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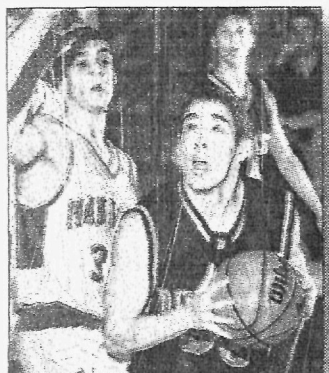
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## Text lease plan wins OK



By LIBBY BARSKY  
Correspondent

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** — To partially plug the \$1.8 million gap in this year's budget, the Board of Education has voted to approve participating in the New Jersey textbook lease program and has appointed a financial adviser to oversee it.

The program allows the dis-

trict's textbooks to be used as collateral on a loan that can be paid back over five years. The books remain in the district and are used by the students, while the funds are used to finance other items.

"The net proceeds to the district (from the textbook lease) will be \$965,000 paid out over five years and the interest rate will be set at competitive bid by

the banks. The most recent competitive bids have been at the rate of 3 per cent," said Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator Robert H. Davis, who initially suggested the program.

The board awarded the contract to administer and manage the program to The Apris Group, Ltd based on its experience with more than 300 government

agencies on lease purchases.

"The company (The Apris Group) will prepare the inventory, the certification of the inventory, prepare a methodology letter, review the district's financial statements, advertise nationally, then analyze the bids and award them. Their fee will be 2 percent of the total lease and fee and we estimate that the bond counsel costs will

be \$5,000," Davis said.

The board also approved the repair of 10 rooftop heating units at the high school by awarding a contract to Thermal Service of N.J., which submitted a bid of \$127,250. There were two other bids for the work: Pennetta Industrial Automation at \$135,680 and Benmar Conditionaire Corp. at \$135,830.

### Destroyers advance

Dunellen High's Matt Ferrari looks for a shot against a Manville defender during the Destroyers' 81-46 victory Monday night in the first round of the Mike Shello Tournament at Dunellen. For recap of first-round games, see Page B1.



### Collegians spread cheer

Members of Phi Theta Kappa, the Middlesex County College honor society, collected gifts from the college community and delivered them to children at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital this holiday season. For more information, see Page A2.



### Edison pair meet with Rice

Edison residents Jeff and Karen Weinstein meet with Condolesa Rice at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee summit this fall in Hollywood, Fla. AIPAC is a pro-Israel lobbying group and its summit this year was the group's largest ever. See Page A3.

### Drivers sought to help infirm

**EDISON** — Meals on Wheels drivers are needed. Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County need volunteers to deliver meals to homebound clients. Drivers are needed to commit to a minimum of two delivery dates a month, as well as substitutes to work on an on-call basis.

Currently there are openings on the Highland Park route.

For more information, call E. J. Berman at (732) 777-1940, Ext. 121.



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The Emergency Room's new cardiac care/trauma unit is across from the ambulance entrance at Somerset Medical Center.

## Hospital's state-of-art emergency room ready

By RICK CORNEJO  
Staff Writer

**SOMERVILLE** — Somerset Medical Center's new emergency department is ready to open Monday.

And hospital staff said it will be a vast improvement over the current emergency room.

"Our present space is about 13,000 square feet," Dr. Anthony Hartmann said. "Actually, we started with 10,000 square feet. We stole an extra thousand square feet here and there because we needed it."

The new \$18 million emergency department is 40,000 square feet, nearly four times the size of the old department, and will be packed with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.

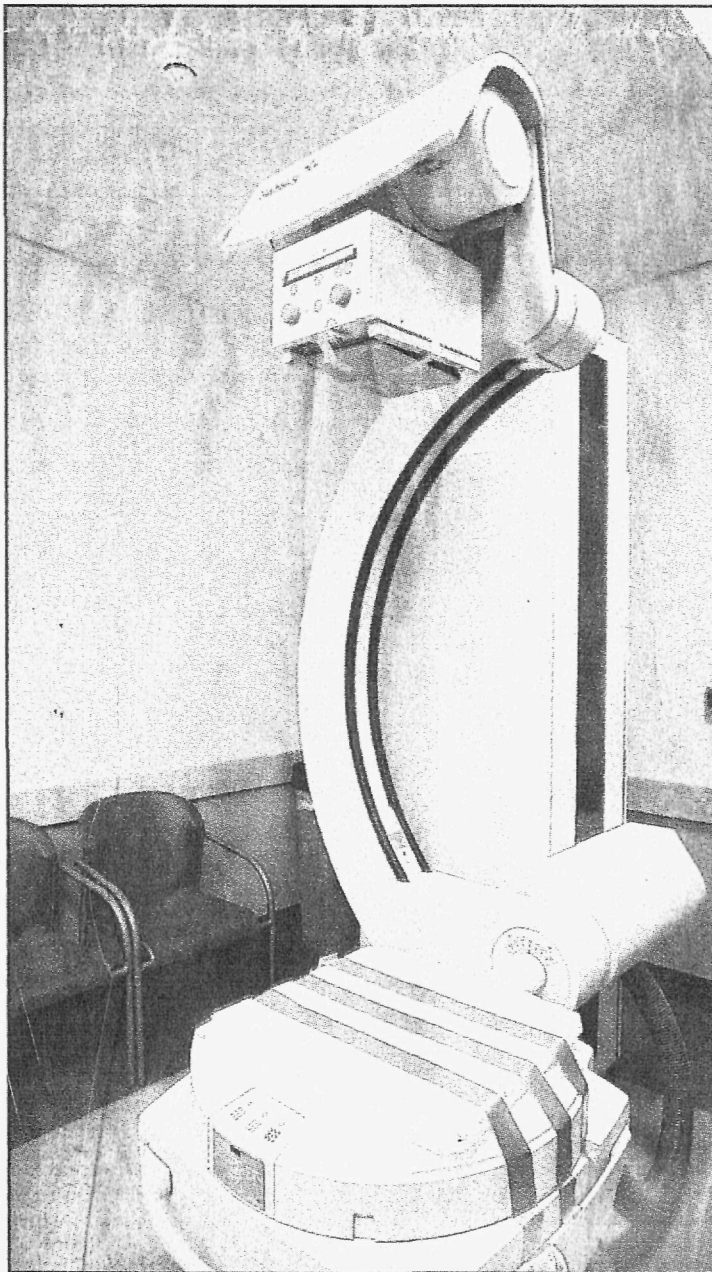
Unlike the current emergency department, the new facility boasts individual rooms, a separate children's wing, a separate ambulance entrance and a trauma room. Even the new triage area has private exam rooms, unlike the current department.

"If there's a need for privacy, they certainly have the option that they don't have now," Hartmann said.

The design of the new department should also eliminate overcrowding problems, he said.

A 14-bed fast-track area for patients with non-life-threatening illnesses will help speed treatment, as will onsite radiology and laboratory equipment. All x-rays will now be done with digital equipment, Hartmann said, eliminating the need for actual film copies. Any hospital personnel can access the x-ray images from any computer in the hospital, including the computers in many of the emergency department patient rooms.

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High-tech digital x-ray technology means that films no longer need to be developed and the information can be viewed on any computer terminal in the hospital.

## Bound Brook starts new era in policing

**BOUND BROOK** — Borough police are bringing the concept of community policing to a whole new level with the launch of its initiative, Many Partnerships, One Community.

To mark the start of the program the Community Policing Desk at ShopRite on West Union Avenue will be rededicated at 1 p.m. Monday.

The Many Partnerships, One Community initiative recognizes that without the input and support of the community, law enforcement would be ineffective.

In order to be more responsive to the diverse ethnic community of Bound Brook, the department's automated telephone answering system now includes a Hispanic menu. In addition, advisory signs concerning ordinances and state law have been posted in Spanish throughout the community.

Informational pamphlets in English and Spanish are also being developed and will be distributed in order to explain borough ordinances and regulations. English and Spanish Internal Affairs forms are also

being developed.

Meetings will also be held with borough civic organizations including the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants Association, Bound Brook Ministerium and the senior citizens to get their input on issues that need to be addressed.

The department also plans to begin a "PWT" or park, walk, talk program. The initiative involves having an officer park his car, walk, and talk to residents and business people.

The most visible change for the department will be the new design of the markings on patrol vehicles.

"This is a new era for the police and for the citizens of Bound Brook. The men and women of the department are dedicated and committed to the public safety of the citizens of Bound Brook. They risk their lives on a daily basis and may one day have to pay the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens they so proudly serve. They are truly Bound Brook's finest," said Mayor Frank J. Ryan.

## Board approves warehouse garage

By LIBBY BARSKY  
Correspondent

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** — The zoning board will allow developer Jack Morris to store 18 cars in the flex warehouse he built two years ago on South Clinton Avenue, but with conditions. The approval is limited to a one-year trial run.

The borough ordinance doesn't permit a public garage in the industrial zone for storage or repair of vehicles.

The cars will be stored in three end units in the 30,000-square-foot building. Each unit is 30 feet by 50 feet, or 1,500 square feet, and each unit can hold six vehicles.

Morris will not be allowed to store unregistered cars or trucks or large vehicles used in his construction business at the warehouse. In addition, no large-scale mechanical work can be done on the vehicles inside or outside the building. Board member John Rayho requested a list of the garaged vehicles be furnished to the board every six months.

Resident Gursurinder Pinghla, whose home is adjacent to the warehouse, has been opposed to the application since Morris came before the board in 2001. He was represented by attorney Richard Fischer at the Dec. 16 meeting. The board agreed that the buffer between the properties

will be monitored to see that it is maintained.

When construction of the flex warehouse was approved the following conditions were set: There was to be no outdoor storage permitted, deliveries by tractor-trailers were acceptable, but no parking overnight inside or outside the site was allowed and parking was limited to no more than two vehicles.

Morris' attorney Bob Smith sought a further interpretation of the number vehicles that could be allowed at or in the warehouse for tenants renting space. Board attorney James Clarkin set the maximum at four vehicles for each unit.

In other business, two applicants applied for variances in order to build a home.

Joseph Panzarella is seeking approval to build a four-bedroom colonial home at 428 Bergen St. on a 5,000-square-foot lot. Regulations require a 10,000-square-foot lot.

Beverly Hills Estates is seeking permission not to build a roadway that conforms to borough standards when it builds a home at 161 Martin Drive.

Neighbors of both properties cited flooding conditions that would be made worse if the homes were built.

The board will continue hearings on both applications, but no date was set due to the reorganization of the board in January.

## Communities get state grants for roadwork

By RICK CORNEJO  
Staff Writer

Middlesex County municipalities are getting \$4.86 million in state aid to help fix local roads.

The aid is part of a \$67.5 million grant package awarded to 408 municipalities in the state by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The annual aid will fund "local safety,

rehabilitation and street improvements" and help provide property tax relief by removing the need for the municipalities to fund the improvements themselves with local taxes.

"These grants will make local streets safer, pay for needed sidewalks and crosswalks, and help revitalize downtown areas," said NJDOT

Commissioner Jack Lettiere. "The Municipal Aid program illustrates our commitment to relieving congestion, improving safety and enhancing the quality of life in our communities."

Neighboring Somerset County municipalities are getting \$2.6 million of the state aid.

Funding is distributed using

a formula based on a town's population and road mileage.

In The Chronicle's coverage area, the following municipalities were awarded grants: Dunellen received \$200,000 for Whittier Avenue, Edison received \$200,000 for Tingley Lane, Highland Park received \$200,000 for North Second Avenue, Metuchen received \$200,000 for Chestnut Avenue,

Middlesex received \$200,000 for Cedar Avenue, Piscataway received \$200,000 for Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield received \$200,000 for Maple Avenue, Bound Brook received \$150,000 for Livingston Street and South Bound Brook received \$140,000 for Baldwin Avenue and \$150,000 for Maple Avenue.

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## Collegians spread cheer



Members of Phi Theta Kappa, the Middlesex County College honor society, collected gifts from the college community and delivered them to children at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital this holiday season. From left: Dan Levine of Metuchen, Caryn Connolly of Old Bridge and T.J. Sitaca of Sayreville are shown with some of the toys and games they delivered in December.

## Hospital's state-of-art emergency room ready

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Registration is eased by mobile computer units that can be brought to a patient's bedside to register them instead of making them wait at the main desk.

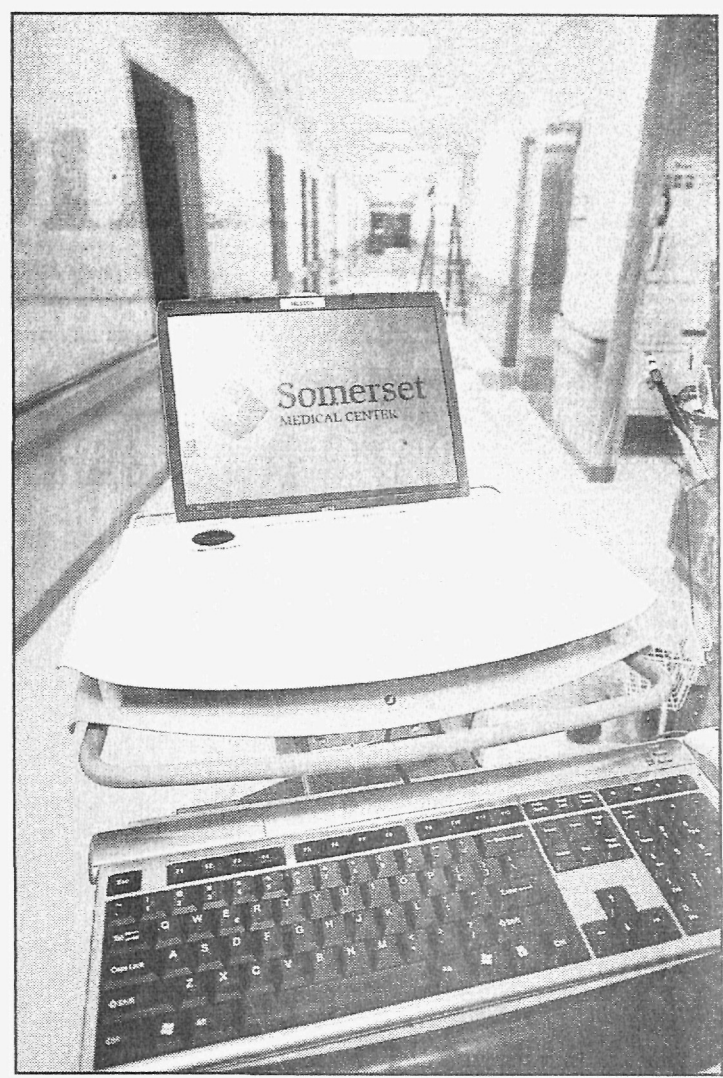
Patients can park in the new parking deck off Post Street in one of 94 emergency room designated spaces and the parking deck also hosts a helicopter landing pad for those rare occasions a patient — such as a severe burn victim — needs to be transferred to a New York or Philadelphia hospital, Hartmann said.

Hartmann said the medical center has increased staff in anticipation of the new facility opening, but noted that staffing numbers are based not on the size of the building but on the number of patients treated.

He said currently, the old emergency department treats 110-120 patients per day. The new department may handle up to 180 per day, he said.

"We anticipate some increase in volume," Hartmann said.

But the new emergency department will not be overwhelmed by that increase, he said. Most hospitals build emergency rooms that end up being too small for their needs, Hartmann said. But Somerset



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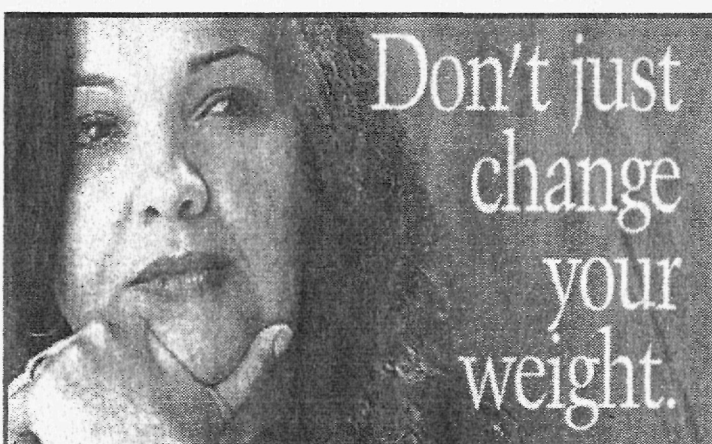
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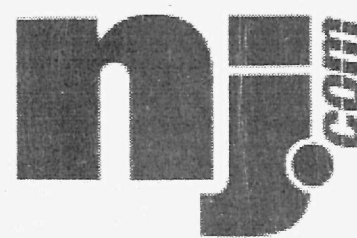
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# Commentary

## Tax and spend

Nothing is ever easily achieved in New Jersey government.

For example, though support for a constitutional convention to find an alternative to the state's over-reliance on property taxes enjoyed bipartisan support, a report issued last week by the Property Tax Convention Task Force has already drawn fire from prominent Republicans.

The task force was created to draw up rules for the constitutional convention which would not be held until 2006. That means, if everything goes according to schedule, any reform package would not be presented to state voters until November 2006.

The need for property tax reform is clear.

Property taxes in New Jersey account for more than 45 percent of revenue in the state while the national average is slightly above 30 percent.

New Jersey residents also pay a higher percentage of their income (5.6 percent) on property taxes compared to the national average of 3.6 percent.

And the property tax burden falls unfairly on those least able to afford it. According to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, households with incomes in the lowest 20 percent pay 9.2 percent of their income in property taxes while the wealthiest 20 percent pay just 3.6 percent of their income.

While most of the task force's recommendations were greeted enthusiastically, some Republicans in the Legislature, including State Senate Minority Leader Leonard Lance (R-Hunterdon), criticized the recommendation to limit the convention only to revenue

issues. The Republican say the convention should also address how money is spent, the second half of the reform equation.

"It is essential that spending as well as revenue be included in the convention mandate," Lance said.

Lance has a valid point. State spending is out of control in New Jersey; shifting the source of revenue away from the regressive property tax to another tax only eases the burden on some state residents. Without considering spending reforms, the property tax convention will have a fewer options, including increasing the income and sales taxes or creating a new tax, like a statewide property tax.

Despite the benefits of a recovering economy, New Jersey may be facing a \$4 billion budget deficit in 2005. Even with property tax reform, New Jersey residents will continue to be overtaxed. State mandates, pork barrel projects high salaries and spiraling health-care costs have all contributed to the record spending.

With the state's borrowing at record levels, it's easy to see that some painful decisions must be made in the new year. And everybody knows how difficult it is to make painful decisions in Trenton.

A property tax convention became a necessity only because the Legislature, under both Republican and Democratic control, has failed for years to tackle tax reform. With the likelihood that serious spending reform will not be addressed in 2005, perhaps Lance and the other Republicans are right — the convention's mandate should be expanded to include spending as well.



## Letters to the Editor

### Remember back when holidays weren't taboo?

To The Editor:

I was born in the 1940s toward the end of the war.

When I began school we pledged allegiance to the flag and read from the Bible each day. Respect was something each teacher was given and those who didn't show it were quickly ushered down to the principal's office and, if the offense was severe enough, the parents were called in for a consultation with the teacher or appropriate official.

Maybe religion wasn't emphasized that much, or freedom either, but both seemed to be more valuable commodities back then.

Today's children are growing up confused because of all the political correctness fostered by those who don't think children should be exposed to religion — wrong!

If all religions were brought

into the schools, perhaps it would bring about an understanding, instead of the hate that seems to be coming back in the form of swastikas and other vile forms of evil.

Today's children need to be brought up with the understanding that once they grow up into adults, they will have to face many obstacles and if they were exposed to it rather than kept from it, perhaps they might understand what all religions are about.

It would be wonderful if a holiday celebrated all of what we are about instead of becoming the taboo it seems to have become.

Education brings about understanding and that should be what is taught in the school system — since today's children will be exposed to it all of their adult lives and need to have a basic knowledge so they

can celebrate the differences rather than build walls separating those differences. Separating such things will only create barriers and then hate and indifference will get a chance to grow and infect children with the wrong ideas about what makes us different.

Those few who believe everyone should bow to their needs to be politically correct might want to look at what created situations like the Columbine and Santee high school's massacres.

There was nothing wrong with old-fashioned values — in fact, we could take a lesson or two from the Pilgrims when they sat at the first Thanksgiving with their Indian brothers. There was no animosity then, only gratefulness for what was before them.

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### Hard-working teens helped make event a huge success

To The Editor:

On Sunday, Dec. 12, Middlesex Elks Lodge 1488 held their annual Breakfast with Santa with all profits to benefit handicapped children. As in previous years, the community responded very well with several hundred people enjoying a buffet breakfast fit for a king.

We have all come to realize that the media is one of the best form of communication. Unfortunately, it seems that tragedies, reprehensible behavior and/or any regrettable events are reported in bold captions, often as primary headlines, while good actions and conduct, if published or reported,

will be given trivial mention.

The point which needs to be emphasized here is the help the Elks received from the Middlesex High School Key Club and National Honor Society students (Gina Valente, Faith Markunas, Dana Senna, Julie Maxcy, Crystal Toeti, Kim Wigert, Kevin Wigert, Ashley Best, Kelly MacCloud) as well as from three students doing community service toward credit for their confirmation (Jessica Martinowich, Christopher Keri, Patrick Corley). Their help and commitment to the success of the event proved invaluable. Whatever they were asked to do, they did enthusiastically and with a smile. Kudos

Middlesex students!

We would be remiss if we did not mention the contribution of food from the Dealman slaughterhouse in Warren, Sara Lee and Basic American Food. We would also like to recognize WCTC radio and Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church for publicizing the event.

We would particularly like to thank Santa for taking time off his busy schedule to bring good cheer and his senior Elks, Emily DeScenza, for personally making special treats for the children.

MONIQUE SASSO  
Public Relations Chairman, Elks  
Lodge 1488  
Middlesex

## After-Christmas blahs are an annual plague

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is the darkest of the year. I just want to stay under the covers and watch Turner Classic Movies until the calendar flips to a new year. It's the week when you feel obliged by tradition and the unique American culture of endless self-improvement to examine your life so you can make sensible resolutions for the next 12 months.

It's relatively easy to make run-of-the-mill resolutions that are acceptable to be discussed in polite company. We all need to eat better, exercise more and exorcise bad habits. But it's far more difficult to make resolutions about the deep-seated problems in our lives that linger year after year like warts. This requires a spiritual, yet painful introspection that joins together perfectly with the usual post-Christmas let-down to create a picture of a losing life.

That's why I no longer make New Year's resolutions. Thinking too much about my life during an otherwise bleak time of year can lead into a cesspool of depression that can only be drained by the innate joy of a January blizzard. Instead, I prefer to delay any resolutions to the first day of spring in March, a far better time of year to launch a new life. Nature is on your side then, as everything is literally springing back to life after the faux death of winter. The arrival of

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Mike Deak



warmer temperatures and more hours of sunlight breeds the optimism that is so hard to generate in the bleak weeks of early January. It also gives you more time to look at the warts in your life and connect the dots to draw a more accurate picture of what needs to be done.

Of course I need to eat better and exercise more in 2005. I'm not immune to laziness, the temptation to ease anxieties with comfort foods and the creativity to find reasons not to exercise ("sleep is more important than jumping jacks"); these resolutions simply require willpower and discipline, two attributes parents always emphasize to their children but seldom practice beyond everyday responsibilities.

But I prefer resolutions with loftier goals, like "I want to start smoking this year because all my friends smoke" or "I'm gonna come down from the hills on Saturday and git myself a woman" or "next year I'm gonna put lights around the trailer for Christmas."

While at least two of those three resolutions have passed through my mind with the aid of single-malt scotch, many prior resolutions have been equally inapplicable to reality, like "this year I'm really going to try and appreciate 'Everyone Loves Raymond,'" or "I resolve to reform my ways as a member of the media elite and learn what the real people of Central Jersey want to read in a newspaper column."

Maybe I won't make any resolutions this year. I do not like the pressure of our overbearing and righteous culture of self-improvement. That pressure implies there is something wrong with all of us and while we may not be perfect, we're not miserable creatures either. Few of us will achieve a perfect life; I know there will always be pieces of happiness absent from the jigsaw puzzle of life. And while you shouldn't abandon the quest for self-improvement, maybe this is the time of year when we should prepare a balance sheet of our lives and celebrate the good things, instead of just reveling in the bad.

If I concentrate on the missing puzzle pieces, I'm not going to see the rest of the picture and it just may be that image of everything right in our lives that will sustain us until the start of spring when we can get down to the real work of filling in the gaps, even if we have to make our own puzzle pieces.

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## Women urged to wear red Feb. 4 for AHA heart event

To The Editor:

Help us paint New Jersey red! On Friday, Feb. 4, the second annual American Heart Association National Wear Red Day for Women will take place throughout the country and the Garden State. Join us and go red for a day.

Join millions of women across the country as well as business, towns, schools, public places, landmarks, people in the media, legislators and people from all walks of life go red and wear red to focus attention on the No. 1 health threat facing women today — cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular diseases kill nearly 500,000 American females every year — more lives each year than cancer, chronic lung disease, pneumonia, diabetes, accidents and AIDS combined. Did you know that a woman is 10 times as likely to die from heart disease as from breast cancer?

Last year tens of thousands of women, businesses and landmarks, including Niagara

Falls, the Empire State Building, the Sears Tower in Chicago and Pfizer headquarters in Manhattan, went red to shine a light on the No. 1 killer of women. This year we hope it will be millions and millions of people and places that join our movement — the American Heart Association Go Red for Women movement. This is about our mothers and daughters, our sisters and girlfriends, our aunts, grandmothers and coworkers. It's personal.

The American Heart Association Go Red for Women movement, sponsored nationally by Macy's and Pfizer, encourages women to take charge of their cardiovascular health, make it a top priority and live a stronger, longer life. The bold color red is the American Heart Association's color for women, heart disease and stroke, so on Friday, Feb. 4, show your support and wear something red ... a red dress, red tie, red shirt, red scarf,

red jacket, red hat or something else red in support of all women who have been touched by heart disease or stroke, including the more than 15,000 New Jersey women who die each year.

Learn more about the American Heart Association Go Red for Women movement or request a National Wear Red Day for Women "dress down kit" by calling (888) MY HEART.

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The writers are spokeswoman for the "Go Red for Women" campaign of the American Heart Association, on whose letterhead this letter was submitted. Dr. Alaigh is on the board of the Heart Association and Dr. Hollywood is a Heart Association volunteer.



## Campus Notes

**Tiffany Boyle**, a sophomore at West Chester University, has been elected to the External Vice President of the National Panhellenic Council which oversees the 23 Greek sororities on campus.

In addition to her work on the Panhellenic Council, she is also the Dorm Student Council representative and a contestant in the Ms West Chester University Talent Pageant.

The dean's list student is studying to be a teacher.

**Brian Hudak** of Edison has graduated from the Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic in Spartanburg, S.C. He received a doctor of chiropractic degree, magna cum laude, at commencement exercises Sept. 25.

Two Highland Park women have received service awards from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

**Marilyn Rye** has been with FDU for 10 years and is the assistant provost of its Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck. She also is an associate professor of English and communications at FDU.

**Elise Salem**, a professor of English and communications, has been with FDU for 15 years.

**Jennifer Allende** of Edison was a recipient of the Middlesex County College Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarship last year. She was one of 590 students to receive foundation aid.

Sixty-six students were inducted in November into the Middlesex County College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the academic honor society for two-year colleges. The Middlesex chapter is involved in several activities on campus, such as collecting toys for children in area hospitals, working at Elijah's Promise, a soup kitchen in New Brunswick, and reading to children in the college's day-care center. The chapter has won numerous regional and national awards. Membership and active participation in the organization make the students eligible to apply for Phi Theta Kappa scholarships at four-year colleges and universities.

Edison students include **Lora D'Amico-Dul**, **Laura D'Orio**, **Maryann Redler**, **Allison Doatch**, **Kinjal Patel**, **Camille Leyesa**, **Grethel Leyesa**, **Lisa Bosso**, **Steven Davis**, **Latisha Morrell**, **Avsalan Hafeez** and **Hyza Gonzalez**.

Highland Park residents include **Ashley Fichtelberg**, **Andrew Ritz** and **Shamil Semenduyev**.

Honorees from Metuchen include **Kristine Covello**, **Antonia Casale** and **Heather Bialiy**.

Piscataway students include **Michael LaMonica**, **Janaka Peiris**, **Tiffany Wiley-Grant**, **Steven Janowsky**, **Inez Alvarez**, **Michael Helmstaedter**, **Patricia Kiernan**, **Kathleen Hingel** and **Kiva Brophy**.

**Pragna Pulusani** and **Mira Dove** are the honorees from South Plainfield.

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**Lisa Stamile**, daughter of Vincent and Sylvia Stamile, South Bound Brook, has received her master's degree in Special Education from Rutgers University. She attained a 4.0 grade point average.

## \*\*\*Police Log\*\*\*

### Middlesex

**Juan Calderon**, 26, of Plainfield, was charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle following a motor vehicle stop on Bound Brook Road and Smalley Avenue Dec. 19.

A resident of Bound Brook reported the theft of a purse, cell phone and \$10 while she was attending a wrestling match at Middlesex High School Dec. 19. The purse was later found in a garbage can. The value of the theft is \$110.

A pedestrian was struck by a motor vehicle on Mountain Avenue near Bound Brook Road Dec. 23.

**Lucero Bernal**, 46, of Dunellen, was attempting to cross Mountain Avenue just south of the crosswalk when she was struck by a vehicle that was operated by **Steven A. Zazenskowski**, 20, of Manville. Zazenskowski was traveling west on Bound Brook Road and was turning onto Mountain Avenue when Bernal apparently stepped in front of the vehicle. Zazenskowski was operating a 2000 Ford F-550 tow truck that was owned by Rich's Off Road Towing in Manville.

Bernal was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital by the Middlesex Borough Rescue Squad along with Mercy 6 out of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She suffered multiple injuries and was listed in serious condition.

Several patrol units responded to a report of a fight at Bound Brook Road and Fourth Street Dec. 22. The investigation revealed that **Jermaine Barrett**, 19, of Middlesex, and **Daniel Logan**, 18, of Middlesex, were fighting.

At some point, Logan was cut in the face and suffered a puncture wound to his chest, allegedly from a razor blade that Barrett wielded. After being cut, Logan went home to get a baseball bat. He returned to the area with the bat to find Barrett, but police arrived at the same time. Logan was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Logan was charged with possession of a weapon and was released. Barrett was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon. Bail was set on Barrett for \$25,000. Barrett was taken to the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Center in lieu of bail.

During the investigation a 14-year-old boy was charged with possession of a weapon (razor blade) and was later taken to the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center.

Additional charges are pending and additional arrests are possible.

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## Anna LaFleur

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Anna Stocker LaFleur, 80, died Dec. 20, 2004 at Barnegat Nursing Center.

Born April 13, 1924 in South Bound Brook, she was a daughter of the late Herbert and Margaret Pauch Stocker.

Mrs. LaFleur lived in South Bound Brook before moving to Barnegat more than one month ago. She was a homemaker and enjoyed activities at the South Bound Brook Senior Center.

Her husband, Eugene F. Sr., died in 1997. A daughter, Beverly LaFleur Pelley, died

in 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Eugene F. Jr. of South Bound Brook and Timothy A. of Bound Brook; a daughter, Susan L. Paul of Barnegat; a brother, George Stocker of Bridgewater; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 23 at Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook, with the Rev. Mark Ale officiating. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to South Bound Brook Rescue Squad.

## Frances Hall, retired teacher

Frances Hall, 80, died Dec. 20, 2004 at Genesis ElderCare-Southern Ocean Center in Manahawkin.

Born Aug. 1, 1924 in Newark, she was a daughter of the late Otto and Martha Mohr Burger.

Mrs. Hall lived in Central New Jersey before moving to Forked River. She was a teacher at St. Joseph School in Bound Brook and Our Lady of Mount Virgin School in Middlesex.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and Parent-Teacher Association at Our Lady of Mount Virgin

Roman Catholic Church in Middlesex. Mrs. Hall was a former member of the Pheasant Run Association in Forked River.

A brother, Paul, died in 1988.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Jr.; a son, Richard III of Bernardsville; three daughters, Kathleen of Mount Holly, Frances McKeown of Metuchen and Theresa Wakefield of Jim Thorpe, Pa.; a brother, Otto Burger of Huguenot, N.Y.; a sister, Josephine Angele of Union; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 23 at Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook, followed by a Mass at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

## Michelle Lopresti

MIDDLESEX — Michelle L. Lopresti, 21, was fatally injured Dec. 12, 2004 in a traffic accident in Ridgeland, S.C. Ms. Lopresti was born in Somerville. She graduated from Middlesex High School in 2001 and lived in Middlesex before moving six months ago to Bluffton, S.C. She was a waitress for six months at Flora's Italian Café in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Ms. Lopresti was a cheerleader at Middlesex High School and with the Middlesex Pop Warner football league.

Her father, Nicholas, died in 2001.

Surviving are her mother, Vera Thyen Lopresti, and a sister, Renee, both of Middlesex.

A memorial service was held Dec. 20 at Middlesex Funeral Home.

## Margaret Denaro

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Margaret Venezia Denaro, 62, died Dec. 13, 2004 at the Compassionate Care Hospice of Saint Clare's Hospital-Dover.

Mrs. Denaro was born in Elizabeth and lived in Garwood before moving to South Plainfield in 1975. She had resided in Carteret since 2000.

She was an office manager with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. in South Plainfield and Somerset. Mrs. Denaro retired in 1998 after

16 years with Liberty Mutual. Her husband, Dominick, died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Dominick Zevney and Theodore Zevney; two sisters, Rose Venezia and Annette Boyce; and three grandchildren.

Mass was offered Dec. 16 at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rahway.

Arrangements were by Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford.

## Marion MacMath

BOUND BROOK — Marion Orr MacMath, 84, died Dec. 27, 2004 at her home.

Born Nov. 7, 1920 in Laflin, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Peter and Mary McKrindle Orr.

Mrs. MacMath had lived for nearly 60 years in Bound Brook. She was the office nurse and manager for 10 years to Rajinder Sharma, a New Brunswick physician. She earlier held a similar post for more

than 25 years with Bound Brook physician Sydney Edelberg.

She graduated from the nursing school at Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) General Hospital. Mrs. MacMath was a member of the hospital's Alumni Association.

She was also a co-leader of a women's circle and participated in the Couples' Fellowship at the Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Robert O., died in 1991. Also deceased are three brothers, James Orr, Peter Orr and Kenneth Orr; a sister, Janet Evans; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois Sargent of South Bound Brook and Mary Pullin of Earlysville, Va.; a son, Robert of Pisgah Forest, N.C.; three granddaughters, Heather Escobar of Springfield, Va., Laurie Pullin of Alexandria, Va., and Carrie Rogers of Boone, N.C.; a grandson, Brian Pullin of Switzerland; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and two close friends, Ted and Emma Holzhauser of Annandale.

Services were held Thursday at Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills, 12 Olcott Ave., Bernardsville, NJ 07924 or the Bound Brook Rescue Squad.

## William J. Bubenick

BOUND BROOK — William J. Bubenick, 60, was fatally injured Dec. 19, 2004 in a traffic accident in Newberry, S.C.

Mr. Bubenick was born in Bound Brook. He graduated from Bound Brook High School and was a medic in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his parents, Joseph and Mary of Bound Brook; a son, William J. Jr. of Beaufort, S.C.; a daughter, Corissa of Massachusetts; and a brother, David of Chelmsford, Mass.

A gathering was held Thursday at Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Bound Brook Police PBA Local 380, c/o Bound Brook Police Headquarters, 226 Hamilton St., Bound Brook, NJ 08805.

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## Sports

## Middlesex, Piscataway garner victories

Bolting to a 25-3 advantage after eight minutes the Middlesex High girls basketball squad made short work of Bound Brook Monday in the opening round of the Mike Shello Tournament in Dunellen as the Blue Jays posted a 68-46 victory.

Middlesex, which improved to 3-1, expanded its lead to 46-16 at halftime and the starters gave way to the reserves in the second half. Ashley Best topped the Blue Jays with 12 points and added 10 caroms, while Nicole Bizzomo and Quincy Auger notched 10 points apiece.

Chrissy Santoro finished with nine points for Middlesex, all in the first quarter, while Krystal Miranda poured in a game-high 22 points for the Crusaders, who slipped to 0-2, and Stephanie Kehn followed with nine.

**Manville 38, Dunellen 31** — In a game that was close all the way the Destroyers fell behind 19-16 at halftime and could not recover as Manville advanced to the title game with a victory over the host school Monday.

Catherine Scerra tossed in 14 points to lead all scorers, but Manville got a better balanced showing to earn its first triumph in three starts while dropping Dunellen to 1-2.

## VAUGHN STAPLETON CLASSIC

Down 18-17 at halftime Piscataway woke up in the second half behind

Asia Jenkins' 12 points to whip Hillside 55-34 Monday on the first day of play in the Stapleton Classic at Bridgewater-Raritan.

Jenkins finished with 17 points to pace the Chiefs' attack, while Caitlin Wesnesky finished with 12 points, including eight in the second half, and a team-high 15 rebounds. Tiffany Patrick and Brittany Hyatt chipped in with eight points apiece for the winners.

**ROSELLE PARK TOURNAMENT**  
After taking a 25-16 lead at halftime Metuchen steadily pulled away in the second half to drub host Roselle Park 52-29 Monday and advance to the final while improving to 2-1 for the season.

Kristen Edmonds turned in another strong all-around effort as she led the Bulldogs with 17 points while collecting eight steals and dishing off for seven assists. Caitlin Walker and Lauren Pisano followed with 11 and nine points, respectively, and Joelle Vitale had eight for Metuchen.

## REGULAR SEASON

**J.P. Stevens 59, North Plainfield 22** — This non-conference matchup was never really competitive following the first quarter as the Hawks expanded a 17-9 advantage with 17-2 and 18-2 surges in the second and third periods en route to a 52-13 cushion Dec. 23 against host North Plainfield (0-3).

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tania Kennedy connected for a game-high 24 points, including 17 in the first half, while Amy Bonk chipped in with 14 for Stevens, which moved to 3-0 for the young season.

**Colonia 40, Dunellen 25** — In a GMC-crossover game Dec. 23 Dunellen fell behind 12-6 after eight minutes and host Colonia was able to extend the lead during the next two sessions to earn its third victory without a loss.

The Barrons, who led 22-13 at halftime and 34-18 entering the fourth period, received 14 points and 13 rebounds from Danielle Schleck and 10 points and 10 rebounds from Nneamaka Ibeh. Dunellen got seven points from Lauren Staats and six from Catherine Scerra.

**Bishop Ahr 45, Metuchen 36** — Metuchen battled back from a 16-9 deficit after one quarter to knot the game at halftime at 21-21, but Bishop Ahr regained the advantage in the third period and pulled away in the final session to win this GMC-Blue Division test Dec. 22.

Kristen Edmonds poured in a game-high 25 points for the Bulldogs, but she received little help. Maura Crehan dropped in 18

points for the Trojans, who improved to 2-0.

**South Plainfield 49, Perth Amboy 46** — Opening a 17-8 lead after one quarter the Tigers never trailed against visiting Perth Amboy in an early-season GMC-White Division showdown Dec. 21, but they needed some solid defense down the stretch after the Panthers had possession with 24 seconds left while down by three points.

Danielle Arndt, who led South Plainfield with 13 points, drilled a three-pointer with 2:40 left to make it 47-40 before Perth Amboy (1-1) rallied. Blaire Houston dropped in 12 points and Asia Hollis added nine for the Tigers, who improved to 2-0.

**Piscataway 66, Sayreville 28** — The Chiefs were never threatened in this GMC-crossover game Dec. 21 at home as they grabbed a 13-4 lead through eight minutes and then all but decided it with a 24-12 second quarter for a 37-16 halftime advantage for their first victory.

Asia Jenkins dropped in 16 points to top all scorers, while Caitlin Wesnesky followed with 13, including 11 in the first half, and pulled down nine rebounds, Tara Patrick finished with 10 points for the Chiefs, while Nicole Lilenfield contributed six points and six assists.

**J.P. Stevens 50, Old Bridge 26** — A close game at halftime at 24-18

became a romp after three quarters following the Hawks' 16-0 third-quarter surge when Tania Kennedy had six points as visiting Stevens whipped Old Bridge (0-2) in GMC-Red Division play Dec. 21 for its second victory.

Kennedy finished with 22 points to lead the Hawks, who actually trailed 16-12 with three minutes left in the first half before embarking on the game-deciding 28-2 run. Amy Bonk followed Kennedy with 11 points and Kathryn Ruhna chipped in with 10.

**East Brunswick 51, Edison 43** — Digging themselves an early hole of 10-2 after eight minutes the Eagles battles the visiting Bears and even terms the rest of the way but could not recover from the poor start in the GMC-Red Division game Dec. 21.

Gina Drost dropped in 14 points, Heather Dauber followed with 13 and Kristin Scarillo added 10 for Edison, which fell to 1-2. Laura Petiello notched a game-high 18 points for the 2-0 Bears.

**Marist 61, Middlesex 35** — The Blue Jays proved no match for host Marist in this non-conference matchup Dec. 21 as home team extended a 26-14 halftime lead to 46-24 following a 20-10 third period. Megan Reilly led Middlesex with nine points and Nicole Bizzomo added eight.

## Piscataway, South Plainfield capture openers

Brandon Wilkinson drilled a three-pointer with a second left in regulation to lift the Piscataway High boys basketball squad to a 54-51 victory over Morristown Monday on the first day of play in the Vaughn Stapleton Classic at Bridgewater-Raritan.

The Chiefs, who improved to 3-1, fought their way back from 43-36 deficit entering the final session after starting slowly in an 18-9 opening period on the strength of a trio of treys by Wilkinson, who had missed 19 of his first 11 attempts through three quarters.

Robert Freaney paced the Piscataway attack with 15 points while adding five steals, while Wilkinson finished with 11 points and Allan Hairston contributed nine points and 14 rebounds. Matt Pooler dropped in 16 points for the Colonials, who fell to 0-4.

## JOHN BUTCH KOWAL TOURNAMENT

Marquis Jones poured in 33 points, including nine during the fourth quarter when South Plainfield put the game away with a 15-9 session as the Tigers trimmed St. Peter's of Jersey City 61-49 in the first round Monday night in Rahway.

Shooting 11 of 18 from the floor, Jones narrowly missed a triple-double as he also collected 11 steals and grabbed nine rebounds. Darren Smith turned in a solid effort with 19 points, while Matt Bazika contributed six blocked shots and six rebounds for the 3-1 Tigers.

**Westfield 59, J.P. Stevens 38** — Unable to solve Westfield's pressure defense in the opening quarter when nine turnovers paved the way to an 18-5 deficit the Hawks dropped an opening-round verdict in the John Butch Kowal Tournament in Rahway Sunday.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Stevens, which slipped to 1-2 for the season, failed to place a player in doubles figures as Osborne Mayers' nine points topped the Hawk offense, while Andrew Biancosino followed with eight. Eric Hayes led all scorers with 16 points for the Blue Devils (1-1).

## MIKE SHELLO TOURNAMENT

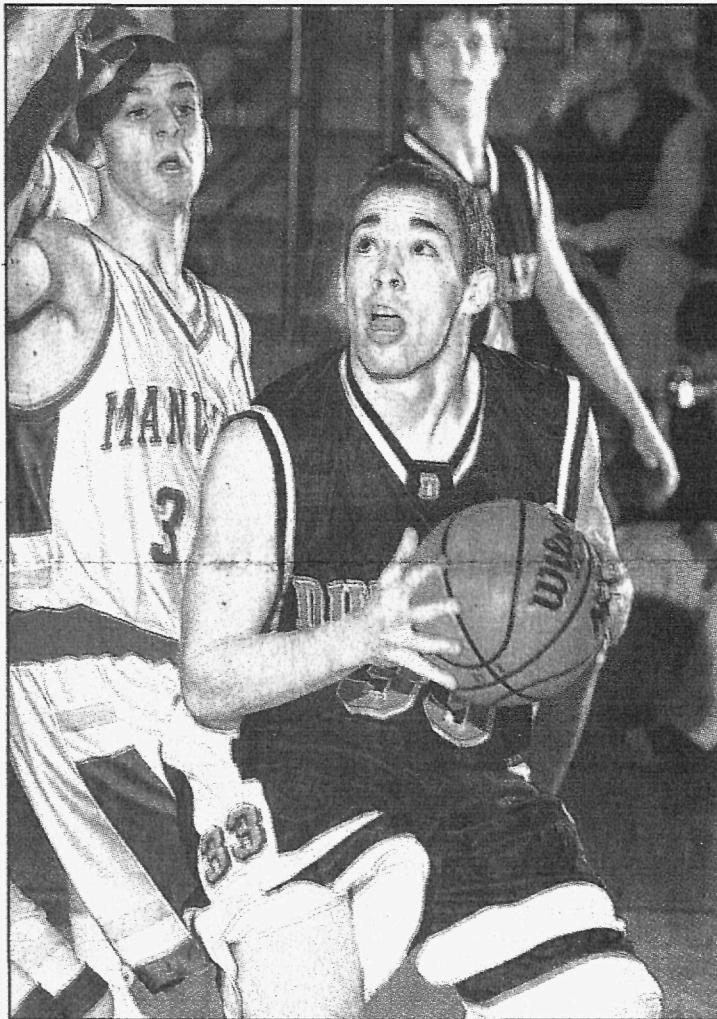
In rematch of last week's battle Middlesex and Bound Brook had another close encounter with the Blue Jays once again prevailing as Albert Carter led the way with a 20-point, six-steal, three-rebound performance in a 59-52 victory in the first round in Dunellen Monday night.

Carter collected five points in an opening 17-9 session, but Bound Brook managed to stay within striking range following a 12-8 second period. Carter, however, dropped in seven points during a 16-13 showing in the fourth quarter for the 3-1 Blue Jays.

Wes Johnson followed Carter with 14 points and added seven rebounds, while Jabree Sunkins chipped in with 10 points. Matt Melesurgo and Marek Marszalek netted 13 points apiece for the 0-4 Crusaders.

**Dunellen 81, Manville 46** — After taking a 16-13 edge through eight minutes the host Destroyers iced this first-round game Monday night with a 33-point second-quarter explosion for a 49-26 halftime advantage against Manville as Dunellen moved to 2-0.

Four Dunellen player connected for double-figures with Tim Sweeney leading the way



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Dunellen High's Matt Ferreri looks for a shot against a Manville defender during the Destroyers' 81-46 victory Monday night in the first round of the Mike Shello Tournament at Dunellen.

with 17 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Mike Bartilotti finished with 14 points and 11 boards, while Kyle Lendach and Todd DeNapoli paced the guards with 15 and 11 points, respectively.

## REGULAR SEASON

**Notre Dame 50, Piscataway**

**47** — After falling behind 29-21 at halftime the Chiefs used a 14-7 third period to get to within one point and were knotted a 47-47 when Notre Dame's Kyle Clark nailed a three-pointer with less a minute left to send host Piscataway down to defeat in a non-conference test

Dec. 23.

Robert Freaney dropped in 20 points to earn game-high honors, but they were not enough to prevent the chiefs from dropping their first decision in three starts. Brandon Wilkinson added 12 for Piscataway, while Clark's 14 points led Notre Dame.

**Bishop Ahr 64, Metuchen 60** — In an early-season battle between two of the GMC-Blue Division's top teams Dec. 22 Bishop Ahr prevailed against the host Bulldogs by making their foul shots down the stretch in a game that tied 32-32 at halftime close throughout the second half.

Marquis Blakely topped Metuchen, which fell to 1-1, with 15 points, while Lamar Nichols and Kevin Rush followed with 13 and 11 points, respectively, and Nick Storts added nine. Ernest Ambrose led all scorers with 20 points and Corey Francisco followed with 19 for the 2-0 Trojans.

**South Plainfield 61, Sayreville 53** — Marquis Jones poured in 24 points to lead the way, including the 1,000th of his career as the Tigers held off host Sayreville Dec. 21 in a GMC-White Division clash Dec. 21 as they bounced back from their loss to St. Anthony in their previous game.

South Plainfield built a 15-9 advantage after eight minutes and moved to 33-25 at halftime before Sayreville (1-1) closed to within 42-38 entering the final quarter. Jones also had 10 rebounds and six assists. Darren Smith followed Smith with 19 points and Matt Bazika finished with 10 points and 10 caroms for the winners.

**Piscataway 71, St. Joseph's 62** — Kent Scriven netted nine of his 15 points during a 19-8 second quarter that gave the

Chiefs a 34-19 cushion at halftime as Piscataway picked up its second victory in GMC-Red Division play Dec. 21.

Robert Freaney paced the winning attack with 20 points, while Brandon Wilkinson matched Scriven's 15 points. Piscataway won the game at the foul line where it converted 29 of 36 attempts for a 29-19 advantage over St. Joe's (0-3), which got 21 points from Shawn Baptiste.

**J.P. Stevens 64, Old Bridge 54** — Down 44-41 entering the final period the Hawks put together a 23-10 rally keyed by Jason Callender's eight points to pull out a GMC-Red Division triumph over visiting Old Bridge Dec. 21.

Stevens used a balanced effort to even its record at 1-1 as Callender, Andrew Biancosino and Kyle Trueblood dropped in 12 points apiece, while Kenny Melford added nine and Ryan Washington chipped in with eight.

**East Brunswick 65, Edison 44** — Kyle Ringer and Sean Ogannoiki tossed in 16 points apiece and Dan Flak added 10, but only one other player scored for the Eagles in a GMC-Red Division setback Dec. 21 that left them with an 0-2 mark.

East Brunswick (1-1), which was led by Tom Gadziala's 15 points, used a 15-8 second quarter to take a 31-22 lead at halftime and pulled away from there.

**Union Catholic 70, Bound Brook 36** — The Crusaders stayed within striking distance at halftime at 31-22 but a 20-3 third quarter put the game away for host Union Catholic in MVC play Dec. 21. Julio Rodriguez had a game-high 16 points for Bound Brook, which slipped to 0-3.

## Edison's late run nets victory; South Plainfield rolls

Trailing 15-10 midway through the match the Edison High wrestling squad won six of the final seven bouts to rout Bloomfield 47-21 in a non-league encounter Dec. 23 to even its record at 1-1.

Bob Wolf began the decisive run with a fall in 1:27 at 171, while Ed Kidney and Bill VanEmburgh followed with first-period pins with Kidney winning in 24 seconds at 189 and VanEmburgh taking the bout at 215 in 1:27. After a pin by the Bloomfield heavyweight the Eagles finished with three more victories.

Alex Romero took a 14-12 overtime decision at 103, Steve Meola decked his 112-pound foe in 1:40 and Gary Thompson logged a technical fall by building a 17-1 lead in 3:30 at 119. Matt Gabriel added a 55-second pin at 130, while James Pang and Matt Gabriel added decisions for the other Edison victories.

**Point Pleasant Beach 66, Metuchen 18** — Three Bulldogs registered falls but those proved to be the only victories as Metuchen suffered a loss to Point Pleasant Beach Dec. 23 as it saw its record dip to 1-1 for the young season.

Harry Peterson needed 60 seconds

to ice his opponent at 140, while James Alexander decked his man in 2:42 at 152 and Mike Jachim pinned in 1:48 at 112 to account for the Metuchen points. The Gulls jumped out to a 12-0 lead and were never headed.

**South Plainfield 63, North Brunswick 3** — Facing an out-manned North Brunswick squad in a GMC-Red Division match Dec. 22 the Tigers opened its dual-meet season with an easy victory as they collected seven pins and a technical fall while dropping only one bout.

Sam Martin open the match with a fall in 1:27 at 171 pounds, and after a decision by North Brunswick Preston Johnson pinned his opponent in 2:37 at 215 and heavyweight Rocco Petriello picked up a forfeit. When the lineup turned over to the lighter weights Patrick Hunter posted a tech fall at 103 with a 16-0 victory in 3:02.

After 112 and 199 went uncontested Viet Vo in 5:58 at 125, Nick Dorey in 5:36 at 130 and Ed McCray in 1:01 at 135 ran off consecutive falls. After a forfeit by James Smithline (140) and Nick Curcio's 12-3 major decision at 145, Mike Jakubik (152) and Paul Ritchey (160) closed

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things out with falls in 1:21 and 2:54, respectively.

**Jefferson 41, Bound Brook 37** — After building a 33-12 following a forfeit by heavyweight Richard Perry, the Crusaders saw their non-league match against Jefferson get away from them as Nick Murray's 9-0 major decision at 130 was the only Bound Brook victory in the final six bouts with a forfeit at the end being the difference.

Jesse Harrington opened the match with a fall in 1:28 at 140 for the Crusaders, and after a pin tied it for Jefferson Bound Brook won the next four bouts to grab a 27-6 lead.

Bill Vivona started the run with an 8-6 decision at 152, while Andrew Flanagan decked his opponent in 1:24 at 160. Chris Konysh picked up a forfeit at 171 and Michael Roberts followed with a fall in 1:17 at 189, but Jefferson came back to win the dual-meet opener for both squads.

**Old Bridge 36, Piscataway 29** — In a GMC-Red Division battle Dec. 22 that saw both teams have their runs

Old Bridge picked up the decisive points on a pin in the final bout of the night to win its opener and drop the Chiefs to 1-2 for the season.

Old Bridge led 12-9 before the Chiefs picked up a fall from Rob Damon in 3:08 at 171 and a 15-4 major decision from Chris Jones at 189. The Knights then went up 21-9, but Piscataway answered with three straight victories — a 14-4 major by C.J. Adams at 103, a pin in 19 seconds at 112 by Brian Cesare and an 8-5 decision from A.J. Hrabar to go up 23-21.

The Knights responded with a 10-9 decision and a fall to open some breathing room, but Terrence Williams-Park mark it a one-point match with a bout to go when he decked his man at 135 in 2:48 to narrow the deficit to 30-29.

Hillsborough 34, Middlesex 27 — The Blue Jays got a fall from Niko Kostopoulos in 2:21 at 112 to open the match and back-to-back pins to close it out but Hillsborough had the best of it during the other bouts in non-conference action that opened the dual-meet campaign for both clubs.

Bryan Reilly needed only 1:14 to deck his man at 215, while heavy-

weight Joe Virgilio won in 5:44 to make it close at the end. Joe Bizzomo picked up an 8-3 decision at 171, while Yurly Shymkiv had a forfeit at 145 for the other Middlesex victories.

**Perth Amboy 54, J.P. Stevens 9** — The Hawks managed to win only three decisions when they opened the dual-meet season Dec. 22 with a GMC-Red Division loss to Perth Amboy (2-0). Hamilton Cook (130) won 8-2, Will Miehle (152) took a 6-1 decision and Pavel Stuchinsky (215) added an 8-3 verdict for the Stevens victories.

**Metuchen 60, Spotswood 24** — Mike Jachim had the fastest of eight falls when he won in 33 seconds at 119 as the Bulldogs opened their dual-meet season Dec. 21 with a rout of Spotswood in a GMC-Blue Division match.

Ray Rick (125) in 3:39, Steve Bisigne (130) in 3:43, Jack Rems (135) in 5:27, Harry Peterson (140) in 5:07, Brett Faley (145) in 1:53, James Alexander (152) in 2:22 and Rich Nalepa (215) 3:36 also pinned for the Metuchen, while Ryan Semona (103) Sam Vinci (112) added forfeits.



## Seniors Calendar

## Bound Brook

**The Bound Brook Seniors** meet 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave.

## Upcoming Trips and Events:

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

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

## Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's

Bound Brook club sponsors bus trips to Atlantic City Casino Taj Mahal every fourth Tuesday of each month. Bus departs from St. Mary's Church Parking Lot at 10:15 a.m.

## Dunellen

## The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club

is open to all Dunellen residents 55 years and older. Meeting held each Friday at 10 a.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall on South Avenue. Bus transportation is provided.

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

## Edison

## Edison Chapter of AARP #3346

reminds members that new applications are being accepted.

## Trips

## Metuchen

**The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, Inc.** is accepting new members. For additional information, call Ruth Hancock at (732) 548-2332.

## Middlesex Borough

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

The Middlesex Borough Office on Aging is collecting old cell phones to distribute to the homebound for emergency 911 use. If you have one to donate, call the office at (732) 356-0414.

For information and to register for any of the above programs or issues of interest to the senior population in Middlesex Borough, contact Sheila at (732) 356-0414.

**Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors** meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the church hall. Members are asked to bring boxes of pasta for FISH.

## Trips and Events:

Feb. 10 — Dutch Apple Dinner Show "Las Vegas," in Lancaster, Pa. \$61 per person, final payment due Jan. 11.

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

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## Piscataway

The Piscataway Senior Center has announced their schedule of upcoming events at the Center:

Jan. 20 — Atlantic City trip: departs 8:30 a.m. Returns 6:30 p.m. \* \$16.50

Feb. 10 — Valentine's Day Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$2.25 per person at Piscataway Senior Center.

Feb. 16 — Black History Program, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost 2.25 per person. Sign up at Nutrition Desk at Piscataway Senior Center.

Feb. 17 — Atlantic City trip: departs 8:30 a.m. Returns 6:30 p.m. \$16.50

## South Bound Brook

## The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club, Inc.

meets at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. The next business meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5 at 2 p.m. One box of pasta per member will be collected at the meeting for the food bank. Bingo is played every Wednesday and refreshments are served. The club is open to all seniors, 55 years and older residing in South Bound Brook. For information or reservations, call Catherine (732) 356-4080.

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**South Bound Brook Senior Citizen Center**, 113 Clinton Ave., offers the following programs:

Exercise - Every Mon. and Wed., 10:30 a.m.

Bingo & Cards - Tues. & Thurs., 10:30 a.m.

Librarian - 2nd Wed. of month, 11:30

Post Office - 4th Wed. of month, 10:30 a.m.

Liquid Embroidery - Every Tues. & Thurs., 10 a.m.-noon

Outreach Specialist at Center - 3rd Thurs. of month, 10-11 a.m.

Cards or games - every Friday

For information, appointments or to register for programs, call the center at (732) 271-1646.

Admission to center programs and activities is free. For lunch, contact the senior center by 10:30 at least one business day in advance to make a reservation. A suggested donation of \$1.50 is recommended for lunch.

## Calendar

Monday, Jan. 10

## IN THE FUTURE:

**EDISON - Garden Club Meeting:** Jan. 10, 7 p.m. at Edison Main Branch Library featuring video "Think About Spring Gardens." Library located at 340 Plainfield Ave.; the public is invited Light refreshments will be served.

**METUCHEN - Bus Trip:** Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. from Gulton Street Parking Lot to see "George Washington Slept Here" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse sponsored by Metuchen Chapter 3208 AARP. Cost \$58 includes lavish luncheon. Call Miriam Dingle (732) 548-9395 for further information.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
Middlesex County  
Docket No. F-19108-04

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to:  
MIDWEST RESOURCES CORP.;  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Plaintiff, Becker & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 2000 Horizon Way, Suite 300, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. An Answer and a verified bill of particulars, if any, must be filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, bearing Docket No. F-19108-04, within thirty-five days (35) after 01-01-05 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated January 12, 2004, and made by GEETA P. KOLLODY to Aames Funding Corporation, d/b/a Aames Home Loan recorded in the Middlesex County Clerk's Office on March 6, 2004, Book 9415, at Page 178; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 225 New Dover Road, Colonia, NJ 07067. By written Assignment of Mortgage the same Aames Funding Corporation does Aames Home Loan assigned its mortgage and bond/note to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee, which assignment is being recorded in the Middlesex County Clerk's Office.

You, Midwest Resources Corp., are joined herein as a party Defendant by reason of his/her/their interest in the mortgage premises arising from the judgment(s) and/or lien(s) described as follows: Superior Court of New Jersey, Judgment Number: J-136915-2000, Case Number: L-001896-88, Date Entered: 07/13/00, Date Signed: 08/05/00, Venue: Somerset, Debt: \$50,228.88, Creditors(s) Midwest Resources Corp., Attorney: Lesky & Cohen, Debtor(s) GEETA KOLLODY, Peter Kolloidy, Suite 200, 1692 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ 08820, Attorney Pro Se, plus interest and costs.

You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling (732) 828-0033. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling (732) 249-7600.

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## Bound Brook resident conducts training sessions at convention

BOUND BROOK — At the NJEA Teachers Convention in Atlantic City in November, Joseph S. Pizzo, a Bound Brook resident and seventh-grade language arts teacher from the Black River Middle School in Chester, presented four professional development training sessions for his fellow educators.

More than 300 New Jersey teachers and supervisors from across the state attended the sessions, each lasting two hours. The sessions dealt with topics relevant to teachers from language arts and other disciplines.

In the first session, Pizzo joined language arts supervisor Dr. George Martin from Plainfield High School to conduct a forum dealing with curricular, instructional and community issues. Specific topics included state standards, facilitating a positive and productive learning environment, and motivation.

Pizzo emphasized "the need for all educators to establish a balance between curriculum and caring."

Pizzo's second workshop entitled "Look! I Wrote My Own Book!" gave elementary and middle school teachers hints and tips to inspire their students to write original children's books. Pizzo noted that his students "read their books to the second-graders at Dickerson School in Chester and then donate the books to the second-grade library." Pizzo has previously received a grant from the A Plus for Teachers Network for this innovative program and is a member of Channel 9's A Plus for Teachers Hall of Fame.

"I'm the Write Teacher," the third workshop that Pizzo facilitated, explored the writing process for both teachers of writing and teachers who themselves are writers. The participants and Pizzo together wrote original poetry, cre-

ated powerful metaphors and similes, and explored publication options for both teachers and their students.

In the final workshop entitled "Get a Grant and Write Way" Pizzo shared a variety of tips and techniques for teachers looking to secure additional program funds by writing grant proposals. He encouraged all teachers and administrators to try to secure funding through grants "to promote, as well as continue innovation in the classroom."

Dr. Robert Lord-Taylor, a school board adviser for New Brunswick, commended Pizzo for his "well-organized, thorough and dynamic" presentation.

Pizzo is a seventh-grade integrated language arts teacher. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Union County College and Centenary College. He is a lifelong resident of Bound Brook.

## 8th-graders invited to check out Piscataway High at open house

PISCATAWAY — Students and family members of eighth-graders are invited to an open house at Piscataway High School at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The open house will include an entertaining and educational video, student performances and information on curriculum opportunities, and is designed to help families who are weighing various high school options to make an informed choice.

Piscataway High School has been named a Governor's School of Excellence and awarded a NJ Best Practices

Award for its initiatives that provide a positive school climate and personalized setting. The school provides a wide variety of academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities for students of all abilities.

"Many people may not realize the educational opportunities, the high performance on standardized tests, or the quality of college acceptances at Piscataway High School," said Robert L. Copeland, superintendent of schools. "The open house will showcase our programs and activities, and answer other questions par-

ents and students may have."

The open house will feature an original video that describes the academic program and daily routine at Piscataway High School; a tour of facilities, and an opportunity to meet with students, administrators, and other staff. Clubs and organizations, including the Superchief Marching Band, the choir, string ensemble, Air Force ROTC, and award-winning newspaper and literary magazine, will also be in attendance to meet prospective students.

Piscataway High School offers 11 Advanced Placement and 17 Honors-level courses in all subject areas. Almost 90 percent of the Class of 2004 continued their education beyond high school, with more than 50 percent attending four-year colleges and universities. Over a dozen sports, 42 teams in all, are offered for both boys and girls and the robotics team, science league, mock trial team, Odyssey of the Mind, and literary magazine consistently win competitions.

"We invite students and their parents to visit us on Jan. 5, and then choose Piscataway High School," said Principal Dr. Michael A. Wanko.

## Forum explores school readiness

METUCHEN — The Community Nursery School of Metuchen will host a program for parents and educators, "School Readiness: What Is It?" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at First Presbyterian Church, Education Building Chapel.

Are all 5 year olds ready for kindergarten? Can we make them ready? What are the ingredients for school success? Dr. Moretti of Menlo Park School in Edison will lead a discussion of school entrance and promotion based on developmental or behavioral age rather than chronological age or I.Q. Also included will be reasons experts see great value in creative materials. Valuable question and answer period to follow.

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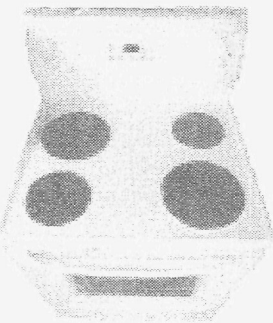
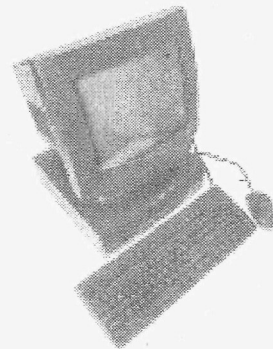
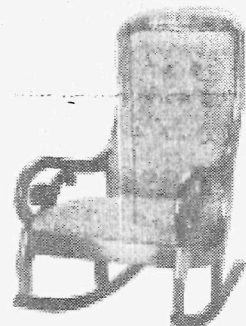
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