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Goodwill Celebrates Centennial

SOUTH AMBOY — Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey will hold a centennial birthday party at its Sayreville retail store, located at 989 Route 9 (at Ernston Road). In honor of the nonprofit's 100th year anniversary and 83 years of service in New Jersey, Acting Mayor Frank Makransky has declared May 11 "Goodwill Industries Day."

Giving rather than receiving gifts on its birthday (though donations are welcome), Goodwill plans special sales and promotions at all six New Jersey retail stores. The festivities will culminate on May 11, when each store will hold a

drawing for a \$100 gift certificate as well as offer 25 percent off on all customer purchases.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday. As always, Goodwill appreciates donations of clothing, accessories, toys and household goods, and donors may ask for a tax receipt.

Goodwill Industries was founded in Boston in 1902 by the Rev. Dr. Edgar J. Helms, a Methodist minister. His goal was to help Boston's poor with "not charity, but a chance." Instead of gathering donations of clothing and household goods and giving them away to people in need, Helms organ-

ized the recipients in collecting, repairing and selling the donated items themselves, thereby earning a living wage.

Locally, Goodwill Industries of Greater New York was founded in Brooklyn in 1915. A New Jersey Goodwill followed soon after, founded in Jersey City in 1919. Merging in 1999 to form Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey, the agency now touches the lives of more than 55,000 persons a year. Besides offering vocational and job placement services for persons with disabilities and people moving from welfare to work, it provides varied programs to help keep

youth on track and supplies education and training through its award-winning free Family Learning Centers.

In response to Sept. 11, the agency organized an emergency employment initiative for persons who lost their livelihood as a result of the attacks. More than 50 Goodwill programs are located throughout New York metropolitan area and 26 stores stretch from New York City to Albany and from Long Island to Somerset County, New Jersey, with many hosting retail training programs in partnership with boards of education, BOCES or other rehabilitation agencies.

Sidewalk Makeovers Continue In Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY—Amboy Avenue, one of Perth Amboy's largest streets, is the latest to get a makeover.

Using money from the city's urban enterprise zone assistance fund, the city is replacing crumbling sidewalks with fresh con-

crete and brick pavers. The work starts at New Brunswick Avenue and continues to Meredith Street.

The \$1 million project includes 7,000 linear feet of concrete sidewalks, 21,000 square feet of brick edging around the concrete, 126 new trees, 60 trash cans, 110 light posts and 60 benches.

Home- and business-owners welcome the new look, similar to that of Smith and State streets.

Several existing trees were removed for the project, which was an added benefit for at least one store. Wanda Figureoa, owner of Ultimate Wanda's

Unisex Hair Salon, said, "People said because of the tree they didn't see our business because the tree was covering it."

Some businesses and homeowners want the city to do something about the chronic littering problem as well.

A dozen other streets around the city will also be resurfaced, including parts of Kelly Avenue, Lincoln Drive, and Cortland Street. In the Dublin section, 10 streets are scheduled to be resurfaced, along with sections of Fayette and High streets.

More than 100 city roads have been resurfaced in the past four years.

Edison Town Picnic

EDISON—Fifty years ago, the Edison Chamber of Commerce was born. In order to truly celebrate that happening, the chamber will sponsor several events during 2002.

On Saturday, May 11 the chamber will sponsor a "township wide" full day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., picnic on the grounds of the Edison Job Corps,

Plainfield Avenue, Edison.

There will be an ID program for children and senior citizens, vintage cars and military equipment in honor of Armed Forces Day. The scheduled rain date is Saturday, May 18.

For more information, call the Edison Chamber of Commerce at (732) 738-9482.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**St. Joseph's High School Teachers Recognized**

METUCHEN Donald Bryner and Matthew Scanlon, an English teacher and a religious studies teacher at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, have received the Outstanding Educator award from the University of Richmond.

Winners are nominated by first-year students at the university to honor teachers, administrators or guidance counselors who have been influential on them. The educators receive certificates and letters of recognition are sent to their supervisors.

Bryner was nominated by Matthew Robert Pennella, a 2001 graduate of St. Joseph's. Scanlon was nominated by Christopher James Kukulski, who is also a

2001 graduate of St. Joseph's.

"The awards were created to connect Richmond with high schools and show appreciation for the preparation of students coming to the university," said DeAnn O'Dell, coordinator of the program.

"Bryner was always interested in how all his students were doing inside and outside of the classroom," Pennella said. "He would always go the extra mile for any student in his class."

"Brother Scanlon has not only been a great educational mentor throughout my high school career, but he has also been a great friend," Kukulski said. "During my four years at St. Joseph's, I could rely on him for any trouble

I had. The guidance he gave me helped in every facet of my life."

Founded in 1830, the University of Richmond is one of the country's top small, private universities. It has been ranked number one in its category for eight straight years by *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" issue. "The Fiske Guide to Colleges," recently named the university to its list of 43 best buys among more than 2,200 four-year colleges.

Proprietary House Tours

PERTH AMBOY—Tours of historic Proprietary House/ The Royal Governor's Mansion, built in 1762-64 by the East Jersey Proprietors and the official residence of William Franklin, the last Royal Governor of New Jersey are offered Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays, beginning June 2 from 1-3 p.m. Featured are a restored painting of William Franklin; period paintings, portraits and furniture. Costumed docents lead the tour. Restoration is in progress. A donation is requested.

The facility is handicapped accessible.

Age-appropriate tours for children are also available. Their theme is the introduction to colonial life through the eyes of a child, living in the 1700's. Costumed docents lead the tour. Tours are offered Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays, beginning June 2 from 1-3 p.m.

Teachers and/or parents must accompany children. A donation is requested. Reservations needed for groups of ten or more.

National Organ And Tissue Donor Awareness Week

PERTH AMBOY—When you grow up in a house with many siblings, sharing is usually not an option. Raised in a family with 12 children, Perth Amboy residents Carlos Bermudez and his sister, Carmen Lopez, learned this first-hand. But it wasn't until they were adults and living their own lives that they truly shared something special.

Last June, Lopez, 40, donated one of her kidneys to Bermudez, 46. Today, as the first anniversary of their living-related-donor transplant approaches, Bermudez said there is not a day that goes by when he doesn't think about what his sister has given him. "It's been nine months already, and thank God, everything is alright," he said. "My life was so different before, but now I can do everything that I want to do, whenever I want."

For Bermudez, living with illness is something he has experienced his entire adult life. The kidney transplant he underwent last June was actually his second. At the age of 20, Bermudez received a donor kidney that functioned well in his body for 22 years, but about 2 years ago, it began to fail. His doctors tried renal dialysis several times a week, but it was not an effective treatment. Bermudez was placed on peritoneal dialysis, which he administered to himself 5 times a day at home. The only thing that would save his life was a second kidney transplant.

Then Bermudez and his family learned about the option of living-donor transplant. Lopez called each of their other siblings in search of a match. Blood test results showed that two brothers matched, but they were anxious about donating.

Lopez also matched. The married mother of two teenagers knew what she wanted to do. "No ifs, ands, or buts," is how she describes her decision to donate one of her kidneys to Bermudez.

"She was adamant about giving one of her kidneys to Carlos," said Renal Transplant Coordinator Carmen Flores, R.N. "They are a very close-knit family. It was really great to work with them."

On June 7, 2001 the transplant was performed by surgeons Stuart Geffner, M.D. and Stephen Fletcher, M.D. Everything went smoothly. Twenty-two years after Bermudez's first kidney transplant, his sister had given him a second change at life.

Since the operation, Bermudez's life has changed for the better. He is now able to pursue his favorite activities, like fishing, without having to worry about administering treatment to himself several times a day. He is very close to his nieces and nephews, whom he refers to as "my kids." Lopez lives a block away from him and they visit each other often. "She checks in on me and my father to make sure we're OK," he said.

The Renal Transplant Centers of Newark Beth Israel and St. Barnabas Medical Centers are among the most progressive transplant programs in the country, performing more transplants than any other hospitals in New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The Transplant Centers perform more than 100 living-donor renal transplants each year, thanks to advances in minimally invasive donor surgery. For more information about the St. Barnabas Health Care System Renal Transplant Centers, call 1-888-409-4707.

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Middlesex County is the first county in New Jersey to offer this information on the internet. The Middlesex County Surrogate's website, <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/surrogate>, also offers important information on will and estates.

Newsletter Available On The Internet

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Department of Human Services Quarterly Newsletter provides timely information on issues related to aging, children's services, mental health and addiction services, social work services and transportation for senior and disabled citizens.

Chairperson of the Committee of Human Services is pleased to announce that the Human Services newsletter is now available on the Internet at <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/human> services. The spring issue of the newsletter will appear in April.

For more information, contact Barbara Sewell at (732) 745-5918.

Free Seminar On Wills And Estate Planning

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on wills and estate planning on Thursday, June 6 from 7-9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Ryders Lane) in New Brunswick.

Topics of discussion will include wills and trusts, gift and tax planning, New Jersey probate procedures, power of attorney, living wills, federal estate tax and New Jersey inheritance tax. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentations.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required. To register or for more information on Foundation seminars, programs and publications, call 1-800-FREE-LAW. The Foundation's seminar series is made possible by funding from IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.



WELL-DESERVED AWARD—Michael Tuosto, General Manager of Public Affairs for PSEG receives the Leadership Award from Betty Gallo, founder of the Dean & Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center in New Brunswick. The Gallo Center held it's 3rd annual Awards Dinner on April 20, 2002 at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany. PSEG has been a supporter of the Gallo Prostate Cancer Center since it's inception in 1998. It is part of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Congressman Dean Gallo represented the 11th Congressional District. He died of prostate cancer in 1994. He was 58 years old.

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Happy Mother's Day!
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-Paul



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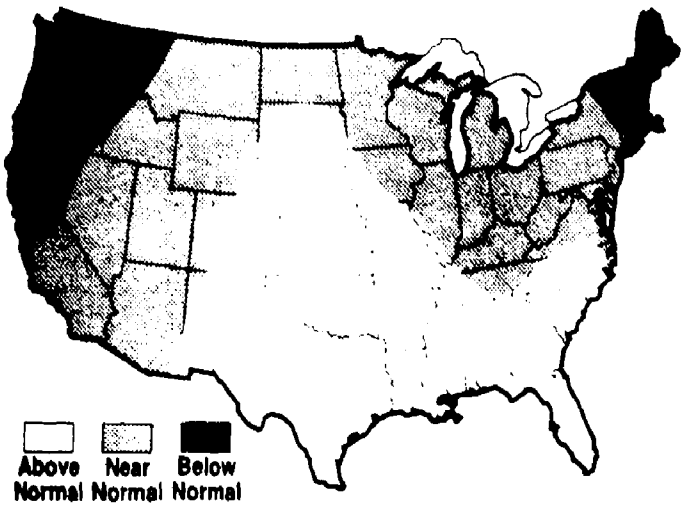
Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
A few showers early.	Fair and windy.	Sunny with a gusty breeze.	Some sun.	Windy with lots of clouds.	Windy with sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Sun and some clouds.
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THE WEEK AHEAD...

NATIONAL SUMMARY

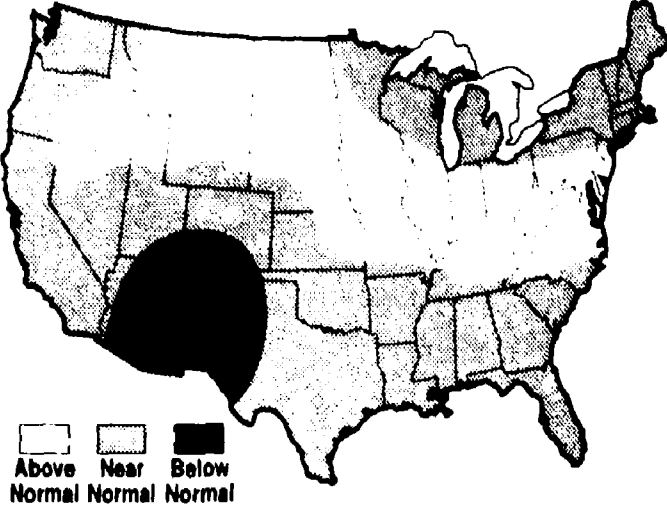
THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures



Warm weather is expected to cover the Plains and Southeast during the period. Temperatures across the central and southern Plains may average 10 to 20 degrees above normal. Storms will bring rain to the northern Plains, Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic. Cool air will settle across the Pacific Northwest and Northeast.

Precipitation



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

SUN & MOON

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	84 64 pc	80 62 c	80 62 c	82 64 pc
Boston	72 50 sh	64 48 s	66 48 s	64 43 s
Chicago	64 42 s	64 46 s	70 54 t	71 52 r
Cleveland	72 42 c	64 44 s	67 50 s	73 50 r
Denver	60 38 pc	74 44 s	74 44 s	76 46 s
Des Moines	62 44 pc	62 46 sh	69 55 r	71 56 c
Detroit	64 42 pc	62 38 s	64 49 pc	72 49 r
Houston	94 74 pc	94 74 pc	90 72 c	90 71 c
Indianapolis	66 46 pc	69 54 pc	76 58 sh	74 60 c
Kansas City	68 48 pc	72 58 pc	78 60 t	80 60 pc
Los Angeles	69 53 pc	69 53 pc	71 49 s	76 51 pc
Miami	88 76 s	88 76 s	88 76 s	88 75 s
Minn.- St. Paul	58 38 pc	64 46 s	68 50 sh	66 46 sh
New Orleans	88 72 s	87 71 s	89 73 s	89 71 s
New York City	80 54 t	68 50 s	66 52 pc	70 51 c
Omaha	64 42 s	68 52 pc	72 54 t	74 56 sh
Phoenix	98 68 s	100 70 s	98 70 s	98 70 s
San Francisco	59 47 pc	58 48 pc	62 50 s	65 50 pc
Seattle	58 42 c	58 44 pc	60 45 c	60 44 c
Washington	84 58 c	72 54 pc	72 52 c	78 57 c

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 5:47 a.m.	8:01 p.m.
Fri. 5:46 a.m.	8:02 p.m.
Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 4:45 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Fri. 5:07 a.m.	6:22 p.m.
Moon Phases	
New	First
May 12	May 19
May 26	June 2

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

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	74 58 sh	71 54 pc	69 52 sh	69 52 c
Berlin	82 64 sh	76 56 c	70 52 pc	67 49 pc
Buenos Aires	63 50 pc	66 50 pc	66 45 pc	63 44 pc
Cairo	91 64 pc	92 67 pc	94 69 pc	94 67 pc
Jerusalem	76 53 pc	77 55 pc	77 56 pc	78 56 pc
Johannesburg	75 52 pc	77 54 pc	78 55 pc	78 55 pc
London	71 55 c	70 56 sh	72 55 c	72 53 c
Madrid	70 47 pc	72 51 pc	76 52 pc	75 48 pc
Mexico City	80 54 pc	78 52 pc	77 52 pc	77 53 pc
Moscow	70 49 s	63 43 pc	56 35 pc	51 34 r
Paris	71 53 sh	68 51 c	68 51 pc	68 51 pc
Rio de Janeiro	78 67 pc	78 67 pc	78 67 pc	78 67 pc
Rome	77 59 pc	75 57 pc	74 54 pc	73 57 pc
San Juan	86 75 pc	87 76 pc	88 77 pc	89 76 pc
Seoul	78 61 pc	81 65 pc	83 66 pc	84 65 pc
Sydney	82 61 pc	79 59 pc	83 63 s	81 61 pc
Tokyo	79 66 pc	77 65 pc	77 65 pc	77 62 pc
Toronto	68 37 pc	51 33 pc	57 40 pc	64 42 pc
Winnipeg	42 20 pc	50 34 pc	59 36 pc	58 35 sh
Zurich	75 56 pc	71 53 pc	69 51 pc	69 52 pc

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.-A Memorabilia and Collectibles (Sports & Non-Sports) Show will be held at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. (off W. Milton Ave.), sponsored by the Rahway Recreation/P.A.L. Admission is \$1 (free admission for children under 10 when accompanied by an adult). For further information, call Lois at (732) 827-2016.

May 14 from 10:30 a.m.-Noon-A free blood pressure screening will be held at the Evergreen Center, 400 Inman Avenue, Colonia. It is sponsored by the Woodbridge Dept. of Health and Human Services. Call (732) 855-0600 ext. 5011 for further information.

May 14 from 5-7:30 p.m.-Understanding and Living with Multiple Sclerosis, an evening lecture and discussion will be presented by Metro Jersey NCJW (5 p.m.-sign in) at the UMDNJ-RWJMS Clinical Academic Building, Room 1302, 125 Patterson Street, New Brunswick. For more information or to register, call Serena at (732) 548-6351 or e-mail to MSNCJW@YAHOO.com.

May 14 at 8 p.m.-Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band will be appearing at the Carteret High School, 199 Washington Avenue, Carteret. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. For tickets, call (732) 969-4016 or (732) 221-0362. Please indicate how many tickets you are ordering and put a mailing address on the envelope and mail to Alan Fossa, Band Director, Carteret High School, 199 Washington Ave., Carteret, NJ 07008. Make checks payable to "Carteret Band Parents Association."

May 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.-Pathfinder Consulting Group is pleased to announce that its popular Mega Job Fair will be held at the Sovereign Bank Arena, 550 South Broad St. & Route 129, Trenton. All fields and all levels are invited to attend. Free parking and

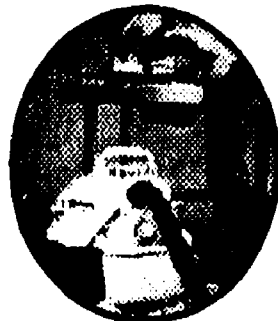
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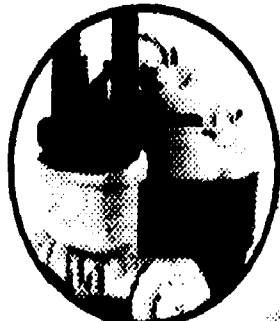
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May 15 at 2 p.m.—A Well Child Clinic (physical examination, health counseling and immunizations for children from birth–5 years) will be held at the Woodbridge Public Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, sponsored by the Woodbridge Public Health and Human Services. \$5 per child. Must call to make an appointment, (732) 855-0600, ext. 5011.

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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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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Taxpayers Urged To Utilize Tax Amnesty Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Legislators from the 19th District encouraged eligible residents to take advantage of the Tax Amnesty Period to pay delinquent state tax without being charged a penalty. Senator Joseph Vitale (D), Senator Arline Friscia (D) and Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski (D), support enacting this program in order to provide residents an opportunity to become current on their state tax

debt. The program will be open from April 15-June 10. During this period, the state will be accepting full payment from outstanding sales, personal income and corporate taxes without charging any fees normally associated with collecting back taxes.

"The Tax Amnesty Period is a program that any New Jersey resident should take advantage of if they are behind in their state taxes," said Vitale. "This

program is one that will benefit both the state and eligible taxpayers."

"This program presents an opportunity to help both individual residents and the state as a whole in that it enables residents to provide the state with vital revenues while avoiding the usual penalties," stated Wisniewski.

The program was created through legislation sponsored by Assembly Budget Committee

Chairman Louis Greenwald (D-Camden) and Assemblywoman Nellie Pou (D-Passaic) which was signed into law by Governor James E. McGreevey. It is expected to bring in \$150 million in delinquent taxes and is a integral part of the Governor's plan to eliminate a \$2.9 billion deficit in the state budget.

The tax amnesty program applies to those who failed to file returns with the state

between January 1, 1996 and January 1, 2002. It does not apply to those who are under criminal investigation or are being charged with tax evasion or fraud.

For those who are delinquent in their state taxes from 1996-2002 and fail to pay their back taxes during this amnesty period, an additional five percent penalty fee will be imposed in addition to the standard late fees.

MCEOC Expands Emergency Food Assistance Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) more than doubled its distribution of government food to needy families and individuals recently with the addition of 50 new distribution sites. Soup kitchens and food pantries formerly supplied by SHARE of New Jersey in Northern and Central New Jersey are now operated by MCEOC, making it one of New Jersey's most effective

Food Organizations. "Basic needs, such as food and shelter, for disadvantaged families and individuals have always been of high concern for MCEOC," said Beverly Williams, MCEOC Basic Needs Director. "With the news that SHARE of New Jersey was closing its operations, we knew MCEOC had to take over the important job of supplying its pantries and soup kitchens."

At its warehousing and trucking facilities in Perth

Amboy, MCEOC accepts donated United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) foods as distributed through the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) and distributes the food to 85 soup kitchens and pantries throughout New Jersey. The food consists of fresh, frozen and canned fruits, vegetables, meats and other food items.

MCEOC distributes the food to soup kitchens and pantry sites located in Middlesex, Monmouth, Union

and Somerset Counties in Central New Jersey and Hudson, Essex and Passaic Counties in Northern New Jersey. In January, the first full month of operation of former SHARE of New Jersey food distribution sites, MCEOC distributed a record amount of food exceeding 84,000 pounds.

According to a report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the economic effects of the Sept. 11 attacks and the recession are causes for a 23-per-

cent increase in emergency food assistance.

MCEOC is continually seeking soup kitchen and pantry sites in New Jersey to distribute USDA food commodities, regardless of location. MCEOC can assist soup kitchens in the start-up phase and supply pantries already in operation but not receiving USDA commodities. For more information, contact Beverly Williams at MCEOC's Basic Needs Unit at (732) 324-1580.

Water Company CEO Announces Decision To Retire

MIDDLESEX COUNTY informed the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water

Company of his intention to retire as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective Jan. 31, 2003. Tompkins also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Iselin-based utility and, if re-elected at the Company's Annual Meeting in May, expects to continue serving the company in that position.

Tompkins has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Middlesex Water Company since 1981 and was elected Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors in 1990.

His tenure with the company has been marked by numerous accomplishments includ-

ing: the development of contract water service to the South River Basin, the upgrade and expansion of the Carl J. Olsen Surface Water Treatment Plant; the acquisition of numerous subsidiaries including Tidewater Utilities, Inc. in Delaware; the Pinelands Water and Wastewater Companies in Burlington County and Bayview Water Company in Cumberland County.

In addition, under his leadership, the company, through its subsidiary Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy) Inc., in 1999, entered into a public private partnership with the City of Perth Amboy to manage its water and wastewater

utilities. This partnership continues to serve as a model for the state. To ensure seamless succession planning, Dennis G. Sullivan, Esq., was elected President of the Company in May 2001.

Sullivan, with 18 years of company experience, will continue to serve as its president and chief operating officer.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is an investor-owned water utility and is engaged in the business of supplying water in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties for domestic, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes.

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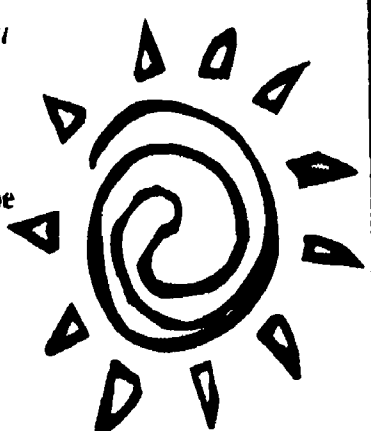
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YOUR MILITARY NEWS**Patel Completes Basic Training**

EDISON—Marine Corps Pvt. Sandeep H. Patel, a 2001 graduate of John P. Stevens High School, Edison, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Patel successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, he spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Patel and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Orellana-Chavarria Completes Course

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Pfc. Oscar A. Orellana-Chavarria, a 2001 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the eight-week course, Orellana-Chavarria learned basic

Andras Reports For Duty

CARTERET—Marine Corps Pfc. Rebecca L. Andras, daughter of Debra A. and Francis J. Andras of Carteret, recently reported for duty with 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

Andras is a 2000 graduate of Carteret High School.

**Heck Returns From Deployment**

CARTERET—Navy Ensign Amy D. Heck, a 1995 graduate of Carteret High School, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the dock landing shop USS Whidbey Island, home ported in Little Creek, Va.

Heck was one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group and USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group who

proudly participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

USS Whidbey Island supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions, or "LCACS," which are specially-designed Hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment. The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopters embarked and is equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctors, dentists, nurses and corpsmen.

Fernandez Completes Basic Training

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Pvt. Christopher A. Fernandez, son of Carmen J. and Hector Fernandez of Perth Amboy, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Fernandez has successfully completed 12 weeks of training

designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

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He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Fernandez is a 2001 graduate of Perth Amboy High School.

Reyes Graduates From Basic Training

WOODBIDGE—Air Force Airman Julio A. Reyes has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College



of the Air Force.

The airman is the son of Julio Reyes of Woodbridge.

Medina Is Half-Way Through His Deployment

PERTH AMBOY — Marine Corps Cpl. Omar A. Medina, son of Gildred and Giberto Medina of Perth Amboy, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marines from Medina's unit have conducted offensive raids against Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces in Afghanistan. Their participation in this operation christened the USS Bonhomme Ricard into the

world of U.S. Navy warships and have launched combat sorties.

Additionally, Medina's unit worked 18 days to complete humanitarian and civic projects in six different coastal areas of Kenya. They replaced a decrepit footbridge, built a two-classroom building for school children, created a water source for the Gongoni Maternity Wing in the District of Malindi and did some carpentry work on a school for the Deaf in Kilifi.

Medina is a 1995 graduate of Perth Amboy High School and joined the Marine Corps in August 1999.

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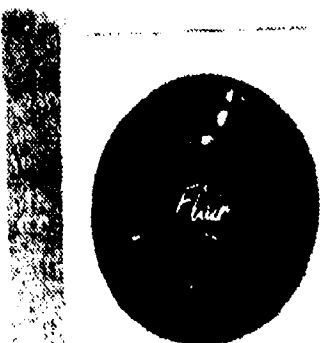
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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS**Lack Of Superfund Funding Directly Affecting New Jersey Sites**

STATE—A Superfund site suspected of causing severe health problems in Edison will not be cleaned for several years despite earlier promises by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to recent testimony by Robert Spiegel, Executive Director of the Edison Wetlands Association. Spiegel appeared before a Subcommittee of the Environmental and Public Works Committee during a hearing on the superfund program, which has come under intense scrutiny in the last several weeks. A lack of funding from the Bush Administration and a major reduction in the number of sites being cleaned is having a direct impact on thousands of neighborhoods across New Jersey and the nation.

Representing a state with the largest number of Superfund sites in the nation, Senator Robert G. Torricelli has announced plans to offer an amendment to the Energy legislation being debated in the Senate, which would guarantee a steady flow of funds for Superfund cleanups. Today he

pointed to Spiegel's testimony as evidence of the urgent need for more funding.

"This is exactly the scenario I have feared. A Superfund site that is clearly contaminated and is in close proximity to families and children will now remain untouched because the EPA doesn't have the money to clean it," said Torricelli. "You cannot put a price tag on someone's health and this is a dangerous policy."

The Chemical Insecticide Superfund site in Edison is contaminated by the manufacture of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides, including Agent Orange, by the now bankrupt Chemical Insecticide Corporation. The EPA identified it as a Superfund site in the early 1990's making a commitment to begin work on the site in November 2002.

According to Spiegel, just a few weeks ago, the EPA informed him that there was no money for the cleanup and there probably would not be for several years. Much of this lack of funding is due to the expiration of the Superfund Trust Fund tax, which

in the past funded the program.

The Hazardous Substances Superfund Trust Fund tax was allowed to expire in 1995. Efforts to reauthorize the tax have failed and President Bush in his current budget proposal specifically notes that he will not do so.

Without the tax, the Superfund Trust Fund has fallen from \$3.8 billion in 1996 to an estimated \$28 million next year. In 1994, the last year the tax was in effect, the taxpayers paid \$250 million or 21 percent for Superfund clean-ups, while corporate taxes on chemical and other companies contributed \$950 million or 79 percent.

Under President Bush's plan, by 2004, taxpayers will pay 100 percent for cleanup costs. Torricelli's legislation would reinstitute the tax so the premise on which Superfund was created, "polluter pays," would once again be the policy.

In addition to the lack of funding, the Administration has announced plans to designate fewer sites for cleanup. Since its inception, 1551 sites have been put on the national Superfund priority list with 257 sites cleaned up and 552 mostly cleaned. In each of the previous four years, more than 80 sites were cleaned. Last year under the Bush Administration, only 47 were cleaned and only 40 are projected for the next two years.

Furthermore, the EPA has stated that prioritization of site cleanups will shift away from the smaller sites like the majority of those in New Jersey, to larger "mega-sites," like those in western states. This has serious consequences for New Jersey which has 111 Superfund sites currently on the EPA priority waiting list, more than any other state.

Torricelli's proposed legislation includes a 9.7 cents a barrel tax on petroleum, a tax on 42 chemicals and a corporate environmental income tax of .12 percent of taxable income in excess of \$2 million to be contributed to the Trust Fund.

Republicans Improperly Obtained State Employee List

STATE - The Office of the Inspector General has found that a state employee with ties to Republicans violated state regulations by providing a top State Senate Republican staffer with a list of names and addresses for all state employees, according to a report obtained by PoliticsNJ.com.

The matter has been referred to the state Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

The report says that Garret Hengeli, a former Republican operative who was the Department of Personnel's legislative liaison in 1997, provided the list to Kevin Davis, the Director of Constituent Services for the Senate Republicans at the time. In turn, Davis sent the list to William McClintock & Associates, a Republican political consulting firm that helped prepare taxpayer-paid constituent mailings for GOP Senators.

McClintock, a political consultant who frequently worked for former Senate President and Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco and the Union County Republican Party, was a Scotch Plains Township councilman during the same time that DiFrancesco, then the township attorney, repeatedly violated legal-ethics rules according to a 1998 report by lawyers for the township.

The Neafsey report does not accuse any senators or senate staffers of legal violations and seems to place the blame on Hengeli, a former Assembly GOP staffer and Republican campaign staffer.

An attorney representing the two Senate aides mentioned in the report, Davis and Rick England, says that "the investigation completely exonerated" his clients. Click here to read the attorney's letter. The home addresses of state employees are confidential, according to the report, under Gov. Brendan Byrne's 1974 Executive Order #11.

State Inspector General Edward Neafsey's report was forwarded last week to Senate Presidents John Bennett and Richard Codey, but has not been released to the public.

PoliticsNJ.com, the state's top online source for political news and information, has published the entire report at http://www.politicsnj.com/neafsey050202_1.htm

One key issue that remains to be determined is whether the political consultant, McClintock, made the list available to other clients, such as GOP candidates vying for public office or hoping to raise money from state workers.

American Legion Unites Nation On Armed Forces Day

AREA—As the war on terrorism continues, The American Legion is connecting citizens to their friends and family members with an Armed Forces Day E-card.

Armed Forces Day (May 18) was established through the Department of Defense in 1949 to unite citizens and military members together in support of our country. With members of the military involved in the war on terrorism, now is the time to carry on the tradition and say "Thank You" to them. That is why The American Legion has created a special card that can be

sent to military members via e-mail. A visit to The American Legion's website at www.legion.org is the first step.

You must know the service person's e-mail address to send the cards. Just click on the e-card link from the front page, fill in the e-mail information, select the appropriate branch of service song, type your message, click on Send" and the card is on its way to the recipient. This service is free of charge.

Let the men and women of the armed forces know that you care and appreciate their service to our country. Let Americans unite and celebrate the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard together by sending these members an e-card. The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans' organization and dedicated to those who serve. The e-card service is available now through Armed Forces Day weekend.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**NJ Neuroscience Institute Leads The Fight Against Brain Tumors**

EDISON — Each year, close to 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with brain tumors that can cause debilitating and even life-threatening effects. But while the number of people with brain tumors continues to rise across the country each year, so do the options for improved diagnosis and successful treatment.

"We're making incredible advances in the battle against brain and spinal cord tumors, which strike people of all ages - from infants to senior citizens," says Joseph Landolfi, D.O., a neuro-oncologist at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute located at JFK Medical Center. "We see over 170 brain tumor patients a year, right here at our facility in Edison. But at JFK, a patient's treatment for a tumor isn't limited to surgery, radiation or chemotherapy. We offer the state's most comprehensive program for brain tumors, including care that

extends beyond treatment to the rehabilitation for neurologic complications," adds Dr. Landolfi.

A brain tumor actually originates from elsewhere in the body, having been "seeded" by cancer traveling (metastasizing) throughout the patient. "Unlike most other tumors found in the body, even 'benign' tumors in the brain can have devastating, even fatal, consequences," adds Landolfi. "Because of the location - at the control center for thought, emotion and physical function - brain tumors can be difficult and risky to treat."

Tremendous strides are being made in the diagnosis and treatment of brain tumors at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK, a division of Solaris Health System, which is home to some of the most advanced medical technology available in the entire country for diagnosing and treating complex brain disorders.

"The Neuroscience Institute possesses one of the most sophisticated pieces of equipment available worldwide - the revolutionary Gamma Knife - for the treatment of brain tumors," says Martin Gizzi, M.D. acting director of the Institute. "This state-of-the-art technology is so unique and powerful, that it can treat tumors deep within the brain, without a single incision," explains Dr. Gizzi.

"The Gamma Knife at JFK is the only one in New Jersey and nationwide there are fewer than 45 medical centers that offer this advanced technology. The Gamma Knife is used exclusively for the treatment of brain tumors and vascular malformations, offering multiple benefits over conventional brain surgery, such as a significantly reduced risk of complications, shorter hospitalization and virtually painless treatment.

"In one brief, bloodless procedure, the Gamma Knife delivers

multiple beams of gamma radiation to tumors and other abnormalities deep within the brain," says Dr. Landolfi, a member of the Gamma Knife Team. Using sophisticated computer technology to plan and map the treatment, the Gamma Knife focuses narrow beams of cobalt-60 radiation through 200 portals evenly distributed around the patient's head, creating a precise intersection of beams exactly conforming to the location, size, and shape of the of the desired site in the brain. Only at the point where the narrow beams converge is the radiation at its most powerful. Thus, the Gamma Knife prevents injury of surrounding, healthy brain tissue, while reaching otherwise inoperable sites in the brain.

"The procedure requires a trained neurosurgeon, radiation oncologist and radiation physicist

to work together to tailor the treatment specifically to each patient and to administer it," explains Dr. Landolfi. "For patients who qualify for it, the Gamma Knife procedure is miraculous. In fact, they undergo no general anesthesia and may spend only one night in the hospital - able to resume their daily activities shortly after undergoing treatment."

Over 100 patients, as young as several weeks and as mature as 97, have undergone the Gamma Knife procedure at JFK. They have come from all parts of New Jersey, and as far away as Brazil and Puerto Rico.

Brain tumors are the second leading cause of cancer death in children under age 15 and in young adults up to age 34, according to the North American Brain Tumor Coalition. They are also the second-fastest growing cause of cancer death among those over age 65.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Addresses Bioterrorism

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center will sponsor its final women's educational program of the spring on Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Robert Wyman, MD, hospital director of emergency services, will present "From Urgent Threats to Unfounded Fears: Bioterrorism in America."

Responding to fears expressed by women in the community, Dr. Wyman will explore issues surrounding biological warfare, including what the healthcare industry is doing to prepare for the possibility of bioterrorism in America. As chairman of the Committee on Bioterrorism at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Dr. Wyman teaches other healthcare professionals how to detect and treat victims of a biological attack, while also containing its spread.

"When it comes to medical issues, accurate knowledge is important, whether it is good or bad. Although the public should be informed about the potential dangers we face from bioterrorism, it is also important to be aware of the extensive preparations being taken to deal with biological assault, from

our national leadership all the way down to our local healthcare facilities," states Wyman.

Raritan Bay Medical Center began offering educational programs for women in September 1999. The hospital offers educational programs in March, April, May, September, October and November. The topics addressed are chosen based solely on the requests of women who have attended previous programs. Information about upcoming programs are posted on Raritan Bay Medical Center's website, www.rbmc.org.

Additionally, Raritan Bay Medical Center's Center for Women at the Old Bridge campus is a dedicated service for women's testing and an educational resource for women's health housed in a comfortable, private setting. Trained specialists work directly with a physician to provide timely testing procedures, patient education, and counseling. Services include Mammography, Bone Densitometry, Stereotactic Core Needle Biopsy and UltraSound-Guided Biopsy.

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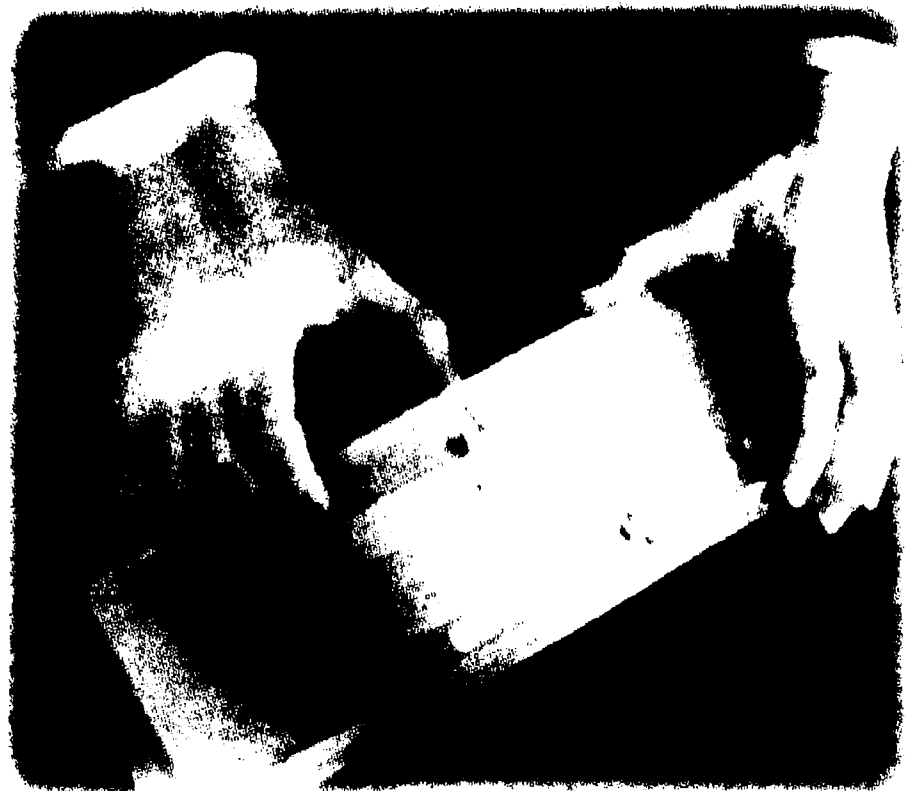
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Unity Bancorp Announces Record Earnings

AREA — Today, many banking customers wake up to find that the name of the financial institution on their checks no longer matches the name on the bank's sign. Large financial institutions are purchasing smaller ones. Two large banks merge to form one huge company that is often managed from a headquarter office that is several states away from many of its customers. However, some banks have decided to remain local and independent. Unity Bank, headquartered in Clinton, NJ, is an independent, locally-owned and managed bank with a great success story.

"A lot of banks today want to be all things to all customers," commented Unity president and chief executive officer, Anthony J. Feraro. "At Unity, we believe in the old-fashioned values of putting the customer first. Many big banks have either forgotten that idea or don't even include it in their companies' philosophy. We provide competitively priced financial services with the highest quality of customer

service. Clients appreciate the way we do business."

Unity Bank's traditional way of doing business is working. Unity Bancorp, Unity Bank's parent company, reported record earnings for the quarter ending March 31.

On a pre-tax basis, earnings were \$1.3 million compared to \$134 thousand for the same period a year ago. Total assets increased to \$394 million, a 7.4% increase from the previous year. The gain was primarily due to loan growth, especially in the commercial loan and SBA loan portfolios. Commercial loan volume increased 52.9% from the previous year, and SBA loans held for investment totaled \$38 million, a 44.1% increase.

During the same period, total deposits also increased significantly to \$354 million, a 6.9% increase from the prior year. Unity attributes the growth in core deposits to an increase in "Opportunity Checking," its interest-bearing checking account.

"I'm glad to report another quarter of strong loan and

deposit growth," stated Feraro. "We intend to achieve our earnings targets with continued growth in both areas."

We pride ourselves in being an old-fashioned bank and will continue our philosophy of providing our clients with traditional banking services at a competitive price and exceptional client-service. It's evident we're on the right track. Our client-base continues to grow, our earnings are up, and

our loan and deposit volume are increasing. We have a robust loan pipeline and anticipate continuing our upward trend.

As we've previously reported, all Regulatory Agreements have been lifted. Now we can focus our efforts on achieving higher returns in the future," Feraro added.

Unity Bancorp, Inc. is a financial service organization headquartered in Clinton, NJ

with \$394 million in assets and \$354 million in deposits. Unity Bank provides financial services to retail, corporate and small business clients through its 12 retail service centers located in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties in New Jersey.

For additional information about Unity Bank, visit the website at www.unitybank.com or call 800-618-BANK.

Free Workshop For Small Businesses

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

"If you are self-employed, a small business owner, an office manager or bookkeeper, you need to know how to handle various tax situations involved in operating a business. This free, informative Small Business Workshop is designed to present

an overview of Federal and New Jersey State Tax information and the services available to small business owners," said IRS New Jersey Spokesperson Gregg Semanick.

The IRS Small Business Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 23, at Kean University - East Campus located at 215 North Avenue in Union. This free, all-day workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. in Room 158A.

You must register to attend. To do so, phone 908-301-2114,

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

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EDITORIAL

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

Teachers...at their best they can change a student's life. We've all had one, two or more teachers who have made a real difference in your life. Whether it's bringing the words of Shakespeare to life, making sense of the magic of geometry or bringing the works of the great artists into our classroom. Good teachers inspire us, push us to heights we thought were unattainable and foster in us a lifelong love of learning.

This year May 7 is National Teacher Day and May 5-11 is designated as Teacher Appreciation Week by the National PTA. The celebration, which dates back to 1944, is a time to honor and recognize the special role teachers play in our society. It's also a time to strengthen support for teaching as a profession and to say thank you to the teachers in our community.

The origins of National Teachers Day is a bit unclear. It

is known that as early as 1944, an Arkansas teacher, Mrs. Mattye Whyte Woodbridge, began lobbying state and national political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. One of the leaders who was contacted was first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt, always a champion of education, rallied to the cause and after years of work persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953. In 1984, the National Education Association joined forces with the National PTA and established the first week of May as National Teacher Appreciation Week.

This year's theme is "Thank you, Teachers? You bring our the BEST in America's Students." As parents and students, how do we say thank you? The possibilities are endless. Take time to write a personal note saying thank you for the time and effort they have given throughout the year. If you are so inclined, a small gift certificate from the class to a local book or stationary store. While material gifts are nice,

what teachers say they want most is parental involvement. Help out in the school or classroom during the week or chaperone for the next field trip. Your involvement not only helps the teachers, but it also benefits your children and you as well. If your schedule does not permit you to volunteer in the classroom, volunteer at home. By working with your children and reinforcing what's being taught in the classroom, you not only enrich your child's learning but you make the teacher's job in the classroom that much easier. Let teachers know you want to be involved. That is the best gift you can give a teacher.

So this week take time out your busy schedule and say thank you to a teacher. As the noted physiologist Carl Jung said, "One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."

Readers Commentary**Relay For Life**

Dear Editor,

The American Cancer Society has been an active member of Middlesex County communities for many years, offering a number of patient and family services, cancer support groups, tobacco control programs and lifesaving research. We continue our mission thanks to help of dedicated staff and generous volunteers.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is a community event in every sense of the word. It is a chance for the community to come together for one common cause. Being a part of Relay For Life means I'm a part of a national grassroots movement to fight cancer. Being a Relay For Life volunteer means I'm making life better for cancer patients and their families.

But we are faced with a critical shortage of volunteer leaders. With the challenges of our day-to-day demands, time has become a premium and many

people are finding it more difficult to participate in community service.

The American Cancer Society needs your help now. Plans are under way for the annual Relay For Life, held at The Club at Woodbridge on May 17, to support cutting-edge cancer research and free transportation to hospitals, to help prevent youth smoking, publish lifesaving literature and develop a new generation of weapons to fight cancer.

Now is the time for individuals, families, organizations, schools, corporations and small businesses to build a team and join our fight to reduce the burden of cancer across America. The Relay For Life can be the site of a company picnic or family gathering while supporting a great cause.

To sign up to participate or learn how you can volunteer for other patient services, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site at www.cancer.org.

Ray Zirpolo
Chairperson,
Relay For Life
Woodbridge

Readers Commentary**Protesting The Use Of Eminent Domain**

Dear Editor,

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of citizens of Perth Amboy who are protesting the use of "eminent domain." "a right of government to take private property for public use by virtue of the superior domain of the sovereign power over all lands within its jurisdiction."

Any crafty lawyer can make a case for eminent domain, whether it benefits the general public or not. Certainly it is possible for City Council to ram-rod this land grab against the wishes of its citizenry if it so chooses. But is that what "government OF the people, BY the people and FOR the people" is really all about? What makes the vote of nine city council members right, against the active opposition of 10,000 signatures of your citizenry who oppose those same nine votes? Further, any fair-minded intelligent person must conclude that the total number of citizens who

oppose your action is double, triple, even higher than the 10,000 signatures now collected. Those 10,000 citizens represent only those people who have stopped and taken the time to sign a petition against your land-grab. (This equation is agreed upon by anyone experienced in marketing.)

Does any elected official also have the duty and responsibility to lead, sometimes

"a right of government to take private property for public use by virtue of the superior domain of the sovereign power over all lands within its jurisdiction."

against the wishes of the citizenry who may not always see into the future? Yes. But do elected officials far too often run rough-shod over ordinary citizens who have too little immediate power, or organization, finance and/or time to fight back against City hall, even when they are right? Emphatically yes, and when that happens (and it does far too often), democracy fails all of us.

In Arkansas eminent domain has recently been used

to buy-up hundreds of small farms to create a large industrial park, supposedly for the public good. But the "elected officials" recently found themselves embroiled in an investigation, facing multiple lawsuits, and ended up on ABC-TV national evening new-cast because they "eminent domained" only the small modest holdings of black farmers. In Perth Amboy it is little more than a small modest neighborhood Pizza restaurant. This cannot be called democracy. This is greed and brute force, pure and simple.

Just because city council "wants" to do a certain thing, force the taking of private property, doesn't, in the extreme, make it right. Legality has little to do with it. The far bigger and more substantial question is "What is right?" And on this all-important question, City Council seems to be failing in the extreme.

This single voice pleads for you to reconsider.

Charles D. Hoffman
Coopersburg

Concerned About Development

Dear Editor,

I am a lifelong resident of Woodbridge Township; 20 of those years living in Port Reading. I have seen little by little vacant parcels of land being developed. "All for the common good." The next proposed project is an automobile terminal on a 300-acre site in Port Reading. I am deeply concerned about the increased truck traffic and Conrail trains needed to transport an estimated 20,000 automobiles off this site. Port Reading Avenue is one of only two ways in and out of Port

Reading and Carteret. These roads are over saturated with traffic now. Plus, area residents are all too familiar with Conrail's cavalier attitude about our past noise complaints. The usual freight trains, plus "auto transport" trains, plus the proposed "trash train"—where does it end? This project is not a positive one for Port Reading.

Not when it decreases our quality of life; adding traffic, noise from the daily operations at the site, "relocating" existing wetlands, "shopping mall" light poles shining in our bedroom windows.... where is the benefit?

Michelle Bzdewka
Port Reading

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Perth Amboy Resident Honored As Johnson & Johnson Volunteer

PERTH AMBOY — Johnson & Johnson has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Perth Amboy Volunteer First Aid Squad in recognition of Carl Graham's volunteer service.

Graham, a principal technician at Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products, located at Skillman, first volunteered after his frustration with a slow emergency response to a motor vehicle accident. "I realized the only way to make a difference was to get involved," Graham said.

Since joining in 1974, Graham has served the Perth

Amboy First Aid Squad as a lieutenant, captain and trustee. Graham has recruited new members and raised funds, helping the Squad volunteers become committed and competent.

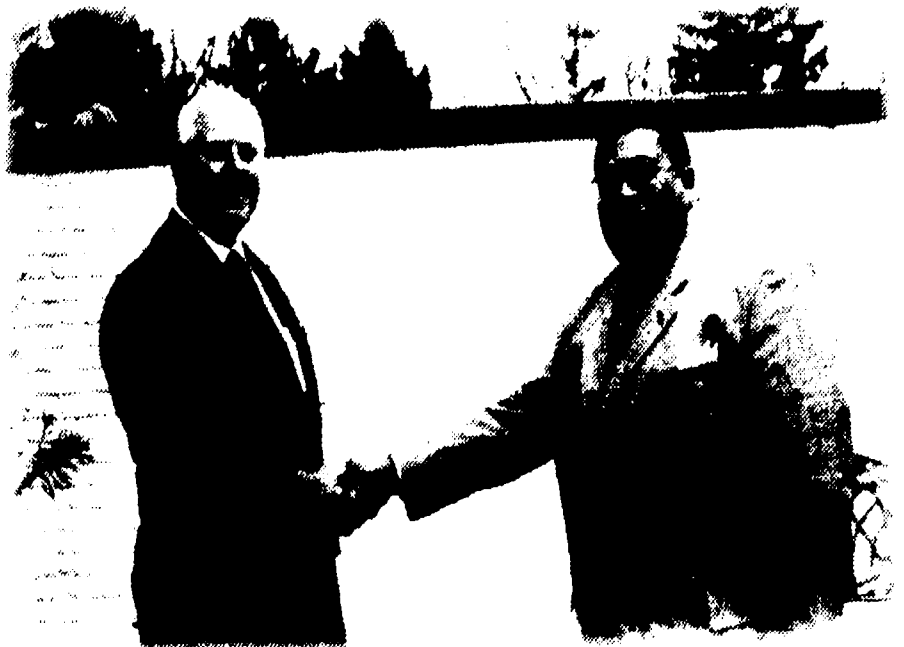
The Squad responds to over 5,000 calls a year. Currently, Graham serves as captain on the first aid team and first officer on the hazardous materials unit.

Graham and his wife Naomi reside in Perth Amboy. They have one son, Carl Jr. and two grandchildren.

Each year Johnson &

Johnson recognizes outstanding volunteerism and celebrates the volunteer achievements of Johnson & Johnson employees in the New Jersey area.

Ralph S. Larsen, chairman and chief executive officer of Johnson & Johnson, said, "Johnson & Johnson volunteers epitomize the value system set forth in our Credo as they work in service to humanity. Dedicated employees like Carl Graham are glowing examples of how volunteerism can have such a positive impact on the communities in



RECOGNITION OF SERVICE—In recognition of his volunteer service efforts, Johnson & Johnson has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Perth Amboy Volunteer First Aid Squad on behalf of Carl Graham. Pictured (L.-R.) are Ralph Larsen, chairman and chief executive officer, Johnson & Johnson and Carl Graham.

which we live and work."

Johnson & Johnson is the world's most comprehensive and broadly based manufacturer of health care products serving the consumer, pharmaceu-

tical and professional markets. The Company has its worldwide headquarters in New Brunswick, where the business was founded more than a century ago.

Silent Auction Benefits Music Program

EDISON—Students, parents, family members and the community are invited to attend a Silent Auction and Spring Musical Extravaganza on Saturday, May 11 at Edison High School, Boulevard of the Eagles. The event, co-sponsored by the Edison High School Band Parent Organization and the Edison High School Instrumental Music Program, will benefit the Edison High School Instrumental Music Department.

The Auction opens to the public for bidding at 4:30 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. Auction items include: dinner for two, movie passes, overnight getaways, sports memorabilia, recreational activities,

car care and detailing, white-water rafting, gift certificates to local merchants and a wide variety of gift baskets. Cash or check will be accepted for auction purchases. Proper identification required.

The Concert, featuring members of the Edison High School Instrumental Music Program, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Edison High School Auditorium. A donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 for seniors and students will gain entry to both the concert and auction. Children 10 and under are free of charge. Refreshments and door prizes will be available.



STUDENTS TEACH LESSON ON HELPING OTHERS—Fifth- and sixth-grade students at Perth Amboy's Shull School taught a lesson in giving by raising money to help their neighbors in need. Aleida Morel (C.), a sixth-grade student and teacher Anne Laddin (L.) present Beverly Williams, Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation Basic Needs Director with a contribution of nearly \$300. The students raised the money through bake sales and other fundraising activities, with the intention of fighting hunger in the community. The money will be used to help MCEOC's Basic Needs unit in Perth Amboy, which provide emergency food assistance to approximately 125 Middlesex County households each month.

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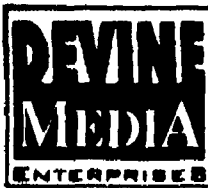
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**Rahway Children To Appear In "Annie"**

AREA—Active Rahway siblings Mariah and Marquis Scott are at it again. For a 9 1/2 and 12-year old they both have an extensive background in the entertainment industry.

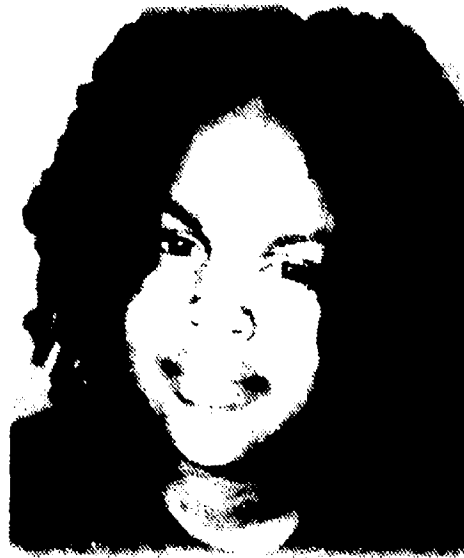
Some of the TV credits include Saturday Night Live,

Cosby Show, The Education of Max Bickford, starring Richard Dryfus, and Seasmie Street. They have been seen on commercials, Targets and Toys-R-Us advertisements.

Mariah and Marquis are no strangers to theater. They performed at the Union County Arts Center in "Bingo Long and His Traveling-All Stars" Production.

Mariah will be playing the role of an orphan in "Annie." Marquis will be singing and appearing in the NYC scene.

A Phoenix Production "Broadway in the 'burbs" musical, "Annie" will be performed at the Count Basie Theatre, Monmouth Street, Red Bank from May 10-19. The days and times of performances are: Friday, May 10



Mariah Scott

at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m. (Matinee); Friday, May 17 at 11 a.m. (Matinee) and again at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 18 at 1 p.m. (Matinee) and again at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m.

For ticket information, call (732) 747-0014 or e-mail to www.phoenixredbank.com.



Marquis Scott

Scenes Of The Bay Photo Contest

AREA—Photographers are invited to submit photographs of 'scenes of the bay,' as part of Delaware 'Bay Day' a celebration of the Delaware Bay and its history, cultural and natural resources. Photographic subjects may include uses, scenes,

moods, towns and wildlife of the bay.

Prizes include \$100 for the grand prize, \$50 gift certificate for first place; \$25 gift certificate for second place and \$15 gift certificate for third place and three honorable mention



certificates. Entries must be 8 x 10 (or 12"), no cropping necessary. Prints must be suitable for exhibition.

Entries must be postmarked by May 20. No late entries accepted. There is a \$5 entry fee limited to three print entries. All entries will be exhibited on Delaware Bay Day in the Big Top tent in Bivalve, N.J. on Saturday, June 1.

Call (856) 785-2060, ext. 100 for entry form.

'Bay Day' a free annual festival hosted by the Delaware Bay Schooner Project, attracts over 15,000 people from the tri-state region and will be held once again along the 'wild and scenic' Maurice River in the historic villages of Port Norris, Shellpile, Bivalve and East Point Lighthouse.

Six Flags Wild Safari Celebrates Mother's Day

JACKSON—Proud parents radiate joy when they talk about their newborns. Moms can give a minute-by-minute account of every waking moment of their new "bundle of joy." Six Flags Wild Safari moms are just as proud of their "little ones" even if that "little one" weighs 90 pounds.

This spring, Six Flags Wild Safari becomes home to dozens of newborns. Throughout the Safari, elands, llamas and monkeys can be seen nurturing their

However, the average birth-weight of a rhino is 80-100 pounds. Approximately 20 rhinos have been born in the Wild Safari since it opened in 1974. Six Flags veterinary staff is proud of its successful southern white rhino breeding program and continues to share its research with the San Diego Zoo.

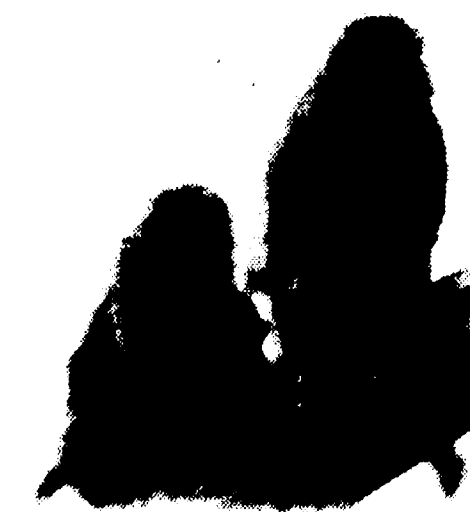
The 350-acre drive-through Safari is home to more than 1,200 animals from six continents. Guests can view animals

representing 58 species right from their vehicles. Herds of zebras, a pride of lions, kangaroos, giraffes, Siberian and white Bengal tigers, along with elephants, rhinos and monkeys are just some of the ani-



young. Although most births occur in early spring, bison and elk will give birth to their young in late May or early June. Bear cubs that were born in the winter will soon make an appearance from their dens. Throughout the Safari, babies can be seen staying close to their mothers for food and protection. Monkeys are very pro-

tection of their young. Because babies are much loved among the troop, kidnapping by another monkey is not uncommon if the mother is not attentive.



On average, a human newborn weighs about 7 pounds.

mals to view "up close and personal." "Spring is one of the greatest times to visit the Safari," said Veterinary Technician Karen Yuchinski, who played "mom" to abandoned Siberian tiger cub Rocky, Jr. last summer. "Visitors can see mothers teaching important survival skills to their young. Witnessing this special event helps people truly understand the significance of honoring mothers on Mother's Day," she said.

The Wild Safari is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. when the theme park is open. Starting May 16 the Theme Park and Safari will be open daily through Labor Day.

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Grace Louise Klein

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Critic's Corner

by Paul Hadsall

Spider-Man (PG-13)

Columbia Pictures

121 minutes; Starring Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco; Directed by Samuel M. Raimi
★ ★ ★ ½

Spider-Man is the best comic book movie since Tim Burton's *Batman* (1989). More importantly, *Spider-Man* is a good movie.

Tobey Maguire does an excellent job portraying Peter Parker, which is the key to making the movie work. *Spider-Man* worked as a comic because the audience could identify with Peter Parker - a regular kid who accidentally got superpowers - a kid who tried his best but could still make mistakes.

Director Samuel Raimi made a wise choice to cast someone who could convincingly play Peter Parker, rather than someone who would just look good in the *Spider-Man* costume. Action fans need not worry -- there are plenty of cool fight scenes and special effects -- but the movie's strength is more Peter Parker than *Spider-Man*.

The first part of the movie is devoted to telling *Spider-Man*'s origin story, which has been updated slightly for the big screen. Parker's high school class is on a field trip to Columbia University. There, researchers are attempting to create a hybrid mutant spider that contains genes and abilities of

several different species of spider. One spider has the ability to leap many times its own body length; another has reflexes so quick that it appears to have precognition.

One of these mutant spiders has escaped, and manages to bite Peter, causing him to fall ill.

The next morning, when he wakes, Peter feels much better; he notices that he no longer needs his glasses and that he's gotten much stronger.

At lunch, the nerdish Parker discovers more of his powers; he senses that his secret crush, his popular next-door neighbor Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst), is about to slip and fall.

Peter manages to impress her by catching her and saving her lunch, but the shy teen is unable to capitalize on the situation - he loses his ability to speak once Mary Jane actually notices him.

He accidentally discovers his ability to shoot spider webs from his wrists in the cafeteria, too. He inadvertently attaches a web to another student's lunch tray. In his attempt to remove the tray, Parker inadvertently hits his nemesis,

Flash Thompson (Joe Manganiello). Flash wants to beat Peter, but is sent flying after some Matrix-style fight moves.

This seems like it would be every underdog's dream - to finally be able to turn the tables on the bully - yet it only serves to scare Peter's classmates (including Mary Jane) and further isolate him.

Peter's Uncle Ben (Cliff Robertson) provides the inspiration for *Spider-Man*. Without knowing about Peter's new powers, Ben tells him "With great power comes great responsibility."

Peter remembers this warning after Ben's death, and takes it to heart. He can't change the past to make it so that Ben doesn't die, but he can use his new power to help people. So *Spider-Man* is born.

Spider-Man has a number of adventures (and an on-screen kiss with Mary Jane) before the final showdown with the Green Goblin (Willem Dafoe).

Dafoe also turns in a strong performance as both Norman Osborne and his Green Goblin alter-ego.

The only thing holding the movie back from a four-star rating is that some of the special effects and fight sequences didn't quite work. Really, though, this is a minor flaw.

The movie's ending leaves the door open for a sequel, and the opening weekend box office numbers all but guarantee it's coming. Hopefully it will be as well written and acted as this film.

Summer Movie Preview

Memorial Day weekend used to mark the beginning of the summer movie season. This year, however, the season got off to an early start in April with the release of *The Scorpion King* and last week-end's release of *Spider-Man*. Here's a rundown of some of the summer's most anticipated films.

May 16

The most anticipated movie of the summer, *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones*, hopes to open to a better reception than the last *Star Wars* entry. This film is sup-



behind the scenes at Episode II

posed to be more of a love story than previous films, but *Episode II* should have all of the lightsaber fights and space battles that fans have come to expect.

June 14

Nicholas Cage stars in a World War II story of the Navajo code talkers, *Windtalkers*. *Scooby-Doo* comes to life on the big screen as Freddy Prinze Jr. and Matthew Lillard play the animated characters in the live-action movie.

June 21

Tom Cruise stars in Steven Spielberg's adaptation of Phillip K Dick's classic sci-fi tale in *The Minority Report*.

Disney opens their animated film about an extraterrestrial disguised as a stray puppy, *Lilo and Stitch*.

July 3

Will Smith hopes for a big box-office payoff again for *Men in Black II*. Cartoon favorites the Powerpuff Girls make the big time with *The Powerpuff Girls Movie*.

July 12

Tom Hanks plays a grieving, vengeful hit man in 1930s Chicago in Sam Mendes' *Road To Perdition*.

July 19

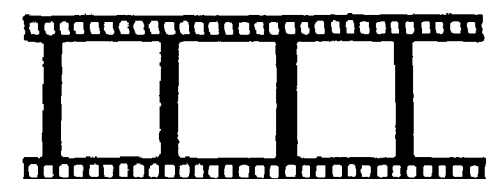
Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson star in *K-11: The Widowmaker*, the true story of a 1961 Russian submarine disaster. Kid's favorite Stuart Little (voiced by Michael J. Fox) is back in *Stuart Little 2*. Giant spiders mount a 1950s-style invasion in *Eight Legged Freaks*.



Shaggy (Matthew Lillard) and Scooby-Doo come to the big screen this summer.

July 26

Mike Myers plays both title characters in *Austin Powers in Goldmember*, this summer's installment of the spy movie parody franchise.



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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS**Local Students On Rensselaer Dean's List**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of students who made the Institute's dean's list for the fall semester. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of a mini-

mum of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C."

Carlos A. Arauz from Carteret, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Justin L. Manatch of Metuchen, majoring in Management; and Laurence I. Savage of Metuchen, majoring in Information Technology, have been

named to the dean's list.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, founded in 1824, is the nation's oldest technological university. The school offers degrees in engineering, the sciences,

information technology, architecture, management and the humanities and social sciences. Institute programs serve undergraduates, graduate students and working professionals around the world. Rensselaer faculty are known for pre-eminence in research conducted in a wide range of research centers that are

characterized by strong industry partnerships. The Institute is especially well known for its success in the transfer of technology from the laboratory to the marketplace so that new discoveries and inventions benefit human life, protect the environment, and strengthen economic development.

Mount St. Mary Honor Roll Students

AREA — Directress Sister Lisa Gambacorto, principal of Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung announces that the following area students achieved honor roll status for the second trimester of the 2001-2002 academic year:

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL (straight A's)

<i>Town</i>	<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Iselin	Tara Werner	09
Woodbridge	Toni Anne Giunta	09

HONOR ROLL (overall B+ average)

Avenel	Rosemary Mattam	09
Colonia	Jessica Foster	10
Colonia	Nicole Amalfe	11
Colonia	Dina Hamel	11
Colonia	Elissa Nell Espinueva	12
Iselin	Jeunee Simon	12
Woodbridge	Meagan Baccinelli	09
Woodbridge	Erin Kenney	12
Woodbridge	Jennifer Lucas	12
Woodbridge	Kristy Purcell	12

AREA — After the second round of competition, the freshman Current Events team from Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, captured first place honors nationally. The National Current Events Olympiad is a year long competition consisting of four meets. In addition to Mother Seton's team placing first, two of Mother Seton's students are designated as top scorers among the national leaders. Ariana Palivoda, Hillside, has a perfect score of sixty points and Erica Pimenta, Rahway, follows with a score of fifty-eight points among all participating students throughout the nation!!!! The team is under

the direction of Patricia Campos, a member of Mother Se-

ton's Social Studies Department.



WINNERS — Front row sitting: Mrs. Campos, Emily Migliore, Rahway, Annmarie Granstrand, Westfield, Janelle Trinidad, Union, Maria De Ramos, Elizabeth, Caitlin Giacopasi, Edison Back row standing: Kaitlyn Davies, Rahway, Erica Pimenta, Rahway, Danielle Salamone, Elizabeth, Ariana Palivoda, Hillside.
Photo by: Joan Barron

Students Hard At Work

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Society of Black Engineers After attending the National (NSBE) 28th annual conven-

tion in Orlando, Fla., two Middlesex County College students plan to establish a Middlesex chapter of the organization.

Neesa Joseph of Parlin, a computer science major, and Mansur President of Keasbey, an engineering major, attended the convention from March 27-31. They hope to develop the local chapter this spring and have it fully operational in the fall.

The NSBE focuses on increasing the number of culturally responsible black engi-

neers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively influence the community. With more than 10,000 members, it comprises 270 chapters on college and university campuses, 75 alumni extension chapters and 75 pre-college chapters.

Joseph said one of the purposes of the group would be to tutor and mentor area high school students and encourage them to consider engineering careers. The women would like to have 20 members in the local chapter. They have already received offers of assistance from Middlesex County College alumni who are successful engineers.

The two students are peer mentors with the Office of Minority Student Affairs.

"These two women are focusing on the future," said Aaron Bruce, retention specialist with the office. "We are glad

to see their emphasis on academic and professional success."



ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER — Neesa Joseph (foreground), a computer science major and Mansur President, an engineering major, plan to establish a Middlesex County College chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers.

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Mother's Day Sentiment

Happy Mother's Day!
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-Love, John



YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Union Catholic Honor Roll

AREA — An Honors Breakfast was held on April 12, 2002 at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains. Principal, Sister Percylee Hart, RSM, welcomed all honor students and their parents. Guest speaker, Rick Flynn, from the graduating class of 2000 congratulated all the students on their accomplishments. The introduction of honor roll students was called by Guidance Department members, Mary Modlin, Sister Ann Sullivan, Sister Catherine Carroll and Sister M. Eloise Claire.

Area students making the honor roll include:

First Honor Roll (Seniors) - Lisa Augustyn (Perth Amboy), Margot Bordas (Clark), Gladys Caliolio (Iselin), Richard Cowley (Linden), Amy Cron (Rahway), Joanna Debowska (Elizabeth), Nicholas Dolan (Colo-

nia), Kimberly Drastura (Linden), Jennifer Holland (Linden), Laura Hulnik (Rahway), Danielle Kavanagh (Colonia), Heather Kolar (Linden), Andrea Lapinski (Rahway), Suzanne LaTourette (Linden), Katharine Marshall (Metuchen), Margaret Partyka (Linden), Kristen Petela (Linden), Kathryn Proctor (Rahway), Jessica Remo (Linden), Meredith Sacripanti (Colonia), Luke Sangiamo (Linden), Randi Schroeder (Rahway), Nydia Williams (Elizabeth).

First Honor Roll (Juniors) - Richard Arena (Clark), Lauren Bowe (Fords), Nuno Castainca (Elizabeth), Daniel Douress (Rahway), Mark Fernandes (Elizabeth), Ysabelle Flores (Port Reading), Wilson Guinto (Elizabeth), Suzanne Hennessy (Colonia), Bridget Koza (Colonia), Jessica Kurylak (Rahway), Kristen Rizzo (Sewaren).

First Honor Roll (Sophomores) - Amanda Ballate (Edison), Jennifer Hand (Metuchen), Christina Iafe (Edison), Kristine Mintel (Rahway), Meghan Seamster (Edison), Joseph Torella (Edison).

First Honor Roll (Freshmen) - Judy Ann Adan (Colonia), Beth Ann Bodek (Linden), Jessica Bonafide (Elizabeth), Elizabeth Colombo (Colonia), Cristin Colucci (Colonia), Toni Ann Corsi (Colonia), Kristen Davie (Colonia), Brian De Oliveira (Rahway), Elyssa Di Giovanni (Metuchen), Monica Grabowski (Colonia), Ewa Hausbrandt (Elizabeth), Steven Holtz (Rahway), Nicole Holup (Linden), Vaida Jakimaviciute (Elizabeth), Dana Kinney (Colonia), Melissa Malapit (Elizabeth), Mark Manuel (Elizabeth), Sophia Rose Mavroudas (Edison), Elizabeth Mc Gonigle

(Elizabeth), Patricia Niziolek (Elizabeth), Alison Steinbach (Edison), Andrew Timmes (Colonia), Regina Topping (Edison), Mark Vislocky (Rahway), Nichole Zoller (Colonia).

Second Honor Roll (Seniors) - Priscilla Abdala (Elizabeth), Katherine Babicz (Rahway), Ann M. Fedorochko (Linden), Stephen Frank (Linden), Beena Jacob (Elizabeth), Julia Kocienski (Linden), Courtney Leahy (Colonia), Megan Mallon (Rahway), Kacie Marczak (Kenilworth), Jacqueline Monroy (Rahway), Rachel Seamon (Rahway), Thomas Staab (Colonia), James Walsh (Colonia), Yavonia Wise (Rahway), Sandra Zamora (Elizabeth).

Second Honor Roll (Juniors) - Catherine Bailey (Edison), Beau Brack (Carteret), Brian Broxmeyer (Rahway), Teofilo Caliolio (Iselin), Fatima Cardoso (Elizabeth), Pietro Hanatzky (Elizabeth), Michael Hector (Rahway), Htadra Jame-

ison (Rahway), Stephanie Masaro (Colonia), Jeffrey Mercedat (Avenel), Debora Reviriego (Rahway).

Second Honor Roll (Sophomores) - Helen Aguirre (Elizabeth), Christine Bowman (Linden), Elizabeth Deresz (Colonia), Emily Kuspiel (Rahway), Kristine Manalo (Edison), Tanya Martinez (Elizabeth), Peter Rivera (Elizabeth), Dominique Roentgen (Colonia), Katherine Seamon (Rahway), Edward Shields (Rahway), Tara Sinnott (Port Reading), Anna Socha (Elizabeth), Edward Thornton (Rahway).

Second Honor Roll (Freshmen) - Colleen Brown (Rahway), Laura Cash (Edison), Shreyans Desai (Edison), Adam Di Bona (Edison), Albert Diaz (Rahway), Lisa M. Fedorochko (Linden), Melissa Ford (Elizabeth), Priya Mehta (Colonia), Tristan Murray (Elizabeth), Christina Serrano (Elizabeth), Nicole Straffi (Colonia).

Rutgers Recipients

AREA — The following New Jersey residents have received their degrees in October 2001 and January 2002 from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey:

From Avenel: Bachelor's Degree: Jason Connotillo.

From Carteret: Bachelor's Degrees: Priscila Caldas, Sonia Claro, Stanislav Khutorskoy, Michael Medvigy, Danielle Onulak, Maria Ospina, Amarjit Singh. Master's Degree: Magda Fama.

From Colonia: Bachelor's Degrees: Asiya Ali, Kathleen Diliberto, Richard Dziuban, Michelle Falcao, Liane Heeney, Jacquelyn Herbst, Sena Khodabakhshi, Yulia Morshteyn.

From Edison: Bachelor's Degrees: Farah Ahmed, Anupkumar Amin, Christine Angiolino, Sonali Ankola, Aimee Aucott, Roshini Benjamin, Niraj Bhandari, Lorraine Bisheit, Mark Boren, Daba Briggs, Joseph Chang, Daniel Cody, Josephine Costanzo, Michael Czopek, Shehzad Dada, Derrick Decandia, Irina Dorochenko, Michael Encardone, Anthony Encinas, Abeer Farhan, Jonathan Farkas, Edward Farrell, Christina Faust, Alecia Ferree, Jayasree Gannu, Lucy Garcia, Won Ho, Johnny Hsu, Huai-I Huang, Manav Kashyap, Soohyun Kim, Jennifer Licinski, Ralynne Maitland, Mansoor Malik, Kashif Masud, Aparna Mohla, John Nycz,

James Obrien, Nicholle Palmieri, Nikul Patel, Egan Richards, Carolina Rodriguez, Manish Sangani, Paras Shah, Amit Shah, Krishna Shah, Rohit Sharma, Keiko Shibazaki, Michael Shvartsman, Harriet Sideris, Mark Smith, Jasdeep Sodhi, Leonard Sterinsky, Jean Tolentino, Karla Toone, Michael Ungerleider, Tatyana Yatsunova. Master's Degrees: Theresa Arena, Edison Lauren Caldera, Chieh Ju Chang, Kalyani Chekuri, Christophe Cottle, Judith De Vries, Michael Ferrari, Adrian Ganesco, Jodi Giannattasio, Hugh Gordon, Ruchi Jain, Teresita Leynes, Susan Robinson, Marcie Roman, John Sun, Corey Vigdor, Mark Weber, Katy Yeh. Doctor's Degrees: Scott Banta, Indrani Deo.

From Fords: Bachelor's Degrees: Thomas Dziedzic, Shirley Genty, Christina Krueger, Katherine Labra, Gunjan Modha, Jessica Sharick. Master's Degrees: Lora Swindlehurst, Christophe Waskewich.

From Iselin: Bachelor's De-

grees: Kenneth Chan, Mitesh Ghia, Chi Ip, Michael O'Neil, Seema Savalia, M Scott Smolder. Master's Degrees: Lance Cowan, Samir Dave, Carol Eberhardt, Lori Thompson.

From Metuchen: Bachelor's Degrees: Aubrey Bamdad, Nicole Carrota, Corinna Crafton, Ushtavaity Davar, Melissa Forbes, Siyung Kim, Daniel Oconnor, Manav Shah, Thomas Shore, Jennifer Vignali. Master's Degree: Joanne Jacobson.

From Parlin: Bachelor's Degrees: Kevin Ciak, Peter Corforte, Denise Elsasser, Fahmina Hasanat, Nichole Keller, Kofi Kyeremateng, John Milius, Mina Patel.

From Perth Amboy: Bachelor's Degrees: Kelvin Cordero, Alania Disla, Justin Javier, Bart Kwiatkowski, Rita Pardo, Victor Rios, Cheng Shao, Candyce Soto, Tina Sugandhi, Benito Torres, Steve Vlaun. Master's Degree: Jose Santos.

From Port Reading: Bachelor's Degrees: Steven Diiorio, John Koniw, Eugene Pantozzi, John Sabol.

From Sayreville: Bachelor's Degrees: Soo Cha, Leslie Chang, Robert Giovanetti, Donald Lukowski, Michael Popowski, William Shaver. Master's Degrees: James Kwiatkowski, Victor Ukaegbu.

From South Amboy: Bachelor's Degrees: Suhary Diaz,

John Fraykor, Jeffrey Kuczynski, Kevin Kuczynski, Shannon Roberts, Cara Toscano.

From Woodbridge: Bachelor's Degrees: Darian Balcom, Daniel Fuchs, Michael Lewis, Krishma Patel. Master's Degree: Amy Passy. Juris Doctor: Ronald Brandmayr.

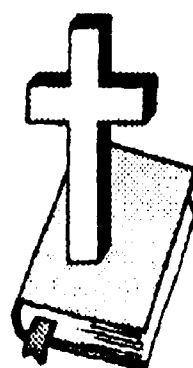
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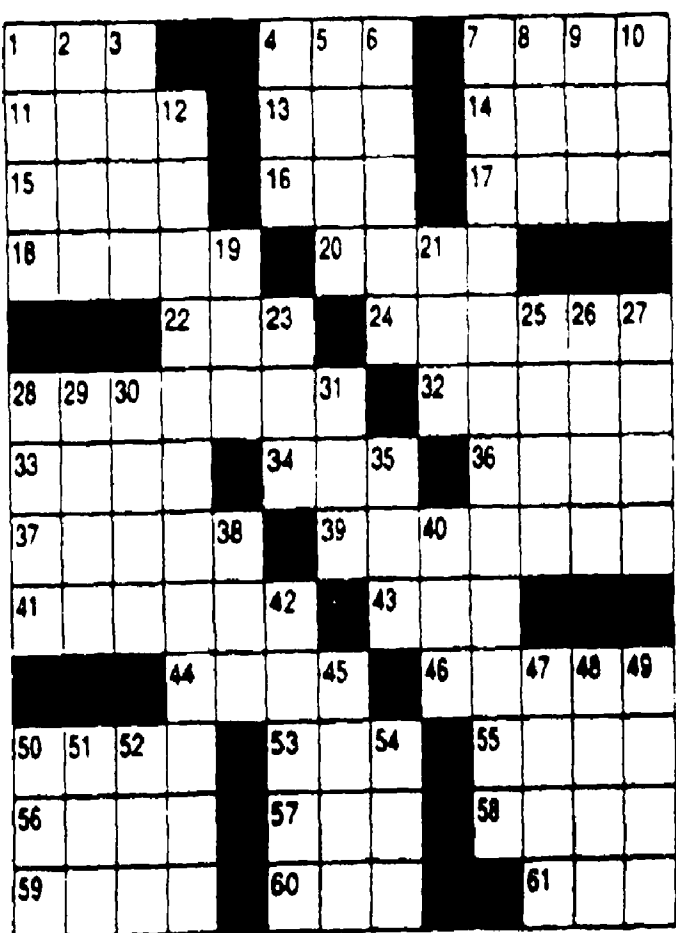
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Erica admitted to Chris that Kendall's presence reminded her of the rape that led to her conceiving Kendall. Meanwhile, Kendall blamed herself for Bianca's injuries when Maggie threw her out of a car for making a pass at her. Trey plotted to use Leo to find Vanessa's millions. Later, Trey interrupted a romantic moment between Mia and Jake by telling her that her son needs expensive medication, and she should ask Liza for financial help. Edmund shocked Brooke by charging that Tad threatened their relationship. Chris told Ryan he planned to propose to Erica. Wait to See: Ryan offers Kendall a plan.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Molly made up her mind to say goodbye to an important and loving part of her past. Meanwhile, Carly had an emotional reunion with Roseanna. Aaron arrived in Oakdale and soon made himself at home. Katie decided to leave Simon. Wait to See: Everyone learns of James' escape. Ian and Isaac face off. Adam and Abigail end their relationship.

THE BOLD & THE BEAUTIFUL

Sally finally agreed to let Massimo's company take over Spectra, and she and Ridge shook on the deal. In Paris, Whip and Deacon got into a fight over Brooke. After Whip left, Brooke and Deacon made love, and later, as Deacon lay sleeping, Whip aimed a heavy candlestick at his head. Amber continued to ingest painkillers. Erica was delighted to learn that Zende's mother, Kristen, is a Forrester. Wait to See: Erica sees an opportunity get closer to the Forresters.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Jack was shocked to learn the identity of the new editor of The Spectator. Nancy and Alice squared off as finalists in the cookie contest. Hope's dream helped her recall a detail about the identity of Isaac's father. Chloe got a second blood test. Glen and Barb arrived to take JT with them. Lexie took off with Isaac. Wait to See: Chloe collapses in Brady's arms. Victor has a big surprise for Sami.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Everyone was shocked when Carly's car was pulled out of the water with no one inside. The incident prompted Jax to recall what happened when Brenda was never found after her accident. Laura warned Gia not to try to force her to take sides between Lucky and Nikolas. Edward cautioned AJ to focus on his marriage to Courtney if he hoped to regain custody of Michael. Monica "celebrated" her birthday by walking in on Alan and Rae discussing Skye, and presented him with divorce papers. Wait to See: Courtney makes a disturbing discovery.

GUIDING LIGHT

Phillip and Beth took their relationship to a new level. A chagrined Tory's plans backfired. Marah looked for solace from an unlikely person. Olivia and Cassie had a heated confrontation. Wait to See: Richard has a close call. Tony and Marah reconnect. Romeo's plan fails.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Niki drugged Ben and

planned to have Renee find him in bed with a nude Jordan. But instead, he was found making a call with a fully clothed Jordan standing near him. She later told Ben she'd been hired by his wife, "Viki" (actually Niki). Nellie admitted to Sam that she didn't give birth to Jack. Natalie was upset when Jessica mentioned Rex. Later, Ben overheard Natalie accuse "Viki" of trying to seduce Chad. Wait to See: "One Life to Live" airs a full week of live shows from May 13-17.

PASSIONS

Rebecca persuaded Ivy to help her frame Theresa for Julian's murder. Luis arrived in time to stop Zombie Charity from killing Tabitha. To show her gratitude, Tabitha told Luis about his and Sheridan's past and future lives together. Later, Beth and Luis were shocked to find research material on the Internet confirming that Sheridan and Luis were aboard the Titanic, as was Brian. Meanwhile, Sheridan and Brian learned their son from their past life had died. Wait to See: Timmy is in really deep trouble.

PORT CHARLES

Kevin's blood was found on Alison's apron, as well as on the pitchfork in the barn, prompting Livvie to accuse Alison of witchcraft and the murder of her (Livvie's) father. As Ian and Lucy investigated the barn for clues to Kevin's disappearance, Ian noted a change in Rebecca's portrait. James manipulated Rafe to the point of signing over his soul in return for preventing Alison from being charged with murder. Wait to See: Ed deals with James.

THE YOUNG

AND THE RESTLESS

Ralph urged Amanda to steal money from Kay and leave town with him. Raul told Billy that Mac still believes he's her stalker. Michael welcomed Chris back to Genoa City. After finding Grace's note on Nick's desk, a shattered Sharon turned to Diego for comfort and the two made love. Later, a guilt-wracked Sharon boarded the Newman jet with Nick to head off on their long-delayed second honeymoon. Ashley began her radiation treatments. Jack asked Victor to testify for him in his suit against Diane for custody of Kyle. Wait to See: Diego has plans of his own for Sharon; ditto Grace for Nick.

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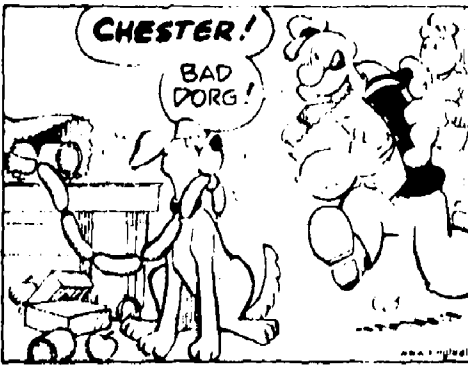
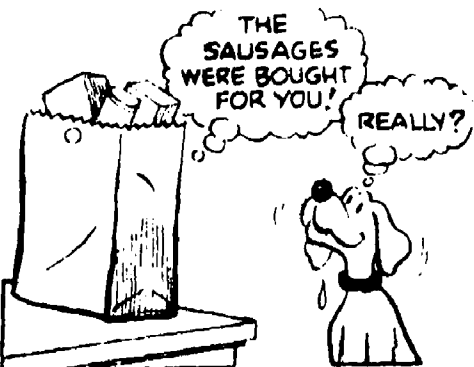
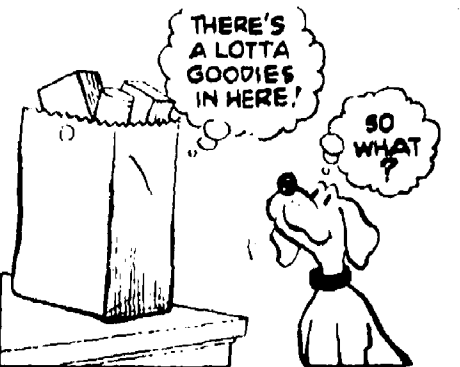
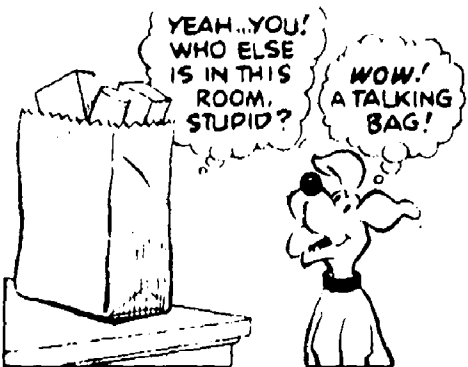
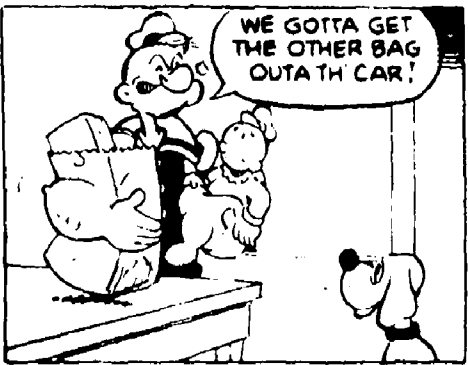
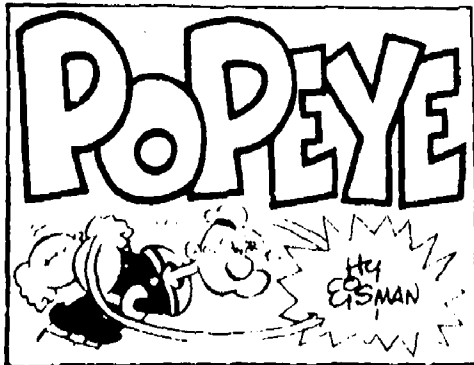
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Differences: 1. Stick is shorter. 2. Boy has canteen. 3. Man's hat is black. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Boy's backpack is black. 6. Boy's expression is different.



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OBITUARIES**Raymond Michaelson
of Carteret**

Mr. Raymond C. Michaelson Sr. of Carteret died April 25 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 80.

Born in Hoboken, he lived in Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, N.Y. before moving to Carteret 44 years ago.

He was a dock builder with Carpenters & Dock Builders Union Local 1456 in New York City for 25 years before retiring in 1977.

Mr. Michaelson was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific with the Seabees 35th Construction Battalion.

He was a former American Legion Post 263 Carteret member.

Mr. Michaelson was a member of St. Joseph Players theatrical group, Carteret. He served as a Cub Scout pack leader for Troop 86 and assistant troop leader for Boy Scout Troop 86, Carteret.

He was also a member of the Sporting Club GJOA (Norwegian) in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn and played and coached with the Norwegian Soccer Club, also of the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn.

Mr. Michaelson was an assistant coach for the Carteret High School Soccer team from 1972-74.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Helen T. (Meade) Michaelson; two sons, Raymond C. Michaelson Jr. of Carteret and Paul R. Michaelson, also of Carteret; a daughter, Marion Iosifescu of Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Knutsen of Longmont, Colo.; four grandchildren, Sarah, Rachel, Catherine and Ross.

**Elizabeth Patrick
of Sewaren**

Mrs. Elizabeth Patrick of Winter Springs, Fla. (formerly of Sewaren) died April 25 in Florida. She was 83.

She was a lifelong resident of Sewaren.

Surviving are a son, Allen of Winter Springs, Fla.; a brother, Joseph Mazar of Avenel; two granddaughters, Dena Strine and Season Patrick; two great-grandsons, Zachary Strine and Christopher Bert; and many nieces and nephews.

**Marie Facciponte
of Metuchen**

Mrs. Marie Facciponte of Metuchen died April 21 at Hartwyck at Oak Tree, Edison. She was 85.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she resided in East Orange before moving to Metuchen 23 years ago.

She was employed by Olympic Junior Co., a clothing manufacturer in Newark for many years, before retiring 23 years ago.

Mrs. Facciponte was a communicant of St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen.

Her husband, Joseph Facciponte, died in 1963; three brothers, Charles, Harry and Carmen Castiglione and three sisters Antoinette Ziccardi, Frances Mocchiola and Josephine Longo, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Camile Stanlaw of Bayonne; a sister, Eleanor Petronella of Metuchen and many nieces and nephews.

**Helena E. Key, 61
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Helena Elouise Key of Perth Amboy died April 20 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 61.

Born in Pantego, N.C., she resided in New Brunswick before moving to Perth Amboy ten years ago.

She was a member of the Faith Deliverance Family Worship Center, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are two sons, Alexander Harvin of South Bound Brook and Joshua Key of Perth Amboy; two daughters, Michelle Key of Washington, D.C. and Alexandria Gamble of The Bronx, New York; four brothers, Daniel E. Boomer, of Norfolk, Va., Andrew Boomer Jr. of Somerset, Lindsay Boomer of Upper Marlboro, Md. and Welton Boomer of Oxon Hill, Md.; two sisters, Evelyn Walls of Glendale, Md. and Patricia Boomer of Bowie, Md.; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Walter M. Frank, Sr.
of Iselin**

Mr. Walter M. Frank Sr. of Iselin died April 24 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, he moved to Iselin several years ago.

He was employed in the maintenance department at Hyatt-Roller Bearing, Clark, before retiring in 1983.

Previously, he had been a department manager at ShopRite in Iselin.

Mr. Frank served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II in Central Europe.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Cecelia's Council 3639, Iselin. He was also a member of the St. Cecelia's Men's Bowling League.

He was a volunteer firefighter with the Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are Jean, his wife of 59 years; two sons, Robert and Walter Jr.; a brother, John; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Margaret Wheeler
of Carteret**

Mrs. Margaret Mary "Sheehy" Wheeler of Carteret died April 27 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, South Plainfield. She was 65.

Born in Jersey City, she lived there for over 30 years before moving to Carteret 36 years ago.

Mrs. Wheeler was a member of the St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church, Carteret.

She was employed as a marker for Garden State Shipping Company in Keasbey for the past seven years.

Surviving are her husband of 42 years, William; a daughter, Patricia Bloodgood of Edison and Carolyn Laykin of Washington Township; and a brother, Brother Edward Sheehy S.J. of Jersey City.

**Hattie M. Henry
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Hattie M. Henry of Perth Amboy died April 21 at home. She was 62.

Surviving are her husband, Frederick A. Henry of Perth Amboy; two sons, Roger L. Henry of Columbia, Md. and William N. Henry of Perth Amboy; a daughter, Ida H. Britton of Germantown, Md.; her mother, Ida M. Davis of Emporia, Va.; two granddaughters, Sydney Britton and Rachel Henry and a host of relatives and friends.

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She was employed by Olympic Junior Co., a clothing manufacturer in Newark for many years, before retiring 23 years ago.

Mrs. Facciponte was a communicant of St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen.

Her husband, Joseph Facciponte, died in 1963; three brothers, Charles, Harry and Carmen Castiglione and three sisters Antoinette Ziccardi, Frances Mocchiola and Josephine Longo, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Camile Stanlaw of Bayonne; a sister, Eleanor Petronella of Metuchen and many nieces and nephews.

**Lydia Gottlick, 78
of Colonia**

Mrs. Lydia Anna Gottlick of Colonia died April 30 at home. She was 78.

Born in Colonia, she lived in the township all of her life.

Mrs. Gottlick was a homemaker.

She belonged to St. John Vianney's Senior Citizens.

Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Anthony Gottlick; a son, Paul James Gottlick of Colonia; two daughters, Linda Ann Willenborg of West Caldwell and Carolyn Lois Solon of Watchung; a brother, Charles P. Volk of Woodbridge; a sister, Muriel Sziber of Califon; and seven grandchildren.

**Marie Parisi, 80
of Edison**

Mrs. Marie Parisi of Edison died April 20 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 80.

Born in Brooklyn, she lived in Staten Island and Parlin before moving to Edison 18 years ago.

She was an educational aide at P.S. #44 in Staten Island for 20 years before retiring in 1976.

Mrs. Parisi served as a Red Cross nurse's aide in New York during World War II.

She was a member of the Edison Senior Citizens.

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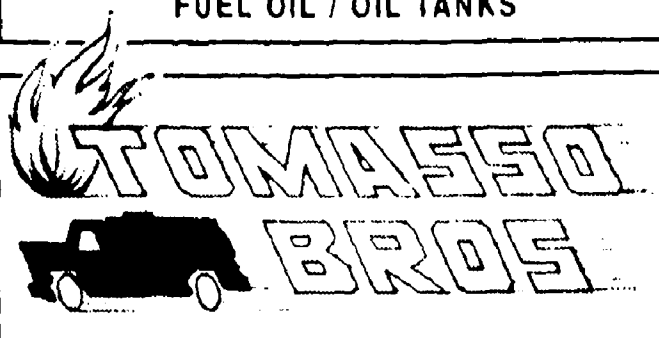
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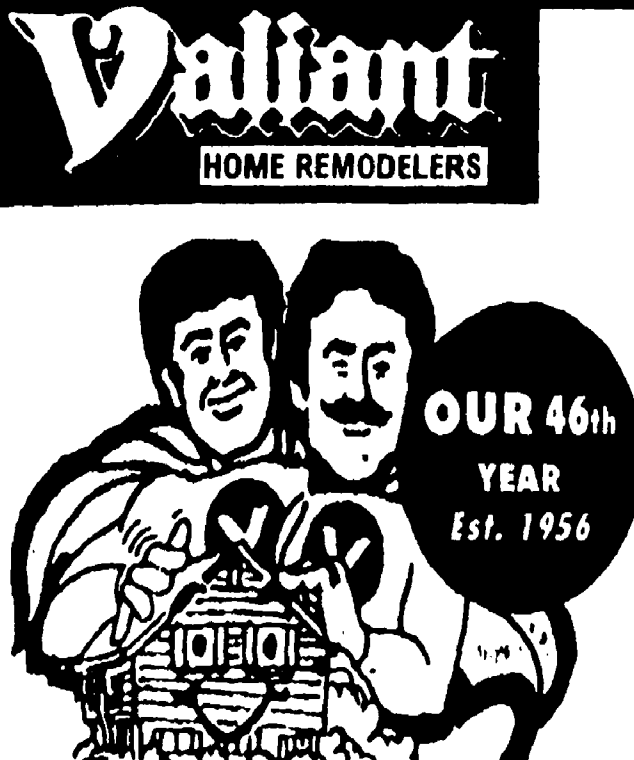
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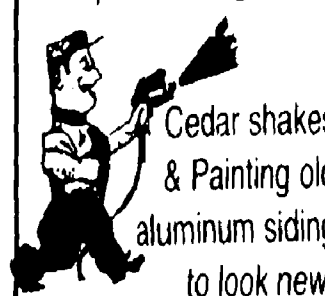
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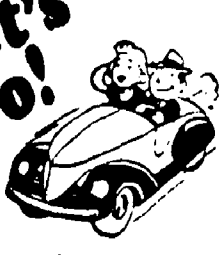
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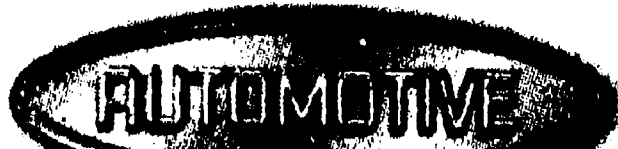
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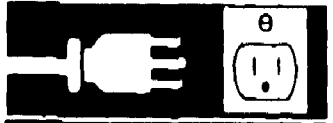


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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**Deadline Extended For Tax Relief**

WOODBIDGE—There is for citizens and the disabled are tax relief money in Trenton being encouraged to get their waiting to be claimed, and sen- share. The income ceilings have

gone up in the New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement Program, making more people eligible. And the deadline has been extended to June 1.

The program reimburses eligible taxpayers for the difference if their property taxes go up. Disabled persons and those 65 or older are eligible.

But so far, very few people have applied.

Woodbridge Township Mayor Frank G. Pelzman is urging senior citizens and disabled citizens to call the toll-free hotline number at 1-800-882-6597 to apply for their rebate.

"The change in the income guidelines means more of our

seniors and disabled citizens are eligible for property tax relief," notes Mayor Pelzman. Single people making up to \$38,475, and married couples making up to \$47,177 are now eligible for property tax reimbursement. That brings the number of eligible New Jersey taxpayers to 110,000.

Mother's Day Sentiment

Happy Mother's Day
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Although we are miles apart,
I will always love you.

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Pre-Memorial Day Remnant Sale

AREA—The best buys on remnants can be found at Aldo Carpet the weekend before Memorial

Day, May 16-19, as the flooring supplier focuses on its cash-'n-carry business which has been a staple of its success. Customers will be able to enjoy deep discounts on remnants that they can take with them.

Aldo Carpet, whose business has grown through word of mouth, has been catering to cash-'n-carry customers since it first opened its doors in the 1970s. Though the company now concentrates on large commercial, industrial and builder jobs, the management makes sure to keep the connection with its individual residential customers.

"We host sales around the holidays that are specifically geared toward homeowners," said Aldo Benavides, Jr., owner and manager. "Our customers are very loyal and return again and again."

In addition to periodic sales, Aldo accommodates homeowners with a design center specializing in room décor. It includes an in-store computer where customers can experiment with carpet colors and styles, and have access to decorator consultants who will even travel to their homes.

"Our goal is to service the customer, whether it's an industrial builder or one of our neighbors redecorating their living room," said Benavides. "Service, quality and value have always been the cornerstones of our success." Benavides is second generation in

a family that started the business from nothing.

The initial focus was to sell carpeting to contractors. In 1972, Aldo Benavides, Sr., and his wife, Maria, opened the first Aldo retail outlet to offer a full range of flooring options at value prices to homeowners.

By the late 1970s, Aldo Carpets was well known by both contractors and homebuyers in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area. The business was recognized by major home and commercial builders too. In 1977, the Benavides family initiated a formal Builders Program and became the preferred supplier for K. Hovnanian and others throughout New Jersey. In 1996, Aldo Carpet opened a 30,000 square foot warehouse and a state-of-the-art 5,000 square foot showroom.

Aldo Carpet is known as a resource for large volume purchasing that enable customers to save a substantial amount of money on a recognized brand floor or carpet. Aldo stocks the full range of hardwoods, laminates, ceramic tiles, vinyl and carpeting of all grades.

The Aldo Pre-Memorial Day Remnant Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on, at the Carteret location. For more information, or directions, call Aldo Carpets at 1-888-265-2536.

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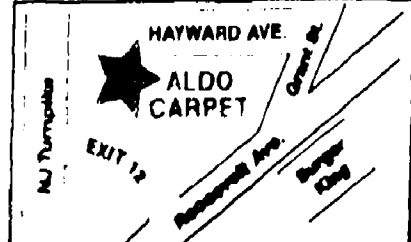
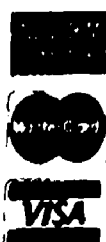
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