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INSIDE

Grandview mourns Rose passing

By CHERYL ORSON
Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — Wayne Rose, 53, beloved principal of Grandview Elementary School since 1998, died at his Monroe home on New Year's Day.

In coping with his sudden and unexpected loss, Director of School Counseling Dr. Dorothy Young said phone calls and letters were immediately sent out to faculty and students that Friday. On

Saturday, the school opened from 10 a.m. to noon for staff counseling. Early Monday morning, before school opened after the long holiday break, the staff met again to discuss the stages of grief and different classroom activities that could be done in helping the young students express their feelings.

Following the flag salute, teachers read a brief age-appropriate statement to

their classes explaining Rose had died. The students were told death is a complex issue which could cause them to experience different emotional reactions. The youngsters were told it's important to share their feeling and to let their teachers know if they wanted to talk to a counselor. At the end of the day, after reminding students to talk to their friends and family about Rose's loss, a moment of

silence was held for the well-loved principal.

"He was wonderful, a very kind and caring man," said Young.

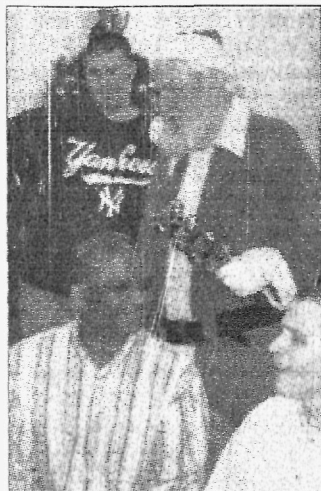
Other school administrators also expressed their sense of loss in Rose's passing, especially so soon into the New Year in what is generally supposed to be a joyous time.

"The New Year began on a somber note for our schools," said Superintendent Robert

Copeland, stating Rose began his career as a district music teacher and in that capacity touched many lives. "He was well-respected by his colleagues, his cheerful outlook will be remembered."

"It's a big loss to the school district," said Board of Education President Paul Herman. "He's been very helpful to the students."

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Party for Keystone

The Knights of Columbus held its annual Christmas party for the Keystone Community. See page A-8 for more information.



Decorating the borough tree

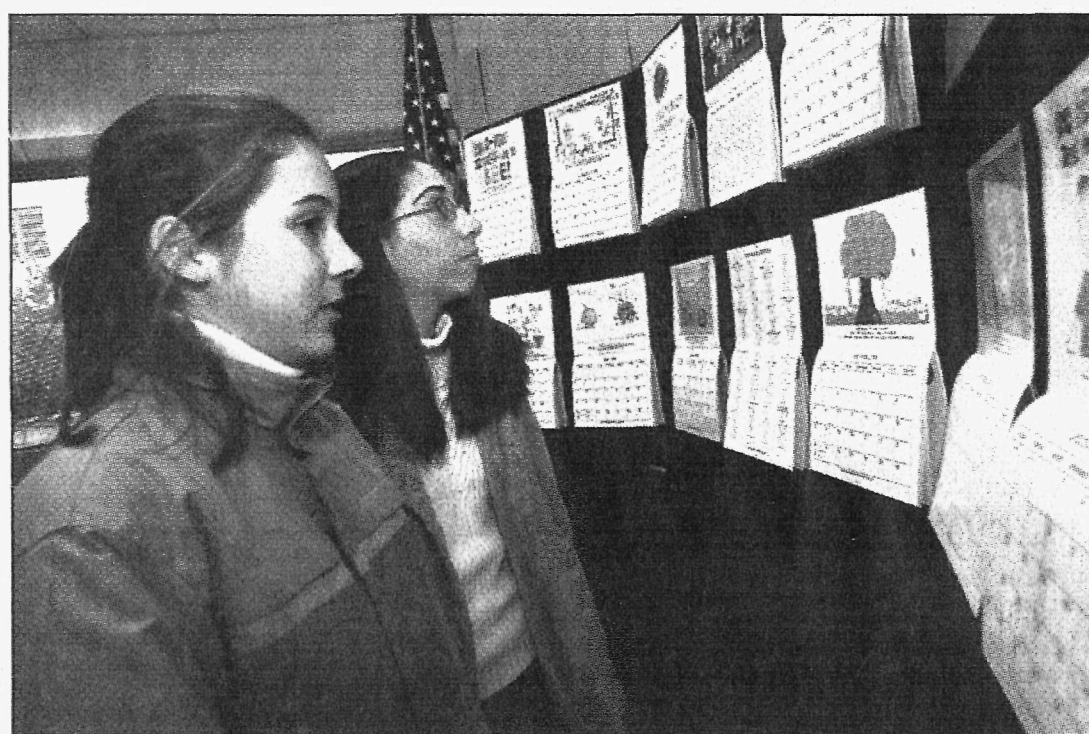
Dunellen Brownie and Girl Scouts gathered last month to decorate the borough tree. For the photo, see page A-3.



Playmobile brings fun and learning

Playmobile USA has been setting up events in area malls to demonstrate their toy line. See page A-5 for more information.

DARE to be creative



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

DARE winners Gabriella DeMarco, left, and Callie Siegert, both sixth-graders at Saint James School in Bernards, admire their winning entry, along with the other artwork chosen for inclusion in the Somerset County Prosecutor's anti-drug use calendar at a reception in Somerville last week. Students from throughout the county compete with various drawings, all with a common message - Don't Do Drugs. Winners received U.S. Savings bonds.

Edison will tackle open space

By TODD JACOBUS
Correspondent

EDISON — Taxes and open space issues will remain at the forefront of Edison Township's 2004 political agenda, according to the three members of the municipal council who were sworn in at a meeting held Jan. 1.

The council also elected members Robert Diehl as president and Parag Patel as vice-president.

Charles Tomaro, Peter Barnes III, Joan Kapitan and William Kruczak each won reelection for a third term on the council in the November 2003. Kruczak could not attend the meeting and will be sworn in at a later date.

Tomaro hopes to extend Edison's open space tax for another 15 years. The potential \$7.8 million generated by the extension would aid open

space purchases and allow the township to compete for state grants, said Tomaro. He proposed adding a question to the 2004 ballot asking for such an extension.

The current open space tax of 1 cent per \$100 of assessed value was approved in 1998 for a 15-year lifespan. The township was able to borrow \$7 million in 2000 through a bond sale versus the anticipated revenue. Having already spent the majority of those funds on pertinent purchases, Tomaro hopes the township can repeat the process.

Peter Barnes III, sworn in by his father, Assemblyman Peter Barnes Jr. (D-18th Dist.), also stressed the theme of open space. "Our goal has always been to provide a park or recreation center within walking distance of every citizen," Barnes III said. "There are still vast areas which can be

explored for the purchase of so-called pocket parks in natural settings, and I call on the council to expedite movement on these properties."

Joan Kapitan reflected on the eight years these four council members have served together. "All of them I may not always agree with, but everybody is entitled to his own opinion. We respect that right to differ and we respect one another."

Mayor George Spadaro was grateful for the continuity of the council he has known for the majority of his own 10-year term.

"If you listen to the remarks of each of them, and thought about what they said, you can tell what thoughtful and intelligent public servants they are," said Spadaro. "They all have a clear understanding of

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South Bound Brook looks to a busy year 2004

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — This is a community with many silver linings.

That was the key phrase in Mayor Jo-Anne Schubert's New Year's Day address during the borough's annual reorganization meeting held yesterday at the Robert Morris School.

One of those "silver linings" is the redevelopment of the former GAF site on Main Street. Schubert said the site was "once the hub of our community, but has since become an asbestos graveyard."

"Our dreams to redevelop the site led us to choosing a redeveloper, but becoming dissatisfied with their plans for the site, we decided to change developers. Matzel and Mumford (Hazlet, NJ) have demonstrated themselves to be up to the challenge, and in 2003 saw the first building demolished on the site."

Schubert's first order of business in 2004 is to continue the business of redeveloping and cleaning up the former site. The borough's plan is to construct 152 upscale townhouses, 35,000 square feet of commercial space and a new borough hall. A pedestrian walkway will extend from Main Street and Canal Road, along the Delaware-Raritan Canal, all the way to Washington Street.

"Environmental cleanup has begun and under the watchful eye of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we will have a site which will meet all criteria required for redevelopment," she said. "During 2004, we will see the rest of the buildings demolished and new construction will commence. Our dreams are becoming real. More silver linings."

Before Schubert gave her address, she, along with

Councilmen Ronald Henry and Anthony Godleski, were sworn into office. All three won their respective races during last year's general election. Schubert is beginning her third term as mayor, while Henry will serve as chairman of the borough's Governmental Liaison Committee. Godleski will chair the finance committee.

Henry thanked all the residents who elected him to serve on the council. Before Henry entered politics, he served as a borough police officer and later became police chief totaling 35 years of service.

"I was born and raised here and I'm glad the people have confidence in my abilities to serve them on the council," Henry said. "I assure them I will accomplish this job to the best of my abilities. The future looks bright for South Bound Brook, but there is still much to be done."

Another project underway in the borough is the Main Street and Canal Road Streetscape Project, which is key for the revitalization of the borough's Main Street. The revitalization of Main Street will allow itself to market the borough so it can attract new businesses and visitors here.

Work on rebuilding Main Street and Canal Road began in April 2003 was funded by the Federal Economic Development Agency and is supervised by the Somerset County Engineers Department. This project will include new sidewalks, the realignment of Cherry Street at Main Street, the addition of traffic lights at Main and Washington streets, new street lighting, etc.

According to Councilman Terry Warrelmann, the bor-

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REMINDER

Chili cook off in Dunellen

The Dunellen High School Class of 2004 Project Graduation is hosting a chili cook-off Jan. 10 at the high school. Prizes will be awarded in two categories: Judge's Choice and People's Choice. The cook-off begins 4 p.m. and ends 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and children. For more information, or to enter your chili, call Lou Anne Stebor at (732) 752-0341.

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Borough wants to change sewage billing system

By LIBBY BARSKY
Correspondent

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — As one of its last acts of the year, the Borough Council approved an ordinance to amend the service contract with the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA) to change its billing practices at a special meeting held Dec. 29.

"We're housecleaning some words that were in the agreement," said Mayor Daniel Gallagher.

The "words" in question apply to the method of billing that is currently employed by PARSA. According to Gallagher, the borough is being overcharged by the PARSA. The intent of new wording sought by the borough is to bill the industrial users directly according to the amount of pollutants that they deliver which need special wastewater treatment by

the Middlesex County Utilities Authority.

The borough is also seeking to eliminate providing a sewer capacity needs report every three years and replace it with a "more discretionary approach."

"We thought that South Plainfield should have voting rights since we are the largest user and we pay the largest portion," Gallagher said.

The borough has hired the Grotto Engineering Associates at a fee not to exceed \$5000 as its arbitrator to handle the changes that South Plainfield is requesting.

"With the change in billing, everyone will pay a proportionate fee," said Gallagher.

In the early 1990s there was a building moratorium because of the borough's lack of sewer capacity. During this

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Hat and Mitten Trees



Students from Our Lady of Mount Virgin School in Middlesex decorated a Hat and Mitten Tree last month to collect hats and mittens to be donated to those in need.

Grandview mourns Rose passing

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"Rose's leadership qualities were marked by his sensitivity and kindness and gentleness with both children and staff," said Grandview teacher Elaine Patania, stating Rose had a remarkable insight into educational challenges as well as a

keen understanding of educational practices. "He fostered creativity and individuality in both the students and faculty," she said.

"Rose always made time for staff and students at Grandview," said Counselor Susan Duras.

"Wayne had a combination of

wisdom, talent and faith that just drew you to him," said Randolphville.

Principal Shirley Eyler, stating he always offered a listening ear or suggestions to make decisions. "He lightened and brightened any situation. He was a people person. He cared deeply and would always put others first above himself. He will be missed more than as an administrator; he will be missed as a friend."

Commenting on Rose's musical talents, Eyler said she would often think of the Biblical phrase "make a joyful noise," stating Rose could make any noise joyful and would then share it.

"He was an outstanding principal. He loved the children. His entire focus was on what was best for them," said Arbor School Principal Susan Chaffin, stating Rose was "a gentle giant, a kind, generous and upbeat person no matter what." "His impact (and loss) is being felt in the whole (Piscataway) area," she said.

Arbor fourth- and fifth-grade students, half of whom graduated from Grandview and knew Rose, made cards and letters to send to his surviving brother. Chaffin said one student wrote he is sure Rose "has gone to school heaven."

Born in Louisville, Ky., Rose resided in Freehold for many years. Last month Rose moved to Monroe Township.

Rose began his teaching career in 1973 in the Piscataway School District before becoming an administrative intern. In 1990 he left Piscataway accepting a position as the Director of Performing, Fine Arts and World Languages at Red Bank Regional High School. He also served as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Jersey City State University in Jersey City. Rose had also been enrolled in the Doctoral Education Program at Teachers

College at Columbia University.

Upon returning to the Piscataway School District in 1998, Rose was named Grandview School Principal. Outside the classroom, Rose was an active community member serving as Minister of Music at the township's First Baptist Church on New Market Road for 16 years from 1981-1997. An accomplished organist and harpsichordist, Rose most recently performed a Holiday Cantata at Christ Methodist Church in Piscataway.

Rose received his Bachelors degree in Music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton. He later received both his Masters of Education and Fine Arts degrees from the College of New Jersey (now Trenton State College) in Ewing.

A memorial service for Rose, was held at the Christ United Methodist Church on Jan. 7. Wayne is survived by his brother, Watson L.; a close friend, Margaret L. Yarborough; his aunt, Evelyn R. Jackson; three nieces, Denise L. and Diane L. Rose and Donita L. Rose Coleman, all of Louisville, Ky. and several cousins, grandnieces, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

A scholarship fund is Rose's name has been created to help a graduating Piscataway High School senior pursuing study of the visual or fine arts. Those interested in making contributions are asked to contact Chaffin at (732) 752-8652 for information on donating or send checks to The Wayne Rose Scholarship Fund, c/o Principal Chaffin, Arbor School, Lester St., Piscataway, 08854.

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South Bound Brook looks

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ough's Streetscape Project, which was funded through a grant after Hurricane Floyd, involves the complete rebuilding of Canal Road from Madison Avenue to Main Street and Main Street from Canal Road to Johnson/Maple streets.

"There are a lot of changes that are happening all around South Bound Brook and we are on the right track," Warrelmann said. "In 2004, we will see new facades going up all over the town, the GAF building will finally come down, but we wouldn't be able to get this done without the support of our community. We are all working together by rolling up our sleeves and getting the job done."

Councilman Dennis Quinlan, who was appointed to serve another term as Council President, said South Bound Brook is "a great place to live."

"Our police department has worked extremely hard to

make South Bound Brook one of the safest communities to live in," Quinlan said. "Our police chief has worked very hard to bring our crime rates down every year."

In addition to make South Bound Brook safer, the community is discovering its rich history and plenty of volunteers are lining up to help.

"There is a strong force talking up South Bound Brook's history. Our historic commission is working very hard on bring re-enactors here to put on the Battle of Bound Brook in May."

Councilman French Ridley summed up the day by saying that he couldn't believe what is actually being accomplished.

"I moved to South Bound Brook in 1929 while I was 4-years-old from Virginia," Ridley said. "We ran into the Great Depression at that time Main Street was filled with abandoned flats and almost everyone who lived there were very poor. I never had any aspirations of serving in government, but here I am

serving when many people are thinking about retirement."

"I've enjoyed the ride and I really look forward to what is being done here. I can't believe what we have accomplished in such a short period of time. It's only going to get better."

In addition to Schubert and the two council members being sworn in, the following individuals were also sworn in: Maser Consulting (Borough Engineers); Suplee, Clooney and Company (Borough Auditors); William Cooper, III (Borough Attorney); Franklin Whittlesey (Borough Prosecutor); Maria Caemmerer (Borough Tax Searcher and Deputy Tax Collector); Donald E. Kazar (Municipal License and Payroll Clerk and Municipal Tax Assessment Searcher, Borough Clerk and Administrator); Dennis Hudacko (Borough Planner); Barry Van Horn (Fire Safety Officer); and Randy Bahr (CFO and Tax Collector).

Borough wants to change sewage

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time, developers could not build on land that they had purchased in the borough.

As a result of the litigation

against the borough, South Plainfield entered into a service contract with PARSA in August 1995 covering the operation, management and financial arrangements. Other members of PARSA included Dunellen, Fanwood, Green Brook, North Plainfield, Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Watchung.

Book signing

METUCHEN — The public is invited 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 to the 10th annual "Book and Author Event" of Temple Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave.

Scheduled to appear are Elizabeth Cohen, author of "The House on Beartown Road"; Joan Leegant, author of "An Hour in Paradise"; and Penny Wolfson, author of "Moonrise." Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information, call (732) 548-2238, Ext. 14.

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Trash hauler wants to increase its operations in South Plainfield

By CHERYL ORSON
Correspondent

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — During a special meeting held last Monday night, officials from Midco Residential Services, a multiple-county trash hauling company with one of its own transfer stations in the borough, requested Council consideration to receive a permit licensing it as a public transfer station.

The 1,250-ton capacity trash transfer station located at 11 Harmich Road, currently used only by Midco, processes an average of 750 tons of garbage per day hauled by approximately 100 trucks per day. The company is now seeking to expand its operations at the site by becoming a public transfer station, opening the facility to other companies to pay to unload their trash there also, processing 950 tons of waste per day to be hauled by 130 trucks per day.

The borough currently receives 50-cents per ton of trash processed at the site, an estimated \$75,000 to \$100,000 in annual municipal taxes. Midco officials said if the borough grants the company a permit to become a public transfer station, it will increase the municipality's earnings to \$1 per ton of trash processed at the site, an estimated more than \$200,000 in annual municipal taxes.

Midco officials also said if the permit is not granted, it will continue to expand its operations to its state-sanctioned 1,250-ton capacity limit while also continuing to pay the borough the bare minimum of 50-cents per ton processed at the site. The same Midco officials promised if, however, granted the permit, it will limit its operations to 950 tons per day while increasing the borough's take to \$1 per ton processed.

Though Midco officials said the Harmich Road site "has not had one violation" issued to it in more than 30 years at the location, Mayor

Daniel Gallagher said he has received numerous complaints about the business including odors and debris coming from the site and its trucks. Gallagher also said he has personally witnessed the company illegally storing and staging its trucks on Metuchen Avenue, which he said "is all chewed up" from the trucks. Gallagher said the company's record keeping practices are questionable and its "measurements stink," showing more trash leaving than entering the site.

"I would not even support entertaining this proposal until we get some verifiable information as to what's going on at this facility and Metuchen Road gets cleaned up," said Gallagher.

Councilman Dennis Cerami also said "at this point I would not be for a public transfer station," the reason being the borough "is trying to improve our infrastructure" with the potential increased truck traffic from this site defeating that purpose. He also said increasing truck traffic "would not be fair to residents," from whom he has already received numerous complaints on this subject. Cerami said he would, however, be open to reconsidering the company's requested permit and expansion once the long-awaited Helen Street project is finished.

"To me it's not worth the buck, it's not worth two bucks," said Cerami, stating the borough's goal is get trucks out of residential areas. "It's not about money. It would be great to generate \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year, that's three or four tax points it would benefit the borough. But if we're going to be putting that money back into the streets (for repair) it defeats the purpose."

No action was taken by the council nor is any immediately expected on this matter. Midco officials said they would submit more clarified records on its operations at the site to the borough in early January.

Showing their community spirit



Dunellen Brownie and Girl Scouts gathered last month to decorate the borough tree.

Briefs

Garden Club meeting and presentation

EDISON — The regular monthly meeting of the Edison Garden Club Jan. 12 will feature a special VCR presentation of the Presby Iris Gardens in Montclair.

The Club meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Main Branch of the Edison Library.

Games at the BIL meeting Jan. 15

METUCHEN — The Borough Improvement League (BIL) will meet 1:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Old Franklin Schoolhouse, 491 Middlesex Ave.

The program will be playing Bunco with prizes.

Call Kay at (732) 548-1976 for more information.

Round Robin Bridge will meet 1 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Old Franklin Schoolhouse.

Call Louise DeCoursey at (732) 549-4919 if you will not be attending or if you need a partner.

Go see "Bear in the Big Blue House"

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway Recreation Department has tickets for "Bear in the Big Blue House" at the State Theater for a 2 p.m. Jan. 24 matinee.

Tickets are \$21 for orchestra seats. Call (732) 562-2382.

Curriculum meeting rescheduled

PISCATAWAY — The curriculum committee meeting for Jan. 7 has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. Jan. 14.

Get Up & Dance at Metuchen YMCA

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Branch YMCA is accepted registration for Get Up & Dance program for children.

The program includes jazz, ballet, modern and hip hop dance styles.

The program is on Thursdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Cost is \$32 for family members, \$40 for non-family members. For more information, call Julisa Fiumaro at (732) 548-2044.

HAWKS helping kids with their homework

METUCHEN — Helping Another Wonderful Kid Succeed (HAWKS) is a John P. Stevens High School club that volunteers its time during the week to help children enrolled in aftercare at the YMCA with their homework.

They meet Monday and Wednesday at the Metuchen YMCA, 65 High Street.

Call Christine Tolley at (732) 548-2044 for more information.

Sports fields to get lighting this season

By LIBBY BARSKY
Correspondent

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The youngsters who play Little League and Ponytail baseball, Pop Warner football and soccer in the local recreation teams will soon be playing under lights this coming season.

At the Dec. 23 meeting of the South Plainfield Planning Board, recreation director Michael English presented plans to install lights on four fields and replace the lights on a fifth, to increase the availability of the fields for night games.

The total cost of all poles, fixtures and installation ranges from \$469,000 to \$502,000.

Members of the planning board asked how late the lights would be on and asked that the lights be shielded to lessen the impact on houses that might be affected. English replied that the lights would be off at the latest by 9 p.m. and were angled downward on the field so less light would deflect to homes.

The lighting for the baseball, softball, soccer and football fields is just the first part of a three phase upgrade said English. The second phase will be building a classroom at the entrance to the woods on Sylvania Place which contains the environmental area known as the Highland Avenue Wood Preserves. Elementary school

classes have been conducted in the woods with environmentalist Dr. Alice Tempel, explained English and the building would make more educational programs available.

A prefabricated modular 24' by 70' building that will contain two classrooms with two bathrooms manufactured by Whitley MFG. is planned. The cost of the manufacture, delivery and installation of the building would be \$84,923.

Citing a need for modern bathroom facilities and storage/concession area at the soccer and football fields in the James Conroy complex, English said the third phase of the upgrade would be to install a modular building at this site. The modular 24' by 28' building would contain two bathrooms, a storage and a concession area at a cost of \$169,730.

Money for the projects will come from the \$1 million grant from Middlesex County. In September, Councilman Ray Petronko, Councilman Robert Cusick and architect Joseph DeAndrea made a presentation before the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders about plans to upgrade recreational facilities in the borough. In October, Freeholder John Pulomena presented Mayor Dan Gallagher with the check to be used for these improvements.

BB Briefs

Time to license dogs in the borough

BOUND BROOK — January is dog registration month in the borough.

Dog owners must present a certification of rabies vaccination which is valid through the licensing year. The fee for a non-neutered dog is \$11.20 and for a neutered dog \$8.20.

After Jan. 31 there will be a mandatory late fee.

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Fire company thanks tree buyers

To The Chronicle:
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DAVE MORGAN
Fire company president

State shouldn't limit local elections

To The Chronicle:
The League of Municipalities opposes S-519, S-2273 and certain provisions in S-2756, which would deny citizens the right to elect local officials to the State Legislature.

S-519 would prohibit the people from electing any candidate holding an elective office in a municipality having a population greater than 100,000, to either a county office or to the State Legislature. S-2273, more generally, would prohibit a member of the Legislature from accepting a mandate from the people to hold another elective office in this State. S-2756 contains provisions, which would, likewise, prevent citizens from electing local officials to serve in the Legislature.

Any ban on dual office holding would arbitrarily prevent the citizens of this State from being served by many of those whom they believe most qualified to serve them.

Further, it would single out public service on the local level as a cause to deny good women and men State office.

New Jersey has a part-time Legislature. We have Lawyer-Legislators, Doctor-Legislators, Insurance Broker-Legislators, Legislators involved in

banking, industry, organized labor, real estate sales, management, development and construction, current and former educators — you name it. These individuals could have just as much of a personal and professional stake in issues relating to their professions and occupations, as could our local elected officials.

We believe that the public is entitled to freely choose the best and the brightest representation at both the local and the State level. And we believe that this ban would circumscribe that right, which was, most recently, exercised in several Legislative Districts, just last month.

In the early days of our Republic, there was nothing to prevent State or local officials from serving in Congress. In fact, when the First Congress met in New York in 1789, it included at least two members — the Carroll cousins of Maryland — who held, and continued to hold, seats in the Maryland State Senate. Charles Carroll continued to serve in both capacities until the Maryland Legislature decided to pass a law preventing its members from simultaneous service at the Federal level. At that time, Carroll resigned his seat in Congress to con-

tinue to serve in what was to him the more important position, as a State Senator.

It is worth noting how the prohibition came to be. It was the more local political entity — in this case, the State — that said to its elected officials, "We don't want you dividing your time and efforts between our business and the business of the more general government." The Federal government did not say, in effect, "We don't want your kind here and we refuse to sit with any State or local officials, as we consider policy for the nation. So we have decided to negate the will of the people of Maryland."

If the New Jersey Legislature wants to embrace that precedent, it can pass a law allowing the people, through their local elected representatives in our municipalities, counties and school districts, to impose a ban on dual service if and when they see the need.

But, as currently drafted, the legislation would allow the State Legislature to claim a right over local elections — a right that the people of this State now enjoy.

WILLIAM G. DRESSEL
Executive director
N.J. League of Municipalities

U.S. needs a Department of Peace

To The Chronicle:

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Centennial Celebration of flight is a positive assertion of the Wright Brothers claim to fame as pioneers of air travel. We can all take pride in this achievement. The Wright Flyer is now at eye level.

At the same level is the recreated Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, now hailed as a "technical achievement" without mention of the 170,000 or more people who lost their lives as a result of that nuclear attack. This was seen by the Hibakusha, or Hiroshima survivors, who are diminishing in numbers, as an attempt to "normalize" the use of nuclear weapons and their means of delivery by plane and negation of their

efforts to prevent future Hiroshimas. They petitioned the Smithsonian in December to correct this perception of the Enola Gay and its historical purpose as an instrument for nuclear war. The public has yet to weigh in on this.

The dropping of the bomb signaled the opening gun of the Cold War which is still ongoing. The Bush Administration "Nuclear Posture Review" negates the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and all other treaties that would eliminate the use of these weapons of mass destruction. In keeping with this unwarranted abrogation of international law, there is a false picture of what has led to our present national military budget of \$400 billion and a lack of concern for the public's health as it has been

affected by past, present and future wars and by continued "subcritical nuclear testing." The Hibakusha are of the opinion that there would be no further Hiroshima/Nagasaki's if all nuclear weapons development and testing were stopped. If the true picture of the Enola Gay exhibit and the Nuclear Posture Review were reinterpreted by a Department of Peace the meaning of the Wright Brothers achievement could be more positively presented. Can we get the Presidential candidates to advocate a Department of Peace? Only Candidate Dennis Kucinich has advanced this policy.

SYLVIA ZISMAN
Co-Chair
N.J. Hiroshima/Nagasaki
Remembrance Day
Committee

Lessons every man should learn

Jersey Boy

Mike Deak



At a certain point in every man's life, it is his biological and cultural duty to pass on the knowledge necessary for survival.

From my ever expanding library of first aid for the middle-aged soul in crisis, I learned that becoming a mentor to a younger man also helps to deal with the craziness of second adolescence. The hope — a prayer perhaps — is that by transferring your accumulated "wisdom" you are reminded of the true and proper path that, to paraphrase the first lines of Dante's "Inferno," will lead you out of the woods of mid-life.

But most young men don't need advice. Magazines such as Maxim and Men's Health do a decent job at filling in the blanks, though the rhetoric seldom rises above the towel-snapping wit of your favorite gym teacher. But knowing what's the appropriate wine to order with a Whopper or what exercise to perform to better define your pectorals isn't enough.

You need to know the answers about things that defy glib one-liners. You need to know how to properly grieve a dead relative you never liked. You need to know how to throw the tennis game so you lose graciously to the boss's wife. You need to know what to say when ancient Aunt Wilhemina asks if you're still having trouble with arithmetic in the sixth grade. Most importantly, you need to know how to recognize love.

Most men recognize the physical and mental symptoms of lust. Lust is the seasoned salt on the rim of the margarita glass and the olive in the extra dry martini. It is the howl of the wolf at midnight and the quarter that makes the motel bed vibrate. But can men accurately recognize the moment in an evolving relationship when, if you're under 25, love replaces lust or, if you're over 25 and supposedly more mature, friendship morphs into love? Can they recognize when it's a mutual transformation or, more importantly, when it's not?

Poet W.H. Auden, in "O Tell Me The Truth About Love," has more insight on the issue than the metrosexuals at GQ:

*"When it comes, will it come without warning
Just as I'm picking my nose?
Will it knock on my door in the morning.
Or tread in the bus on my toes?
Will it come like a change in the weather?
Will its greeting be courteous or rough?
Will it alter my life altogether?"*

O tell me the truth about love." Poets may not have the answers, but they have such nice clues.

I don't have the answer either, though it's the most perplexing and enduring issue among men and women. If the characters on "Friends" haven't figured out it in 10 years, why should I even try?

The playing field between love and friendship is a minefield. The slightest misstep can cause the whole relationship to explode and you end up impaled on the barbed wire of mistranslated signals. It is a seemingly impossible labyrinth to be navigated. Do you dare risk everything because you know the potential pain can be doubled because you could lose both a friend (or forever alter the nature of your friendship) and the sweet anticipation of love? It's a gamble, perhaps even the risk of a lifetime.

In the corner of my heart where teddy bears smile, strawberries swim in milk chocolate and Gene Kelly dances in the rain, there is still a guileless optimism in the curative and restorative powers of love. Lust is fleeting, like a violent thunderstorm on a summer afternoon. But love survives whatever outrageous acts of fate are slung at it. Those are the lessons I like to pass on to a younger generation — if I'm not too busy learning them myself.

Don't let Head Start get stopped

To The Chronicle:

Since 1965, the Somerset Community Action Program has operated the county's Head Start childhood development program, each year serving more than 200 children from low-income families and children with special needs. The program is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and is operated by community action agencies, like SCAP.

The program's success is due to a family-centered philosophy in working with families as a whole. Often, Head Start enables parents to seek employment with the peace of mind that their children are in a nurturing environment.

Head Start is under reauthorization by President Bush. In July the House of Representatives passed (by one vote) HR-2210, which would drastically change the program. This bill allows up to eight states to apply to take over the administration of Head Start by assigning it to the state Department of

Education and moving away from the family-centered philosophy. New Jersey would be one of these experimental states. While this bill increases the required qualifications of Head Start teachers, it reduces program funding. Therefore, it becomes impossible; you can't increase Head Start teacher qualifications without increasing funding. Nationally there is already a shortage of early childhood teachers.

The House knows that you can't increase teacher qualifications without increasing funding to support this change. They have recently resorted to false claims of Head Start directors being overpaid. This is false, since the federal government closely oversees the program and mandates a limit of 15 percent for all Head Start administrative expenses. This illogical argument is just another excuse and an attempt to deceive the public just as No Child Left Behind is leaving hundreds of thousands of our children

behind, according to the Children's Defense Fund. With decreased program funding, potentially, fewer children in Somerset County and other communities will be able to enroll in the program. As a result the cost of child care will likely increase, in some cases preventing employment for working families and further stifling welfare reform.

As Congress moves forward in reauthorizing Head Start, fortunately there are supporters who believe in upgrading teacher qualifications, increasing funding and keeping Head Start as a federal program. A pro-Head Start bill is currently under proposal in the Senate. This bill would ensure protection of the Head Start program or would at least force a compromise between the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Anyone who is a graduate of the Head Start program is a testimony to the worthwhile investment of Head Start. SCAP and the Head Start community need your help in raising awareness of the Head Start program and its importance in communities across America. SCAP urges Somerset County to contact Reps. Rodney Frelinghuysen and Rush Holt to thank them for their support, as well as Rep. Mike Ferguson to urge him to reconsider his position on Head Start's reauthorization. We also urge you to contact Gov. McGreevey to tell him you believe in Head Start and oppose the proposed changes.

ISAAC L. DORSEY
Executive Director,
Somerset Community Action
Program
Franklin Township

Saddam Hussein is the Iraqi WMD

To The Chronicle:

I would like to take this opportunity to answer the question that everyone seems to be asking: "Where are the weapons of mass destruction?" To me, the answer is quite simple: "Saddam Hussein is

the weapon of mass destruction!" He alone has killed more people than any weapons could have inflicted.

Having been a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and a Vietnam veteran, I can tell you that the capture of this mad-

man will give the people of Iraq freedoms that they deserve as human beings and makes the world a safer place to live!

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YUZUIK
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We welcome submitted photos — color or black and white — of community events. If possible, we ask that individuals in the photos be identified and clearly visible.

If you would like to request a photographer at a community event, call at least 48 hours prior to the event and we will do our best to schedule a photographer.

If you would like a reprint of a photograph taken by a staff photographer, which appeared in The Chronicle, call the photography department at (908) 575-6708 and someone will send a copy of the reprint request form.

Wilfred Burdin

EDISON — A memorial service will be held for Wilfred L. Burdin, 89, who died Jan. 4, 2004 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Omaha, Neb., he lived in Cranford and Garwood before moving to Edison 30 years ago.

Mr. Burdin was an assistant traffic manager with the Aluminum Co. of America in Garwood and Kraft Foods in New York City. He was a mem-

ber of the Raritan Traffic Association.

He was a technical sergeant in the Army during World War II and awarded two Purple Hearts.

His wife, Eileen, died in 1983.

Surviving are two sons, Jeffrey and William; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford.

Lois Traphagen

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Lois V. Lambert Traphagen, 86, died Jan. 5, 2004 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She lived in Scotch Plains, Somerville and her native Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield.

Mrs. Traphagen was a secretary with Mack Truck in Bridgewater and the Wesley United Methodist Church in South Plainfield. She was a descendant of Abraham Clark, who signed the Declaration of Independence as a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress of 1776.

A charter member of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield, Mrs. Traphagen also was a member

of the Spring Lake Park Restoration Committee and Cherry Dell Garden Club. She was a Cub Scout den mother.

Her husband, Edward, died in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Virginia Adams and husband Larry of Spofford, N.H.; a son, David and wife Janet of Glen Gardner; and three grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Wesley United Methodist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the McCriscin Home for Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Wesley United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 1500 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Andrew Aiello Sr.

BOUND BROOK — Andrew Aiello Sr., 79, died Jan. 4, 2004 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New Brunswick, he lived in Bridgewater before moving to Bound Brook in 1996.

Mr. Aiello was a paving contractor with Central Jersey Paving in Bridgewater, full-time until 1986 and part-time after that. As an Army veteran of World War II he received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, a Good Conduct Medal

and the Victory Medal.

His wife, Antoinette, died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Andrew Jr. and wife Eugenie of Bridgewater and Patrick of Bound Brook; a daughter, Donna Tarulli of Bound Brook; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Somerville, following services at the Bridgewater Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Resurrection Burial Park mausoleum, Piscataway.

Patricia L. Petti

BOUND BROOK — Patricia L. Petti, 58, died Jan. 4, 2004 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Mrs. Petti was born in Bound Brook and lived in the borough all her life.

Surviving are her husband, Erminio "Vindy"; her mother, Pearl Luise; two daughters, Audrey Canonica and

Yvonne Tarulli; a son, Erminio V.; a sister, Shirley Rucki; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Joan Henry

PISCATAWAY — Joan Henry, 92, died Dec. 31, 2003 at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook.

Born Dec. 8, 1911 in New York City, she lived in Piscataway before moving to Green Brook in 2002.

Mrs. Henry taught bridge classes to members of the Piscataway Senior Citizens Club and Tri-County Senior Citizens Club.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1961.

Surviving is a daughter, Ellen Jennings.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 2 at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Henry was a parishioner. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Paterson.

Arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen.

Wayne R. Rose

PISCATAWAY — Wayne R. Rose, 53, died Jan. 1, 2004 at his home in Monroe Township.

Born in Louisville, Ky., he lived in Freehold before moving to Monroe Township one month ago.

Mr. Rose had been the principal of Grandview School in Piscataway since 1998. He earlier was the director of performing arts, fine arts and world languages at Red Bank Regional High School. He also was an associate professor at New Jersey City University.

The principal began his education career in Piscataway as a teacher and administrative intern. Mr. Rose held a master's degree in education, plus a second master's degree, from Trenton State College (now The College of New

Jersey).

For the past 16 years Mr. Rose was the minister of music at the First Baptist Church of New Market.

Surviving are a close friend, Margaret L. Yarbrough; a brother, Watson L.; an aunt; three nieces; and several grandnieces, great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Christ United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by the M. David DeMarco Funeral Home in Monroe Township. Donations may be sent to PHS Activities Fund, Wayne Rose Memorial Scholarship, Piscataway High School, Attn: Janice Siegal, 100 Behmer Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Donna Crockenberg

BOUND BROOK — Donna Rose Crockenberg, 47, died Jan. 2, 2004 at her home in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Born Oct. 11, 1956 in Somerville, she lived in Bound Brook before moving to Ormond Beach in 1983.

Mrs. Crockenberg was a former executive secretary with Smith Barney in Ormond Beach.

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, John; her mother,

Dorothy Corby of Ormond Beach; a son, John Clay of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Robert Corby, and a sister, Laura Hoskin, both of Ormond Beach.

Services were held Tuesday at the Volusia Memorial Funeral Home in Ormond Beach. Donations may be sent to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

John Smigel Sr.

MIDDLESEX — John Smigel Sr., 87, died Jan. 4, 2004 at his home.

He was born in Palmerton, Pa., and had lived for more than 60 years in Middlesex.

Mr. Smigel retired in 1980 after 40 years with American Cyanamid Co. in Bridgewater.

Deceased are his wife, Anna Karnish Smigel; three brothers, Pete Buryi, Charlie and Alex; and two sisters, Ann Athenios and Barbara Finnick.

Surviving are two sons, John

and wife Jacqueline of Martinsville and Thomas and wife Sharon of Piscataway; two sisters, Mary Hoffman of New York state and Theresa Simons of New Jersey; two brothers, Michael of Florida and Vincent of New Jersey; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Resurrection Burial Park in Piscataway. Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Blanche Sponaes

BOUND BROOK — Blanche Palmald Sponaes, 90, died Jan. 2, 2004 in Enfield, Conn.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a daughter of the late Soren and Anna Poulson Palmald.

Mrs. Sponaes lived in Bound Brook before moving to Enfield in 1994. She worked at the Gavin Manufacturing Co.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and Mary Martha Society at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church. More recently Mrs. Sponaes was a parishioner of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Enfield.

A son, Samuel Moore, is deceased.

Surviving are two daugh-

ters, Merribeth Bohler of Somerville and Georganna Trosky and husband Joseph of Enfield; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, Enfield, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Patrick Church. Burial was Wednesday in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels and, locally, by the Conroy Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Reflections Unit, Parkway Pavilion Healthcare, 1157 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082.

Vincent Piacquadio

MIDDLESEX — Vincent Piacquadio, 95, died Jan. 4, 2004 at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Raritan, he lived in Plainfield before moving to Middlesex in 1985.

Mr. Piacquadio recently retired after 23 years as the head gardener at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. He worked for the Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey until 1973 and kept a garden at the Middlesex Senior Citizens Center.

He also was a fireman with Raritan Hose Company No. 2. Mr. Piacquadio was a member of the Middlesex Senior

Citizens Club, the Italian American Club in North Plainfield and the senior citizens group at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church.

His wife, Josephine, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Josephine Bracey of Middlesex and Ginny Tumolo and husband Anthony of Middlesex; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Gloria Brown Ryan

EDISON — Gloria Brown Ryan, 79, died Dec. 29, 2003 at her home in Westfield.

Mrs. Ryan was born in Brooklyn. She lived in Great Kills, Staten Island, and Edison before moving to Westfield in 2002.

She was with Chemical Bank for 15 years and retired in 1986 as an assistant

branch manager in Staten Island. Mrs. Ryan was an associate to the Sisters of Mercy at Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung.

She was a longtime volunteer at the Roosevelt Care Center in Edison and St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen.

Surviving are two sons, Christopher of Westfield and Anthony G. of Brooklyn; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 2 in St. Catherine of Siena Chapel at McAuley Hall, Watchung, following services at the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Mount St. Mary Academy, McAuley Hall, 1645 Route 22 West, Watchung, NJ 07069.

Theresa Rose Morena

MIDDLESEX — Theresa Rose Morena, 80, died Jan. 3, 2004 at the Whiting Health Care Center.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Middlesex before moving to Whiting in 1987.

Mrs. Morena worked for Western Electric in Kearny.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Conrad; a son, Chip; two daughters, Rose Friedrich

and MaryAnn; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church in Whiting. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Arrangements were by the Manchester Memorial Funeral Home in Whiting.

Iona F. Martin

MIDDLESEX — Iona Frankenfield Martin, 79, died Dec. 31, 2003 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Somerville, she was a daughter of the late Stanley and Sylvia Bartolanzo Frankenfield.

Mrs. Martin lived in North Carolina and Middlesex before moving to Bridgewater over 40 years ago. She worked in data processing for Johns-Manville Corp. and Johnson & Johnson until her retirement.

She was a hospital volunteer and nurse's aide during World War II. Mrs. Martin was a member of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband,

Calvin R.; two daughters, Carol Martin Rutgers and Debra Martin Norman; two brothers, Stanley Frankenfield Jr. and Floyd Frankenfield; three sisters, Dora Bower, Ida Evans and Maryanne Hagenbrock; a grandchild and three step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. today at the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave., Bound Brook.

Arrangements are by the Ketuskys Funeral Home in Manville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Iona F. Martin Memorial Fund at the Bound Brook United Methodist Church.

Frank Palazzi

MIDDLESEX — Frank Palazzi, 75, died Dec. 28, 2003 at Delray Medical Center in Delray Beach, Fla.

Born Jan. 3, 1928 in Masontown, Pa., he lived in Middlesex before moving to Delray Beach in 1993.

Mr. Palazzi was with the Middlesex Borough Road Department for 22 years, retiring in 1987 as its superintendent. He also was an exempt fireman with Lincoln Hose Company No. 1.

He was a member of Elks Lodge 2301 for 40 years and its exalted ruler in 1974. Mr. Palazzi also was a past presi-

dent and current director of the American Association of Kidney Patients, Palm Beach County Chapter.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Virginia Verci Palazzi; a daughter, Fran Magrosky; seven brothers, Olindo, Louis, Robert, Richard, Vince, Victor and Eugene; a sister, Dorothy DeBiase; and a grandchild.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Joseph J. Hohn

BOUND BROOK — Joseph J. Hohn, 70, died Dec. 31, 2003 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., he lived in Bound Brook for 41 years before moving to Toms River four months ago.

Mr. Hohn retired in 1995 after over 30 years with the Akzo Chemical Co.

Surviving are his wife, Florence Charabee Hohn; a daughter, Debra Nolty and husband Wayne of Bound Brook; a brother, Robert and

wife Helen of Pennsylvania; three sisters, Louise Blenda and husband John of Pennsylvania, Nellie Foster and husband Tucker of Florida and Carol Consavage and husband Walter of Pennsylvania; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Resurrection Burial Park mausoleum, Piscataway.

Frances Rutigliano

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Frances Glascott Rutigliano, 93, died Dec. 30, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in New York City and had lived in South Plainfield since 1951.

Mrs. Rutigliano was a volunteer cafeteria worker in the 1950s at Sacred Heart School. She was a member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens Club and a parishioner of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. Her husband, Jerry, died in 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Marie Coury and husband Bob of Watchung and Jeri Williamson and husband Jim of Branchburg; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, Watchung, followed by a funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery. To send a condolence, visit www.higginsfuneralhome.com.

Judith B. Anderson

SOMERVILLE — Judith B. Anderson, 65, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, following an extended illness.

A native of Somerville, Mrs. Anderson lived for 25 years in Edison and retired with her husband to Weeki Wachee, Fla., in 1992. She moved to Ponte Vedra Beach five years ago.

Mrs. Anderson retired from teaching at Edison High School after 25 years.

She was a member of the Beaches Long-Time Newcomers and the Beaches Alumni Newcomers organizations. She was a parishioner of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

Her husband, Albert A. Anderson, died in 1996.

Surviving are her mother, Mildred G. Bohner of Jacksonville, Fla.; a son, Mark B. of New Brunswick; a daughter, Gail M. Staggard of Jacksonville; two grandsons, Dylan and Caden Staggard of Jacksonville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. last Monday at Quinn Shalz Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach. Internment will follow at a later date in Somerville.

Memorial donations may be given to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc., 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Bereavement group

EDISON — The Jewish Family and Vocational Service offers a bereavement group to help people cope with the loss of a spouse.

This group meets 11 a.m. Thursday in the JFVS office at

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Feb. 16 and 17 — Dinner at Bill's II. Complete ham or chicken dinner. 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 per person.

March 15 and 16 — Dinner at Bill's II. Complete corned beef and cabbage dinner. 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 per person.

May 17-21 — Niagara Falls trip. Includes bus, food, lodging, casino package, tour of Toronto, Maid of the Mist cruise and winery tour. \$450 per person. Outsiders welcome.

For information, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Outsiders are welcome.

Atlantic City trips are the third Tuesday of each month, leaving 9:45 a.m. from El Imperial. Everyone welcome. Call Ed Kimmel at (732) 469-1263.

St. Mary's Leisure Club, Bound Brook club sponsors bus trip to Atlantic City Casino Taj Mahal every fourth Tuesday of each month. Cost \$19.

2003 meeting dates — Membership meeting will be held every second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

For information, call Sal Barbati at (908) 725-5444.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 55 years and older. Every Friday meetings from 10 a.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall on South Avenue. Bus transportation is provided. Atlantic City - Third Tuesday every month. Bus leaves 9:45 a.m.

For information call (732) 968-1285; President of Dunellen Senior Citizen Club, Ida Cihanowyz

Middlesex

Middlesex Bus transportation is available for Borough Seniors. Sign up by calling (732) 356-0414. Wednesdays are Senior Day at the club.

For information on any issue of interest to the senior population contact Sheila at (732) 356-0414.

Middlesex Borough Senior Citizens - Watchung Terrace at Middlesex

For information call Flo Wines (732) 271-0278.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors — Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the church hall. Entertainment books for 2004 are now available. For books, call Marty at (732) 469-1722 or Fran at (732) 356-3380. The price is \$30 per book.

For information on trips call Ellie Procacci (732) 752-3093 or Mary Jane Stoddard at (732) 356-2093.

Middlesex Saturday Seniors Club — For more information, call Delia at (732) 356-7793.

Jan. 12 — Trip to the Trump Marina Casino. Cost is \$18 with a return of \$12 in coin. The bus will leave the Middlesex Recreation Center, 1400 Mountain Ave., at 9 a.m. For reservations or information, call Delia at (732) 356-7793.

South Bound Brook

The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Club, Inc. meet 2 p.m. each Wednesday at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall on High Street. Business meeting is conducted on the first Wednesday, and the following Wednesdays are Socials when games are played and refreshments are served.

This club is open to all seniors 55 years old and older in South Bound Brook and the surrounding area. For information/reservations call Catherine (732) 356-4080 or Emma (732) 356-4338.

Dec. 28 — Christmas Party/McAtee's. Noon to 4 p.m.
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South Bound Brook Senior Citizen Center, 113 Clinton Ave., offers the following programs:

Monday and Wednesday — Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday — Bingo and cards, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday — Line dancing, 10 a.m.

4th Wednesday of month — Librarian, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday — Liquid embroidery, 10 a.m.-noon.

4th Wednesday of month — Mobile Post Office, 10:30 a.m.

3rd Thursday of month — Outreach Specialist at center, 10-11 a.m.

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Resident writes on Washington

By CHERYL ORSON

Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — Through two books written by township resident Arthur Lefkowitz, during this upcoming chilly winter season, readers can experience the cold facts of American Revolutionary history for themselves, traveling with General George Washington on "The Long Retreat" through New Jersey and also meeting "Washington's Indispensable Men."

"The Long Retreat: The Calamitous American Defense of New Jersey, 1776," Lefkowitz's first work published three years ago, is the first full book-length study offering the most comprehensive account in current literature of the American retreat to the Delaware River and the pursuit of the British. It details the movements of both armies, the intentions of their leaders and the choices available to both rebel commanders and their British counterparts.

Opening with an American military pounded into desperate means and measures by the forces of the Crown, Lefkowitz proves Washington's battalions were still a force to be reckoned with as they retreated back from the advancing British. Despite serious losses in material and personnel, Washington successfully keeps his units operational and though making several serious errors, still manages to consolidate his regiments, patiently waiting for an

opportunity to counterattack.

Concluding with the famed Christmas night attack at Trenton, Lefkowitz details how this historic event actually stemmed from measures Washington had initiated as he completed his retreat across New Jersey. Leading to a dramatic reversal of fortune for the then demoralized American forces, the attack is credited with keeping the rebel forces together, ultimately leading to the American victory and eventual formation of the United States.

Lauded as "the most definitive book on this crucial chapter in the history of American arms," Lefkowitz's writing style is also praised as "energetic and crisp," not the typical writings contained in ordinary text books on the subject. In fact, the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and its Book Award Committee designated The Long Retreat as its 1999 Honor Book, one of only five books so selected.

Having traveled with Washington on "The Long

Retreat," readers might next want to move forward and meet

"Washington's Indispensable Men: The 32 Aides-De-Camp Who Helped Win American Independence."

Characterized as "a group portrait of Washington's plentiful aides," readers are introduced to these men (originally merchants, doctors and planters), who came together to perform one of the most valuable functions of Washington's personal military staff — keeping the general from being bothered by importunate politicians while performing his military duties.

Lefkowitz writes "while history has immortalized Washington, it has largely forgotten those

aides who helped to propel him to such greatness." Unknown and unsung (with the possible sole exception of Alexander Hamilton), these men are credited with helping to make Washington an effective leader during what were often difficult and disheartening times. Lefkowitz provides proof Washington relied heavily on these men to help formulate policy and

strategy with his aides being not just "pen men," but "real, behind-the-scenes advisors who potentially affected some of his greatest decisions."

With an abundance of detail and a wealth of notes including a complete bibliography, this work has been praised as a valuable addition to the scholarly studies of this war. Lefkowitz has also been credited with bringing to life men who would have otherwise continued to be unjustly overlooked in the annals of American history.

Lefkowitz, an independent researcher and historian specializing in the Revolutionary War era, actually earns his living as a salesman and installer of specialty custom-created lock and security systems. Having traveled the world, Lefkowitz said is always happy to return home to Piscataway and write about his favorite subject.

"I find the stories much more interesting than anything a novelist could dream up," said Lefkowitz. "It's unbelievable these things actually happened. History is not really interesting until you get beyond the facts to the details."

Both the "The Long Retreat" and "Washington's Indispensable Men" are available at most popular bookstores and book websites including amazon.com. For those readers into American Revolutionary history, these books just might the perfect diversion on cold winter nights.

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ORT Summer Camp Fair events

PISCATAWAY — The Women's American ORT, Piscataway Chapter announced that it will hold its 20th annual ORT Summer Camp Fair this January with its first venture into Somerset County. The first area fair will be held on Sunday, Jan. 11 at Freehold Gardens Hotel and Conference Center, Route 537 and Gibson Place, Freehold. Freehold Gardens is located around the corner from the Freehold Raceway Mall.

The second fair, and its newest, will be held Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Bridgewater Marriott, which is located across from the Bridgewater Commons Mall, Routes 287 and 22, or Routes 202-206.

The third camp fair will be held Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Sheraton, Parsippany, at the intersection of Routes 287, 46 and 80 in Parsippany. All fairs will run from noon to 4 p.m. and are open to the public; admission is free.

According to Camp Fair Director, Barbara Rubin, "A camp fair is an opportunity for parents and their 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. The camps represented are from Maine to Florida and the fair gives parents the opportunity to do a lot of leg-work in a short amount of time. 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 pam-

phlets 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.

According to the American Camping Association (ACA), an estimated 8 million children flocked to camp last summer and surveys show a steady ten per cent average annual increase in the number of children attending camp. In a recent national survey more than 2000 camps, camp directors reported that parents rated the four most important benefits for sending their children to camp to be increased self-confidence, making new friends, providing a safe place and offering fun activities.

Michael Papkin, Ph.D., family therapist

and "Active Parenting" founder says, "The building blocks of self-esteem are belonging, learning and contributing. Camps offer unique opportunities for children to succeed in these three vital areas, even beyond home and school."

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 www.summertimecamps.com.

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 or e-mail her at BKRubin@aol.com.

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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Edison fulfills COAH obligations

By TODD JACOBUS
Correspondent

EDISON — To build or not to build? That was the question facing the Edison Municipal Council during their final meeting of 2003. When the votes were tallied, they chose both.

Separate ordinances were passed to preserve the Oak Crest Swim Club property yet pave the way for the development of 300 housing units on Woodbridge Avenue. Oak Crest's preservation successfully culminates a three-year effort by the Council, while the development project will satisfy the terms of a recent court order.

The 300 units will be constructed on a tract of land behind the Environmental Protection Agency building. Forty-five of those units will be considered "affordable housing" units which are necessary to fulfill the township's Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) obligation. The Council had 60 days to adopt the plan, which was submitted to the State Superior Court by the township's administration and approved by the Court on

Dec. 6. Otherwise, the township could have potentially faced "builder's remedy" provisions, according to Edison's Director of Law Louis Rainone.

COAH obligations stem from a 1975 ruling by the NJ State Supreme Court. It requires municipalities to provide a fixed number of affordable housing units as part of their constitutional obligation. Affordable housing is defined as housing that can be purchased or rented using 30 percent or less of one's income. "Builder's remedy" provisions state that if a municipality does not submit their own plan for the obligation, independent developers may sue the town to develop affordable housing wherever space currently exists.

The 45 affordable units, in conjunction with the similar and previously approved 148 units on Truman Avenue, will satisfy the township's COAH. Edison is now exempt from litigation for the next six years, said Rainone, when Round III of the COAH obligations will kick in.

The mandate to build

elicited frustrated comments from council members.

"It's a reprehensible dictate by our court system, but I can not find a responsible alternative to a 'yes' vote," said Councilman Anthony Massaro. "Are we being bullied by the court system? Yeah."

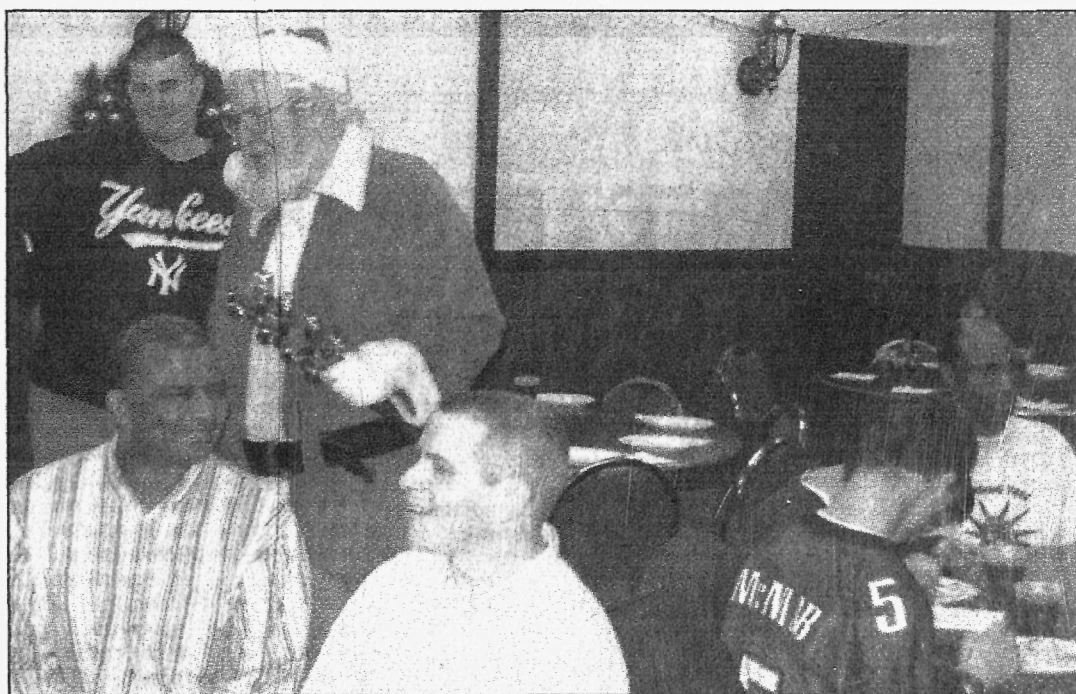
Councilman Robert Diehl voted "yes" in order not "to leave this township vulnerable to lawsuits, to be preyed on by developers and put us in a quagmire we might not get out of."

The preservation of the Oak Crest Swim Club, meanwhile, will prevent the potential construction of up to 200 housing units on the property. Bondholders, who lease to the YMCA, currently own Oak Crest. The bondholders were offered \$3 million by developers, said Rainone, prompting the YMCA to begin discussions with the township in 2000 to intervene.

The township's original plan called for Edison to purchase the property and continue to lease to the YMCA. A Green Acres Fund grant has recently been applied for by the YMCA, and final ownership of the property will now be negotiated, Rainone said. Oak Crest's pool, tennis and basketball courts, as well as skate park will remain in place. The township will also require the construction of several soccer fields for public use on the site before approving any final ownership plan.

"This is a win, win, win situation, to acquire the land, partner with the YMCA... and save money doing it," said Diehl. "This was an easy one."

Knights of Columbus Keystone party



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus held their annual Keystone Community Christmas party on Dec. 26 at the Knights hall. The event was a great success with a dinner for the community and an arrival from Santa (played by Ed Kubala). The Knights also presented the Keystone Community with a check for more than \$2000 from the proceeds from their Special Citizens Drive that was held earlier in the year. The organizers for this event were Bill Thomas and Joe Scrudato.

South Plainfield looks to new year

By CHERYL ORSON
Correspondent

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Two reelected incumbent councilmen and a newly-chosen councilwoman named to replace the resigning president, were sworn-in during the borough's Jan. 4 reorganization meeting.

Reelected incumbent councilmen Raymond Petronko and Robert Cusick were again sworn-in and returned to their seats to serve additional three-year terms. Newcomer and South Plainfield Democratic

Organization member Kathleen Thomas, a lifelong borough resident, was also sworn-in to fill the remaining two years left of departing former Council President Jim Vokral's term. Councilman Dennis Cerami was also named as the new Council President.

Vokral, who accepted a position as a Middlesex County Board of Elections Administrator and cannot hold elected office, said the decision to resign was "difficult." He said his time on the council was a "rewarding experience," particularly citing the accomplishment of such projects as improving the borough's infrastructure, getting a senior center and housing complex built, improving the borough's finances, starting the municipal website and email systems and selecting qualified municipal employees.

"I learned to listen to people and look beyond the yelling and see the real issues and try to resolve them," said Vokral, who said he also learned the impact borough financial decisions could have seniors and young families.

Other council members and Mayor Daniel Gallagher said they would miss Vokral and what he brought to the borough governing body.

"He's a man of integrity and honesty," said Councilman Ed Kubala stating Vokral possessed a "pit bull-like tenacity" in advocating for such groups as the police and fire departments and rescue squad.

"It's a sad day for all of us," said Councilman Charles Butrico who said Vokral will be "sorely missed."

"His main attribute was his ability to grasp thoughts and put us in the right direction," said Petronko who said Vokral had no personal

agenda, listened to everyone and resolved tough issues.

"I will miss you but I know you won't be far away," said Cusick.

"You're what made us a true team," said Cerami, stating Vokral's dedication led to visible results benefiting public safety and the borough's emergency services.

"We're going to miss you but you earned the right to relax," said Gallagher, stating Vokral can hold his head up high in saying he left the borough governing body for the better than the way he had found it.

Longtime resident Frank Mikorski also thanked Vokral for his "conscientiousness" stating he's been "a credit to the community," especially in his use of his technical expertise.

In Gallagher's mayoral state-of-the-borough address, he cited the main accomplishments of 2003 of being the paving of 16 roads, finishing a new parking lot the new senior housing complex, cleaning up contaminated Veterans Park, entering into a contract with the county to redevelop and reconstruct Hamilton Boulevard, starting plans to build a new library, purchasing a new CAD system for the police department and opening a new Office of Emergency Management headquarters in the former senior center building.

Looking towards 2004 Gallagher said the reconstruction of Hamilton Boulevard will begin this summer. The road will be totally revamped from New Market Avenue to Stelton Road. It will be widened to four lanes from Durham Avenue to Stelton Road. New traffic signals will be installed at St. Nicholas Avenue, Ryan Street and South Clinton Avenue. Decorative lighting and pavers will also be installed from St. Nicholas Avenue to New Market Avenue. Also, in a surprising move, Gallagher called for Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan "to commence action to terminate the (unnamed) junkyard operation on (Ryan Street) and Hamilton Boulevard" stating "their license to operate will not be renewed" and requesting the state Department of Environmental Protection also get involved in this matter.

Gallagher also called for preserving more open space including a 10-acre parcel on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue and eight acres on Garfield Avenue. He said he would like to enter into a cooperative venture with Edison Township and the Edison Wetlands Association to acquire the Adams Farm property which is currently the subject of a pending development lawsuit.

Gallagher also said he would like to see an architectural rendering of new proposed library hanging on the wall outside the council chambers very soon. He stated "there is no greater priority than a new library to serve our residents."

Lastly Gallagher asked for the submission of another budget in 2004 which also does not include a tax increase. He said this was possible even with all the new items being proposed.

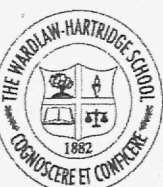
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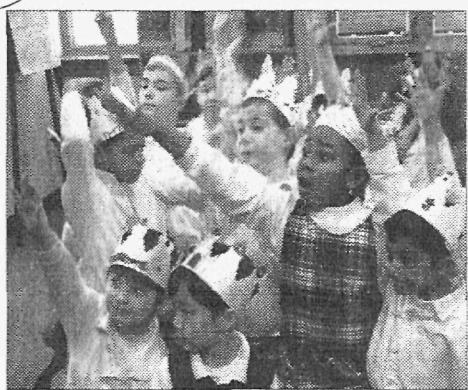
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Sports

Middlesex romps to fifth straight

After a slow start, the Middlesex High girls basketball squad put another one in the victory column Monday night in impressive fashion to extend its perfect start to five straight with a 49-30 thumping of Spotswood in GMC-Blue Division play.

The Blue Jays, who put the defensive clamps on the Chargers' high-scoring Jill Dickerson behind the play of Lindsay Hopper and Ashley Best by holding her to four points, claimed a 7-2 edge after one quarter, and then broke things open with a 13-4 second period for a 20-6 cushion at halftime.

Dana Ferraro paced the winning attack with 15 points, while the senior also grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked three shots. Jessica Wells followed with 11 points, and Megan Reilly contributed 10.

Piscataway 66, South Brunswick 55 — After losing a 34-25 halftime advantage when South Brunswick responded with a 24-11 third quarter, the Chiefs answered with a 21-10 fourth period to pull out the GMC-Red Division verdict Tuesday night.

In the battle between 5-1 teams entering the game, Asia Jenkins earned game-high honors for Piscataway with an 18-point performance, while Lauren Gaurneri followed with 13. Tiffany Patrick, who collected 11 rebounds, and Caitlin Wesnesky, who added nine boards, finished with 12 points apiece and Nicole Lilenfeld added nine.

Old Bridge 60, J.P. Stevens 58 — In an early showdown between the expected GMC-Red Division powers Tuesday night in Edison, Old Bridge, runnerup to the Hawks, in the GMCT a year ago, struck the first blow by outscoring Stevens 28-18 in the second half, including 17-10 in the fourth quarter.

Tania Kennedy dropped in 22 points and Stephanie Marciano added 17 for the Hawks, who lost for the first time after five straight victories to start the season. The Knights, however, received a 29-point effort from Jamie Capra as they evened their record at 3-3.

South Plainfield 46, Sayreville 30 — Taking charge with a 17-10 first quarter and extending the advantage to 31-14 at halftime, the Tigers were never seriously challenged by Sayreville (0-6) in this GMC-White Division game Tuesday night as South Plainfield improved to 4-1.

Ngozi Okparaekwe paced the Tigers with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Danielle Arndt added 11 points and Coral Willis had nine. Only an 11-4 fourth quarter by the Bombers made the score a bit more respectable after the

GIRLS BASKETBALL WRAPUP

Tigers opened a 41-19 lead through three periods.

Woodbridge 62, Edison 48 — A big second quarter by Woodbridge proved to be the difference in this GMC-Red Division encounter Tuesday night as the Barrons pulled away from a 12-12 first-quarter stalemate with a 23-10 second session and led from there to improve to 5-1 for the season.

Tiffany Eckert had a huge game for Edison, which fell to 1-4, with a 26-point effort, but she was the only Eagle with more than six points. Eryn Brannagan tossed in 24 points, including seven during the decisive second period, for Woodbridge.

Dunellen 53, Metuchen 39 — In a GMC inter-division matchup Monday night, Dunellen (2-3) moved up from the Gold to surprise Metuchen (3-5) for the Destroyers second victory as they used a 33-20 second half to pull away from a 20-19 halftime edge.

Catherine Scerra led a balanced Dunellen effort with 14 points, while Katie Kime pitched in 10 and Cassie Shotwell added nine. Katie Rosini connected for 17 points for the Bulldogs to lead all scorers, while Tara O'Neill chipped in with 12.

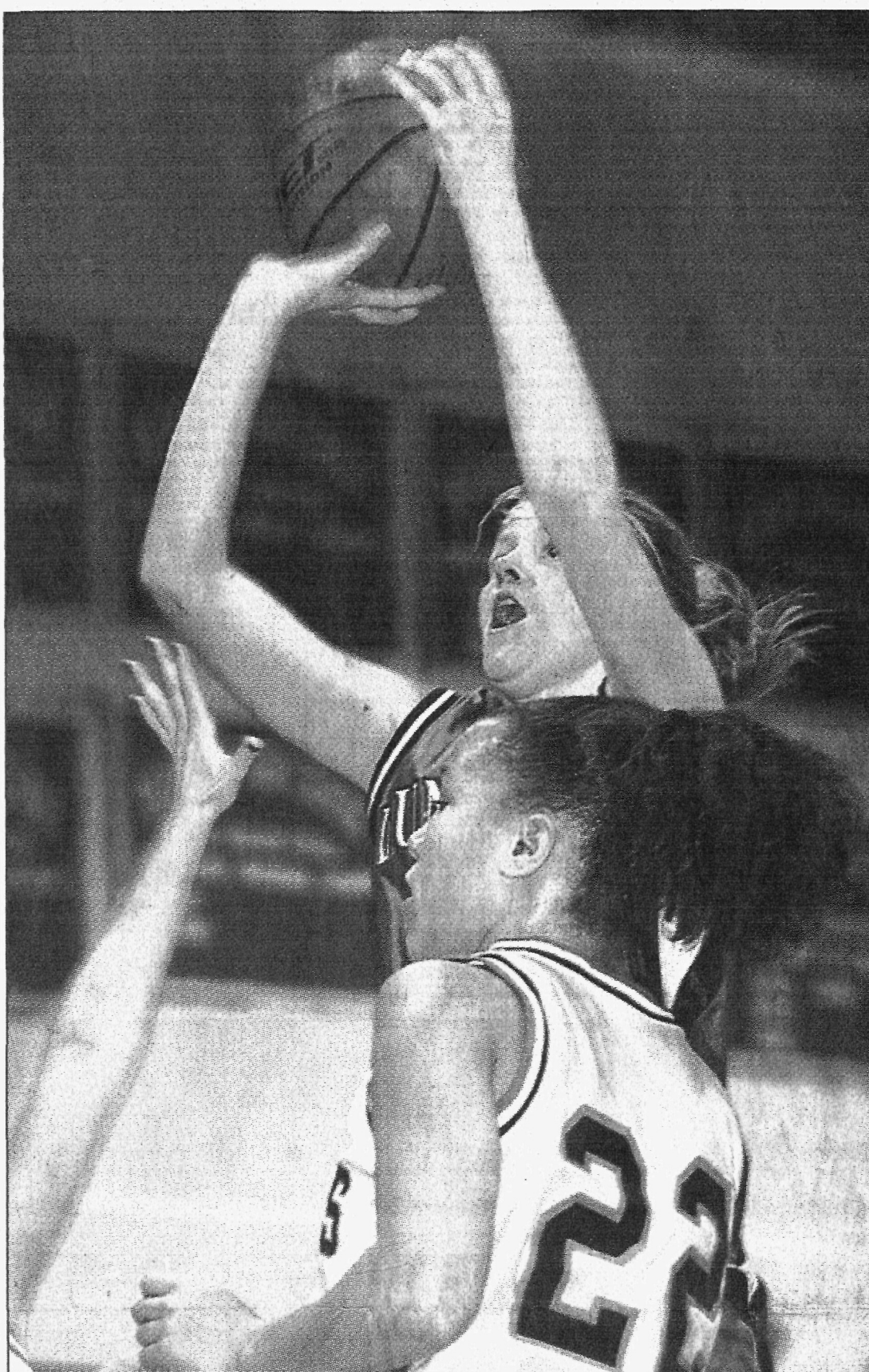
Manville 46, Bound Brook 44 — Trailing 36-21 through three quarters, Bound Brook threw a huge scare into Manville (3-2) with its best performance of the season in an MVC-Sky Division clash Tuesday night before falling for the fifth time without a victory.

Monica Iturralde dropped in a game-high 18 points for the Crusaders, who were tied at halftime, were outscored in the third period 20-15 but battled back to tie the game before losing on a layup with 30 seconds left. Stephanie Kehn and Krystal Miranda finished with 12 and nine points, respectively, for Bound Brook.

J.P. Stevens 66, Woodbridge 46 — In a clash of 5-0 Red Division clubs last Saturday, Stevens went on a 14-0 fourth-quarter surge when it trailed 39-37 and never looked back in rolling to a victory.

Tania Kennedy, who popped in a game-high 23 points, fueled the decisive run with a three-pointer and four free throws, while Stephanie Marciano added four points and finished with 17 for the game. Amy Bonk chipped in with 10 points for the Hawks, who closed the game with a 29-9 fourth period.

South Plainfield 43, Colonia 38 — Finding themselves in a battle with Colonia ((4-2) last Saturday, the Tigers pulled



Dunellen High's Katie Kime goes up for a shot against Bernards Saturday. Kime scored nine points but the Destroyers dropped a 47-27 decision.

away from a 32-32 tie after three periods with an 11-6 final session. Danielle Arndt and Ngozi Okparaekwe topped the winning offense with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Piscataway 69, East Brunswick 61 — Grabbing a 19-10 lead through eight minutes, the Chiefs maintained the lead the rest of the way in trimming East Brunswick (4-3) in Red Division action last Saturday. Lauren Guarneri poured in 26 points to lead Piscataway, Asia Jenkins followed with 16 and Tiffany

Patrick had 14. Caitlyn Wesnesky chipped in with 10 points and hauled down 17 rebounds.

Bishop Ahr 44, Edison 40 — Leading 24-19 at halftime and 32-30 after three quarters, the Eagles could not hold on in dropping a Red Division decision last Saturday to Bishop Ahr (2-3). Carrie Mokar tossed in 12 points and Tiffany Eckert added 10 in a losing effort.

Bernards 47, Dunellen 27 — Falling behind 13-4 after eight minutes and 30-14 at

halftime, the Destroyers never got going offensively in the non-conference loss to Bernards last Saturday. Cassie Shotwell (11) and Katie Kime (9) combined for 20 of Dunellen's points.

Metuchen 42, Cardinal McCarrick 39 — Kristen Edmonds and Tara O'Neill notched 11 points apiece to lead the Bulldogs as Metuchen rallied from a 28-18 deficit through three quarters with a 24-11 final quarter to edge Cardinal McCarrick (2-3) Jan. 2.

Bernards 60, Dunellen 49 — Jacquan Barnett scored 16 points and Todd DeNapoli added 11, but it wasn't enough as Dunellen dropped a non-league decision to Bernards (2-1) last Saturday to fall to 2-3 for the season. After trailing by 22-20 at halftime the Destroyers were outscored 38-29 in the second half.

Piscataway 43, Bridgewater-Raritan 39 — MVP Manny Perrotte pitched in a game-high 16 points as the Chiefs outlasted host Bridgewater-Raritan to win the Vaughn Stapleton Holiday Tournament Dec. 30. Rodney Freney chipped in with 10 points for Piscataway.

South Plainfield 71, Cranford 50 — Marquis Jones, with 19 points, nine rebounds, five assists and four steals, played his best game of the young season to pace the Tigers to the Butch Kowal Tournament title at Rahway Dec. 30 against Cranford. Darren Smith added 16 points and Ian Robinson chipped in with 13.

WRESTLING WRAPUP

Tigers coast to 2nd

Prepping for a match with J.P. Stevens, the South Plainfield High wrestling team ran its record to 2-0 Monday by whipping Boonton 54-14 in a non-conference match.

Jimmy Conroy (103) in 1:15, Mike Jakubik (125) in 3:41, San Martin (135) in 36 seconds, Pete DeAndrea (145) in 2:26, Paul Ritchey (152) in 38 seconds, Guy Severini (171) in 3:49, Kevin Criley (189) in 3:56 and Rob Maistickle (215) in 2:38 all recorded falls for the Tigers.

Bernards 56, Metuchen 48 — Dan Vinci (125) logged a 41-second pin, Jack Barrett registered a fall in 1:01, while James Alexander (152) and Rich Nalepa (189) decked their opponents in 1:10 and 2:24, respectively, but those were the only victories for Metuchen (1-2) in a non-conference loss to Bernards (2-0) Monday.

South Plainfield 55, Edison 12 — Allowing Edison just three victories and recording four falls, South Plainfield rolled to a GMC-Red Division triumph over the Eagles last Saturday in a match that opened the dual-meet season for both squads.

Mike Jakubik (119) pinned in 3:00, Sam Martin (130) needed 1:21 for his fall, Paul Ritchey (140) decked his man in 3:01, and Rob Maistickle put his opponent on his back for a fall in 1:20 for the Tigers. Edison received a pin from Anthony Cox (152) in 1:36.

Bound Brook 44, Woodstown 29

Bound Brook 34, Pitman 29 — Andrew Flanagan and Jose Abarca logged a pair of falls apiece to lead the way as Bound Brook improved to 3-0 for the season with a sweep of a double-dual against teams from South Jersey last Saturday.

Wrestling at 152 Flannagan decked his Pitman opponent in 1:07, while he needed only 59 seconds against Woodstown. Abarca (112), meanwhile, flattened his foes in 39 seconds and 1:20.

Jaime Martinez picked up a fall in 3:34 at 135 and an 11-5 decision at 140; Steven Bradley (145) pinned in 3:46 and added a decision; John Jannuzzi (171 and 189) had two major decisions; Nick Murray (125) had a fall in 1:05 and a forfeit; and Dave Shubick (119) collected a decision and a major for other Bound Brook double-winners.

Middlesex 58, North Brunswick 21
Middlesex 48, Highland Park 27

Tony Dispenzerie (102) in 4:38, Nick Desiato (125) in 2:18, Antoine Thomas (145) in 1:11, Rob Bizzomo (160) in 2:57 and Bryan Reilly (189) in 1:21 each recorded falls as Middlesex rolled past White Division rival North Brunswick in the first half of a double-dual last Saturday.

The Blue Jays completed a sweep to improve to 3-2 by handling Highland Park behind falls from Niko Kostopoulos (112) in 4:19, Mike Hall (119) in 3:42, Steve Hompesch (145) in 3:10; Rob Ellery (152) 4:51 and Bizzomo (160) in 2:57.

Metuchen 52, Spotswood 28 — Ray Rich (119) in 1:10, Dan Vinci (125) in 25 seconds, John Nye (135) in 1:12, Jack Barrett (140) in 30 seconds and Harry Peterson (145) in 36 seconds all logged first-periods falls, while James Alexander (152) added a pin in 3:36 as the Bulldogs whipped Spotswood in a Blue Division match last Saturday.

Old Bridge 33, J.P. Stevens 32 — Mike Hook (145) in 2:39, Anthony Maffucci (152) in 3:28Tom Wilkinson (189) in 3:23 recorded pins for the Hawks, but Old Bridge pulled out the Red-Division battle last Saturday in the season-opening dual meet for both teams. Jeff Zannetti (125) added a technical fall for the Hawks, who split the 14 bouts down the middle.

South Plainfield survives OT for 7-0 mark

In its toughest test to date, the South Plainfield High boys basketball squad stood tall at the end as the 7-0 Tigers rallied from a 34-24 halftime deficit and won in overtime 63-58 against Sayreville Tuesday night in a GMC-White Division battle.

After cutting the deficit to five points after three quarters, the Tigers used a 13-8 fourth period to force the extra session. Marquis Jones tied the game at 53-53 with 30 seconds left in regulation and then scored six points in overtime when South Plainfield outscored the Bombers 10-5.

Ian Robinson tossed in 18 points to pace the Tiger scoring, and also collected 12 rebounds and four steals. Darren Smith finished with 15 points as the Tigers handed Sayreville only their second loss against six victories.

South Brunswick 62, Piscataway 55 — Riding a five-game winning streak, the Chiefs carried a 38-33 lead into the fourth quarter before South Brunswick (6-1) rallied to force overtime and then win with a 12-5 extra session in GMC-Red Division play Tuesday night.

Manny Perrotte forced overtime for Piscataway, which slipped to 5-3 for the season, when he converted two free throws with 12 seconds left, but the Chiefs could not keep up with the Vikings in a sec-

ond straight OT contest. Charles Johnson led Piscataway with 15 points, while Perrotte and Rodney Freney added 13 and 11, respectively.

Old Bridge 37, J.P. Stevens 30 — After taking a 7-3 lead through eight minutes, the Hawks were outscored 18-1 in the second period and could not recover in dropping a GMC-Red Division verdict to Old Bridge (3-3) Tuesday night.

In falling to 2-4 for the season, Stevens lost the game at the foul line where Old Bridge made 13 of 19 attempts while the Hawks were limited to 6 of 11. Jason Callender and Naglis Gaidamachivius finished with eight points apiece to top the Stevens offense.

Perth Amboy 65, Edison 34 — Edison played better in the middle sessions but a 19-7 opening quarter and a 20-10 closing period by Perth Amboy (4-1) were more than enough to turn back the Eagles Tuesday night in a GMC-Red Division contest.

Anthony LaGrasso tossed in 10 points and Marty McElrath followed with nine for Edison, which fell to 1-4 for the campaign.

Spotswood 50, Middlesex 35 — Down 21-19 at halftime following a 14-9 second quarter, the Blue Jays could not keep pace with a solid Spotswood team (5-1) in the second half

BOYS BASKETBALL WRAPUP

and lost a GMC-Blue Division verdict Monday night to fall to 1-5 for the year.

Nick Schneider scored nine points and Louis Blank had seven for Middlesex, while Spotswood's Tim Logan was the only player in double-figures with his 28-point outburst, which included 21 of the Chargers' 29 second-half points.

Manville 54, Bound Brook 42 — After grabbing an 11-4 lead at the end of the first period, the Crusaders fell behind following a 17-3 second period by Manville (1-4) and could not come back in absorbing their fifth straight loss in an MVC-Sky Division game Monday.

Steve Lobman tossed in a game-high 18 points for Bound Brook, while Anthony Persaud and Taneé Gosinonith chipped with eight points apiece.

Piscataway 67, East Brunswick 60 — In a game that was close throughout regulation, the Chiefs pulled away in overtime as Kent Scriven scored twice during a 7-2 closing run as Piscataway won its fifth straight with a Red Division triumph over East Brunswick (2-3) last Saturday.

Rodney Freney dropped in

19 points to pace the Chiefs, while Manny Perrotte followed with 14, Brandon Beckford notched 13 and Charles Johnson netted 10.

South Plainfield 55, Colonia 42 — Marquis Jones tossed in six of his 15 points during a 15-7 fourth quarter when the Tigers put the White Division game away last Saturday, while the junior added six rebounds and five steals against 3-3 Colonia.

Darren Smith dropped in 17 points to lead South Plainfield, while Ian Robinson finished with nine points while grabbing 11 boards.

Metuchen 56, Perth Amboy Vo-Tech — In a GMC inter-division game last Saturday, the Bulldogs' Lamar Nichols hit a basket with nine seconds left and Perth Amboy missed three shots in the final seconds as Metuchen (3-5) held on for the victory. Kevin Rush led the winning attack with 20 points, while Steve Thomas contributed 18 points and 13 rebounds.

J.P. Stevens 60, Perth Amboy 48 — Jason Callender and Andrew Biancosino collected 17 and 16 points, respectively, and Ryan Washington chipped in with 10 to lead the winning attack as Stevens trimmed Perth Amboy in Red play last Saturday. The Hawks pulled away in the second half after taking a 26-25 edge at halftime.

Metuchen High School honor roll

METUCHEN — Metuchen High School has issued its honor roll for the first marking period of the 2003-04 school year.

Named to the "All A" honor roll:

Grade 12 — Laura Asmuth, Ken Baxer, Colleen Doherty, Claire Donohue, Joseph P. Gaffney, Adam Goldfarb, Lisa Grossman, Desiree Kinney, Danielle Klimashousky, Laura Kuchar, Anna Levinger, Diana Marsh, Ann Marie Seidel, Mirat Shah, Emily Spears, Nicole Turnbach, Julia Zhou and Jamie Zwiebel.

Grade 11 — Anthony Campisi, Seth Kallman, Rachel Ostrand and Daisy Riquelme.

Grade 10 — Christine Condit, Sam Shampain and Matthew Strom.

Grade 9 — Brianne Bolante, Theresa Donohue, Jessie Doyle, Chelsea Fisher, Katie Graziano, Srivani Rachakonda, Soha Shah and Kate Sullivan.

Named to the "A/B" honor roll:

Grade 12 — Gayle Abrams, Melissa Adamowsky, Ashley Bennett, Risa Chalfin,

Amelia Crowe, Jessica Del Rosario, Brian England, Allison Fitzpatrick, Daniel Grayzel, Ashley Greene, Catherine Hetzel, Brian Hooghuis, Michaela Hornsten, Bryan Hunter, Nicole Kanaszka, Daniel Kane, Caolan Kovach-Orr, Kathleen Kuchar, Paula Lacson, Charlene T. Lanez, Corey Lederman, Jonathan Maano, Mai Mahmoud, Harvin Mercado, Maureen Murphy, Derek Nicoll, Daniel O'Connell, Maria Olender, Ryan Oliver, Michael Paszamant, Shelby Portner, Rhea Reyes, Chris Riquelme, Michael Rosenblum, Todd Ryder, Brett Sandbeck, Tanway Sawant, Peter Shupper, Jason Stewart, Agatha Szwarc, Daniel Vinci, Valerie Ann Vitale and Keith Walker.

Grade 11 — James Alexander, Jean-Louis Allen, Jessenia Alonso, Sara Bailey, Jessica Barkan, Jack Barrett, Kendall Black, Mary Kate Brennan, Christopher Callas, Stephen Carr, Yvette Chung, Michael Ciampi, Darren Colegrove, Alexandra Cruz, Alina Dasgupta, Kristen Edmonds, Jared Eimicke, Ahmed Erfan, Eric Fensterheim, Jeffrey Fisher, James Garrett, Megan Geerds,

Vanessa Gilbert, Alexandra Grandes, Rebecca Grossman, Allison Holmes, John Jacobi, Reginald Johnson, Ellen Kolchmeyer, David Kotler, Christina Koval, Jimmy Laporta, Ashley Lippay, Claire Maikowski, Michael Merson, Kelly Morris, Richard Nalepa, Jennifer Nemer, Lynn Nguyen, Carolyn Nicodem, Cara O'Neill, Jeff Ostermueller, Avani Patel, Erica Paull, Magdalena Pazdzior, Jennifer Pretyka, Saumya Rachakonda, Kathryn Rosini, Shannon Rueger, Daniel Scapardine, Khurram Shah, Misha Shah, Danielle Smith, Annie Spector, Samantha Teachan, Alex Toth, Tressa Van Cise, William Vohdin, Meghan Wallace, Carly Webb, Winson Yuan and Kimberly Zissler.

Grade 10 — Colin Adamo, Janna Alijewicz, Heather Brown, Ken Chamberlain, Hannah Clements, Stephanie Collins, Shinae Colucio, Merissa Cysz, Gina Dellapietro, Andy Draina, Lisa Fiebert, Elizabeth Gaffney, Sameer Halani, Ryan Houlihan, Ilya Karpusyk, James Kobiakla, Natalie Konick, Anna Lee, Alison Liss, Jennifer Luzes, Christina Mantak, Christine Martin, James Mazewski,

Chris Patrick, Marlene Riquelme, Lauren Rush, Ian San Diego, Chelsea Schwartz, Mitesh Soni, Nicholas Storts, Dennis Tang, Stephen Thomas, Liana Vaccari, Patrick Woodruff and Justin Yoo.

Grade 9 — Biagiottie Alexandre, Jonathan Azzara, Jane Barrett, Gabrielle Batton, Douglas Bonner, Yana Bukovskaya, Steven Colby, Inae Colucio, Marie Conti, Stephen Coscia, Kristina Cruz, Patrick Darragh, Joseph Di Meglio, Nicholas Donahue, Devron Emmanuel, Adam Floeck, Elizabeth Gates, Susan Golbe, Tina Gong, Julian Gorensten, Drew Grossman, Zachary Karpusyk, Donald Lai, Frank Lombardi, Jonas Maano, Mary Kate Mangieri, Elizabeth Marquard, Melissa Martin, Justine Moersdorf, Bryan Mulligan, Brian Nguyen, Mary Kate O'Brien, Brandon O'Connell, Nicole Padovano, Matthew Pocius, Noreen Rich, Quintin Robinson, Anna Rozentsvit, Amy Rutland, Jessica Scarfuto, Maria Shah, Rebecca Sher, Zachary Smith, James Sten, Olenka Szywnelski, Victor Thomas, Louis Tricarico, Thompson Varghese, Nicholas Vermane, Joelle Vitale, Melissa Wallace, Evan Weeks, Nicholas West, Brittany Zahn and Daniel Zullo.

This week

Saturday, Jan. 10

DUNELLEN - Chili Cook-Off benefiting Project Graduation of Dunellen High School, 400 First St., 4-8 p.m. Adults \$6; students \$4. Tickets/entries: (732) 752-0341.

METUCHEN - "Women in Song": Ruthie Foster, blues-gospel. First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave., 8 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets: (732) 549-6000.

SOUTH BOUND BROOK - Ducks and Passerines along the Raritan River. Meet in Delaware and Raritan State Canal Park, Canal Rd., 2 p.m. \$15. Registration required: (908) 766-5787.

Sunday, Jan. 11

METUCHEN - "Book and Author," 10th annual lecture-book signing program. Temple Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., 10 a.m. Free. (732) 548-2238. Ext. 14.

Monday, Jan. 12

HIGHLAND PARK - "Beyond Vietnam," tape and related lecture on 1967 speech by Martin Luther King Jr. Highland Park High School, 102 N. Fifth Ave., 7:30 p.m. Free. (732) 572-4208.

METUCHEN - AARP Chapter meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Route 27, 1:15 p.m. Guests welcome. (732) 548-2332.

MIDDLESEX - Get Online: "Internet and E-mail for Senior Citizens," first in 10-week class. Middlesex High School, Bound Brook Rd., 3:30 p.m. \$30. Registration: (732) 317-6000, Ext. 20206.

MIDDLESEX - Spanish I, first in 8-week class for adults. Middlesex High School,

Bound Brook Rd., 7:30 p.m. \$70. Registration: (732) 317-6000, Ext. 20206.

FRANKLIN TWP. - Blood Drive at firehouse, Elizabeth Ave., 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

METUCHEN - Therapy Group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Women Helping Women, 224 Main St., 1:30 p.m. \$50. Registration required: (732) 549-6000.

MIDDLESEX - Excel I, first in 4-week class for adults. Middlesex High School, Bound Brook Rd., 7 p.m. \$95. Registration: (732) 317-6000, Ext. 20206.

MIDDLESEX - Yoga Asanas, first in 8-week class for adults. Middlesex High School, Bound Brook Rd., 7:30 p.m. \$42. Registration: (732) 317-6000, Ext. 20206.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

HIGHLAND PARK - Schools or Jails? Larry Hamm on "The Industrial-Prison Complex." Highland Park High School, 102 N. Fifth Ave., 7:30 p.m. Free. (732) 572-4208.

Thursday, Jan. 15

METUCHEN - "Strong Girls" teen workshop: "Crashing the Clique Culture." First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave., 6:30 p.m. \$25. Registration required: (732) 549-6000.

Friday, Jan. 16

MIDDLESEX - Blood Drive at Middlesex High School, Bound Brook Rd., noon-4 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

Sunday, Jan. 18

HIGHLAND PARK - "Strange Fruit," movie about the Billie Holiday song. Highland Park High School, 102 N. Fifth Ave., 3 p.m. Free. (732) 572-4208.

BRIDGEWATER TWP. - Summer Camp Fair of Women's American ORT. Marriott hotel, 700 Crossings Blvd., noon-4 p.m. Free. (732) 469-8910 or www.summer-campfairs.com.

In The Future

EDISON - Holiday Program on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave., noon Jan. 19. (732) 248-7309.

EDISON - Electronic Violin with Caryn Lin Has. Main branch, Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., 2 p.m. Feb. 14. Reservations: (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1.

METUCHEN - AARP Trip for "The Rainmaker" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Bus leaves Borough Hall, 212 Durham Ave., 10 a.m. Feb. 26. \$55. Reservations: (732) 548-9395 by Feb. 12.

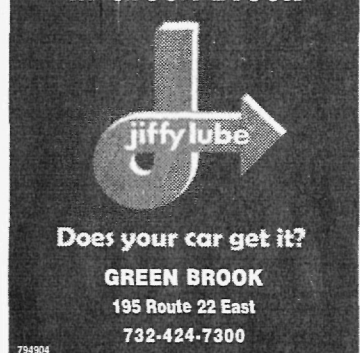
Neve Shalom earns accreditation

METUCHEN — Neve Shalom Nursery School has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young children — the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Philip Cantor, Educational Director of Neve Shalom Nursery School. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences."

Neve Shalom Nursery School is a child-centered, Jewish nursery school serving the needs of children ages 2 and a half to 4 years and their families. They also offer Mommy and Me, ages 18 to 26 months of age, and Just Me, ages 2 to 4 and a half, classes and extended day enrichment programs for nursery students. Congregation Neve Shalom is a traditional, conservative, egalitarian synagogue located in Metuchen.

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Middlesex briefs

Board of Education meeting moved

MIDDLESEX — The Board of Education meeting for Jan. 12 has been moved to the Parker Elementary School multi-purpose room. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

School board to interview candidates

MIDDLESEX — The Board of Education will hold a special meeting 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at the board meeting room at Middlesex High School.

The board will commence to an executive session at 7 p.m. and reconvene to public at about 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the vacant board seat.

Pool needs person to manage snack bar

MIDDLESEX — Middlesex Community Pool are planning already for next summer.

They have an opening for a responsible and motivated adult to manage the snack bar. This person would be responsible for staff supervision and procurement of inventory.

Applications are available at borough hall at the clerk's office.

Registration for adult yoga classes

MIDDLESEX — Middlesex Recreation is now accepting registration for adult yoga on Monday nights.

The class will be held at the Beechwood Firehouse from 7:45 to 9 p.m. The session is eight weeks and costs \$50.

Registrants must be 18 or older and post high school.

A certified yoga F.I.T. instructor teaches the class.

Forms are available at the recreation department. For more information, call (732) 356-7966.

Playgroup and Pre-K Art registration

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Recreation Department is now accepting registration for the winter session of Toddler Playgroup and Pre-K Art.

Playgroup is for 1 to 4 year olds on Monday and Tuesday mornings for an hour. An adult attends the class with the child. The session is 10 weeks long and the cost is \$35 for residents and \$60 for non-residents.

Pre-K Art is offered Thursday mornings for 4 and 5 year olds not attending kindergarten. The session is 10 weeks long and the cost is \$45 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Class size is limited and payment secures a spot in the class.

For more information, call (732) 356-7966.

Help build a playground by buying a brick

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood Elementary School has launched its "Buy-a-Brick" campaign to raise funds for a new playground.

The existing playground does not meet the new state and federal guidelines.

The customized bricks/pavers can carry messages, logos or names of supporters. The four-by-eight brick is \$75; the eight-by-eight brick is \$125. Brick sizes go up to 24-by-24.

Forms available at the school office or by calling Barbara Lally at (732) 261-7050.

Middlesex and stars and stripes umbrellas

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood Elementary School will be selling Middlesex umbrellas for \$10.

The Hazelwood PTO will be selling many other items such as tied-died T-shirts, Hazelwood Huskies coin holders, sports bottles and seat cushions.

All items are for sale Fridays after school or by contacting Hazelwood School PTO for more information by calling Laura Meixner at (732) 742-3679.

Music Boosters selling Sally Foster giftware

MIDDLESEX — Middlesex High School Music Boosters is selling Sally Foster giftware. To see the items or make a

purchase, go to SallyFoster.com and put in account number 0680462 to place an order.

Items will arrive at the end of November.

If you don't have a computer, call (732) 317-6000, ext. 21952 or ext. 21918 and leave a message.

Republican group meets second Wednesdays

MIDDLESEX — The Borough of Middlesex Republican Organization meets every second Wednesday of the Month at the Beechwood Fire House on Rt. 28, starting at 7:30 p.m.

All interested and concerned Middlesex Residents are invited to attend.

For more information and to learn more about what's happening on council log and campaign 2003 on to www.gopmiddlesex.com.

Earn money for school with Verizon program

MIDDLESEX — If you have Verizon long distance, you can help earn Middlesex Borough Watchung Elementary School extra money for school supplies.

Just call 1-877-927-3348 and sign up for the Extra Credit for Schools. If you have any questions, please call Tracy Abate (732) 563-2258.

Shop at mall, help Watchung School

MIDDLESEX — Watchung Elementary School has been chosen to participate in the School Tools program sponsored by Bridgewater Commons.

The program runs Aug. 2003 to May 2004. Save your receipts and take them to the Premier Shoppers Lounge located on the lower level, Lord & Taylor wing and have

them log your purchases for the Watchung Elementary School Tools program.

For more information, call Lori Ciesla at (732) 563-4255.

School collecting box tops and labels

MIDDLESEX — Watchung Elementary is continuing to collect box tops and soup labels throughout the year.

Turn trash into cash and help the school.

For more information, call Lori Ciesla at (732) 563-4255.

Items may be dropped at the school, 1 Fisher Ave.

GOP group selling home interior candles

MIDDLESEX — The Borough of Middlesex Republican Organization is selling home interior candles starting at \$7.

There are many new and exciting scents available as well as different sizes and accessories. Immediate pickup is available or orders can be filled within two weeks.

Call Tracy Abate at (732) 563-2258.

Hazelwood School collecting soup labels

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood School is participating in Campbell's Labels for Education program by collecting soup labels.


The front of the label must be intact for the label to count.

Drop off labels in the giant soup can in the office of the school, 800 Hazelwood Ave.

Hazelwood School collecting box tops

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood School is collecting Box Tops for Education.

Drop off box tops in the front office of the school, 800 Hazelwood Ave.



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Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law PL 1975, Chapter 231, this is to advise that the meeting of the South Bound Brook Fire Department Board of Engineers is open to the public. All meetings are held at the South Bound Brook Fire Company, 83 Edgewood Terrace, South Bound Brook, New Jersey 08880. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. unless changes at a later date are publicly advertised thereafter.

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Dated: JANUARY 6, 2004

Donald F. Phelan/s
DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk,
Superior Court of New Jersey
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