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A Broadway Revival

SOUTH AMBOY—The city's main drag has experienced a revival in recent months, as a number of new boutique-type businesses have opened up on Broadway.

"It's sort of like a renaissance," says local merchant Rosanne Savoi, owner of the 13-year-old Irish gift shop O'Ireland.

Savoi credits the city's redevelopment efforts for Broadway's turnaround. She

says that the city's facade improvement program that helps business owners fix up their storefronts, as well as the new ferry service scheduled to start this month and new residential development make the city a more lucrative place to set up shop.

The first new shop to arrive was Azaela's Interiors and Etc., a small antique shop. Owner Azalea Godomar said that the store did so much busi-

ness in the first two months, "I was actually in shock."

Godomar also cites the city's redevelopment efforts as the reason she decided to open her shop now. "I think it's going to be a renewal of South Amboy, and I want to be a part of it."

Other new stores include Scarborough Fair, which sells antique reproductions and accessories for the home and wardrobe and On Broadway,

which sells a mix of antiques, jewelry, sports memorabilia and Harry Potter merchandise.

Cindy Wade-Petrick, owner of Scarborough Fair, says that she appreciates the close-knit town, where most people know each other. She says that city residents, including the mayor, drop in to chat and ask about her family. "The people are great," she says.

Sayreville Council Reorganized

SAYREVILLE — Democrats Tom Marcinczyk and Tom Pollando were sworn into terms on the Borough Council as the governing body held its annual reorganization meeting on New Year's Day.

In November, Marcinczyk and Pollando defeated Republicans Bob Pinaha and Joan Gotta, preserving the Democratic Party's two seats on the six-member council. Jeff Pawlowski and George "Fred" Semoneit did not

seek re-election. Pollando, a 30-year resident and vice president of Adco Electric, is president of the Sayreville Athletic Association. Marcinczyk, a life-long resident, owns a flower shop and a cemetery monument business.

During the campaign, the two newcomers identified traffic problems, over-development and tax stability as major concerns.

The council re-elected Frank Makransky to his third term as

the council president.

Although the GOP will maintain its 4-2 control of the council, the Democratic newcomers were joined by Republican Phyllis Batko in opposing some items on the agenda. Marcinczyk, Pollando and Batko rejected the mayor's appointments to the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency, however, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien cast a tie-breaking vote to confirm his nominees. O'Brien, Tom O'Shea

and Paul Covella will serve on the redevelopment agency. The trio successfully ended an existing authorization for the borough attorney and business administrator to settle insurance claims of under \$10,000. This issue may come back before the council for consideration at a later date or the governing body will have to approve every case settlement as they arise.

Batko cast the sole vote against the reappointment of the Bergen County law firm of Decottis, Fitzpatrick, Gluck and Cole as the borough's attorney. Batko contended that attorney fees are too high, with taxpayers spending about \$1 million during the last two years.

O'Brien encouraged the council to help find a replacement for former Business Administrator Joseph D'Arco, who accepted a similar post in Kearny 18 months ago. Since D'Arco's resignation, O'Brien said he, Finance Director Wayne Kronowski and Borough Attorney Judy Verrone have had to take on extra work. "What I find is that I can't do it all," O'Brien said.

Various fire department officers were also sworn in to their positions during the reorganization meeting.

Additionally, oaths of office were also given to emergency squad officers.

Sherwin Williams Plant Closing

EDISON—About 90 people will lose jobs at the Sherwin-Williams plant in Edison when the company stops using the facility for most manufacturing operations this year.

Sherwin-Williams acquired the plant, which makes coil, maintenance and marine coatings and the Con-Lux brand of paints, in August 1995 when it purchased Edison-based Con-Lux Coatings, Inc.

"We've done an analysis of our manufacturing capacity and determined we could be more efficient by transferring the production to our other existing plants," said Lydia Bazarko, a company spokesperson.

Bazarko said operations from the New Jersey plant will be moved to Baltimore, Maryland;

Wichita, Kansas; and Morrow, Georgia. Workers were notified in early December that manufacturing of all products except coil coatings at the plant would cease by June 30.

Coil coatings will continue to be made at the facility, employing only a few of the current work force. Before the end of the year, those operations will be transferred to a facility in Columbus, Ohio, Bazarko said.

"Each employee will be given a severance package commensurate with the years of employment with the company," Bazarko said.

What the company will do with the facility "has not been fully determined at this time," Bazarko said, however, a paint store and district sales office at the location will continue operat-

ing at the site, she noted. Although the state has not yet been officially notified, the company intends to comply with the Warn Act, which requires a 60-day notice before any employees are terminated. Company officials have been in touch with the state Labor Department to prepare for the layoffs. The facility, located at 226 Talmadge Rd., includes a total of 10 3/4 acres zoned for light industrial. The plant, which is assessed for \$4,631,100, paid \$128,281 in property taxes last year, according to Mike McGinnis, assistant tax assessor.

The plant closing will not have any effect on the municipal tax base, McGinnis explained, because the property is assessed for its market value regardless of whether the site is in use.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Music And Art Program For Children With Autism

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Classes for the Parent/Child Workshops in Music and Art for Children with Autism or Autistic Behaviors will resume in February 2002. Workshops will be held on Saturdays, Feb. 9-April 20 in New Brunswick, Paramus, Morristown and Glassboro. The program, now in its eighteenth year, is sponsored by VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ), a nonprofit statewide organization dedicated to providing accessible arts opportunities to children and adults with disabilities. These workshops are offered free of charge.

The ten weekly Saturday sessions will provide young people with experiences in

music and art that serve as an introduction to the arts while developing communication, social and cognitive skills. The arts provide an ideal medium for developing and retaining a wide array of skills for children with autism. Young people ages 3-17 are invited to participate. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

At Rutgers University, in cooperation with the Visual Arts Department and at the Elks Lodge in New Brunswick, music and art workshops will be offered. Music workshops and the Karen Hess art workshops will be offered at Bergen County (site to be announced).

Music/Movement workshops will be

offered at Rowan University in Glassboro and at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown.

VSA/NJ is cosponsored by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Funding has been made possible by the United Way of Central Jersey, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Chancy Memorial Foundation and the central office of VSA arts, under an award from the U.S. Department of Education. VSA arts is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

For information and registration applications, contact Karen Singer at VSA arts of New Jersey, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-3885, 745-5935, 745-3913 (TTY), info@vsan.org. Application deadline is Jan. 21, 2002.

College Art Exhibit To Feature Works By Maria Marshall

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Artist Maria Marshall instructor in the Media Arts and Design department at Middlesex County College, will have 19 of her works on display now through February 15. The exhibit in the Presidential Art Gallery of Chambers Hall is free and open to the public from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Marshall has been producing and exhibiting her paintings for the past ten years. Among the galleries featuring her work are the Balcony Gallery at Merkin Concert Hall, N.Y. and the C.A.S.E. Museum of Russian Contemporary Art in Jersey City.

Born in St. Petersburg, Russia, Marshall began studying art classes at the age of six at the world-famous Hermitage Museum. Her family immigrated to the United States when she was nine and

she resumed her formal art education as a college student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and Indiana University (PA), from which she graduated in 1990 with a BA in painting. She earned an MFA at Brooklyn College, where, in 2000, she received the Charles G. Shaw Award for Excellence in Art. Her work is included in many corporate and private collections.

Many of the pieces in the Middlesex County College exhibit, which are for sale, are from her *Fireplace Study*. "In the flames, I discover various structures and forms that have infinite vitality, that are ever changing, like the human figure in motion," she said.

Maria Marshall may be contacted by e-mail at marshall@surf.com.

Middlesex County High School Teacher Honored

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - University of the Sciences in Philadelphia recently held its "Celebrating Excellence in Science Teaching" Appreciation Dinner. Marianne Kwitkowski of Sayreville War Memorial High School was selected as one

of 40 high school science teachers who had an influence on a USP student's decision to pursue science as a career.

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia is a private, coeducational institution founded in 1821 as Philadelphia College of

Pharmacy, the first college of pharmacy in North America. USP specializes in educating students for rewarding health and science careers through its ten bachelor's, ten master's and four doctoral degree programs in the health and related sciences.

Catch A Rare Glimpse Of Architecture

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission presents *Architecture: A Reflection of Culture* on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Plainsboro Municipal Center Court Room. Historian Meredith Arms Bzdak and Native American Tchín present a free workshop that reviews and compares Native American Architecture and American architectural influences. The Municipal Center is located at 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro. This is a free presentation, although registration is required.

Meredith Arms Bzdak is an Architectural Historian for Ford Farewell Mills and Gatsch, Architects and holds both a B.A. and Ph.D., in Art History. She has sixteen years of experience in the field of historic preservation and is currently on the faculty of the Drew University in the Historical Preservation Program. Bzdak has authored and produced numerous documents relating to historic preservation and architecture,

most recently the award-winning book *Public Sculpture in New Jersey: Monuments to Collective Identity* (Rutgers University Press, 1999). She also serves as Chair of the National Alliance of Preservation Commission.

Tchín is a nationally recognized educator, lecturer, storyteller, musician and artist. He graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design, and later attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a Narragansett/Blackfoot. Tchín travels throughout the United States exhibiting his award-winning artwork and presenting programs on various aspects of Native American culture.

Native American builders, influenced by nature and survival, created shelter with a communal sense. These structures were made from tree bark, snow, sod, grass, mud, twigs, leather, stone caves and other natural resources, some of these the first examples of insulation, subterranean homes,

and domed buildings. By comparing and contrasting Native American architecture to four centuries of American architecture, including Dutch precedents in the Mid-Atlantic region, Thomas Jefferson's link of man to nature, the excesses of the Victorian era and contemporary structures, we arrive at the definition of American Architecture.

To register for this free presentation call the Commission at (732) 745-4489. This with hearing impairments may dial (732) 745-3888 TTY or 711 via the New Jersey Relay Service. Assistive Listening Systems are available on site. Sign Language Interpreters are also available with a two-week advance request. Funding for this program is in part from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, and the New Jersey Historical Commission, a Division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS



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

New Year's Day....a time to celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of another. If the old year was a good one, we give it a rousing send off. If the old year was not so good, we are happy to see it go and look forward to a new year full of hope and promise.

Celebrating the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It has been celebrated, although not always in January, for the last 4,000 years. It was first observed by the ancient Babylonians around 2000 B.C. when they celebrated the first new moon after the Vernal Equinox, the first day of Spring. Spring was a logical time to start the new year. Spring is the season of rebirth, the planting and blossoming of flowers and crops.

The Romans continued to celebrate the new year in the spring until 153 B.C. That year the Roman senate declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year in an effort to synchronize their calendar with the sun. This was further codified in 46 B.C. when the Emperor Julius Caesar established a calendar that was firmly synchronized with the sun. This calendar became known as the Julian Calendar and steadfastly established January 1 as the first day of the new year.

The early Christian Church condemned the celebration of new year as paganism. However, as Christianity became more widespread, the church began having its own religious observances, many concurrent with many pagan celebrations. New Year's Day became an accepted holiday by the church and has been celebrated by Western

nations for the past five centuries.

New Year's has always been a holiday rich in traditions, from the New Year's Baby, to resolutions, to eating black-eyed peas. Both the Greeks and the Egyptians used a baby to signify the new year. With the coming of the new year the Greeks celebrated their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket. The baby represented the annual rebirth of the god as the spirit of fertility. Since the 14th century, Germans celebrated the new year with a baby wearing nothing but a banner emblazoned with the date of the incoming year. It was the early German immigrants who brought this tradition to the United States.

Food plays a significant role in many of our holiday celebrations and New Year's Day is no different. Many cultures believe that food in the shape of a circle brings good luck because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring a year filled with good fortune. It was in the United States that the tradition of eating black-eyed peas and ham started. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck by many cultures. Served with ham, the meat representing prosperity, became a New Year's Day staple in the Southern regions of the United States and is now on New Year's Day tables throughout America.

How you celebrate the new year, whatever your traditions, there is nothing quite like January. The year changes numbers, elected officials take up their new jobs, and we all resolve, once again to do better. So, please join me and "take a cup of kindness yet for auld lang syne" and have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2002!

Local Bank Gives Away Free Movie Tickets

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Brunswick Bank & Trust, a community bank serving consumers and small businesses in central New Jersey since 1902, has partnered with Regal Cinemas located on Route 1 in North Brunswick to provide new bank customers with free movie tickets.

The promotion will begin immediately and is expected to run until year-end. Any consumer who opens a new

Regular Checking Account at the North Brunswick Office of Brunswick Bank & Trust will receive two free movie tickets per month for one year. If, in addition, the customer signs up for Internet Banking or additional deposit accounts, they will receive four free tickets per month.

The North Brunswick Office of Brunswick Bank & Trust is located at 1060 Aaron Road, North Brunswick, one block from Route 1.

Fiore Awarded For Commitment

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The Central Jersey Job Developers Association (CJDA) presented an award to Lisa Fiore on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001. Fiore, Director of Vocational Services since May 1999 for Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County, has been a member of the CJDA Executive Committee since 1999. She was recognized for her outstanding efforts to this association and for her commitment to individuals seeking employment.

Under Fiore's direction, JFVS participated in a three year National Welfare to Work and recently coordinated a Job Fair for displaced workers from the World Trade Center. There were 34 employers who attended along with over 600 job seekers.

Walk-Ons Only At MCIA Golf Courses During January, February

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

A new automated tee time reservation system, which will allow golfers to reserve playing time at the three golf courses operated by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), will be installed and tested during January and February.

While Tamarack Golf Course, The Meadows At Middlesex and Raritan Landing will be open for play during the first two months of the year, the current tee time system will be inoperative and no advance reservations will be accepted.

"It will be walk-ons only, on a first-come, first-serve basis, until early March, when the new reservation system will be up and running," said Jane S. Leal, the MCIA's Director of Administration.

"We knew this switch could cause some disruption in the reservations service, so we thought we'd take advantage of the slower, winter months, when not many people play golf in the northeast, and most of those who do play are only out on warmer days," Leal said.

"Our courses are open all

The Anniversary Of A Time Of Turmoil

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

East Jersey Olde Towne Village's current, *A Time of Turmoil: The Revolutionary War in the Raritan Valley* commemorates the 225th anniversary of America's Revolutionary War. The exhibit features authentic artifacts, images, and maps relating to the Revolutionary War. On Sunday, Jan. 20, Dr. Richard Zeit presents a lecture "Where We Spent a Most Disagreeable Winter"—archaeological excavations at a British encampment from 1777. The free lecture begins at 2:30 p.m., Jan. 20 at East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Road, Piscataway.

Dr. Zeit, is a Professor at Monmouth University and a Principal Investigator with Gannett Fleming, Inc. This respected expert reviews through slides and a discussion period the findings of an earlier excavation of a British winter encampment occupied after the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Located in Raritan Landing, Piscataway, the site yielded an assortment of arti-

facts reflecting the soldier's activities and daily lives. The exhibit and lecture are without charge and open to the public.

The exhibit reveals pivotal events, significant people and important places associated with the Raritan Valley. Focusing primarily on the Revolutionary War period from 1774-1789 in Middlesex County, visitors examine the consequences for the military action and the subsequent rebuilding of the community after the war through images, artifacts, maps and text.

To register, contact the Village at (732) 745-3030. Those with hearing disabilities may dial the TTY phone at (732) 745-3888 or 711 via the New Jersey Relay Service. The Village is open Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. with guided tours at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Assistive Listening systems are available on site.

year, though, and even with the tee time system out of commission, we don't anticipate that anyone will have much of a wait to play," she said.

She noted that golfers should not call the golf courses

directly to try to reserve tee times.

"The course employees are not permitted to set aside times for people and I hope our golfers will realize this and not try to put them on the spot," she said.

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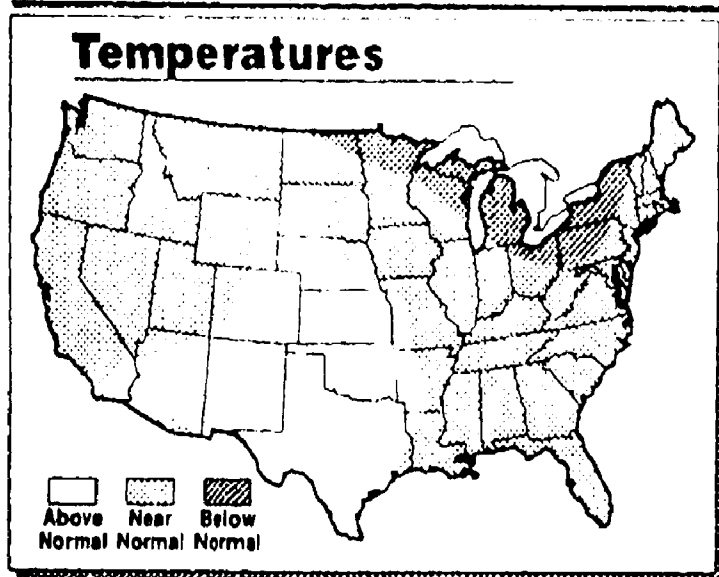
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy and breezy.	Patches clouds	Clouds and sun	Cloudy with flurries	Windy with clouds and sun	Times of clouds and sun	Cloudy with a shower	Mostly sunny and cold
47	32	44/28	39/29	39/21	46/34	42/24	32/15

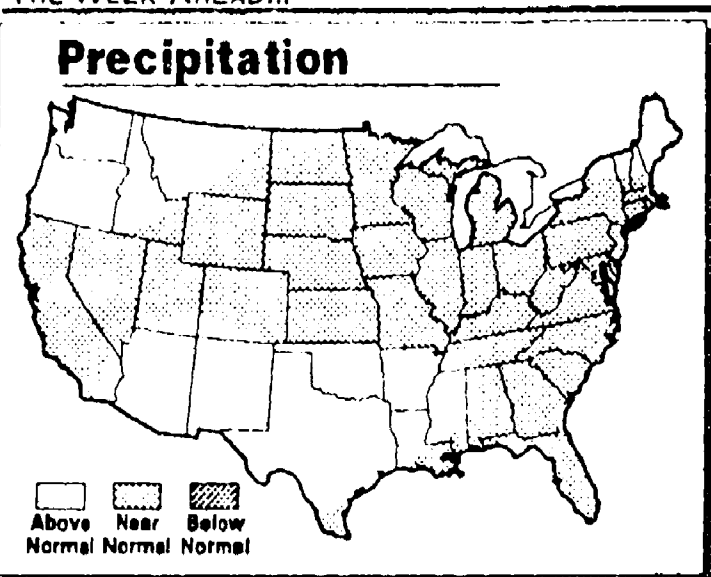
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Colder air will begin to push southward across the northern half of the country during the period. Storms will bring precipitation to the Midwest, Ohio Valley and Southeast. Warm and dry weather will cover the Southwest and southern Plains. Storms will bring rain and mountain snow to the Pacific Northwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	56 36 c	50 34 s	52 34 s	53 30 s
Boston	43 30 pc	40 28 c	37 27 sf	37 19 c
Chicago	40 26 c	38 28 pc	40 28 pc	38 18 c
Cleveland	37 26 c	36 26 sf	36 27 c	37 26 c
Denver	52 24 s	54 24 s	56 22 s	48 22 pc
Des Moines	42 22 c	40 27 pc	44 21 pc	42 22 pc
Detroit	36 28 c	36 24 sf	36 25 sf	34 27 c
Houston	68 42 s	68 44 s	70 48 s	72 52 pc
Indianapolis	37 26 c	37 31 c	41 28 sf	39 28 c
Kansas City	43 25 pc	48 31 s	45 27 s	46 28 pc
Los Angeles	76 51 pc	74 45 s	72 46 s	70 45 pc
Miami	73 57 s	66 46 pc	65 49 s	65 50 s
Minn.-St. Paul	36 22 pc	34 20 c	36 22 pc	38 18 sn
New Orleans	66 42 pc	62 44 s	64 48 s	64 42 s
New York City	44 32 pc	40 30 pc	40 28 sf	38 23 pc
Omaha	42 26 pc	42 28 c	48 24 pc	42 22 pc
Phoenix	72 52 pc	72 50 s	72 48 s	74 50 s
San Francisco	62 47 s	60 47 pc	58 46 pc	57 39 c
Seattle	50 40 s	52 42 c	48 38 sh	46 32 c
Washington	48 34 c	46 30 pc	46 28 c	45 27 s

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	
Thu	7 20 a m.	4 49 p m.	
Fri	7 20 a m.	4 50 p m.	
	Moonrise	Moonsel	
Thu	4 43 a.m	2 24 p m.	
Fri	5 46 a m.	3 10 p m.	
Moon Phases			
New	First	Full	Last
			
Jan 13	Jan 21		
Jan 28	Feb 4		

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	42 35 pc	42 35 s	44 42 c	44 34 sh
Berlin	37 32 pc	39 32 pc	39 35 pc	41 35 r
Buenos Aires	84 73 pc	84 70 pc	86 62 s	84 63 s
Cairo	54 40 pc	52 40 c	57 41 pc	59 41 s
Jerusalem	41 27 pc	42 26 pc	43 26 s	45 28 s
Johannesburg	79 61 pc	84 63 pc	87 65 pc	83 64 c
London	45 36 pc	44 38 pc	49 46 r	47 36 c
Madrid	42 31 pc	47 25 pc	46 28 pc	47 32 pc
Mexico City	70 39 s	66 39 pc	66 40 pc	64 43 s
Moscow	20 18 pc	27 26 pc	33 24 c	28 24 c
Paris	39 30 c	38 33 c	41 37 pc	40 35 r
Rio de Janeiro	80 68 pc	81 69 pc	82 70 pc	81 73 c
Rome	47 35 c	51 35 pc	46 39 c	47 38 sh
San Juan	84 71 pc	84 72 pc	84 72 pc	84 72 pc
Seoul	39 32 c	39 20 pc	28 14 s	31 30 s
Sydney	75 56 s	78 60 s	85 59 s	73 54 s
Tokyo	50 43 pc	56 41 pc	54 31 pc	41 30 s
Toronto	36 21 c	29 20 sf	21 17 sn	27 23 c
Winnipeg	28 10 pc	25 8 pc	23 5 c	21 -7 sn
Zurich	38 27 pc	38 30 pc	38 30 pc	36 34 c

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Homeland Security Efforts Costing \$4 Billion So Far

STATE—The National Governors Association (NGA) has just released the preliminary results of a study that summarizes the average cost for the states as they do their part to provide increased homeland security. The NGA report is based on data from 17 states and one territory and shows that the total cost for homeland security will be \$4 billion in the first year.

Rep. Michael Ferguson voted against a bill that would have provided increased funding for the homeland security effort. By voting no, he ensured that New Jersey will be forced to shoulder the burden for additional sky marshals, new labs for producing more vaccines, additional security at airports, protecting vital infrastructure, protecting nuclear facilities and paying overtime for emergency response units.

"Rep. Ferguson had an opportunity to help New Jersey, but he voted no," said DCCC Press Secretary Mark Nevins. "That's a vote against protecting communities from terrorist threats on our own soil. It's also a vote against helping New Jersey defray much of those costs. Rep. Ferguson is forcing the taxpayers he represents to foot the bill for his bad vote. As if things weren't tough enough for New Jersey as it is."

According to the NGA report, of the \$4 billion in first year costs, \$3 billion will be devoted to bioterrorism preparedness and emergency communication, and \$1 billion is devoted to guarding vital infrastructure.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Reachable Resolutions

AREA — As sure as the clock strikes 12, the New Year ignites a resounding quest for many Americans to shed a few unfavorable pounds for the coming year. Of all the personal pledges and decrees set in January, resolving to lose weight remains the most popular New Year's resolution.

Despite this overwhelming pursuit to lose weight, obesity is on the brink of surpassing tobacco as the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, with 300,000 people dying yearly from obesity-related illnesses, according to a recent announcement by U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher.

This month, New Jerseyans will flock to local fitness centers and weight loss programs, with good intentions of losing

weight. However, the question remains — *Why do so many weight loss resolutions fail?*

According to Weight Watchers in New Jersey, successful weight loss regimens begin with properly identifying your motivation to lose weight. Whether for medical reasons, improved self-esteem or to obtain a slimmer figure, pinpointing a meaningful source of inspiration provides the stamina required to reach your goal.

"Weight loss regimens based solely on the spectacle of New Year's almost always begin with dedication and vigor, but then trail off once the novelty passes," said Stephanie Fein, president of Weight Watchers in New Jersey. "Sustained weight loss should be a lifestyle commit-

ment that's practiced routinely with a defined purpose in mind."

In addition to identifying the proper motivation for your weight loss, Weight Watchers advises setting a modest weight loss goal. Simply focus on losing just 10% of your present body weight and you'll be one step closer to declaring an early victory in the battle of the bulge.

Research published in a recent study by the National Institutes of Health revealed that simply losing 15 pounds could decrease the risk of diabetes by 58% in individuals who are on the verge of developing the disease.

Listed below are tips from Weight Watchers in New Jersey on establishing the proper approach to dieting in order to achieve your weight loss goals for the New Year:

1. **Focus on getting started; don't worry about every detail of the weight loss program.**

Set small milestones and work towards them, losing weight incrementally

Remember, just getting started is an important accomplishment.

2. **Set your first major goal at losing 10% of your body weight.**

Many people set unrealistic goals that are almost always bound for failure. Recent medical research indicates that a sustained weight loss can lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and decrease the risk of diabetes

3. **Don't underestimate the power of an interim 10% weight loss.**

Losing 10% of your body weight creates a noticeable difference in boosting physical

and mental health. Not to mention, it builds confidence to lose more weight if you wish.

4. **Learn to count your success.**

Celebrate every pound lost. Keeping a positive, balanced perspective is key.

5. **Give yourself breathing room — take simple, small steps to improving your lifestyle — one at a time.**

6. **Dieting is not deprivation: You don't have to give up your favorite foods.**

Learn to enjoy your favorite foods — just in smaller portions.

7. **Even if you lapse in your dieting, don't give up.**

Don't despair — lapses are normal. Knowing you can get back on track is an empowering skill to learn.

January Is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

AREA — The Blood Center of NJ is asking residents to donate blood to help maintain a ready and ample supply of blood in January.

Blood center officials note that blood is perishable, with red cells lasting just 35-42 days. Donations are needed every day to ensure a continuing and consistently available supply of blood "January is typically a

month of blood shortages and we want to make this year an exception," continued Daniels.

A campaign to increase public awareness of the need for blood is running from now until the end of this month. Titled "Who Wants to Be a Lifesaver," it involves the awarding of supplies or equipment to the fire departments of the three communities which provide the most blood from resi-

dents each month. All communities are automatically eligible to participate.

For more information on the program, contact Judy Daniels at 800-652-5663, ext. 104.

The Blood Center of NJ is an independent, non-profit organization supplying blood and blood components to hospitals in northern and central New Jersey.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at 1-800-652-5663,

extension 140. Regional centers are:

Sun., Jan. 13, at the Masonic Highland Park Lodge, 109 North Third Ave., Highland Park, 10am-2pm.

Mon., Jan. 14, at the Manville Chiropractic Center, 313 South Main St., Manville, 3-8pm.

Tues., Jan. 15, at the Sayreville Free Public Library, 1050 Washington Rd., Parlin, 2-7pm.

The Scoop On Safe Snow Shoveling

AREA — Snow shoveling doesn't have to be a pain in the neck, back or elsewhere for that matter. In fact, shoveling snow can actually be a good exercise when done correctly and with safety in mind.

"Shoveling snow for about fifteen minutes at a time counts as moderate physical activity much like a brisk walk," said Jennifer Brusca, Physical Therapist, Kessler Rehabilitation Centers. "We should all strive for approximately twenty to thirty minutes of moderate activity at least three to four days a week especially during the winter months when temperatures and motivation drop."

However, according to Brusca, snow shoveling, as with any type of exercise, can present some physical risks.

"Back injuries, falls and fractures are often the result of shoveling snow incorrectly," added Brusca. "But by using

proper shoveling techniques along with some common sense, individuals can help reduce their risk of injury."

* Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning, especially if you have a history of or a high risk for a heart attack. These stimulants may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict resulting in extra stress on the heart.

* Dress warmly with head and hands covered.

* Warm up your muscles before shoveling, by walking for a few minutes or marching in place. Stretch the muscles in your arms and legs, because warm muscles will work more efficiently and be less likely to be injured.

* Try to shovel fresh snow rather than partially melted and packed. Lift small amounts at a time using your legs, not your back, by bending and "sitting" into the movement and avoid tossing the snow over your

shoulder or to the side. Better yet, push the snow forward rather than lifting.

* If you experience pain in the chest or arm, stop immediately.

Most importantly, don't overdo it. Take frequent rest breaks ... and enjoy the winter scenery.

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By Michael S. Goldberger

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Make no mistake about it. "The Lord of the Rings" is a whole lot of movie.

Nearly three hours in length, it is crammed with all manner of creature, being and spirit garnered from the prolific pen of J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973). If you were paying by the pound, certainly you'd be getting your money's worth. Why, even its title is long.

The first of a three-part franchise, this installment is subtitled "The Fellowship of The Ring." If nothing else, it's big. Real big. And even if you don't care for the truckloads of Middle Earth liturgy and the seemingly non-stop derring-do that comprise J.R.R. Tolkien's work as it has been interpreted here for the youthful male masses that will ensure it a profit, you still have to give director Peter Jackson credit. His Herculean effort, doubtless the devoted essay of a staunch fan, is an eye-ful, albeit an often bleak and arduous one.

Transferring the author's work to film via screenwriter Frances Walsh's adaptation, the filmmaker adeptly makes real Mr. Tolkien's imaginary time and place. And there's even a little characterization thrown in for those of us who persist in caring about such things. Still, there's no getting around the incessant

emphasis on scope, size and the monumentality of mission.

You just don't cuddle up on the couch with this one. It's a whole different kind of animal. And sure, it still gets categorized within the phylum known as film. But "The Lord Of The Rings" is a movie only in the same way that a Great Dane is a dog.

Still, if it's hand-to-hand combat, special effects and every possible sort of hideous danger betalling your heroes that you're after, then step right up and plunk down your money. The swordplay is ceaseless; the ogres are in unending supply. And these Middle Earth guys aren't using those thin, quiet, post-Renaissance swords that Errol Flynn and company used in the pirate movies. A scholar of Medieval English, Mr. Tolkien evidently fashioned his fictitious heroes with no small amount of Arthurian legend in mind.

And those fellows swung some pretty heavy metal. But before all the big clanging abounds in the Homeric-like odyssey of Hobbit Frodo Baggins, it all starts off with a little ring. Therefore, a little background is in order.

In the Shire, doubtless one of Middle Earth's better neighborhoods, in his storybook cottage

lives Bilbo Baggins. He is a Hobbit, which no doubt is the closest anyone in Middle Earth comes to being middle-class and kind of British. And while he's a quiet, unassuming and peaceful Hobbit, unbeknownst to those around him, Bilbo, nicely played by Ian Holm, has his own version of the "Picture of Dorian Gray" (1945) going on. Only in his case it's a ring that's been saving him from a big bill at the plastic surgeon's office.

You see, as tradition has it, in Middle Earth there are numerous different rings extant, each possessing all sorts of diverse powers. But the one Bilbo once upon a time found is among the most powerful. Over the ages it has passed through several masters and, whilst in the wrong hands, has caused untold misery and destruction. And thus it is a testament to Bilbo's superior sense of duty to civilization that during his stewardship this great and awesome power has never been abused.

But now, for some not completely explained reason or another, it's time for the ring's proprietorship to change. And it is furthermore decided that the world will be in better balance, or something like that, if said McGuffin (the bone of contention in a mystery) is returned to where it was created...the only place where it can actually be destroyed. Keeping it all in the family, Bilbo's nephew Frodo, as winsome and altruistic a Hobbit

as has ever lived, played by Elijah Wood, is chosen to lead the pilgrimage.

These decisions come following Bilbo's lengthy counsel with his old friend and neighborhood wizard, Gandalf The Grey, portrayed with an avuncular charm by Ian McKellen. Serving as both moral center and major repository of legend and lore, Gandalf lends the amusingly secure impression that he's been around the Middle Earth block a few times. He will be an indispensable interpreter and guide in the adventure that follows.

But Frodo also attracts other help as word gets out of his journey to save the world from evil. Best pal and fellow Hobbit, Samwise 'Sam' Gamgee (Sean Astin), immediately volunteers his Sancho Panza-like loyalty. And in a precursor to a UN peacekeeping force, but more than likely Tolkien's literary nod to the ethos that embodied the knights of Camelot, warriors of all stripes and feathers from throughout the realm soon line up in a motley knot behind Frodo and Gandalf. And thus is born (toot the trumpets here)...The Fellowship of The Ring. The hale and hearty gang then proceeds to fight its way from one horrific destination to the next in a seemingly endless series of battles with the most loathsome monsters that this film's extra-super special effects can conjure.

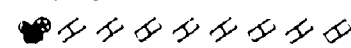
But it's not all fighting. Only

about ninety percent. In-between intense episodes of Sturm und drang, which inevitably end with a cathartic beheading of some repulsive enemy, there is a foreword about the next land and its unwholesome denizens. And even when the new geography seems almost as civilized as the Shire, beware, for doubtless these foreigners are tricksters.

So if you like mystical conjecture with your devastation and don't mind lots of dark brooding with hardly any comedy relief, you're in luck. Because aside from the smiting of swords, the World According to Tolkien overwhelms with superstition and hypothesis. Harry Potter will be collecting a pension before he can accumulate this much doctrine.

There is a ritual or a riddle to practically every new place or thing, sort of like the story's own in-house religion. Yet there's no mention of a deity or whatever it is that controls all these great and terrible forces. That's left to speculation.

But here's the big question: Do you really want to devote three hours of your life to this gloomy spectacle?



"The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," rated PG-13, is a New Line Cinema release directed by Peter Jackson and stars Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen and Ian Holm. Running time: 178 minutes.

Jenkinson's January Jamboree Of Events

AREA In addition to regularly scheduled activities, the staff at Jenkinson's Aquarium located on the Boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach will present the following educational programs during

January. Pre-registration is required unless otherwise stated. All fees include aquarium admission for the day of the workshop, unless otherwise

noted.

Toddlers Make and Take:

Every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. Parent-child pair \$10, each additional participant \$5. A special workshop for children under 5 years old. Listen to a story, make a craft to take with you, and learn something new about animals.

Penguin Awareness Day:

Saturday, Jan. 19, all day, General admission. Learn about the status of African penguins and conservation efforts to protect them. Crafts and face painting from 1-4 p.m. Penguins are fed at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. All ages.

Seal School:

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Innocent Spouses Can Apply For Relief From Tax Inequities

AREA — Many married couples file joint tax returns to take advantage of lower tax rates and certain other benefits of this filing status. According to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA), some taxpayers fail to realize that spouses who file joint federal income tax returns are jointly and individually responsible for the accuracy of the return and for any back taxes, interest, and penalties due on the joint return. This is true even if only one spouse earned the wages or income on the return.

The tax law includes a provision that protects innocent spouses who unknowingly sign a falsified return, and the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 makes it even easier for taxpayers to separate themselves from their spouse's or ex-spouse's tax debts. Under the current law, which applies to disputes starting on or after July 22, 1998, you can request innocent spouse relief for an understatement of tax, no matter how small the amount. The previous law included understatement thresholds and adjusted gross income requirements.

To qualify for innocent spouse relief, you must meet all of the following conditions:

1. You file a joint return, which

has an understatement of tax due to erroneous claims made by your spouse. Erroneous items include unreported or underreported income and/or any deductions, or credits that are incorrectly stated on the return.

2. You can establish that, at the time of signing the joint return, you did not know or had no reason to know, that there was some understatement of tax. If you knew or had reason to know there was some understatement of tax due, but did not know how large the understatement was, you may qualify for partial relief. For example, if you had reason to believe that your spouse was cheating to the extent of a few hundred dollars and it turned out to be many thousands of dollars, under the IRS's provision for innocent spouse relief, you could be held liable only for the smaller amount.

3. Taking into account all of the facts and circumstances, it would be unfair to hold you liable for the understatement of tax. In addition to the specific facts and circumstances of your situation, the IRS will consider whether you benefited from this understatement in the form of a higher standard of living. The IRS will also consider whether you later

divorced or were deserted by your spouse.

A request for innocent spouse relief is filed on Form 8857. The IRS will review your Form 8857, figure the understatement or underpayment of tax and related interest and penalties, and let you know if you qualify. The IRS is required to inform your spouse (or former spouse) that you have requested innocent spouse relief, and to allow your spouse (or former spouse) to participate in the determination of the amount of relief from liability. The deadline to file for innocent spouse relief is two years after the IRS first attempts collection.

At the IRS website, www.irs.ustreas.gov, there is an interactive "Innocent Spouse Relief Eligibility Explorer" worksheet that provides a systematic way for a taxpayer to sort through the requirements for qualifying

as an innocent spouse.

Two Additional Alternative Available

If you are divorced or separated when the IRS tries to collect tax due, you may try to avoid or limit your tax liability by filing a separate liability election on Form 8857. To qualify for separation of liability, you and your spouse must be legally separated, divorced, or you must not have lived in the same household as your former spouse any time during the 12-month period preceding the date you file Form 8857. If you are granted a separation of liability, you are liable for the part of the tax liability allocable to you.

The category of "equitable relief" generally applies to cases where innocent or separate liability relief is not available. Equitable relief requested on Form 8857. It is intended to pro-

tect the spouses of filers who reported their taxes correctly, but did not pay the balance due.

CPAs say that even when you are able to extricate yourself from the responsibility for a joint return, you're likely to pay a high price mentally and emotionally. If you are in doubt about the integrity of your spouse's tax reporting, it is best to seek the advice of a CPA before signing a joint return.

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You May Qualify For SSI At 65

AREA — Now that you're older, you may find it harder to make ends meet. Like most people, you may have chosen to take reduced Social Security retirement benefits at age 62. But, it may seem like your Social Security check doesn't go as far as it used to, especially when electricity and gas prices just seem to keep going up. Or, maybe you don't qualify for Social Security at all.

If you are age 65, you may be eligible for some help from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The SSI program pays monthly checks to older Americans who have limited income and resources. If you get SSI, you may also qualify for food stamps, help with your heating bills, other social services and Medicaid. Medicaid is paid by your state and helps with doctor and hospital bills. It may also pay your Medicare premiums and other medical expenses, such as deductibles and co-insurance costs.

To get SSI, your income and the things you own must be

below certain amounts. Income is the money you have coming in each month, such as Social Security, pensions and wages. We don't count some kinds of income, and we don't count certain things that you own, like the house you live in or a car. If you are eligible for SSI, the amount of your check will depend on the amount of your other income and where you live. Some states add a supplement to the basic SSI amount a person can get.

If you are 65 or older and have no, or a low, income, call us at 1-800-772-1213 to find out if you might qualify for SSI. You may also stop by your local Social Security office.

If you get Medicare and have low income and few resources, ask us for a copy of the leaflet, "Medicare Savings For Qualified Beneficiaries" (HCFA Pub No. 02184). You should also contact your state or local welfare office or Medicaid agency to find out whether they can help you with your medical bills and other expenses.

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Mid-Day	396	\$276.00	\$46.00	\$27.50
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Evening	973	\$214.50	\$35.50	\$21.00
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Evening	867	\$279.50	\$46.50	\$27.50
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JERSEY CASH 5 ... 3-12-21-26-33		
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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS**Join The Heroes — UCC Can Train You In CPR And To Become An EMT**

AREA — Recent events have made it clear that emergency services and the people who are trained to provide those services are invaluable to our society. Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services will be offering two courses during its spring semester that provide the necessary training to work as a professional emergency rescuer. In order to work as an EMT, one must be trained in CPR.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., on the

College's Plainfield campus at 232 E. Second Street, the course, "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" will be offered. No prior experience or training in CPR is necessary to take this course. The course is for individuals who are expected to respond to emergencies, such as lifeguards, EMTs, and nurses.

The course emphasizes how to recognize and provide care for respiratory and cardiac emergencies; how to perform one and two-rescuer CPR training for adults, infants and children; what to

do in special rescue situations, ways to minimize the risk of disease transmission in emergency situations (including use of a resuscitation mask); and how to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. The fee for the course is \$70 and a pocket mask is included in the cost.

In addition, continuing through May, UCC will be offering the course, "Emergency Medical Technician." This course is the official U.S. Dept. of Transportation course for the emergency care and transportation of the sick and

injured. This course replaces the EMT-A course which was the previous standard Federal Department of Transportation course.

The course consists of lectures and practice sessions dedicated to the care and handling of basic life support patients as well as all kinds of medical, trauma, and environmental emergencies. Upon successful completion of the course one can take the state exam. Students must have a current CPR card in Basic Life Support (BLS) through the American Red Cross, the

American Heart Association (BLS for Health Care Providers), or the NJ State Safety Council.

This course will meet every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the College's Plainfield campus also. The cost for the course is \$225 and a copy of the BLS/CPR card must be submitted with registration.

For more information or to register for either course, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

UCC Springs Into New Semester

AREA — Spring is already in the air at Union County College! UCC will open its doors for the spring semester on Wed., Jan. 23.

Registration for those classes will continue through Jan. 29 at the College's Cranford, Elizabeth, and Plainfield campuses. Students can sign up for courses from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Fridays, or 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

For those wishing to start

their spring semester a little later, a large menu of classes will also begin on Feb. 11, with registration for those continuing until Feb. 13.

UCC offers standard credit courses in over 80 degree, diploma, and certificate programs that include Accounting, American Sign Language/Deaf Studies, Architecture, Business Communications, Computers, Biology, Chemistry, Criminal Justice, Engineering, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Allied

Health, Nursing, and more.

Many Union County College courses are also offered via distance education. The College uses today's technologies to offer these courses in two ways — through telecourses taught with the assistance of videotapes and through Web-based courses taught on line using computers.

All distance education courses are the equivalent of their traditional on-campus counterparts. They cover the

same subject matter, carry the same credit, and are taught by highly qualified UCC faculty.

These courses may be applied to a UCC degree or certificate, taken as electives, or for general interest or professional development, and allow students a convenient way to earn college credit without sacrificing educational quality.

Union County College also boasts joint admissions or direct transfer/articulation agreements with over 50 four-year colleges and universities.

Among these are Rutgers-

The State University, Kean University, Manhattan College, Montclair State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New York University, Polytechnic University, Rochester Institute of Technology and St. Peter's College.

Spring semester courses will extend through late May during daytime, evening, and weekend hours at the College's campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains.

For more information call (908) 709-7518.

Honor Students Raise Money For Children With AIDS

AREA — Honor students at NJ Institute of Technology (NJIT) raised \$1,200 during a date auction, funds they will donate to help children with AIDS. The students will give a \$1,200 check to the infectious disease unit at St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark.

The date auction was held Dec. 5 in the student center.

It was the school's second annual date auction. During last year's auction, students donated \$1,000 to St. Michael's, which Michel Graham Anderson, director of the infectious disease clinic, called "the best donation

our clinic ever received."

During the auction, students bid on dates with each other. The highest bid this year was a stunner: a male student bid \$340 for a date with an NJIT woman.

The students who organized the auction attend the Albert

Dorman Honors College; the college houses some of the state's brightest students. In 2001, the average SAT score for honors freshman was above 1315, two thirds of the students also ranked in the top percent of their high school classes. Honors students are offered spe-

cial honors classes and seminars taught by distinguished professors.

Local students who participated in the auction were: Priyanka Mehta, Edison; Sreelatha Akkapeddi, Edison; Miao Li, Metuchen; and Chitii Parikh, Metuchen.

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AREA — Union County College will host an Open House for its Paramedic Program on Sat., Jan. 12, 2002.

The event will be held on the College's Plainfield Campus at

232 E. Second St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is an opportunity for those interested in becoming a paramedic to learn about the program offered at UCC, including the coursework

involved, tuition, and the time commitment. Coordinators from sponsoring hospitals will be on-site to discuss prerequisites, clinical rotations and to schedule interviews.

For more information about the program or for directions to the Plainfield campus, contact Jennifer McCarthy, Paramedic Program Director, at (908) 412-3551 or email mccarthy@ucc.edu.

As long as there are tests, there will be prayers in school.

— Anonymous

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"Throughout my campaign for Governor and during this transition period, our top priority has been to bring the right kind of change to Trenton,"

STATE—Governor-elect James E. McGreevey has named his choices for New Jersey's next Attorney General and First Assistant Attorney General, the first cabinet appointments of his incoming administration.

David Samson, one of New Jersey's top attorneys with more than 35 years of legal and government experience, was named Attorney General. He has worked closely with both Republican and Democratic governors.

Peter C. Harvey of Somerset, who has a strong record of criminal law, government and litigation experience, will be named the First Assistant Attorney General and the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice. He will be the first African-American to hold the position. He served as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General during the Florio Administration, where he helped draft New Jersey's tough assault firearms law, and is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney.

"Throughout my campaign for Governor and during this transition period, our top priority has been to bring the right kind of change to Trenton," McGreevey said. "To make sure that government is working for the people it is supposed to work for. To be more responsive. To be more effective and efficient in providing other critical services that our people deserve."

"While there are many challenges ahead, perhaps the most important issue of all is the safety and security of our families and our communities," the Governor-elect continued. "To address this challenge, I have been determined to put together the best team of professionals to address our shared challenges. I believe we have."

"Both David Samson and Peter Harvey share my commitment to strengthening law enforcement partnerships at all levels local, state and federal and to providing the necessary manpower to protect our communities. They understand

the importance of increasing training and standards for intelligence and security personnel and sharing intelligence information. They will work hard to maximize financial resources to prevent and fight terrorism through local, state, federal and private support."

As Attorney General, Samson will oversee the Department of Law, and Public Safety, which employs nearly 9,000 people and contains ten divisions including the State Police, Law, Civil Rights and Criminal Justice. In addition to serving as the state's top law enforcement officials, the Office of the Attorney General is responsible for implementing and formulating department policies, promulgating department rules and regulations and providing legal services to certain state agencies.

In addition to First Attorney General, Harvey will also serve as the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice, which is an extension within the Attorney General's office. The Division of Criminal Justice is primarily responsible for enforcing criminal law and prosecuting criminal acts, while also working with the State's law enforcement community on the municipal, county and state levels.

In recent months, McGreevey has had numerous meetings with law enforcement and public safety officials, and his Security Task Force is developing recommendations on the most effective ways to prevent and fight terrorism.

Income Security Measure Advances

STATE—The Assembly Labor Committee approved legislation that would expedite delivery of unemployment benefits for laid-off workers. The bill also would ensure that employers will not suffer from an increase in Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes.

"In light of the economic slowdown we're beginning to experience in New Jersey, we need to pull out the stop to ensure that unemployment benefits are readily accessible and quickly delivered," a Democratic lawmaker familiar with the bill said.

The bill (A-4036) would

eliminate the current one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits.

The bill would provide \$250 million from the unemployment compensation fund to pay up to 13 weeks of emergency benefits for laid-off workers who exhaust their regular unemployment compensation. The measure also would prevent laid-off workers from being denied benefits because they seek only part-time work.

Intended to foster a softer landing for out-of-work New Jerseyans, the bill also would adopt the option provided by the federal Unemployment

Compensation Amendments of 1992, to create more easily attainable "triggers" for the shared half-federal, half-state payment of extended benefits. The bill provides that if these shared payments were triggered, they would replace the entire state-paid emergency benefits.

Under this option, a 13-week extension of benefits would be triggered if the State's total unemployment rate reached 6.5 percent and a 20-week extension would be triggered if the total unemployment rate reached 8 percent.

Annual ORT Summer Camp Fairs

AREA—The Piscataway Chapter of Women's American ORT announced that it will hold its Eighteenth Annual ORT Summer Camp Fairs this January.

One camp fair will be held on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002 at The Sheraton Edison. The Sheraton Edison is located on Route 514 at the edge of Raritan Center. A second camp fair will be held on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at The Sheraton Parsippany, at the intersection of Routes 287, 46 and 80, Parsippany. All fairs, which will run from Noon-4 p.m. are open to the public; admission is free.

According to Camp Fair Director, Barbara Rubin, "A camp fair is an opportunity for parents and children to meet and talk with camp directors and their staff, see videos and slides of the camp and get an instant feel for the camp. Camp directors will provide colorful brochures of their camps and many give prospective campers videos to take home. Directors are happy to make in-home follow-up visits

to answer more personal concerns.

"Besides traditional camps there are numerous specialized programs represented, for example, horseback riding camps, programs for the academically talented, pre-college programs, teen travel camps and camps for children with special needs. In addition, camp directors are interested in meeting older teenagers and adults who are interested in a summer camp position."

A representative from The American Camping Association will be on hand at each fair to answer questions about "How to Choose a Camp" and to distribute pamphlets with the questions most frequently asked by parents who are trying to choose a camp for their child.

ORT provides a free booklet, which contains pertinent information about contacting the camps and viewing their web pages, to each family attending. Typically during the fair, parents and children highlight those camps which appeal to them and then walk

around the fair and talk to those camp directors.

A wide variety of camps are expected to attend each fair. A listing of the camps who have registered for the fairs, so far, along with directions to the fairs can be found on the group's website: <http://community.nj.com/cc/women>.

Camp directors and directors of summer programs who are interested in finding out more information about the ORT Summer Camp Fairs and how they may participate should contact Barbara Rubin at (732) 469-8910.

Women's American ORT is a non-profit organization that builds and supports vocational and technical schools in the United States and abroad. It is a mass membership organization that supports quality education, promotes a national literacy campaign, combats anti-Semitism, and champions women's rights. Individuals interested in joining ORT may call the New Jersey Region's office at 1-888-675-2678.



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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, remarks January 1, 2002**

Good afternoon, everyone, and I wish you all Peace and a Happy New Year.

This past year, 2001, was like no other I have had in my 48 years on this earth. We began the year 2001 by passing an ordinance to meet the quality of life standards set by our Borough residents. That ordinance ended the era of Sayreville being the town for "last call", the town for "anything goes", rowdiness, vandalism, and a threat to our children and our neighbors. Over sixty years later, we rolled back the closing of clubs and bars to 2 A.M. Throughout the year, the conversations I have had with residents and police officers have only served to reinforce the wisdom and correctness of that decision in improving our life in Sayreville.

As 2001 progressed, we continued with quality of life improvements for our Borough. Our Planning Board, with Council Liaison Jeff Pawlowski prepared a plan I had envisioned for several years, for the Governing Body to preserve our 500-acre wellfields site, to keep this land as undeveloped open space for passive recreation, for this generation and the generations to come. In keeping with the spirit of our wellfield preservation ordinance, this year, the year 2002, the Governing Body will begin the process of acquiring properties in the Borough to keep as open space. Freeholder Director Dave Crabel has pledged additional financial help to me in the purchase of open space in Sayreville. It is my belief that this acquisition of property is the single most effective method we have in stopping residential building.

I have been advised that the process of condemnation of the National Lead site in which the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency is engaged at this time will conclude this March. This will allow the Commissioners of SERA the ability to earnestly begin the deeper process of redevelopment and of redefining Sayreville's economic space. It is my hope that Sayreville will move from the industry of manufacturing to the industry of the mind on this former manufacturer's site.

In 2001, our own Greentree Technologies, a continuation of the Hercules Company which had served Sayreville for over five generations, was faced with extinction. Through the true bipartisan efforts of Senator Toricelli, Congressman Pallone, Assemblyman Wisniewski, and

myself working with the Governor's office, we were able to reverse a disastrous policy decision in Washington, which would have put Greentree out of business. My part behind the scenes was working and communicating with the Governor, explaining the importance of Greentree to Sayreville in terms of its history, its employment of our residents, and its importance as a rateable, as well as the undue hardship its closing would cause our community. I was in communication with both the Governor's and President's offices numerous times by letter, phone, and fax. And twice I asked the Governor to write a personal letter to President Bush on behalf of the residents of Sayreville and, twice, Acting Governor DiFrancesco wrote those letters. Thankfully, this had a favorable conclusion and Greentree continues its necessary work; and in that work, it continues to employ Sayreville residents and to pay taxes. This is an excellent example of what can happen when elected officials put aside party differences and do what they were elected to do: work together for the good of the people. I am extremely proud of these efforts and these results.

I am happy to report to you that through the work of another dedicated Sayreville resident, Fred Semoneit, the Morgan First Aid Squad building is open and operating. It was a tedious, difficult process for Fred, for the Morgan First Aid Squad, and the Borough. Dealing with a low bidder who declared bankruptcy during construction, and the ensuing negotiations and endless follow-up with the bonding company, was an extraordinary feat. My thanks to Councilman Semoneit, Borough Attorney Judy Verone, and Acting Administrator Wayne Kronowski for their tenacity and dedication to the Borough in this effort.

In another effort, I would like to acknowledge and thank two Sayreville veterans, Ken Kelly and Richard Kosmoski, members of the Veterans' Alliance. These men had the vision and dedication to bring about our new veterans' monuments and places of honor, which grace the area in front of Borough Hall. If, for some reason, you have not yet seen them, please make a point of it following this meeting. It is only in seeing them firsthand that you can truly appreciate the beautiful thing which has been created here. We in Sayreville take special pride in honoring our men and women who have served so faith-

fully, bravely, and unselfishly.

In the area of recreation, in 2001 we began the ongoing program of ball field restoration. We have a ten-year schedule, and fields in which there had been no investment made in over ten years have been restored to first-rate playing condition. In 2002, we will budget for the restoration of two more ball fields. I would like to thank Senator Joe Vitale for helping me secure the necessary monies from Trenton for the construction of Sayreville's first skateboard park. This will be a welcome addition, at no cost to borough taxpayers, for new recreational facilities.

I thank Freeholder Director Dave Crabel for allocating an additional \$200,000, bringing the total to \$700,000, for the reconstruction of our boat ramp and, if I may, I would like to take a moment of your time to explain some of the delays in the work on this boat ramp. The first problem was that the state environmental agencies wanted a report from Sayreville on the impact the shadow of the newly constructed bulkhead would have on the indigenous fish in the Raritan River. Folks, don't ever believe government is easy! Secondly, dock builders in the New York area have had more work than they can handle, so our first request for a proposal came back without any bidders. Our second came back with the lowest bidder being over our budget by over a million dollars. I am working with our borough engineers on several very possible solutions to finding a dock builder, but the money is there.

The year 2002 should also see the completion of a new "Tot Lot" in our Morgan section. Thanks to Rene Travisano and his Grant Committee for finding this money, and to the Governing Body for allocating for the \$30,000 shortfall.

Every day, the governing body and I work to make life a little better in Sayreville, with countless small actions. It is the responsibility of the governing body to set the standards and to make the policy to continue to improve life in Sayreville. It is the task of our Borough employees to execute and implement these new standards. And it is both these groups, working together, who turn all these small actions and tasks into a better and more comfortable way of life in Sayreville. These tasks and actions are too numerous to name individually, but collectively, they produce a better quality of life in our Borough. We

are in the business of government, and the business of government is to provide the best services for the tax dollar collected. My constant reminder to our borough employees is that we are in the Customer Service business. We are here to provide services professionally, cheerfully, and expediently.

We began 2001 enjoying our lives as a continuation of peace and prosperity. September 11th changed all that. From Sayreville, where we were once able to see the World Trade Center from Raritan Bay Park, where we were once able to see the World Trade Center for all that it represented in our free and democratic country, we saw that Center attacked, we saw it collapse, and we saw it smolder. That day, as a nation and as a community, we saw the worst of man—but then we witnessed the best of man. As a community, we made sure over 6,000 school children were brought safely home. Our clergy kept the doors of our houses of worship open all night. I myself visited Our Lady of Victories at ten o'clock that night, and found two of our police officers just leaving. That day we were united as a nation and as a people as never before. From that moment forward, all our emergency service workers: police, fire, first aid, volunteered, en masse, to aid in the rescue efforts, while simultaneously providing their continued protection and care of our Borough.

All of us have been touched directly and indirectly. We have lost family members, friends, co-workers, acquaintances, our fellow Americans. It was a moment in time which will forever be burned in our memory. There were countless acts of heroism and valor which have never been chronicled, and may never be, but each of us, through our acts and prayers, contributed to the rescue efforts. There are two of these incidents that I relate to my friends and colleagues both in this country and in Europe. The first is about a resident from the Morgan section, who that day was working in her trade as an ironworker in Manhattan. When the planes struck the World Trade Center she left the construction site in Midtown and rushed to Ground Zero. Fearlessly and tirelessly she worked through the smoldering wreckage, with no thought to her personal safety. She rarely talks about it. She seeks no credit, she seeks no honors. She feels she just did what she had to do. Her name is Dime Semoneit. The second story I tell is about a local Sayreville businessman, whose

family has been in business here for two generations. At 12:00 noon on September 11th I had a meeting with the clergy, and I asked this local restaurateur to attend. At this meeting we prepared for the worst case scenario, for children who would have no one to go home to, for stranded travelers. I asked this restaurateur to prepare food for 150 to 250 people, which he did. By God's grace, none of this food was needed that night. Two weeks later I found that he had still not submitted an invoice to the borough for the cost of all this food and its preparation. I called him and told him I had not asked him to donate his services that day, I had just known he would be able to feed the many people we anticipated. Once again, I asked him to submit his bill to the borough. He responded by saying, and I quote, "Mayor, if I can't do this for my community, then I don't deserve to live in this country." That man's name is Walter Mayer of the Sayreville Bar. My friends and colleagues in the United States understand these stories immediately. Those in Europe marvel at how Americans instinctively and immediately took it upon themselves to do what was necessary to aid those in distress.

September 11th changed the way we look at everything. We have reassessed our lives, and we have set new priorities. Gone should be the days of pettiness, partisanship, and division. They have no place in our world, or our borough, today. Such things will never result in good for our community or our residents. Let us put them aside forever, and put our efforts only to the common good. For me, my waking moments are taken up with thoughts of the physical and mental well-being of our residents, and the increased security for, and protection of, our community. The President said this will be a long war, this war against terrorism in all its forms. It is my duty, first and foremost, to ensure that the Borough of Sayreville is secured and prepared for what I pray will never happen. With the help and unity of this governing body, this very immediate priority will continue.

I ask each and every one of you, in your daily prayers, to ask God for His continued blessings and protection of our troops, both at home and abroad, and that He may forever bless and protect the United States of America.

Woodbridge Honors Top Employees

WOODBIDGE—The Township recently honored a series of municipal employees for outstanding service to local government and the community.

Awards presented at a ceremony at Woodbridge Town Hall included:

The You're Fantastic Award presented to employees who demonstrate superior performance; a positive, helpful and caring demeanor and exemplary service to the Township.

Recipients: Frank Geiger, Paul Gordon, Matthew Ventre, William Lipp, Cheryl Zigre, Peter Barcellona, Loretta Dowd, Leslie M. Carbonaro, Julie Haklar, Emil Bradafi, Charles Ginda, Sr.,

Monica Szmikowski, Sharon Aleszczyk, Vincent J. Ciuffo, Wenda Rottweiler, Lysa Colonna, Bask Patel and Trish Kenny.

The Co-Worker Appreciation Award presented to employees who perform their jobs exceptionally well and are highly-regarded and respected by fellow employees.

Recipients: Donna Spano, Scott Kuzma, Gina Forbes, Monica Szmikowski, Amy Murphy, Helen Byrne, Bruce Chester, Madeline Zurick, Kathy Randazzo, Louise Cangelosi, Stephen V. Kamondy, Barbara Johnson, June Van Nest, Barbara Veit, Teri Nichols, Joan Kovacs, Monica Smith, Maria Benyola,

Arlene Volkay, Kimberly Ann Daniewicz, Linda Galasso and Jeannie Catapane.

Employee Service Award were presented to employees who

marked anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service in 2001; and **Retirement Awards** were presented to employees who retired in 2001.

In addition, **Certificates of Appreciation** were presented to employees who used two or less sick days during 2001.

Memory Of Pearl Harbor

CARTERET—The second Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony took place on the forward deck of the biggest and most decorated battleship in the U.S. Navy, the Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey, recently.

The ceremony was arranged by Lt. Theodore Howarth, Past Department Commander. Lt. Daniel McCole, Commander of the Department of New Jersey, opened the program. Rev. Dr. George G. Franklin offered both the invocation and benediction.

Lt. Joseph M. Guggliazza introduced Lt. Michael Warner, U.S. Army Col. Ret., Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, as the main speaker. 'Reflections' were given by James Hewitt, Peter Varsolona and Robert Newell.

The band aboard the ship, The Legionnaires-Senior Marching Band, sponsored by Carteret Post No. 263, played the National Anthem, Armed Forces Theme Medley, America, the Beautiful and God Bless America, with

David Magyarits conducting. Captain Warren Horn led the Color Guard. Many other Color Guards from the Legion and Sons of The American Legion joined.

The plaintive Taps were played by Ray Vansco and Daniel Tornambe. The final salute was given by Stetser-Lamantine Post No. 281.

The band was invited to attend by Lt. Leo McKernan, P.D.C. and present National Executive Officer, Alt.



Military Briefs...

Porcaro Graduates Basic Military Training

SAYREVILLE—Army Reserve Pvt. Vincent S. Porcaro has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and

unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, and Army values, principles and traditions.

Porcaro's parents are Simone and Janice Porcaro of Sayreville.

He is a 1998 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School, Sayreville.

Aiello Completes Basic Metal Worker Course

COLONIA—Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Adolfo A. Aiello, a resident of Colonia, recently completed the Basic Metal Worker Course.

During the course at the Marine Corps Detachment, Army Ordinance Center and

School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., the student received instruction on sheet metal working and electric arc, insert gas and oxyacetylene welding.

He is the son of Gregorio and Elba N. Aiello, also of Colonia.

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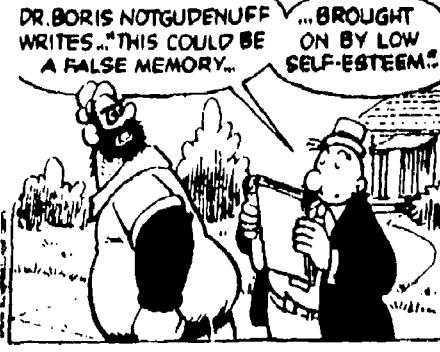
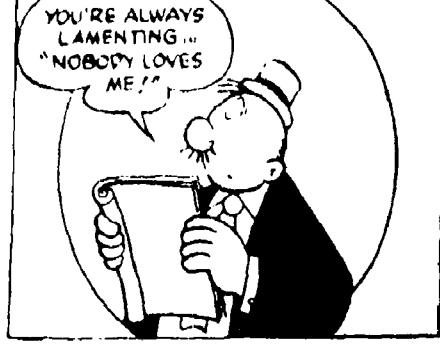
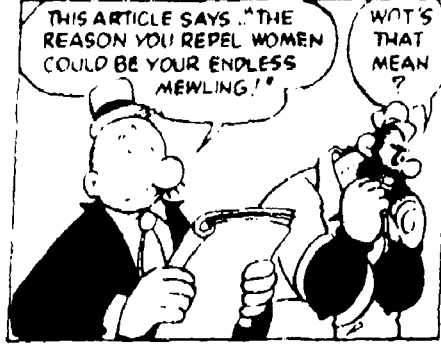
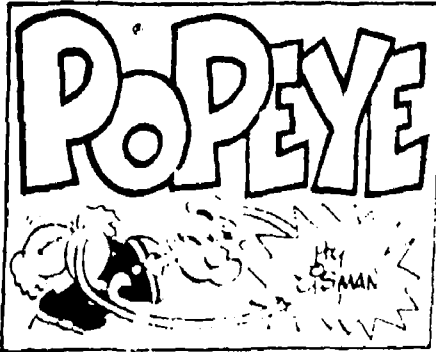
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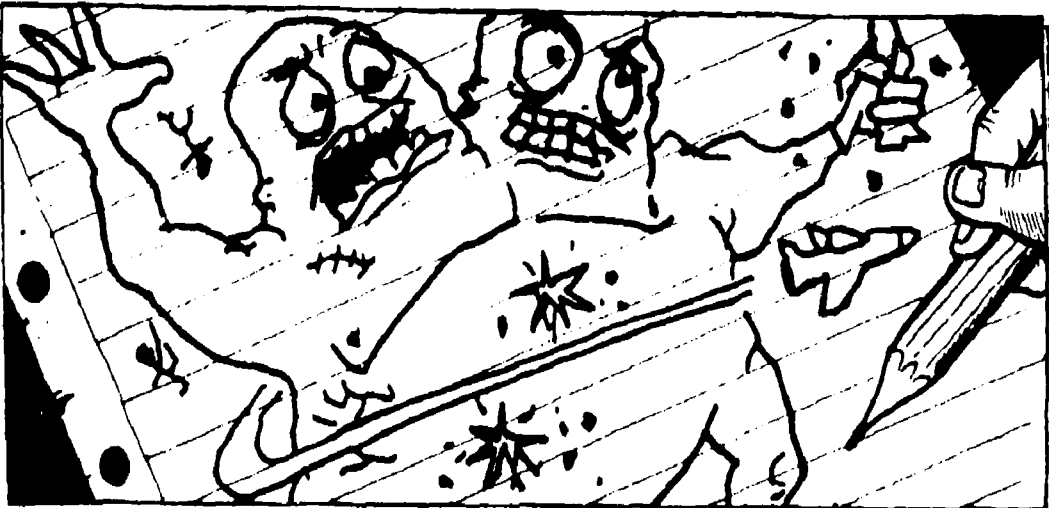


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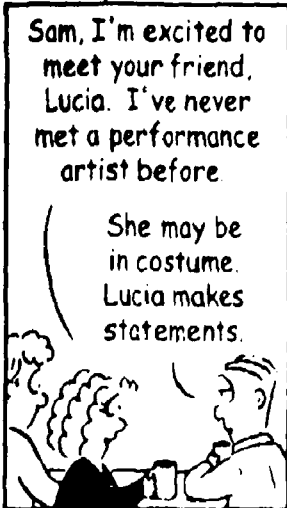
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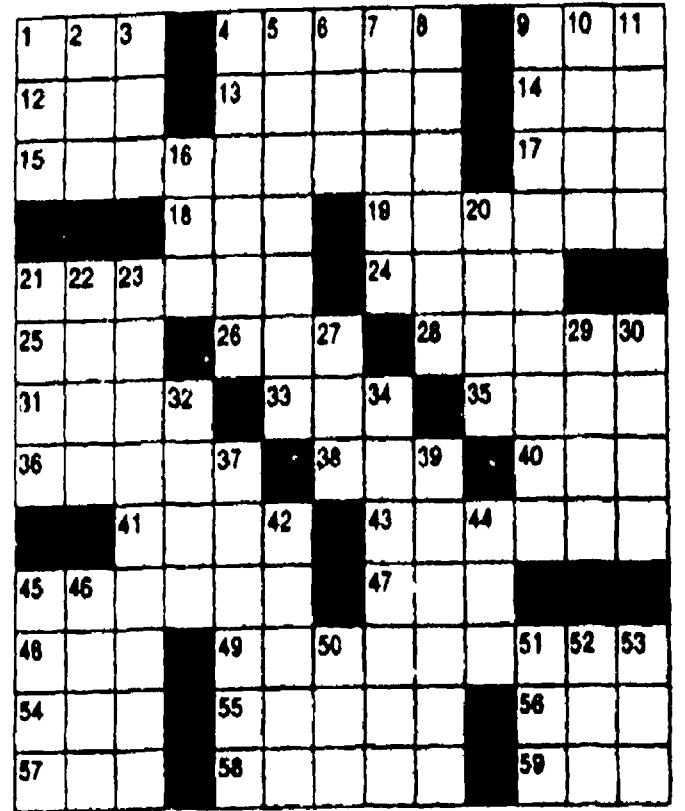
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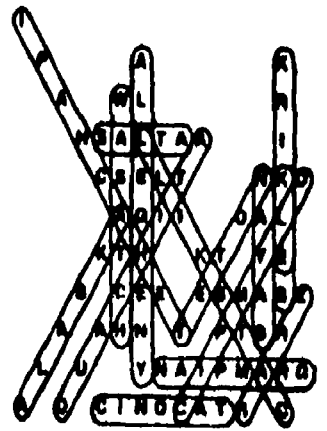
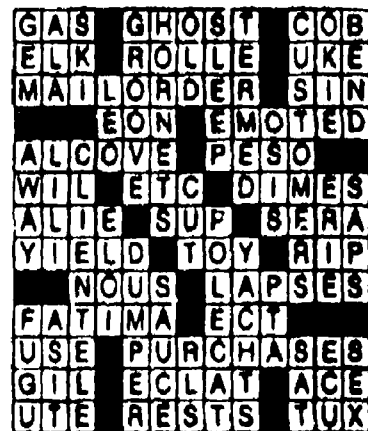
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

WWF-My New Years resolution is to find a gentle man who is in his early 60's, family oriented, a big heart and needs someone like me. Can you help me out? **ID# 1001**

DWF 43, -5'3" N/S brown hair, brown eyes and mom to one child. Positive, outgoing, passionate, ISO F/S male for steady relationship. **ID# 1060**

WWF 57, -slim, attractive, full of life, creative, caring, multi-interests. Looking for a man 50-65 with similar characteristics. **ID# 1054**

Attractive SWF 49, -5'4", 135 lbs., long hair, affectionate and honest. I am looking for an honest and caring man to share life with. For the good and bad times. **ID# 1048**

SWF 41, -Enjoys fun times, walks in the country, sight seeing, historic landmarks, dining out, reading. Seeking non-smoking SWM 40-50 for long term relationship. **ID# 1045**

WWF, widow, seeking a nice man for companionship between 65 and 70yrs of age. I enjoy movies, walking and dining out, TV and reading. I am also an animal lover. **ID# 1043**

SWF, 50's, 5'1", petite, attractive, romantic, seeking a white tall man 5'8"+ professional 49-56. Someone who is nice so we can both enjoy our time together. **ID# 1042**

SWF, semi-retired, down to earth, kind and independent, compassionate, homebody but adventurous. Seeking same in senior man. **ID# 1044**

SHF, 45 years old, 120lbs I am studying English, I'm from Peru. I like to read, listen to music, dance, talk, cook and go for walks. I'm sensitive, kind, honest and enjoy family. I am Catholic. No smokers/drinkers please. **ID# 1036**

Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between 66-75, I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc. please write. **ID# 1034**

SWF, Looking for a 70-ish male with a flair for living, Nice appearance, college educated and financially secure, brownish hair. Love to cuddled by Mr. Affectionate. **ID# 1033**

SWF 69, A compassionate and caring 69 year old SWF is looking for a 70's plus man who likes dining out, walks, theatre, good conversation with a good sense of humor and down to earth, trusting and caring. **ID# 1032**

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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

SWF 50's, Seeking gentleman 45-55 who enjoys ballroom, latin & swing dancing, for friendship and possible relationship. **ID# 1028**

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SWF 67, Seeks SWM, 65-70 years of age. Non-smoker, Enjoys the beach, movies, walks, drives. Looking for a friend. Long-term relationship. **ID# 1015**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

DWM 53, 5'10", N/S, no pets, salt & pepper hair, hazel eyes, stocky build, 190lbs Seeking SWF or DWF to share with me all the fun and excitement Atlantic City casinos have to offer. Movies, ball room dancing, languages are my hobbies. Hispanics, Orientals ok. You won't be sorry. **ID# 1062**

Hi, I am a 34 year old Jewish male, 5'7", who is a college grad and N/S. I'm looking for a single Jewish female, 25-37, for a serious relationship. I'm a big sports fan & have additional interests, such as dining out & going to the movies. Give me a try, you'll never know what you'll get! **ID# 1058**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM 48, Athletic build, blue eyes, good looking, N/S, enjoys music (rock, "big hair bands") movies, walking and good times together. Like to meet cute WF who can cook. Teach me! **ID# 1059**

SWM 45, never married, 5'10", 150 lbs. Kind, considerate, honest, open-minded. Enjoys art, music, movies, reading, traveling and bicycling. Seeks vivacious SWF 30-45 to share life with. **ID# 1056**

SWM 45, 5'10" 170 lbs, green eyes, brown hair. Enjoys cooking, dining out, good conversation, movies and fun with kids. Looking for a SWW, 40-46, honest, pretty for a LTR & friendship. Good shape and fun loving. **ID# 1055**

64 yr old, white, widower, seeks white female for honest relationship. I love to travel, dine out, movies etc. I am looking for a woman with a great sense of humor who enjoys the same. **ID# 1052**

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SWM, 44, N/S, 6'2", eyes of blue, seeks N/S female for a very special relationship. Physical features are not as important as in having a heart of gold. I enjoy movies, dining out, sporting events and taking walks. **ID# 1051**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Retired WWM, trim, fit, 5'9", 155lbs, blue eyes, hair graying, n/s, artistic nature. Enjoys dining, dancing, music, old movies, theater, beaches, mountains. In search of WF dating partner, 50-60, similar traits and interests, need not bat 1000, in the ball park is fine. **ID# 1047**

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

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless, not too thin. NS. Loves homelife, movies, music, quiet times and travelling, for friendship first. **ID# 1057**

SWM, 44, never married, stocky build. Enjoys staying home, oldies and talking sports. Non-smoker, a casual drink while dining out. Seeks SWF same, 40-45 for companionship or more. **ID# 1038**

SWM 48 - 5'5", good looking, non-smoker Seeks pretty SWF 32-47 for lasting relationship who needs my TLC. **ID# 1029**

SWM 38 - In shape, Seeks sexy senior lady 60-75 for company and friendship. **ID# 1025**

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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SWM 52 - Seeks kind, considerate, honest, sensitive, down to earth WF 40-55 for growing old with. Possible marriage in future. Want to be there in the good as well as the bad moments in life. Send photo if possible. **ID# 1024**

SBM 51 - 5'6" 160 lbs, seeks black/white woman, 25-50, who is honest, kind and sweet, for a relationship of the best kind. P/P, smoker OK. **ID# 1035**

FRIENDS

SWF 53 -Hi, I enjoy drives to the country, dining out, dancing and traveling. Prefer a man to be between 55-60 years of age. **ID# 1053**

ALTERNATIVE

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Jack A. Yates, 77 of Colonia

Mr. Jack A. Yates of Colonia died October 24 at Rahway Hospital. He was 77.

Born in Elizabeth, he resided in Carteret before moving to Colonia 56 years ago.

He had been employed for five years as a truck driver for Engel Brothers Moving and Storage, Elizabeth. He then worked for Trans-American Movers of Chicago for 10 years and for Strickland Brothers of Jersey City for three years.

He most recently worked for Simmons of Elizabeth for 10 years before his retirement in 1988.

Mr. Yates served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Clark.

Surviving are his wife of over 50 years, Alice (Romanowski) Yates; a daughter, Mrs. Carol Wilson of Arizona; two sons, Mark Yates of Avenel and Jack O. Yates of Cliffwood Beach; three sisters, Mrs. Helen O'Connell of Piscataway; Mrs. Mary O'Connor of Florida and Mrs. Betty West of Rahway; and a grandchild, Jesse Wilson of Arizona.

Julia N. Drost, 89 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Julia N. Drost of Woodbridge died November 3 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 89.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Avenel for 22 years. She resided in Woodbridge for the past 60 years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Drost was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.

She was formerly a member of the Woodbridge Senior Citizens Club.

Her husband, Christopher E., died in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Dianne S. Drost of Woodbridge; a brother, John Lucas of Sewaren; a sister, Elizabeth O'Connor of Woodbury, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

Rose Calabrese, 98 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Rose Speziale Calabrese of Woodbridge died November 2 at Cranford Extended Care Center, Cranford. She was 98.

Born in Newark, she lived in Newark and later lived in Woodbridge.

She was a seamstress.

Mrs. Calabrese was a member of St. James R.C. Church, Woodbridge.

He son, Dan Carasio; her parents, Antonio and Angel Fernicola Speziale; her husbands, Alfonso Carasio, Joseph Santamaria and James Calabrese, and three brothers and four sisters, are all deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Angelina Paglia of Avenel and Rosalie Keegan of Texas; a daughter-in-law, Stefie Carasio; five grandchildren, Rosanna DiPalma, Kathleen LaGuardia, Alfonso Carasio, Dan Keegan and James Keegan.

Anthony Barone, 76 of Sayreville

Mr. Anthony Barone of Sayreville died October 31 at home. He was 76.

Born in South River, he lived there before moving to Sayreville 47 years ago.

Before his retirement in 1987, he was employed for over 30 years as a mason with Barone Masons in South River. He was also a superb woodworker, carpenter and furniture crafter for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, the former Elsie Mangarella; a son, Anthony of Billings, Mont.; two daughters, Jennifer Hayek of Sayreville and Kimberly Barone of Parlin; three grandchildren, Russell and Anthony Hayek and Jennifer Barone; two brothers, Casimir Barone of Florida and Peter Barone of Sayreville, and a sister, Rose Bogdan of Jamesburg.

Martin Bostwick, 82 of Parlin

Mr. Martin E. Bostwick of Parlin died October 30 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division. He was 82.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he had resided in Parlin since 1955.

Before his retirement in 1978, he was the owner of Keystone Welding Company, Linden, for 30 years.

Mrs. Bostwick was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Sayreville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4699.

He was a communicant of St. Bernadette's R.C. Church, Parlin.

A sister, Vivienne Schaar, died in 1942.

Surviving are his wife, the former Isabel Stasio; two daughters, Arlene Bachanan and Lorraine Pirigyi, both of Sayreville; four grandchildren, Lisa, Daniel, Dena and Rich; four great-grandchildren, Samantha, Ashley, Lauren and Katie; and a sister, Patricia Hoffman of Fords.

Ronald G. Delikat, Sr. of Sayreville

Mr. Ronald G. Delikat Sr. of Sayreville died October 27 at Atlantic Coast Rehabilitation Center, Lakewood. He was 58.

Born in New Brunswick, he lived in Sayreville all his life.

He was employed by General Motors Inc. for 20 years as a line worker.

Mr. Delikat was a communicant of St. Stanislaus R.C. Church, Sayreville.

His parents, Carl and Mary (Dusko) Delikat, are both deceased.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Delikat Jr. of Vernon; a daughter, Kimberly Sparany of Brick; a granddaughter, Cara Sparany; a brother, Al Delikat of Tampa, Fla.

Mary T. Barlow, 67 of Iselin

Mrs. Mary T. Barlow of Iselin died November 1 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 67.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, she lived in Iselin.

Her parents, John and Sarah Gallacher and a brother, James Gallacher, are all deceased.

Surviving is a son, Theodore Barlow of East Brunswick.

Mary Rasmussen of Sayreville

Mrs. Mary (Soyak) Rasmussen of Seaside Park (formerly of Perth Amboy and Sayreville) died October 31 at Park Place Center, Monmouth Junction. She was 86.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, she later resided in Sayreville for 20 years before moving to Seaside Park five months ago.

She retired in 1980 after 30 years with Duval Handbag Co., Perth Amboy as a machine operator.

Mrs. Rasmussen was a communicant of Holy Trinity R.C. Church, and a member of the Holy Spirit Senior Citizens Club, both in Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Thorvald Rasmussen, died in 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosemarie Clausen, with whom she lived in Seaside Park; a granddaughter, Christina Cherry of Hillsborough; two great-grandchildren, Marissa and Madison; two sisters, Dorothy Bainton of Englishtown and Helen Bruno of Florida; and two brothers, William and George Soyak, both of Florida.

Donna Giordano, 44 of Parlin

Mrs. Donna Giordano (nee D'Ambola) died in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center, New York City. She has been missing since the attack. She was 44.

Formerly of Woodbridge and Bloomfield, she currently resided in Parlin.

She was an insurance broker with Aon Corporation in New York City for the past 2 1/4 years.

Prior to that, she was an insurance broker with Meeker-Sharkey in Cranford for five years. She was also an insurance agent with Benisch & Company, Livingston, for seven years.

Surviving are a son, Michael Giordano of Parlin; a daughter, Jessie (nee Bernardo) of Toms River; and a sister, Elaine Barrett of Rahway.

Leonas Rimkus, 83 of Parlin

Mr. Leonas "Lee" Rimkus of Parlin died October 28 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 83.

Born in Lembokaimas, Lithuania, he resided in Parlin for the past 37 years.

He retired in 1981 after 24 years as a machine operator with Sunshine Biscuit Company, Sayreville.

Mr. Rimkus was a P.O.W. during World War II. He worked for

A. Grandinetti, 91 of Avenel

Mr. Anthony Grandinetti of Avenel died November 5 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 91.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, he resided in the Avenel section of Woodbridge for the past 48 years.

He was employed by American Smelting & Refining Co., Perth Amboy, for 29 years before retiring in 1974.

Mr. Grandinetti was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church, Avenel.

His wife, Ann (Lach) Grandinetti, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan of Avenel; and a sister, Mary Ciambone of Philadelphia.

Ann M. Kontra, 79 of Parlin

Mrs. Ann M. O'Hara Kontra of Parlin died November 6 at JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates, Edison. She was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Parlin for the past 47 years.

Mrs. Kontra was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, South Amboy.

She was a member of the Sayreville Senior Citizen's Tuesday Club, a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4699, and a charter member of the Amboy Old Timers Skating Club, South Amboy.

Her four brothers, William, Joseph, Raymond and Michael O'Hara and a sister, Marie Pomykala, are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband, John M. Kontra; a son, Jack Kontra of Sayreville; three daughters, Michelle Carter of South Amboy, Joanne Platt of Howell and Mary Ann Seaman of Howell; five grandsons, David and Daniel Platt, Ryan, Torey and Devin Seaman.

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**Eugene Zvolensky
of Edison**

Mr. Eugene W. Zvolensky of Edison died November 17 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 85.

Born in Pennsylvania, he moved to Edison in 1953 from New Brunswick.

He retired in 1971 from Richardson Battery Company, New Brunswick, where he was production supervisor. He was a past president of Plastic Workers Union Local 23041.

Mr. Zvolensky was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the VFW Memorial Post 3117, Edison.

He was a communicant of St. Ladislaus R.C. Church, New Brunswick.

He was also a member of the Edison Italian-American Club and Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 263, New Brunswick.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Magdalen "Marge" Gill Zvolensky; two sons, Robert Wuss of Spring Hill, Fla. and Eugene M. Zvolensky of Sarasota, Fla.; a daughter, Gloria Koster of Edison; two brothers, Geza Zvolensky of North Brunswick and Michael Zvolensky of Texas; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Martin Kruszewski
of Edison**

Mr. Martin S. Kruszewski of Edison died November 17 at Roosevelt Care Center, Edison. He was 92.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Edison for the past 50 years.

He was a tool-and-die maker for General Motors, Linden, for 23 years, retiring in 1977.

Mr. Kruszewski was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church, Edison.

Two sisters, Helen Urban and Josephine Schmidt, and two brothers, Albert and Walter Kruszewski, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Ann J. Panek Kruszewski; three daughters, Judith Hill of New Bern, N.C., Marilyn Francese of Brick and Cheryl Kananovich of Milltown; two sisters, Violet Corrao of Connecticut and Eleanor Decker of Perth Amboy; a brother, Theodore Kruszewski of Edison, and five grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

**Judith DePasquale
of Edison**

Mrs. Judith A. DePasquale of Edison died December 13 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. She was 44.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in North Plainfield before moving to Edison last year.

She was a legal secretary with Golden, Rothchild, Spagnola, Lundell, Levitt and Boylan, P.C., in Somerville for 21 years.

She graduated from Taylor Business School, Plainfield.

She was a member of the National Association of Legal Secretaries.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph M.; a daughter, Dana N.; her mother, Rose Radkovich; a brother, Thomas Radkovich; and a sister, Donna R. Zelano.

**Keith K. Greaux, 43
of Edison**

Mr. Keith K. Greaux of Edison died November 17 at Roosevelt Care Center, Edison. He was 43.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was formerly of Carteret. He moved to Edison 14 years ago.

He was a boiler operator with the Edison Township Board of Education for five years.

Mr. Greaux was a former Edison Republican committeeman.

His father, Robert Greaux, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Keith Greaux of Aberdeen; a daughter, Crystal Greaux of Aberdeen; his mother, Dorothy Simon Greaux of Edison; a sister, Robyn Potter of Long Valley; two brothers, Robert Joseph Greaux of Wall and Darren Edward Greaux of Edison; and several nieces and nephews.

**Rosalie Grant, 78
of Edison**

Mrs. Rosalie Grant of Edison died December 12 in JFK Hartwyck Nursing Convalescent Center, Edison. She was 78.

Born in Beaufort, S.C., she lived in Elizabeth before moving to Edison 31 years ago.

Surviving are three daughters, Anna Gadsden, Rachel Blackshear and Rose Mary Grant; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Calvin L. Britt, 48
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Calvin Lamar Britt of Perth Amboy died November 4 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 48.

Born in New Brunswick he lived there before moving to Perth Amboy after serving in the Vietnam War.

He graduated from Bayonne High School in 1971. He then enlisted into the Army and fought in the Vietnam War. He then moved to Perth Amboy.

His parents, Lucille and Jack Britt, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Melissa Britt; three daughters, Roshanda Walker of Georgia, Orange Blossom of Plainfield and Alecia Britt of Perth Amboy; a son, Anthony "T.J." Britt of Perth Amboy; three sisters, Juanita Britt of Atlanta, Ga., Deborah Telesford of East Orange and Sylvia Britt of East Orange; four brothers, Arthur Lawson of Dayton, Jack Britt of Bayonne and the Rev. Alex C. Britt of Somerset; his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman; a granddaughter, Ashley of Atlanta, Ga.; three sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law; 11 nieces, 14 nephews; two great-nephews and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**John Logoda, 86
of Carteret**

Mr. John Logoda of Carteret died November 17 at home. He was 86.

Born in Carteret, he lived there most of his life.

He was a millwright with the Foster Wheeler Corp., Carteret, for 25 years before retiring.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and participated in the Normandy Invasion and received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Logoda was a lifelong member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Star Landing Post 2314, Carteret, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 181, Avenel and the Disabled American Veterans, Woodbridge.

He was a charter member of the Elks Lodge 2235, Carteret.

Surviving are his wife, Anna; a sister, Anna Sersun and a brother, Joseph.

Carolyn Babitsky of Carteret

Mrs. Carolyn Marie Putnick Babitsky of Carteret died November 17 at home. She was 80.

She was born in and was a lifelong resident of Carteret.

She retired from AMEX in Carteret, where she had worked as a computer specialist. She was previously a computer specialist for National State Bank.

Mrs. Babitsky was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Carteret. She was a former president of the church's PTA.

Mrs. Babitsky was a former president of Middlesex East Widows and Widowers.

She was also a former treasurer

of Catholic Daughters of America, Court Fidelis 636, Carteret.

Her husband, Joseph Babitsky, died in 1985. A daughter, Karen Marie Trainor, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Josette Bennis of Tampa, Fla. and Timlynn Babitsky-Salmons of Raleigh, N.C.; five grandchildren, John G. Bennis, Darrell J. Bennis, Lauren M. Trainor, Brian J. Trainor and Michael Trainor; four great-grandchildren, Kadie L. Bennis, John D. Bennis, Melony M. Bennis and Caroline J. Bennis, and three sisters, Jean Zahodnick, Dorothy Lucia and Charlotte Demarco.

Migdalia Santiago of Carteret

Mrs. Migdalia Santiago of Carteret died November 7 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 50.

Born in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, she moved to New Brunswick 31 years ago before relocating in Carteret.

Surviving are her four chil-

dren, Louis Onil Santiago, Laylee Santiago, Maylenette Santiago and Aimee Santiago, all of Carteret; and a brother, Manuel Negron Santiago of Puerto Rico. She is also survived by the father of her children, Angel Louis Santiago of New Brunswick.

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MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2002

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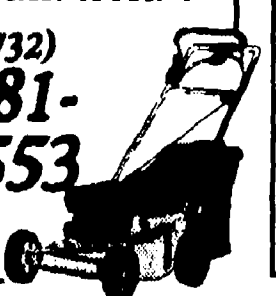


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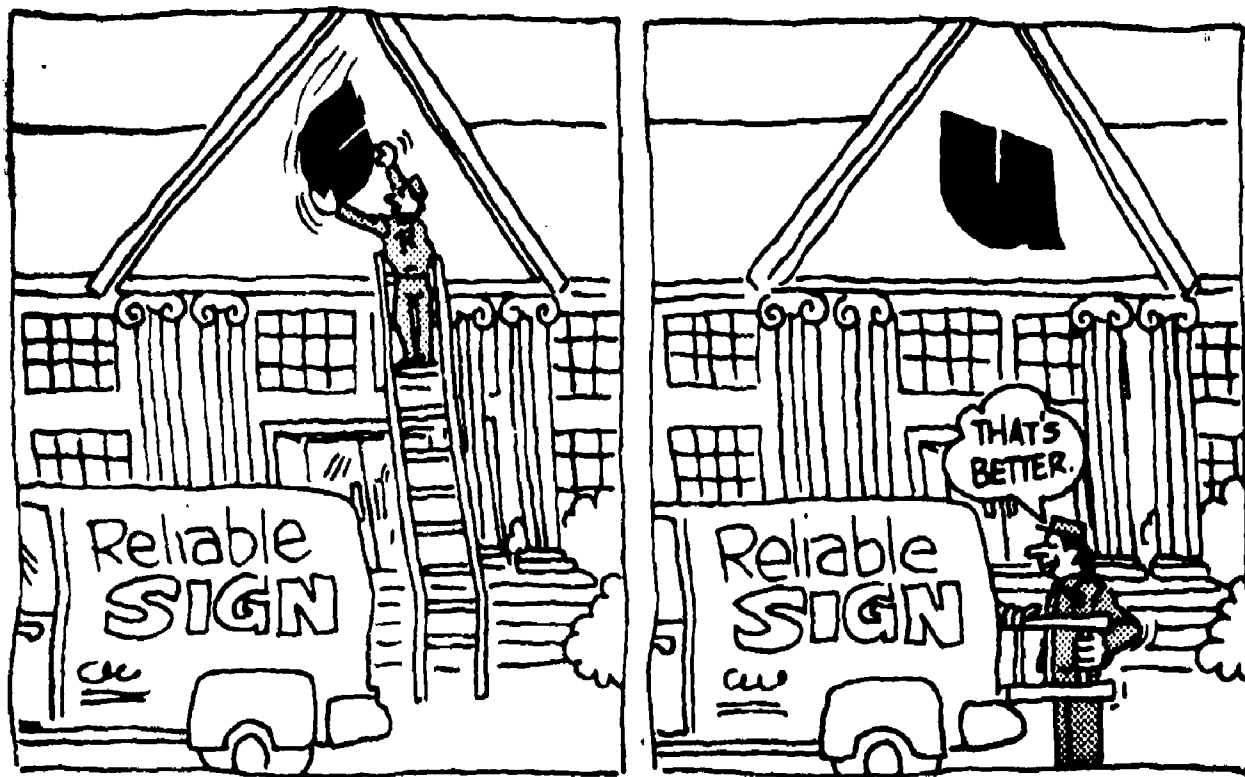
Occupied by the last Royal Governor of New Jersey, William Franklin, the house was visited by the Governor's father, William Franklin. The son always remained confident that the colonies would best prosper under British rule, causing he and his father to part politically. For remaining loyal to the crown, William Franklin was arrested and removed from the house by American patriots in June of

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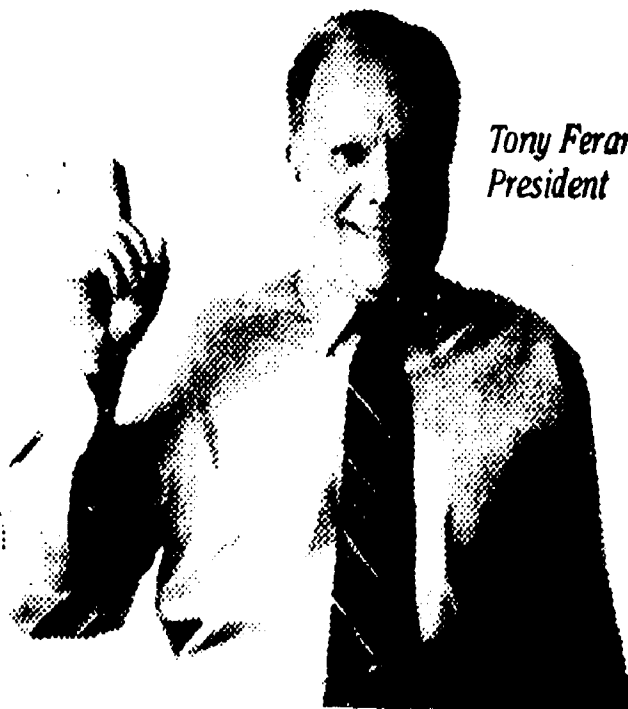
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Volunteers Irene Andrechick, Dorothy Muchinski and Kathy Muir reopened The Tea Room at The Royal Governor's Mansion on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Thereafter, the Tea Room will be open every Wednesday, weather permitting.