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Wisniewski Named Chairman Of Transportation Committee

STATE — Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski has been appointed Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee for the 2002-03 legislative session.

Assembly Speaker Albio Sires praised Wisniewski as the perfect choice for the coveted committee chairmanship, citing his two stints of membership on the Transportation Committee during the 1996-97 and 2000-01 legislative sessions.

"John Wisniewski has been a leading voice on transportation policy for Assembly Democrats during his six years in the state Legislature," said Sires (D-West New York). "As our new chairman, Assemblyman Wisniewski is going to be counted upon to improve the state's transportation system while safeguarding the interest of drivers on matters such as the E-ZPass toll collection system and the

Parsons auto inspections contract.

Wisniewski, 39, has served on the Assembly Transportation Committee, the Assembly Education Committee, the Assembly Policy and Regulatory Oversight Committee, and the Assembly Hazardous and Solid Waste Committee since first being elected to the Legislature in 1996.

"New Jersey is the most congested state in the country and this presents enormous challenges in terms of constructing transportation policy," said Wisniewski (D-Sayreville).

"In addition to the highways that need to be repaved and the bridges that need to be rebuilt, we need to renew our commitment to mass transportation in our state.

"New Jerseyans rely heavily upon the state's transportation network for their daily job commutes. To effectively ease

their lives, the Legislature must do everything in its power to ensure that our transportation system is well-maintained, professionally managed, and constantly improved upon," said Wisniewski.

During the legislative process, committees and their chairpersons review and reconfigure bills and take testimony from people and organizations that may be affected by the legislation. Bills that make their way through the committee process can then be posted for floor votes by the full Assembly.

The Assembly Transportation Committee is responsible for monitoring all segments of state transportation, including bridge and highway construction, motor vehicle inspections, expansion of light-rail train systems, and management of the toll road authorities.

Wisniewski has sponsored

legislation to criminalize identity theft, strength the state's school bus inspection system, provide income and property tax exemptions for veterans, establish penalties for persons convicted of committing crimes while using firearms, and deregulate the gas and electric industries.

Besides serving as chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Wisniewski also will be a member of the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee in the 2002-03 legislative session.

That committee appointment coincides with the reputation Wisniewski earned in recent years as the Assembly Democrats' leading voice on energy deregulation and telecommunications policy matters.

Wisniewski is a partner in Ronan, Tuzzio and Gianonne — a law firm with offices in Tinton Falls and Sayreville.

South Amboy Library Establishes New Endowment

SOUTH AMBOY — In recognition of the retirement of Eleanore Westerholm, the Dowdell Library's Board of

Trustees has announced the establishment of the Eleanor Westerholm Endowment.

"Miss Eleanore," as she is known to the countless number of children who have visited South Amboy's public library, has worked in the library for twenty-four years.

She has worked full-time in the Children's Department since 1986 and has served as the library's Principal Library Assistant in charge of the Children's Department since 1989. Prior to working in the Children's Department, Westerholm worked in various library positions.

The endowment will serve as a lasting tribute to "Miss Eleanore" as materials purchased from the endowment's interest will receive a special imprint noting the source of funding for that item. This will be the library's fourth endowment.

Those interested in con-

tributing to the Eleanor Westerholm Endowment can call the library at (732) 721-6060 for additional information. Contributions can also be mailed to the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Contributions should be payable to the Eleanor Westerholm Endowment.



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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Roosevelt Meets State's Highest Care Standards

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Roosevelt Care Center has achieved the State of New Jersey's "advisory standards" in terms of the care provided to RCC residents and in the way the facility is run.

"Simply put, this means that the work of the staff at RCC is far exceeding the State requirements, and that we have achieved a level of excellence that places Roosevelt among the best long-term care facilities in New Jersey," said Roosevelt Administrator and COO Frank Damiani.

"This is the first time that RCC has achieved this level of excellence," he said, noting that less than ten percent of the long-term care facilities in New Jersey have achieved the advisory standards.

Under state licensing regu-

lations, the standards for nursing home care include both mandatory requirements, which all facilities must meet and advisory standards, which are optional and voluntary.

If a facility chooses to participate in the advisory standards program, surveyors from the state Department of Health and Senior Services evaluate the nursing home's compliance with 145 recommendations in 21 areas of nursing home care and services during the course of their annual inspection visit.

"It's the state's way of recognizing nursing homes that strive to go beyond the requirements in terms of the care they provide their residents," said Leonard Roseman, the Chairman of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), which

oversees the operation of RCC.

He noted that facilities deemed to have serious deficiencies in terms of their ability to meet mandatory requirements are not permitted to participate in the advisory standards program.

"Naturally, everyone at Roosevelt is thrilled that our efforts have been recognized, but what makes us all even happier have been the state surveyors' repeated comments about the positive attitude they now saw throughout the building," Damiani said.

"The surveyors sensed an overall attitude of teamwork, optimism, cooperation and caring, and said that each department had made a major contribution to this achievement," he said.

Damiani said the surveyors complimented RCC on several facets of the facility operation including: The new recreation activities that have been imple-

and the clean and well-maintained building and grounds.

"The job that the RCC staff is doing is better than great, it is exemplary," he said. "I

"Naturally, everyone at Roosevelt is thrilled that our efforts have been recognized, ..."

mented, even for residents who cannot leave their rooms, including the elegant dining, pet therapy and Snoozalen programs; the level of clinical and psychological care that RCC residents receive; the facility's improved record-keeping and other administrative changes;

would also like to thank the residents and the family members who were interviewed by the surveyors for their support. The state gives great consideration to their views, and their positive comments played a large role in the outcome of this year's survey."

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Bridging The Digital Divide Computer Learning Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC), in conjunction with the First Baptist Church, Sewaren, and D-3 Interactive Media, has launched a new computer learning program, "Bridging the Digital Divide." The program commenced last week with an introductory session at First Baptist Church.

"MCEOC is happy to bring

computer literacy to disadvantaged residents in Middlesex County," said Carroll Thomas, chief executive officer, MCEOC. "This program recognizes that computer literacy is vital to today's existence, from personal use to attaining skills for career advancement."

According to Thomas, the Digital Divide program comes as the result of the Agency's partnership with D-3 Interactive Media

and First Baptist Church. MCEOC worked with D-3 to develop and license self-directed learning software for students. First Baptist Church, one of MCEOC's faith based partners, has set up a ten-station computer lab at the church, leased and staffed by MCEOC.

The program is open to all Middlesex County residents and is especially targeting families participating in the county's Head Start program.

MCEOC is accepting enrollment on an ongoing basis and hopes to tutor up to 150 people in the program's first year. For information about Bridging the Digital Divide D-3, please contact Cheryl Miller at MCEOC at (732) 846-6600, ext. 240.

MCEOC is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency, whose programs enable self-sufficiency to low-income households in Middlesex County. MCEOC provides social services through four divisions: Children's Programs, Basic Needs, Community Services and Housing and Economic Development.

The MCEOC is part of a national network of nearly 1,000 local Community Action Agencies which assist millions of Americans across the country.

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County Resident Erika Sosa Takes Teaching Trip

EDISON—Rider University senior Erika Sosa of Edison spent her winter break in the Caribbean teaching and gaining insight from youngsters.

From Jan. 4 through Jan. 18, Sosa, a psychology major and six other Rider students traveled in Jamaica, West Indies, working with children hailing from the island's most impoverished areas. A Rider tradition since 1990, the University's international program engages students in learning experiences foreign from what they are accustomed. Using the skills and knowledge base they have acquired in their academic majors, they are oriented to a

new culture, way of life, and new perspectives.

The curriculum, designed by program co-ordinators, the Rev. Nancy Schluter, Rider's Protestant Chaplain, and Don Brown, director of Rider's Center for Multicultural Affairs and Community Service, places special emphasis on service learning. Students are required to sign a written "learning covenant" with their assigned Rider professors, many of whom serve as their advisers.

Not only are students required to complete reading assignments to better understand Jamaican culture and service learning theory, they

must prepare for their experience introspectively by attending seminars prior to embarking on their trip as well as during the course of the semester. Keeping a personal journal, they must document and evaluate their experiences in a final project, usually a paper.

As in past years, the students visited St. Mary's Parish and later Ocho Rios. In St. Mary's Parish, they worked in the classrooms with residents of Pringle Home for Children. In Ocho Rios, they worked with residents of the Iona School, a private children's institution run by the United Church of Jamaica.

Guests of noted Jamaican author, Lewin Williams, the students also visited such places as the Bob Marley Museum in Kingston and Dunn's River Fall in Ocho Rios. For the first time this year, they attended a barbecue hosted by husband and wife duo and Rider alumni Warren Scott '96, a business major; and Keya Chongasing Scott '95, a communication major.

Although Rider junior Nancy Capasso of Edison, a French major, made the trip last January, she still has vivid memories of the experience. In lieu of writing a paper, she was granted permission to take pic-

tures featuring the children of Pringle Home in order to create a 2002 calendar. Capasso created the concept and design with assistance from Rider's Collegiate Press. The calendar, which will be shown to islanders during this year's trip, is dedicated to The Brian Putman Foundation.

The family of the late Brian Putman '99 established the foundation during the summer of 2000. Putman, who traveled to Jamaica as a Rider student in January 1999, was killed in an auto accident in May of 2000. All foundation proceeds benefit the children who reside at the Pringle Home.

South Amboy Elementary School Announces Honor Rolls

SOUTH AMBOY—The South Amboy Elementary School has announced its Honor Roll students for the first marking period.

Honor Roll of Distinction—6-1: Elvin Merlo, Ivana Nemcikova and Chelsea Russell; 6-2: Myra Dabkowski, Suraj Rama, Rachael Resignato and Staciann Sarno; 6-3: Jessica Kotsak and Richard Vayda; 6-4: Katey Charmello and Melissa Marino; 5-1: Matthew Richmond and Matthew Wanko; 5-2: Glenn Wagner; 5-4: Joseph Ward; 4-1: Krystle Castro and Carolyn Wells; 4-3: Daniel Noble and Matthew Reagan; 4-4: Luke O'Connor, Michele Richardson and Patricia Taylor.

Honor Roll—6-1: Elisha Bancor, Kaitlyn Bouchard, David Dunn, Chelsea Frisch, Adam Gonzalez, Joanna Heyer, Breanne Kelly, Nicholas Klein, Amanda Purcell, Brianna Septor and Nikita Viens; 6-2: Rachael Abadie, Alexandra Anderson, Lynn Bloodgood, Nicole Brown, Kelly Crowley, Colin Krzyzanowski, Stephanie Kulesar,

Karisa Nemeth, Thomas Noble, Laith Salameh, John Terhune, Nicholas Vecchione and John Zammit; 6-3: Kaleigh DeLucca, Chelsea Lorentz and Andrew Pappas; 6-4: Jennifer Braun, Jaclyn Charmello, John Cooney, Heather Erickson, Nicole Kotula, Michael Macato, Mark Parisen and Jimmy Vega; 5-1: Amanda Gibilisco, Courtney Hulsart and Cassidy Kreie; 5-2: Adrian DeJesus, Virginia Feis, Maikel Ghaly, Brittany Harkins, Richard Letts, Christopher Macato, Nicole Murphy, Alexis Pawlik, Christopher Rand, Ryan Stevens, Ashley Tackman and Tashiana Ventura; 5-3: Courtney Bouchard, Christopher Dorn, Sandra Jazikoff, Ryan Kantor, Karly Nemeth, Eric Oppenheimer, MacKenzie Russell and Kyle Septor; 5-4: Jessica Erickson, Conchetta Lorentz, Dylan Strauss, David Tucka, Andrew Walczak, Jennifer Walsh and Charles Weiss; 4-1: Mario Batista, Timothy Brinkerhoff, Domenick Couvertier, Matthew Heimall, Tahira Naqvi and Phillip VanHorn; 4-

2—Catherine McLean, Daniel O'Connor, Rebecca Rucinski, Danielle Tucka and Danielle Viering; 4-3: Colleen Applegate, Daniela Gaudiesus,

Robert Jicha, Ashley Noble, Shayla Norton, Christina Sirna, Eric Stahl and Craig Warzecha; 4-4: Rebecca Bartlinski, Joseph Charmello,

Stephanie Escareno, Colin Jannuzzi, Kyle Menze, Mary O'Connor and Sarah Vassallo; and 4-5: Keith Sutter.

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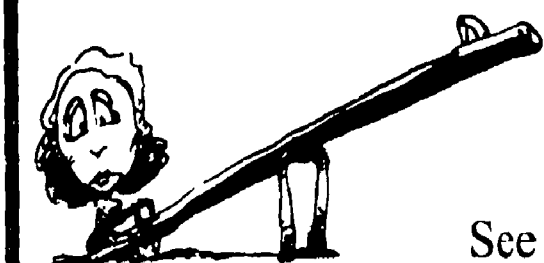
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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

A Recipe For Savings In The Kitchen

STATE--While you're preparing your next gourmet dish at home, remember that you can cook up real savings on your energy bill by using kitchen appliances wisely.

Kitchen appliances represent about 20 percent of the energy consumed in the average home. But there are ways to reduce the amount of energy these applications use and, in turn, reduce your electricity and natural gas bills.

"The kitchen holds many of a household's major appliances and it's the place where you can make a real difference on both your electricity and natural gas bills," said Fred Abbate, chairman of the New Jersey Utility Education Committee, which conducts the New Jersey Energy Choice

statewide consumer education campaign developed to inform New Jerseyans about the deregulated marketplace for electricity and natural gas.

Following are examples of how you can conserve energy and save money by making small changes to the way you use your kitchen appliances:

Ranges and Ovens: The regular oven in your home consumes a great deal of energy. Use a toaster oven or microwave for small-to-medium-sized meals. Similarly, use a pressure cooker, rather than cooking with pots on the range. Use flat-bottom pans for best contact with the heat and use tight fitting lids to keep the steam in the pan. Preheat your oven only 5-8 minutes when baking.

Peeking inside isn't a good idea either. Each time you open the door, the oven temperature drops and energy that you are paying for escapes.

Also, use the self-cleaning feature on your oven only when hand cleaning is impossible.

Refrigerator and Freezer: Do not put uncovered liquids in the refrigerator. The liquids give off vapors that add to the compressor workload. Allow hot food to cool slightly before putting it in the refrigerator. A full freezer will perform better than a nearly empty one. And, defrost your freezer when ice or frost build-up is 1/4 inch or thicker.

Finally, check your refrigerator/freezer door gasket periodically for signs of deterioration.

Here is a handy way of checking condition of the gasket: place a dollar bill against the frame and close the door. If the bill can be pulled out with a very gentle tug, the door should be adjusted or the gasket replaced.

Dishwasher: Always operate a dishwasher with a full load. Avoid using the heated drying cycle. The "Energy Saver" option on most dishwasher does just that. If your dishwasher doesn't have this feature, you can simply turn off the machine and open the door once the washing cycle is finished. The dishes will then simply drip and air dry. Another tip is to avoid pre-rinsing dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Scraping off food and empty-

ing liquids is all that is needed with today's dishwashers.

This is another in a series of "Choose to Use Energy Wisely" tips from New Jersey Energy Choice, the consumer education program developed to inform New Jerseyans about the deregulated marketplace for electricity and natural gas.

The program provides information to consumers interested in choosing new electricity or natural gas suppliers and consumer guidance for key decisions that are made about energy.

Consumers can learn more by calling the New Jersey Energy Choice hotline at 1-877-NJ5-5678 or by visiting the New Jersey Energy Choice Web Site at www.njenergy-choice.com.

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PSE&G Cautions: Be Safe, Not Sorry

AREA—Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), New Jersey's largest electric and gas delivery utility, with thousands of employees at work in neighborhoods across the state, is concerned about reports of strangers gaining access to homes by posing as utility employees.

PSE&G Security Manager Francis J. McCormick advised, "When a stranger knocks on your door, never let them inside unless you've seen their ID and feel comfortable, even if they claim to represent a legitimate business like PSE&G.

"If you are ever in doubt, immediately contact the police," he added.

While PSE&G employees do not solicit or request money door-to-door, the utility's employees do knock on doors to read, connect or disconnect meters or to check gas leaks.

"In all our work, safety and security—that of our employees and our customers—is our number one concern" said McCormick. "We regret having to advise people to question strangers—even if they claim to be from PSE&G, even if they're wearing uniforms—but it's an important precaution everyone should take."

Because all PSE&G employees are required to wear photo identification badges while on the job, the utility advises that, unless you

know the PSE&G person at the door, always ask to see a photo identification badge before allowing entry into your home.

PSE&G is New Jersey's oldest and largest regulated gas and electric delivery utility, serving nearly three-quarters of the state's population. PSE&G is a subsidiary of PSEG (NYSE:PEG), a diversified energy and energy services company (website address: <http://www.pseg.com>).

"When a stranger knocks on your door, never let them inside unless you've seen their ID and feel comfortable, even if they claim to represent a legitimate business like PSE&G."

FBI Examined Rutgers Photocopiers

STATE--FBI agents examined Rutgers University photocopying machines looking for links to four anthrax-tainted letters mailed from New Jersey.

Richard H. Ebright, a protein biochemist at Rutgers' Waksman Institute of Microbiology, told *The New York Times* that agents tested every photocopier in Rutgers' microbiology buildings on Jan. 11. That adds up to dozens of machines, including Ebright's own.

"The authorities clearly still are investigating possible university links," Ebright said.

Rutgers spokeswoman Sandra Lanman said last week that she did not know of any investigation involving Rutgers, but "the university's policy is not to comment on investigations by outside agencies."

No anthrax research is conducted at Rutgers, Lanman said.

FBI officials in Washington would not comment on whether tests were conducted at other sites, but said the technique is standard.

Experts say photocopiers leave subtle clues on paper that can narrow the search for where copying was done. The makeup

"The authorities clearly still are investigating possible university links,"

of ink also can provide clues.

At least four anthrax-laced letters passed through a Trenton-area mail facility. Two, addressed to NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw and the *New York Post*, were postmarked Sept. 18. Two others were postmarked Oct. 9 and mailed to Sens. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Letters to Brokaw and the newspaper appear to be copies, and all four have block lettering and use the date of 09-11-01.

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Survival Resource Guide Now Available

STATE--The New Era Survival Research Institute has just published a new booklet, "Survival Resource Guide for a Nuclear, Biological or Chemical Attack." The booklet gives information about what to do to improve personal safety in the event of a terrorist attack. There is detailed information about indicators of a possible nuclear, biological or chemical incident and what information should be gathered to be reported to authorities.

"According to government officials, there is evidence that terrorists may have been planning to disperse biological or chemical agents," says Paul Richard, a researcher at New Era Survival Research Institute. "We've published a resource guide to help consumers educate themselves about what to do in the event of a nuclear, biological or chemical attack. The booklet includes a section about where to get survival resources including information about an in-home shelter plan."

Consumers can receive a copy of the booklet by sending ten first class stamps for printing, postage and handling to: New Era Survival Research Institute, NBC Survival Booklet Offer #NBC1011, P.O. Box 60944, Washington, D.C. 20039-0944. Additional information is available by calling the organization's headquarters at (202) 882-9000 or on the Internet at: www.NewEraSurvival.org.

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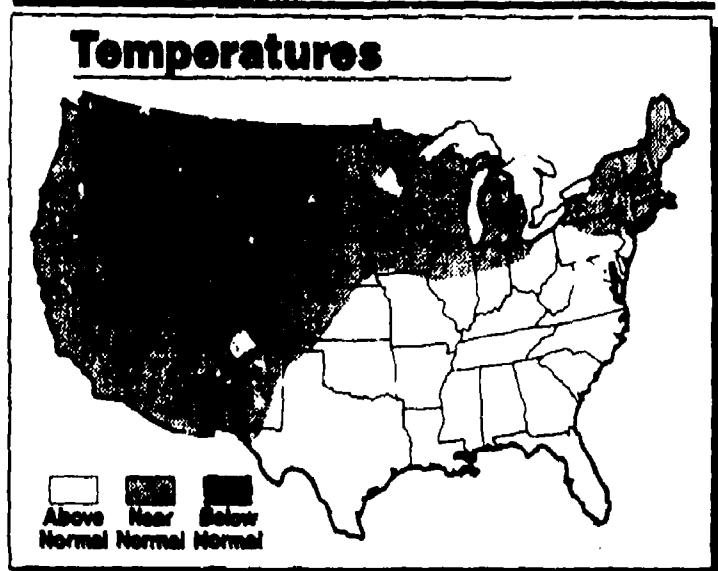
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
A few showers and windy.	Rain and breezy.	Windy with clouds and sun.	Sunshine and very windy.	Sunshine.	Times of sun and clouds.	Clouds and sun.	Cloudy, a shower; windy.
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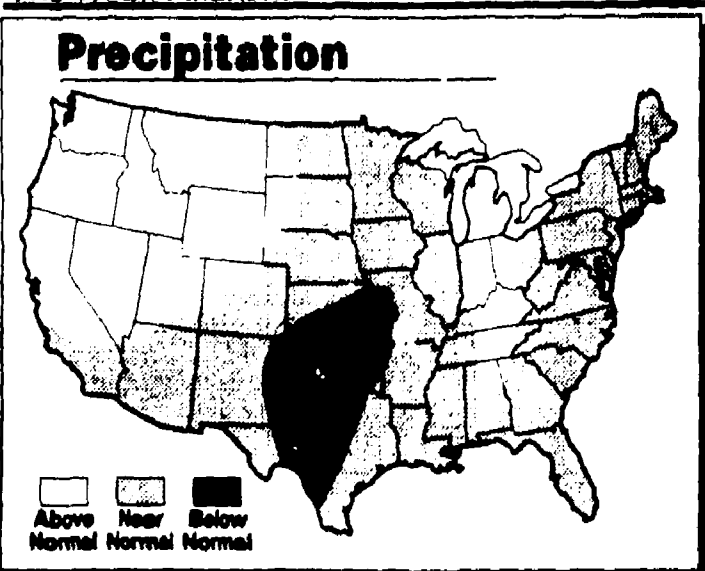
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

A cold, unsettled weather pattern will dominate the West. Snow will be common across the Rocky Mountains and Great Basin. Temperatures will average 10 to 15 degrees below zero. Meanwhile, mild weather will dominate much of the eastern half of the country. Dry weather will cover the central and southern Plains.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	58 34 r	50 33 pc	55 38 sh	57 35 pc
Boston	51 32 c	38 23 pc	42 28 s	36 14 s
Chicago	32 20 pc	42 24 pc	44 28 c	44 36 c
Cleveland	45 23 sh	31 28 c	38 28 c	39 29 c
Denver	44 20 s	54 24 s	52 22 s	46 20 pc
Des Moines	32 19 pc	46 28 s	44 24 pc	42 24 pc
Detroit	42 21 r	33 25 pc	39 28 c	36 27 c
Houston	60 36 pc	62 36 s	64 44 pc	66 48 c
Indianapolis	40 23 sh	35 28 pc	44 29 c	41 29 c
Kansas City	37 23 c	48 31 s	52 31 s	49 30 pc
Los Angeles	67 46 s	67 48 s	67 48 pc	65 38 c
Miami	81 65 s	74 60 c	74 61 c	74 52 s
Minn.-St. Paul	26 12 pc	34 16 pc	36 18 sn	32 14 sf
New Orleans	64 42 t	60 44 s	62 46 s	67 43 s
New York City	54 38 c	38 24 r	43 35 s	41 25 s
Omaha	32 18 pc	48 26 s	49 23 s	46 24 pc
Phoenix	62 40 s	70 46 s	72 48 s	70 46 s
San Francisco	56 44 c	56 44 c	58 48 c	55 32 c
Seattle	48 40 r	46 38 r	46 38 sh	45 32 sh
Washington	56 36 r	43 32 pc	40 36 c	51 33 s

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		Sunset	
Thu.	7:14 a.m.	Fri.	5:05 p.m.
Fri.	7:13 a.m.	Sat.	5:06 p.m.
Moonrise		Moonset	
Thu.	1:01 p.m.	Fri.	3:01 a.m.
Fri.	1:45 p.m.	Sat.	4:08 a.m.
Moon Phases			
First	Full	Last	New
Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 12
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.			

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Berlin	44 38 c	41 40 pc	50 42 r	45 40 r
Buenos Aires	88 73 pc	84 70 c	84 71 c	84 64 pc
Cairo	65 48 pc	67 46 pc	64 45 pc	61 45 pc
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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Kessler Offers Tips On Protecting Your Child From Computer Overuse Injury

AREA — Whether typing a school term paper or surfing the Internet, your child may be spending many hours at the computer both at school and at home. As a result, children are beginning to experience the same computer-related disorders that have plagued their parents for years. However, preventing these conditions is much easier than treating them after they develop. By designing a child's computer workstation in more ergonomically correct manner, you can help your children avoid the stresses associated with computer use and thus prevent injury.

"Too often, children are using equipment that is not set up for their size putting them at postural risk," said Norma Glennon, OTR, CHT, Manager of Occupational Therapy Services, Kessler Rehabilitation Centers. "Poor posture usually leads to discomfort in the neck, shoulders, back, arms and hands."

Repetitive stress injuries (RSI) are most commonly associated with computer over use. RSI are a group of conditions, such as carpal tunnel syndrome, ten-

donitis, and cervical radiculopathy, generally caused by placing too much stress on the muscles, tendons and nerves in a particular joint.

"When stress on a joint occurs repeatedly the body does not have time to recover and therefore becomes irritated," stated Glennon.

Resulting symptoms can include tightness, soreness, or burning in the hands, wrists, fingers, forearms, and elbows; tingling, coldness, and numbness in the hands, decreased strength and coordination in the hands, pain that increases at night or with sleep, and, feeling a need to massage hands, wrists, and arms for relief.

To help reduce the possibility of your child suffering from RSI or other computer-related injuries, Kessler recommends the following:

- **Proper computer placement.** Position the computer monitor at or slightly below eye level, centered and approximately 18" to 24" from the eyes. "Any greater distances may contribute to poor posture if the child needs

to lean forward or look up or down to read the screen," noted Glennon.

- **Correct seating position.**

According to Glennon, proper seating may be the most critical aspect in preventing computer-related injury. Make sure your child is seated properly with the monitor eye level, feet flat on the floor, and back supported. If the chair is non-adjustable, you can improvise. Have the child sit on a firm pillow, old telephone book or a ream of paper. Or, use a telephone book or a backpack as a footrest. Also, a rolled up towel can be placed in the small of the child's back for added back support. Adjustable armrests are also recommended for additional arm support.

- **Encourage good posture.**

Slouching forces shoulders down and forward and causes the chin to jut out and, thus, places considerable strain on the neck, back and entire upper body. "In fact, the pressure on the back is greatest when sitting in a slouched position," said Glennon. Good posture is demonstrated by the head in a neutral position with

chin tucked in, back straight, shoulders relaxed, elbows at right angles to arms, and wrists aligned with the forearm. "But, even 'perfect' posture can result in problems," warns Glennon, "if it is held too rigidly for long periods of time."

- **Teach proper typing techniques.**

While typing, allow the arms to move the hands around instead of resting the wrist and stretching the fingers to reach the keys. "Wrists pads should be used for rest only," stated Glennon. Strike the keyboard gently and utilize both hands to perform double-key operations such as Ctrl-P. Wrists should remain neutral without bending sideways, up or down. If using a mouse, grasp it lightly without squeezing and keep it as close to the keyboard as possible to reduce awkward movements.

- **Emphasize breaks every 15-20 minutes.**

Encourage children to stand, walk around, and stretch. "Stretch breaks help reduce the muscle tension caused when the body remains in a fixed position for too long," said Glennon. Stretches can include: tucking in the chin and slowly turning the head to the right, hold for 30 seconds, and repeat to the left; shoulder shrugs and rolls;

making a fist and then spreading fingers open; with hands behind the head, pinching shoulder blades together; and while standing, with knees slightly bent, try any touch palms to the floor.

Most importantly, set a good example yourself when working or playing at the computer and your children will follow your ergonomically correct lead.

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Rutgers Sponsors Holocaust Education Programs For Teachers

AREA — Middle and high school teachers interested in incorporating Holocaust education into their curricula are invited to participate in two mini-courses this spring offered by The Herbert and Leonard Littman Families Holocaust Resource Center of The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of

Jewish Life at Rutgers.

"The Nazi Regime and German Jewry: 1933-1939" is a six-week course that focuses on the anti-Jewish policy of Nazi Germany and Jewish social and public life during this period. The course includes lectures, discussions and demonstrations based on the new CD-ROM "Into that Dark Night - Nazi

Germany and the Jews 1933-1939" produced by the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

The course will be held Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Feb. 7 through March 14 in the computer lab of the Kreeger Learning Resource Center, 151 College Avenue, New Brunswick. The registration deadline is Feb. 1 and the cost is \$60, including the CD-ROM.

"Teaching About Perpetrators and Bystanders" is a four-week course that looks at the nuances between those who committed crimes during the

Nazi regime and those who stood by without taking action. The program will be held Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. from April 11 through May 2 at the Bildner Center, 12 College Avenue, New Brunswick. The registration deadline is March 11 and the cost is \$30.

Both mini-courses will be taught by historian Guy Miron, a visiting faculty member who is teaching the course "Anti-Semitism and the Jews in Europe: From the Enlightenment to World War I" this semester at Rutgers. Miron has written numerous articles and co-authored two CD-ROM's,

"Into that Dark Night - Nazi Germany and the Jews 1933-1939" and "Return to Life - the Story of the Holocaust Survivors." He earned a doctorate from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has taught at Hebrew University and the Open University in Tel Aviv.

To register for either program, contact The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at (732) 932-2033, or send e-mail to csjl@rci.rutgers.edu. Continuing education credits are available. For more information visit the center's Web site: <http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu>

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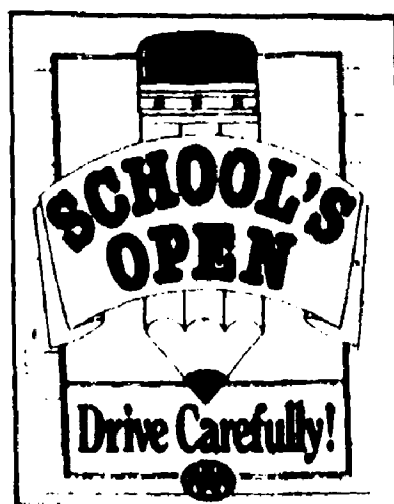
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the scholarships are: Government Agencies, School Districts, Not-For-Profit and For-Profit Organizations, Day Care Centers, and Community Organizations.

Please contact Carole O'Brien at PCA-NJ at 732-246-8060, ext. 13 for scholarship packet and information. The deadline to apply is Feb. 4.

YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

POPCORN
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By Michael S. Goldberger

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



Call "Orange County" Johnny's first good film. Or at least the best thing he's deigned to view since he stopped being seen in the movie theater with the likes of you. Sure, I know. Once upon a time you bathed him in cinematic culture. You took him to see every new kiddie flick that came to the Rialto. And at home in the den, with VCR as your spoon, you lovingly fed him classics like "Lady and the Tramp" (1955) and "The Wizard of Oz" (1939). "Mary Poppins" (1964) seemed to play on an endless loop. You even tried to sneak in a couple of your old favorite black and whites. (Don't worry... some day he'll impress a film professor, or at least a co-ed, with the reel knowledge you imparted.) You so hoped to prepare him to grab life's brass ring. It's just that for the time being he prefers to wear it in his nose. And he likes his movies to match that mood.

Thus he has no compunction about seeing the same trashy teen fare week in and week out. Only the titles and the names of the various "hotties" change, and then barely. Otherwise, it's either a horror picture with the requisite number of "awesome" decapitations or a gross-out comedy with enough potty jokes to keep a convention of Freudians deep in speculative quandary about toilet training in America. But "Orange County" is none of that. And once Johnny realizes he's been betrayed at the Bijou, he may even like it. However, he warned. "Orange County" isn't love at first bite. In fact it takes a little too much time for director Jake Kasdan's interpretation of Mike White's screenplay to get its creative juices flowing. And so for the first half hour of expository nonsense, when first we learn of high-schooler Shaun Brumder's epiphany and his obsession to study writing at Stanford, it is cacophonously illustrated exactly why that dream could not possibly come true.

Of course the kids will love this: You see, holding Shaun back are not his poor study habits, lack of ambition or a

group of bad friends. Quite the contrary. He's the class president and a model student despite his slacker pals, who, along with his ever com-plaisant girlfriend (Schuyler Fisk), support his every move. Nope. Sorry Mom. Sorry Dad. The spoilers here are his separated parents. That'll teach you to get divorced!

But you'd think a drunken mater played with swigging grandeur by Catherine O'Hara and a selfish tycoon of a pater portrayed by John Lithgow would be just about enough to hamper Shaun in his academic plans. Wrong again. Because when it comes to familial forces working against him, the thoughtful young man, exacted with a familiar, chip off the old thespian restraint by Colin Hanks (that's right, Tom's son), manages the hat trick. Enters Jack Black as Lance, his drugged-out, embarrassment-from-Hell brother who, for one reason or another, always seems to wind up traipsing incoherently in his underwear.

Of course it doesn't help that Shaun's dizzball guidance counselor (Lily Tomlin) made his admittance to Stanford an extra-tough challenge in the first place by sending that college the class idiot's transcript instead of his.

Miss Tomlin, joining a surprise retinue of unbilled stars who gift "Orange County" with several plot-important cameos, is a rip when the Merit Scholar, anguished by the rejection, storms into her office. She asks, "And you are?"

Trying to right the catastrophic mix-up, Shaun's girlfriend caits in a chip owed her

by the class strumpet. Actually, it's a bit more like blackmail. But in any case, it just so happens that the gal's grandfather, played by a comically starchy Garry Marshall, is a major trustee at the university. And thus at her behest the bigwig agrees to a home visit. Now bearing in mind that this is a farce, factor in the total insanity that plagues Shaun's family, and then imagine the scene at the Brumder manse when the college muckamuck and his equally uptight wife make their inspection tour.

Needless to note, another plan is in order. And surprisingly enough, it emanates from big brother Lance: Drive up to Stanford with the correct transcript, says he, hand it right to the dean of admissions, and appeal to his sense of fairness.

Hence with his girlfriend and brother in tow, Shaun agrees to the last ditch pilgrimage. And as is befitting a visit to a place of higher learning, the experience is, er, educational, even if not in the conventional sense of the term.

An alternately rambunctious and edifying trek, "Orange County" has its quotient of property damage and exaggerated family dysfunction. That's for those teen viewers who must be carefully weaned from such attractions lest withdrawal symptoms set in. It is also entertaining, in the very conventional sense of the term. Meaning the ultimately sweet movie has a beginning, a middle and end, some decent characterizations, and a moral to the story that isn't just slapped on for appearances. But don't tell that to Johnny.



"Orange County," rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by Jake Kasdan and stars Colin Hanks, Schuyler Fisk and Jack Black. Running time: 90 minutes.

Open Auditions

AREA—Open Auditions for the second season of American Dance Theatre, NJ, a non-competitive performance dance company. ADT, NJ offers members a combination of technique, choreography, master classes and performances.

Auditions are Feb. 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. for ages 11-13 and 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 14-18.

Auditions will be held at The American School for Performing Art at 14 Corrielle St., Fords. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your audition time to fill out info forms and stretch.

For more information, call (732) 738-8239. Member fee involved.

Mime Time

AREA—A workshop in Mime and Pantomime for teens through adults is being offered by Arts Education. Bill Bowers, noted mime and Broadway actor, will teach the workshop. Bowers has appeared on Broadway in the Lion King and the Scarlet Pimpernel. His local credits include work at the Papermill Playhouse and the

George Street Playhouse.

The workshop will be four consecutive Sundays beginning Feb. 17 from 3-5 p.m. and will continue in a workshop presentation on the last Sunday. Cost for the workshop is \$75.

The workshop will be held at The American School for the Performing Arts, Fords. To register, call (732) 738-9272.

"Harriet Tubman,"
A Show For Children

AREA—"Harriet Tubman," a musical about the pioneer of the Underground Railroad, will be staged on Saturday, Jan. 26 at William Paterson University, Wayne.

Presented by Sail Productions, one of the leading children's musical companies in the United States, the show will be held at 2 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts on campus. Tickets are \$7. The show is geared toward children in grades 3-8.

From her birth into slavery in about 1820 to her death in 1911, Harriet Tubman became famous in a variety of ways. In addition to

her role in the Underground Railroad, Tubman was a spy for the Union Army, an intermediary between white and black communities in the North and a poor but devoted creative humanitarian for newly freed African Americans.

This engrossing story about courage and perseverance features original songs by Sail Productions' award-winning composer and is part of the company's Storybook Theatre for Children series.

For additional information, call William Paterson's Shea Center Box Office at (973) 720-2371.

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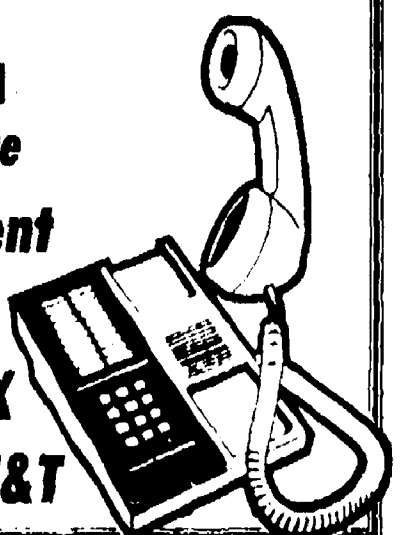
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Hospital Breaks Ground For State-Of-The-Art Imaging Pavilion

AREA — Bayshore Community Hospital recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new \$10 million Ambulatory Imaging Pavilion. Under this project, Bayshore's current diagnostic radiology capabilities will be expanded dramatically via a program of renovations to the existing department, equating to over 7,400 square feet, and the addition of more than 18,000 square feet of new patient-focused facilities to reflect the changing practice of medicine today.

Diagnostic imaging services such as ultrasound, fluoroscopy, magnetic resonance imaging and CT scanning will be greatly enlarged. Patients who utilize these services on an outpatient basis will find a highly organized, private, consumer friendly and easily accessible radiology department at the conclusion of this project. The diagnostic imaging equipment will be state-of-the-art and common space and changing areas will be more open and comfortable.

The Comprehensive Breast Center at Bayshore

An integral part of this project is the development of a Comprehensive Breast Center within the facility. Utilizing state-of-the-art diagnostic technology and compassionate attention to a woman's needs, the new center will be at the forefront of diagnosing disease. When complete in early 2003, Bayshore will relocate its existing free-standing mammography center into the new pavilion and creating a suite-within-a-suite for this uniquely personal service. Also on-site, the center will house ultrasound and biopsy capabilities. By having all of

these services within the same suite, women with suspicious screening mammograms can be examined immediately. Beyond the availability of these exciting diagnostic tools, bone densitometry equipment will be available for the screening of early stage osteoporosis.

Vassar Eye Center

While not directly linked to the radiology service at Bayshore, the current construction and renovation program includes the relocation and expansion of the Vassar Eye Center. The Center will be relocated to an area just inside the main entrance of the new pavilion, expanding the visibility of and access to this unique community resource.

The Vassar Eye Center provides free resource information and support to those experiencing diminished vision or blindness. The only one of its kind in the region, the Center was founded in 1995 with the mission of educating persons struck by blindness due to disease or accident on the many resources which are available to them in order to lead more fulfilling lives. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the Center was founded by Janice Mitchell Vassar in memory of her late husband, Hervey Provost Vassar.

Children's Dental Health Day At Liberty Science Center

AREA — Children of all ages are invited to attend the 6th Annual Children's Dental Health Day with faculty and students from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). The "Smile for Freedom" event will take place at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City on Sun., Jan. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

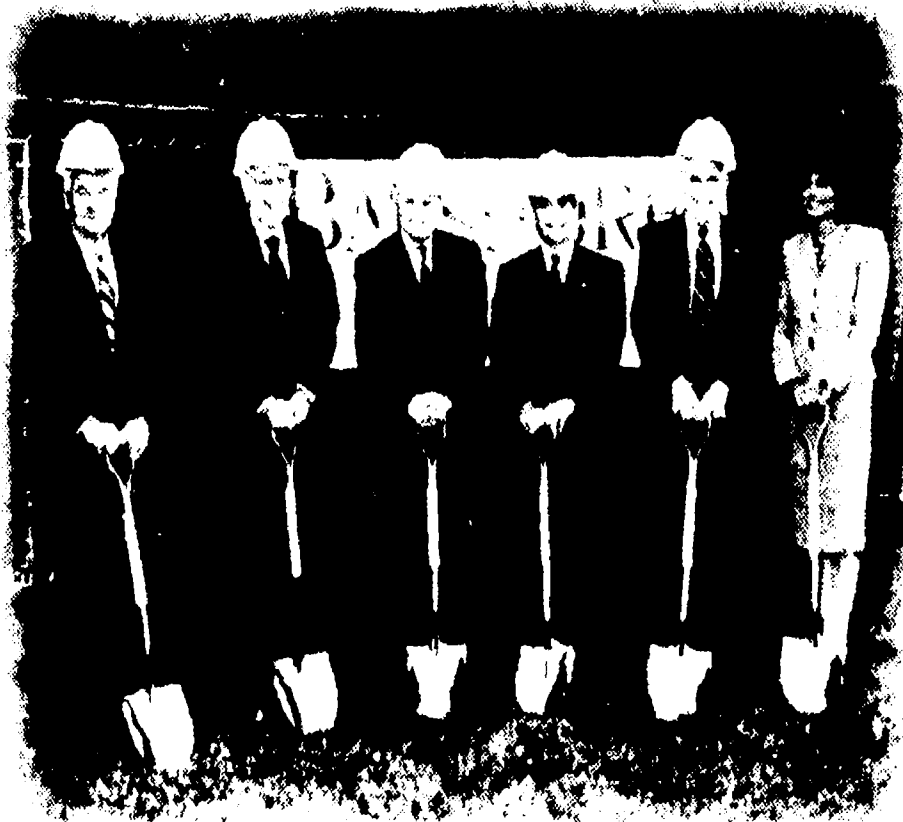
The UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School and the Hudson County Dental Society are sponsoring this event to give children

a forum to learn about dentistry in a fun, family-oriented atmosphere. The children can visit exhibits and participate in hands-on activities such as:

- "Hugh B. the Dentist," who gives children the opportunity to dress up like dental professionals and perform mock oral examinations on mannequins.
- "Drill n' Fill," an activity that allows youngsters to fill plaster teeth while dentists and dental students will explain how cavities are filled.
- An experiment that will

help children understand how fluoride helps prevent tooth decay.

Information on improving oral health and the impact that poor nutrition has on teeth will also be available. General admission at Liberty Science Center is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children between ages two and 18. For additional information about the event, call Diane Schoen, director of community health at UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School, at 973-972-4710.



STATE-OF-THE-ART SITE — Helping to break ground for the new radiology pavilion at Bayshore Community Hospital are: (L-R) Henry West, chairperson, board of trustees, Bayshore Community Health Services; Alfred Casagrande, MD, member, board of trustees, Bayshore Community Health Services; Thomas Goldman, president and CEO, Bayshore Community Health Services; Arnold Derman, MD, chief of radiology, Bayshore Community Hospital; Holmdel Mayor Art Davey; and Raimonda Clark, vice president operations, Bayshore Community Hospital.

A Smooth Ride While Sledding

AREA—Fast and fun, sledding is a winter activity the whole family can enjoy. But, like most sports, there is a potential for serious injury. In fact, more than approximately 45,000 sledding injuries each year require emergency treatment—most of which are preventable.

The majority of sledding injuries occur to children between the ages of 5-14 as the result of collisions with other sledders or stationary obstacles, loss of control and inadequate supervision.

To keep sledding injury

free, try to:

- Find a safe environment—avoid icy conditions, rocky hills, steep terrain, poorly lit areas, and sledding into streets, driveways or parking lots. The best hills will have a long, empty space at the bottom for slowing down and stopping safely.
- Use a wooden sled with some kind of steering mechanism rather than an impromptu sled, such as a piece of cardboard, that can't be easily controlled. In addition, snow tubes and disks are more dangerous than sleds because of their fast speed and lack of control.
- Always sit up or kneel when riding. Sledding head-first can result in head and neck injuries, while toboggan-style sledding, head down with

feet first, often results in spinal cord injuries.

- Helmets should be worn to absorb head impact. Sledders should always wear layers of clothing for protection from cold. Tuck in and secure scarves, laces or garments with drawstrings.
 - Teach children how to stop by dragging their feet or making a sharp turn. If a sled cannot be stopped, teach them to roll off from the sled onto the ground and let the sled continue on its way.
- Above all, the best advice is to be there when children sled and educate them on safety. Better yet, get in on the fun and sled with them!

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2002 Tax Filing Season Begins; IRS Encourages E-Filing

AREA — The Internal Revenue Service kicked off the 2002 tax filing season with new and expanded services, features and credits to help taxpayers. The agency also encouraged taxpayers and tax practitioners to consider e-filing following a new study spotlighting the program's growing popularity with users.

"More than 900,000 New Jerseyans chose IRS e-file options in 2001. We anticipate over 1 million New Jerseyans will elect to e-file in 2002," IRS spokesperson Gregg Semanick said. "We are working hard to improve and expand service to taxpayers. E-filing is better than ever, and I highly recommend that taxpayers and practitioners take advantage of it," Semanick said.

Taxpayers are encouraged to use IRS e-file this year following a new study showcasing the program as an example of high customer satisfaction among government agencies. The American Customer Satisfaction Index placed the satisfaction rate for electronic filers at 77, marking the third year in a row taxpayers using IRS e-file expressed increased satisfaction. This electronic score helped the IRS post an 11 percent increase in overall customer satisfaction among all individual tax filers since 2000 and a 22 percent increase since 1999. The IRS had the largest favorable gain out of the 30 government agencies surveyed.

"The secret is getting out about e-file," Semanick said. "People who use it like it. It's fast, accurate and dependable and delivers refunds in as little as 10 days." This year, there's even more to

like about e-filing. In all, 29 more forms and schedules have been added making e-file virtually accessible for all individual taxpayers.

"An estimated 4.1 million New Jerseyans will be filing individual tax returns and we are encouraging them to use the safe, secure e-filing system, which delivers refunds in half the time of paper tax returns," Semanick said.

Taxpayers who file through a computer or a telephone can look for these benefits:

- **Faster Refunds:** Direct Deposit can speed refunds to e-filers in as few as 10 days. The average e-file refund is issued in 14 days.

- **More Accurate Returns:** IRS computers quickly and automatically check for errors or other missing information, making e-filed returns more accurate and reducing the chance of getting an error letter from the IRS.

- **Quick Electronic Confirmation:** Computer e-filers receive an acknowledgement that the IRS has received their returns.

- **Delete the Paperwork Through Electronic Signatures:** Taxpayers can create their own Personal Identification Number (PIN) and file a completely paperless return using their tax preparation software or tax professional.

- **Easy Payment Options:** E-filers with a balance due can schedule a safe and convenient electronic funds withdrawal from their bank account, or pay with a credit card.

- **Federal/State e-filing:** New Jerseyans can e-file their federal and state tax returns in one trans-

mission to the IRS. The IRS forwards the state data to the NJ Division of Taxation.

Semanick encouraged taxpayers and tax practitioners who already use computers to consider e-filing. In New Jersey, about 1.2 million tax returns are prepared on computer but are still sent in on paper. With little effort, these returns could be sent electronically.

Other highlights taxpayers should watch for as they file tax returns for 2001:

- **Higher child tax credit:** This year, eligible parents will get a maximum \$600 tax credit per child, a \$100 increase from the previous year.

- **Easier problem solving:** A new feature on the 1040 form allows a taxpayer to designate a trusted family member, friend or tax professional to talk directly to the IRS about any tax return processing questions.

- **Tax rate reductions:** Due to lower tax rates, most people received an Advance Payment Check last year and will not need to do anything on their 2001 tax returns. However, those who did not get the maximum check amount (\$300, \$500 or \$600 depending on filing status) may be able to get the tax cut benefit on their 2001 returns.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to call or go online for their tax assistance needs. The IRS has added features to provide taxpayers and tax practitioners with better service. The IRS has adjusted

the hours of service on its toll-free line, 1-800-829-1040 (800-TAX-1040) to provide assistance during periods of heaviest use from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Tax practitioners now have access to the new Practitioner Priority Service, a nationwide, toll-free technical support system for taxpayers.

More information on these features and an array of other IRS changes is available as part of "News for You 2002." The feature showcases 13 fact sheets

highlighting service improvements and changes affecting individual and business taxpayers as well as tax practitioners. The latest updates of "News for You 2002" as well as other helpful information are posted on the IRS web site at www.irs.gov.

Semanick urged taxpayers to get an early start on their taxes and not wait until the last minute. "Our advice is simple," he said. "Start early, take your time, try e-filing and remember we're here to help."

IRS Offering Free Workshop For Small Businesses

AREA — The Internal Revenue Service, together with the New Jersey Division of Taxation and the Small Business Development Centers, will be offering a free Small Business Workshop at County College of Morris in Randolph.

"If you are self-employed, a small business owner, an office manager or bookkeeper, you need to know how to handle various tax situations involved in operating a business. This free, informative Small Business Workshop is designed to present an overview of Federal and New Jersey State Tax information and the services available to small business owners," said IRS New Jersey Spokesperson Gregg Semanick.

The IRS Small Business Workshop will be held on

Thurs., Feb. 7, at the County College of Morris in Henderson Hall located at Route 10 and Center Grove Rd. in Randolph. This free, all-day workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

You must register to attend. To do so, phone 908-301-2114, send a FAX to the Small Business Workshop on 908-301-2109, or send your e-mail to mittie.b.grayson@irs.gov. You can also register by writing to IRS - Small Business Workshop, 200 Sheffield St., Mountaintop, N.J. 07092. Do not contact the workshop location directly for information or to register. You may also call 908-301-2114 and request that the New Jersey Small Business Workshop Schedule is mailed to you. A registration form is attached to that schedule.

One Stop For Tax Help

AREA — Facing a lot of different tax questions this year? IRS experts have pulled together an overview of common tax issues in one convenient place - Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax." This updated publication, available on the IRS Web site, contains a vast array of helpful information in one guide.

From stock sales to student loans, this 280-page publication holds the answers to many of your questions, such as:

- Need help deciphering the mysteries of the Roth IRA? Try Chapter 18 for retirement accounts.

- Do you have a new child in the house? See Chapter 35 for

the Child Tax Credit.

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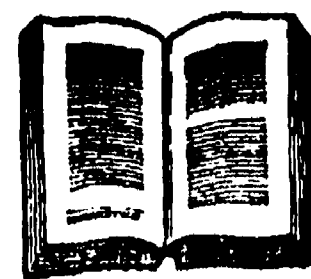
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EDITORIAL



By The Book

by Peter Book

Keep Church And State Separate

by Peter Book

Once again the time of year has come when I must deliver my jeremiad against Mayor Joseph Vas because he delivers his State of the City Address in the Cathedral. This is a blatant violation of the time honored separation of Church and State. This address is governmental function which should be given at the City Hall or at a public facility. Not at a religious institution or a private or commercial establishment. Each and every citizen is entitled to know how his government is run in a safe and secure environment free of any religious trappings.

Hizzoner apparently is not satisfied with being the Boss of this city. He now has a Napoleonic complex. When Napoleon was coronated, he took the crown from the Pope and with his own hands crowned himself Emperor. He restored the union of Church and State. He later admitted this was his worst mistake. (Collier's Encyclopedia-Vol. 17, page 135). In a much smaller way Hizzoner is re-enacting the scene with the Bishop of Madison Avenue.

The good Bishop is equally

to blame for allowing his place of worship to be used by politicians. Would Jesus have stood for this? The Gideon Bible, which I picked up in some long ago forgotten hotel room, states, St. Matthew 21-31, page 871- "And said unto them it is written, My house shall be called the house of worship; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Mayor Vas also violates a city ordinance when he paves the sidewalks of a church and various businesses including saloons. The ordinance plainly states that each property owner is responsible for his/her or its own sidewalk. Every property owner whose sidewalk has been repaired or fixed by the city should be made to pay for it. Ordinance 386-14. The city does not pay for the maintenance of my sidewalk nor that of any other church. Where is that young-or not so young-lawyer looking for a cause? There it is pick up the ball and run it in to the end zone. It is a shame that the good works of Hizzoner are tarnished by these transgressions.



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

Very often elected officials pass well intended laws and implement helpful programs only to fail to advertise them to the group of people that the program was intended to benefit. This is especially true with regard to programs designed to help our senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Such is the case with a program called the "New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement" program commonly referred to as the "Property Tax Freeze" program.

I voted for this property tax relief program when it was first introduced several years ago. In the last legislative session, I supported increasing the income eligibility limits for this program that brings much needed property tax relief to low and moderate income senior citizens and persons receiving Federal Social Security disability.

The program works this way; if you meet the require-

ments, you will be eligible for a reimbursement check from the State for the difference between what you paid in property taxes in the year you became eligible for the program and the property taxes you paid in the year 2000.

To be qualified for this program you must file a application (PTR-1 or PTR-2 by March 15, 2002) and have been age 65 or older or receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2000.

You must have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park on which you have placed a mobile home that you own) since before January 1, 1998. You must have lived in New Jersey continuously since before January 1, 1991 as either a homeowner or renter.

You must meet all of the above requirements and the income limits to be eligible for the program and cannot claim a reimbursement for a vacation home, a second home or a property which you rent to someone else.

Also in the years 2000 and 2001 you must have paid the

full amount of the property taxes due.

The newly adopted income limits are as follows: in the year 2000- \$37,174 if you are single or \$45,582 of combined income if you are married, for the year 2001- \$38,475 if you are single or \$47,177 of combined income if you are married. To be eligible you must meet the income requirements for both years.

If you qualify, a reimbursement check for the difference between the year 2000 and the year 2001 property taxes will be sent to you on or before July 15, 2002.

Sound confusing? Don't worry there is plenty of help available. You can contact the Division of Taxation online at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation, by telephone 1-800-882-6597 or by E-mail taxation@tax.state.nj.us. If you would like information or assistance closer to home please contact my district office at 732-316-1885 for an application, assistance or questions.

Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

True Blue

Did you know that Planned Parenthood in Roanoke, VA has a drive-through window? Apparently, this is a new thing. Has nothing to do with fast food, and everything to do with being fast.

Anyway, these days you can drive right up and get red, white and blue condoms. AP reports that Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge is selling them to raise money for the 911 Fund created by New York Community Trust and the United Way of New York City.

David Nova, president and CEO of the Planned Parenthood office explains that "the incidence of unintended pregnancy rises dramatically in the weeks and months following a death or tragic loss." He says he hopes that offering "patriotic condoms," will "stem the increase of unintended pregnancies while letting Americans display their colors proudly."

Oh, please, I know a House subcommittee is planning to hold hearings on the use of disaster relief donations, but I don't care to dig any deeper than this one.

Self-Reliance

The spirit of self-reliance isn't dead in the United States, as demonstrated by the passengers in an airliner flying over Pennsylvania who apparently chose to resist their hijackers. Yes,

the plane crash-ed and killed all aboard, but I wish more people understood that the actions of these citizens should be considered a basic duty.

A generation of children raised on video games and television may not understand that sometimes you have to do things that are physically difficult, uncomfortable or even painful. Today, parents must work to educate their children that hard work is its own reward. I suggest that you take a hard look at the way your children are being raised and that you find methods of putting them into programs or situations where they can be challenged: Boy Scouts, Outward Bound, NRA Whittington Center (which has great programs for youngsters involving the outdoors and shooting). Even if you simply take your family hiking or camping when the weather is bad, you will be teaching the kids that just because something is difficult doesn't mean it is impossible.

Twenty years ago, I wrote a book about close calls with death in the outdoors. In speaking with survivors, I heard whether they were caught in a storm off the coast of South America, trapped by a sudden snowstorm that killed other Colorado elk hunters or were mauled by a grizzly. They each talked of the need for physical strength and of the mental debate, the bargainings. "I'll walk a bit farther, just to that big rock, then I'll lie down," they heard themselves say. Bargaining with death. It would be easier to give up because to keep fighting just prolongs the misery.

Through my research, one fact stayed with me: Tolerance increases with exposure. The more discomfort you have been through, the more you can tolerate. Our soft lives do not prepare us for the physical and mental demands of any true survival situation. Perhaps we should work on that.



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All letters should be typed and must include a daytime telephone number at which the writer may be reached for verification. Letters should be as concise as possible.

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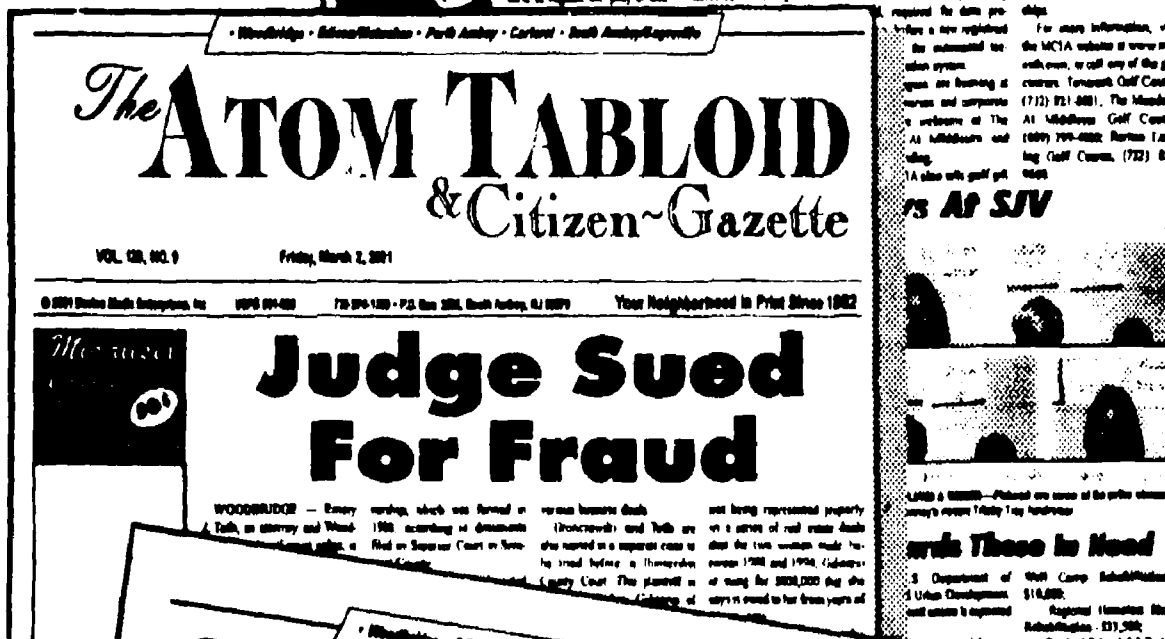
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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 70yrs 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

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, Jance, 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 63, 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

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

DWCM, ISO short female, 40's-50's, sensitive, kind, down to earth; togetherness, LTR. I'm 5'8", strong 175, young 54, hair, educated, homeowner, F/S, no bad habits, retire. 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

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. Enjoys art, music, movies, reading, traveling and bicycling. Seeks vivacious SWF 30-45 to share life with. ID# 1056

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM 45, 5'10" 170 lbs, green eyes, brown hair. Enjoys cooking, dining out, good conversation, movies and fun with kids. Looking for a WW, 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. Enjoy dining, dancing, music, old movies, theater, beaches, mountains. In search of WF dating partner, 50-60, similar traits and interests need not bat 1000, in the ball park is fine. ID# 1047

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

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless, not too thin, NS. Loves

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

homelife, movies, music, quiet times and travelling, for friendship first. ID# 1057

SWM, 44, never married, stocky build. Enjoys staying home, oldies and talking sports. Non-smoker, a casual drink while dining out. Seek 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. PIP, 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

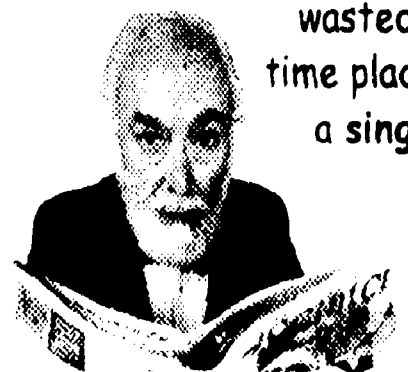
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SWM 36 -ISO of other SPM or BM, 21-38 yrs old, enjoys the beach, movies, clubs, smoker/social drinker. Seeking LT relationship, into cuddling, very romantic passionate, seeks same/likes to party, hang out, muscular, send pic w/phone #. ID# 1046

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

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OBITUARIES

Helen Fisco, 80 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Helen (Dudycz) Fisco of Perth Amboy died January 3 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 80.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. Fisco was a communicant of St. Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Two brothers, Joseph and Felix Dudycz, are deceased.

Surviving are a niece, Phyllis Dudycz of Arizona; a nephew, Thomas Dudycz of Perth Amboy and a great-niece and great-nephews, Barbara and Thomas Dudycz.

Gregoria Batista, 92 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Gregoria R. Batista of Perth Amboy died January 7 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 92.

Born in the Dominican Republic, she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 10 years.

She was a homemaker.

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

Surviving are her husband, Jesus M. Batista; three sons, Jose M. Batista, Jose B. Batista and Marino Batista, all of Perth Amboy; five daughters, Maria Hernandez, Dulce Diaz, Ramona Hernandez, Adela Batista and Gracie Batista, all of Perth Amboy; a sister, Rosa Hernandez of the Dominican Republic; 35 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Stanislaw Kindela of Perth Amboy

Mr. Stanislaw Kindela of Perth Amboy died January 8 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 82.

Born in Poland, he immigrated to the United States from England in 1951. He resided in Perth Amboy since then.

Mr. Kindela was a Polish Army veteran of World War II and served the allied command in Egypt in the mid-Eastern theater of operations. He was a member of the Polish Army Veterans Post 40, Perth Amboy.

His wife, Janina, died in 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Zbigniew of Thousand Oaks, Calif. and Henryk of Miami, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Jessica.

Alice Buskin, 77 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Alice Mary (Kornfeld) Buskin of Woodbridge died January 5 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 77.

Born in Vienna, Austria, she came to the United States in 1938 to escape the Nazi occupation. She was a resident of Woodbridge since 1947.

She worked for the Woodbridge Township library system in Colonia and Iselin. She also worked at Woodbridge State School as a physical therapy assistant.

Her husband of 52 years, David Fred Buskin, died in 1995.

Surviving are a brother, Henry Kornfeld of East Norwich, N.Y.; five children, Irene of Silver Spring, Md., Jean of Seattle, Wash., Peggy of New Brunswick, Richard of Brownfield, Maine and Susan Heater of Seattle, Wash.; four grandchildren, Todd, Jennie, Sarah and Ramie.

Joseph Huttemann of Iselin

Mr. Joseph Henry Huttemann of Manahawkin (formerly of Iselin) died January 4 at Brick Hospital, Brick. He was 85.

Born in Guttentburg, he moved to Iselin in 1922, where he lived for the past 74 years. He resided in Manahawkin for the past four years.

He graduated from Woodbridge High School in 1934 and attained All-State honors in football.

He was a member and former chief of Iselin Chemical Hook & Ladder 11. He achieved New Jersey exempt-fireman status. He was also an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Huttemann was a production supervisor for Merek & Company, Rahway, for over 40 years, retiring in 1979.

His father, Charles; his mother, Anna; two brothers, Charles and Gustave and a sister, Anna Dube, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth; a sister, Veronica Bahr of New Mexico; two sons, Ronald of High Bridge and Joseph of Pennsylvania; a daughter, Kathleen Schramm of Brick; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Lillie Lesauis, 81 of Iselin

Mrs. Lillie Pauline Lesauis of Tallahassee, Fla. (formerly of Iselin) died January 3. She was 81.

Born in Osseo, Wis., she resided in Iselin since 1945.

She was employed as a stamper for Grief Bros., Rahway, before retiring in 1980.

Mrs. Lesauis was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Rahway and a member of the Sewing Club at the church.

She was also a member of the Iselin Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Michael, died in 1985. A son, Peter, died in 1970 and a sister, Alice Addis, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Conklin of Tallahassee, Fla. and Alice Monte of Colonia; a sister, Eleanor Gnecco of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Helen Swinton, 91 of Colonia

Mrs. Helen Swinton of Colonia died January 2 at home. She was 91.

Born in Bridgeton, she moved to Colonia many years ago.

She was an English and journalism teacher with the Woodbridge school system before retiring in 1981. Previously, she taught in the Linden school system.

Mrs. Swinton was a 1931 graduate of Montclair State College.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas and John; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Agnes Schoepf, 88 of Colonia

Mrs. Agnes Schoepf of Colonia died January 4 in Rahway Hospital. She was 88.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she lived in Newark before moving to Colonia 12 years ago.

She was an operator for Bell Telephone, Newark, for 30 years before retiring in 1975.

Mrs. Schoepf was a member of the American Humane Society. She was also a member of the Evergreen Senior Citizens, the American Association of Retired Persons and the St. John Vianney Senior Citizens, all of Colonia.

Surviving are a son, Dennis J.; a daughter, Debra Stone; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Harry Buryk, 75 of Colonia

Mr. Harry Buryk of Colonia died January 7 in the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 75.

Born in Newark, he lived in Irvington before moving to Colonia 33 years ago.

He worked in the maintenance department of the Wakefern Food Corp., Elizabeth, for 29 years before retiring in 1991.

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

He was a member of the Holy Name societies of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Newark and St. Thomas Church, Rahway.

Surviving are two sons, Myron and Harry; a brother, John; and two grandchildren.

Anna Collucci, 95 of Colonia

Mrs. Anna Collucci of Colonia died January 4 in the Highlands Nursing Home, Edison. She was 95.

Born in Newark, she lived in Linden before moving to Colonia 11 years ago.

She was a housekeeper with the Howard Johnson Hotel, Clark, for 12 years before retiring in 1968.

Surviving are six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

John E. Tevis, 83 of Avenel

Mr. John E. Tevis of Avenel died January 5 at home. He was 83.

Born in Jersey City, he resided in Avenel for 52 years.

He was employed by Western Electric, Kearny, for 42 years before retiring in 1972.

Mr. Tevis was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and received a Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters. He participated in 40 B-17 missions with the 303rd Bomb Group, based in Molesworth, England, as a waist and top turret gunner. He crash-landed in England on his last mission.

He was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church, Avenel, where he belonged to Holy Name Society and St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was also a member of St. Andrew's Council 5088, Knights of Columbus, Avenel.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Mary Zadyak Tevis; a daughter, Donna Isidron of Clark; a son, Robert E. Tevis of Cranford; three sisters, Helen Black of Paris, Maine, Marge Farrington of Clark and Veronica Mihalek of Port Reading; and two grandchildren, Victoria and Matthew Isidron.

Lois A. LaStella, 74 of Colonia

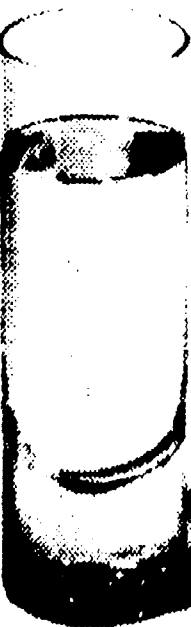
Mrs. Lois A. LaStella of Colonia died January 7 in Rahway Hospital. She was 74.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she lived in East Orange before moving to Colonia.

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Mrs. Ann Masley Romanetz of Edison died January 5 at Baptist Retirement Center, Vero Beach, Fla. She was 87.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Edison for 57 years.

She was a 1932 graduate of Perth Amboy High School and a graduate of the Charles Gregory School of Nursing.

Mrs. Romanetz was employed as a nurse by Edison public schools for 18 years, serving Clara Barton School and Sand Hill School and at Lakeview School, operated by the Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County, Edison. She retired in 1978.

She was also a volunteer at JFK Hospital's Twig unit, Edison.

She was a member of the Nurses Alumni Association, the Edison Township Senior Citizens, the Clara Barton Senior Social Club and

American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 3446, Edison.

Mrs. Romanetz was a communicant of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy and belonged to the Ukrainian Senior Citizens Club.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1983. Her parents, Mary and Harry Masley and two sisters, Olga Uhouse and Sophie Lukas, are also deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Harold of Kalamazoo, Mich., Thomas of Jacksonville, N.C. and Nicholas of Annandale; a daughter, Joanne Stalheber of Vero Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Nancy, Michelle, Melissa, Nicholas, Jill, John and Joseph; four great-grandchildren; Thomas, Lindsey, Cali Ann and Lauren; a brother, Steven of Stuart, Fla.; and a sister, Julia Biri of Monore.

Cary W. Quijano, 24 of Sayreville

Mr. Cary W. Quijano of Sayreville died January 3 at Rarian Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. He was 24.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Edison before moving to Sayreville last year.

He was a student at Middlesex County College, Edison.

Previously, he also attended Rutgers Prep School, Somerset and the Hun School of Princeton.

He was a security guard ser-

geant for Pinkerton Company, Union, for the past year and a half.

Mr. Quijano was a New Jersey representative with the All-State soccer team

He was a parishioner of Faith Fellowship Ministries, Sayreville.

Surviving are his parents, Dr. Cari and Mrs. Phyllis Quijano; a sister, Corine Quijano of Sayreville; and a nephew, Nicholas Quijano.

John B. Carolla, 86 of Carteret

Mr. John B. Carolla of Carteret died January 10 in Rahway Hospital. He was 86.

Born in Newark, he moved to Carteret 45 years ago.

He was a warehouse supervisor for Maher Terminal, Port Newark, for 30 years before retiring in 1977. He was a member of the International Longshoremen's Association, New York.

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

a master sergeant in Transport Command.

He was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus Carey Council 1280, Carteret and a member of the Carteret Italian American Club.

Surviving are his wife, Ida; two sons, Matthew P. and John D.; two daughters, Concetta Spoganetz and Grace A.; a brother, Joseph Carollo and six grandchildren.

R. Christensen, 64 of South Amboy

Mr. Richard Christensen of South Amboy died January 9 at home. He was 64.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was an area resident for the past 64 years.

He was a union dock builder in New York City with Local 1456. He was a member of the Jaycees, Sayreville.

His sister, Renee Christensen, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth Christensen and Scott Christensen; two daughters, Jill Makro and Darlene Christensen; a brother, Eugene Christensen; and five nieces and nephews.

Carla Netzke, 39 of South Amboy

Carla Netzke of Freeport, Fla. (formerly of South Amboy) died January 6 at Twin City Hospital, Niceville, Fla. She was 39.

Born in New Brunswick, she lived in Old Bridge and South Amboy before moving to Freeport, Fla. in 1999.

She was employed for 17 years by New York Telephone (now Verizon) in New York City as a customer service representative.

Her father, Walter, died in 1998.

Surviving are her mother, Lorraine J. (Harm) Netzke of Barnegat; two sisters, Linda Carnar of Nutley and Janet Netzke of New York City; a brother, Walter R. Netzke of Austin, Texas; her maternal grandmother, Elsie Harm of Robbinsville; her companion, Robert Harper of Freeport, Fla.; and a niece and nephew, Lauren and Daniel Carnar.

Margaret Georges of Edison

Mrs. Margaret Georges of Edison died January 9 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 84.

Born in New Brunswick, she lived there for 19 years. She resided in Edison for the remainder of her life.

She was a bookkeeper for Georges Aluminum Products, Edison, for 20 years before retiring in 1970.

Mrs. Georges was a member of the Grace Reformed Church, Edison and a member of the its Helping Hands Society.

Her husband, John Georges, died in 1995. Two sisters, Helen Toth and Elizabeth Asprocolas, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Godwin of Edison; three sisters, Evelyn Koye of Edison, Irene Rice of Chambersburg, Pa., and Esther Paul of Encino, Calif.; and two granddaughters, Jodi Godwin and Jill Deakyne.

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Pasquale S. Eosso of Metuchen

Mr. Pasquale S. Eosso of Metuchen died January 6 at The Highlands Nursing Home, Edison. He was 91.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a lifelong resident of Metuchen.

He worked for many years for Paulus Dairy, New Brunswick and retired from the Metuchen Parks Department.

He was a member of the American-Italian Club of Metuchen.

He was also a member of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Mary (Pepe) Eosso; a daughter, Carmella Takacs of Concord, Calif.; three sisters, Rose Ruszczyk, Rachel Eosso and Josephine Orlando; two granddaughters, Laura Boone of Edison and Carole Ables of Concord, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren, Kevin Boone and Lauren Ables.

Grace Bennett, 80 of Metuchen

Mrs. Grace Margaret Bennett of Metuchen died January 8 at home. She was 80.

Born in Dover, she moved to Metuchen in 1953.

She graduated from St. John's School, Mountain Lakes (now Wilson School).

Mrs. Bennett was a member of the First Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dover, and joined the Reformed Church of Metuchen.

She was also a member of the 60-plus-year member of Pearl Chapter 79 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Dover.

Mrs. Bennett worked for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., for 45 years before retiring in 1987.

Surviving are a brother, Jack; two nephews, Lance and Stephen; a grandnephew, Russell and a grandniece, Alyssa.

Grace Hoffman, 77 of Carteret

Mrs. Grace Hoffman of Carteret died January 12 at home. She was 77.

Born in New Hyde Park, N.Y., she lived in Colonia before moving to Carteret 35 years ago.

She founded and was the former president of the Colonia Girls Softball League. She was also an executive officer of the Colonia Little League.

Mrs. Hoffman was active

with the Colonia Republican party many years ago.

She was president of the Parent-Teacher Association at School 17 and a member of the Civic Club, both of Colonia.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Paradis; a son, William Paradis III; two brothers, Joseph Eugene and John DeNicola; a sister, Cathy Ehle; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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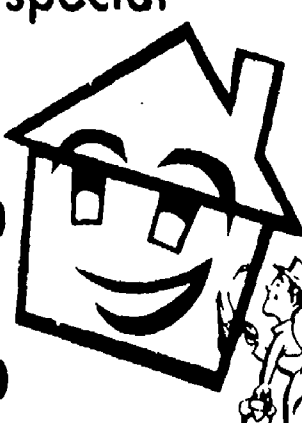
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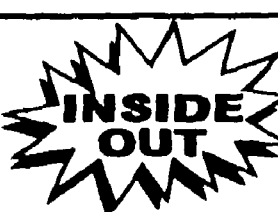


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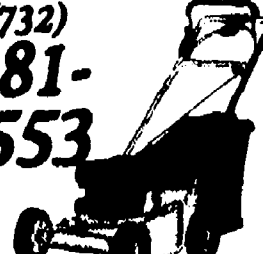
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IT'S A BOY! Mr. and Mrs. Michael Johnson of Colonia are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Nicole Christine**, born October 31, 2001 in St. Peter's University Hospital. Nicole weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and measured 20 1/4 inches. She has a sister, Michelle Kathleen. The maternal grandparents are Lisa and George Gillespie of Woodbridge. The paternal grandparents are Richard and Marion Johnson of Colonia.

Area Resident Makes Dean's List At Dean College

WOODBIDGE—Area resident Elisha Ingram of Woodbridge, was named to the Dean's List at Dean College in Franklin, MA for the Fall 2001 semester. Dean College in Franklin, MA offers programs for residential, commuter and part-time students, with programs for associate degree studies, bachelor of arts in Dance, career certificates and computer training.

Childbirth Classes At Raritan Bay Medical Center

PERTH AMBOY—Raritan Management Services, a division of Raritan Bay Medical Center, is offering a *Preparation for Childbirth Class* to increase future parents' understanding of childbearing and the birth process.

The program is designed by health care professionals and is taught by Registered Nurses who have received special training in current labor, delivery and childcare techniques. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. on Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and 13. Classes are held in Centennial Hall at Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. The series costs \$75 per couple. For registration and information, call (732) 417-9494.

Edison Symphony In Concert

EDISON—The Edison Symphony Orchestra's Season Finale Concert will be held at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the Middlesex County College Theater.

The concert will feature Wendy Fang Chen performing Rachmaninov's "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 2," and Anne Estelle Medouze performing Mendelssohn's "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in E Minor Op. 64."

The 66-piece orchestra will also perform symphonic dances from the musical, "West Side Story," and Rossini's "Guillaume Tell."

Tickets for the concert cost \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and can be purchased by calling the Edison Arts Society at (908) 753-2787.



RENEW GOOD TIMES—Fred Smigelsky and wife, Dot Morris Smigelsky renew the good times of the Woodbridge High School Class of 1951 at the 50th Class Reunion with classmate Ronald Temporado. The reunion was held at The Forge in Woodbridge.

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PERTH AMBOY—Raritan Bay Medical Center's Cardiac Club will be having a meeting on Monday, Jan. 28 from 7-9 p.m. The topic will be on Bacteria and Antibiotics. The meeting will be held at Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Am-

boy, Centennial Hall (concourse level of the gold wing). Meetings of the Cardiac Club, which explore heart conditions and healthy living, are open to the public and free of charge.

For more information, call (732) 324-5178.

New Art Exhibit

WOODBIDGE—The Barron Arts Center is proud to present a new art exhibit by Professor John M. Mishler, titled "Multiples".

The exhibition runs from Feb. 15 - March 10, Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. The gallery is closed Saturdays and holidays. Admission is free, but donations are graciously accepted.

There will be an opening reception at the Barron Arts

Center on Friday, Feb. 15 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission, chaired by Dolores Capraro Gioffre with support from Acting Mayor Frank G. Pelzman and the Woodbridge Township Arts Council.

The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. For more information, call (732) 634-0413.



SOMETHING WORTH CELEBRATING—Members of the Woodbridge High School Class of 1951 celebrated their 50th Reunion at The Forge. Seated (front row, L.-R.) are Charlotte Lund Cleary and Grace Makai Inglis. Standing (L.-R.) Charlotte DeSatnyk McDermott, Carol Giroud and Anne O'Neill Grahil.

WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



WOODBIDGE "50"—The Woodbridge High School Class of 1951 celebrated its 50th reunion at The Forge in Woodbridge. Members of the reunion committee were (front row, L.-R.) Beverly Gelling Rusch, Margaret Matthews Lauritsen, Sara Petersen Karabinchak. Back row, (L.-R.) Frank Markovics, Edwin Laubach and Dr. Emery Konick Jr. Reunion at The Forge. Seated (front row, L.-R.) are Charlotte Lund Cleary and Grace Makai Inglis. Standing (L.-R.) Charlotte DeSatnyk McDermott, Carol Giroud and Anne O'Neill Grahil.

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