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Deadline For Property Tax Reimbursement Extended

SAYREVILLE — Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski and Senator Joe Vitale urged seniors and disabled people in District 19 to file applications for the New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement Program. On March 13, the New Jersey Division of Taxation extended the deadline for filing applications for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program. This program is also known as the Property Tax Freeze Program. The Division of Taxation, responding to direction from Governor James E. McGreevey, changed the final deadline for filing applications

from the original date of March 15 to May 1.

"Many new applications are being accepted into the program based on the raised levels of income," said Wisniewski (D-Sayreville). "By extending the deadline we can allow ample time for all qualified applicants to take advantage of this program."

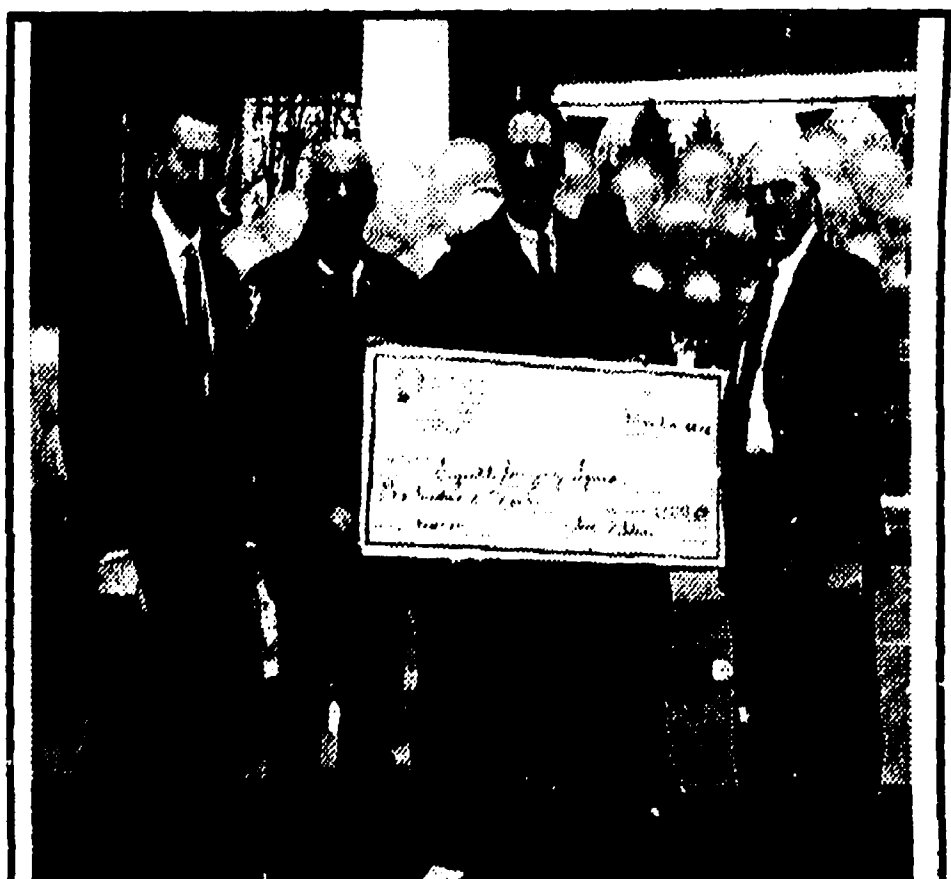
In order to be eligible for the 2001 Reimbursement, applicants must:

- Be 65 or older or be disabled and receiving Social Security Benefits
- Have owned and lived in the home for which the

reimbursement is being claimed

- Have lived in New Jersey for at least ten years
 - Have an annual income for 2000 which is below \$37,174 for single applicants and \$45,582 for married couples, and have an annual income for 2001 which is below \$38,475 for single applicants and \$47,177 for married couples
 - Have paid the full amount of the property taxes which were due on the home for both 2000 and 2001.
- The program reimburses residents for the difference between property taxes they have

paid in the current year and the first year they qualified for the program. Residents can claim property tax reimbursements in addition to senior or veterans deductions as well as the Homestead Rebate or NJ SAVER. First time applicants must file a PTR-1 form with the New Jersey Division of Taxation. Applications are available through the Division website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation or by calling the Automated Tax Information system at 1-800-323-4400. Applications can be obtained through the office of Assemblyman Wisniewski by calling (732) 316-1885.



BANKING ON EMERGENCY SERVICES... Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union CEO Tom O'Shea and Chairman of the Board Bob recently Saab presented David Voight, president of the Sayreville Emergency Squad, with a \$100 donation while Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien looks on.

Women Aware To Hold Annual Soup Kitchen Fundraiser

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — On Monday, April 8, Women Aware, a private, non-profit agency providing services to abused women and their children, will hold their 10th annual Soup Kitchen Fundraiser—A Taste of Kindness.

The Soup Kitchen will be held on Monday April 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pines Manor, Route 27, Edison.

Soups from Central Jersey's finest restaurants will be served plus breads and desserts. Participating restaurants include: Akbar; Bellini's; 2 Albany at the

Hyatt; North Star Cafe; Dan's on Main; Revere Restaurant; La Fontana; The Frog & The Peach; The Metuchen Inn; The Old Bay; Soho on George; and Adams Bistro.

Funds raised at this year's event will be applied directly to the ELVES program (Empower the Littlest Victims to Emerge Strong).

Annually, Women Aware sponsors the Soup Kitchen to raise funds to create programs tailored to the special needs of battered women and their children. It is the only fundraising effort of the year; all other expenses are funded by private donations.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Women Aware, and cost is \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. For directions or other information about the event, contact Yvonne Hook at (908) 561-6321 or Jackie Marich at (732) 249-4900.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**Perth Amboy Woman Charged with Social Security Fraud**

PERTH AMBOY - A Perth Amboy woman was indicted by a state grand jury on two counts arising from allegations that she fraudulently collected more than \$25,000 in Social Security disability benefits according to Attorney General David Samson. Authorities said Zena Lecoff, also known as Zena Lecoff-Walker, 39, was charged with one count of third degree theft by deception and one count of fourth degree falsifying or tampering with records.

According to the indictment, between 1996 to 2000, Lecoff-Walker obtained Social Security benefits totaling \$26,479 by falsely certifying that she was unem-

ployed and receiving no income when she was actually receiving an income and therefore not entitled to the Social Security Benefits.

The indictment also alleges that Lecoff-Walker falsified a Social Security Administration Report of Continuing Disability Interview Form, knowing that it contained false information, in order to continue receiving the benefits.

"This office continues to see cases of theft from disability insurance programs, both private plans and government sponsored plans such as Social Security. Working and earning income while you simultaneously collect disability insurance can constitute theft," said

Insurance Fraud Prosecutor Greta Gooden Brown. "This office will continue to investigate and prosecute these cases."

Edward J. Ryan, Special Agent in Charge of the Office of Investigations for the Social Security Administration, New York Field Division, praised the investigative efforts of the CDIU and the cooperative spirit of the federal and state agencies in fighting disability fraud.

"Although most people who file disability claims are truly disabled, the small amount of people who file false claims take money out of a system that is intended to help those who genuinely deserve benefits," Ryan said. "The CDIU will continue to investigate allegations of fraudulent disability claims in an effort to crackdown on disability fraud in private and government sponsored disability insurance programs."

Dinner Dance Helps Fight Childhood Cancer

COLONIA—Ray and Lillian Fleming of Colonia are hosting their 7th Annual Country Western Dinner Dance to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on April 6 at the Gran Centurions in Clark. Last year the event raised over \$5,000 and with your help even more can be raised this year.

The evening is from 7-11 p.m. and includes raffles and door prizes. A \$30 donation includes a sit down roast beef dinner and an open bar, as well as live music by Miss Babs and the Kickin' Boogie Band. Ray and Lillian Fleming have been actively involved for many years as volunteers for St. Jude hospital. This is their way of giving back to the children. This dinner dance is just one way that St. Jude's founder Danny Thomas' dream that "no children should die in the dawn of

life" is kept alive. The children depend on St. Jude which depends on generous donors and volunteers like Ray and Lillian. Tickets can only be purchased in advance.

For ticket information, call Ray and Lillian Fleming at (732) 382-7167.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in Memphis, Tennessee is a world-renown research and treatment center dedicated to finding cures for childhood catastrophic diseases. Founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, St. Jude treats local children and those from throughout the United States regardless of their ability to pay. St. Jude research findings are shared freely across the world. For more information, visit www.stjude.org or call (212) 239-3239 or (800) 526-9542.

Spadaro Promotes Police Officers

EDISON-Mayor George A. Spadaro promoted three officers in a ceremony last week. Lt. Carmelo F. Vaticano was promoted to captain. Detective Joseph B. Shannon and Patrolman Anthony Marcantuono were promoted to sergeant.

A 24-year veteran, Lt. Vaticano is currently assigned to the Patrol Bureau as a Road

Operations Commander. He has previously served as a patrol officer, a traffic officer, a patrol squad sergeant, and the commander of the community policing unit.

Lt. Vaticano also served as an investigator with the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office - Fatal Accident Task Force.

A 15 year veteran, detective Marcantuono is currently

assigned to the administration section of the Traffic and Community Policing Bureau.

He has served as a patrol officer, a field training officer, a detective in the criminal investigations bureau and a member of the emergency response team.

Detective Marcantuono was part of a contingent of 24 Edison police officers who were deployed to New York City on September 11, 2001 to assist in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

An 8 year veteran, detective Shannon is currently assigned to the administration section of the patrol bureau. He also serves as one of two public information officers for the department and is the Coordinator for the field training and evaluation program.

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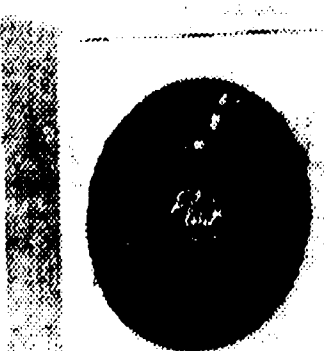
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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**Forrester Beats
Treffinger In
Middlesex**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Millionaire businessman Douglas Forrester won the Middlesex County Republican Convention last week, defeating Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger by a 9 vote margin, 234-225 on the second ballot. Forrester gets to run on the organization line in the June GOP primary for U.S. Senator.

Forrester led Treffinger on the first ballot, 201-176, with Assemblyman Guy Gregg finishing third with 68 votes.

Trailing were State Sen. Diane Allen, who got 11 votes, State Sen. John Matheussen got eight votes, and former Independent Counsel Robert Ray, who received seven votes.

In Burlington County, the GOP organization voted unanimously to award their organization line to Allen.

Treffinger came back to win the organization line in Ocean County, Monmouth County and Union County.

Matheussen has the organization line in Cumberland, Camden and Gloucester counties.

The Burlington County GOP organization voted unanimously to award their organization line to Diane Allen.

Former Independent Counsel Robert Ray entered the race last week.

The chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee is asking Attorney General John Ashcroft to investigate whether Ray violated any federal laws while exploring a bid for the Republican U.S. Senate nomination while still serving as the Whitewater special prosecutor.

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) says that Ray's discussion of a Senate campaign while still investigating Bill Clinton poses a clear conflict of interest.

April is Addiction Awareness Month

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — On Thursday, April 4, Freeholder Director David B. Crabel will proclaim that April is Addiction Awareness Month in Middlesex County to bring attention to an important issue that affects every citizen. Communities across the county will participate in this grassroots effort to highlight that addiction is a treatable and preventable disease and that help is needed from everyone. The theme of this local campaign is volunteerism, drawing attention to the vast benefits that volunteers provide to the community.

"Family, friends and co-workers play a big part in helping someone facing addiction," said Steven G. Liga, Executive Director of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Middlesex County, Inc. "We also look to community volunteers to make a difference," he continued. Volunteerism is a prevention strategy that benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer.

President Bush recently announced a call to service, encouraging Americans to volunteer their time to help meet the needs of the community. Research indicates that approximately 44 percent of Americans are currently involved in volunteer activities and that they serve an average of 185 hours annually. A recent study involving Big Brothers/Big Sisters showed that the Little Brothers/

Little Sisters, compared to other children, were 46 percent less likely to begin using illegal drugs and 52 percent less likely to skip school.

Sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Middlesex County, Addiction Awareness Month offers a month-long opportunity to reinforce important messages about addiction.

Throughout Middlesex County, communities, schools, businesses and organizations will host special events to help individuals, young and old, learn more about addiction and how to prevent and reduce it. Activities include lobby displays, poster contests, community presentations, health fairs, parent education programs and more.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Middlesex County, Inc., founded in 1980, is a private, non-profit health organization dedicated to the prevention and early intervention of alcoholism, drug abuse and related problems. Located in East Brunswick, they provide a Prevention Resource Center, Information & Referral helpline, community education, training, school-based prevention programs and advocacy. For a list of Addiction Awareness Month activities in the county, or to request materials, call NCADD of Middlesex County at (732) 254-3344.

Landlord/Tenant Rights Seminar

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — A free seminar on "Landlord/Tenant Rights" will be held on Wednesday, April 3 from 7-9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, New Brunswick (off Ryders Lane). The seminar is sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and is open to the public.

Speakers will include Michael Gildenberg, a staff attorney with Middlesex County Legal Services Corporation, and Lindsay Lutz, a staff attorney with Ocean-Monmouth Legal Services, Inc. They will discuss moving-related issues, the New Jersey Anti-Eviction Act, security deposits, protected tenancies and the purchase and sale of rental property. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentations.

Admission to the seminar is free, but reservations are required. To register or for more information on Foundation seminars, programs and

publications, visit the Foundation online at www.njsbf.org or call 1-800-FREE-LAW. The Foundation's seminar series is made possible by funding from the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.

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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Breezy early; sunshine.	Clear and moonlit.	Clouds and sun.	A good deal of sun.	Sunshine.	Sunshine; warm later.	Sunshine and warm.	Partly sunny.
52	34	54/36	58/37	59/42	65/47	65/47	65/33

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Cool air will chill portions of the Midwest, Northeast and the Ohio Valley. Temperatures across the regions may average 5 to 10 degrees below normal. Elsewhere, storms will bring precipitation to the Southeast and Gulf Coast. Unseasonably warm weather will cover the Southwest, Rocky Mountains and California.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	68 46 s	67 46 s	72 48 s	67 47 s
Boston	50 36 s	52 38 pc	52 36 c	54 40 pc
Chicago	52 40 c	52 28 c	48 38 pc	52 42 c
Cleveland	44 30 s	48 34 c	55 37 s	54 42 s
Denver	59 34 pc	62 36 pc	55 36 pc	55 31 pc
Des Moines	56 32 c	56 35 s	57 41 s	55 42 pc
Detroit	43 32 pc	50 32 pc	56 36 s	53 42 s
Houston	76 54 s	78 52 pc	75 61 r	77 56 c
Indianapolis	50 36 pc	54 36 c	60 39 s	61 44 s
Kansas City	64 37 s	60 40 s	60 42 s	60 49 c
Los Angeles	67 50 c	67 48 pc	71 50 pc	70 45 pc
Miami	81 67 pc	82 66 s	81 69 s	81 62 s
Minn.-St. Paul	44 28 r	40 24 sf	44 28 pc	42 26 pc
New Orleans	73 55 s	76 57 s	75 59 pc	74 58 pc
New York City	52 38 s	54 40 pc	54 42 s	55 44 s
Omaha	60 38 c	60 34 s	56 42 pc	56 44 c
Phoenix	82 56 s	76 54 c	75 54 pc	77 43 pc
San Francisco	67 51 pc	65 50 pc	66 50 pc	65 47 s
Seattle	54 40 pc	56 42 pc	52 40 c	54 36 c
Washington	56 38 s	58 42 pc	58 44 s	61 46 s

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 5:48 a.m.	6:17 p.m.
Fri. 5:46 a.m.	6:18 p.m.

Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 6:23 p.m.	6:05 a.m.
Fri. 7:40 p.m.	6:35 a.m.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 12	Mar 28	Apr 4	Apr 20

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
Amsterdam	55 42 pc	53 40 r	48 32 pc	48 41 s
Berlin	46 35 pc	51 39 pc	51 37 c	48 40 c
Buenos Aires	74 64 c	78 66 sh	80 60 pc	79 59 pc
Cairo	72 46 pc	71 48 pc	71 48 s	71 51 s
Jerusalem	53 35 pc	52 35 pc	54 36 pc	55 38 pc
Johannesburg	80 56 pc	73 46 pc	71 59 s	80 60 pc
London	60 50 pc	55 38 pc	49 36 pc	55 45 s
Madrid	69 45 pc	69 43 c	61 40 sh	65 44 c
Mexico City	74 53 pc	77 51 pc	76 47 pc	73 47 pc
Moscow	39 25 pc	41 29 c	43 35 pc	48 35 s
Paris	60 46 pc	51 37 r	49 34 c	53 44 s
Rio de Janeiro	83 69 c	80 69 pc	82 71 pc	82 72 pc
Rome	57 38 s	59 39 s	60 45 pc	62 45 pc
San Juan	83 75 c	82 74 pc	82 70 pc	82 70 pc
Seoul	55 41 c	58 41 pc	55 45 pc	65 49 s
Sydney	76 56 s	79 56 s	72 52 pc	72 54 s
Tokyo	52 43 s	58 57 r	62 43 s	56 50 s
Toronto	29 21 pc	43 25 sn	44 24 c	50 38 pc
Winnipeg	22 13 sn	28 21 c	41 28 pc	46 18 r
Zurich	53 38 pc	57 46 pc	51 40 c	51 42 pc

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Six Flags Opens This Weekend

AREA—New Jersey Six Flags three-park entertainment complex will feature an array of new, family entertainment and expand premium guest services in 2002. A new show package offering six diverse productions, the theme park industry's most ambitious festival series and new guest service-oriented programs will debut throughout the season, beginning on the park's opening day, March 29.

With more rides than any theme park on the planet, Six Flags Great Adventure is known for its world-class selection of roller coasters and variety of thrill rides. In 2002, park officials will add a new entertainment package to the list of its best-known assets.

The 350-acre Six Flags Wild Safari is the world's largest drive-through safari outside of Africa, featuring more than 1,200 animals from six continents. Its unique drive-through configuration differentiates it from a zoo, as animals walk right up to guests' vehicles for an up-close and personal experience. Millions of guests have enjoyed the 4.5 mile journey since 1974. In 2002, each guest to purchase a ticket to Six Flags Great Adventure theme park will be able to tour the Wild Safari for free.

Six Flags Great Adventure and Wild Safari kick-off their 29th season March 29. Six Flags Hurricane Harbor opens May 25. Operating schedules vary at all three parks. For more information, call (732) 928-1821 or visit Six Flags Great Adventure, Wild Safari and Hurricane Harbor on the Web at www.sixflags.com.

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

IRA Contributions Can Be Made Until Tax Filing Deadline

AREA — If you haven't put any money into an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) for tax year 2001, or if you've put in less than the maximum allowed, you still have time, according to the IRS. You can contribute to either a traditional or Roth IRA until the April due date of your tax return.

If you make a contribution for the previous tax year, tell the IRA trustee which year the contribution is for. Otherwise, the trustee may report the contribution as being for the year in which it was received.

You may contribute up to \$2,000 of your earnings for 2001 to an IRA. You may fund a tradi-

tional IRA, a Roth IRA (if you qualify), or both, but your total contributions cannot be more than \$2,000. The annual limit will be \$3,000 for 2002 through 2004, with a limit of \$3,500 for persons age 50 or more.

You may be able to take a tax deduction for the amounts you put into a traditional IRA, de-

pending on whether you - or your spouse, if filing jointly - is covered by an employer's pension plan and how much total income you have. You cannot deduct Roth IRA contributions, but the earnings on a Roth IRA may be tax-free if you meet the conditions for a qualified distribution.

You may file your tax return before you make the IRA contribution, but you must be sure to complete the contribution by the filing deadline. If you report a contribution to a traditional IRA

on your return, but fail to make it by the deadline, you must file an amended tax return. If you claimed a deduction for an IRA contribution that you failed to make, you must add that amount back to your income on the amended return and pay tax accordingly.

IRS Publication 590 has detailed information on Individual Retirement Arrangements. To get a copy, check the "Forms and Publications Finder" section of the IRS web site at www.irs.gov. It's also available at local IRS offices or by phone at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Gift Giving

AREA — If you give any one person gifts valued at more than \$10,000 in 2001, it is necessary to report the total gift to the Internal Revenue Service. You may even have to pay tax on the gift. For 2002, the amount rises to \$11,000.

The person who receives your gift does not have to report the gift to the IRS or pay gift or income tax on its value.

You make a gift when you give property, including money, or the use or income from property, without expecting to receive something of equal

value in return. If you sell something at less than its value or make an interest-free or reduced-interest loan, you may be making a gift.

There are some exceptions to the tax rules on gifts. The following gifts do not count against the annual limit:

- Tuition or medical expenses that you pay directly to an educational or medical institution for someone's benefit
- Gifts to your spouse
- Gifts to a political organization for its use
- Gifts to charities

If you are married, both you and your spouse can give sepa-

rate gifts of up to the annual limit to the same person without making a taxable gift.

For more information, get the IRS Publication 950, "Introduction to Estate and Gift Taxes," IRS Form 709 or 709-A, "United States Gift Tax Return," and "Instructions for Form 709."

They are available at the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov through the "Forms and Publications Finder." They are also available at local IRS offices or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Do You Have A Deductible Home Office?

AREA — Whether you are self-employed or an employee, if you use a portion of your home for business purposes, you may be able to take a home office deduction, according to the IRS.

You can deduct certain expenses if your home is the principal place where your trade or business is conducted. You can also take a deduction for business use of the home if that is where you meet and deal with clients or patients in the course of your business. If you use a separate structure not attached to your home for an exclusive and regular part of your business, you can deduct expenses related to it.

Your home office will qualify as your principal place of business if you use it exclusively and regularly for the administrative or management activities associated with your trade or business. There must also be no other place where you can conduct these administrative or management activities. If you use both your home and other locations regularly in your business, you must determine which location is your principal place of business.

If you are an employee, you have additional requirements to meet. You cannot take the home office deduction unless the business use of your home is for the convenience of your employer. Also, you cannot take deductions for space you are renting to your

employer. Generally, the amount you can deduct depends on the percentage of your home used for business.

Your deduction will be limited if your gross income from your business is less than your total business expenses.

Expenses that you can deduct for business use of the home may include the business portion of real estate taxes, deductible mortgage interest, rent, utilities, insurance, depreciation, painting and repairs. You may not deduct expenses for lawn care or for painting a room not used for business.

There are other rules for qualified daycare providers and for

persons storing business inventory or product samples.

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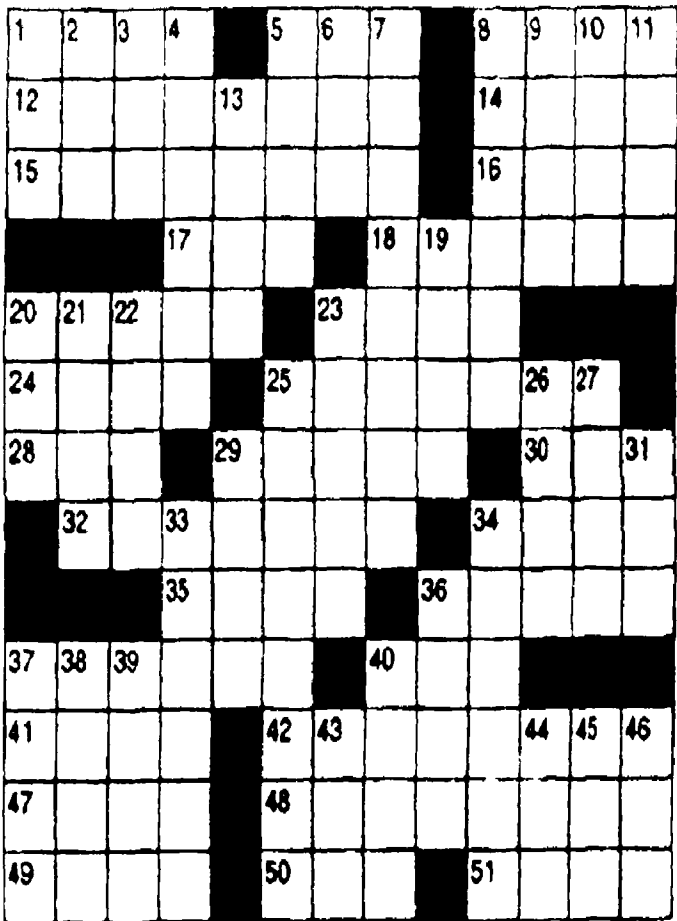
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Anna cooled David's rage over Jake's promotion at the hospital by hinting that David could eventually win out. Unbeknownst to Leo, Pauline had a tape recorder in her purse as she asked him questions about Vanessa. Ryan accused Kendall of chasing after Chris to hurt Erica. Later, Erica's mood darkened when she saw Kendall kiss Chris. Vanessa raced around the hospital corridors when she "heard" Proteus' voice. Mia took an important paper from Jake's desk. Anna learned about Dixie's pregnancy. Liza suffered another excruciating headache. Wait to See: Leo gets a dangerous idea.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

A toy changed things for Molly. Paul and Rose experienced a bittersweet reunion. Craig was confronted by a surprising reaction from Jack. Hal decided he'd best take matters into his own hands. Wait to See: Craig and Brandy strike a deal. Lisa considers telling Isaac where to find Bonnie.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Sally vowed to make Massimo pay for using their relationship to keep her quiet

about Ridge being his son. As Sally later prepared to tell Eric that Massimo fathered Ridge, Massimo and Stephanie entered, and the two women then confronted each other in private, with Stephanie agreeing to do anything Sally asked so long as she kept the Ridge-Massimo relationship a secret. Ridge later learned his designing days might be over because of the severe injury to his hand. Meanwhile Amber glowed as Bob Barker praised her Ambrosia line. Wait to See: Sally finds that revenge can be bitter as well as sweet.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

An increasingly suspicious John confronted Shawn over Jan's pregnancy. Bo and Hope also became more suspicious of Shawn and Jan's relationship. As Victor considered proposing to Nicole, she and Austin became closer during their business trip to Las Vegas. Philip and Belle also bonded on the trip. Meanwhile, back in Salem, Brandon and Jennifer were each upset that Jack and Greta decided to fly off together to Las Vegas. Wait to See: Kate works feverishly to stop Sami's wedding to Austin. Brandon and Jennifer spend the night together.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Luke was furious about Helena's escape and feared for Laura's safety. Meanwhile, Helena confronted Gia in the stables and demanded she (Gia) immediately bring her \$500,000 from the safe. Nikolas joined forces with Luke on the search for Helena, and told him about her riddle about the sun and the dark of the moon. Sarah encouraged Elizabeth to fight to regain Lucky's love. Wait to See: Nikolas faces some bitter truths.

GUIDING LIGHT

Catalina decided to go the blackmail route. Beth and Philip found themselves in an "ideal" situation for reconnecting. Blake refused to believe her nemesis was out of her life. Mel met the Bauer family. Wait to See: Rick helps Mel reach Clayton. Carmen and Edmund get closer.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Sam defended Starr to Blair and Todd, and explained the

"man on the wheel" was not a figment of her imagination but was actually Troy, whom Lindsay had chained up. Troy threatened to reveal the truth about Jen's pregnancy test if Lindsay didn't confess her crimes. Viki told Rae she needed to bring Niki out so she could learn what hold Niki has over her. Gabrielle saw Al standing up. Sam watched an attentive Nora take care of an unconscious Troy. Wait to See: Todd sees Blair and Sam in an "unexpected" situation. Viki gets news from Niki.

PASSIONS

Ivy and Rebecca attacked Theresa when her lawyer told them to leave the Crane mansion. Luis asked Beth to accompany him on the free trip to Bermuda. The scroll told Tabitha of a bleak future for Timmy. Later, Zombie Charity told Tabitha how she (Z.C.) would end Tabitha's long history of spell casting in Harmony. Once again, Diana (Sheridan) was saved from drowning by someone she believed was Luis. Wait to See: Timmy faces danger.

PORT CHARLES

Kevin finished Paige's portrait. Chris upset Amy by remarking on her resemblance to her father, and how she must be ashamed of him. Ricky feared Casey left him because of the disfiguring slash wounds on his face. The portrait of Alison's great, great, great grandmother disappeared. In London, Lucy, Paige and Kevin were intrigued by a name Lucy found in Paige's family tree. Ian began to wonder about Ed's photo. Wait to See: Judgment Day arrives for Port Charles.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Jack was evasive when Diane asked if he was going for more than visitation with Kyle. Ashley and Brad learned that her mammogram showed a small mass, and she needed to undergo a biopsy. Raul and Brittany shared an unexpectedly passionate kiss as they rehearsed love scenes from her script. After rejecting a seduction bid by Carrie, Nick went to see Sharon, but left before the two could pursue the growing warmth between them. In Australia, Chris refused Mary's plea to return to Genoa City to save Paul from Isabella. Wait to See: Sharon gets unsettling news.

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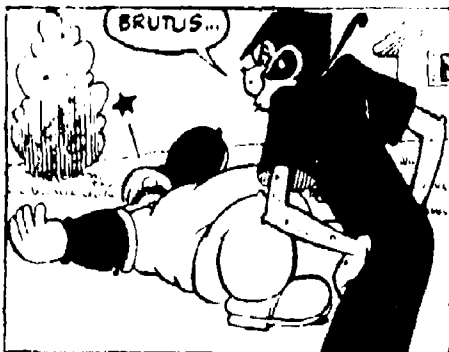
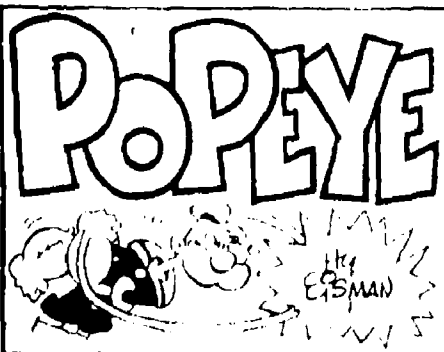
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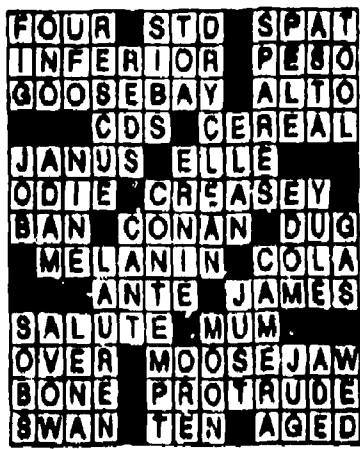
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Why Is Recovery From Substance Abuse So Difficult?

by Cyrus Marcellus Ellis, PhD

He's an addict, a drunk, a druggie, a pill-popper. Whatever the descriptive term used, the meaning is the same - someone who is a substance abuser, using alcohol, cocaine, crack, marijuana, heroin, amphetamines, or over-the-counter medications to the point of addiction.

For many people, it's difficult to understand why most people with such a problem can't face up to their substance abuse and just stop. The person made a choice to start using whatever drug it is that he or she is now abusing. Why can't he or she also make a choice to stop?

In reality, people, even the most hard core addicts, do have exactly that choice. And the first step on the road to recovery is making the decision to stop. But making that decision doesn't make the recovery road any less difficult. There are very real rea-

sons why it's easy for many with abuse problems, even those with a real desire to overcome their problems, to fall back again into the pit of their addiction.

One of the biggest challenges facing someone trying to overcome a substance abuse problem is the chemical changes any drug causes in a person's body. These changes interfere with a person's natural ability to feel good, think, be happy, adjust to physical pain, and control emotions. Most abused substances alter the body's basic chemistry, creating a physical need for more of the substance.

As a person attempts to stop using his drug or drugs of choice, his body must fight to get back to operating normally, to returning the body's natural chemistry to operating as it did before drugs. The person attempting to recover from substance abuse finds himself or herself in physical dis-

comfort on a daily basis. Symptoms can include headaches, nausea, sensitivity to sunlight, irritability, and being short-tempered. Users of the most addictive drugs can face even harder and more serious physical reactions.

That physical pain is real and a significant temptation to start using the drug again. The person who abused substances has learned that drugs can make pain go away. Returning to the drug is an easy way to remove the pain.

Someone recovering from substance abuse also has to face daily reminders that their drug of choice is readily available. For persons with a legal drug of choice, such as alcohol or over the counter medications, advertising, the neighborhood bar, liquor and drug store are all daily reminders of how easy it is to get and solve the problem of the pain they are feeling. Most illegal

drugs are not much harder to find.

The home or social environment can also make the process of recovery very difficult. For those of us who provide addiction treatment, we use the phrase "people, places, and things" to refer to this issue. Being around the same people, the same places, and doing the same things as when the drug usage started makes it easy to once again slip back into the same patterns.

Despite such problems, every day there are those who are able to overcome their substance abuse, but it is always a hard and difficult task.

One important step is seeking out help. There are self-help and other types of recovery-based programs that can offer support and guidance. Finding a program that works and then sticking with it is essential. Local drug clinics and counseling professionals can provide guidance.

Staying abstinent is another important step. For someone with a substance abuse problem, even a little is too much. Quitting means to quit completely.

Another important action is to

begin living a healthier life. Eating nutritious meals on a regular basis, along with getting regular levels of appropriate exercise and adequate amounts of sleep can all help someone with an abuse problem feel better and deal with their problems more easily.

Maintaining a recovery program is not easy. Neither is living the life of an addict. The recovering person struggles with a minute-by-minute choice of sobriety or abuse. Nevertheless, as it is said in meetings taking place across this nation, "Keep coming back. It works if you work at it."

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The American Counseling Association is the nation's largest organization of counseling professionals, with more than 50,000 members nationwide. Additional information for consumers and counseling professionals is available through the ACA web site at www.counseling.org.

Interactions Of Medication With Alcohol Use

AREA—Many medications can interact with alcohol, leading to increased risk of illness, injury or even death. With the cold and flu season upon us, consumers should be aware that the use of alcohol may effect their body, as well as interact with their medication.

Alcohol is a drug that when taken effects several organs of the body such as the brain, liver and stomach. It can decrease reaction time and increase sedation. Furthermore, when taken along with prescription and non-prescription medications, the potential for serious problems arise.

Alcohol enhances the drowsiness associated with antihistamines found in cough and cold medications; these effects including excessive dizziness and sedation, may become more pronounced in older persons. It also can increase the sedative effects of medications used for depression and anxiety. These types of interactions may impair the ability of people to perform work that requires alertness or the ability to drive and maintain good reflexes.

Taking non-prescription pain relievers and consuming alcohol can cause mild to severe stomach upset. When alcohol is taken with some antibiotics, interaction may occur producing severe stomach upset, flushing, increased heart-

beat and breathing or the effectiveness of the medication may be reduced.

Over the counter and prescription drugs can impair driving performance. Combining alcohol with these medications can increase your risk for traffic accidents. Be aware and check with your pharmacist or health care provider prior to consuming alcohol while taking over the counter

or prescription medication. NJPIES encourages consumers to exercise caution when drinking alcohol especially in combination with other medications.

For more information about the use of alcohol in combination with a particular medication, ask your doctor, pharmacist or call the NJ Poison Control Center hotline at 1-800-222-1222. Remember help is just a phone call away!

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EDITORIAL

Readers Commentary

Women

In The Military

Dear Editor,

In a nation that glorifies athletes and entertainers, we often forget the real heroes in society. Only in time of national crisis, or emergency, do we even give thought to the courageous men and women who serve, suffer and sacrifice for this country—our military personnel. It is likely, therefore, that not many people are aware of the heroic efforts and achievements of the women who serve, and have served, in our nation's military; many gave that ultimate sacrifice.

From the days of the American Revolution women have served on the battlefield in defense of this great nation. Most of us have heard of Mary Hays McCauley (Molly Pitcher) and her bravery at the Battle of Monmouth, but similar deeds were performed by Margaret Corbin at the Battle of Fort Mifflin, and the native American, Tyonajane-gen, wife of an American officer who rode by his side into battle. The courage and tenacity of women did not stop there. Mary Walker, a surgeon during the Civil War, was the first and only woman to

receive the nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for her brave exploits on the battlefield, even enduring a brief imprisonment as a prisoner of war.

For the periods of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm hundreds of women serving in the military died because of a rampant spread of disease, were killed in accidents, or were killed by enemy fire. Hundreds more were captured by the enemy and some were held as prisoners of war for years.

Because of the shortage of manpower during World War II the Army (at this time the Air Force was still under the Army), Navy, Marines and Coast Guard formed special women's components "for the duration of the emergency and six months." It wasn't until The Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 that women in all branches of military service became members of the 'Regular Armed Forces.'

But restrictions still prevailed and a 2 percent ceiling was imposed on the number of women in the military with restrictions on promotions. In addition, no women could fly an aircraft in combat nor be assigned to a naval

vessel involved in combat. It would not be until 1967 that President Johnson would remove the ceiling on the numbers of women in the military as well as promotion limits.

It would, however, be decades before restrictions to the same activities as men would be lifted.

The space program is not considered a military program although military personnel from various branches have been involved. All of us have heard of Mercury 7 and Lt. Col. John Glenn's historic orbiting of the earth in 1962. But, how many have heard of Mercury 13? In 1960 a secret mission was developed to train women to become astronauts. Among these candidates were Jerrie Cobb, who had twice the flying hours of John Glenn and three times the flying hours of Scott Carpenter, whose tests results for the program, both physical and mental, were so outstanding that she was sent to the next phase of training, along with the other twelve women pilots.

In 1961 and without warning the program for women astronauts was cancelled. The government used the weak excuse that the women pilots had not gone through jet training at Edward Air Force Base; the irony was that

women pilots at that time were not eligible for that training.

Twenty two years later, Dr. Sally Ride, a physicist, would become the first American woman in space as a crew member aboard the shuttle Challenger, thirty four years after the cancellation of the first women's astronaut program. U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in 1995, would become the first woman pilot of a space craft Discovery.

At age 76 John Glenn was permitted to fly again in space. At age 67 Jerrie Cobb was still denied her place in history and never offered the opportunity for space flight.

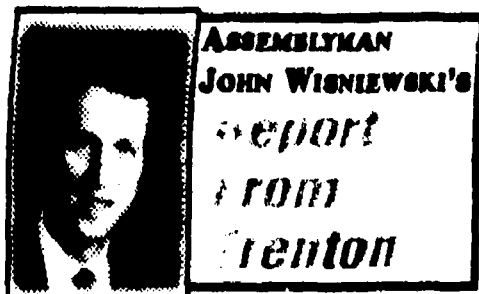
The controversy over women in combat still continues despite the fact there are women pilots flying attack missions over Afghanistan which the news media seems to ignore, and that women are crew members aboard naval vessels involved in combat missions. In the warfare of today hostile borders become blurred and enemy shells, rockets, and bullets do not discriminate because of sex. History is replete with lists of military women who served in combat zones bravely and heroically and have been awarded commendations and combat medals for their extraordi-

nary actions above and beyond the call of duty.

The women of today's military fill many positions from enlisted ranks to generals and admirals; from crew members to ship's commanders; from pilots to air traffic controllers; from astronauts to flying B-52's, and so much more. At present a female Brigadier General has taken over command of New Jersey's McGuire Air Force Base.

No matter what their rank or status Lt. Melony Lynch, combat pilot, had this to say: "Sometimes people forget that there are so many men and women of all ages and backgrounds doing amazing things in the military. They're serving our country because they want to and because they love what they do. Sometimes it takes a tragedy for people to realize that they're doing it every day for you, for me, for all our families." This should be a reminder of what President Calvin Coolidge said, "The nation that forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten."

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Think back to our high school history class. What names ring a bell? George Washington and John Adams, Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy for sure. And an American History class wouldn't be complete without the lessons of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, or of the Civil War and the World Wars. These men, these documents, and these events are extraordinary. They were an integral part to the foundation of our country and will continue to be so, for as long as history is studied.

But what if I said that a traditional study of just these people, these documents, and these events is incomplete? What if I said that when you hear the story of the signing of the Constitution, you were only hearing half of the story? The part of the story that you are missing, is the part that has the women in it. Even though not one woman signed the Declaration of Independence and not one woman stood on the floor

of the Constitutional Convention to be heard, these events were still influenced by women.

How so? When John Adams was attending the Constitutional Convention in the 1780s, his wife Abigail wrote a letter to him. She requested that her husband "Remember the ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than [his] ancestors..." This letter represents the beginning of the movement to secure suffrage for women. Women were not granted the right to vote at this time, but the men at the Convention made a conscious decision not to break with tradition as they had in other matters. In history books, this momentous event often only amounts to a short paragraph, if it is written about at all.

Harriet Tubman was just as instrumental in freeing the slaves as any other, but the amount of time spent on her story pales in comparison to other abolitionists.

Jeannette Rankin, the first female US Representative and the only person to vote against both World Wars, became a member of Congress before women were granted the right to vote. Isn't she worthy of study in a history class?

March is Women's History

Month, or more fitting, Herstory Month. The lives and accomplishments of women are highlighted during this month. But, it should not only be a designated month of the year in which we recognize women's roles in society. Below is a sort of timeline outlining some important events and people throughout the history of our country.

In 1889, Nellie Bly went around the world in 72 days. In the same year, Ida Wells began her anti-lynching campaign. By the end of the 1890s, some states, particularly Connecticut and Colorado, began to grant suffrage to women. In 1902, Ida Tarbell had her expose of the Standard Oil Company published which played a key role in the breakup of the company.

In 1920, the states ratified the 19th amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote. During World War II, women were called to work in traditionally male jobs. This was the time of "Rosie the Riveter." In 1948, Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman elected to the US Senate. A year later, Harvard announced they would admit women to their law school.

In 1956, Rosa Parks was

arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus, arguably the start of the Civil Rights Movement. The Feminine Mystique written by Betty Friedan was published in 1963 and changed the way some women saw their lives. Muriel Siebert was the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange in 1967. Shirley Chisholm, the first African American Congresswoman, was elected in 1968. The Supreme Court ruled in 1981 that women could not be excluded from juries because of their sex. The first woman to run on a major party ticket was Geraldine Ferraro in 1984.

The 1990s also saw some firsts for women. Janet Reno was the first woman nominated to the position of US Attorney General. Madeline Albright served as the first female Secretary of State.

Some of these examples do not seem to be exceptional by themselves. But when they are looked at in the context of women's history as a whole, these women were pioneers in their field. For 160 years, no woman served in the US Senate.

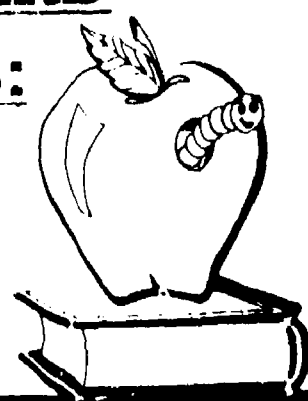
The first woman to do it was remarkable in her own right. It was hard enough to jump the hurdles to get there, but imagine how hard it was to be the only woman in the room with 99 men. We remember the brave acts of men during perilous times but we forget to acknowledge the same for women.

The Boston Tea Party should be given just as much ink in our history books as the Seneca Falls Convention, which was a rebellion for women against the status quo.

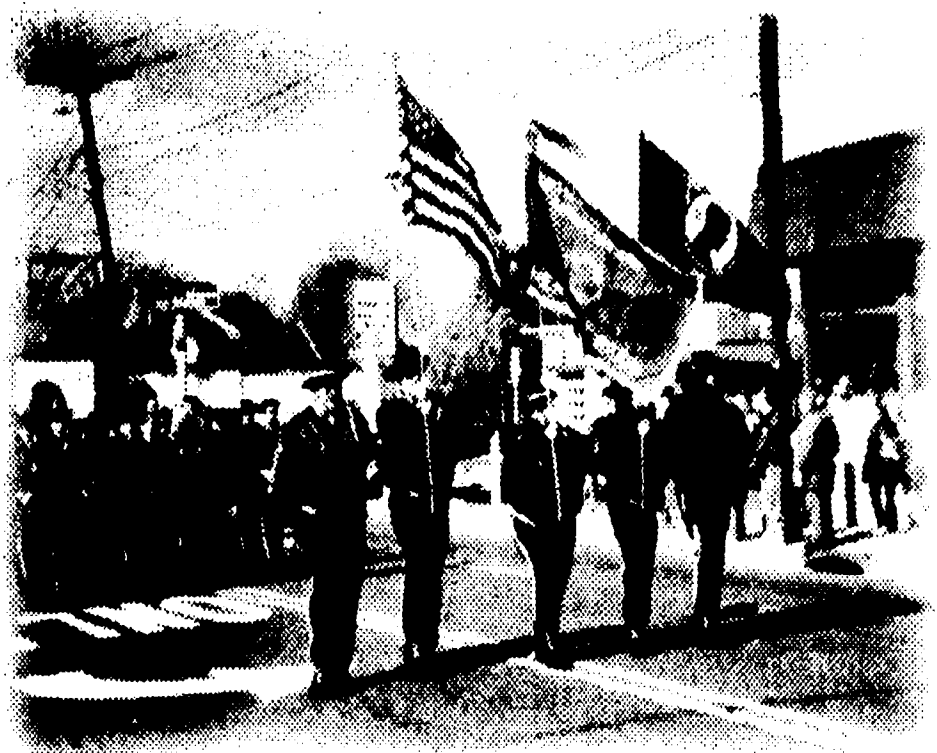
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS



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First Sentinel Bancorp Annual Meeting

WOODBIDGE—The Board of Directors of First Sentinel Bancorp, Inc. ("First Sentinel"), (Nasdaq: FSLA) the holding company for First Savings Bank, announced that its annual meeting of stockholders will be held on May 21 at 10 a.m. at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, 515 Route 1 South, Iselin. The record date for stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is April 1. First Sentinel, through its subsidiary, First Savings Bank, operates 22 branch offices in Middlesex, Monmouth, Mercer and Union Counties.

Limits On Crossing Outerbridge

PERTH AMBOY - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey says eastbound lanes of the Outerbridge Crossing will be closed six nights a week until the fall.

Traffic headed for Staten Island will be diverted to the Goethals Bridge in Elizabeth, according to the authority.

The lane closure will speed up the rehabilitation of the 73-year-old bridge and make up for time lost due to the World Trade Center tragedy.

"It will allow us to complete the Outerbridge project sooner and then shift our resources more quickly to the Goethals Bridge, which is in dire need of repairs," said Ken Philmus, director of tunnels, bridges and terminals for the port authority.

The eastbound lanes will be closed Monday through Thursday from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.; and Friday and Saturday nights from midnight to 8 a.m. The bridge will be open in both directions Sunday nights.

Street Smart Parenting Lecture

EDISON—Parents or caregivers of teens, ages 13–18, are encouraged to attend a free lecture given by best-selling author, Bill Beausay, entitled "Street Smart Parenting: 4 Steps for Raising Smarter, Tougher, Wiser Teens." The lecture, sponsored by the auxiliaries of JFK Medical Center and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will be offered on Wednesday, April 10 from 7–9 p.m. at JFK Conference Center, 70 James Street, Edison and again on Thursday, April 11 from 7–9 p.m. in Centennial Hall at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield. For additional information or to register, call (732) 321-7089.

"Street Smart Parenting: 4 Steps for Raising Smarter, Tougher, Wiser Teens," is designed for anyone who cares for young people today. During the two-hour presentation, attendees will find new ways to connect and communicate with their teen, determine five trends for the next decade, learn everything about "rave" parties and drugs such as "ecstasy," learn simple ways to read body language and much more.

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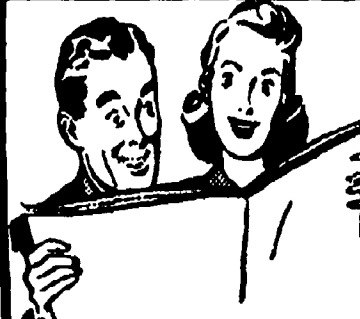
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OBITUARIES

Mary Bonalsky, 97 of Fords

Mrs. Mary (Samsoe) Bonalsky of Fords died March 7 at home. She was 97.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Fords for the past 78 years.

She formerly worked at Perth Amboy Cigar Factory.

During the Second World War, she worked in the General Motors plant in Linden making airplanes.

Mrs. Bonalsky was the ward clerk at Perth Amboy General Hospital (now Raritan Bay Medical Center) many years ago.

She was a member of the Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens Club, Fords.

Mrs. Bonalsky was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy.

She was a former member of the Perth Amboy Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her husband, Marcel Bonalsky, died in 1950 and a son, Marcel Raymond Bonalsky died in 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Virginia Blanchard of Hollidaysburg, Pa.; three grandchildren, Marcie McNamara of Howell, Mark Blanchard of Bayshore, N.Y. and Todd Bonalsky of Fords; and five great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Nocks, 79 of Avenel

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Nocks of Avenel died March 6 in Muhlenberg Regional Hospital, Plainfield. She was 79.

Born in Franklin Township, she lived in Avenel for the past 48 years.

She was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mrs. Nocks was employed by Woodbridge State School, Avenel as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) for 10 years before retiring in 1987.

She was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church, Avenel and a member of its Altar Rosary Society.

Her husband, Benjamin, died in 1974.

Surviving are two sons, Cole Nocks of Haledon and Michael Nocks of Avenel; two daughters, Teresa Russo of Staten Island, N.Y. and Lisa Nocks of Chatham; a sister, Rose Simon of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; and two granddaughters, Laura Nocks and Tammy Nocks.

Gopalakrishna Ganti of Carteret

Mr. Gopalakrishna D. Ganti of Woodbridge (formerly of Carteret) died March 14 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was 38.

Born in India, he lived in Carteret before moving to Woodbridge a year ago.

He was a systems analyst for Burrell's Information Systems in Livingston for the past two years.

Surviving are his wife, Nirmala D.; five sisters and three brothers.

George W. Brown of Carteret

Mr. George W. Brown of Carteret died March 13 at Rahway Hospital. He was 85.

Born in Newark, he lived in Carteret since 1959.

He retired as traffic manager from Lincoln Mayflower Van Lines, Orange.

Mr. Brown was a parishioner of St. John Vianney R.C. Church, Colonia.

His parents, George W. and Amelia Brown and a sister, Josephine White are all deceased.

Surviving are a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Domenica Rivoli of Edison

Mrs. Domenica Rivoli of Jackson (formerly of Edison) died March 11 in Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. She was 89.

Born in Italy, she lived in New York City and Edison before moving to Jackson last year.

She was a member of the Senior Citizens Club, Edison.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Karasik; a son Philip; a brother, Danny Rizzi; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Hannah P. Reese of Edison

Mrs. Hannah P. Baird Reese of Edison died March 10 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 82.

Born in Plymouth, Pa., she lived in Edison for the past 32 years.

Mrs. Reese was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Edison.

Her husband, Kenneth Reese, died in 2001.

Surviving are three daughters, Janice Graulich of Milltown, Gloria Preston of Edison and Gail Barbato of North Brunswick; two sisters, Tyvil Applegate of Jamesburg and Mary Jean Smith of Spring Hill, Fla.; a brother, William Baird of Plymouth, Pa.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

William F. Neveil of Sewaren

Mr. William F. Neveil Sr. of Sewaren died March 9 at Genesis Woodlands, Plainfield. He was 88.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Sewaren since 1941.

He was a clerk at Reading Railroad in Port Reading for 46 years, retiring in 1974.

Mr. Neveil was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Woodbridge.

A brother, Ray and two sisters, Almira Simonsen and Georgie Denton, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Helen (Dorn); a son William F. Jr. of Sewaren; a daughter, Mary Ann Vyszwan of Arizona; and two grandchildren, John Dunore and Lindsey Neveil.

Walter J. Singer, 78 of Iselin

Mr. Walter J. Singer of Iselin died March 8 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in Elizabeth, he resided in Iselin since 1952. He was a Woodbridge police detective for 25 years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Singer was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 142nd Infantry from 1943-45. He was a member of the Disabled American Vets; American Legion, Iselin Post #471; Union County Baseball Hall of Fame; Deutscher Club, Clark; PBA Local 38 and Retired Police and Firemans Association Local 9. He received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. He was a parishioner of St. Cecelia's R.C. Church, Iselin.

His wife, Virginia Ann Singer, died in 1985. Surviving are his two brothers, William G. and Gerry Singer, both of Whiting; four sons, Walter Francis of Toms River; Thomas of Iselin, William A. of Cranford and Kenneth J. of Iselin; a daughter, Virginia Richards of Colonia; ten grandchildren, Jennifer Singer, Danna Melapioni, Shannon Singer, Rachelle Singer, Thomas Singer, Katie Singer, William Singer, Elizabeth Singer, Kyle Singer and Daniel Singer; and five great-grandchildren, Jonathan Mulvihill, Alexis Muholland, Avery Maski, Zachary Melapioni and Matthew Melapioni.

Louis A. Peterson of Colonia

Mr. Louis A. Peterson of Lakeland, Fla. (formerly of Colonia) died March 11 at Lakeland Hospital, Lakeland, Fla. He was 79.

Born in Newark, he was raised in Irvington and lived in Edison and then Colonia before moving to Florida in 1990.

He was formerly employed as a warehouse supervisor for A&P Tea Co.

Mr. Peterson was a charter member of the masonic lodge in Lake Alfred, Fla.

He served in the Army Air Corps in Italy during World War II.

Mr. Peterson was a member of New Dover United Methodist Church, Edison and the United Methodist Men's Club of the church.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Janet E. Peterson; a son, Wayne of Edison; two daughters, Debi Molinaro of Hillsborough and Robbin Roth of Fords; a sister, Emilie Meistrell of Clark; eight grandchildren, Joseph and Michelle Pateman, Nick Molinaro, Maryann and Michele Furze, Theresa Peterson, Brittany and Timothy Roth.

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