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Perth Amboy Tax Bills Go Out Without Municipal Rate Increase; County Taxes Rise

PERTH AMBOY — Perth Amboy tax bills for the 3rd and 4th quarter installments are being mailed out with a "no increase" municipal tax rate for the seventh straight year. During that time, the rate has remained at \$1.36 per \$100 of assessed property value.

The school rate also remained the same from last year at \$1.22 per \$100 of assessed value. However, the county tax rate is up by \$.04 per \$100 of assessed property

value. "I am extremely pleased that we have been able to do so much without any municipal tax increase whatsoever. Throughout our city there are visible signs of change with over 100 streets resurfaced in the last five years, an expanded police force, downtown streetscape improvements, an expanded marina, new parks and a complete shoreline restoration, just to name a few.

This proves that prudent fiscal management, coupled with a long-term vision for tax sta-

bilization, can and will protect the interests of our tax payers," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

Looking ahead, the city projects an impressive increase in tax revenue over the next five years.

An analysis of the major redevelopment projects underway shows an estimated increase of \$12.5 million in annual tax revenue.

The \$600 million Landings at Harborside project, Riverview Plaza, Aenum by the Bay, Perth Amboy

Business Park, Kings Plaza and Harbortown will collectively provide more local purpose municipal taxes, which will enable the city to pay for future budget increases without increasing the municipal tax rate.

Residents should note that any current increase they may find in their bills is due to an increase in the county portion of the tax rate, which is up by \$.04 per \$100 of assessed property value. Therefore, the average Perth Amboy property

owner with a home assessed at a value of \$112,000 will pay \$895 for both the third and fourth quarters this year and a total of \$20 more for the full year in comparison to 2001.

Anyone with questions regarding their tax bill should contact the Tax Collector at (732) 826-0290.

Anyone with questions regarding their assessed property value, may contact the Tax Assessor at (732) 826-8680.

Neighborhood Preservation Program Offers Home Repair Grants

"Not only is it important to revitalize the downtown area, but other areas where people need a little help."

SOUTH AMBOY—This fall, a new citywide grant program will offer aid to low and moderate income homeowners seeking to make repairs.

Beginning in October, the South Amboy Renaissance Corp. will offer grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to city homeowners. The grant program is being made possible

by a pool of \$200,000, donated by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Mayor John T. O'Leary said.

The citywide grant application will follow the guidelines of the Neighborhood Preservation Program, which take income into account. The program's emphasis will be on exterior repairs and remedying

code violations. Applicants must own and live in their own homes.

Low and moderate income residents of the 2nd Ward have been able to apply for grants from the state-funded Neighborhood Preservation Program. The five-year program is limited to that ward, however.

Camille Tooker, coordinator for the city's Neighborhood Preservation Program, said of the new program, "Not only is

it important to revitalize the downtown area, but other areas where people need a little help."

In addition to providing funds for home repair in the downtown Broadway area, the Neighborhood Preservation Program has also helped fund a police bicycle patrol to help people feel safer downtown and in city parks. The bicycle patrol hit city streets on July 1.

The Neighborhood Preservation Program donated

one bicycle to the unit, along with uniforms, helmets, shoes, gun belts and bike packs. Jorge and Rosaria Gonzales, owners of Mid-Jersey Medical Supplies, donated a second bicycle to the unit.

Police Chief Stephen Pavich said that five officers are trained to use the bicycles. They patrol the Broadway business district, nearby parks and ball fields. He said he's received a good response from Broadway businesses.

Metuchen Receives \$225,000 Grant

METUCHEN—Last week, Metuchen received a \$225,000 federal grant to calm traffic and improve the street scape along south Main Street.

State Sen. Barbara Buono (D-Middlesex) said that the federal Transportation Enhancement

grant, given throughout the state, will help pay for the installation of sidewalks, trees, landscaping, decorative lighting and bicycle safety grates.

"The improvements to south Main Street will not only be aesthetic, but will provide a safer

area for pedestrians and bikers," Buono said.

Mayor Edmund O'Brien said that the grant will help beautify Main Street in the neighborhoods that link to the Metuchen train station.

Last year, the borough stud-

ied the area and suggested several methods of slowing traffic, including a sign to alert drivers leaving highways that they are entering Metuchen.

The grant is funded through the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**MCEOC Receives Older Workers Award**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) was awarded the Employer of Older Workers Award, from The American Legion, Department of New Jersey, for its

commitment to providing employment to senior citizens. The award was one of four statewide honors given to New Jersey employers and was presented at The American Legion's 84th Annual Convention held recently.

"The American Legion, Department of New Jersey and on a national basis, has a long-time tradition of recognizing employers who are committed to providing employment opportunities to veterans, disabled workers and senior citizens. We're happy to recognize MCEOC as the State's recipient of this year's

Employer of Older Workers Award," said Donald Cermele, economics-employment committee chairman. The American Legion, Department of New Jersey.

MCEOC was nominated by Irene Clavering, employment resource specialist, of the New Jersey Department of Labor's Workforce 55 Plus program. During the past two and a half years, MCEOC has provided permanent employment to eight senior citizens through this placement program.

According to Clavering, The Workforce 55 Plus program provides placement assistance to senior citizens seeking permanent part-time or full-time employment. Through Federal funding, the seniors are placed with local employers on a trial basis, and upon successful performance, are placed permanently with that employer. With 30-40 placements per year, Middlesex County has one of the best success rates in New Jersey for placing senior citizens in permanent employment positions through the Workforce 55 Plus program.

Bicycle Tour Fundraiser**HIGHLAND PARK**

Plans for a rain-or-shine Sept. 22 bicycle tour are in the works as a fundraiser for the Middlesex County chapter of Habitat for Humanity, a worldwide volunteer organization that builds affordable homes for families in need.

The bike tour will begin in Thompson Park, Jamesburg, with a 100-mile event kicking off at 7 a.m., followed by 50 and 62-mile courses that will start at 8 a.m. Then at 9 a.m., bikers who want to try for 12, 25 and 35 miles will be taking off.

SilverLine Building Projects, North Brunswick, is a corporate sponsor of the event, and has been joined by Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Elizabeth; First Savings Bank, Woodbridge; Nextel Communications; Chase, Edison; Middlesex County Sheriff's officers FOP; Bella la Pizza II, North Brunswick; Bagel Bazaar, Monroe; and Wal-Mart; Modells; Impact Unlimited Inc., Dayton; NorthEastern Lumber, Jamesburg and Jerry & Stan's Bicycle Shop of Perth Amboy will be at the event to assist with bike repairs if needed.

Pre-registration is \$25 for

adults (\$30 if the rider wishes to receive a T-shirt) and \$10 for those 18 and younger. Registration forms may be obtained by contacting Holly Ely at (732) 634-6898 or orders may go to Habitat's website at <http://www.middlesexhabitat.org> and e-mail Holly from there. Volunteers are still needed for the day of the event to check in riders, help with food and drinks and with activities after the ride. Food will be on hand for all starters—bagels, bananas, energy bars, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and at the end of the ride, there will be pasta and salad, plus beverages and souvenirs.

Ely said Middlesex County Habitat for Humanity completed its first home this past year in New Brunswick, and had a dedication ceremony in January. There is another property in New Brunswick and two more in Old Bridge waiting to get started. Habitat for Humanity is currently in need of a General Contractor to run the projects. Proceeds from the tour will be used to purchase materials for the homes, which will be constructed with all volunteer labor working weekends.

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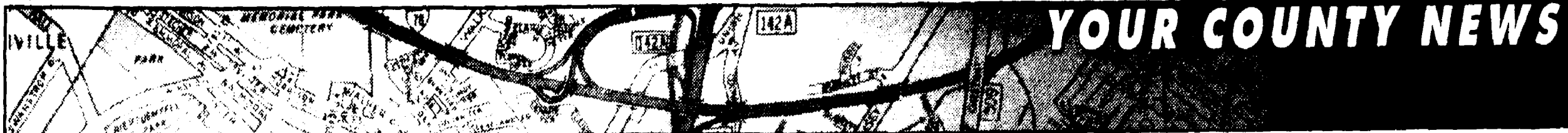
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North Jersey Truck Drivers Earn Honors

EAST BRUNSWICK — Professional truck drivers from Northern New Jersey brought home honors from a competition of safety and skill held in Somerset on Saturday, July 13.

In eight competitive driving events, each with a first, second and third place winner, 13 winners are from North Jersey, including three first-place takers.

Saturday's competition was sponsored by the Safety Management Council of the New Jersey Motor Truck Association. During the events, competitors and spectators donated 31 pints of blood in response to Gov. James E. McGreevey's recent request to bolster declining reserves.

The competition was kicked off at 8 a.m. by the Port Authority Police Honor Guard of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The events were dedicat-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request For Qualifications for DEVELOPMENT TEAM
for Woodbridge Garden Apartments
HOPE VI Housing Redevelopment
WOODBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY
Donna F. Brightman, Executive Director
20 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
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Dear Prospective Offerors:

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge (WHA) is seeking a Statement of Qualifications from interested private development teams (Development Entity) for its Woodbridge Garden Apartments HOPE VI Program. The HOPE VI Program will involve the comprehensive revitalization of the Woodbridge Garden Apartments Public Housing Development. The WHA's selection process may result in awarding development rights for this project to a development team after approval of a HOPE VI Grant.

The development team selection process will be conducted in two phases, namely, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) followed by final selection as determined by WHA's evaluation committee. **All parties interested in competing for this project must submit their qualifications in the RFQ phase.**

The RFQ, including scope of services, evaluation criteria, and project information package is available at the Woodbridge Housing Authority, 20 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, telephone 732-634-2750, fax 732-634-8421.

A Pre-Submittal Conference will be held at 10:00 AM, August 12, 2002 at the above address. Attendance at this conference is encouraged. The submission deadline is 10:00 AM on August 20, 2002.

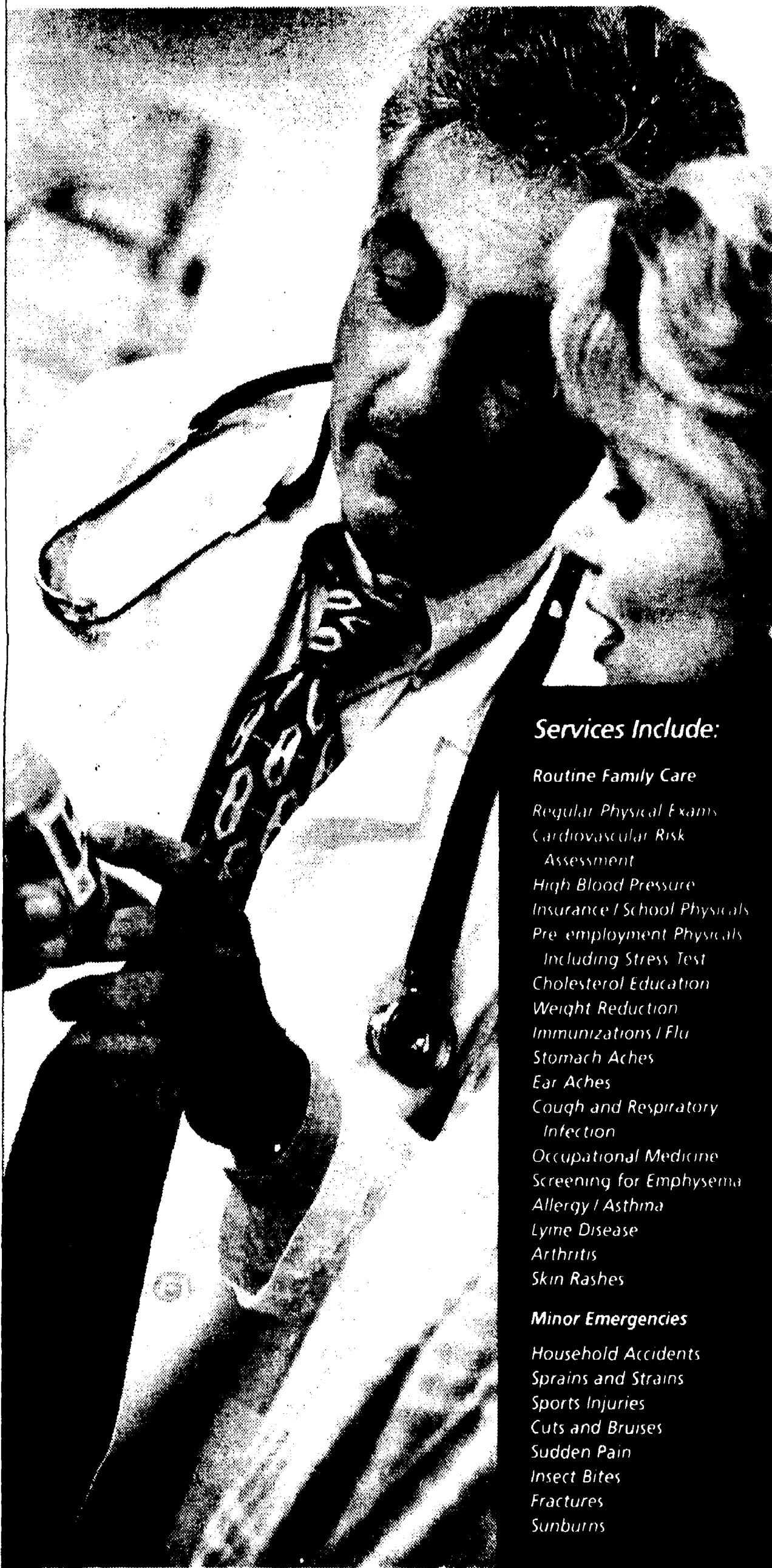
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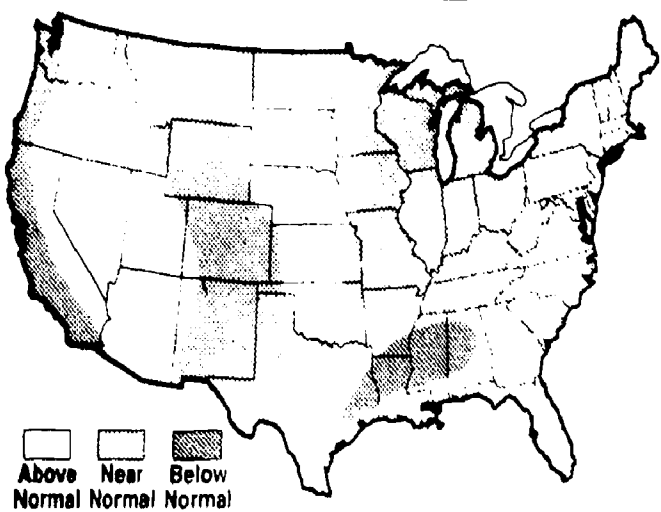
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Sunny and comfortable.	A starlit sky.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Warm with sunshine.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Warm with sunshine.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Variable clouds.
80	63	84/67	87/69	90/67	92/66	89/65	92/71

THE WEEK AHEAD...

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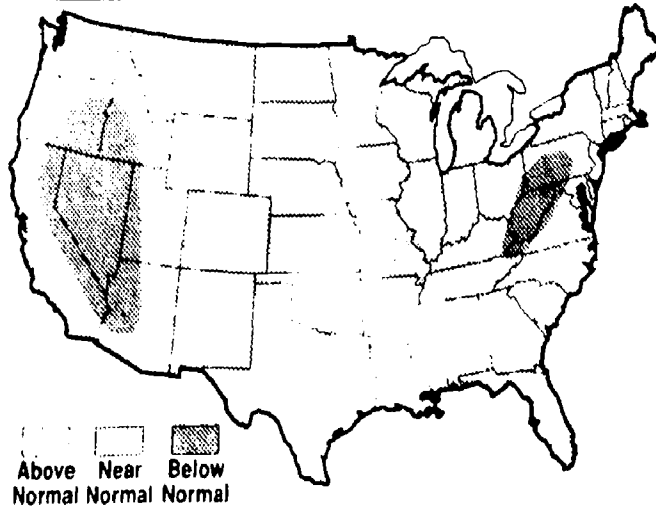
Temperatures



Above Normal
Near Normal
Below Normal

Tropical moisture will fuel showers and thunderstorms along the Gulf Coast and over the Southeast. A storm will bring rain and thunderstorms to the northern and central Plains. High pressure will keep the Great Basin hot and dry. Cool air will push southward across the northern Great Lakes and New England.

Precipitation



Above Normal
Near Normal
Below Normal

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	84	66	s	85	67	s	85	67	s	88	68	pc
Boston	80	62	s	85	66	pc	82	66	s	85	69	pc
Chicago	84	64	s	86	68	pc	82	63	pc	84	64	c
Cleveland	76	58	s	82	64	s	82	64	pc	80	62	pc
Denver	82	56	pc	78	52	c	80	56	pc	84	56	pc
Des Moines	88	64	pc	84	64	s	80	63	t	80	62	t
Detroit	84	63	s	86	66	pc	83	65	s	86	63	pc
Houston	94	76	pc	94	76	pc	94	76	pc	96	76	pc
Indianapolis	83	63	s	85	65	s	85	65	s	86	63	s
Kansas City	91	64	s	93	66	s	90	66	pc	86	60	t
Los Angeles	84	63	s	86	65	s	86	65	s	93	61	s
Miami	89	77	pc	89	77	c	90	78	pc	91	76	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	84	66	t	84	62	sh	80	64	pc	82	60	t
New Orleans	90	76	pc	92	76	s	94	76	pc	94	74	pc
New York City	80	66	s	84	72	s	88	74	s	88	70	s
Omaha	94	74	s	94	68	t	90	62	t	94	58	pc
Phoenix	102	84	s	106	84	s	106	82	s	106	82	s
San Francisco	78	56	s	80	58	s	78	56	pc	74	58	pc
Seattle	78	58	s	82	58	s	80	56	s	77	58	s
Washington	84	66	s	88	70	s	92	74	s	90	69	s

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		Sunset	
Thu.	6:00 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	
Fri.	6:01 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	
Moonrise		Moonset	
Thu.	5:26 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	
Fri.	6:41 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	
Moon Phases			
New	First	Full	Last
Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 30
Weather (W)			
s-sunny	pc-partly cloudy	c-cloudy	sh-showers
t-thunderstorms	r-rain	sf-snow flurries	sn-snow, ice

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	71	61	c	76	63	c	80	67	pc	78	65	sh
Berlin	78	59	pc	77	60	pc	79	61	pc	82	68	pc
Buenos Aires	59	46	c	59	46	pc	68	47	s	66	44	pc
Cairo	101	73	s	101	69	s	93	68	s	91	68	s
Jerusalem	90	63	s	88	61	s	82	58	s	83	59	s
Johannesburg	67	42	pc	71	43	pc	70	39	pc	65	42	pc
London	75	61	c	77	62	pc	80	67	c	77	65	sh
Madrid	90	56	c	79	49	c	84	56	s	80	59	pc
Mexico City	76	53	pc	76	53	pc	74	53	sh	77	55	c
Moscow	67	48	pc	64	44	pc	68	50	s	72	54	s
Paris	74	57	pc	77	63	c	78	67	sh	76	57	pc
Rio de Janeiro	77	65	pc	80	67	pc	75	60	pc	73	60	pc
Rome	79	59	s	80	62	s	80	69	c	85	71	pc
San Juan	89	77	sh	89	77	sh	89	77	s	89	76	s
Seoul	83	67	pc	79	66	pc	76	74	r	84	71	sh
Sydney	65	43	s	66	48	s	71	51	pc	72	52	pc
Tokyo	88	76	s	88	76	s	85	73	pc	86	73	s
Toronto	76	58	s	82	50	s	82	58	pc	85	60	pc
Winnipeg	78	57	t	80	52	pc	76	51	pc	75	58	pc
Zurich	67	61	c	78	61	c	81	63	c	79	62	sh

August 5 at 6 p.m. —A free "Membership Open House" will be held at the law offices of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge.

August 6 from 11 a.m. to Dusk—The Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens Club will be holding a picnic for members only at Fords resume Sept. 6 and are held at 2 p.m. on Fridays at Our Lady of Peace Church Cafeteria resume on Sept. 6. Membership is open to township residents 60 and older who do not belong to any other township senior club. Call Regina for further info. (732) 738-4539.

August 12 at 7 p.m. — The Edison Garden Club will feature a special presentation on New Jersey Butterflies by Peter Bacinski of the Sandy Hook Bird Observatory. The Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Conference room at the Main Branch of the Edison Public Library, 340 Plainfield Avenue. the public is invited.

August 14 at 8:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to Smithville for a lunch, show and shopping, also Taj Mahal Casino (4 hour) package. The bus departs from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Cost is \$45. Make checks payable to Holy Family Holy Name Society. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations.

August 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Pathfinder Counseling Group announces its popular Mega Job Fair at the Sheraton, 6 Industrial Way (East) and Route 35, Eatontown. Call (732) 542-6500 for more information or log onto www.megajobfair.net.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

North Jersey Truck Drivers Earn Honors

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ed to victims and heroes of Sept. 11. Judges included Commercial Vehicle Inspectors of the New Jersey State Police.

Winners for the following categories are:

Grand Champion—John McGinley, ABF Freight System, Vineland; **Rookie of the Year**—Curtis McDonald, Tosco, Woodbury; **Pre-Trip Award**—John McGinley, ABF Freight System, Vineland; and **Team Award**—Grocery Haulers:

Henry Heim, Richard Liskowitz, Wilfredo, Siverio, Jeffrey Van Woeart.

Truck Driving Champions by Class Straight Truck (One-piece truck often used in local delivery and pickup) **Nick Caiola, Jr.**, Roadway Express, Edison.

3-Axle (Tractor-trailer combination with single axle trailer and single rear axle on tractor) **Michael Cicalese**, Consolidated Freightways, Millington.

4-Axle (Tractor-trailer combination with double-axle trailer and single rear axle on tractor) **Brian White**, Campbell's Express, Turnersville.

5-Axle (Tractor-trailer combination with double-axle trailer and double rear axle on tractor)

Henry Heim, Grocery Haulers, Carteret. **Tank** (Tank truck used to deliver liquids or materials in bulk) **Ronald Bowman**, P.T. Petro, Alden, PA and third-place, **Wilfredo Siverio**, Grocery Haulers, Woodbridge.

Flatbed (Flat trailer used to haul open loads such as lumber, pipe, etc.) **Ken Hoffer**, Exxon Mobil, Cranford.

Twins (Double trailers) **John McGinley**, ABF Freight System, Vineland.

Sleeper (Combination in which the trailer includes a driver sleeping unit) **Dominic Lamacchia**, Con-Way Central Express, Freehold.

A-Bomb Survivors To Tour NJ And PA

AREA The Coalition for Peace and Justice is once again sponsoring the Hibakusha (Japanese A-Bomb Survivors) Tour of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, from August 6-10. The Hibakusha will give testimony about and describe their personal memories of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Koji Hayashida was A-bombed in Hiroshima. He is 66 years old, lives in Tokyo, and is the Chair of a regional chapter of the Tokyo Federation of A-bomb Sufferers. He speaks very little English.

Hayashida was A-bombed at his elementary school and suffered injuries to his head, ears and legs with debris and glass.

Fumie Kakita is a Second Generation Hibakusha. She's 48 years old and lives in Nagasaki. She has been the Assistant Secretary General of Nagasaki Prefectural A-bomb Sufferers since 1993. Her mother was A-bombed in Nagasaki.

The Tour starts on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 12 noon, at the Brandywine Peace Commu-

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS*Back to School***Top Ten Items For College Students To Bring Back To School**

AREA As parents hit the stores over the next few weeks to deck the rooms of college-bound students, college administrators hope everyone will remain mindful of what is and isn't needed.

"Freshman are especially vulnerable to purchasing every gadget and gadget colorfully arrayed in area home stores," says Jack Gentul, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) dean of student services. "Although all items are typically quite attractive, we have found that no one must spend a fortune to keep their personal space functional, attractive, and tidy."

NJIT, New Jersey's third largest public university located in the University Heights section of Newark, offers on-campus residential hall housing to 1700

graduate and undergraduate students.

To help parents and their youngsters decipher between the must-haves and the must-nots, Gentul has prepared a top ten checklist for students of all ages, moving into a small, typically shared, space on campus. "Keep in mind," he adds, "Less is always more."

Top Ten Checklist

- Linen
- Pillow (1 or 2), sheets (2 sets), pillowcases (2 or 4), blankets (1 or 2), towels (3). Residence hall beds often require extra long twin sheets.
- Clothing and hangers
- Plastic hangers work fine. Try color-coding different seasons.
- Desk or reading lamp
- Non-halogen or fiber optic

lamps are best for safety reasons.

- Alarm clock. Test at home so your youngster knows it will work.

- Decor. Include at least a half dozen posters, framed or unframed photos, and favorite art object. They give a personal touch.

- Laundry Helpers. An oversized bag or vertical laundry holder often works better than a plastic basket because the former takes up less floor space. Bring detergent, stain remover, and fabric softener. Most residence halls feature coin-operated machines.

- Telephone. Cordless telephones are the most popular, but check with the school if only certain types work or are permitted.

- Small Plastic Bucket. Bring something to hold toiletries and

carry them to the shower.

- Books and Paper. Dictionary, writing pads, and calculators are good to buy before leaving home. Some students prefer to purchase notebooks at a discount at stores near home. Course textbooks may sometimes be available through on-line discount booksellers.

- Games and sport equipment. Students often bring their own tennis rackets, golf clubs, bicycles, skis and more. Check with residence halls as to where such items may be stored outside the student's room.

NJIT is a public, scientific and technological research university enrolling more than 8,800 students. The university offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees to students in

80 degree programs throughout its six colleges: Newark College of Engineering, New Jersey School of Architecture, College of Science and Liberal Arts, School of Management, Albert Dorman Honors College and College of Computing Sciences.

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NEW BRUNSWICK — Registration is now open for fall courses offered by Rutgers University Academy for Lifelong

Learning (RU-ALL), a program for New Jersey residents over the age of 50 held at the Reformed Church, Highland Park. The 10-

week semester begins Monday, Sept. 9. Thirty-two noncredit courses and seminars are offered this term, with topics ranging from famous courtroom trials to writing an autobiography to African studies.

Courses on French romantic writers, genealogy research and Shakespeare's views on love, passion and betrayal, among others, are also available. RU-ALL's popular weekly roundtable, "Rational Controversy," returns for another semester of intelli-

gent discussion of controversial issues. The Scholars/Biography Lectures provide a series of thought-provoking presentations, while Great Decisions 2002 will cover eight U.S. foreign policy topics.

In addition, there are many arts and cultural programs. RU-ALL students can explore collage making or Haiku writing. Several courses on playwrights are offered for the fall, as are classes on film, Romantic-era music and the collections at the

Zimmerli Art Museum. Courses featuring performances at the George Street Playhouse and State Theater are also available.

All courses are led by instructors from area colleges, universities and high schools, some of whom are retired Rutgers professors. There are no grades or exams and RU-ALL is open to those with or without a college degree. Participants may choose up to two courses for a \$100 fee, \$50 for first-time registrants. Classes are held during the day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Reformed Church, 23 South Second Ave., Highland Park. The church is accessible to the handicapped and on-site parking is available. Advance registration by Sept. 6 is required for all courses. To register, or to receive an RU-ALL brochure, call (732) 932-7233 or write to RU-ALL, 191 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901.



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POPCORN

"Austin Powers in GoldMember"

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popcorns

By Michael S. Goldberger

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



Disgusting! Yes, funny to a point. But still, rather disgusting. Of course, some of it is funny because of how disgusting it is. And then, some of it is just plain disgusting.

That's a description of "Austin Powers in Goldmember." But if we were to grade producer/writer/actor Mike Myers not on his most recent film's actual worth but by whether or not he achieved his goals, he'd get an A...instead of the primarily mediocre notice he is about to receive here.

Once again exposing us to his bizarrely conceived world of secret agents, as well as their revoltingly evil enemies and sexy girlfriends, the former "Saturday Night Live" star pushes the PG-13 envelope without compunction. And while smirking adolescents may rejoice at the often funny but nonetheless dubious accomplishment, the rest of us can't help but wonder: How can you say all that and do all that and still not get slapped with an R rating? Indeed, it is a puzzlement.

But there's nothing puzzling about Mr. Myers's modus operandi. Building on his established franchise, he now simply throws any zany idea he can find against the wall. Some of it sticks; some doesn't. The hit and miss ratio is poor. But there's so much jammed into the hour and twenty minutes of what has become a big inside joke (and a rather dirty one at that), that it'll take Austin Powers aficionados at least five viewings to catch all the innuendoes, double entendres and scatological implications. And that's generally the idea, isn't it? Repeat business and a coffee table movie for the post-pubescent set to sit around and cackle over ad nauseam.

However, while Mr. Myers's Carnaby Street-attired parody of James Bond has not lost his box office attraction, as of this third issue the send-up has begun to turn inward and satirize itself. Director Jay

Roach, previously a competent router of elements that comprise things Austin Powers, has now assumed the role of bulk packager as he figuratively jumps up and down atop a suitcase of this soft core smut to make it fit.

But now, there is an extra-added attraction. Mr. Myers's big-budget insanity has achieved a certain cachet in some Hollywood circles. It has become status to join in the filmic free-for-all. Thus adding to the madcap conviviality in this installment via cameo appearances are Tom Cruise, Danny DeVito, and Gwyneth Paltrow, among others.

In addition to portraying the title character and his evil antithesis, Myers once again reprises the ungainly persona of Fat Bastard, Austin's other major foe. A meanspirited, offensively overweight Scotsman, his preoccupation with matters better left unbreathed provides episode #3 with a verbal stench sure to please those who just can't get enough bathroom humor. And if that doesn't do it for you, how about another villain...one who can't help but dine on his own peeling skin? That would describe Goldmember, the other title character Myers delineates. As legend goes, the Dutch-born Goldmember earned his sobriquet following an unfortunate accident whilst smelting the namesake metal a bit too close

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Terri's

DATING Trips



Mr. Exaggeration

Realizing that physical appearance is not the most important factor for a good relationship, I decided to focus on something new - MONEY! I met Michael through an online dating service which efficiently listed all of Michael's attributes, including his salary. Hey... it said that he earns over \$150K a year!

So, Michael and I spent many long hours on the phone, and the only thing that annoyed me was the use of the phrases, "Right on, brother," and "Far out." I remember those phrases from the 70s, and they weren't even cool then.

I finally decided on an actual encounter. I chose a picnic in the park, complete with wine and food. I had bought a double bottle of wine... just in case we wanted some later in the day. My intention to bring some wine back to the house was nixed, because even though I only had one glass of wine, Michael ingested the rest!

During our picnic, Michael finally shared some very pertinent details about his life (perhaps the wine lifted his inhibitions?). You see, yes he had been a lighting director, but he had been fired two weeks prior. And, he never had earned close to 150K, but he calculated that during a two week period he had made so much money... that if he were to make that much every two weeks, he could make \$150K. However,

the \$6K he made during those two weeks was the only income he had acquired in months!

Because of his financial situation, my date had also had to move back in with his parents. He also informed me that he would NEVER take me there to visit, because the animals run the house, and it's not fit for company.

Still, I didn't yet perceive this to be an issue (Am I desperate?), so we went back to my house, and I grilled some great sirloin steaks for dinner. Something happened (it always does) while I was cooking din-

ner. When I saw this guy - who was a guest in my home for the first time - take a bottle of my French wine (I had bought it in Paris) from my pantry and open it, I was aghast! What nerve! Yet, the bottle had been opened, so I had yet again ONE glass of wine. Guess who drank the rest?

After dinner I told Mike that it had been a long day and that I was tired. He replied, "Oh, GREAT! I'm in no shape to drive!" I retorted, "Hey, I'm not the one who kept filling your wine glass all day." He didn't really appreciate that comment, but I learned a great deal when he said, "Oh, that hit a nerve! You wouldn't believe how many women have made that an issue?"

What did I learn - Hide the good wine when you have prospective alcoholics coming over!

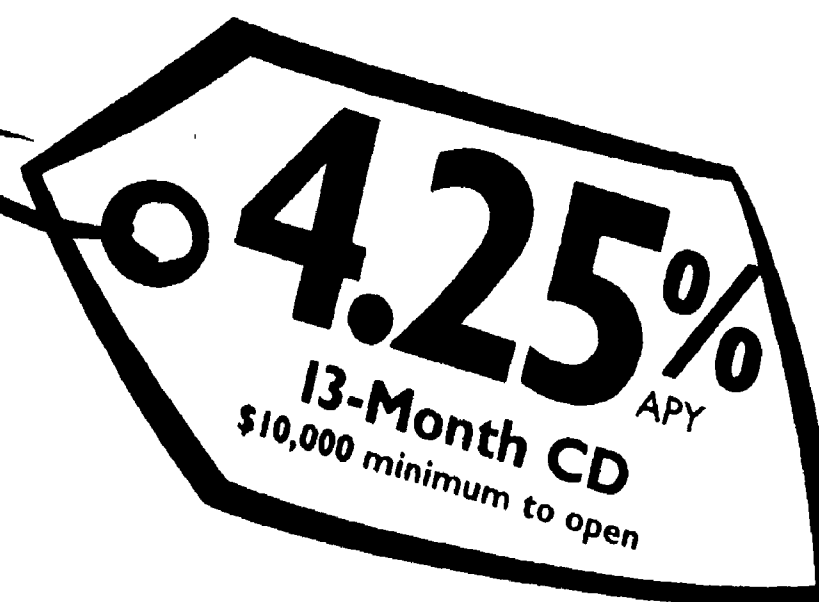
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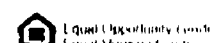
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Surviving Card Cheats

By Anthony Greenbank

AREA Whether you play penny-a-point rummy in the lunchroom at work or high stakes poker in a Vegas casino, one thing is sure to be in the cards--sooner or later there will be a sharper at the table.

Cheating at cards has become big business. Even modest games of poker, brag, or rummy between ordinary working folk can build up kitties of several hundred dollars. Regardless of where you choose to play, unless you watch your step, you will be taken to the cleaners.

There are many forms of cheating at cards.

One of the toughest to detect is belly-stripping, a technique in which all the cards except the high ones are shaved or "stripped" a fraction of an inch. Whenever the cheat squares or taps the pack and runs his fingers along the sides, the card he wants almost leaps into his hand. The cards are not notice-

ably marked, and shuffles, cuts, and deals look fair.

The only way to find out if cards have been stripped is to pick up the pack, square it, and run your finger and thumb along the edges. You will feel the wider cards protruding.

Stripping the pack is a professional way of cheating. In your local card school more amateurish methods are used, but a sharper can cheat with arthritis in both hands and still win. Here are some things to watch for.

SHINERS: Shiners are tiny mirrors or highly polished objects that reflect the faces of the cards. Cheats use a sliver from a broken Christmas tree ball under a fingernail, or a fragment of glass mirror in the bowl of a pipe, a glass ashtray, a powder compact, a wrist-watch, a cigarette lighter, even a drop of brandy lying on the table top. As he deals over the shiner, the cheat can see the face of each card.

MARKING: A cheat will mark the high cards he gets in the opening hands so that he can pick them out later in the game. Cards can be marked by nicking the edges with the fingernails, or by waving them--bending them slightly around a finger. Cheats may also wear a ring with a tiny needlepoint on its underside to prick the high cards.

SHUFFLING: The cheat keeps the high cards in one place while performing an elaborate shuffle. He then deals the high cards to himself. This kind of cheating is hard to spot while it is going on, but there are signs to look for before the cheat shuffles. The shuffle cheat must keep his fingertips greasy, so he often touches greasy areas on his face or runs his fingers through his hair before picking up the cards. If a player consistently wins after greasing his fingertips in any way, chances are that he is cheating.

If you suspect a player of cheating, play a few more hands then make an excuse and leave. Never accuse anyone of cheating, even if you are certain. If you are up against a professional sharper, proving that he's cheating will be harder than drawing a royal flush from a pack with no aces.

Anthony Greenbank is the author of *The Book of Survival: The Original Guide to Staying Alive in the City, the Suburbs, and the Wild Lands Beyond*.

Popcorn-Austin Powers in Goldmember continued...

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to his, well, you get the gist.

One must wonder if the mass communication of such outrageous thoughts and characters, once only available in Bedlam and like places, is indeed the sign of an enlightened and democratic society. That would be at least some consolation. Of course apologists for Mr. Myers could also make a case for his "patriotic" testing of the First Amendment. But they'd be wrong. There's nothing here that would cause Lenny Bruce to blush...nothing that hasn't been seen in a movie with an R rating or better. And truth be told, none of it is that terrible...weird perhaps, but not terrible.

Rather, what's at issue here is not the content itself, but the very slotting of "Goldmember" within the strictures of a PG-13 rating and the childish nose-thumb-ing that accompanies said coup. Too much of the movie is a self-congratulating celebration of that feat. And with a script that lacks continuity and no actual plot, other than the usual attempt to save the world stuff, the bawdy joke eventually wears thin.

"Austin Powers in Goldmember," rated PG-13, is a New Line Cinema release directed by Jay Roach and stars Mike Myers, Michael Caine and Beyonce Knowles. Running time: 113 minutes

Free Jazz In The Street Concert

NEWARK—Non-commercial station WBGO-FM and Newark present the Second Annual Free Jazz in the Street Concert on August 13 from 4-8 p.m. on Park Place in the heart of downtown Newark. The star-studded concert will feature the internationally acclaimed Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, James Williams and the William Paterson Jazz Ensemble, and the Lewis Porter Quintet.

Last year's outdoor concert commemorated the Grand Re-Opening of the WBGO Studios. This year the outdoor concert takes on a festival atmosphere. Two hundred seats will be available for the public but concertgoers may also bring their own lawn chairs and relax in Military Park while listening to the music. Arts, crafts and food vendors will be selling their wares on Park Place. There will be special items available for WBGO members and great bargains for the public. The Friends of WBGO, a community group of supporters who voluntarily work to raise operating revenue for Jazz88, will host a table selling vinyl albums from the station's jazz library.

The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra was organized by jazz legend Thad Jones in 1965 at the Village Vanguard in New York City. Some of the players have changed but the big band still continues to play every fourth Monday at the Village Vanguard. James Williams, who played piano many years with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, will lead a group of students and faculty from William Paterson University, one of the leading institutions for jazz study in the country. Lewis Porter, a professor and John Coltrane scholar, brings his Quintet and swings into hot jazz from his most recent Altrusouni CD, *Second Voyage*.

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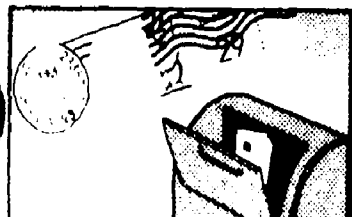
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EDITORIAL



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

New Jersey's industrial past produced thousands of jobs for New Jersey's working families. It laid the foundation for our state's economic success. And it also spread pollution and waste into our waterways.

Over the last 25 years, since the introduction of "The Water Pollution Control Act," New Jersey has led the nation in cleaning up the environment. The results have been impressive. Rivers that you once could almost walk on have seen a return of wildlife. But despite the work and expense that our state and business community have undertaken, all is still not well.

The state Department of Environmental Protection has recently urged New Jersey residents to limit the number of meals that consist of freshwater fish. The reason? Over 21 species of fish from different bodies of water in the state were found to have unsafe mercury levels.

Mercury, when consumed, is a lethal neurotoxin. When taken in high doses it poses a dangerous threat to women and small children. High levels of mercury can cause developmental problems in children and neurological problems in adults. Besides pregnant women and children, women who plan to become pregnant within a year and nursing mothers should avoid consuming high quantities of

freshwater fish. So where is the mercury coming from? With our state's strict environmental laws many people justifiably ask, how can this be? The answer, unfortunately, lies well beyond our state's borders. It appears that coal fired power plants in the mid-west are sending their pollution downwind to us here in New Jersey. That pollution contains mercury, a product of the combustion of coal.

In this day and age of scrubbers and high tech anti-pollution devices the natural question is how could this happen? The answer lies in the bureaucracy of the federal government and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Not a very good trade for us.

Simply put, mid-western coal fired power plants were granted an exemption from strict EPA standards. It allows them to burn cheap dirty coal - producing cheap electricity. It gives us pollution and mercury.

The unfortunate result is that New Jersey residents cannot enjoy the freshwater fish they catch. In 74 of our 76 freshwater bodies the fish had unacceptably high levels of mercury.

It is time for our former Governor, Christie Whitman, to stand up to the interests of cheap and dirty electricity to protect the people of her home state. As EPA director, Whitman can act to eliminate this source of pollution. She must not delay.

Mercury when consumed is a lethal neurotoxin. Let's get it out of our environment.

Speedy Freed!

by Roger E. Hernandez

Now that Speedy Gonzales is back on the air on the Cartoon Network, it all boils down to one question:

Do I mind if my kids watch?

What concerns me isn't sex, adult language or violence (at least if we don't count poor Sylvester the cat smashing his cartoon head into a cartoon wall as violence).

We're talking the silly som-breros, the silly mice sleeping siestas around a silly plaza, the silly accent. "Arriba, arriba, Ándale, Ándale!"

Do I want 9-year-old Elena and 7-year-old Ben to think this is what being Hispanic is all about?

Naturally I don't. But if they want to watch Speedy, I do not mind at all.

The Mexican cartoon mouse had been off the air since the early 1990s. Officially, the reason was low ratings. But persistent rumors among animation fans said that Cartoon Network founder Ted Turner ordered Speedy yanked off the air because he was afraid it would offend Hispanics.

Nobody, it seems, asked

Hispanics if they were offended.

At least not until the Web site HispanicOnline.com fired the first salvo last spring in a campaign to bring Speedy back.

Its message board quickly filled with Hispanic readers who agreed the mouse should be back. And it's not just your average Juan who likes Speedy. Virginia Cueto, who wrote the article for the Web site, could find no major Hispanic groups that said Speedy was offensive.

Gabriela Lemus, director of policy and legislation at the League of United Latin American Citizens, the oldest Hispanic civil-rights organization in the United States, went as far as saying, "Speedy's a cultural icon ... when I [was growing up in] Chicago, he was the only English-language Mexican cartoon character." She added, "He's a savvy mouse: I love him!"

The Mexican rodent is famous for his quick wit and blinding speed, always foiling his nemesis, that "greengo pussygato" Sylvester. The character actually contradicts the stereotype of shiftless, dull-witted Mexicans.

Sure, there are some stereotypes. There's Slowpoke Rodriguez, Speedy's lazy cousin. There's the run-down

pueblo where all the mice seem to live. So what. It's a cartoon. It's supposed to poke fun.

So it seems that most Hispanics, as well as Hispanic civil-rights groups, agree that Speedy should be back on the air. It might be that political correctness was to blame for pulling the show, but don't blame Hispanics for PC.

In any case, the online campaign, as well as the more than 2,600 signatures that die-hard Speedy fan Matthew Hunter rounded up, convinced the Cartoon Network to give Speedy a second chance.

Sort of. Speedy is not named on the network's schedule. Search for "Speedy Gonzales" on its Web site, and you get nothing. Apparently, episodes are running once in a while, as parts of shows headlined by other Warner characters.

Elena and Ben are smart enough to enjoy the Mexican mouse's antics without getting confused about their ethnic identity. So feel free to watch Speedy Gonzales, kids.

If you can find it, that is.

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Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Censorious

On July 2, *The New York Times* reported that New York State censored literary passages. The statewide Regents exams, required for high school graduation in New York, chopped up quotes that high school students were asked to analyze: "The works of Isaac Bashevis Singer, Anton Chekhov and William Maxwell, among others...had been sanitized of virtually any reference to race, religion, ethnicity...and just about anything that might offend someone for some reason."

A Singer reference, "Most Jewish women," was changed to "Most women." In fact, all mention of Judaism, so central to Singer's stories, was eliminated. In an excerpt from Ernest Galaza's "Barrio Boy," a skinny boy became "thin,"

and a "fat boy" became "heavy." (Much less offensive, obviously). The State Education Department's Roseanne DeFabio explained, "so no student would feel 'uncomfortable in a testing situation.'"

A firestorm ensued, and three days later New York got out of the censorship business. That was after Columbia professor Caty Popkin wrote:

"I implore you to put a stop to the scandalous practice of censoring literary texts...It is dishonest."

It is dangerous. It is an embarrassment. It is the practice of fools." Well, that just about sums up the whole liberal education world, if you ask me.

A Farewell To Ams

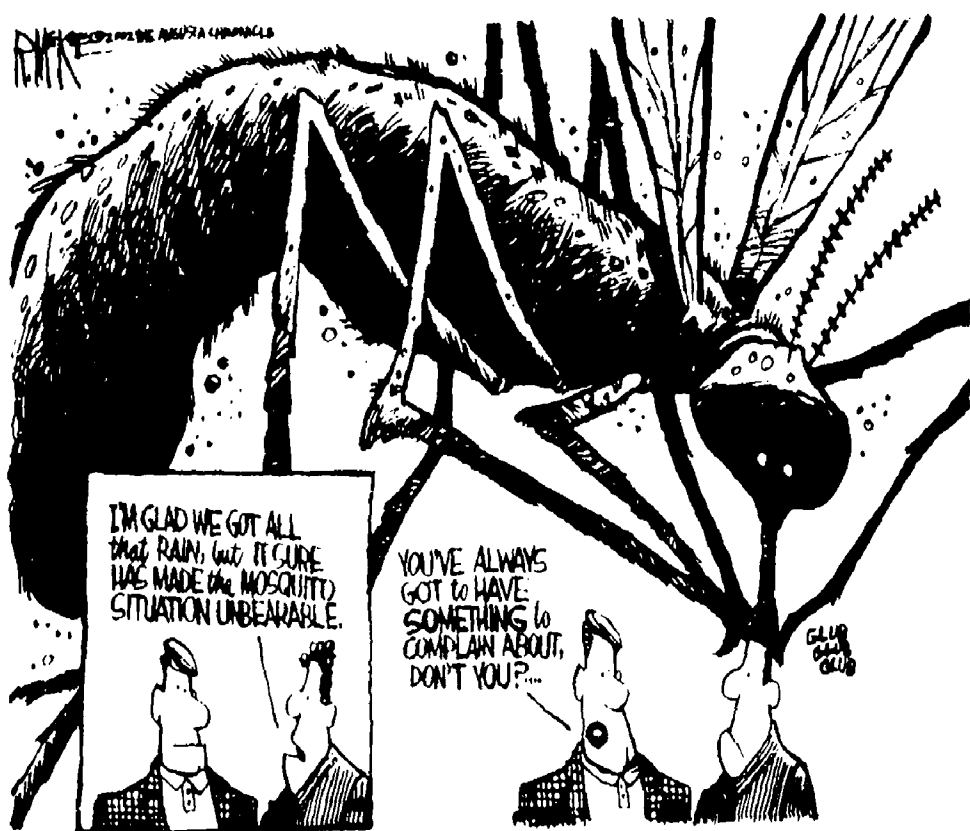
(Something To Think About)

Anyone who thinks we're

not losing our right to own guns has no idea what's going on. I have a friend (former Special Forces), who is in the process of mailing in gun registration forms. He has had post office box (for security) for over 30 years, yet a street address is required on the registration forms. They (government) are not stupid. They know they can't confiscate guns at the post office.

Just remember, almost 70 years ago a head of state spoke to his nation saying, "The year 1935 will go down in history. For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future." That state-man's name was Adolf Hitler.

Political Cartoon of the Week



YOUR LOCAL NEWS**NEWS**

SERVICE IS RECOGNIZED—Thomas Goldman, president and CEO of Bayshore Community Health Services in Holmdel, was honored recently by the New Jersey Hospital Association with its Distinguished Leadership Award. The award was given for his long-term leadership and commitment to health care. Goldman has served as CEO of Bayshore Community Health Services since 1971, prior to Bayshore hospital's opening. Under his leadership Bayshore has diversified into a network of health care institutions. Pictured, left to right, are: American Hospital Association President Dick Davidson, Goldman and Gary Carter, president of the New Jersey Hospital Association.

Demolition Of Former Firehouse Underway; Commercial Plaza To Be Built

PERTH AMBOY
Demolition work is underway on the former city firehouse at the corner of State and James Street, paving the way for the future commercial center known as Firefighters Plaza. Presently, plans call for Firefighters Plaza to be constructed on land comprised of the former firehouse and a portion of a park that lies adjacent to this property. The plaza will be an approximately 20,000 square foot commercial development containing several stores to serve the community's needs.

"This is the first step towards bringing Firefighters Plaza to life. This project will allow us to replace vacant and underutilized properties with new productive uses, while also having a positive impact on the flow of traffic in the area," said Mayor Joseph Vas. The

project is being conducted jointly with funding and administrative support from the city's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) program and the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency (PARA).

The \$102,725 demolition project will be paid for from the UEZ Assistance Fund, which collects the sales tax from participating UEZ businesses and allows the city to access these funds for capital improvements. The demolition work is being conducted by Mazza & Sons Demolition of Oakhurst.

The former firehouse, which had been used mainly for storage for the last several years, was vacated entirely by the fire department several weeks ago. The city conveyed the property recently to the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency, which has since signed a

redeveloper agreement with developer Aliland, LLC. Aliland will pay PARA \$133,000 in addition to transferring ownership of a vacant building located at the intersection of State Street and Hall Avenue.

This building will be demolished to allow for the extension of Hall Avenue through Harbortown to connect with High Street, in order to improve the flow of traffic and ease congestion in the neighborhood. The Hall Avenue extension will run through the site of the vacant building, as well as some land currently occupied by an adjacent park. The city has already received permission from the NJ Statehouse Commission to replace the park with facilities to be built by the Harbortown housing development.

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Threatening Confrontation Ends Peacefully

EDISON—Two patrolmen and an armed Highland Park man, were recently involved in a tense standoff in which the man threatened to shoot himself and then police. The standoff ended peacefully with the man's surrender and hospitalization.

William Domanow, 23, was standing in the back yard of his grandfather's Plainfield Avenue home in the early morning hours of July 21. He was armed with a .40 caliber Glock handgun in his waistband and a camouflage 12-

gauge Mossberg pump-action shotgun over his shoulder. He had body armor on and was wearing a camouflage military flak jacket.

When patrolmen Thomas Wall and Michael Mintchwarner arrived at about 6 am, Domanow was the on the phone with 911.

"He told the dispatcher he wants to 'shoot it out with the cops'," said an officer.

Domanow, a self-employed landscaper, then told patrolmen, "I need help, just shoot me."

The patrolmen and

Domanow's father convinced him to put the weapons down and surrender. He was arrested and charged with unlawful use of body armor and a military flak jacket. Body armor is illegal when used during the commission of a crime. He was also charged with a weapons offense.

Domanow was released without bail and taken to a mental-health clinic at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Piscataway.

Edison Park Plans Delayed

EDISON—The township's plans to condemn a pallet factory and convert it into parkland have been halted by a Superior Court judge, clearing the way for the factory owner to appeal the case.

Middlesex County Assignment judge Robert

Longhi ruled that the land seizure should be put on hold while the higher court reviews the case.

Edison offered Don Baldwin \$350,000 for the factory and land on New York Boulevard, but Baldwin rejected it, saying the offer was too low.

Baldwin wants the case dismissed outright so he can recover legal expenses from the city.

Edison officials want to add Baldwin's land to a tiny park

tucked behind the factory to improve access to that park.

The Edison Wetlands Association offered to help pay the township pay for the parcel through its Green Acres state grant money and the township will tap into its own Green Acres fund to cover the difference.

Residents near the factory are hoping that the wetlands association will turn the area into an environmental center, and they fully support the proposal.



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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Local Student Graduates Milton Hershey School

SOUTH AMBOY Bryan Camacho, son of Joanna Camacho, South Amboy, graduated recently from Milton Hershey School (MHS), a private endowed school located in Hershey, PA.

He was admitted to MHS in 1992 and was active in Marching Band, Concert



Bryan Camacho

Band, Brass Quintet and the School's Stage Crew. During graduation activities, Bryan was presented the Varsity "H" Medal, the highest activity award given by Milton Hershey School.

He plans to enter the Army, Fort Benning, Ga.

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Shoreline Improvement Project On Schedule

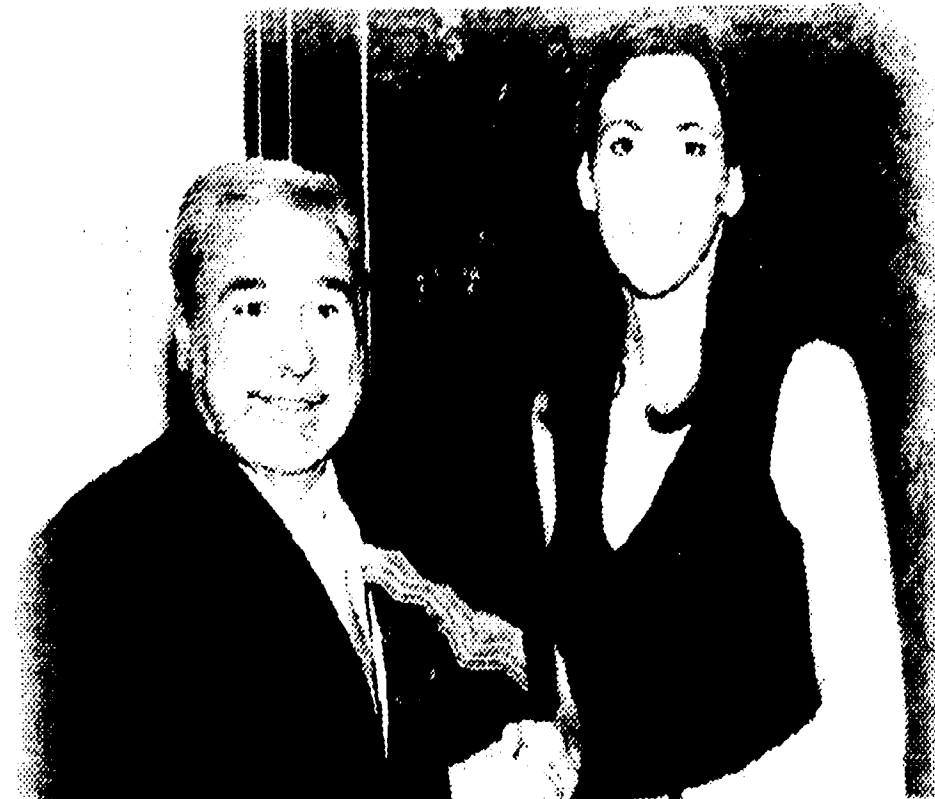
PERTH AMBOY A \$9.8 million shoreline improvement project to replenish the city's beaches and provide more recreation is on schedule, according to city Business Administrator Donald Perlee.

The project, which began in April, includes widening and stabilizing the city's southern shoreline along Sadowski Parkway, between High and Second streets.

A new fishing pier is planned, and massive amounts of sand will be added along the 2,200-linear-foot stretch.

A new seawall will be installed, and two additional seawalls will be installed underneath the fishing piers. Five existing seawalls will also be reconstructed.

All work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.



JP STEVENS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE—Nancy Shevell Blakeman was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame at JP Stevens High School in Edison. Blakeman, a vice president with New England Motor Freight in Elizabeth, was cited for her achievements in the transportation industry. NEMF is the largest family-owned, less-than-truckload freight carrier in the Northeast. Blakeman, a 1977 graduate of the school, is pictured with JP Stevens principal Fred Riccio.

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**Five Solid Reasons For Investing In Bonds**

AREA—The fluctuating stock market has made other investment vehicles, such as bonds, more attractive and for good reason. Although stocks can boast an average annual growth of around 11 percent as compared to less than 6 percent for bonds, bonds provide real benefits to a wide range of investors. According to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSC-PA), these include safety, predictability, income, diversification and tax savings.

Reason #1: Safety — For many investors, bonds represent capital preservation. The degree of safety varies based on the bond's credit strength, but

investors generally can be reasonably certain that their original principal will be returned in full if they hold a bond to maturity. That's not to say that bonds are without risks. Bondholders face credit and market risk.

Credit risk refers to the possibility that the bond issuer will default. Market risk depends on whether interest rates will rise, making those bonds issued when rates were lower worth less.

You can minimize credit risk by limiting your purchases to Treasury securities and to bonds with the highest ratings. It also helps to diversify your bond holding across many industries or governments. Owning bonds that

have staggered durations, a practice known as laddering, can help to reduce market risk as well.

Reason #2: Predictability — Bonds offer a conservative way to fund future expenses. If you know that you will need money at a set time to pay for a child's education, for example you can buy bonds that come due then and give yourself the peace of mind of knowing the money will be there when you need it.

Reason #3: Income — Conservative investors often use bonds to provide steady income. When it issues a bond, a company guarantees to pay back your principal (the face value) plus interest at a preset, if modest, rate of return.

The interest they pay, known as the coupon, is typically a fixed amount. For example, a \$10,000 bond issued with a 7 percent coupon generates interest payments of about \$700 each year, thus the term "fixed-income investment." Generally, bonds pay higher income than short-term investments, such as money

market funds, CDs, and savings accounts. Since different types of bonds pay interest at different times, with careful planning and purchasing, an investor can assemble a bond portfolio that offers a constant income stream.

Reason #4: Diversification — It is a well-accepted fact that an investment portfolio's success depends greatly on its asset allocation, that is, the percentage of funds invested in stocks, bonds and cash equivalents.

By spreading across a variety of investments, diversified portfolios generally offer more reliable and stable returns over time.

Although stocks generally perform higher over the long term, stocks and bonds do well at different moments in the economic cycle.

Bond prices tend to rise and fall at different times and rate of speed from stocks, offsetting the volatility of the market.

It's been said that adding bonds to a stock portfolio lowers its return, but it lowers its volatility more.

Reason #5: Tax Savings — If sheltering income from taxes concerns you, consider tax-free municipal bonds. States, cities, counties, and towns all issue bonds to finance a wide variety of public projects. In order to encourage investors to lend money to pay for these projects, interest on municipal bonds, or "munis" as they are commonly called, is exempt from federal income tax. If you buy bonds issued by your own state, they are free of state income taxes as well. Because of this advantage, munis usually pay a lower interest rate than corporate bonds, making them appeal most to investors in high tax brackets who stand to benefit the most from the bonds' tax exempt status.

Knowing What You're Getting Into — Investing in bonds can be more complicated than you might think. To learn more about how bonds can enhance your investment strategy, consult with your CPA.

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HESAA Announces Interest Rates For Student Loan Program

AREA The variable interest rate for New Jersey's supplemental student loan program, NJCLASS, has dropped over one percent from last year, according to the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA).

The interest rate for NJCLASS variable loans, which can be applied to the costs of graduate and professional studies, is 4.75 percent, down from 5.8 percent last year. For undergraduate students who pay the principal and

interest of the loans monthly by automatic payments, the new fixed rate is a low 5.8 percent. Other fixed rate loans carry an interest rate of 6.3 percent to 6.6 percent. Unlike other student loans, NJCLASS offers students the option of a fixed rate so that they can lock into that rate for the entire 15-year repayment period.

"We are pleased to offer New Jersey students the financial assistance they need to broaden their horizons and achieve their educational goals," said HESAA

Executive Director Elizabeth Wong.

NJCLASS (New Jersey College Loans to Assist Students) provides loans to undergraduate, graduate and professional students, and has many borrower benefits:

- Three convenient repayment options.
- Fee reduction (0.50 percent) for automatic payments on eligible loans.
- Cap (9.0 percent) for all new variable rate loans.
- Either the student or the parent may apply for fixed rate loans.
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Interest rates for fixed rate loans are effective immediately. The variable rate is effective for loans disbursed after June 30.

The NJCLASS program is funded through the annual sale of student loan revenue bonds, making low-cost loans available to students while requiring no financial support from taxpayers. A popular program among college-bound students and their families, NJCLASS loan volume has increased by more than 650 percent over the last six years.

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SUNDAY, July 28		SUNDAY, July 28
Mid-Day ... 315	0180	2-4-5-11-15
Evening ... 548	5385	MONDAY, July 29
MONDAY, July 29		5-19-28-34-38
Mid-Day ... 289	8833	TUESDAY, July 30
Evening ... 536	0708	2-4-22-25-37
TUESDAY, July 30		WEDNESDAY, July 31
Mid-Day ... 777	2589	8-10-12-16-37
Evening ... 228	7839	THURSDAY, Aug. 1
WEDNESDAY, July 31		5-8-16-22-23
Mid-Day ... 899	3487	FRIDAY, Aug. 2
Evening ... 120	5580	4-11-17-18-32
THURSDAY, Aug. 1		SATURDAY, Aug. 3
Mid-Day ... 690	5255	5-6-14-19-30
Evening ... 580	8100	
FRIDAY, Aug. 2		BIG GAME WINNING Numbers
Mid-Day ... 014	9746	TUESDAY, July 30
Evening ... 276	5827	2-6-22-27-44/1
SATURDAY, Aug. 3		FRIDAY, Aug. 2
Mid-Day ... 220	5626	10-16-23-28-31/7
Evening ... 040	9881	
WINNING PICK-6 Numbers		LOTZEE WINNING Numbers
MONDAY, July 29		WEDNESDAY, July 31
14-23-28-36-41-43		8-9-11-72
THURSDAY, Aug. 1		SATURDAY, Aug. 3
2-27-30-34-47-48		27-40-41-53

OBITUARIES
**Catherine Zeitler, 81
of Woodbridge**

Mrs. Catherine Zeitler of Woodbridge died July 15 at home. She was 81.

Born in Edgewater, she resided in Irvington before moving to Woodbridge 22 years ago.

Mrs. Zeitler was employed as an administrative assistant for Coleman Tuxedo in Irvington for 10 years before retiring in 1981.

She was a member of the Woodbridge United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Howard R. Zeitler, died in 2000, and two brothers, William and Charles Freitag, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Boehm of Neptune; a son, Bill Zeitler of Edison; three grandchildren, Jacqueline Boehm, Christine Risano and Daniel Boehm and his fiancée, Paula Lora, and three great-grandchildren.

**Ralph Antonello, Sr.
of Carteret**

Mr. Ralph W. Antonello Sr. of Carteret died July 25 at Runnels Specialized Hospital, Berkely Heights. He was 79.

Born in Pittston, Pa., he lived in Carteret since 1953.

He was a 1956 graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

He was retired from Western Electric Co. in Kearny, where he worked for 42 years and was the supervisor. Mr. Antonello was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Carrey Council 1280, Carteret.

He was one of the founders of the Carteret Little League and he was the first coach of the Carteret Pop Warner League.

His wife, Bernice Antonello, died in 1992, and a sister, Rosemary Smith, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Denise Nunez, of Flemington; a son, Ralph Antonello, of Carteret; four grandchildren, Amy Antonello, Allyson Thompson, Jennifer Stine, and Jessica Nunez; three great-grandchildren, Gabriella and Isabella Stine, and Dominic Caraballo.

**Jean Dalton, 68
of Sewaren**

Mrs. Jean Dalton died July 22 at Rahway Hospital. She was 68.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she resided there before moving to the Sewaren section of Woodbridge 47 years ago.

Mrs. Dalton was employed as a shademaker with Tombs Studio, Sewaren, for many years before retiring in 1994.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church in Port Reading and former treasurer of its Altar Rosary Society.

She was a former officer in the Parent-Teacher Organization at School 12 in Sewaren.

Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Joseph Dalton Sr.; a son, Joseph Dalton Jr. of Fords; a sister, Nancy Devine of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; a grandson, Matthew Dalton, and many nieces and nephews.

**Robert A. Keefer, 87
of Edison**

Mr. Robert A. Keefer of Edison died July 24 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Edison. He was 87.

Born in Sunbury, Pa., he resided in Edison for the past 36 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Keefer worked at Westinghouse Corp. in Edison for 34 years before retiring in 1976.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ethel Stahl; a daughter, Connie J. McGowan of Edison; a son, Robert C. Keefer, of Honolulu, Hawaii, and a granddaughter, Maggie McGowan of Edison.

**Michael Rondinone
of Fords**

Mr. Michael L. Rondinone of Fords died July 20 at home. He was 65.

Born in Hoboken, he lived in Fords for the last 32 years.

He was the owner and operator of an auto body business in Hoboken for over 40 years.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church. He was also a member of the Hoboken Elks Lodge 74.

His parents, Michael and Marie Rondinone, and a son, Michael Rondinone, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Patricia (Burk); a daughter, Lori Cocco of Manalapan; a daughter-in-law, Florence Rondinone of Lyndhurst; three sisters, Florence DeNatale of Barnegat, Delores Bartlett of North Bergen, and Louise Rosano of East Rutherford; two brothers, Frank Rondinone of Sayreville, and Anthony Rondinone of Bricktown; two grandsons, Nicholas and Alexander Cocco, and many nieces and nephews.

**Robert P. Poirier, 59
of Edison**

Mr. Robert P. Poirier, 59, of Ocala, Fla., (formerly of Edison) died July 19 at home. He was 59.

Born in Paterson, he lived in Edison before moving to Ocala.

He was a human resources manager with Setco Inc., Cranbury, before retiring.

Mr. Poirier served in the Army during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; two sons, Robert and Todd; a brother, Frank, and four grandchildren.

**Carmelo Delgado
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Carmelo Delgado of Perth Amboy died July 22 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 69.

Born in Puerto Rico, he lived in New Brunswick before moving to Perth Amboy.

Mr. Delgado was a machine operator for Holophone Co., Edison, for 30 years before retiring in 1993.

Surviving are five daughters, Carmen Rodriguez, Aida Rivera, Diane Rentas, Janet Garcia and Monica Cancel; four sons, Carmelo Delgado-Perez, Carmelo and Bienvenido and Richard; two sisters, Juanita Rodriguez and Maria Biladeau; a brother, Julio Rosa, and 13 grandchildren.

**Clara Connolly
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Clara (Dushock) Connolly died July 21 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division.

She was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church in Perth Amboy and was a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and the Perth Amboy Women's Club.

Her sister, Agnes Mooney, died in 1965.

Surviving are her husband of 50 years, James Connolly; a daughter, Mary Wamsley of Perth Amboy; two grandsons, Brad Wamsley Jr. and James Wamsley, both of Perth Amboy; and two cousins, Kathie Smith of Manalapan and Dr. Kate Smith of Union.



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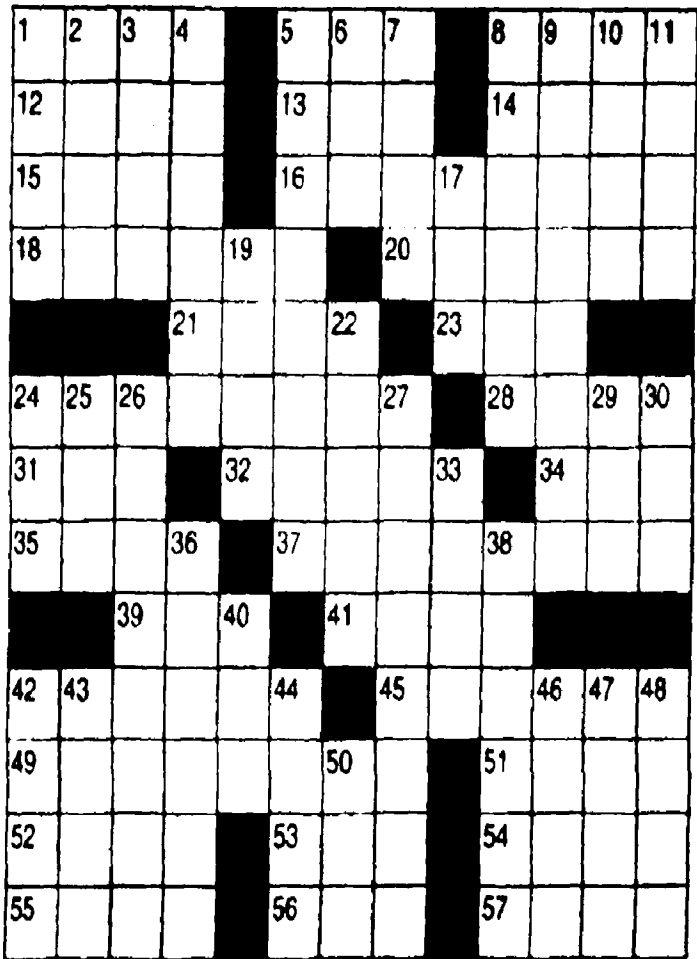
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Liza told Tad she'll beat Adam at his own game. Meanwhile, Adam told Barry he planned to gain custody of Colby by having Liza committed to Oak Haven. "Maria" seemed to have no memory about Brooke or Pine Valley as she made a call to David. Opal was shocked by Palmer's proposed solution to their son Petey's problems. Greenlee confronted Erica about statements she made to the press, causing Kendall to step into the fray. Wait to See: "Maria" threatens to create havoc.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Lucy told Craig about a "dirty deal." Carly decided to organize a dinner for Molly and Mike. Unable to come to terms with her anger toward Emily, Alison began plotting her next move. Rose felt increasingly under pressure as she tried to find the diamond. Wait to See: Carly and Molly send an urgent message.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Amber felt she could no longer make Rick proud and

considered walking out on their marriage, prompting Sheila to urge Erica to play up to Rick. Later, Taylor's questions made Amber wonder if Lance had been lying to her. Lance later told Sheila he'll leave town for a price: \$100,000. C.J. grew increasingly interested in Bridget. Wait to See: Amber makes a crucial decision.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

John and Tony found several clues that could help them solve the mystery of the blue cobalt key. Philip tried to cheer up Chloe while Brady searched for information about her father. Brandon's animosity toward Abe intensified. Belle and Shawn continued to help the Gemini Twins adapt to their new lives. Wait to See: Lexie asks Abe for another chance.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Carly confessed to Sonny that she knew that Alexis was pregnant before he did. As Laura recovered more of her memory, Bobbie was able to give Luke the name of a nurse from Rick's past. Later, after Luke got Theresa Carter to tell him about the events that transpired on that fateful night in the attic, Rick called her to congratulate her on her performance. Alcazar plotted revenge against Roy for his refusal to take orders. Wait to See: Liz refuses to choose between Jason and Zander. AJ uncovers Carly's plan.

GUIDING LIGHT

Carmen caught Danny in action. Ed and Michelle came up with a plan to cover for Mel. Tammy searched for answers. Without telling each other what they planned to do, Gus and Harley embarked on the same mission. Wait to See: Cassie is offered a choice. Holly tells the men in her life how she feels about them.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Troy searched for Nora in a panic after learning of Lindsay's escape from prison. Blair admitted to Sam that

she had been trying to reunite him with Nora. Viki upset Niki with her sudden return. Believing Jennifer to be away, Al set fire to her room, leaving Natalie's keys at the scene. But to his horror, Al learned Jen had returned home, and he realized he had to rescue her. T a and Todd grew closer. Asa heaped more punishment on Rae. Wait to See: Bo begins to realize the truth about Viki.

PASSIONS

At the hospital, Eve struggled to save Charity's life, while Tabitha kept a tearful vigil at Timmy's bedside. As Diana (Sheridan) looked forward to meeting Brian's (Antonio's) family, Julian's past returned to haunt him. Ivy and Rebecca squirmed as Ethan reacted to news about the doctored tape. Julian held his new son in his arms for the first time. Wait to See: Tabitha recovers her full powers.

PORT CHARLES

Livvie got distressing news about her baby and issued a threat while confronting the Avatar. Meanwhile, Lucy planned to secretly test the paternity of Livvie's child. Kate and Ian came to the same conclusion about the identity of the Avatar. Jack tried to take Alison's mind off Rafe. Later, as Rafe and Alison crossed paths, each tried to hide their feelings for the other. Marissa was upset with Jamal's interest in Casey. Wait to See: Lucy reads the test results.

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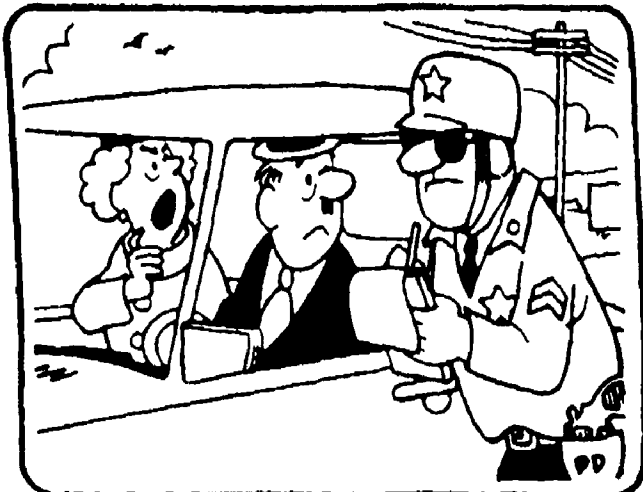
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Max was furious when he learned Nikki accepted Victor's proposal, and after Lorie told him of her recent disappointment with Victor, Max said there may be a way they can both get what they want. Victoria noted Sharon's jealous glances as she and Diego sat together at the coffeehouse. Billy suggested to Mac that they put off college for a year and join her father, Brock, in building homes for the underprivileged. To Michael's surprise, Lauren supported his romantic intentions toward Christine. Wait to See: Paul tries to deal with his feelings for Chris and his commitment to Isabella.

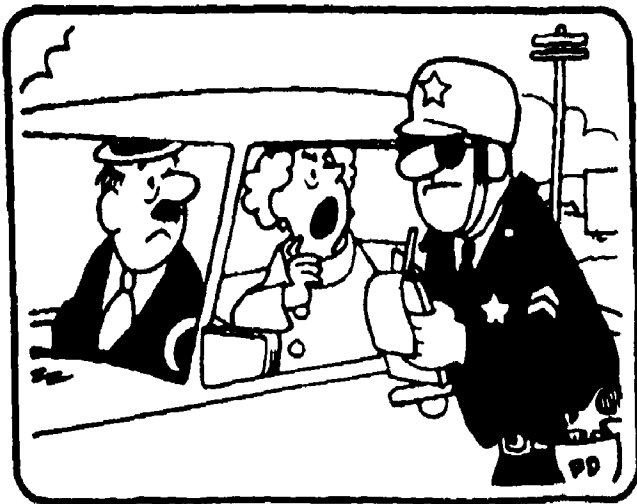
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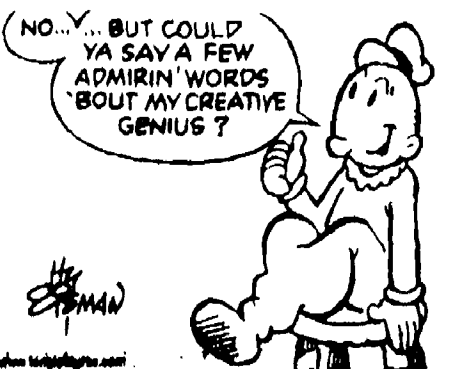
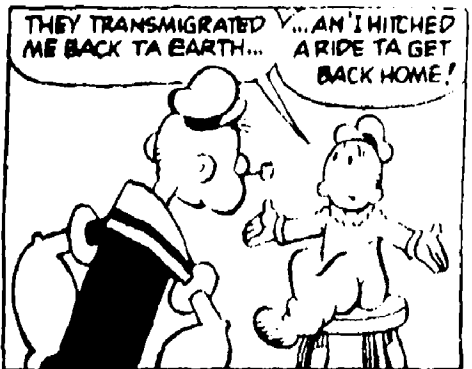
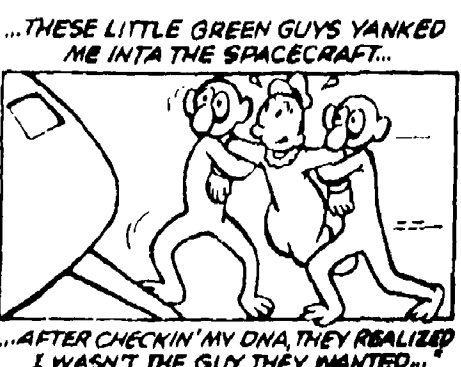
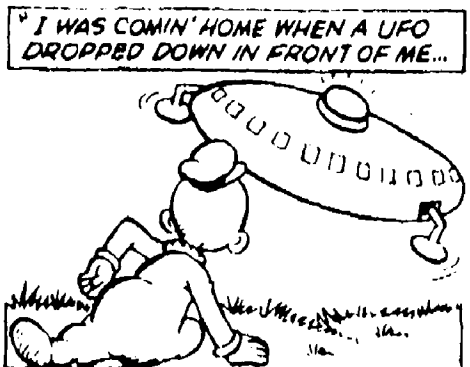
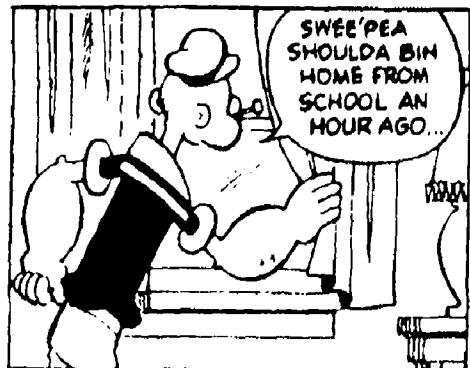
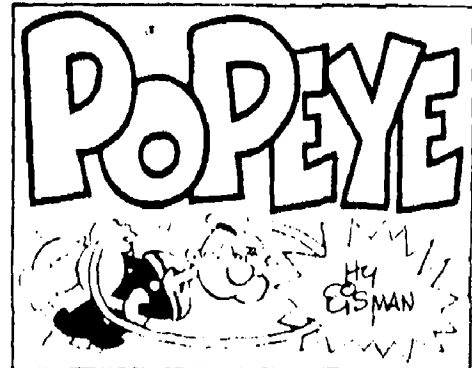
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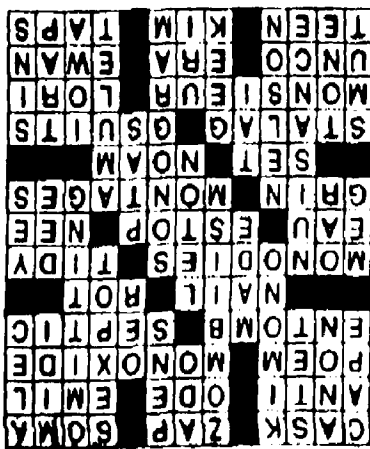
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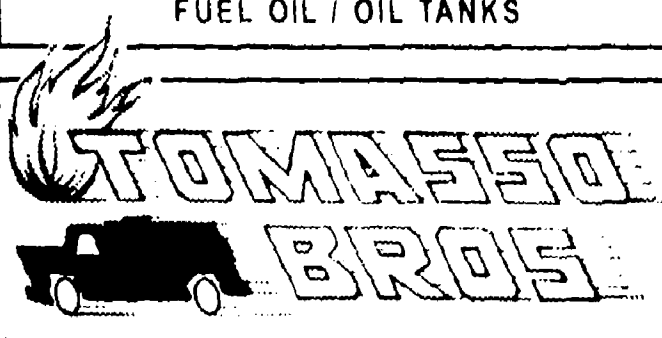
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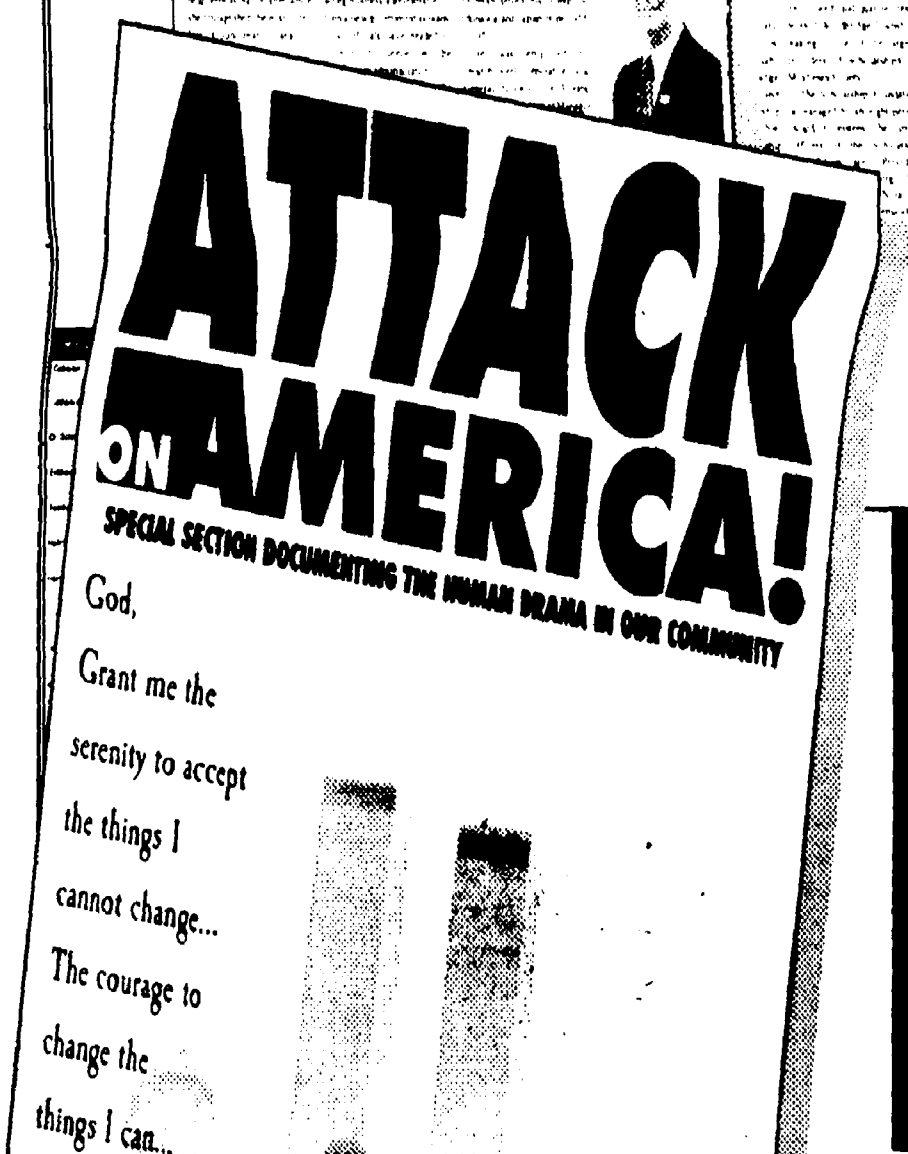
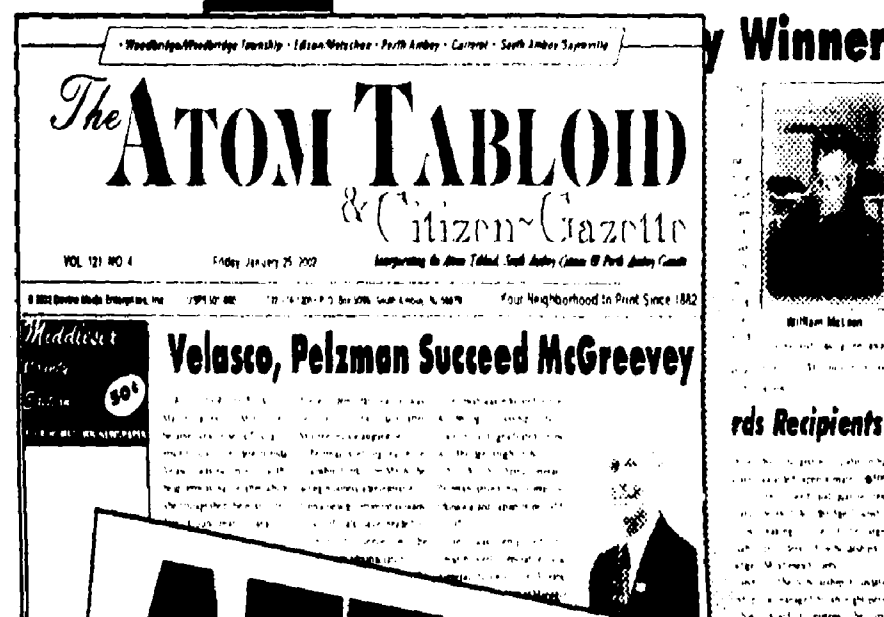
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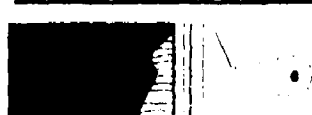
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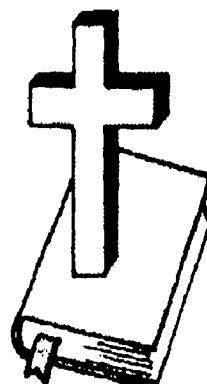
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City Clinic Hopes To Expand

PERTHAMBOY A medical clinic that opened its doors in January to this Middlesex County city's poor and uninsured hopes to extend its reach with a \$1.25 million federal grant.

The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, which has 600 patients under care, has been receiving funding from the 23-month grant since April 1.

The center held a grand opening Sunday, at which Bobby Polito, director of faith- and community-based programs for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, toured the clinic and met with its staff.

Polito said the clinic is the

country's first federally qualified, faith-based medical center.

Promoting faith- and community-based programs is part of President Bush's domestic agenda. Besides Health and Human Services, the departments of Housing and Urban Development, Labor, Education, and Justice have offices for such programs.

Perth Amboy has been designated a medically underserved area, meaning it has too few primary care physicians to meet the needs of its 42,000 residents, 70 percent of whom are Latino. The designation was key to the center gaining the federal funding.

David Jaslow, the clinic's chief executive officer, said the grand opening raises the clinic's profile. "We now have the money to do outreach and marketing in the community," he said.

Jaslow said the clinic's staff of about 10 includes a physician and nurse practitioner who both speak Spanish. The clinic serves the poor, but also those who are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance.

"We do not allow payment to be a barrier to care," Jaslow said.

Six of the clinic's 11 board members are would-be patrons of its services, while the remainder are people who live or work in the community and bring special skills to the board.

Opening the clinic was a three-year endeavor, said Alan Goldsmith, founder and executive director of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. Goldsmith said a goal is to move the clinic from its 1,300-square-foot facility to a 30,000-square-foot one in two years.

School Board, Staff Get New Dress Code

SAYREVILLE Teachers are not the only ones with a new dress code when they return to school this fall. The Board of Education which established a new dress code for teachers earlier this month, has agreed to adopt one for itself.

Every member of the all-male board would be required to wear a shirt, jacket and tie to public meetings which are televised.

Board member Alvah Cox believes that if the employees must adhere to a new dress code that the board should adhere to one as well.

The panel is looking into getting its own blue blazers with a Sayreville Board of Education logo.

The staff dress code came about because Superintendent of Schools Dennis Fyfe said he felt that some of the staff were

getting more casual than he was comfortable with, though most of the employees dress in a professional manner all the time.

The district's previous employee dress code was too vague, requiring employees to "dress in appropriate attire." Board President Kevin Clark complained there was no specific written policy and some teachers came in with jeans while others wore ties.

The new dress code policy prohibits short, tight fitting, or see through clothing, jeans, T-shirts, sneakers, beachwear or any item that may attract undue attention. District officials say that they expect no controversy. With increasing restrictions on student dress codes, it may not be surprising that districts consider stricter regulations for their employees as well.

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