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Suspended police chief faces additional charges



Undefeated, again

Tim Sweeney and the Dunellen High boys basketball squad improved to 11-0 for the season Monday night when it defeated Bound Brook 60-44. For recap of game see Page B1.

Tory Jack at SBB house

As part of its annual Tory Jack Day program celebrating Black History Month, the South Bound Brook Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, in conjunction with the Friends of the Abraham Staats House, Inc., and in partnership with the First Baptist Church, will present eminent historian Joe

He will speak on the topic "Blacks in the American Revolution" 11 a.m. Feb. 5 at the First Baptist Church, Franklin Street.

From 2-4 p.m. the public is invited to tour the historic Abraham Staats House. For information or directions, call (732) 469-5836 or e-mail bkfaulks@aol.com.

A night of bingo fun

Usually played by adults and children separately, Edison's Bingo Night now brings families together for an evening of fun and prizes. From 7-9 p.m. Friday, the Stelton Community Center will be turned into a bingo hall where township families can play together for a variety of prize packages.

This free event is open to all township families and last year sold out in less than two hours. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact the office at (732) 248-7312 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Have fun at the ball

The Bound Brook/Middlesex Rotary and the Bound Brook Chamber of Commerce have combined forces to present the Masquerade Casino Ball, being held 7-11:30 p.m. tonight at Bound Brook Elk's Club, corner of 2nd Str. and Maiden Lane.

Costumes are not required but masks are needed for entry into the event.

Tickets are available at \$45 advance sale or \$50 at the door. All proceeds will go to Community Projects supported by Bound Brook Area Chamber of Commerce and Bound Brook/Middlesex Rotary

CommentaryA-4 Sports **B-1**

SOMERVILLE — Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne Forrest announced Tuesday the filing of additional charges against suspended Bound Brook Police Chief Kenneth Henderson.

The charges came as the result of an investigation into an incident on Oct. 4, 2002, when Henderson allegedly had two officers accompany him to an apartment at the Blair House Apartments where he unlawfully entered

people present, Forrest said.

According to Forrest, although the officers and Henderson found drugs in plain sight, none of the people in the apartment were arrest-ed or had background checks done on them. Witnesses told detectives that they were in the process of using and selling drugs at the time police entered the apartment.

Henderson also ordered his officers to release the individ-

the apartment to evict the uals and to have the apartment superintendent clean the apartment up, Forrest said, adding that one of the officers also flushed suspected cocaine down a toilet and another smashed crack-cocaine pipes on the floor.

Later the same day members of the Bridgewater Police Department stopped three of the people in the apartment on an unrelated matter and found they had outstanding warrants for their arrest,

Forrest said.
The complaints filed against Henderson include two counts of second degree official misconduct, two counts of fourth degree obstructing the administration of the law and two counts of fourth degree tampering with physical evidence. The second degree crimes carry a mandatory prison term of between five and 10 years, if the defendant is convicted.

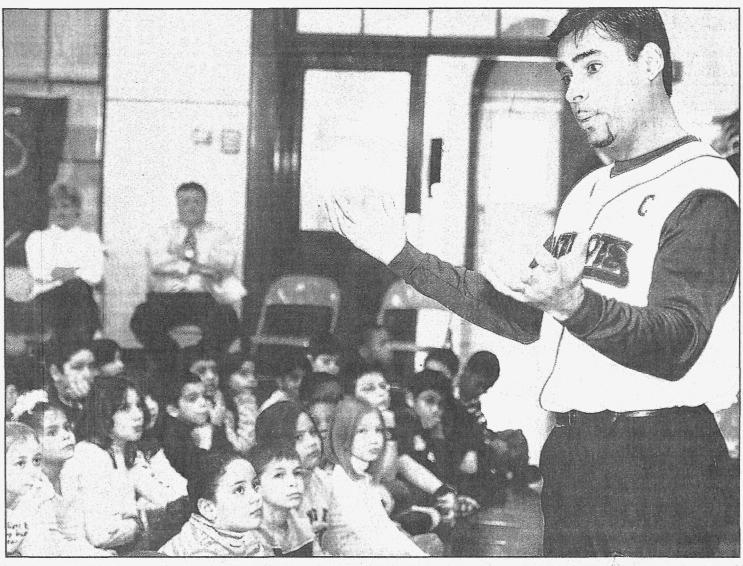
Henderson was suspended

from his position following an investigation into the Café Imperial.

Recently, another series of criminal complaints were filed in Superior Court in Somerville charging Rafael Rosario with eight additional crimes, including theft by deception and tax violation, in connection with that investigation. Rosario, 43, is principal owner of Café Imperial,

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Bank sees



Emiliano Escandon, pictured above, captain of the Somerset Patriots, talks with Woodbridge's Avenel Avenue School pupils about drugs and alcohol on Jan. 20 in a new program started by the Bridgewater-based baseball team. Below, Lauren Connolly from the Somerset Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency gets some help from pupils during the program.

layers team up to fight drugs

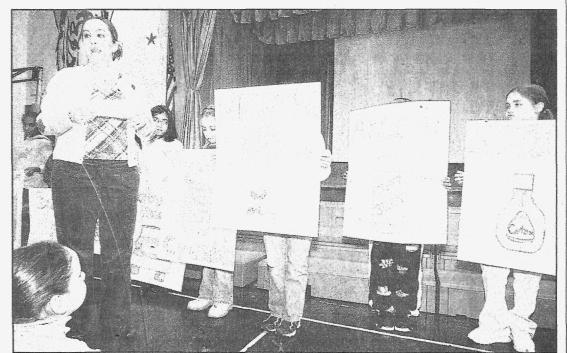
By ROD HIRSCH Staff Writer

WOODBRIDGE - For some ballplayers, the clubhouse is where poor judgment and bad habits fester, spreading to the street and into the headlines as controversy and scandal.

It's the dark side of America's pastime, with the most recent crisis dwarfing earlier miscues that have muscled their way into baseball legend — the 1919 "Black Sox" World Series scandal and Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose betting on games in the 1980s.

Sitting cross-legged on the polished floor of the all-purpose room at the Avenel Avenue School, hundreds of students listened intently as Somerset Patriots team cap-

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merger as a move forward By ADAM HOCHRON

Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE - Somerset Valley Bank, which has 11 branches in Somerset, Hunterdon and Middlesex counties has announced that it is merging with Fulton Financial Corporation of Lancaster, PA.

Somerset Valley Bank President and C.E.O Robert Corcoran the intention is to keep the identity of Somerset Valley Bank alive. Unlike other mergers, where large institutions financial absorbed smaller banks, replacing branches and policies with their own, Somerset Valley Bank will remain as it has been, albeit with more services, Corcoran said.

"There are a number of reasons we did this," Corcoran said. "We have been approached by several banks over time, but it's been our intent to keep it independent.

"We are still going to operate as an independent state chartered bank. Fulton owns banks up and down the coastline and this will just be an opportunity to give more products than we already do.

"It's better for the commu nity this way because we still have an independent bank that functions locally. The decisions will be made here and we don't have to set the same formulas as other banks. We'll still make all the decisions here, from rates to loans and lending decisions."

Corcoran added that as both Somerset Valley and Fulton use the same computer system, account numbers will not change.

When the bank, headquartered in Somerville, announced the merger to shareholders it also informed them they will either receive cash or a combination of cash and stock options in the new

Since Somerset Valley Bank was formed in 1990 the intention was to provide customers with a community banking experience, Corcoran said.

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Sleep center helps those suffering from sleep apnea

This is the first of a two-part series looking at sleep apnea, which affects between 15 and 20 million Americans, those who suffer with it and those who try to treat it. Coming next week: A personal account on living with sleep apnea.

By ADAM HOCHRON Staff Writer

When doctors first suggested Carol Campbell have a sleep study done two years ago, she spent a sleepless night wired from head to toe in a cold hospital room where she found the people unwelcoming.

But on Nov. 27, 2004, Campbell, who just turned 50, had her first experience of a night at the Sleep Center at Somerset Medical Center, which she hopes will help her begin a new chapter in her

anything bad about it compared to the other place."

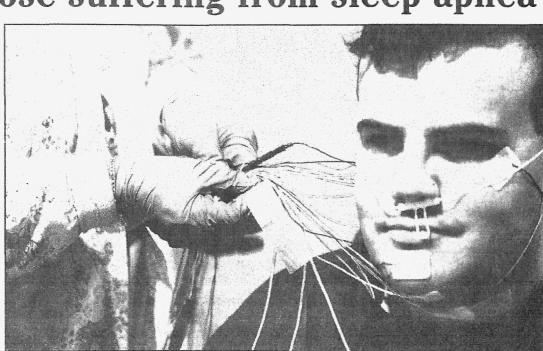
Campbell said not only was the test better, but the surroundings were as well.

"The people there were attentive and funny and laughing so it was a good experience," she said. "I felt relaxed and not nervous."

Campbell is one of over 900 people who have visited the medical center's Sleep Center since it opened to see if they are one of more than 18 million people who suffer from sleep disorders, which are only now starting to gain national prominence.

The dangers of sleep apnea became the focus of national attention after the death of National Football League player Reggie White. Medical examiners ruled that his death was the result of sleep

Dr. Carol Ash of the Sleep Continued on page A2



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Staff writer Adam Hochron is wired and ready to go to sleep at Somerset Medical Center's Sleep Disorder Center. Hochron has lived with sleep apnea for much of his life.

Bank plans merger

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"When we set up this bank, we felt there was a need to have a local bank because the larger ones don't know the marketplace," he said. "We know everybody and we know what their needs are."

Corcoran said he hoped the merger would be finalized in approximately six months. It's contingent on getting approval from shareholders, the Federal Reserve and state banking regulators.

Jeffery Horn of the Somerset County Business Partnership said the merger is good for both the bank and people it serves.

"From what I understand, the group that is taking them over is different from other bank acquisitions in that Fulton acts as an umbrella organization while the bank management doesn't change," he said. "They're also not

changing their name and, finally, their community involvement, which was a positive attribute, will be the same in the future as it was in the past."

Rufus A. Fulton, chairman and C.E.O of Fulton Financial, explained: "Our union with Somerset Valley Bank is particularly exciting for us. This acquisition enables us to solidify our presence in New Jersey markets while enhancing banking convenience for our existing New Jersey customers, coming as it does on the heels of our recent acquisition of First Washington State Bank in neighboring Mercer County.

"With Somerset Valley Bank, First Washington State Bank and our other New Jersey affiliates, we will serve 14 of the 21 counties in New Jersey and offer 64 community banking locations in those

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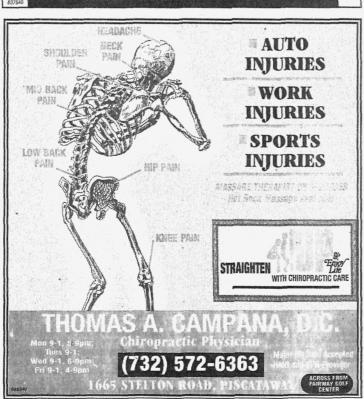
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Players team up to fight drugs

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Escandon tain Emiliano assured them that most ballplayers live the "clean" life. encouraging his young audience to do the same.

The 30-year-old second baseman and Atlantic League All-Star came to the school last Thursday to launch the Patriots' "Strike Out Drugs" outreach program, designed to help students make the right choices and deal with peer pressure as they grow older. The interactive program also focuses on the downside of cigarette smoking as well as alcohol and drug abuse.

His visit to the school came just one week after Major League Baseball team owners and the Players Association announced that both sides had signed off on a new policy that will test players for steroids and other performance enhancing

The 2004 season was marred by disclosures that came out of confirming what had become common knowledge - bulkedup ballplayers with bulging biceps and upper-deck power admitted to popping steroids.

To avoid any further taint of the game, both sides came up with the agreement, which provides that every player will undergo at least one unan-nounced test on a randomly selected date during the playing season; an additional program of testing randomly selected players will also be instituted. The agreement places no specific limit on the number of additional tests to which any player may randomly be subjected, and further includes random testing during the off-season.

The agreement contains revised disciplinary penalties for positive test results, with first time offenders now being suspended for ten days. Second-time offenders will be suspended for 30 days. Third-

sworn testimony before a time offenders will be suspend-Grand Jury in San Francisco ed for 60 days. Fourth-time offenders will be suspended for one year. All suspensions will be without pay.

Escandon approached the steroids issue by emphasizing the punishment the body suffers, and how the integrity of the game suffers. "How I make my living

depends how well my body holds up," he explained, pointing out that steroids can cause serious liver damage. Escandon said he and other

ballplayers have an obligation to themselves, as well as the community, to live an exem-Co-sponsored

Somerset County Council on Alcoholism and Dependency and The Reporter, the hour-long program touched on a variety of issues and how best for the students to deal with making the right choice.

As for tobacco, Escandon said "a lot of good baseball players have had their careers end early because of all the bad things it does to your body."

Three of the greatest Yankee players of all time all died at a young age. Babe Ruth, a heavy cigar smoker, died of laryngeal cancer at age 53. A gifted ballplayer, Mickey Mantle was a poster boy for indulgence and abusing his body. Roger Maris, who smoked three packs of cigarettes a day at the height of his career, died in 1985 at the age of 51 from lymphatic cancer.

A fourth Yankee legend, Joe DiMaggio, lived to be 84. When he died in 1999, his cause of death was listed as lung cancer. He was said to have smoked at least four packs a

Teachers and school administrators in Somerset, Hunterdon and Middlesex counties interested in hosting the free program at their schools can call Marc Russinoff, Patriots' director of public relations at (908) 252-

Sleep center helps those suffering from sleep apnea

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Center at Somerset Medical Center compared sleep apnea to trying to sleep while someone is trying to choke you.
"It generates a huge amount

of pressure making it harder for the heart to beat," Ash said.
"This makes the adrenaline and heart beat go up."

Ash said stressing the importance of treatment is one of the best ways to ensure patients get the help they need.

"The number one reason for noncompliance is because people haven't had the necessity stressed to them that treatment is important," she said. "This isn't just a doctor telling a patient you have to do this, it's a

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The American Sleep Apnea Association Web site defines apnea as being the Greek word for "without breath." The three types of apneas are obstructive, central and mixed, which is a combination of both. With all versions, people who are untreated stop breathing while sleeping, sometimes hundreds of times a night for over a

Included in sleep disorders is hypopnea, which is defined as beneath - or less than normal - breath. It isn't the stoppage of breathing, but a reduction, which can have similar affects.

For people with obstructive sleep apnea their airway is blocked, which is usually due to

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the soft tissue in the back of the throat collapsing. With central apnea there is no blockage but the brain does not communicate with the muscles to ensure normal breathing during sleep. Obstructive is the most common.

Whether by blockage or no communication to the muscles, the brain has to work to resume breathing, which interrupts a person's sleep cycle and can make someone who slept for 12 hours feel like they didn't get any sleep at all, depending on the number of events that occur in a given

Factors which can contribute to a person being a candidate for apnea, include being male, overweight and over 40.

For those who do suffer from

appea there can be some very serious consequences. It can cause headaches, weight problems, difficulty with short-term memory and other cardiovascular problems. These can also contribute to problems at work and car accidents.

Symptoms can include anything from loud snoring to severe sleepiness, which includes falling asleep at inopportune times.

Familydoctor.org estimates that people with apnea can stop breathing for 10- to 30-seconds at a time and that events can happen up to 400 times per night. Professionals say there are other things that can be done to help treat apnea, including abstaining from alcohol, smoking and sleep

Suspended police chief

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Forrest said.

Rosario and Henderson were arrested Oct. 19 of last year by Somerset County Prosecutor's Office detectives and charged with second degree official misconduct and conspiracy to commit

Henderson was arrested last fall on charges he tipped off Rosario about an impending raid by state liquor law investigators. Henderson was eating dinner at the Cafe Imperial on Oct. 17 when he learned that state Alcoholic and Beverage Control officers were minutes away from the establishment and planned to arrest several employees, police said.

Undercover already stationed inside the restaurant watched as Henderson informed Rosario and helped him alert specific employees to flee before the ABC officers arrived, police said. Videotape surveillance also captured Henderson's activities, police said.

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MIDDLESEX

Andrew McCrone, 36, of Middlesex was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident and operating an uninsured vehicle following a motor vehicle stop at 9:59 p.m. Jan. 19, police

McCrone was operating a 1990 Chevrolet pick-up truck south-bound on Shepherd Avenue when he reportedly lost control of the vehicle which traveled across the northbound lane, through the yard then struck two small trees before striking the rear of 401 Beechwood Ave., police said.

The owner of the residence observed the vehicle leaving the scene shortly after the vehicle struck the house. McCrone was arrested when he returned to the home to view the damage.

A Berough construction official determined that the residents could remain in the house. Off. Lauralee Battista and Off. Mark Melchiorre investigated.

A manager of Supreme Heating & A/C reported that an ex-employee left the business in

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a company vehicle at 8:03 a.m. Jan. 20, police said.

An investigation revealed that Thomas P. Byrne, 41, of Belmar took the vehicle, a white 1998 Ford Van, after he was advised that his employment was terminated. Byrne was arrested a short time later by the New Jersey State Police on the Garden State Parkway in Holmdel. He was returned to Middlesex Police Headquarters where he was charged with taking a vehicle that did not belong to him. He was released after posting \$2,500 bail, police said. Cpl. Jeffrey Dugan investigat-

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Someone entered a Mindy Lane nome Jan. 18 and stole coins, a digital camera, gold watch and chain, totaling \$900, jewelry and a Nextel cellular phone, police said. The value of the jewelry and phone were not available, officials said.

The theft is under investigation.

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bedroom ransacked. Police said it did not appear anything was taken from the home, police said.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD

An armed robbery took place at the Oak Street Road CVS at 9 p.m. Jan. 22, police said.

Employees reported that a man wearing a mask over the lower part of his face entered the store and demanded that a safe be opened so he could get Percocet, a prescription drug. After being told the safe could not be opened, the suspect showed an employee what appeared to be a handle of a handgun sticking out of his waistband and fled after grabbing two prescriptions that had been filled for customers, police

Police found footprints in the snow that indicated the suspect fled the store, ran along railroad tracks to Park Avenue, where they ended next to the roadway. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 18, who was wearing a dark fluffy coat and gloves, officials said.

Borough schedules spring clean up

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — A borough wide spring cleanup will be held April 23 followed by a Pickup Pizza Picnic at Borough Hall.

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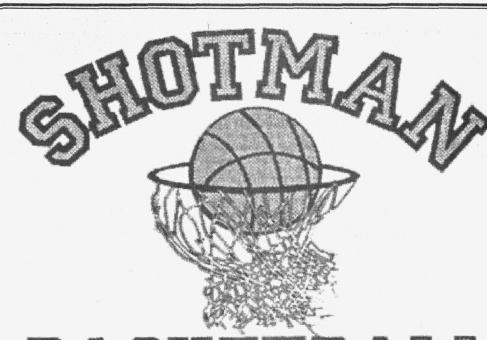
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Commentary

The good old days

A sign that times have changed: The media today will do a feature about a local company that delivers milk to their customer's door. There was a time — in the not too-distant past — when deliveries of milk, eggs, even diapers, were made by a local businessman. They were usually our neighbor, and friend.

Even the way newspapers are delivered have changed. The days of the teen delivering the paper on their bike to make money for college has been pushed aside in favor of people hired to drive a car from neighborhood to neighborhood. In the future, the printed newspaper may even become a thing of the past, relegated to a museum, as people turn to the Internet for a virtual edition of the newspaper.

The local market has given way to the supermarket. Neighborhood pharmacies are now replaced by chain drug stores. Small-town banks are bought and sold and become part of national conglomerates.

These observations are not meant to suggest

that all progress hasn't been good.

Yes, one can lament the loss of the feeling you got when you walked into a small, independent place, but with merger and progress there can be

ace, but with merger and p od.

Today's pharmacists can employ computers to check for drug interactions when they fill your prescription. Supermarkets offer a wide variety of foods from around the world, something small markets often could not do. And large banks, and those small banks that have kept pace with progress, often offer their customers more options when it comes to accounts, investing and loans, and often because they are just large enough too.

Many of the people working at these places also come to know their customers well. It matters little to them the name on the sign outside the building. For them, helping customers is the most important part of the job.

So credit has to go to them, for they keep reminding us what the "good old days" were all about

School election tends to be lost in busy season

By JAMES J. DOUGHERTY, JR.

New Jerseyans can look forward to an eventful year in politics and government.

A Gubernatorial and a General Assembly election will take place in November.

In addition, voters are likely to act on significant public questions involving a Constitutional Convention on property taxes and the creation of the lieutenant governor's post.

But important decisions affecting our state will be made even earlier — with April's annual school election.

This year, more than 1,500 local board of education positions will be on the ballot statewide — making it one of the most important elections in New Jersey.

With a Feb. 28 deadline for submitting nominating petitions, the time to think about school board candidacy is now.

Why is the school board election significant to New Jerseyans?

— New Jersey's 4,800 unpaid local board of education members — the largest group of elected officials in the state — are responsible for decisions that affect the operation of more than 2,400 public schools and the education of 1.4 million children.

— Local boards of education set the policies under which school districts operate...decisions concerning curriculum, personnel, and the use of school buildings.

— They select and evaluate the administrators who manage our public schools.

—They make decisions that affect the expenditure of billions of dollars of public funds statewide.

It's a role of enormous importance — one that is vital to the quality of life in our state. It's also a position that cannot be taken lightly.

The goals and issues facing public school districts in 2005 — meeting state and federal education standards; ensuring effective classroom programming and adequate school facilities; negotiating with employees in tight financial times — command the commitment, energy and involvement of anyone chosen to serve on their local school board. It's not a job for everyone.

However, if you find satisfaction in serving your community and have a sincere interest in the well-being of the community's children — as well as the necessary time and energy — school board membership can be a rewarding endeavor. I urge you to consider it.

Here are answers to some of the frequently asked questions about the responsibilities of local boards of education:

oards of education:

— What does the local school board do?

The local board of education establishes policies that guide the operation of the schools in areas such as instruction, personnel, facilities management and community relations. The school board sets the goals that reflect the community's desires for its schools.

Each year, the board must also evaluate the superintendent. It approves the proposed budget for submission to voters, oversees spending, approves the curriculum, and represents the public in contract negotiations.

All of these responsibilities have an impact on student achievement—the Number One issue that school boards are dealing with today, according to a recent National School Boards Association survey.

— What are the qualifications for school board membership?

State law requires a school board member to be a registered voter who has lived in the district for at least one year. Board members must be able to read and write, and they cannot have a claim against or contract with the school district.

In addition to statutory requirements, successful school board membership also requires strong interpersonal skills.

Being diplomatic and an effective communicator are essential qualities. Board members must also be willing to listen to various sides of an issue; they should be able to take criticism; and they must be able to make and defend what may be unpopular decisions.

To prospective school board candidates, don't worry. If elected, you won't enter the job unprepared. The New Jersey School Boards Association makes available a full curriculum through its Board Member Academy, with programs addressing the basic responsibilities of school board membership, as well as specialized training in policy-making, community relations, labor relations and school law.

— If elected, how much time would I need to commit?

The National School Boards Association found that 63 percent of board members dedicate between 11 and 50 hours a month to the position. Another 10 percent spend more than 50 hours a month on board duties.

Clearly, it involves more than just attending a monthly meeting. Board membership can include work on subcommittees and attendance at school functions, as well other matters. It also requires reading agenda items, reports and other important materials. Board members also take the time to reach out to their representatives in Trenton and Washington, D.C., to address legislation that would have an impact on their communities' school children.

— How can I learn more about school board candidacy?

The New Jersey School Boards Association publishes a "School Board Candidate Kit" for interested citizens. The kit includes information on the requirements for school board candidacy, a calendar of important dates in the school election process, and a sample nominating petition. It also provides information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act.

Kits are available at the office of your local school board secretary. You may also download the information from NJSBA's Web site, www.njsba.org.

— When is the deadline for filing for school candidacy?

For 2005, the deadline for filing for school board candidacy will be Feb. 28. The non-partisan annual school election will take place on April 19.

James J. Dougherty, Jr., president of the New Jersey School Boards Assocation, is also a member of the Lindenwold Board of Education in Camden County.

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Homework needed before open space is developed

By MICHELE S. BYERS

How many of us were told we couldn't go out 'til our homework was done?

That's what New Jersey's Green Acres program does when faced with requests to divert preserved land for other uses.

A new request is in from Monroe Township in Middlesex County which wants to use the 35 acre county-owned Thompson Park, for a new 365,000 square-foot, \$82.9 million high school.

The use of the park for a school may or may not pass muster with Green Acres, which does not allow the diversion of preserved land unless its certain tests are met, and rules are followed. The township must do its homework first, and that means proving that there is no alternate site and coming up with acceptable replacement lands. The rules are designed to safeguard the public's interest in the land — after all, tax dollars were used to buy these open spaces because of their public value - for recreation, water protection, and many natural resource amenities.

So did Monroe Township do its homework?

No, the township did not do its homework before pursuing the park diversion. A local ad hoc committee did conclude that expanding the existing high school wasn't a good idea, but there's no supporting documentation on alternatives and a full alternatives analysis has yet to be conducted that would show that this would be the only fea-

sible school site.

As a replacement for the 35 diverted acres, Monroe proposes to preserve 77 acres of what is known as the "Billy Warren" property, adjacent to the existing high school. This land is owned by the township and is already preserved as part of a previous cluster development approval. This property is also inaccessible because it is made up of two sloped, wet, parcels of land — hardly a fair trade for prime parkland. Green Acres requires replacement lands to be at least comparable in value to the lands being diverted. The "Billy Warren" tract isn't close.

Finally, the \$82.9 million high school approved by township voters was not tied to a site, nor did it include the necessity of obtaining a Green Acres diversion for the site. So if the township doesn't get free land, the

final cost of the project could jump significantly. And Monroe voters previously denied a \$113 million referendum for construction funding for the school, presumably because it was too expensive.

Before proceeding any further, Monroe must back track and finish its homework by doing the alternatives analysis, and then determining the value and quality of replacement lands.

Ultimately, if this diversion is granted as currently requested, every town that needs a new school, library, police station, or other municipal facility, will look first to preserved parkland to keep costs down and take the easy way out. Green Acres will be inundated with requests, and we will surely lose our lands we all thought were "preserved."

I hope you'll contact me at (888) LAND-SAVE or info@njconservation.org or visit at www.njconservation.org for more information about conserving New Jersey's precious land and natural resources.

Michele S. Byers is with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Letters to the Editor

New Jersey needs its fair share

To the Editor: Surprise! Surprise! New

Jersey's allocation of funds for Homeland Security has been reduced again. Now, Acting Governor Codey has taken a trip to Washington to apply pressure to reinstate the money. Interestingly enough, he called upon two conservative Republican congressmen, Chris Smith and Scott Garrett to assist him along with the super liberal Democrat Senators who got us into this mess in the first place.

Lest the public forget how we got into this mess, I will briefly cite the reason for New Jersey being limited in dollars returned to the state. New Jersey ranks last or next to last every year in the percent of dollars returned from taxes sent to Washington. Corzine and Lautenberg have blocked every program, plan, appointment and

initiative of the Republican leadership in the U. S. Senate. They supported every lamebrained scheme Senators Kennedy, Kerry and Daschle could imagine and take a negative stance against all Bush Administration initiatives and Judicial Appointments.

The appointment of Israeli Citizen Golan Cipel to the most sensitive position in New Jersey, Homeland Security Director by Happy American Governor McGreevey and the subsequent confirmation by Senate President Codey and his Democrat disciples in the Senate was the beginning of many questions about New Jersey. That fiasco didn't play well in Washington.

Bad judgment followed on other appointments including Attorney General Harvey. When you add to that the corruption generated by New Jersey Democrats at all levels, it does not surprise me that our state is not seen as a "shining city on a hill" when viewed by the rest of America.

I believe that all funding possible for Homeland Security should be granted to New Jersey based upon the exceedingly high risk our State is in due to population density, high profile targets and the public vulnerability of our infrastructure. I in no way want to take away the importance of Acting Governor Codey's quest for aid.

As a conservative Republican I will do what I can to convince whomever I can in Washington to consider the fact that New Jerseyans are worthy of adequate funding for Homeland Security.

ROBERT A. BROWN Edison

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Climatic changes are natural

To The Editor: Would you lil

Would you like to learn the truth about the environment without becoming a geologist, climatologist or Princeton supercomputer programmer specializing in general circulation models of global warming? Would you like to read genuine dialogue on climate change, not just the talking points and apocalyptic predictions of extremist groups? An honest discussion of climate change has never appeared on network or cable television, and scientific evidence only appears in books and technical journals ignored by politicians, the general public and radical environmentalists.

But environmental myths have now been exposed in a novel and very effective manner — with a novel. Undeniable environmental truths, referenced to scientific evidence, are woven into a novel by Michael Crichton

called "State of Fear," written in language understandable to the layman. The popular writer and creator of "Jurassic Park" has provided a scientifically sound rebuttal of the environmental hysteria that has engulfed rational dialogue since the publication of Rachel Carson's "Silent

Spring" in 1962.

Why is it important for the public to become informed about climate change? Because as evidence accumulates that global warming is a natural and not manmade phenomenon, environmental activists have invented a new fear concept — abrupt climate change — to force the U.S. government to quickly adopt the mandates of the Kyoto global warming treaty.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) has been told that the snows of Mount Kilimanjaro are melting due to global warming. He has introduced legisla-

tion, nearly adopted in November 2003 that would mandate reductions in carbon dioxide emissions and devastate the U.S. economy while having no measurable effect on global warming. Sen. McCain is misinformed. The snows are melting due to lack of moisture, not global warming. No moisture - no snow no replenishment of the snowcap on Mount Kilimanjaro. After viewing the science fiction movie "The Day After Tomorrow," Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) said he will now support Sen. McCain's

The senators have been deceived by false information, emotional fear, Hollywood fiction and ignorance of the mountain of scientific evidence on global warming. The public and the senators should read "State of Fear."

LEO F. JOHNSON Bedminster

John Jakubowski; a microbiologist

PISCATAWAY — John A. Jakubowski, a microbiologist received Distinguished Service Award from the Jaycees, died Jan. 16, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville at age

He contributed stories to professional journals on his specialty: eliminating mercury, arsenic, chlorinated phenols and formaldehyde from environment. Jakubowski spent most of his career with Merck & Co. in Rahway, where he was a group leader in industrial biocides from 1965-80 and a senior group leader from 1981-89. He was director of quality and productivity with Caschem Division of Cambrex Corp. from 1989-92.

He retired in 1994 as manager of technical services at Troy Chemical Corp. in Newark. Mr. Jakubowski began his career with Troy Chemical in 1962 and was its chief microbiologist when he moved to Merck in 1965. He received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1962. Mr. Jakubowski was a for-

mer chairman of the Middlesex Recreation Commission; past president and field manager with the Middlesex Little League; a basketball coach at Our Lady of Mount Virgin School in Middlesex; and a Pop Warner football coach in Middlesex. He served on the Middlesex Board of Health.

He was a member of ASTM International, the Society of

Industrial Microbiology, the American Society of Lubrication Engineers, the American Chemical Society and the Middlesex Elks lodge. He also was a religious education teacher and direc-tor of religious education at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church in Middlesex.

Born in Somerville, Mr. Jakubowski Middlesex before moving to Piscataway in 1978.

Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Yolanda Skiba Jakubowski; a brother, Joseph of Piscataway; two sisters, Maryann of Piscataway and Dolores Fields of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; many nieces and nephews; and two grand-

Helen Marie Schmale

BOUND BROOK — Helen Marie Taroli Schmale, 83, died Jan. 4, 2005 at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in

Green Brook.

Born in Old Forge, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Carlo and Amelia Gavazzi

Mrs. Schmale lived in Bound Brook for most of her life. She retired in 1983 after 13 years with the accounting office of Captive Plastics in Piscataway.

She was a member of the Bound Brook Chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation.

Two brothers, Edward Taroli and Henry Taroli, and a sister, Jean DeMarco, are

Surviving are a daughter, Bellarosa Carol Hillsborough; a brother, Joseph Taroli of Fresno, Calif.; a sister, Ann Coffin of Nantucket, Mass.; a grandson, Nicholas Bellarosa and wife Susan of Piscataway; and two granddaughters, Deborah Aldridge of Bound Brook and Ann Marie Walsh and husband Henry of

Piscataway. Private arrangements were by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Deborah Hospital Foundation, New Jersey Region, at www.deborahfoundation.org or P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015-

BOUND BLOOK A. Rusznak, S. died su ly Jan. 14, 2,05 at Son Medical

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Edward Robel

MIDDLESEX — Edward F. Robel, 78, died Jan. 4, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Shenandoah, Pa., he lived in Bridgewater before moving to Middlesex in 1962.

Mr. Robel owned Ed's Auto Radiator Repair Service in Middlesex for 42 years and retired in 1985.

His wife, Gloria DiMaggio Robel, and a grandson, Joseph Cerisano IV, are deceased.

Surviving are four sons, Robert, George, Bruce and Stewart; five daughters, Diane Lages, Linda Svitavsky, Marie Cerisano, Cynthia Spinola and Marlene; a brother, Leo; three sisters, Agnes Jahr, Kathryn Kilpatrick and Lucille Kilpatrick; 14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Paul Kenneth Mundy

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Paul Kenneth Mundy, 39, died Jan. 8, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

He was born in New Brunswick and lived in South Bound Brook for most of his

Mr. Mundy was a chef in Somerset County. Deceased are his father, Edward Eric; a brother,

Lawrence Joseph; and a nephew, Lawrence Michael Jr. Surviving are his mother, Myrtle Emma Kogger Mundy of South Bound Brook; a son, Matthew Paul; a daughter, Courtney Marie; a brother, Edward Lawrence of South Bound Brook; and a sister, Jeanette Crystal Mundy of

Services were held at the Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home in Manville. Burial was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge. To send a condolence, visit www.fucilloandwarrenfuneralhome.com.

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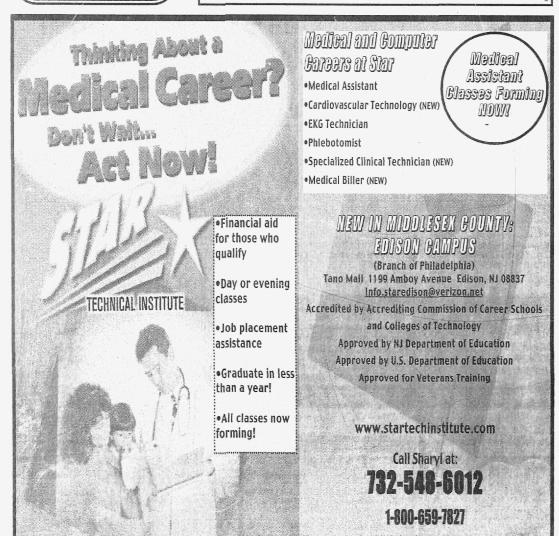
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Silberberg. Mrs. Schatzman lived in Highland Park for 64 years before moving to Great Falls in 2001. Until 1939 she worked for the U.S. government teaching immigrants how to shop for groceries and meat.

She was a social science teacher in the Jersey City schools after her 1933 graduation from the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass College

of Rutgers University). Mrs. Schatzman was salutatorian of her Class of 1929 at Bayonne High School.

Deceased are her husband, Frank; three brothers and a sis-

Surviving are two sons, Frederick A. of Great Falls and Richard of Delaware Township; a grandson, David A. and wife Mary Elizabeth of Springfield, Va.; a granddaughter, Amy of Great Falls; and a great-grand-

child. Donations may be sent to Capital Hospice, 9300 Lee Highway, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA

Michael P. Sak

DUNELLEN - Michael P. Sak, 58, died Jan. 11, 2005 at his home.

He was born in Plainfield and had lived for many years in Dunellen.

Mr. Sak retired in 1998 after 30 years as an officer with the Piscataway Police Department. He was a past president of the Policemen's Benevolent Association in Piscataway.

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the American Legion in Piscataway. Two grandsons, Andrew and

Matthew, are deceased. Surviving are his wife, Cheryl; two daughters, Cheryl Leon of Hillsborough and Stacie Clark of Flemington; a son, Michael C. of Dunellen; two sisters, Rosemarie Shaffer of Piscataway and Kathleen of California; and three grandchildren.

Donations may be sent to your favorite charity.

Olindo Palazzi

MIDDLESEX Olindo "Lindy" Palazzi, 75, died Jan. 11,

2005 at his home. Born Aug. 27, 1929 in Roselle Park, he was a son of the late Vincent and Renalda Capanna

Mr. Palazzi lived in Middlesex for most of his life. He was a supervisor in the receiving department of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at its Piscataway campus. He retired in 2001 after 17 years with UMDNJ.

He was in the U.S. Army occupation forces in Japan after

World War II, then was an Army sergeant in the Korean War. Mr. Palazzi was an active member of American Legion Post 306.

A brother, Frank, died in 2003. Surviving are his wife, Mary Borin Palazzi; a daughter, Linda Marie; two sons, David and Paul; a sister, Dot DeBiase; six brothers, Lou, Bob, Rich, Vince, Vic and Gene; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations may be sent to Community Care Hospice, 110 West End Ave., Somerville, NJ

Michael J. Zupko

DUNELLEN — Michael James Zupko, 91, died Jan. 8, 2005 at Brandywine Assisted Living at Middlebrook Crossing, in Bridgewater.

He was born in Raritan and had lived in Dunellen since 1920. Mr. Zupko owned Zupko's Tavern on North Avenue from 1967 until his retirement in 1980. He earlier worked for the Art Color

Printing Co. in Dunellen. He was a past grand knight of Commodore John Barry Council and Assembly 2544, Knights of Columbus, and captain of the

Knights' honor guard. His wife, Mildred Brasno Zupko, died in 1981. A son, Michael 'Jimmy," died in 1997.

Surviving are a son, Richard M. of Dunellen; two daughters, Joyce Bahlman of Green Brook and Linda David of Piscataway; a brother, Frances of Middlesex; a sister, Helen Frey of Manville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, of which Mr. Zupko was a parishioner. Entombment was in the Holy Redeemer Mausoleum, South

Arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home.

Kita Kose Morrison

BOUND BROOK - Rita Rose Morrison, 76, died Jan. 8, 2005

at her home. Born Nov. 3, 1928 in New Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Michael and

Kathleen Malone Scotillo. Mrs. Morrison lived in Bound Brook for most of her life. She retired in 1993 after 35 years as a saleswoman with Pederson's Young World shop in Bound Brook. She earlier worked for Calco Chemical Corp. in Bridgewater and Ruberoid Corp. in South Bound Brook.

She was a member of St. Mary Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband of 52 years, John M., died in 2000. A broth-Michael Scotillo, deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda of Hellertown, Pa.; a son, John M. Jr. of Bethlehem, Pa.; a sister, Rose Longordo of Somerville; an aunt, Frances Finello of Bound Brook; and six grandchildren.

Donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Irene Orostek

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Mary Irene Orsag Orostek, 91, died Jan. 10, 2005 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born Aug. 30, 1914 in Hungary, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield in

Mrs. Orostek was retired from Acme Markets in Cranford. She was a member of Sacred Heart

Roman Catholic Church. Her husband of 72 years, Joseph W., died in 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara A. Podpora and Maureen Hibble, both of South Plainfield; a brother, Frank Orsag Jr., and a sister, Anne Carroll, both of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center Foundation, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

Paul Bushman Sr.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD Paul J. Bushman Sr., 91, died Jan. 7, 2005 at the JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Watchung and North Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in the early

Mr. Bushman was a retired subcontractor for a number of Central New Jersey con-

struction companies. His wife, Dorothy, died in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Lee Biles and husband Harry of South Plainfield; a son, Paul J. Jr. of Washington; a sister, Helen Lombardi of South Plainfield; two brothers, Joe of Florida and Gary of Forked River; three grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

Derwood Evans

BOUND BROOK Derwood W. "Duke" Evans, 69, died Jan. 10, 2005 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Luzerne, Pa., he lived in Bound Brook before moving to Bridgewater in 1963.

Mr. Evans was a driver with the Houadille Concrete Co. and later a custodian until his retirement in 2000. He was in the Army from 1961-

His wife of 38 years, Gladys Hammett Evans, died in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Kim Fraser and husband Bill of Branchburg; a son, Gary Linda wife Bridgewater; a brother, Elwin of Laconia, N.H.; and five grandchildren.

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HIGHLAND PARK — Albert Meschi, 78, died Jan. 12, 2005 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Born in New Market, he lived in Dunellen before moving to

Highland Park in 1975. Mr. Meschi owned an automobile body shop in Highland Park under his name prior to his retirement in 2004. As a boxer he won a heavyweight tournament in the Solomon Islands while he was in the Navy during World War II.

Roberta Wilson

BOUND BROOK - Roberta

McCaskill Wilson, 67, died

Jan. 12, 2005 at Lebanon

Community Hospital in

Born in Garwood, she lived

in Bound Brook and Somerville before moving to

Mrs. Wilson was a retired

assembler with Bio Tech in

Somerville. She was a spon-

sor and group leader in more

than 30 years with Alcoholics

A daughter, Robin Lynn

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Lawrence, and a son,

Thomas, both of Oregon; three sisters, Julia Bataille of

South Plainfield, Mary

Ozimek of Flemington and

Grace Hoose of West Virginia;

a brother, Duncan McCaskill

of Piscataway; and eight

Services were held at the

Funerals, in South Plainfield.

Burial was in Rosedale

Philip Gregor

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -

Philip Gregor, 49, died Jan.

wife Tatiana of Augusta,

Maine, and Eugene and wife

Elke of Lugoff, S.C.; two sis-

ters, Valentina Gregor-Czwil and husband William Czwil of Highland Park and Linda

N. Gregor-Zoppo and husband Mark Zoppo of Highland Park; and three

Services were held at the Gleason Funeral Home in

Somerset. Burial was in

Ann A. Page

Andrade Page, 79, died Jan.

11, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Gloucester, Mass.,

she lived in Newark and Hillside before moving to

Mrs. Page was a homemak-

Her husband, Frank, died

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Piegaro and husband Ronald of Middlesex; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at Our Lady of

Catholic Church. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park,

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Angela Puri

BOUND BROOK - Angela Puri, 82, died Jan. 24, 2005 at Saint Peter's University

Hospital in New Brunswick. She was born in Brooklyn

and lived in Bound Brook for

Mrs. Puri played in women's baseball and basketball

leagues during World War II.

She was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic

Her first husband, Anthony Ambrose, died in 1974. A son,

Surviving are her second husband, Peter Puri; a son,

David M. Ambrose of Bound Brook; a daughter, Amelia

Korab of Hillsborough; two

sisters, Theresa O'Brien of

Hillsborough and Gemma

of Plainfield; and two grand-

A funeral Mass was held

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Kansky, are deceased.

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Albert Meschi

He was awarded the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, a Purple Heart and the Victory Medal for his wartime duty. Mr. Meschi was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Highland Park.

Surviving are his wife, Pearl Stempel Meschi; two sons, Peter Marel and wife Pat of Scotch Plains and Mark Stuart and wife Jill of Buffalo Grove, Ill.; six daughters, Merry

Heineman of Vero Beach, Fla., Janet Murray and husband Bob of Kendall Park, Debbie McCabe of Dunellen, Sandra of Highland Park, Donna Locke and husband Dave of Dunellen and Ann Teodorczy and husband Billy of Dunellen; 16 grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

Obituaries =

Services were held at the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

William Clarkson Jr.

MIDDLESEX — William W. Clarkson Jr., 78, died Jan. 16, 2005 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

lived in North Plainfield before moving to Middlesex in 1967.

Mr. Clarkson was the former chief financial officer of the Courier-News, a daily newspaper published in Bridgewater and before that in Plainfield. He was with the Courier-News from 1950-76.

More recently he was an accountant for five years with Kyocera Electronics Inc. in Somerset. Mr. Clarkson attended La Salle University and the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University after a stint with the 101st Airborne Division in the Army during World War II.

An ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church, Mr. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bound Brook and a former member of Grace Episcopal Church in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene M.; a daughter,

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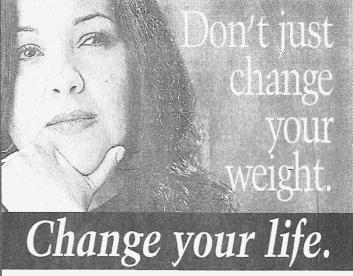
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Lida Guzzetti

DUNELLEN — Lida B. Guzzetti, 83, died Jan. 10, 2005 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley

Mrs. Guzzetti was born in Mount Kisco, N.Y. She lived in South Plainfield, Plainfield and Dunellen before moving to Watchung in 1972.

She was the secretary of Christian Missions in Many Lands, based in Spring Lake, and the Miracle Book Club in Dunellen. Mrs. Guzzetti was a missionary houseparent at the Morrison Academy in Taichung, Taiwan. She also was a surrogate parent to three missionary children: Kingsley Baehr, Betty Baehr Lopez and James Tidmarsh.

Mrs. Guzzetti was a Sunday school teacher at the Grove Street Chapel in North Plainfield and the leader of a women's Bible study group. The chapel is now known as the Cedarcroft Bible

Chapel in South Plainfield.

Her first husband, Robert A. Baehr, is deceased. Surviving are her second husband, Alfred J.; a son, John Baehr of Edison; a stepdaughter, Helen Hershkowitz of Brant Beach; a stepson, John of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Eva Sewall of Plainfield; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three nieces.

Services were held at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Cedarcroft Bible Chapel for missionary work.

Rosa Ventimiglia

PISCATAWAY -Ventimiglia, 91, died Jan. 13, 2005 at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation

Center in Green Brook. Born in Sicily, she lived in Westfield before moving to

Piscataway in 1993. Mrs. Ventimiglia was a seamstress with Helten in Linden. A daughter, Sara D'Agostro, died in 2004.

Surviving are two daughters, Caponegro and Rosalie Fuchs; a brother, Giocamno Lapi, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Piscataway Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.





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Expo will highlight business partnerships

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EDISON — The New Jersey Association Women of Business Owners and the President's Women Educational Organization sponsoring Procurement Event and Expo Feb. 2 at the Pines Manor.

This year's event will focus on creating strategic business alliances for both the participating Fortune 500 companies and the women business owners in atten-

"This is an exciting event for NJAWBO since we are partnering with the WPEO," said Sue Fitzpatrick, president of NJAWBO. "Our members and other attendees will have the opportunity to forge relationships and build their business with a host of Blue Chip companies.

We have an outstanding agenda with incredible speakers including our keynote addresses, 'They Said She Couldn't Do It,' by Diane Turton, CEO of the Billion Dollar firm, Diane Turton Realtors and 'The Eleven Commandments of Marketing' by Susan Phillips Bari, president and founder of the Women's Business Enterprise National

Said Dr. Marsha Firestone,

WPEO: "The program high-lights how women business owners become certified and can market that certification to large companies eager to fill their diversity needs.

"The procurement fair and expo will help to open doors

for women's businesses." In addition to the workshops, speakers and expo tables, business owners who pre-register will also have the opportunity to meet oneon-one with major corporations to discuss their potential buying requirements in

"This is a terrific opportunity for attendees to meet with potential buyers from major companies," said Loreley DeGeorge, vice president of Corporate Relations for NJAWBO. "Participating in this event provides access to corporate representatives that many business owners may not ordinarily meet. It is gratifying when our members and attendees can find new customers and suppliers and learn new skills as a result of this day.

"In addition we have some great featured speakers at this event including Virginia Bauer, CEO and Secretary of NJ Commerce and Economic

president and founder of Growth Commission, Jill Lane, Group Vice President of Enterprise Rent-A-Car and James Kocsi, Regional Director of the US Small Business Administration,"

Pines Manor is located on Route 27. Breakfast and the Business Expo begin at 8 a.m. the public is invited to attend. Seating is limited. Call NJAWBO to register at 581-2121 or visit www.njawbo.org.

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners is the largest statewide women business owners' organization in the United States with 12 chapters and over 1000 members. Networking, partnering, leadership, education and political advocacy are the hallmarks of the organization, which have made it a powerful resource for women business owners. Classes, seminars and informational events are offered to members, non-members and aspiring entrepreneurs through each organization's Women's Business Center.

For further information about NJAWBO or the Women's Business Center, call the state headquarters at (609) 581-2121, send email to njawbo@njawbo.org or visit www.njawbo.org.

Kindergarten registration begins Feb. 22

METUCHEN Metuchen children who will have reached the age of five by Oct. 1, 2005 are eligible for kindergarten registration. Registration will take place at Moss School, 16 Simpson Place, on the following dates:

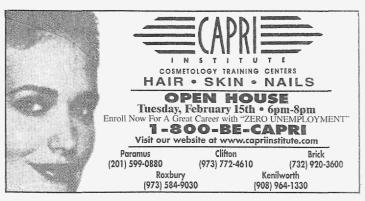
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Chamber schedules events

The following events have been scheduled for the month of February by the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 — Middlesex County Regional Chamber

Commerce/Women In Business Chapter and NJAWBO-Middlesex/Somerset Chapter are holding an evening of Wine, Women & Song at The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Museum, 71 Hamilton St., New Brunswick. Tickets are \$25 for pre-paid members and \$30 at the door for members and non-

For additional information or to register, visit www.mcrcc.org or call Elise at (732) 821-1700.

8 a.m. Feb. 15 — Middlesex County Employer Legislative Committee breakfast meeting at Sheraton Raritan Center, 125 Raritan Center, Edison. Featured speaker is Assemblyman John Wisniewski Admission is \$20 and includes buffet breakfast. For additional information or to register, visit www.mcrcc.org, call Debbie Miller at (732) 821-1700 or e-mail info@mcrcc.org.

- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 -Middlesex County Regional Chamber and the Edison Chamber of Commerce is holding a Business After Business networking reception hosted and sponsored by Sheraton Edison Hotel, 125 Raritan Center, Edison. Cost is \$10 for members paid in advance, \$15 for walk-in members and \$25 for non-members. For additional information or to register, visit www.mcrcc.org or call Debbie Miller at (732) 821-

Sunshine **Foundation** benefit on Feb. 5

NORTH BRANCH Prudential New Jersey Properties is sponsoring a show starring musical group The Duprees and Comedian Jackie Fontana 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theatre.

The evening will benefit The Sunshine Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children with cancer through positive group activi-

The Duprees are known for romantic interpretations of some of the most beautiful love songs ever written, including "My Own True Love" and "You Belong To Me."

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Stevens bounces back, Piscataway coasts

In their first outing since seeing their perfect GMC-Red Division start ended the Hawks had to make some-one pay and Old Bridge proved to be the perfect victim.

Coming off a 61-47 loss to Piscataway the J.P. Stevens High girls basketball squad rebounded Tuesday night by routing Old Bridge (1-12) 66-33 to boost its season's record to 10-2 and go to 7-1 in the division, one game in front of Piscataway, East Brunswick and South Brunswick

With Tania Kennedy matching Old Bridge's first-half output the Hawks stormed to a 37-16 halftime advantage after getting off to a 19-8 lead through eight minutes. After the Knights held a 13-11 edge in the third quarter Stevens sealed the outcome with an 18-4 fourth period.

Kennedy pumped in 23 points, while Amy Bonk turned in a big game with 18 points. Kathryn Ruhno followed with nine points, and Bobbi Van Fleet chipped in with eight points and eight rebounds.

Piscataway 57, Sayreville 32 — Posting identical 17-9 quarters to open the game to build a 36-18 halftime cushion the Chiefs coasted past Sayreville (21-12) for another GMC-Red Division triumph Tuesday night to remain a game behind J.P. Stevens in the tight division race. o remain a game behind J.P. Stevens to boost their White record to 8-1.

Niya Santiago pitched in 13 points and Nicole Arndt followed with 10 for

standing play with a game-high 20-point performance along with four steals and three blocked shots, while Caitlin Wesnesky delivered 14 points and 11 rebounds. Nicole Lilenfeld contributed 10 points and six steals as the Chiefs improved to 8-5 overall.

Bound Brook 54, Roselle Park 47 -Building a 19-8 advantage through eight minutes the Crusaders maintained the lead the rest of the way and avenged an opening-game loss to Roselle Park (5-7) in MVC-Valley Division play Tuesday night to earn their third victory in 11 starts.

Chystal Reinhold delivered a career-high 18-point, 15-rebound per-formance to lead the Bound Brook attack, while Stephanie Kehn followed with 14 points and 21 rebounds.

Perth Amboy 53, Perth Amboy 47 — In a clash of the top squads in the GMC White Division Tuesday night Perth Amboy (11-2) handed the Tigers their first loss in league play and took over first place a half-game by pulling away down the stretch.

South Plainfield, which had a sevengame winning streak halted in falling to 10-2 overall and 7-1 in the division, battled back from a 26-14 halftime deficit to knot the game in the second half before the Panthers pulled away

GIRLS BASKETBALL

South Plainfield, while Erica Jones topped 11-2 Perth Amboy with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

East Brunswick 56, Edison 44 — Falling behind 18-8 after one quarter and then 30-16 at halftime the Eagles could not stay with East Brunswick (11-4) early in their GMC-Red Division encounter Tuesday night and slipped to 6-7 for the campaign.

Edison placed three players in double figures with Heather Dauber's 14 points leading the way. Kristin Sciarillo and Kate Shutz followed with 10 points apiece.

Dunellen 48, Bound Brook 45 -Getting all they could handle from Bound Brook in non-league play Monday night the Destroyers took the lead with a 16-10 third quarter when Catherine Scerra scored seven points and held on down the stretch to earn

Christine Scerra notched all 10 of her points in the second half when he sister tallied nine if her 11 to help Dunellen improve to 8-3 for the campaign. Lauren Staats tossed in a game-high 16 points for the winners and also grabbed seven rebounds.

Krystal Miranda registered a 15point performance to pace the

Crusaders, while Stephanie Kehn contributed 12 points and six rebounds.

Brearley 54, Bound Brook 49 - The Crusaders gave 7-5 Brearley a run for its money in MVC-Valley Division play Jan. 21, but they saw a 24-11 halftime lead erased by an 18-7 third quarter by the Bears, who then outscored their hosts 11-6 down the stretch to pulled out the victory.

Christy Giamella tossed in 12 points to lead Bound Brook, while Krystal Miranda followed with 10. Stephanie Kehn and Kim Charnuska notched nine points apiece.

Middlesex 56, Spotswood 39 — Building a 20-11 advantage after one quarter and extending it to 34-15 at intermission the Blue Jays made fast work of Spotswood (6-5) in a GMC-Blue Division game Jan. 20 in improving to 8-3 for the campaign.

Middlesex relied on a balanced effort to get the job done offensive as Nicole Bizzomo's 10 points and five steals paced the attack. Ashley Best and Quincy Auger followed with nine points apiece, while A Abourashed finished with eight.

Metuchen 50, John F. Kennedy 27 — Grabbing a 10-2 lead after eight minutes and outscoring Kennedy (0-10) in each period the Bulldogs coasted to an easy GMC-Blue Division Jan. 20 to move to 5-6 for the campaign.

Kristen Edmonds provided the big

performance once again as she produced 20 points, eight steals and six assists, while Caitlin Walker led the board work with 10 rebounds. Joelle Vitale and Caitlin Mulligan chipped in with seven points apiece for the

Dunellen 48, South Amboy 36 -Lauren Staats poured in 18 points and Thyree Hall and Catherine Scerra chipped in with 10 apiece as Dunellen spanked South Amboy (4-8) in a GMC-Gold Division encounter Jan. 20. The Destroyers used a 13-5 showing in the third period to open a 39-23 lead.

Piscataway 61, J.P. Stevens 47 — Trailing 36-32 entering the final session Piscataway went on a 29-11 tear to close out the game and earn a measure of revenge against Stevens from an opening-game loss in Red Division play Jan. 19.

Asia Jenkins pumped in 21 points and Caitlin Wesnesky followed with 14 for the Chiefs. Tania Kennedy paced the Hawks with 20 points and Amy Bonk added 11.

South Plainfield 53, New Brunswick 49 — A 16-8 third-quarter showing by the Tigers proved to be the difference as it gave them a 37-32 lead in the White Division clash Jan. 19 with North Brunswick (2-8). Blaire Houston dropped in 18 points to pace South Plainfield, while Niya Santiago

South Plainfield rallies by Sayreville for 11th

Down 32-28 at halftime the South Plainfield High boys basketball squad took the lead with a 24-15 third quarter and then won going away for a 66-56 victory over Sayreville Tuesday night in GMC-Red Division

Marquis Jones (27) and Darren Smith combined for 53 of the Tigers' points, including 36 of the team's 41 second-half production. Matt Baszika contributed 12 rebounds for South Plainfield, which improved to 11-3 overall and 8-0 in the division. Sayreville slipped to 5-10.

St. Joseph's 69, Piscataway 51 — With the 7-foot, 290-pound Andrew Bynum back in the lineup St. Joseph's (5-7) figures to be a tall order for anyone as the Chiefs learned Tuesday night when Bynum dropped in 27 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and blocked seven shots in the GMC-Red Division encounter.

Rodney Freeney Piscataway, which slipped to 9-6 for the season, with 12 points, while Kent Scriven followed with nine and Brandon Wilkinson chipped in with eight. The Falcons took charge with a 42-21 advantage during the middle periods for a 56-34 lead.

Roselle Park 74, Bound Brook 66 — Julio Rodriguez pouted in a game-high 30 points but it wasn't enough as the Crusaders could not recover after falling behind 25-11 after one quarter in the MVC-Valley Division loss to Roselle Park (5-9) Tuesday night.

Marek Marszalek finished with 15 points and Matt Melesurgo added 11 for Bound

BOYS BASKETBALL

Brook, which saw its record drop to 1-11 for the season.

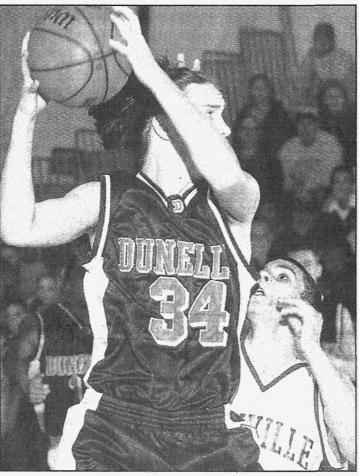
Old Bridge 56, J.P. Stevens 40 - A 20-9 first-quarter deficit proved too much to overcome as the Hawks managed only 17 first-half points in bowing to Old Bridge (6-6) Tuesday night in GMC-Red Division play. Kenny Melford topped Stevens with 15 points and Jason Callender followed with nine. East Brunswick 73, Edison 44

- The Eagles saw an 11-8 deficit after eight minutes expanded to 36-19 at halftime as East Brunswick (7-7) coasted to a GMC-Red Division triumph Tuesday night. Sean Oganhoiki and Justin Thompson scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, for Edison, which dipped to 3-10 on the

Dunellen 60, Bound Brook 44 Bolting to a 17-6 after eight minutes and extending the lead to 36-16 at the half the undefeated Destroyers made Bound Brook their 11th victim of the season Monday night with an easy non-conference

Connecting on six of seven from behind the three-point line Travis DeNapoli delivered a career-high 20 points lead all scorers, while Dean Hoski and Mike Bartolotti finished with a 11 points apiece and Todd DeNapoli handed out 10 assists as the Destroyers opened a 54-28 cushion after three periods.

Matt Melesurgo tossed in 10



I ARRY MURPHY/STAFF CORRESPONDENT Dunellen High's Tim Sweeney, seen here in action earlier this season against Manville, and his Destroyer teammates remained undefeated Monday night when they whipped Bound Brook 60-44 to go

to 11-0 for the season.

while Marek Marszalek fol-

points and pulled down 16 lowed with nine points. rebounds to pace the Edison 70, Perth Amboy 63 -Crusaders, who slipped to 1-10, Sean Oganoiki, Nick Reider

and Kyle Ringer combined for

56 points Eagles pulled away in the fourth quarter to upset Perth Amboy (5-7) Jan. 21 in Kennedy 65 — Putting four players in twin figures in scoring paced by Dejuan Miller's 15 the fourth quarter to upset Perth Amboy (5-7) Jan. 21 in Red Division play.

Oganhoiki dropped in 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Edison, while Reider followed with 18 points. Ringer contributed 17 points and seven boards for Edison, which yielded 27 points to the Panthers' Jermaine Clark in the first three periods but just two during a 14-8 final session.

J.P. Stevens 65, North Brunswick 62 — In a GMC crossover encounter at the Meadowlands Jan. 21 the Hawks rallied from a 32- 24 to force overtime and then needed two extra sessions to edge North Brunswick (4-9) as Kenny Melford sparked the victory.

In pouring in a game- and career-high 29 points Melford secured the triumph by converting three of four free throws down the stretch after his three-pointer tied the game at 45-45 with five seconds left in regulation. Andrew Biancosimo chipped in with 12 points, while Jason Callender delivered 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Brearley 49, Bound Brook — Taking a 32-31 lead into the final eight minutes the Crusaders could not hold on in dropping a Valley Division decision to Brearley (6-3) Jan. 21.

Julio Rodriguez dropped in a game-leading 17 points for Bound Brook, while Van Shivers followed with eight points and Matt Melsurgo collected 10 rebounds to go with six points. The Bears, meanwhile, had three players in double-figures.

points and with seven players betting at least nine points ithe Bulldogs raced to an easy Blue Division victory over Kennedy (3-8) Jan. 20. Jon Brown followed Miller with 14 points, while Kevin Rush and Marcus Blakely added 10 apiece for Metuchen, which built a 45-30 advantage by halftime.

Dunellen 53, South Amboy 39 - Todd DeNapoli tossed in 19 points and handed out eight assists, while Tim Sweeney followed with 13 as the Destroyers earned their 10th victory with a Gold Division verdict over South Amboy Jan. 20. Dunellen used a 33-15 advantage during the middle periods when DeNapoli had 14 points to decide the game. Dean Hoski added eight points.

Middlesex 43, Spotswood 33

— Robbie Tolomeo turned in a career-high 26 points to account for the bulk of the offense and also grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the way as the Blue Jays snapped a seven-game losing streak with a Blue Division triumph over Spotswood Ian. 20 Middlesex, which got seven points from Authniel Reid, jumped out to a 15-7 lead after one period and led the rest of

Manville 65, Bound Brook 59 - Julio Rodriguez and Van Shivers notched 15 points apiece, Marek Marszalek tossed in 12 and Matt Melesurgo added 10 but it wasn't enough as the Crusaders dropped a Valley Division decision to Metuchen 85, John F. Manville (1-10) Jan. 20.

Parham, Irene Frimpong, Sharifah Doyle and Nike Isajola

teamed to captured the shuttle

hurdles in 36.1 seconds, while

Taisha Shaw and Joanna Martin

hooked up 65-foot, 41/2-inch per-

formance to win the shot put by

almost 4 feet over South

The Chiefs other 12 points

came on a pair of third-place

efforts as Losey and Isajola

combined for 9-2 in the high

jump, which was won by Lataya

Dixon and Yasmin Parks of

Stevens at 10-2, while the sprint

medley squad was third in

Plainfield.

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Middlesex comeback short-circuited

In another GMC-White Division match that went down to the wire for the Middlesex High wrestling squad Sayreville picked up a decision and a pin in the final two bouts to pull out a 37-30 victory Tuesday night.

The Blue Jays, who fell to 4-7 for the season, took a 30-28 lead by winning four of five matches to overcome a 26-9 deficit, but Sayreville closed it for the victory. Bryan Reilly began the Middlesex rally when he earned an 11-6 decision at heavyweight.

Vinny Zaccardi and Niko Kostopoulos then delivered falls with Zaccardi winning in 4:55 and Kostopolous decking his opponent in 1:07, and after Sayreville (5-4) took a major decision at 119 Nick Desiato picked up a forfeit at 125 to give Middlesex its short-lived

Ryan DeNapoli proved the Blue Jays with their first points when he pinned in 2:55 at 152, while Joe Bizzomo recorded a 16-4 major at 171.

Piscataway 35, South Brunswick 32 -Rob Damon bumped up to 189 to 171 and earned a 9-4 decision in the match's final bout to lift the Chiefs past South Brunswick (5-4) in a GMC-Red Division battle Jan. 21.

Shane Beckford (160) and Russell Hopkins (171) brought Piscataway into a deadlock at 32-32 as Beckford posted a 20-6 major decision and Hopkins logged a 40-second fall.

A.J. Hrabar (119) in 5:15 and Barry Garrard (130) in :50 also pinned for the Chiefs, while the team's other 10 points came on a pair of technical falls with a C.J. Adams (103) winning 20-5 in 4:33 and Terrence Williams-Park (135) opening an 18-3 advantage in 5:46.

WRESTLING

Edison 36, Bernards 29 - Going against 5-1 Bernards in a non-league match Jan. 21 the Eagles picked up their second victory of the season as Bob Wolf (171) in 5:50 and Ed Kidney (190) in 1:02 registered back-to-back falls to build a 33-26 lead and heavyweight Mike Lepree claimed a 3-2 victory in double-overtime.

C.J. Bandiero (125) in 5:21 and Matt Gabriel (130) in 2:14 delivered consecutive pins earlier in the match, while Alex Romero (103) posted a technical fall with an 18-2 lead at the final horn and James Pang (140) logged a 14-0

major decision.
Woodbridge 39, Middlesex 36 -Vinny Caccardi (103) in 55 seconds and Niko Kostopoulos (112) in 5:16 produced back-to-backs falls to move the Blue Jays into a deadlock ay 36-36 with a bout left, but Woodbridge (5-3) pulled out a decision in the final match to win the GMC-White Division battle

Ryan DeNapoli (160) in 1:12, Joe Bizzomo (171) in 1:32 and Bryan Reilly (215) in 1:57 also earned pins for Middlesex, which also received victories from Nick Desiato (125), who won 7-5, and Matt Ellery (130), who took a

3-2 verdict. East Brunswick 59, J.P. Stevens 24 -Moses Tam (112) in 50 seconds, Albert Stevens (119) in 2:40 and Pavel Stuchinsky (215) in 1:06 record a pin, but the Hawks managed only decisions from Dan Keiser (103), and Anthony Howard (140) in dropping a Red Division verdict to East Brunswick (4-Jan. 21.

John F. Kennedy 45, Metuchen 30 -Mike Jachim (119) in 4:52, Ben Hohmann (145) in 1:36 and James Alexander (160) in 1:51 had falls for Metuchen, but the Bulldogs won only three other bouts - decisions by Jack Barrett (152) and Rich Nalepa (189) and a forfeit by Harry Peterson (140) in bowing to Kennedy (7-6) in a GMC-Blue Division encounter Jan. 21.

South Plainfield 36, Kittatinny 26 -Squaring off with the team many considered the best in the state Jan. 20 the Tigers took 8 of the 14 bouts, including falls by Jimmy Conroy (119) in 3:48, Ed McCray (135) in 1:08, Mark Wagner (171) in 3:15 and Kevin Crilley (189) in 3:55, to trim Kittatiny (6-1) capture the battle of unbeatens.

Patrick Hunter (103), Billy Ashnault (112), Paul Ritchey (145) and heavyweight Rob Maistickle each recorded a victory by a decision for South Plainfield.

Vernon 46, J.P. Stevens 21 - Travis McCarthy (140) in 5:06 and Pavel Stuchinsky (215)in 1:50 regsiterd falls, while Moses Tam (112), Albert Stevens (119) and Hamilton Cook (130) each logged a decision as the Hawks dropped a non-conference encounter to Vernon (6-8) Jan. 20.

Perth Amboy 53, Edison 16 -Squaring off with Red Division rival Perth Amboy (10-2) Jan. 20 the Eagles managed only three victories in dropping their sixth decision of the campaign. Bob Wolf (171) recorded an 11-2 major decision, while J.C. Bandiero (125) won by default and Matt Gabriel (130) won by forfeit.

TRACK & FIELD

Piscataway girls win **GMC** Relays crown

Setting three meet records and winning five events the Piscataway High girls indoor track & field squad captured team honors at the GMC Relay Championships Jan. 20 at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The Chiefs totaled 62 points for the two-day meet and dominated the running events, where all three of their records produced. South Brunswick finished second with 48 points, while Metuchen earned a share of fifth place with 15 points, J.P. Stevens (10) finished seventh and South Plainfield (9) was eighth.

The 800-meter squad of Michelle Losey, Ronnah Parham, Collene Cumberbatch Ronnah and Asia Washington carved out a 1:48.2 clocking for a new standard as they bettered the 1:49.4 turned in by Stevens in 1999.

In the 1600 the Chiefs went with a lineup of Washington, Ayana West, Cumberbatch and Parham as Losey sat out, but they still produced a meet best with a 4:14.4 performance.

In its first attempt at the 3200 this season the Chiefs posted a meet-record 10:03.5 Washington, Cumberbatch and Losey shat-tered the old mark of 10:07.5 set by Old Bridge in 1999.

In the boys meet Metuchen produced the top finish as the Bulldogs totaled 22 points for fifth place. Marcus Farris, Dan Ziznewski, Greg Lewis and Jeff Ostermueller combined for a victory in the sprint medley in 3:48.1 as the Bulldogs edge East Brunswick by .2 of a second. Metuchen also took second in the shuttle hurdles, a half-second behind East Brunswick, and fourth in the 4 X 400.

Piscataway picked up 10 of its 15 points on the first day when the high jump team took second and the shot pot squad was third. J.P. Stevens finished second in the 4 X 400 to account for eight of its 11 points.

Middlesex Briefs

Church holds elders service on Sunday

PISCATAWAY — On Sunday the North Stelton African Methodist Episcopal Church, 123 Craig Ave., the New Brunswick District Minister's Fellowship of the New Jersey Annual Conference African Methodist Episcopal Church, First Episcopal District are holding a Presiding Elder's Welcome Service and

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The guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Larry E. Dixon, Pastor of the Mt. Teman A.M.E. Church, Elizabeth.

For further information about this event, call the Rev. Donald Brown at (732) 222-6598.

For directions to the church, call (732)287-5184.



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Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness	NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSE' MIDDLESSEX COUNT Docket No. F- 21232-0
Acquisition of an 8-9 person senior citizen van, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto	\$38,500	\$36,575	5 Years	STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: JEANNETTE T. ASTORRI HER. HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRE SENTATIVES AND HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSOR IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST;
 b) Acquisition of playground equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, and further including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto. 	\$7,960	7,562	15 Years	YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Pluese, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whos address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laure NJ 08054, An Answer to the Complaint and Armendmen to Complaint, filed in a civil action in which MORTGAGI
c) Acquisition for an electronic badging system, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$15,400	14,630	5 Years	ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA DITECH.COM., IS Plaintiff and JEANNETTE 1 ASTORII, HER HEIRS, DEVISES, et al., and
Acquisition of an electronic sign for Borough Hall, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$38,500 (Includes a \$35,000 grant to be received from the NJ Dept. of Treasury)	\$38,323	10 Years	Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of Net Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, bearin Docket No. F-21232-04, within thirty-five days (35) afte January 29, 2005 exclusive of such date. If you fall to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against yo for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to
Acquisition of picnic tables and benches, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	S22,000 (Includes a \$20,000 grant to be received from the NJ Dept. of Treasury)	\$21,900	15 Years	Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Cour Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jerse 06625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practic and Procedure.
Construction of a picnic pavilion in Mountain View Park, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.	\$54,000 (Includes a \$45,000 grant to be received from the NJ Dept. of Treasury)	\$53,550	15 Years	This action has been instituted for the purpose of fore closing the mortgage dated May 29, 2001, and made b Jeannette T. Astorf, to Mortgage Electronic Registratio Systems, Inc. as Nominee for GMAC Mortgage db Ditech.Com recorded in the Middlesex County Clerk Office, Book 6702, at Page 155, on June 19, 2001; t
g) Reconstruction of Cedar Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.	\$495,000 (Includes a \$200,000 grant to be received from the NJ Dept. of Treasury)	\$480,250	10 Years	recover possession of and concerning real estate loca ed at 34 Bertrand Street, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Supplemental information obtained reveals the Jeannette T. Astorni passed away, intestate on May 2t 2004, while residing in the City of Old Bridge, County Middle-sex and State of New Jersey. As precaution and in case there may be heirs who are unknown to
TOTALS	\$671,360	\$652,790		Plaintiff, the heirs of law of Jeannette T. Astorri are des
Appropriation: \$671,3 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$652,7 Grants Appropriated: \$100,00 Treasury, a grant in the amount of \$200,000 to be a grant in the amount of \$14,000 to be received Section 20 Costs: \$102,6 Useful Lile: 10,24 Y This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40, \$50,32	90 10 to be received from the 5 e received from the New Je from the Federal Homeland 23 fears	rsey Department I Security Grant i	of Transportation an Program. en Anello, RMC, Cler	ignated as Jeannette T. Astorri, her heirs, devisees an personal representatives and her, their or any of the successors in right, title and interest and are made parle Defendants to this action. d You, the heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors i right, title and interest of Jeannette T. Astorri ar made party defendants to this action in the ever the there are any heirs who are unknown to Plaintiff Jeannette T. Astorri, the Mortgagor and owner of the property being foreclosed, as they may have an own

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Act; N.J.S 34:11-55.48 et seq. (P.L. 2003, c. 91), bidders All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with
must be registered with the New Jersey Department of the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are
Labor, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance, at the hereby repealed. time of bid. Drawings, specifications, and bid documents may be inspected or obtained for a fee of \$22.00, for full SECTION 5 size drawings, at the NJDOT Engineering and This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, Operations Bild; 1st floor, Bod OT Trenton, New Jersey approval and publication according to law. 08625 during business hours. Names and addresses of prospective bidders for this project may be acquired by INTRODUCED: January 25, 2005 telephoning 609-530-8585 during business hours. Their fax number is 609-530-4503.

Drawings, special provisions, and bid documents may also be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations:

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ORDINANCE NO. 1630-05
AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING
THE SALARY OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES
OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX
FOR THE YEAR 2005

Assistant Prosecutor Assistant Borough Attorney

SECTION 2

The rates of Compensation established above shall serve as a guide in employment and subsequent changes in rate of employees hired after passage of this ordinance.

SECTION 3 All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed

SECTION 4
This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, approval and publication according to law. ADOPTED: January 25, 2005

Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held on the 25th day of January, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey. Kathleen Anello Ropundo Clerk

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1632-05
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. 1615-04 WHICH DETERMINES THE SALARY
AND COMPENSATION OF THE CERTIFIED SENIOR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT FOR THE BOROUGH

Dunellen Feb. 14

DUNELLEN - FISH, Inc. located in the Dunellen area, will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the First Presbyterian Church, 218 Dunellen Avenue.

refreshments will be served. Officers for the 20005-2006 term will be elected. Committee chairpersons will report on last year's activities and will outline their plans for 2005.

FISH, Inc is an all volunteer, non-profit organization which helps needy people in our local communities

For more information, call (732) 356-0081 and a FISH telephone volunteer will return your call.

Job seekers support now meeting weekly

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The NOVA Job Seekers Support Group meets every Thursday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. to network, share ideas, contacts and re-charge our batteries.

To reserve your place or for further information, call Diane Markowitz at (732) 777-1940 or e-

Manville fire company FISH to hold meeting in offers NASCAR trips

MANVILLE - The Camplain Volunteer Fire Company Number Two of Manville is sponsoring its 11th annual A Day at the Races with trips to the following NASCAR Nextel Cup Races: Richmond Everyone is welcome and International Speedway on May 14, Dover Downs International Speedway on June 5, and Pocono

Raceway on July 24. All trips include round trip transportation from Manville, race tickets, food and beverages before and after the races.

mail d.markowitz@jfvs.org.

The Richmond bus trip will also include one night lodging at the Ramada Inn in Fredericksburg,

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Avenue to the Lincoln Monument at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard. Once all the participants have gathered at the statue, a President Lincoln reenactor will read an updated version of the Gettysburg

Address. For further information or questions regarding the event, call Linda Buhler, Special Events Coordinator of the Middlesex Girl Scouts at (732) 424-7315.

Middlesex Pool has applications for work

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Community Pool has openings for life guards, front desk and snack bar positions for the summer 2005 swim season.

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Presbyterian school holding open house

MIDDLESEX - There will be an open house held Feb. 7-11

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ing three times each week. For more information on either the Open House or the school program, call Barbara Franzetti or Jody Lacaillade at the pre-school (732) 805-3940.

Middlesex Recreation offers arts and crafts

MIDDLESEX Recreation Middlesex Department offers an hour long arts and crafts class for 4- and 5-year-olds who are not yet attending Kindergarten.

Class enrollment is limited to 15 children. Classes are held on a Thursday morning from 9-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. and run for 10 weeks.

Registration fees are \$45 for Middlesex Borough resident and \$80 for non-residents.

Library Calendar

DUNELLEN **Groundhog Day** marked at library

The Dunellen Public Library will present "Will Spring Be Early?" a Groundhog Day celebration, 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Pre-school age children are invited to enjoy puppetry, stories and crafts in the library meeting

For more information, call (732) 968-4585 or visit the circulation desk. The library is located

on New Market Road. **EDISON** Library celebrates

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, the FCD Chinese School will present a cultural event for families at the North Edison Library 2-4 p.m. Feb. 5.

Chinese New Year

There will be a cultural appreciation seminar, a calligraphy demonstration, arts and crafts and a toy exhibition,

For additional information or to register, call (732) 548-3045,

METUCHEN Winter Story Times begin at library Winter Story Times begin Jan.

31 for those ages 18 months to

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PISCATAWAY Twilight Tales being held on Tuesday

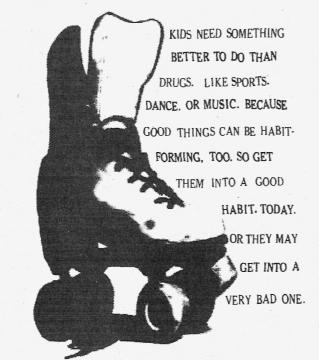
Parents with children ages 3-5 years old are invited to join the Piscataway Public Library for Twilight Tales, 45 minutes filled with stories and activities for parents to share with their children.

An evening program, Twilight Tales is being 7 p.m. Tuesday at the J. F. Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane in Piscataway.

No registration is necessary.

OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE THE YEAR 2004 SEALED BIDS will be received from bidders classified BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.1 et seq., in the NJDOT MULTI- THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX THAT: PURPOSE ROOM, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, until 10:00 A.M. on Senior Technical Assistant of the Borough Middlesex Senior Technical Assistant of the Borough Middlesex Senior Technical Assistant of the Sprough Middlesex DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK Superior Court of New Jersey DATED: January 19, 2005 The rates of compensation established above shall serve say a guide in employment and subsequent changes in rates of employees hired after passage of this ordinance. B26 1T 1/29/05 LEGAL NOTICE SOMERSET SAVINGS BANK Pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:32-44. Business Registration, The Mayor and Council shall have the sole discretion in proof of valid business registration shall be submitted by determining who shall be placed on Minimum, Maximum a blidder with its bid proposal at the time of bid for 100% and on interim steps of the salary range and their determination shall be final and conclusive on all employees. Notice of Annual Meeting Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of Somerset Savings Bank, SLA, 220 West Union Avenue, Bound Brock, NJ. 08805 on Wednesdy, February, 16, 2005 at 4:00 pm o'clock for the sole purpose of the election of Directors and to receive a report The polls for the election of Directors will be open 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Members of record at the close of busi-ness on December 19, 2004 will be entitled to vote at the MICHAEL J. WALSH B27 2T 1/29,2/5/05

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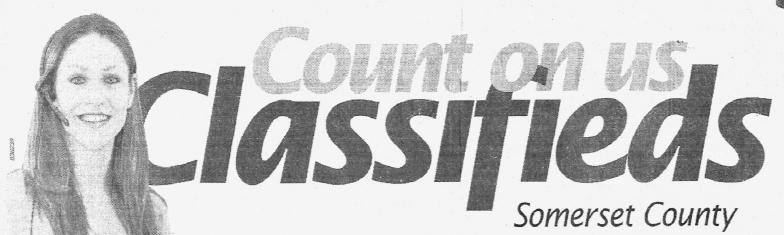


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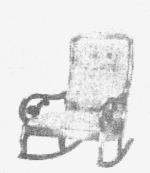
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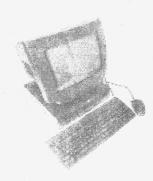
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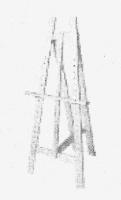


















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Rotary. Proceeds to benefit projects of sponsors. \$45 pre-sale,
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at 732-469-6453 for tickets and
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are available locally or call (732)
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IN THE FUTURE:
EDISON - ESL Adult
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Feb. 7 at Edison High School,
Continuing Education Center, 10
Blvd. of Eagles, (next to Edison
High School). For more information call office at (732) 452-4574.
NEW BRUNSWICK - Blood
Drive: Feb. 8, Feb. 10 and Feb.

17; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Community Blood Drive at Schwartzman Courtyard, Somerset Street. Call NBAH Blood Center (732) 235-8100 ext. 244 for further information and requirements.

PIŚCATAWAY - Shrove Tuesday: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 8 Mardi Gras Pancake Supper plus trimmings. Adults \$5, kids under 10 \$3. at Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane. Call (732) 463-1517. Masks optional. PIŚCATAWAY - Ash

Wednesday: 12:15 Feb. 9 at Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane. Brief ecumenical worship service followed by light lunch, free will offering to be donated to FISH. Call (732) 463-1517 for details. To be continued each Wednesday during Lent. Also, at 7:30 p.m. a Holy Communion Service will be held. MANVILLE - Pierogi Supper: 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at Sacred Heart Church Auditorium, 98 South Second Street. \$8 adults, \$4 children (8 and under). For information call (908) 725-0072.

EDISON - Adult School: 6:30

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4574.

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Feb. 13 at S.P. Elks Lodge, 1254
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Eat - \$6 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 and children 4 and
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MIDDLESEX - Lincoln Day

Pilgrimage: 1 p.m. Feb. 13, Girl
Scouts and other interested
groups, march from Boro Hall to
Lincoln Monument, read
"Gettysburg Address" and return
to Rec. Center for refreshments.
Call (732) 424-7315 for further

information.

EDISON - Dried Flower

Workshop: 7 p.m. Feb. 14 in
Edison Public Library Main
Branch, 340 Plainfield Ave. at
Edison Garden Club. Bring dried
flowers, light refreshments will be
served. Call Mary Kobasz at
(732) 549-3579 for additional
information

Senior 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.

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.

The Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's meets at 1 p.m. every second Monday in the cafeteria of Holy Family Academy School located at 201 Voesseller Ave. in Bound Brook. For further information, call club president Sal Barbati (908) 725-5444.

Event Schedule:
Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day
Social and membership meeting, 1 p.m. in school cafeteria.
March 13 — St. Patrick's Day
Dinner, 4 p.m. school cafeteria.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held each Friday at 10 a.m. at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park.

Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, will hold its monthly meetings at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27). The monthly board meeting is at noon and the General Meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. The speaker at this meeting will be Esther Gelard, speaking on "Identity Theft." Refreshments will be served. Guests are always welcome.

The chapter is currently accepting new members; call Ruth Hancock for further information at (732) 548-2332.

Trips:
Feb. 17 - Hunterdon Hills
Playhouse, "George
Washington Slept Here" \$58
per person includes transportation, lavish luncheon, admission, gratuities and taxes. Bus
leaves 10 a.m. Call Miriam at
(732) 548-9395 for further information and tickets, which must
be bought by Feb. 1.

South Bound Brook

The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club, meets at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. The next business meeting will be on Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall. One box of pasta per member will be collected at the meeting for the food bank. Annual dues are \$10 and will be collected at the business meeting. 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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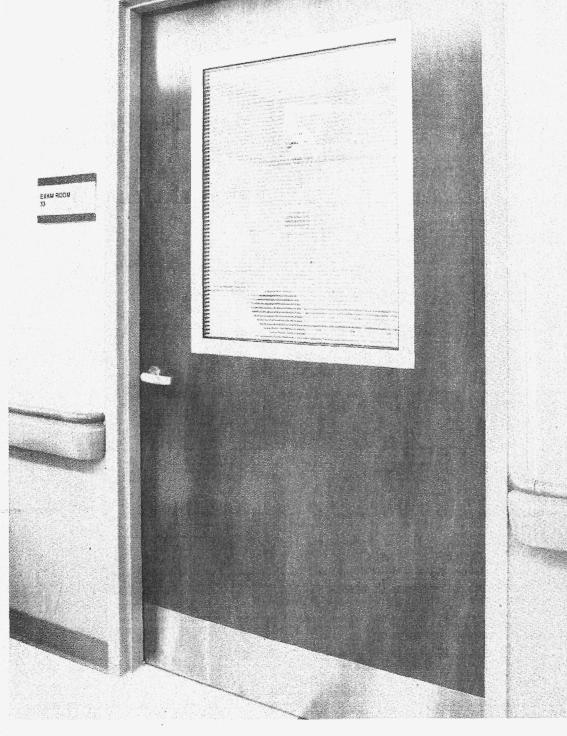
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