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Water Shortage Means Dry "Wetdown"

SOUTH AMBOY—When new fire trucks are delivered, it's a time-honored tradition to 'baptize' the vehicle at a community celebration known as a wetdown.

The state's water shortage is putting a crimp in that practice, but the South Amboy Fire Department remains jubilant about its latest acquisition and the celebration will go on without the shower from high-powered water cannons and hoses.

"The South Amboy Fire Department recently took delivery of a 2001 Pierce Enforcer engine. On Saturday May 18, 2002, we would like you and your family to help us welcome the new Engine 7," said

The event will take place, rain or shine, at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park between 1 and 5 p.m.

There will be food, beverages, music and more. Area fire departments will participate in an Apparatus Judging between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. at the St. Mary's Elementary School parking lot. Immediately following the judging will be a "Drive Thru Parade."

"Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will not be any use of water allowed," the department stated. "We appreciate everyone's cooperation."

Independence Engine 7 had been out of service since Oct. 31 when their apparatus, a 1976 Seagrave 1500GPM pumper, had failed.



South Amboy's newest fire rig, a Pierce Enforcer fire engine pumper

The new Engine 7 is a 2001 Pierce Enforcer, from Fire & Safety of Piscataway.

This new pumper has an eight man closed cab, a 10 inch raised roof, a mid-ship Waterous pump, a 750 gallon water tank and a 50 gallon foam tank.

Compartment space on the vehicle is plentiful and allows the safe storage of all of the department's tools plus some new ones such as a Honda gas-powered portable flood light, a positive pressure fan, several saws and cutting tools, salvage tarps, and search ropes.

"In South Amboy alone, I believe we have more fire apparatus in a square mile than anywhere in the U.S."

Several of our Fire Dept. members own their own piece of history... fire apparatus," said Steven Velaquez. "One can't drive down a block and not see a large red vehicle covered with a tarp in someone's driveway."

The vehicle was delivered to anxious firefighters on Nov. 30, who waited from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the pumper due to some confusion that delayed the arrival.

Sacred Heart Parish Carnival

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Raritan Bay 100th Anniversary Celebration

PERTH AMBOY — Visitors to the Perth Amboy Division of Raritan Bay Medical Center on May 18 will see clowns and entertainers, a slide funhouse and other rides in front of the main hospital entrance on Groom and Barclay Street when the medical center sponsors its 100th An-

niversary Community Celebration, a FREE carnival and health fair, on Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine.

In addition to rides and entertainment, spin art and face painting, the hospital will provide free health screenings, including cholesterol/lipid (12

hour fast required) and tours of the medical center.

The Perth Amboy Division of Raritan Bay Medical Center is located at 530 New Brunswick Avenue, just off Rt. 35 North (Convery Blvd.). For information about this event, call (732) 324-5098.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**Young Named to Cancer Center Board**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Dean & Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center. Susan Young, the owner of a media relations company in East Brunswick, has been named to the Board of Managers of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, which is based in New Brunswick. Betty Gallo founded the facility in 1998. In 1994, her husband, former Congressman Dean Gallo of Morris County, died of prostate cancer at the age of 58.

Young will join twelve others who serve on the Board of Managers. Young is a 1984 graduate of Quinnipiac University in Hamden CT. Young is an award-winning radio news director, on-air anchor and reporter who also served as Deputy Director of Governor Christie Whitman's

Office of Radio & Television in Trenton. Betty Gallo said, "We are pleased to add Susan to our Board of Managers. Her extensive experience in the news business and in state government will add a new dynamic that will help the Gallo Center to move forward with our expansion and growth."

Young had worked closely with Congressman Gallo between 1988 and 1993 when she served as news director at WMTR/WDHA Radio in Morristown, which was part of

Gallo's district. She said, "Congressman Gallo was a dedicated legislator and an outstanding human being."

It's an honor to join the Board and to carry on his wishes to help fight prostate cancer."

Susan Young Media Relations (www.sueyoungmedia.com) builds the name recognition of businesses and non-profits through print, radio and TV news.

The company specializes in creating special media projects and public awareness/education campaigns. Susan Young is also a frequent speaker and presenter at business and professional meetings

9/11 Support Group

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County is offering a support group for 9/11 World Trade Center survivors and displaced workers. This group offers individuals an opportunity to talk about the impact of the 9/11 tragic events on their life, share the emotional turmoil they have experienced and develop new ways of coping.

The Support Group meets on an ongoing basis on Monday evenings, 8 p.m. at the JFVS Center For Individual & Family Growth, 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201, Edison. There is no charge for this group that is facilitated by Nancy Schley, LCSW. To register, call (732) 777-1940, ext. 112.

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Saving Students From Financial Illiteracy

SOUTH AMBOY—Last month, Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union, along with the Credit Union League of New Jersey, helped raise financial awareness at South Amboy High School.

Mary Moulds, Director of Education and Training, CUANJ, made a presentation to the students, including educational games and an open discussion, on the importance of financial literacy.

Included in this presentation was the M&M Energizer game, wherein students were prompted to openly discuss their personal and financial goals, facts

about money, money management experiences, and more.

Moulds' then surprised the students with many frightening statistics, including that, "15% of students, in the nation, will file for bankruptcy by the age of 21."

This is mainly due to the temptation of applying for their first credit card upon entering college, without being informed on how to control their spending habits.

Following Moulds' presentation, Laura-Ilene Harding, Marketing Coordinator, Raritan Bay FCU, spoke to the students about the benefits of Credit

Union membership. She urged the students to take advantage of the Lighthouse, a student-run office of the Credit Union, which operates within the high school, two days a week.

The Lighthouse, which is in its fourth year of operation, is the first credit union office operated by high school students in the state of NJ. Harding also announced the launch of two new club accounts available to students, Ring & Prom Clubs, designed to help students save for milestone events during their junior and senior years.



PROMOTING FINANCIAL LITERACY—Mary Moulds, Director of Education and Training, CUANJ, makes a presentation to the students at South Amboy High School.

New Medical ID Card Program For Seniors

PERTH AMBOY—Perth Amboy has announced a new medical identification card

program for senior citizens. The program is part of Perth Amboy's ongoing commit-

ment to providing the highest level of health, safety and social wellness programs to its

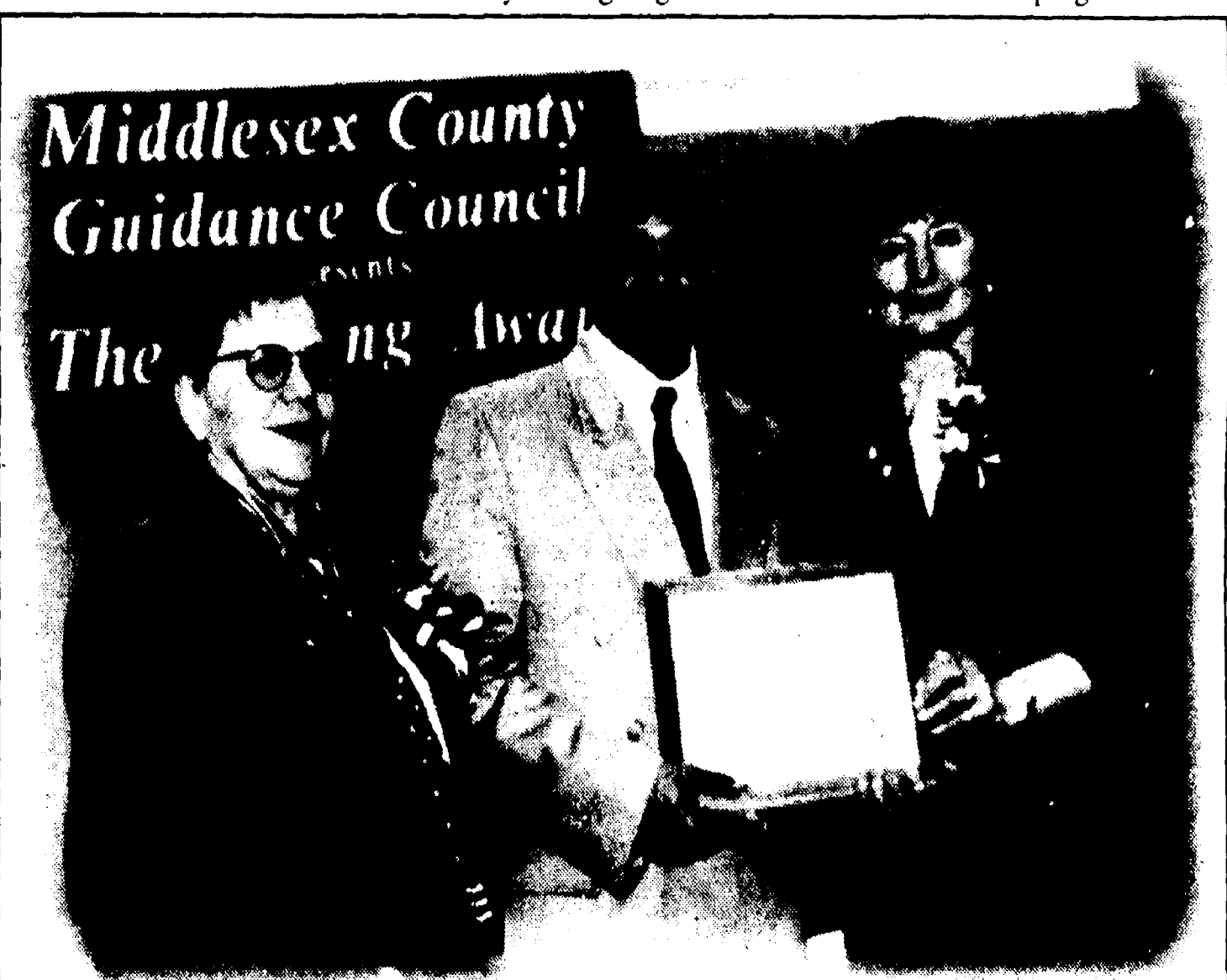
senior citizen population.

"This is an excellent way for seniors to proactively protect themselves in case of an emergency. Having these cards readily available will allow medical personnel to more quickly and properly tend to their needs," stated Mayor Joseph Vas. "I'd also like to thank the Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance and Raritan Medical Center for recognizing the importance of this program and eagerly serving as our sponsors."

The Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is co-sponsoring the program by providing seniors with over 1,000 wallets, which will be used to carry personal medical identification cards. Raritan

Bay Medical Center is also co-sponsoring the program by providing the medical identification cards, which will contain personal information, emergency contact numbers, allergies, medications being taken or any existing medical conditions.

The city's Office on Aging will be distributing over 700 wallets and cards to Perth Amboy's many senior citizen organizations. The remaining wallets will be available at the Olive Street Community Center for anyone 55 years of age and older who wishes to pick one up. The Office on Aging will also assist any seniors that have difficulty reading prescriptions or filling out their medical information.



CARING AWARD WINNER—Joseph McGibboney (C.) of Perth Amboy High School, receives his Caring Award from Marie Zebro Lake (L.) and Shirlee Camp, chairpersons of the annual Caring Awards held at Middlesex County College in April. The event, sponsored by the Middlesex County Guidance Council, recognizes high school students for outstanding service to their communities and those in need. McGibboney volunteers at the Raritan Bay Medical Center and with Willow Tree, a drug, alcohol and violence prevention program.

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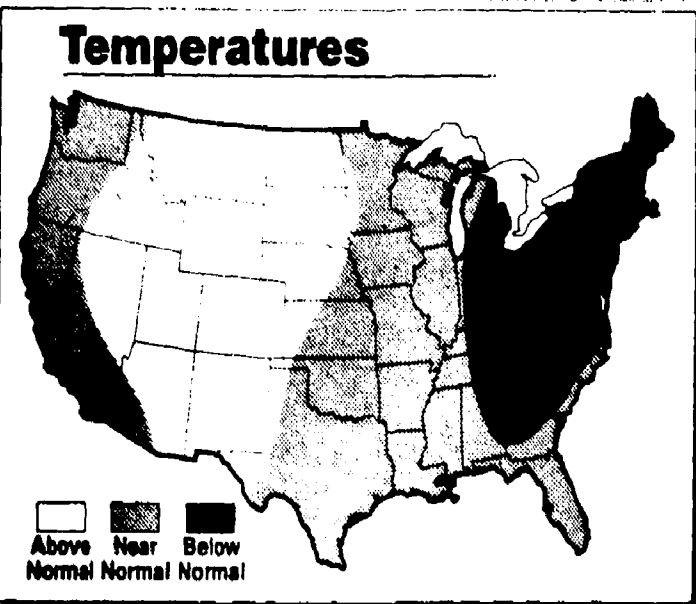
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly sunny and breezy.	Mostly cloudy and breezy.	Cloudy; it may shower.	Cloudy with rain.	Cloudy with morning rain.	Sunshine and windy.	Clouds and sun.	Plenty of clouds.
77	54	72/55	65/51	70/43	62/43	66/53	63/52

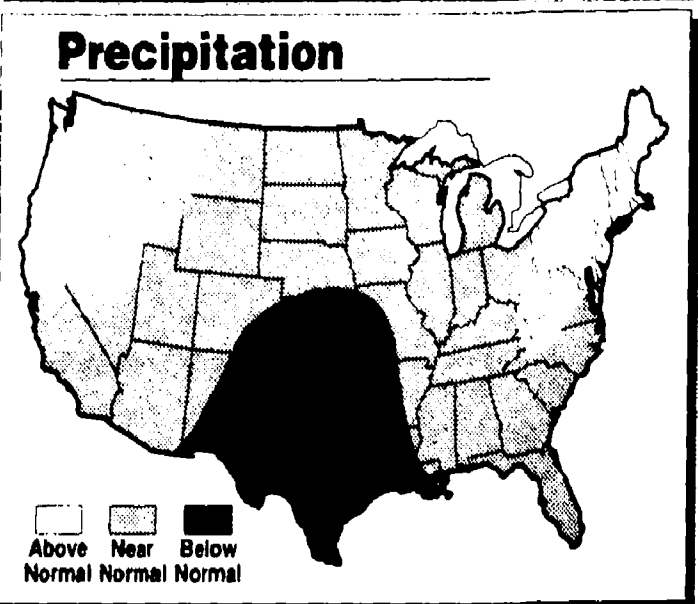
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

A wintertime pattern is expected to develop over the lower 48 states this period. The Northwest and much of the eastern United States will have below-normal temperatures. A large area of above-normal temperatures will occur over the interior West and Plains. Above-normal precipitation is expected in the Northwest and Northeast.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	80 60 s	82 64 pc	78 60 t	78 58 r
Boston	72 54 pc	66 50 pc	59 48 sh	64 50 r
Chicago	68 46 sh	60 42 pc	64 46 s	70 48 c
Cleveland	68 52 sh	64 46 r	60 44 sh	64 38 s
Denver	64 40 pc	72 46 pc	76 48 s	78 48 s
Des Moines	66 47 sh	62 44 s	68 50 s	74 45 pc
Detroit	68 48 c	60 44 r	62 45 sh	65 37 s
Houston	90 72 pc	90 74 t	90 74 sh	88 70 pc
Indianapolis	70 55 sh	67 49 r	67 47 sh	68 42 pc
Kansas City	68 52 t	64 48 c	72 52 pc	76 48 pc
Los Angeles	72 54 pc	74 56 pc	75 53 pc	78 41 pc
Miami	86 76 pc	88 76 t	88 76 t	87 76 c
Minn.-St. Paul	64 42 sh	62 40 pc	66 42 s	72 46 s
New Orleans	87 71 pc	85 69 t	82 66 r	83 55 s
New York City	74 58 s	72 56 sh	66 52 r	69 46 r
Omaha	66 52 t	64 44 pc	72 50 s	76 46 pc
Phoenix	100 72 s	102 72 s	102 70 s	98 70 s
San Francisco	70 52 s	68 52 pc	66 51 pc	65 40 pc
Seattle	64 46 s	60 44 sh	61 46 c	61 42 c
Washington	80 60 s	78 60 c	72 54 r	73 47 r

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 5:40 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Fri. 5:39 a.m.	8:09 p.m.
Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 8:49 a.m.	none
Fri. 9:51 a.m.	12:29 a.m.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 19	May 26	June 2	June 10

Weather (W):
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,
c-cloudy, sh-showers,
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	76 63 pc	73 61 sh	68 49 pc	59 47 r
Berlin	74 58 pc	82 64 c	75 58 t	60 51 r
Buenos Aires	61 54 c	61 50 c	59 52 c	53 37 r
Cairo	87 57 s	88 57 s	87 57 s	87 56 s
Jerusalem	73 48 pc	77 49 s	75 47 s	74 45 s
Johannesburg	73 45 s	76 44 s	71 46 s	70 43 s
London	77 61 c	66 56 r	67 50 c	57 45 r
Madrid	87 56 pc	78 41 pc	70 44 pc	72 44 pc
Mexico City	70 60 sh	72 56 r	75 58 c	74 56 c
Moscow	65 47 c	59 52 pc	66 60 r	77 59 pc
Paris	81 65 c	69 58 c	63 50 sh	57 46 r
Rio de Janeiro	79 69 pc	78 66 c	74 65 c	77 66 c
Rome	77 55 pc	78 55 s	76 55 pc	73 50 s
San Juan	87 73 pc	87 73 pc	86 73 pc	86 74 pc
Seoul	62 52 sh	65 51 sh	70 55 pc	73 60 pc
Sydney	66 56 c	62 41 c	62 44 s	59 44 pc
Tokyo	65 63 c	70 67 r	74 64 r	75 59 s
Toronto	61 46 c	54 40 sh	51 30 sh	53 33 s
Winnipeg	45 22 pc	49 29 pc	55 30 s	56 36 pc
Zurich	79 54 pc	81 56 pc	69 46 r	63 47 c

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 16 at 10 a.m.-A Well Child Clinic (physical examination, health counseling and immunizations for children from birth-5 years) will be held at the Woodbridge Public Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, sponsored by the Woodbridge Public Health and Human Services. \$5 per child. Must call to make an appointment, (732) 855-0600, ext. 5011.

May 16 at 7:30 p.m.-Rev. Fr. John M. Connor will celebrate a healing Mass at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m., followed by Praise and Mass. Music by Pat and Connie Costa.

May 18 at 8 p.m.-The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Victory Fourth Degree Assembly 0670, Sayreville will sponsor an evening of Big Band Music featuring *The Swingtones*. All are welcome. The cost is \$30 per person and includes open bar, complete dinner and dancing to live swing music. Call Andy Gnapp at the council home for further details or tickets at (732) 257-2061.

May 21 from 2-3 p.m.-A free blood pressure screening will be held at the Woodbridge Main Library, 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, sponsored by the Woodbridge Public Health and Human Services. Call (732) 855-0600, ext 5011 for further information.

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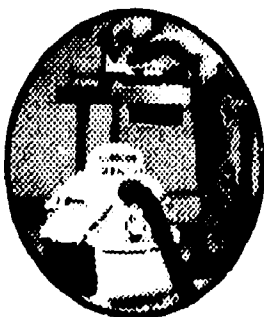
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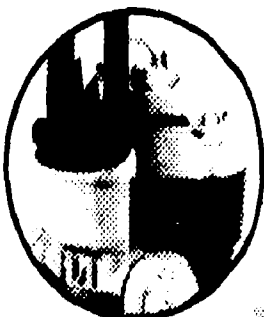
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"In addition to our curbside collection efforts, Middlesex has programs to collect and recycle old paint and paint products, tires, household hazardous waste, wood, grass clippings and even outdated electronic equipment," she said. "It is one of the most comprehensive County programs in New Jersey."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — For the second straight year, Middlesex County ranks first in the state in recycling, according to a report released recently by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

In 2000, the last year for which data has been audited, Middlesex County residents and businesses recycled 1,497,168 tons of material,

which accounted for 65.3 percent of the county's total waste stream.

Second to Middlesex in terms of the amount of material recycled was Bergen County with 1,719,770 tons, but that amount accounted for only 56.2 percent of Bergen's waste stream.

Second to Middlesex in terms of recycling percentage was Gloucester County with

64.4 percent. For the sixth year in a row, Middlesex County has met or exceeded the State's 60 percent recycling goal.

"Everyone in Middlesex County contributes to this recycling effort and everyone in Middlesex County should be proud that we are doing the best job in the State," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabel, the freeholder liaison

to the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), which operates the recycling programs in 16 Middlesex municipalities.

Freeholder Camille Fernicola noted that Middlesex offers a wide variety of recycling opportunities to County residents.

"In addition to our curbside collection efforts, Middlesex has programs to collect and recycle old paint and paint products, tires, household hazardous waste, wood, grass clippings and even outdated

electronic equipment," she said. "It is one of the most comprehensive County programs in New Jersey."

Fernicola said that recycling saves money by reducing the amount of garbage that must be taken to the County landfill, and also preserves landfill space.

For more information on recycling in Middlesex County, visit the MCIA's award-winning web site, www.mciauth.com or call 1-800-488-MCIA.

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SAYREVILLE—Senator Joseph Vitale, Assemblywoman Arline Friscia and Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski have informed senior citizens about Together Rx, which is being offered to low-income seniors and will provide significant cost savings for prescription drugs.

The "Together Rx Card" is a prescription drug coverage card that was created through the collaboration of several pharmaceutical companies, in order to offer cost savings to seniors.

This card will allow Medicare enrollees who have no public or private prescription drug coverage the opportunity to purchase their prescription drugs at a reduced cost of 20-40 percent if they qualify. To qualify, individuals should have incomes below \$28,000 and couples should have incomes below \$38,000.

There is no annual fee for participating in Together Rx

and the card is free. Seniors will receive the savings at the pharmacy counter and the card is accepted by many of the pharmacy retailers in our community including Wal-Mart, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Target and Costco covering over 150 medications.

Seniors will be able to receive prescription drugs for many of the common conditions they endure daily including hypertension, high cholesterol, cancer, allergy, asthma, arthritis and depression.

The Legislators say that many seniors living on fixed incomes have to make the choice between paying for prescription drugs or placing food on the table. This is a grave concern that will be addressed by the prescription card.

Eligible senior citizens may apply for the Together Rx Card by calling 1-800-865-7211 or online at www.together-rx.com.

Tee-Off For A Good Cause

EDISON—Space is still available in the Solaris Invitational for individuals or foursomes interested in playing golf to raise money to benefit the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute and JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute's Center For Head Injuries. The Solaris Invitational will be held on Monday, May 13, at Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield. The cost is \$5,000 per foursome or \$1,250 per golfer. For more information, call the JFK Medical Center Foundation at (732) 632-1540.

Located at JFK Medical Center, Edison, the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute is the state's premiere facility dedicated to neurological and neurosur-

gical conditions in both adults and children. The New Jersey Neuroscience Institute serves as one of the most extensive clinical programs in the state for the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with complex neurological diseases and injuries. The staff includes neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuropathologists, psychologists, neuro-oncologists, neuroradiologists, researchers and allied health professionals who are dedicated to a program of care that meets the specific needs of each individual patient.

The JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute in Edison was one of the first rehabilitation centers in the country to recognize that individuals with

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Pictured (L-R): Sixteen year-old Klarence Stillwater, a student and mentee at First Concern, a social service agency in Fords that helps older teens aging out of NJ's foster care program, Metuchen resident David Frizell, Esq., who is his mentor and a member of the group's Board of Trustees, and Charles Venti, the director of the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services. At First Concern's recent awards dinner, Venti was honored with the "Pillar of Courage" Award for his vision and ongoing commitment to helping to develop the pioneering First Concern model and curriculum for troubled children.

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Perth Amboy Sailor Returns Home After East Coast Exercise

**By L.M. Wassilieff and
Photo by Marc Boyd**

PERTH AMBOY — The men and women of the U.S. Navy rely on one another to get their jobs done. Without teamwork and cooperation, mission accomplishment would not happen. That is the reason why training maneuvers like Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 02-1 exist.

This operation brought together five coastal mine hunters, the USS John F. Kennedy Battle Group and the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group. For Sailors aboard USS Cormorant (MHC 57), like 25-year-old Izza J. Correa Gonzalez, this was an opportunity to work with Sailors from other ships as one team.

Navy Seaman Correa Gonzalez, the daughter of Edris and Agustina Correa of Perth Amboy, maintains and preserves the surfaces and desk equipment aboard Cormorant. Correa Gonzalez found her participation in JTFEX 02-1 to be worthwhile.

"The training and preparation have helped me prepare to defend the country," said Correa Gonzalez, a 1995 graduate of Perth Amboy High School.

JTFEX 02-1 took place during Cormorant's routine two-month deployment along the

East Coast. The Sailors completed their tasks in an environment that stressed many aspects of modern naval warfare. These tasks included surveillance, rescue, marine interdiction, embassy support and non-combatant evacuation. Though her duties are challenging, Correa Gonzalez finds many rewards in serving on Cormorant.

"The most rewarding part of my job is being part of this crew," said Correa Gonzalez, a one-year Navy veteran.

The efforts of Cormorant's crew keep this coastal mine hunter afloat. As a member of the Osprey class of mine hunters, Cormorant is capable of finding, classifying and destroying moored and bottom mines. Ships like Cormorant are the first large mine countermeasures ships to be built in the United States in nearly 27 years.

Now, Cormorant and all the other ships involved in JTFEX 02-1 are fully certified to complete any mission they may be tasked with.

While completing this certification, Sailors like Correa Gonzalez also had an opportunity to take advantage of the travel opportunities that being in the Navy offers. The Sailors explored Atlantic and Caribbean

ports such as Key West, Fla., Mayport, Fla. and Nassau, Bahamas.

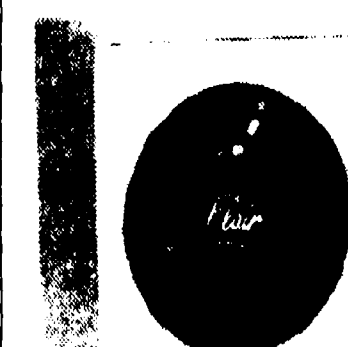
The exercise may be over, but the crews involved have now learned the skills that will make them even more prepared for future deployments. Whether it is one crew or the crews of ten ships, this exercise has shown that teamwork brings about success, proving that the U.S. Navy is truly one strong fighting force.

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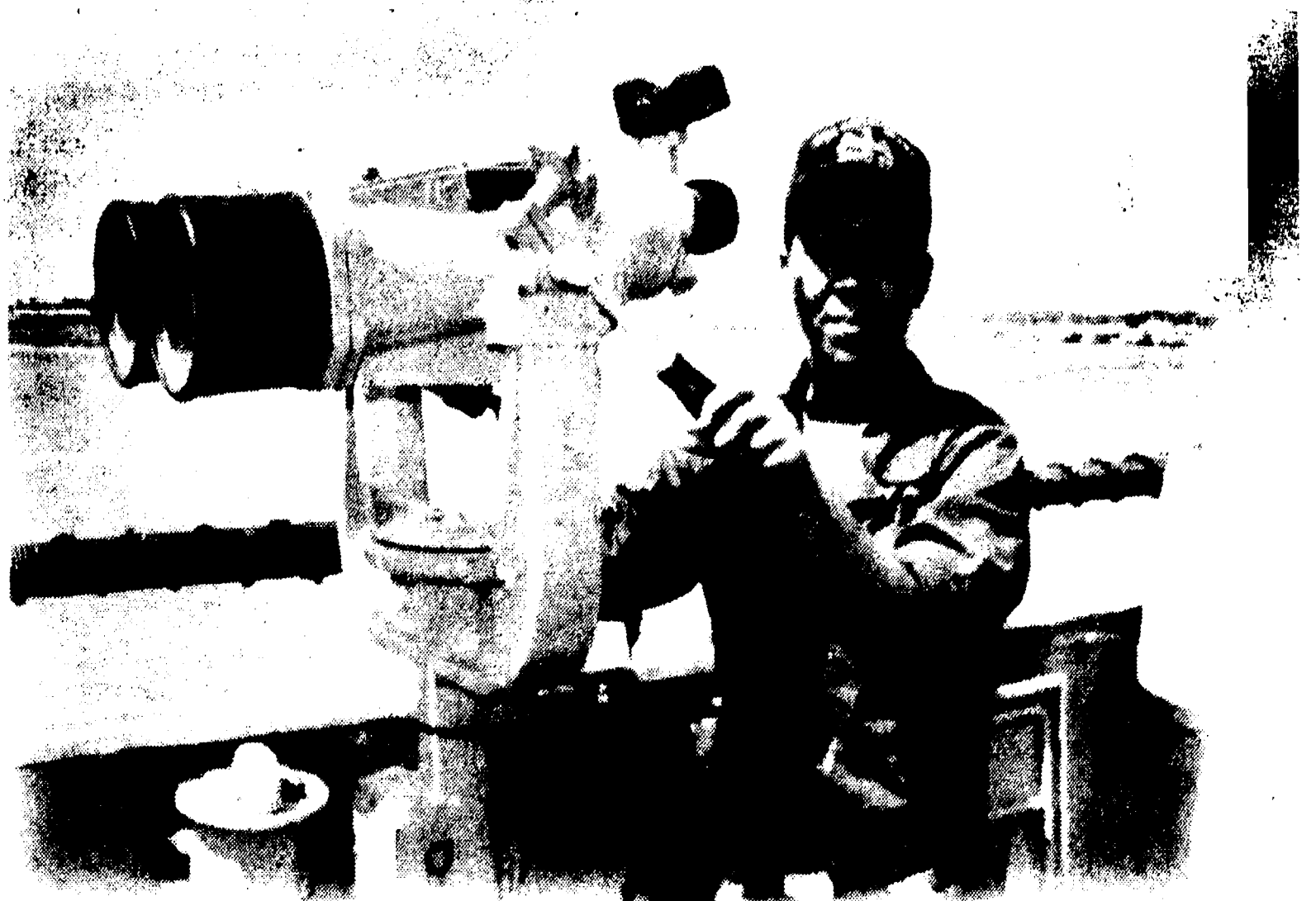
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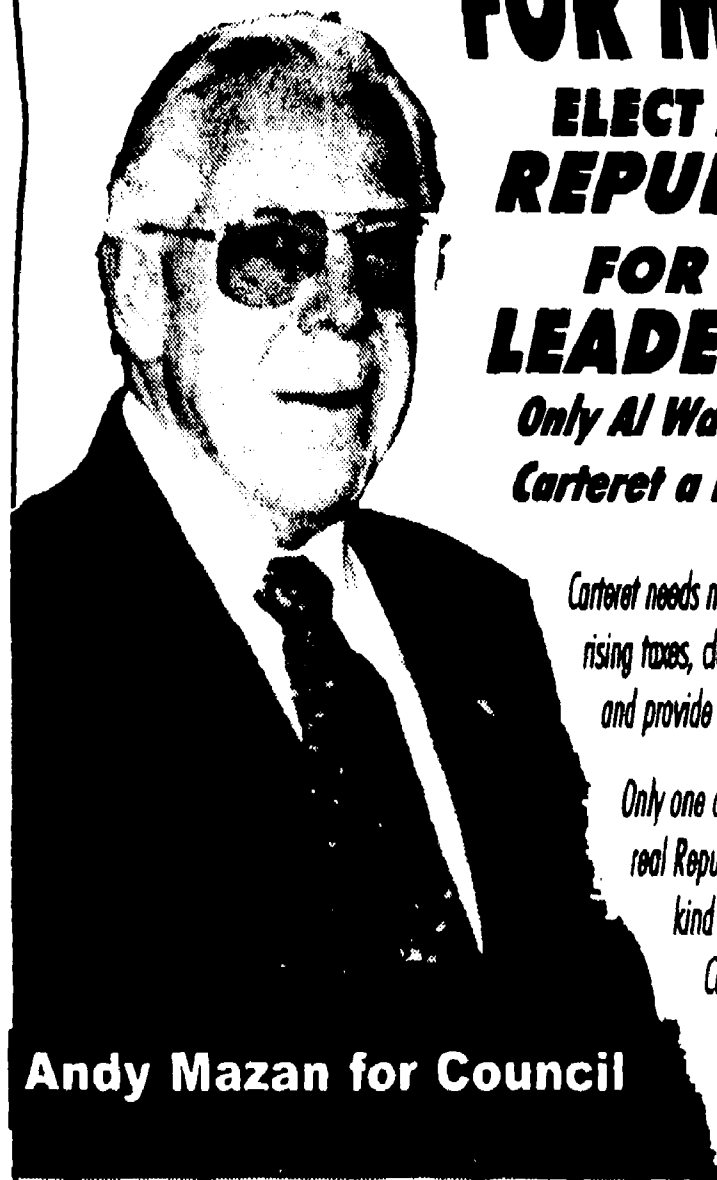


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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**May Is Stroke Awareness Month — Are You At Risk For Stroke?**

AREA — In the amount of time it takes you to perform a simple morning task such as brushing your teeth or buttoning your shirt, at least one person in the United States will have experienced a stroke. Everyday tasks like these can be a challenge for the 4.6 million stroke survivors alive today in the United States. According to the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, on average, someone has a stroke every 53 seconds. Stroke is New Jersey's number three cause of death and a leading cause of serious disability. Twenty-eight percent of the people who suffer a stroke in a given year are under age 65, says the American Stroke Association. **Are you at risk for stroke?** From May 17-24, 2002,

the American Stroke Association is offering **StrokeAlert!**, a FREE stroke awareness, risk assessment and screening program for the general public throughout New Jersey. Close to 100 New Jersey locations are participating in American Stroke Association **Stroke Alert!**.

While stroke is the country's and New Jersey's No. 3 killer and a leading cause of serious, long-term disability, surveys by the American Stroke Association indicate that 43 percent of Americans DO NOT know a single warning sign of stroke. Stroke warning signs are often subtle and are not associated with pain like some of the warning signs of a heart attack such as "crushing chest pain." But, missing the warning signs of stroke

may put your senses, speech and memory in danger in a matter of minutes. The American Stroke Association emphasizes the general public know: **Stroke is a Medical Emergency. Know the Warning Signs and Don't Delay. Call 9-1-1 Immediately!**

Warning signs of stroke include: **sudden** numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; **sudden** confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; **sudden** trouble seeing in one or both eyes; **sudden** trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and **sudden** severe headache with no known cause.

Risk factors for stroke that can be controlled include high blood pressure, smoking, elevated cholesterol levels, obesity, physical

inactivity and diabetes. Uncontrollable risk factors include age, gender, race/ethnicity, family history, prior stroke or TIA (mini-stroke).

StrokeAlert! risk assessments **ARE FREE** and will educate the public about stroke, its warning signs and risk factors, and preventive steps to minimize a person's risk of stroke. Family history is reviewed, personal risk factors are discussed and the patient receives a variety of assessments, including blood pressure, pulse check, and many locations will conduct carotid bruits (detection, with a stethoscope, of turbulent blowing sounds heard over the carotid artery, an indicator of atherosclerotic disease). Attend a **FREE American Stroke Association Stroke Alert!** stroke screen-

ing during May 17 to 24. To find a **FREE** stroke screening location near you, call the American Stroke Association at 1-888-4 STROKE (1-888-478-7653). For other information on stroke, visit online at www.strokeassociation.org.

Middlesex County

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-American Heart Association, North Brunswick, May 21
-Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy, May 18
-Woodbridge Main Library, Woodbridge, May 21

Physician Advises Parents To Make Sunscreen Part of Sports Uniforms

AREA — The safety equipment required to protect a child participating on the playing field should include sunscreen, according to Dr. Robin Levin a board-certified dermatologist and faculty member at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Levin said skin cancer is the most common - and most preventable - form of cancer. Millions of new cases and thousands of skin cancer deaths could be avoided if peo-

ple, young and old, practiced "sun smart" skin protection.

To keep children safe from the sun, Dr. Levin recommended the following:

- Apply sunscreen, with a minimum of 30 SPF, to all exposed skin.
- Re-apply sunscreen every two hours for normal activity and more frequently if the child is perspiring or swimming. Water or perspiration can dilute "Waterproof" sunscreens. Water on the

skin can also act as a magnifier of the sun's rays.

- Encourage children to wear shirts, hats and sunglasses when out in the sun and to take breaks in the shade.
- Don't be fooled by a tan. There's no such thing as a

healthy tan and children who tan easily still need to be protected with sunscreen.

Dr. Levin acknowledged that it may be difficult to get children, particularly older ones, to use sunscreen. "Children who are outside playing

and practicing will need plenty of reminders to cover up. Parents can set a good example by using sunscreen themselves and by teaching their children how to apply sunscreen when they put on their uniforms for the 'big game.' "

Over Use Of Non-Prescription Medication

AREA—We have all heard the expression "if one is good, more is better." Unfortunately this may not be the case with non-prescription medications. Each spring the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) is asked to assist in the management of patients that become ill after taking multiple "allergy products" within a short period of time. In most cases, the patient inadvertently took or was given an excessive dose of acetaminophen and/or antihistamine. Acetaminophen and antihistamines are active ingredi-

ents in many allergy and cold relief products.

"While the use of non-prescription medications is often viewed as safe, overuse can cause devastating side effects," according to Bruce Ruck, Pharm.D., of the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System. "Overuse of non-prescription medications is common, because people do not always follow or understand the directions on the label. In addition, some accidental overdoses occur because products with different brand names have the same active ingredient or they have active ingredients that work the same way."

The New Jersey Poison Information and Education System, often referred to as the

New Jersey Poison Control Center, suggests that you ask your pharmacist for assistance when choosing non-prescription medications. If this is not possible, NJPIES can provide further information. NJPIES is a poison emergency and drug information service. The center operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can call to get help in a poison emergency, for drug information or to get treatment advice following an animal bite. Specialists in Poison Information, who are physicians, registered nurses or pharmacists handle all calls. They will tell you what to do if you, your child or your pet is poisoned. The NJPIES staff is ready to answer questions at all times or assist you in drug information needs.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Ten Keys To Living With Illness

by Carol J. Langenfeld,
MS Ed., LPC, NCC

AREA — Living with chronic illness is nobody's first choice, yet it's a challenge countless people must face each day. Many have found that finding the right attitude and approach to their illness enables them to live happier, more meaningful lives.

While each of us must approach our challenges in ways that best suit us, there are some common keys that can help in making life with illness as positive as possible.

1. Choose to be an active patient. A patient isn't just someone who is ill. The best approach to illness is when a patient is a well-informed person who seeks knowledge, forms effective partnerships with doctors and other health care professionals, and participates in the decisions that help shape his or her treatment. Recognize that you are the customer. Although you may not be a medical expert, you can learn enough to allow you to participate in decisions about your illness and treatments.

2. Understand your illness and your medical choices. What are the symptoms, complications, and treatment options for your condition? You aren't trying to replace your doctor. He or she is the medical expert. But you are the best expert on you. You know your symptoms, your pain and what triggers flare-ups. The more you know about your illness, the more active a partic-

ipant you can be in your treatment.

3. Work effectively with your doctors. Treating your illness is a collaborative effort. You, your doctors, and other health professionals are part of *your* team. Working with your team means selecting the doctors right for you and communicating with them effectively. A good working relationship requires not just medical expertise and competence, but also trust, mutual respect, and a compatible philosophy about the doctor/patient relationship.

4. Know what to expect when you go to the hospital. You have a right to know why a test is being performed. While some medical procedures may cost you some of your dignity, always remember your right to be treated politely and with respect.

5. Treat your body kindly. Taking care of yourself when ill can help you avoid complications. Eat healthy foods and get appropriate exercise (after consulting with your doctor and considering your physical limitations). Getting enough rest is an important part of your medical treatment. Learn your body's limitations and feel comfortable communicating them. It's okay to say "no" to extra activities.

6. Use your mind-body connection. There's a powerful link between your mind and your body. Stress interferes with good health and healing. Humor, laughter and a positive attitude

appear to help the healing process. Everyone can benefit from learning simple relaxation techniques.

7. Draw on your spirituality. Your mind-body link is really a mind-body-spirit connection essential to living successfully with illness. Drawing on the healing power of spirituality begins with learning more about your spiritual self - what brings you peace or balance or puts you in touch with a source greater than yourself. Many people use religion to connect with their spirituality, but you can also experience spirituality through nature, art, and music.

8. Discover or rediscover your purpose. One of the greatest challenges of life-changing illness is the assault on a patient's sense of purpose and self-worth. People living with illness can be more than just survivors by discovering their purpose in light of their illness.

9. Develop a stress-resisting attitude. Your thoughts and beliefs can help you resist stress, or can worsen the impact of stress. If you think you have no

control over events in your life, it probably will be true. But believing you can make choices and influence events can just as easily make that true. Try focusing your mind on thoughts that reduce stress and see the difference it makes in how you think, feel and act.

10. Accept the fact that self-care is not selfish. Self-care is healthy behavior that begins with doing what energizes you, what you like to do, what you do well and what brings you comfort. It also means making room in your life for the other nine keys.

Nobody chooses disease or illness. Nonetheless, many people with illness live meaningful lives. They choose to live "with" their illness. They understand and believe that while they have

"it," "it" doesn't have them.

Carol Langenfeld is a counselor in private practice in Ohio. She has extensive experience in helping those living with chronic illness. She is the author, with Douglas E. Langenfeld, of *Living Better: Every Patient's Guide to Living with Illness*. She can be contacted through www.patientpress.com.

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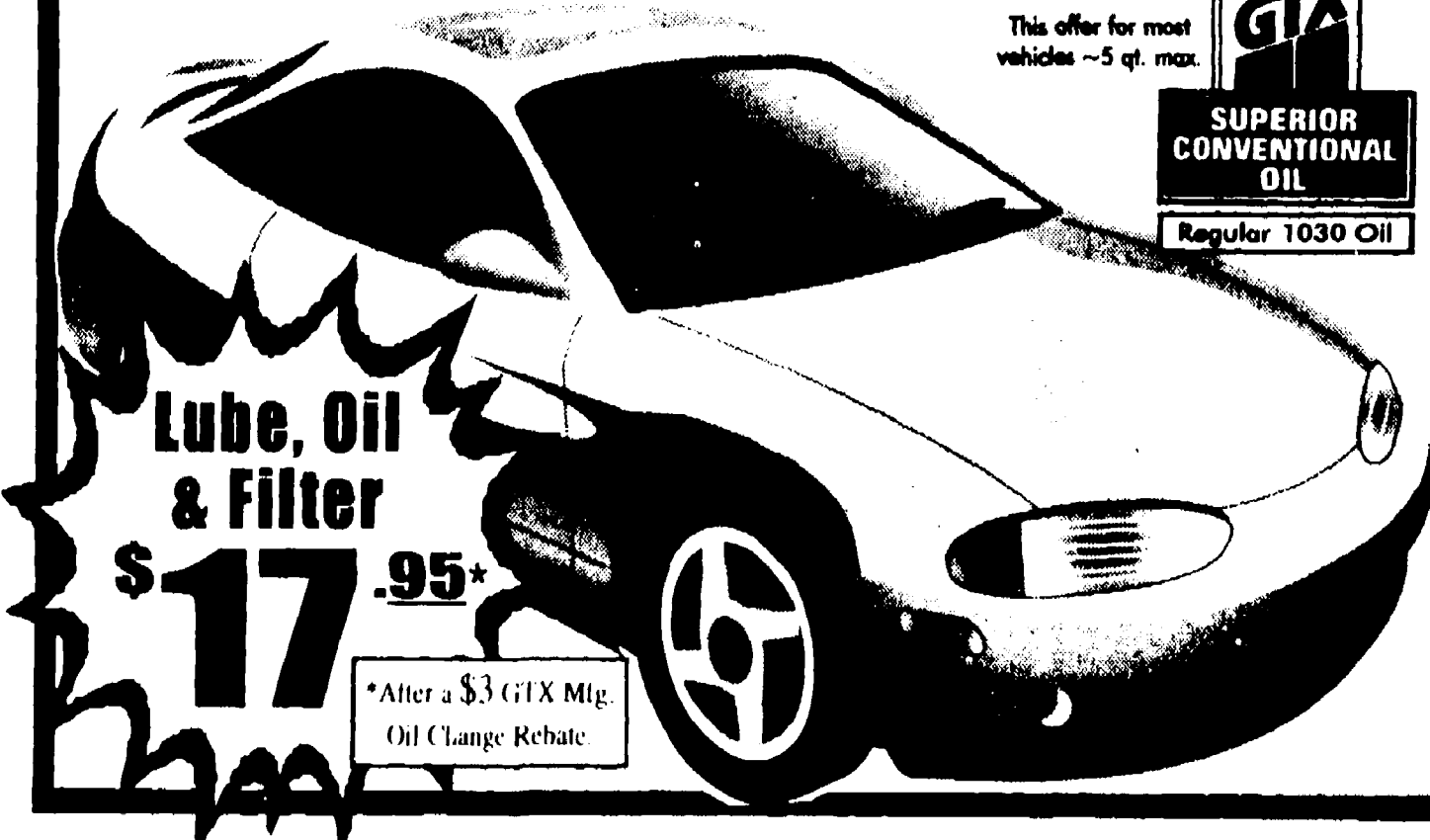
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EDITORIAL



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

On the second Sunday in May we pause as a nation to honor the woman in our life who we call "Mother." While the roles and responsibilities of a mother have changed throughout the years, the primary duty of a mother - to nurture her family - remains the same. On Mother's Day, we honor our mothers for their tireless attention to this duty.

"Mother's Day is in honor of the best Mother who ever lived - the Mother of your heart." Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mother's Day in the United States, wrote these lines.

But where do we get Mother's Day from? Mother's Day finds its historical origin in the Pagan festival of Hilaria that was celebrated in honor of the mother goddess Cybele. The modern manifestation of the holiday we know as Mother's Day began as a letter writing campaign spearheaded by Ms. Jarvis following the death of her mother, Mrs. Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis, on May 9, 1905.

The first observance of this holiday was the result of Ms. Jarvis's correspondence with Norman F. Kendall that urged him to form a Mother's Day Memorial Committee at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. On May 9, 1906, one year after her mother had died; a memorial mass was celebrated at Andrew's Church in honor of Mrs. Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis. Through the continued efforts of Ms. Jarvis, another memorial event was celebrated two years later in both Grafton, West Virginia at Andrew's Church and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Wanamaker Store Auditorium. The Wanamaker Auditorium had space for 5,000 people; 15,000 attend

ed.

In April 1910, a proclamation was issued by Governor William Glasscock of West Virginia regarding statewide observance of Mother's Day. Because of repeated effort by Ms. Jarvis, President Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution in May 1914 naming the second Sunday in as May Mother's Day.

On the purpose of Mother's Day:

"...To revive the dormant filial love and gratitude we owe to those who gave us birth. To be a home tie for the absent. To obliterate family estrangement. To create a bond of brotherhood through the wearing of a floral badge. To make us better children by getting closer to the hearts of our good mothers. To have them know we appreciate them, though we do not show it as often as we ought

Mother's Day is to remind us of our duty before it is too late.

This day is intended that we may make new resolutions for a more active thought to our dear mothers. By words, gifts, acts of affections, and in every way possible give her pleasure, and make her heart glad everyday, and constantly keep in mind Mother's Day...

A mother's love is new everyday.

God bless our faithful good mothers.

- Anna Jarvis

One has to wonder whether Ms. Jarvis knew what motherhood would come to mean in the twenty-first century compared to what it meant in 1906. But based on her eloquent words and her tireless drive to create a national day of recognition for all mothers, there is no question she understood a mother's role would always be one which deserved to be honored. To my mother and to all mothers, I offer the highest level of gratitude and honor to you and wish you a happy Mother's Day.

***Editor's Note:** In an attempt to correct our error of running the wrong Report from Trenton last week, we present Assemblyman Wisniewski's Mother's Day wishes.

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Around Town with Terry Fine!

Just a simple introduction to what I hope you'll find is an interesting and informative column. If you have a comment on what I write, jot a note to the editor; I'm sure he'll read your opinions and pass them on to me, good or bad. If you have a question about a certain topic in your area (Middlesex or Union County), write me, I'll check it out and get an answer on it - no matter how dribble or unimportant it might seem to be. You see, I too want to know all the "itty bitty - nitty gritty" gossip around town and I know you want me to share it with you! Got some juicy info? Send it to me here at the Atom, who knows, it may appear in some of the things I write. All I ask is that you clarify whether you are telling me facts (as you know them) or just think you heard

about something going on. Oh, by the way, if you have a really great restaurant (hole in the wall) that is a well-kept secret, let me know about it and the particulars, I'll try and check it out and pass it on to my readers.

All in all, I think I'll whet your appetite with some of the things I'll be sharing with you. If you're from Carteret, watch out, there are some real interesting political things brewing there. Woodbridge? The new mayor has his hands full with the people in town hall as well as Port Reading's massive auto distribution debacle! South Amboy, best kept secret in the county; want to know why? New Brunswick has its share of taste treats to talk about; Perth Amboy its eminent domain controversy. All kinds of things going on in Highland Park,

Edison, Rahway, just to name a few!

Who knows, you may learn something about your own town or your county, maybe even your country. America is a great place but its only great because we have the freedom to share our thoughts and opinions. God knows, things could be better, but they could also be a lot worse. Keep reading the Atom and sharing what you read and hear and you'll be doing your part in keeping others informed so they can share in the freedom of this country. I'll try to keep things lively and interesting, but I promise that if I offend someone, and I know I will, you'll know why! The gloves are off, keep reading, you're going to like what you read in; "Around Town with Terry Fine!"

Readers Commentary



Without Just Compensation?

Dear Editor,

Do you own your property? I think not...You can have the deed in your hand, entirely paid off, all liens satisfied, but you still do not truly own your property. You may have worked your whole life, day and night, but you still do not truly own your property. Your entire family may have worked, day and night, around the clock, for generations, but you still do not truly own your property.

You see, although the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that no citizen shall be deprived of property without due process of law; it also provides that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation.

WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION? For better or for worse, these three words have become the justification for what we know today as "Eminent Domain".

Looking back at the birth of America, it was the government's arbitrary relinquishment of personal property rights and hindrance of religious freedom that fueled the British colonists to flee England in the first place. The forefathers of this country wanted to make sure that the

government could not deprive the common people of their rights ever again. What ever happened to these basic beliefs? Has the government gotten ahead of itself? For sure- and we all know what happens when absolute power reigns among a select few; it leads to corruption, and eventual revolution-

Referencing the current redevelopment planned in Perth Amboy, isn't it a shame that after years of sweat and tears, property owners get nothing more than a mere certified letter in the mail stating that the government will begin condemnation proceedings against their interests if they do not agree to sell their property to the city? This is what we call "rights"? The legal theory known as eminent domain must be revisited. Even if it takes years, this issue must be addressed by the Courts, maybe even the United States Supreme Court.

In the last hundred years or so, the theory of taking private property for the interests of the public good has become common practice in this country. For right, or for wrong, property owners have been forced to give up their lives, liberties, and ultimately, their pursuit of happiness, allegedly for the

betterment of the public good. To me, the most interesting issue in all of these condemnation cases is the question of who is to determine what is really for the public good. Although theoretically, everyone is entitled to their day in court, why is it that property owners are forced to fight to get back the property that they thought they owned in the first place. Why should people be forced to spend their time, and thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands of hard earned dollars to try to retain what they feel, and most people recognize as their own? FOR THREEDWORDS? I think not! This is clearly not what the forefathers intended.

I hope all of the forthcoming litigation in Perth Amboy has success in bringing this issue to the forefront of legal argument, and yes to the United States Supreme Court. Clearly these three words- FORJUST COMPENSATION- do not provide a rationale to justify the uprooting of successful businesses, lives, and families for a parking lot, and yes, a pool!

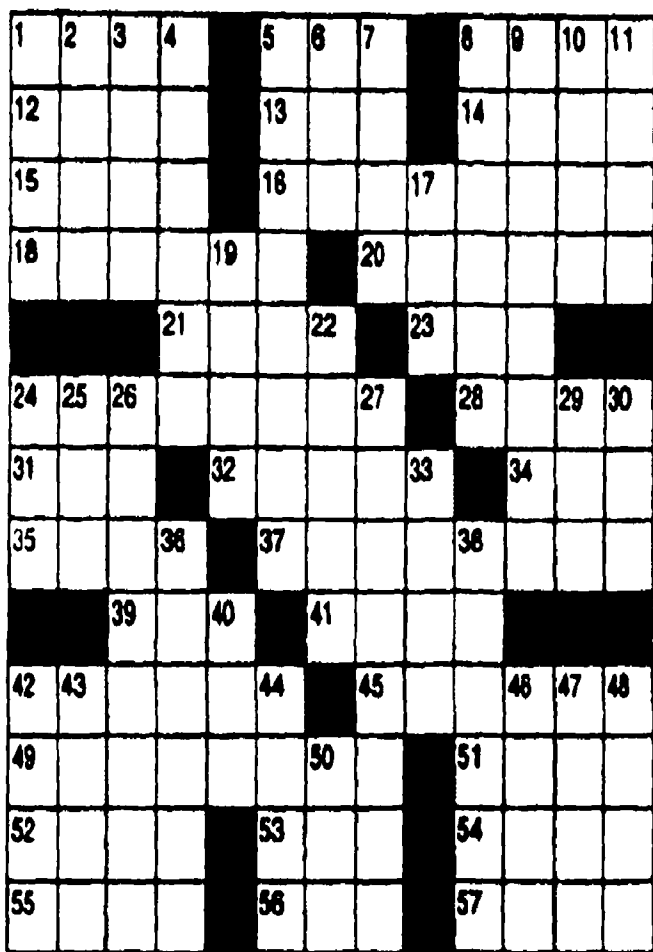
So I ask you again, do you really think that you own your property?

**Louis John Seminski, Jr.
Sayreville**

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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Greenlee seethed at Leo's suggestion that she won her job at Revlon by betraying Erica. Later, Greenlee walked into Simone's office and just missed seeing Simone and Roger in a passionate kiss. Trey got Mia to steal money from one of Liza's accounts by threatening to tell her baby's father about her deception. David got a letter from Dixie saying she finally told Tad about her pregnancy. Dixie also shocked Tad with the suggestion that they get back together and share the miracle of the new baby. Jake and Mia grew closer. Wait to See: Greenlee and Leo prepare for their wedding. Liza has questions for Mia. Anna makes a decision.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Molly began to second-guess her decision regarding the twins. Katie realized she was trapped. Isaac began to have suspicions about the way things were going. Jack pressured Weston to do the right thing. Wait to See: Rose finds a "miracle." Alison is left out in the cold. Lucinda finds an intruder.

THE BOLD

AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Whip knocked Deacon uncon-

scious with the candlestick and sent him back to the United States. Rick and Ridge got into another argument over Forrester creations. Tony kept a secret from Kristen about his work. Erica was pleased that Zende seemed to have a crush on her. Bridget told Deacon that Brooke and Whip plan to marry. After her doctor cut off her prescription, Amber agreed to buy a bag of pain pills from Ziggy. Wait to See: Brooke and Deacon wonder who saw them kissing.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Chloe collapsed in Brady's arms. Jack learned that Jennifer was the new editor of The Spectator. Later, Jack spied on Jennifer and Colin. Victor had a gigantic "surprise" for Sami — the tape with her incriminating confession on it. Unaware they were being watched from the shadows, Bo and Hope were crushed as they watched Lexie and Isaac take off in a helicopter. Wait to See: Bo gives Hope a very special Mother's Day present.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Monica insisted to Alan that she really did present him with divorce papers. Later, she assured AJ that she'll help him get custody of his son, Michael. Meanwhile, Alexis and Sonny reeled when they found a birthday card to Michael from a still missing and possibly dead Carly. Lucky and Sarah were haunted by their kiss. Wait to See: Sonny meets up with Courtney. Monica lays down the law to AJ. Taggart confronts Gia.

GUIDING LIGHT

Despite her "captive" situation, Tory managed to squash Blake's accusations. Michelle took a job. Marah undertook her own investigation. Cassie and Olivia pulled out all their dirty tricks as they confronted each other. Wait to See: Mel makes Rick an offer. Frank finds a secret in Gus' past. Edmund holds the key to Michelle's dreams.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Blair learned of Jack's bone marrow transplant, forcing Todd to admit the baby has aplastic anemia. Sparks ignited between

Nora and Troy. "Viki" (actually Niki) lied to Bo about having marital problems with Ben. Natalie gave Seth and Jessica Corinne's address, along with a photo of Rex. After assuring Sam that he'll tell Blair the truth (that Jack is their biological child), Todd chickened out and, instead, told Blair that Nellie wanted Jack back and they would have to leave with both Jack and Starr. Meanwhile, Alex could jeopardize all of Todd's plans. Wait to See: Note — "OLTL" will broadcast live episodes from May 13 to 17. Look for a wedding, a love scene and the revelation of a major secret.

PASSIONS

Ivy and Rebecca watched as Theresa did everything they expected her to do to save Ethan. Later, Father Lonigan urged Theresa to tell the police what she had revealed to him. Sheridan had beautiful flashbacks of her former life with Brian and their four children. Charity's 18th birthday party began, with Zombie Charity "assuring" Miguel they'll make love when the party ends. Later, Tabitha showed her love for Timmy when Zombie Charity cast the spell of Belle de Crustan on him. Wait to See: Theresa's future looks bleak.

PORT CHARLES

Rafe signed over his soul to James to keep Alison from being convicted of Kevin's murder. Later, Ed watched with sad pride as Rafe moved from heaven to hell. Lucy panicked when Alison told her that Kevin's chances of reappearing alive ended when Rebecca's portrait was trashed. Jack told Jamal about finding Rebecca's likeness in the photos he (Jack) took in the barn. Wait to See: Rafe appears in Alison's dreams.

THE YOUNG

AND THE RESTLESS

In the Caribbean, Nick sensed Sharon's edginess, but she managed to avoid telling him about her indiscretion with Diego. Paul found Chris getting some of her clothes from the home they once shared. But despite their passionate kiss, she turned down his request to reconcile. At the hearing for Kyle's custody, Diane admitted she left the country after trying to have Victor's child without his knowledge. Later, Michael shocked Phyllis by revealing how she trapped Danny into marriage by getting pregnant with Daniel. Wait to See: A nervous Amanda takes a call from Ralph.

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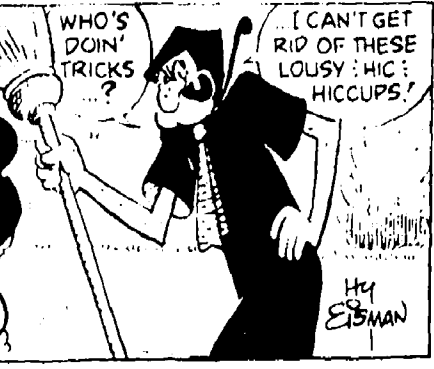
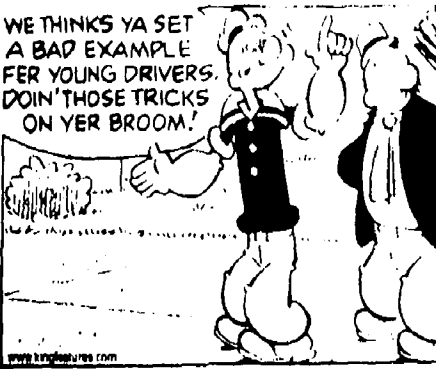
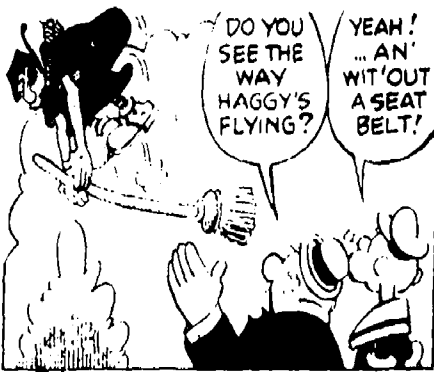
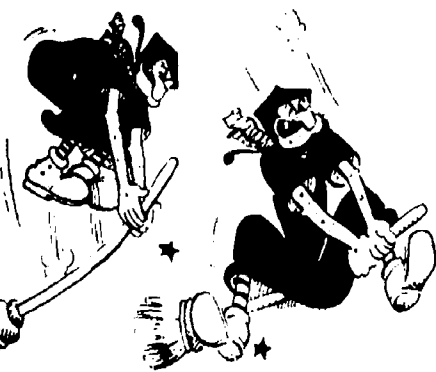
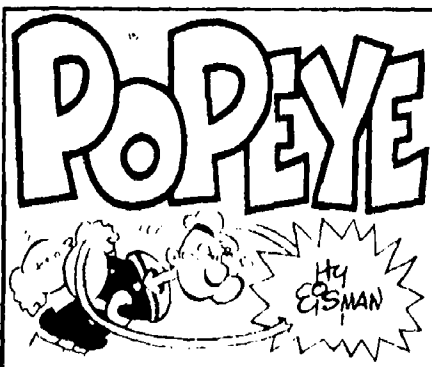
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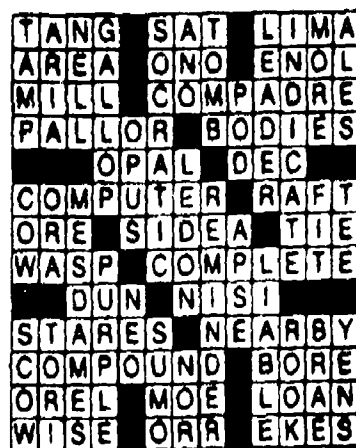
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OBITUARIES

John Bartkowicz of Sayreville

Mr. John J. Bartkowicz of Sayreville died at the home of his daughter in Cranford, while under the nursing care of the Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care. He was 87.

He was born and raised in Sayreville.

Mr. Bartkowicz was a plumbing and heating contractor for many years before retiring in 1977.

He served as president of the Bayshore Master Plumbers Association and was a former Democratic Committeeman of the 2nd district of Sayreville.

Mr. Bartkowicz was a lifelong communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church, Sayreville. He served as a church usher for more than 50 years and was a member and officer of the church's Holy Name Society.

He was also a member and officer of the Sayreville Senior Citizens' Wednesday Club, the Leisure Club of Sayreville, Middlesex East and West Widows & Widowers, Bayway Polish National Home of Elizabeth, Sayreville Knights of Columbus Council 2061, Christian One-Parent Organization (COPO) in Hopelawn and South Amboy Elks Lodge #784.

His wife, Sophie (Zaleski) Bartkowicz, died in 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Lorraine Jones of Cranford and Dorothy Inks of Springfield, Va.; two sons, John J. Jr. of Monroe and Robert of Sayreville; two sisters, Julie Szot of Sayreville and Mildred Kaczmarek of Burnet, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ryan F. O'Connell Infant

Ryan Francis O'Connell, infant son of Kevin and April O'Connell of Sayreville, died May 4 at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his maternal grandmother, Lillian Garbus of Linden; his maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Adolph Garbus of Roselle; three aunts, Eileen LaRoy of Leo, Ind., Maureen Fisher of Toms River and Patricia Straker of Las Vegas, and five cousins.

Carolyn A. Nigro of Iselin

Mrs. Carolyn A. Nigro of Iselin died April 23 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 81.

Born in Brooklyn, she lived in Staten Island before moving to Iselin 44 years ago.

She was an administrator in the admissions office of Rutgers University before retiring in 1980.

She also worked in the St. Cecelia parish office.

Before that, she had been a fashion model for the Lerner Stores. Mrs. Nigro attended the Fashion Institute in New York City.

She was a past president of the Lions Club Auxiliary, Iselin, which helped to construct a garden for the blind at Iselin Library.

She was also a member of the Senior Citizens Club at St. Cecelia Church.

Surviving are her husband, Michael of 52 years; a daughter, Judith Corea; a son, William; a sister, Florence Yandoli; a brother, Raymond Vula; and two grandchildren.

Jules Lopez, 86 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Jules Lopez of Perth Amboy died April 22 at East Orange General Hospital. He was 86.

Born in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, he lived in New York before moving to Perth Amboy 17 years ago.

He was a self-employed consulting engineer for 40 years before retiring in 1982.

He was a volunteer with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War and later served in the Marines during World War II.

Mr. Lopez was a member of the Olive Street Senior Citizens, the Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks and the Free & Accepted Masons, all of Perth Amboy.

His wife, Helen Sprado Lopez, is deceased. A daughter, Helen Leni Lopez is also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Carl Lopez, M.D., of Columbia, S.C.; three brothers, Paul Lopez of Virginia, John Lopez of Florida and Ferdinand Lopez of Florida; two sisters, Olga Benabe of Staten Island and Helen Herring of Florida; and two granddaughters, Mariana and Felice Lopez.

David J. Oleksa, 47 of Edison

Mr. David J. Oleksa of Edison died April 21 at home. He was 47.

He was a lifelong resident of Edison.

He was a chemical operator with PMC Specialties of Keasbey for more than 20 years.

Mr. Oleksa was a graduate of Middlesex County Vocational School.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge #784 and Knights of Columbus Council #426, both of South Amboy.

Surviving are his mother, Marie Oleksa; two brothers, Michael J. and Paul A. and a sister, Joann Klisch.

George Bauman, 75 of Metuchen

Mr. George "Jim" Bauman of Wichita Falls, Texas (formerly of Metuchen) died May 4 in Wichita Falls. He was 75.

Born in Metuchen he lived there until moving to Wichita Falls, where he resided for 29 years.

He retired from the City of Wichita Falls after 10 years as an assistant parts manager.

Mr. Bauman served his country in the Navy.

He was an usher at All Saints Episcopal Church in Wichita Falls.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret "May" Bauman of Wichita Falls; three daughters, Kimberly Parker of Cape Canaveral, Fla., Shari Chandler of Wichita Falls, and Melissa Skinner of Portland, Ore.; a son, Mitch Bauman of Wichita Falls; a sister, Louise Lyons of Old Bridge; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

John Kocsis of Carteret

John Kocsis of Carteret died May 7 at his home.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in Carteret for the past 55 years.

He was a parishioner of St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church in Carteret.

Before retiring, he was employed by Akai America Ltd. in Edison as a warehouse manager for 19 years. Before that, he worked for Hercules Powder Co. in Parlin, also working there for 19 years.

Mr. Kocsis was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Raritan Traffic Club.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Anne (Szoke) Kocsis; a daughter, Sharon of Maryland, and three grandchildren, Rachel, Jonathan and Nicholas.

James Hutchinson of Edison

Mr. James Hutchison of Edison died May 7 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 60.

He was formerly employed by ShopRite in Jersey City for many years.

Surviving is his wife, Linda Hutchison.

Frances Hospidor of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Francis Hospidor of Perth Amboy died May 6 at The Atria Care Center in Cranford. She was 95.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong Perth Amboy resident before moving into the care center five years ago.

Mrs. Hospidor was a registered nurse. She was a Red Cross volunteer for 50 years.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

Her husband, John J. Hospidor, died in 1992. She was also predeceased by her six sisters, Ann Mucha, Mary Bacha, Katherine Gaydos, Barbara Melko, Margaret Rebovich and Helen Costello, and three brothers, Joseph, Stephen and John Demko.

Surviving are a daughter, Peggy Anne Pearlson of Livingston; a son, John J. Hospidor Jr. of San Jose, Calif.; two granddaughters, Leslie Pearlson of Bloomfield and Elizabeth Pearlson of San Francisco, Calif., and a grandson, Matthew Hospidor of San Jose, Calif.

John P. Gonzalez Infant

John Paul Gonzalez, 6-day-old infant son of Lljaira Diaz and Joel Gonzalez of Perth Amboy, died May 2 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was born on April 26, 2002, in New Brunswick, and lived in Perth Amboy, passing away only six days after his birth.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Joel Olivares at home; his maternal grandparents, Mercedes and Juan Diaz of Perth Amboy; his paternal grandparents, Ramon Gonzalez and Ana Elia Herrera of Cuba; his maternal great-grandmother, Blanca Liranso of Perth Amboy, and his paternal great-grandmother, Juana Gonzalez of Cuba.



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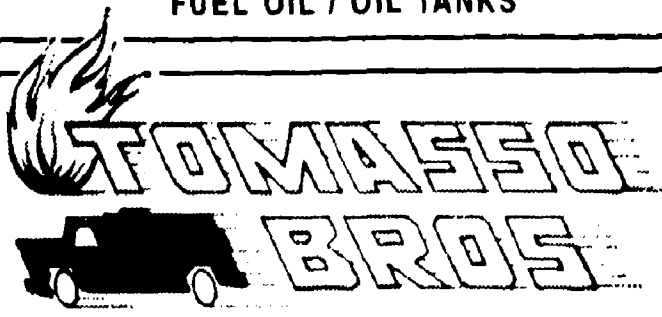
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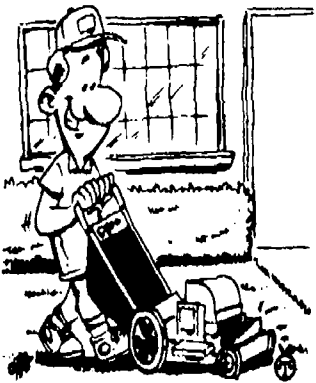
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(NAPSA)-Now may be the perfect time to challenge your neighbors for "best yard on the block" honors. Lawn expert Lance Walheim has a few recommendations that will put you on the cutting edge.

Walheim, author of *Lawn Care For Dummies* and *Landscaping For Dummies*, has spent hours pushing, pulling and prodding dozens of the newest lawn-and-garden gadgets. To get you in shape for the gardening season, here are his top product picks.



Start Me Up

Those pesky, cold engine starts -having to pull the starter cord on your mower over and over-is Walheim's most commonly heard complaint about lawnmowers.

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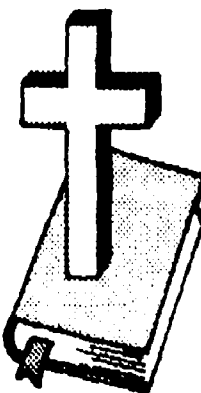
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

The Battle of the Local Media

AREA-If you thought Clark Kent and Lois Lane couldn't agree on anything then you haven't seen anything yet.

A new media baseball league is on its way to being formed. It's being called the Atlantic Scout and Media League. The league is in the process of securing media sponsors for each individual travel team in the league. It is

also registering scouts to do scouting reports on its best players. The league is set to begin September 3 this fall and will run three separate seasons in the fall, spring, and summer.

Each team in the league will be named after its sponsor; a media outlet from its circulation area. The players on each sponsored team will come from the media's coverage area.

This league is not asking for any money from the media. Its only request is that they donate unused advertising space to the league at its own discretion by publishing league and team news. In return we are asking all team and league members to subscribe or support their sponsor. The League goal is the get each team to be named and sponsored after a media outlet and to have at least one

scout assigned to each geographic area.

"This is a revolutionary idea in amateur baseball" says Frank Bacchetta a North East Regional Scout and the NJ Chairman of AAU Baseball. "I think it's a win-win partnership for both the players and the media" says Bacchetta.

The concept of this League was created by Frank Bacchetta of Garden State Baseball (based in Woodbridge) with the help of a committee of appointed volunteers. The league will be sanctioned as an "Official" USA Baseball Player development League. The league will run under several sanctions depending on the age group. AAU (Amateur Athletic Union), NABF, National Amateur Baseball Federation have already granted approval.

The winner of each age division will be able to qualify for a bid to a national tournament. The league will accept individual players and also full teams ages 10 through 18 years and players 18 to 29 for its college unlimited wood bat division. The player age cut-off date for all age divisions is August 1st.

All players in the league will have the opportunity to become follow candidates and recommended candidates to USA Baseball. They will also have a chance to be picked for the "Real" USA National Teams and Junior Olympic teams.

Each team will play a flexible schedule of alternating

home and away games. The games schedule will be flexible so they do not interfere with school teams or local leagues. Team home games will be played at each team's own supplied home baseball facility. The league will help those teams who have trouble getting a home field. Each team will have a professional team logo. Many teams will be selected through tryouts but the selection process will be left to each individual franchise.

Individual players will have a choice of joining a draft or seeking out the individual teams for tryouts.

The cost of the league will be \$50 a team and \$7.00 a player for the league Administration costs. In addition each player will pay a \$10.00 Membership fee to be enrolled into the player follow database of USA Baseball (in return each registered player will receive a USA baseball cap from new era). Players and coaches must be required by sanction and insurance to be registered with AAU or NABF. Costs of additional player scouting reports and combines are optional.

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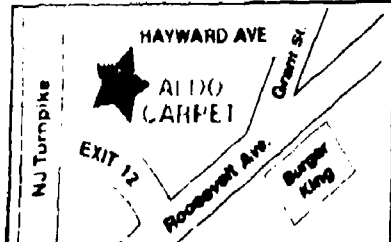
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