn, died in 1989.

Surviving are two sons,
Daniel F. McGlynn III of
Hopelawn and Eugene M.
McGlynn of Lawrenceville; her
mother, Martha Sissick of
Sayreville; two brothers, Robert
Sissick of Philadelphia and
James Sissick of Sayreville; her
sister, Janice Coleman of
Middletown, N.Y., and seven
grandchildren



Anthony Stec, 87 of Carteret

Mr. Anthony Stec of Carteret died September 29 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in Carteret for the past 46 years.

He retired as a printer for the former Woodbridge News Tribune, where he worked for 48 years.

Mr. Stec was a parishioner of Holy Family R.C. Church in Carteret, where he had served as an usher, and was a member of the church's Holy Name Society.

He was a Third-Degree member of Knights of Columbus Carey Council 1280, and was past faithful navigator in the Fourth Degree of Knights of Columbus Carey Assembly 1280.

Mr. Stec was also a member of the Carteret Seniors Afternoon Group.

His wife, Anne Stec, died in 1978.

Surviving are three daughters, Annette Stec Horvath of Whitehouse Station, Andrea Calabrese of Piscataway, and Audrey Skrocki of Carteret; two sisters, Pauline Doremus of Manchester Township and Sophie Smalley of Carteret, and three grandchildren, Stacie Calabrese, Allison Skrocki and Gregory Skrocki.



Joseph M. Sovart of Edison

Mr. Joseph M. Sovart Sr. of Edison died Sept. 21 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 80.

Born in Edison, he lived there all his life.

He was a firefighter with the Edison Fire Department for 31 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a private first class in the Army and served in the Medical Corps. He saw action in France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany during

Mr. Sovart was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church in Edison.

He was a charter member of Edison Firefighters Local 1197 and the International Association of Firefighters (AFL-CIO); was former chief and a life member of Raritan Engine Company No. 2, a charter member of the Clara Barton First Aid Squad, a life member and past commander of Clara Barton American Legion Post 324, a member of Father and Son VFW Post 3117 in Edison, a member of the Clara Barton Senior Citizens as well as the Clara Barton Senior Social Club, and a longtime member and chairman of the Edison Township Memorial Day Parade Committee.

His wife, Veronica (Nogrady) Sovart, died in 1993; a son, Joseph M. Sovart Jr., died in 1996; two brothers, George and Michael "Mickey" Sovart, and a sister, Ann Shanta, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth J. Sovart of Edison; a sister, Mary Blanchard of Highland Park; a brother, Edward Sovart of Edison, and two granddaughters, Alicia and Lindsay.

Sophie Godleski of Carteret

Mrs. Sophic (Russak) Godleski of Jackson (formerly of Carteret) died September 17 at Bartley Health Care, Jackson. She was 94.

Born in Poland, she lived most of her life in Carteret, moving to Jackson in 2000.

Mrs. Godleski was a parishioner of Holy Family R.C. Church, Carteret and a member of its Altar Rosary Society.

Her husband, Chester Godleski, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, John Godleski of Jackson; two grandchildren, Chester Godleski of Marlboro and Donna Lenahan of Manalapan; five granddaughters, Valerie, Julia, Kelly, Sharon and Kaitlyn; and several nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth C. Gomez of Edison

Mrs. Elizabeth C. (Fuller) Gomez of Edison died Sept. 23 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was 72.

Born in Newark, she lived there until moving to Edison 41 years ago.

She worked in the returnedgoods department of Revlon for 30 years before retiring.

Mrs. Gomez was a communicant of Guardian Angels R.C. Church in Edison.

Her husband, Amadeo I. Gomez, died in 1987; a brother, Sonny Fuller; and a sister, Dolores Connally, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Ann Gomez of Las Vegas and Kathleen Louise Hadzimichalis, of Edison; a brother, John Fuller of Florida; a granddaughter, Leah Kermes; a grandson, Edward Diermenjian, and two great-grandchildren, Mallory E. Kermes and Dale J. Kermes.

Joseph Dobrowski of Carteret

Mr. Joseph Dobrowski of Carteret died September 28 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 82.

He was a lifelong resident of Carteret.

Mr. Dobrowski had been employed at Foster-Wheeler in Carteret as a machinist for 30 years, and retired from Aloyco Industries in Linden, where he worked as the quality control chief inspector for 25 years.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret.

Mr. Dobrowski was an Army veteran of World War II, and was a member of Star Landing VFW Post 2314 and the St. Demetrius Men's Club, both in Carteret.

His wife, Marie Bove Dobrowski, died in 2001; two brothers, John and Michael, four sisters, Mary, Hellen, Anne and Pauline.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph C. Dobrowski of East Windsor and John Dobrowski of Fords; a sister, Kay Raymond, and five grandchildren, Patricia, Joseph, Trevor, Brittany and Jennifer.

Jean Passamonti of Iselin

Mrs. Jean (DiFino) Passamonti of Iselin died Sept. 22 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was 84.

Born in Edison, she resided in Iselin for the past 75 years.

She attended Oak Tree Road School in Edison and Woodbridge High School. Mrs. Passamonti was a lifelong communicant of St. Cecelia's R.C. Church in Iselin, and a member of the Iselin AARP and Iselin Senior Citizens Club.

Her brother, Vincent Di-Fino, died in 2001.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Joseph Passamonti; a daughter, Vivian Hoppock of Iselin; four grand-children, James and Laurie Lynch, and Kimberly and Mark Brancato, all of Iselin, and a great-grandson, Kyle Joseph Brancato.



OBITUARIES

Leah J. Kirshner of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Leah J. Kirshner of Perth Amboy died September 30 in Mission Viejo, Calif.

She worked in the Perth Amboy school district for 36 years.

Her husband, Benjamin, died in 1991.

Surviving are her daughter, Joyce Wiess of California and Arthur Joselson of Perth Amboy.

Orestes Mackov of Perth Amboy

Mr. Orestes Mackov was found dead in his apartment on Water Street, Perth Amboy, September 24. Death was due to natural causes.

Mr. Mackov was the son of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Mackov and Pani Emma Mackov, who served the local parish of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife, Joanne Mackov, the former Joanne Susan; a brother, the Rev. Joseph Mackov; three maternal aunts, Martha Zapotocky and Olga Ruth, both of Edison, and Sarah Murray of Schenectady, N.Y., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stella Bilyk, 84 of Carteret

Mrs. Stella (Waisnewski) Bilyk of Carteret died September 30 at Rahway Hospital. She was 84.

Born in Pine Island, N.Y., she lived in Jersey City before moving to Carteret 19 years ago.

Mrs. Bilyk was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret.

She was a member of the Carteret Seniors' afternoon and evening groups.

Her husband, Michael Bilyk, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann Marie Bilyk of Carteret and Kathleen Corvalon of Jersey City; four sons, Richard Bilyk of California, James Bilyk of Carteret, Henry Bilyk of Ohio and John Bilyk of Barnegat; a sister, Helen Argiro of Florida; three brothers, Edward Waisnewski and John Waisnewski, both of Florida, and Henry Waisnewski of New York; nine grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren.

Charles J. Bodo, 77 of Sewaren

Mr. Charles J. Bodo of Sewaren died September 28 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Sewaren for the past 42 years.

Mr. Bodo was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the European and North African theaters. He served aboard the USS Caloosahatchee.

Mr. Bodo was a member of Hopelawn VFW Post 1352.

He received his associate's degree from the Associated College of Upper New York-Middletown campus; his bachelor's degree from Adelphia University on Long Island, and his master's degree from Seton Hall University.

He was employed by the Perth Amboy Board of Education, beginning as a substitute teacher in 1951. He became a full-time teacher in 1952 and taught at School No. 5 and Perth Amboy High School.

He also taught at Adult Evening School for many years in Perth Amboy. In 1967, he was named vice principal of School No. 10, and then in 1969 was named principal of School No. 2. In 1979, Mr. Bodo was named principal of Flynn School, where he worked for 11 years before his retirement in 1990.

He was also employed as a summer acting supervisor for ASARCO in Perth Amboy. Mr. Bodo was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church in Port Reading, and a former communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

He was also a member of the Hungarian American Club in Port Reading. His parents, John and Elizabeth Bodo; two sisters, Mary Grobizna and Anne Bodo, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Theresa M. Pasterick Bodo; a son, John Charles Bodo of Sewaren, two daughters. Suzanne Bodo Mecka of Port Reading and Jody Bodo-Pfeiffer of Sewaren; three brothers, John E and Joseph, both of Perth Amboy, and his twin brother, Eugene, of Lady Lake, Fla.; four grandchildren, Dana Kenny, Fred Gall, Cheryl-Lynn Mecka and Kaitlyn Mecka; two great-grandchildren, Paige Taylor Kenny and Leah Rose Kenny, and his niece, Carol McFadden.

Mary Panko, 86 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Mary Panko of Perth Amboy died September 16 at her niece's home in Perth Amboy. She was 86.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there all her life.

Mrs. Panko worked at John's Beauty Shop in Perth Amboy. After that, she was a beautician for Revlon in Edison for 10 years, retiring in 1981.

She was a communicant of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy.

Three brothers, Nicholas, Steven and John Panko and two sisters, Catherine Chumer and Olga Hudak, are all deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Pauline Hodan of Fords and several nieces and nephews.

George M. Balasic of Fords

Mr. George M. Balasic of Fords died September 29 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 80.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived there until moving to Fords 46 years ago.

He was the proprietor of Modern Fuel Oil in Fords for 51 years.

Mr. Balasic was a communicant of Holy Spirit R.C. Church and the St. George Catholic Club, both of Perth Amboy.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Irene (Sabo) Balasic; two daughters, Susan Lynch of Howell and Andrea Herb of Reading, Pa.; a son, Mark Balasic of Fords; a sister, Susan Dudor of Perth Amboy; and five grandchildren.



Ruth M. Grigger, 90 of Edison

Mrs. Ruth M. Grigger died September 16 at Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown, Pa. She was 90.

Born in Wawa, Delaware County, Pa., she had lived in Metuchen and Edison before moving to Pennsylvania. Mrs. Grigger was a registered nurse at Middlesex General Hospital in New Brunswick. She also was employed as a private-duty nurse. She was a 1932 graduate of Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia and was a member of its Alumni Association.

She was also a 1928 graduate of West Chester High School. She was a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Grigger was a former member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Metuchen and had served as president of the women's group of the church

She taught courses for the American Red Cross in Metuchen and received an award from the Delaware Blood Bank for volunteerism. She also served as an American historian for the Kyle Clan. Mrs. Grigger was an accomplished seamstress.

Her husband, Emil Grigger, died in 1981; her parents, David E. and Grace (Adams) Morris, two brothers, David and Richard Morris; are all deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Bryan of Reading, Pa., and Joan Ashworth-Glen of Toronto; two brothers, William H. Morris of Leesburg, Fla., and Walter Morris of Oklahoma City; seven grandchildren, and several greatgrandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren.

Mildred E. Wahl, 98 of South Amboy

Mr. Mildred E. Wahl of South Amboy (formerly of Shellburne, Wilmington, Del.) died September 30 at Methodist Country House, where she had resided for the past 10 years.

Born in South Amboy, she lived there until moving to Delaware.

She graduated from New Jersey College for Women in 1926 with a degree in music

She was formerly employed as supervisor of music at South Amboy

Mrs. Wahl was a church organist for Christ Church in South Amboy and for First Presbyterian Church in Towanda, Pa., and was director of their youth choirs. She played the piano and organ in the Danby Chapel of the Methodist Country House.

Mrs. Wahl served as president of the South Amboy Women's Club and volunteered as a Gray Lady. She was a member of Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Wilmington.

Her first husband, E. Robert Owen, died in 1957; her second husband, Henry Wahl died in 1982; her parents, Richard C. and Georgianna Stephenson, are also deceased.

Surviving are a nephew, Robert Stephenson of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; a niece, Barbara Glick of Sea Isle City; her grand-children, James and Carol Morrison of Newark, Del., Carl and Patricia Davis of Wallingford, Pa., Richard and Kay Morrison of Wilmington; 10 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, four great-nieces and a great-nephew.



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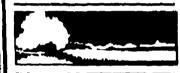
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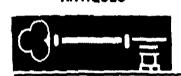
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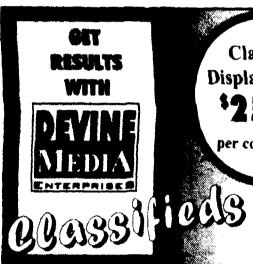
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Simpson Seniors Halloween Dance Set

PERTH AMBOY—The Epps family of Perth Amboy has announced the date of their 7th annual Halloween Dance for area senior citizens. The date is Friday, Oct. 25 at the Simpson United Methodist Church in Perth Amboy. Doors open at 6 p.m.

There will be the usual line and couples dancing, singalongs, refreshments prizes for best costumes, and a special prize for the person who brings in the best handcarved Jack O' Lantern.

Donation at the door will be three dollars, and all proceeds will go to the church Building Fund. Any donations of food and beverages are gratefully accepted and appreciated. For more information, call 732-826-8007.

Martinez **Graduates Basic** Military Training

PERTH AMBOY—Army Pvt. Israel Martinez has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions.

Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Maria Martinez of Perth Amboy.

Martinez is a 2001 graduate of Neptune Technical School.

Holiday Craft Show

METUCHEN—Get all your holiday shopping done in one stop at Women Helping Women's fun festive Art & Craft Show/Holiday Bazaar Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, 6 to Metuchen.

There will be dozens of wonderful artists and craftspeople on hand, exciting door prizes, a fantastic silent auction and tasty treats. Admission is \$3 and goes to benefit Women Helping Women.

Women Women Helping serves more than 5,000 women, young children and teens each year with affordable therapy and support services.

The agency's programs are cru-10 p.m. at St. Luke's Church in cial to individuals struggling with issues relating to domestic violence, sexual abuse, divorce, depression, loss, self-esteem, peer pressure, relationships and addiction. For information about having a vendor table at WHW's Art & Craft Show/Holiday Bazaar, please call 732-549-6000.

Bereavement Group Starting

EDISON—Jewish Family & Vocational Service (JFVS) is having an open-ended Bereavement Group. This group meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the JFVS office. The office is located at 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201, Edison. The charge for the group is \$15 for each session. If you are interested in the group, call (732) 777-1940 to confirm your participation.

Wardlaw-Hartridge Teens Recognized in National Merit Competition

EDISON—Three students from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison have been named Commended Students the National Merit Scholarship Program. Last week, Head of School Chris Williamson congratulated James Cleaver of Cranford. Henry Park of Edison, and Milan Patel of Scotch Plains, seniors at the independent school, for this achievement.

Commended Students scored among the top five percent of the more than one million teens in the nation who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) as juniors last October. The Wardlaw-Hartridge students, representing 10.3% of

the class, were presented with official certificates NMSC at an assembly of the entire Upper School.

"Historically, the performance of Wardlaw-Hartridge students in the National Merit Scholarship competition typically exceeds national averages, and in three recent years during my tenure we have more than doubled the national averages," Williamson said. The average high school has 5% of their senior class achieve that status.

He explained that this is just one area of national testing in which the Wardlaw-Hartridge students excel. "We are looking forward to hearing the results of the National

Achievement Scholars and National Hispanic Scholars recognition," he said.

"In the past three years, over 12% of our students have earned recognition in one or more of the PSAT-based scholarship programs, and we expect that outstanding trend to continue once all programs announce their results in the next few weeks."

National Merit The Scholarship Program is a privately financed nationwide competition that provides a variety of recognition and awards for the country's most academically talented students.



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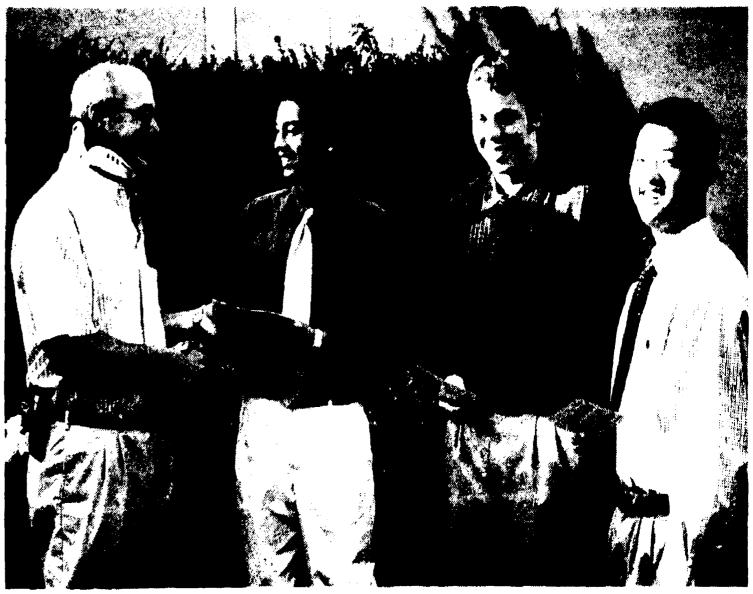


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COMMENDED STUDENTS-Wardlaw-Hartridge School Head Chris Williamson presents Milan Patel and his senior class peers James Cleaver and Henry Park, right, with certificates from the National Merit Scholarship Program. The students were named recently as Commended Students for scoring in the top 5% of the nation from among the more than one million teens who took the PSATs as juniors last October. Photo by Susan Dougherty.