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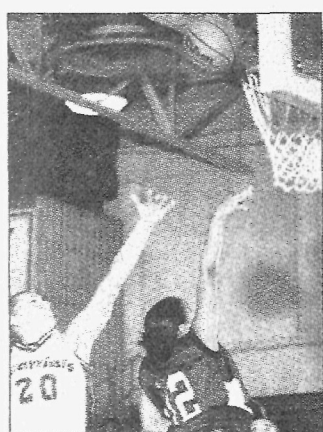
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The South Plainfield High girls basketball squad defeated Woodbridge and North Brunswick earlier this week to improve to 15-4 on the season. **Page B1.**



Valentine's for soldiers

Soldiers serving overseas will get a Valentine's Day message from area school students thanks to pupils at Irene E. Feldtkirchner Elementary School. **Page B3.**



Looking out for our future

Area crossing guards brave the frigid winter temperatures to make sure children get to and from school safely. **Page B2.**

REMINDER

'Camelot' coming

The Performing Arts Department of Piscataway High School is presenting "Camelot" through today. Showtime is 7 p.m. at the Piscataway High School, 100 Behmer Road.

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Edison Valley Playhouse set to reopen

EDISON — Edison Valley Playhouse, long a landmark on Oak Tree Road, has received a \$25,000 grant from the state of New Jersey. Currently there are plans to reopen the playhouse this year, and this funding will get the project going by enabling much needed repairs.

"The building needs a new roof and some exterior repair," said Richard

Monteiro, president of Valley Playhouse Productions which owns the theater. "These funds will get our renovation and reopening project going a long way in the right direction."

Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan and Peter Barnes of the 18th district helped the group find available funding for emergency repairs.

"I believe the arts are an

essential part of our lives," Diegnan said. "An opportunity such as this to bring back Edison Valley Playhouse as a cultural arts center should be supported by everyone."

Assemblyman Diegnan accompanied Monteiro, Vice President Bill Seesselberg and Trustee Robert Bengivenga on a tour of the theater to see what work will be started with the funding.

"When the weather breaks a little bit, we will start replacing the roof and begin repairing the exterior damage to the building" said Bengivenga. "That will make the building more weatherproof, and we can begin repairing the interior."

In 2004, the playhouse was named a local historic site by Edison Township. The theater was formerly the Marconier

Union Chapel, originally constructed in 1895. Until 1966 it served as a church, and in 1968 was purchased by Valley Playhouse Productions, a group organized in the Oak Tree area that had been producing shows in local schools and church halls. The group will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2005.

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Monica Lawrence chats with former New Jersey Devils player Alexei Kasatonov during a press conference held Tuesday announcing a benefit hockey game members of the New Jersey Devils Alumni Team will play at Rock Ice Pavillion in Dunellen on behalf of the Adult Day Care Center of Somerset County.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Family uses hockey as way to give back

By TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — Taking care of someone with Alzheimer's disease can be a daunting task.

So when the Lally family found the Adult Day Care Center of Somerset County, they felt their prayers had been answered.

Their father, Bob, was suffering from Alzheimer's disease, and his condition was gradually getting worse. Their mother, Irma, was his primary care taker and the task was becoming exhaustive.

The Adult Day Care Center, located on Finnerne Avenue, became a second home in the later years for Bob Lally giving his wife, giving Irma the

confidence that her husband was being well taken care of during the day.

Although Bob Lally died in 2002, his family remained grateful for the care that the center had given the former World War II Naval Veteran. As a result of the great care the center provided, the Lallys felt the need to give something back to the center.

Rock Ice Pavillion owner's Igor and Shannon Mrotchek, who are the son-in-law and daughter of Bob Lally, are sponsoring a benefit hockey game with the New Jersey Devils Alumni Team to raise money for the center.

The event will be held 3 p.m.

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Valentine's help recall vet's service

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

Come Valentine's Day, Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-11th Dist., never forgets the bruised, broken and bravest of hearts — those of our veterans.

On Monday, Frelinghuysen, a Vietnam War veteran, will visit Van Derveer Elementary School in Somerville where he will pick up Valentine's Day Cards made by third-graders for veterans hospitalized at Lyons VA Medical Center in Bernards Township.

The state-wide program has come to be known as "Valentines for Vets."

"Valentine's Day is almost upon us again. It is a time to be with our loved ones and let others know how much they are appreciated, especially our military veterans," Frelinghuysen said in a prepared statement.

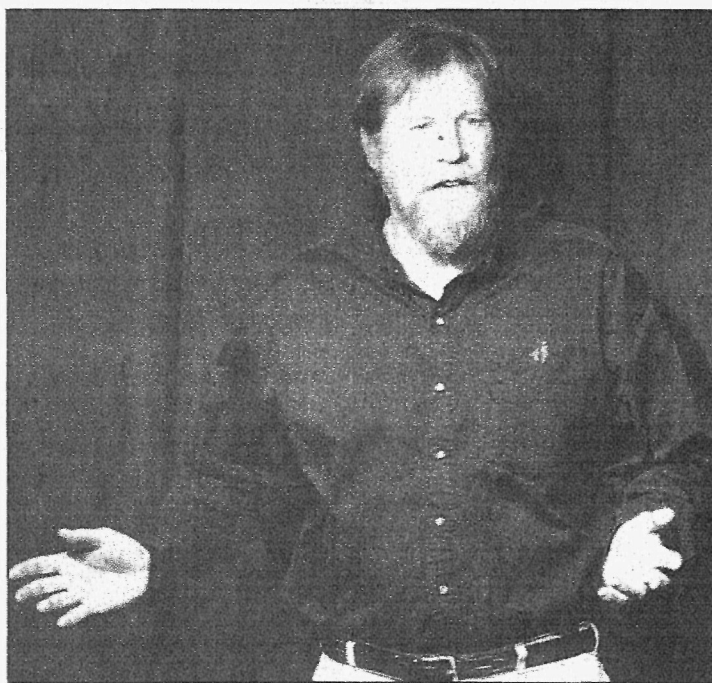
"For nearly 10 years, I have witnessed how a valentine from a child can lift the heart of a veteran confined to hospital bed on Valentine's Day," he said.

"A hospital can be a lonely place. Yet, this widely popular program has delivered countless scenes of children touching the lives of hospitalized veterans with their very creative and colorful valentines," he said.

The congressman said teachers and pupils across northern New Jersey have always been supportive in making this a class project.

Each year the week of February 14 is commemorated as the National Salute to

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Macaulay talks about the upcoming benefit hockey game during a press conference.

Somerset County opens doors to world leaders

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — Ade Tinamei's sense of humor shed some light on the resolve of a people who have experienced the worst natural disaster in recent history.

"I have a joke," the Indonesian woman announced last week inside the Somerset County Administration Building where the equivalent of a mini United Nations had formed.

"At least, after the tsunami, America now knows where Indonesia is," she quipped, noting her joke was an acknowledgement of all the good will the world has shown Indonesia following the disaster.

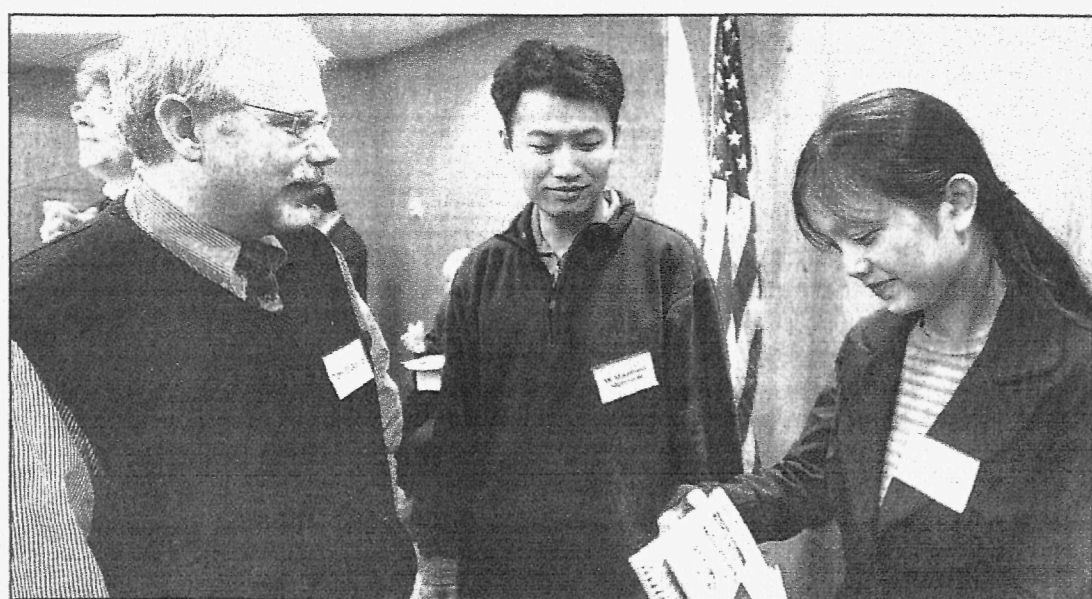
Tinamei, 34, an urban designer and architect at the Center for Urban Design Studies in Bandung,

Indonesia, was one of 13 people from developing countries chosen to participate in the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, hosted by Rutgers University, which provides an opportunity for mid-career professionals to come to the United States for a year of academic study and professional development.

The program was created in 1978 to honor the late vice president of the United States and to embody his commitment to international awareness and understanding.

Last week, the folks from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, the Czech Republic, Guinea, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey, Tunisia and Yemen shadowed county officials and learned first-

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Somerset County Supervising Planner Tom D'Amico talks about urban planning initiatives with Malaithong Kommasith from Laos and Dr. Chenxi Bai from China.

Edison Valley Playhouse is set for reopening

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"Many area residents will remember the fine shows that were seen on the Edison Valley stage," stated Seesselberg, "and some of those residents got a chance to perform and even begin show business careers from that same stage."

Speaking for all the officers, Bengivenga added, "I would like to personally thank Assemblymen Diegnan and Barnes for their support of this project. Bill, Rich and I each have 20 to 30 years of involvement in area theatre, and are excited about reopening Edison Valley Playhouse to

return live theatre to the area."

Some of the reopening plans include bringing back not only stage shows and musicals, but also other cultural events such as recitals, classes, lectures, and the like. There will also be opportunities for displaying art and photographs in the

theatre during performances.

"Bill and I have spoken about this for the past few years," added Diegnan, "and it looks like the dream is really on its way to becoming true."

"We hope to bring this back as a truly community theatre" Seesselberg said,

"not only for the resident community, but also the business, social, and cultural communities in the area."

Volunteers who are interested in helping out are encouraged to contact the playhouse. They are also looking for tax deductible donations, and the contribution of materials or services

by area businesses, contractors, or suppliers.

For more information or to get involved with the restoration and reopening efforts, visit www.evplayhouse.com, contact the playhouse at (908)755-4654, or write to Edison Valley Playhouse, 2200 Oak Tree Road, Edison NJ 08820.

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County opens doors to world leaders

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hand about the workings of American county government.

Tinamei, who followed the lead of Walter Lane, the county's senior planner, said her people are grateful for the outpouring of donations made in the wake of the Dec. 26 tragedy that claimed more than 150,000 lives in southern Asia, but something more needs to be done.

"This is a good moment for us to coordinate with each other, a global discussion," she said. "People are starting to know what a tsunami is and how to anticipate it ... Japan has a warning system ... We have a lot of homework to do."

Jane Sproul, assistant coordinator of the Rutgers program, said the university has partici-

pated in the program for 14 years and has made it a point to include more representatives of predominantly Muslim countries — eight of the 13 people this year — since the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Shukria Kazimi, who shadowed Pat Clark, director of policy, is the assistant director of the Afghan Women's Network in Kabul, Afghanistan. Asked about recent events in her homeland, she said she was saddened by what happened on 9/11, but elated by what followed.

"No one paid attention to what was going on. All the world forgot about Afghanistan," said Kazimi, 35, who fled to Pakistan in 1996 following the Taliban's takeover.

She said she returned in 2002 after the regime was crushed.

"It was a dream for peace to come to Afghanistan. We were hopeless, now we have hope," she said. "If the Taliban were still there, I couldn't come here (the United States)."

Asked about Osama bin Laden, and if she thinks the world's most wanted man is still in Afghanistan, Kazimi said she doesn't think so and has no idea where he might be hiding.

In her homeland, Kazimi helps train women in areas of advocacy, lobbying and government participation. She said Afghan women are far behind their American counterparts when it comes to rights, but they are very strong because their men have been off fighting for so many years.

"Men expect a lot of women in Afghanistan," she said, adding, women do all the

chores, run small businesses out of the home and raise the children.

"Without women they (men) couldn't succeed," she said with a laugh. "Afghan women are better than the men."

Nadwa Al-Dawsari, 29, of Yemen, has worked for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. She shadowed Linda Van Zandt, director of public information, last week and said she had a completely different image of the United States and its people before coming here.

She said where Americans lack exposure to the cultures of other countries, they make up in personality, energy and friendliness.

"I will go back home with a lot of positive things to say about the U.S.," Al-Dawsari said.

Family uses hockey

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Feb. 20 at the Dunellen rink. Scheduled to play on that day include the New Jersey Devils Alumni Team and the Rock Ice Penguins Select Team.

Members of the New Jersey Devils were on hand for a press conference Tuesday to announce the event. Former Devils Sergei Starikov, Alexei Kasatonov and brothers Vladi and Slava Kouroedov, former Russian elite players and current Rutgers Elite coaches, were all on hand. Also scheduled to play are former Devils stars Randy Velischek, Bruce Driver, John MacLean and Ken Daneyko.

There will also be pre-game activities scheduled at 2 p.m. and exhibitions will include a game by the Jersey Penguins Mites, a group of 4- to 8-year-

old hockey players, and the Ice Storm Synchronized Skating Club.

Adult Day Care Center director Jeff Macaulay said the event is a wonderful gesture. He became close friends with Lally and was touched when the family contacted him about the fundraiser.

"We're thrilled about the opportunity to raise money for the center," said Macaulay.

Shannon Mrotchek said she hopes the event will bring awareness to others about the facility and possibly spark interest in government to start other similar facilities. Mrotchek said they hope to raise at least \$6,000 from the event.

For more information, call the center at (908) 725-0068 or the rink at (732) 752-8600.

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And Frelinghuysen said the program is not just about the veterans.

"It also gives students a special way to learn about the satisfaction of doing something for others while also saying thank you to our veterans for risking their lives in defense of our freedom," he said.

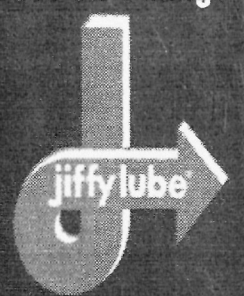
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Piscataway teen attends program

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(FECHA DE LA PARTIDA)
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Commentary

Military families pay the price trying to stay in touch with their soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan

It's a national disgrace. But we can help fix it.

It's costing upwards of \$10 for every care package shipped overseas to an American serviceman, somewhere between 90 cents and \$1 per pound.

What's disgraceful is that the families of the servicemen have to dig in their pockets and lay out that money.

That's wrong.

Several members of Congress agree.

Rep. Vito Fossella of Staten Island has proposed federal legislation that would provide military families free mail privileges to send letters and care packages to active duty service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan and those hospitalized due to injury or disease.

"Our servicemen and women are making enormous sacrifices fighting the War on Terrorism and defending freedom and liberty," Fossella said. "They face great challenges under trying circumstances, and often without the benefit of basic necessities like blankets or toothpaste. It falls upon their families back home to get them these supplies and to cover the cost of shipping them overseas. To help make life better for our soldiers and to ease the financial burden on those back home, it is only fair to provide free mail privileges to the families of our servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is a simple way to bring a touch of home to America's heroes overseas."

Understand that tens of thousands of these soldiers are part-timers, members of the National Guard. Before Uncle Sam tapped them on their shoulders and packed them off to the Mideast, these men and women were working as insurance agents, store owners, mailmen, carpenters, accountants — paying bills and supporting their families.

Their departure has left a huge void — emotional stress heightened by uncertainty and the financial hardships that come when there's a serious crimp in the cash flow.

Families left behind should not be charged to maintain their links to their loved ones — most of whom are in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan because they're soldiers, honor-bound to their oath and commitment to serve — not because they want to be there.

We owe it to their families to step up and add our support. Members of New Jersey's congressional delegation seem inclined to support Fossella's initiative.

"Serving overseas, particularly during combat operations, is the most difficult duty our troops will undertake. That service also creates hardships for the family and friends of U.S. troops who remain stateside," said Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-7th.



"Sending and receiving packages, letters and pictures can ease that hardship and bring needed comfort both to our men and women in uniform and to their families and friends. I will support legislation that allows for these families to stay connected effectively and efficiently, ensuring comfort to our service men and women."

His colleague, Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-11th, said "Nothing makes a soldier smile like a letter or package from home. Today, thousands of New Jerseyans are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, far from home and their loved ones. Families from across our state who have sons and daughter fighting terrorism in these nations continue to send hundreds of thousands of care packages, pictures and letters — reminding our troops that they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

"I know Congress and the Department of Defense will continue to do everything in its means to ensure our troops can communicate and stay connected with their families," he added.

"Vito has spoken to the House leadership, and they seem interested in it," explained Craig Donner, spokesman for the Staten Island congressman. "We see this as one of those issues that you can't oppose. It cuts across party lines, it cuts across geography.

"It's the right thing to do. It's an easy bill to sell," he added.

We're sold.

How 'bout you?

Postal rates will go up just as sure as the sun rises in the morning. Of course, the argument can be made that the Postal Service can't afford to send mail free.

That's one postal increase we should all be willing to subsidize.

The lives of military families have been turned upside down. Fossella's bill is an attempt to right things.

Write your congressmen. Send an email. Call. Tell your friends, family and co-workers to do the same.

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Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 Drop-off sites:

The list of designated drop-off sites continues to expand, but more are needed:

The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville;

Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater;

The 250th Signal Battalion,

42nd Infantry Armory on Hamilton Street in Franklin;

The Somerville U.S. Postal Service office at 39 Division St., Somerville;

Morgan Stanley, 166 W. Main St., Somerville;

Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 W. Main St., Somerville;

Wachovia Bank, 1 West Main St., Somerville;



Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council, 1171 Route 28, North Branch;

Learning Express Toys, 315 Route 206, Hillsborough;

Felix #9 Diner, Route 22, Bridgewater;

Executive Fitness Club, 292 Route 22 west, Green Brook;

The office of Dr. Steven C. Balestracci, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater;

Soprano's 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater;

The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset.

More sites will be added as they become available. If you are interested in hosting a drop-off site, please contact us.



Show veterans support by sending them cards

By RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN

Valentine's Day is almost upon us again.

It is a time to be with our loved ones and let others know how much they are appreciated, especially our military veterans.

This Valentine's Day, I will continue my tradition of encouraging the making of Valentines Day cards by elementary school children across northern New Jersey and delivering them on their behalf to veterans at the East Orange VA Hospital and Lyons VA Medical Center in Bernards Township.

The Valentines for Vets program, as it is commonly called, holds a special place in my heart. For nearly 10 years, I have witnessed how a valentine from a child can lift the heart of a veteran confined to hospital bed on Valentine's Day. A hospital can be a lonely place. Yet, this widely popular program has delivered countless scenes of children touching the lives of hospitalized veterans with their very creative and colorful valentines.

Teachers and students across northern New Jersey have always been very help-

ful and supportive in making this a class project.

Each year the week of Feb. 14 is commemorated as the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. This is an opportunity to say thank you to more than 98,000 veterans who are cared for every day in our VA medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries and nursing homes.

Honoring our hospitalized veterans by giving a simple card or paying them a visit on Valentine's Day will give them more hope and reason to smile than a prescription or treatment ever could.

Participating in this program not only helps our veterans. It also gives students a special way to learn about the satisfaction of doing something for others while also saying thank you to our veterans for risking their lives in defense of our freedom. It offers students a chance to learn more about who our veterans are and the role they played in shaping our nation's history.

Today, there are more than 25 million living American veterans, including 750,000 here in New Jersey. We enjoy the freedom and prosperity America offers because

many of them put their lives on the line.

Drafted or enlisted, regular military or as Reservists and members of the National Guard, each lived by a code and defended our nation with everything they had. They fought on the shores of Normandy, in the mountains of Korea, in the jungles of Vietnam, in the valleys of Afghanistan, through the deserts of the Persian Gulf and Iraq, and on many other battlefields around the globe.

The servicemen and women who have served our country with pride, valor and dignity deserve the best of America's appreciation.

The Valentines for Vets program is simple way for all children to learn about the men and women who served our country in uniform. It also offers them a way to say thank you to our veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Please, use this holiday as an opportunity to let our veterans know they are appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen represents New Jersey's 11th Congressional District and is a Vietnam veteran.

Letters to the Editor

Calendar committee offers thanks to those who helped

To The Editor:

The South Plainfield Historical Society's sale of the 2005 Keepsake Calendar has come to an end.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of the calendar: Oak Tree Farms, Cindy Michaels Jewelers, Salerno Pizza, Sherban's Diner,

Sportworld, John Cecchetti Insurance, Spotlight on Dance, Marsh Associates and Nicastro's Garage Inc.

We would also like to give a special thanks to Maha and George Ibrahim of Oak Tree Farms for allowing us to sell the calendars and for handling the sale at their store.

And, finally, to all of the peo-

ple that bought a calendar, thank you.

Without the support of the whole community we would not be able to continue to bring special programs, Town History Day or offer our annual scholarship.

THE CALENDAR COMMITTEE
South Plainfield Historical Society

Mayor grateful to community

To The Editor:

I would like to thank everyone for your concern, thoughts and prayers during my illness. To the residents of Bound

Brook, I want you to know that I am home from the hospital and working from my home.

All of you and the Borough of Bound Brook are always my

main concern and I won't let you down.

I hope to see all of you soon.
FRANK J. RYAN
Mayor of Bound Brook

Smith's removal from committee is seen as warning shot

To The Editor:

The politically motivated removal of Congressman Chris Smith (R-4th Dist.) from the House Veterans Affairs Committee should be viewed as a warning shot by America's veteran's community.

Smith has served on the committee for 24 years, the last four as chairman, and has been a strong and effective advocate for veterans during his

entire tenure.

It is disconcerting that party leaders have denied Smith the final two years of his chairmanship because of his refusal to abandon the principles he applied to veterans-related issues. It appears that the administration and House leadership are planning to set a new course for veterans issues and their removal of Smith is a clear message that

veterans can only interpret as less than benevolent.

Veterans across this great country had better prepare to engage in the conflict which is sure to evolve on the veteran's benefits front as a result of this move.

JAMES VIALARD
Commander, Department of New Jersey
The American Legion
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Dorothy Fitchett

DUNELLEN — Dorothy Voehl Fitchett, 94, died Feb. 7, 2005 at her home, where she had lived since she was age 3 months old.

Born Jan. 14, 1911 in North Plainfield, she was a daughter of the late George and Caroline Bechtel Voehl.

Mrs. Fitchett retired in 1987 after 34 years as a surety bond underwriter with the Pavese McCormick Agency in New Brunswick. She began her career in Newark with the casualty department of the Insurance Co. of North America. The 1929 alumna of Plainfield High School graduated from the Ballard Secretarial School in New York City.

She had been the oldest living member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Fitchett became a member on May 28, 1925. She was a longtime member of her

church's Chancel Choir and Gospel Choir.

She also was the oldest past matron of the Rosebud Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Dunellen.

Her first husband, Charles A. Bond, died in 1952. Her second husband, Phillip I. Sr., died in 1985. A brother, George A. Voehl, died in 1990.

Surviving are a son, Phillip I. and wife Leslie, with whom Mrs. Fitchett lived; a sister-in-law, Marjorie E. Voehl of Lakewood; a granddaughter, Jamie L., and a grandson, David P., both of Dunellen; a niece, Barbara Fischer of Mantoloking; and two nephews, George A. Voehl Jr. of Jackson and Richard P. Voehl of New York City.

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

Richard Suabedissen

MIDDLESEX — Richard H. Suabedissen, 87, died Jan. 21, 2005 at his home.

Mr. Suabedissen was born in South Bend, Ind. He lived in Joliet, Ill., and Erie, Pa., before moving to Middlesex in 1961.

He retired in 1982 after 36 years with GAF Corp. in South Bound Brook and Wayne. Mr. Suabedissen earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1939.

He also was the technical director of the Foothill Playhouse in Middlesex.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Gertrude Thibideau Suabedissen; two sons, Guy of Piscataway and Gary of Bordentown; a brother, Raymond of Niles, Mich.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the charity of your choice.

Steve 'Peachy' Lukacs

MIDDLESEX — Steve Francis "Peachy" Lukacs, 84, died Jan. 28, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

He was born in Newark and had lived in Middlesex since 1967.

Mr. Lukacs was with Westinghouse Electric Co. in Newark for 41 years, retiring in 1979 as a supervisor. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Olga Elsie Vakulich Lukacs; a daughter, Linda Ann Tilton and husband Ernie of Woodbury Heights; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Rose Marie Paine; helped found library

MIDDLESEX — Rose Marie Paine, who helped found the Middlesex Public Library and give this borough its own post office, died Feb. 2 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Mrs. Paine, who was age 95, organized the library at its first home in the old Palmer House. The library is now in its own building on Mountain Avenue adjacent to the Municipal Building.

She was a machinist for 26 years with the Bound Brook Oilless Bearing Co. in Middlesex until retiring in 1971. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church.

Born Nov. 3, 1909 in Newark, she was a daughter of the late Ignatius and Mary Jaworski Saleski. Mrs. Paine lived in Millburn before moving to Middlesex in 1932.

Her husband, Michael Plaskow Paine, died in 1934.

Surviving are a son, Robert M. of Avon, Conn.; a daughter, Mary Lou Viswat of Middlesex; four grandsons, Henry W. Viswat Jr. of Middlesex, Stuart of Falls Church, Va., Harrison and Benjamin, both of Avon, Conn.; and a great-grandchild.

Private arrangements were by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home in Bound Brook.

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Dated: February 12, 2005

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A person with a disability has the right to vote by Absentee Ballot or to be assisted at the polls by two election clerks, one from each party, or by a person chosen by the voter other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union. Voting locations must be accessible and accessible parking with proper signage must be provided. Deaf and hearing impaired voters can access the following TDD Number: (732) 937-8364. Instructions printed in large type must be conspicuously displayed at each permanent registration facility and polling place. Violations of the above should be addressed to the Middlesex County Board of Elections: (732) 745-3471.

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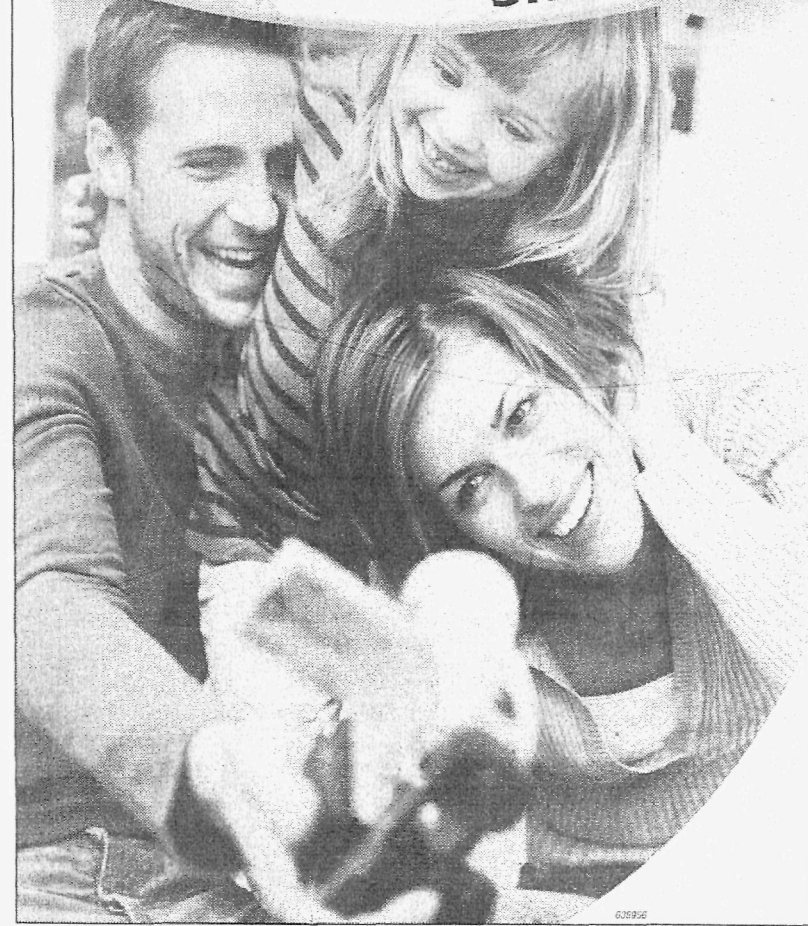
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Marie Hicks

DUNELLEN — Marie M. Hicks, 75, died Jan. 16, 2005 at Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nev.

Born in Newark, she lived in Dunellen for 30 years before moving to Las Vegas in 1987.

Mrs. Hicks was a dance instructor in Newark and a Girl Scout leader. She recorded 1,000 hours with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Las Vegas.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, George; four daughters, Victoria Hughes of Morristown, Maria Ferguson of Ortley Beach, Kathy Jacobsen of Annandale and Claire Knapp of Avenel; two sons, George Jr. and James, both of Las Vegas; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 24 at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Donations may be sent to the Salvation Army.

Anna F. Vogel

DUNELLEN — Anna F. Vogel, 92, died Jan. 23, 2005 at the Country Arch Care Center in Pittstown.

Born Feb. 22, 1912 in Phillipsburg, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Stella DeHart.

Mrs. Vogel lived in Dunellen and Keyport before moving to Pittstown in 2003. She once worked for the J.T. Baker Chemical Co. in Plainfield.

She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Hazlet and Lydia Chapter 41, Order of the Eastern Star, in Plainfield.

Her husband, H. Russell, died in 1978. A brother, Raymond DeHart, died in 1966. A grandson, Jeffrey, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Jerry and wife Lucy of Little York; a grandchild and four great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Johnson-Walton Funeral Home in Milford. Donations may be sent to St. John's United Methodist Church, 2000 Florence Ave., Hazlet, NJ 07730.

Anna Lecoskey

BOUND BROOK — Anna M. Perhach Lecoskey, 88, died Feb. 7, 2005 at the Stockton home of a daughter, Connie Evans.

Born in Wallington, she was a daughter of the late John and Anna Senko Perhach.

Mrs. Lecoskey lived in Manville before moving to Bound Brook in 1963. She had resided in Stockton since 2003.

She was a retired assembly line worker with the Diehl Manufacturing Co. in Bridgewater and Burroughs Corp. in Warren. Mrs. Lecoskey earlier was a waitress at Colonial Farms in Middlebush.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, where Mrs. Lecoskey worked bingo games and made pierogies for church socials. She also was a member of the Columbiettes.

Her first husband, Thomas

Mooney, is deceased. Her second husband, John A., died in 1983 after 18 years of marriage.

Also surviving are two sons, Edward Mooney of Westminster, Colo., and Henry Mooney of North Brunswick; another daughter, Paula Millus of Morrisville, Pa.; a sister, Margaret Lawrence of East Windsor; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, Manville, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hillsborough.

Donations may be sent to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough, NJ 08844-4299 or Hunterdon Hospice, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822. To send a condolence, visit www.fucilloandwarrenfuneralhome.com.

Cynthia J. Ellis

MIDDLESEX — Cynthia J. Ellis, 40, died suddenly Feb. 6, 2005 at her home in Naperville, Ill.

Miss Ellis was born in New Brunswick and lived in Middlesex before moving to Naperville.

Her father, Charles L., is deceased.

Surviving are her mother, Mary T. Widly Ellis of Middlesex; a sister, Mary C. Seibert of Stewartsville; a niece and two nephews.

John J. Flanagan

DUNELLEN — John J. Flanagan, 69, died Jan. 25, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Newark, he lived in East Millstone and Somerville before moving to Dunellen over 20 years ago.

Mr. Flanagan retired in 1986 after 20 years as a bus driver with Suburban Transit in New Brunswick. He was a National Guard veteran and a member of the Elks lodge in Dunellen.

His first wife, Roberta, died in 1993. His second wife, Shirley Robinson, died in 2001. A sister, Terry McNulty, is deceased. A granddaughter, Jamie Lee

Brazina, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son, John; three daughters, Donna Brazina-Rohaus, Karen Hydro and Linda Miles; two sisters, Lois Spirko and Peggy Devine; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. Donations may be sent to Somerset Medical Center Hospice, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876.

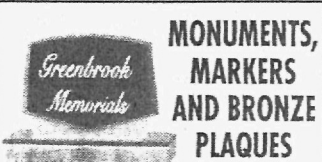
Rene W. Garcia

MIDDLESEX — Rene W. Garcia, 51, died Jan. 16, 2005 at his home in Berwick, Pa.

Born in Bad Kreuzach, Germany, he was a son of the late Army Sgt. 1st Class Rene and Sasha Garcia.

Mr. Garcia lived in Middlesex before moving to Berwick. He owned the RGT & Son Trucking Co.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa; a son, Thomas; two brothers, John and Mike; a sister, Valerie Price; a niece and many nephews.



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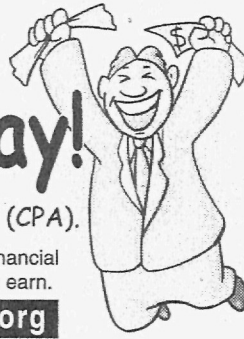
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Sports

Saturday, February 12, 2005

Tigers impressive in retaining crown

PISCATAWAY — Advancing half of their lineup to the finals and winning four titles the Tigers continued to show when it comes to the conference they are a considerable cut above the rest.

Jimmy Conroy, Ed McCray, Kevin Crilley and Rob Maistickle each captured individual crowns as the South Plainfield High wrestling squad claimed its second straight Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament championship Saturday by a convincing 252½-158 margin over runnerup Old Bridge.

Unbeaten in dual meets and the top seed in the North Jersey 2 Group III team tournament, which gets started Tuesday, the Tigers continued their impressive campaign. Of the 14 weight classes South Plainfield wrestlers finished in the top four spots in 11 of them.

Host Piscataway finished third with 113½ points, while area squads were down the line with J.P. Stevens (69) and Edison (57½) placing ninth and 10th, while Middlesex (44) was 15th and Metuchen (32) finished in a tie for 16th.

Rob Damon of Piscataway, Metuchen's Jack Barrett and J.C. Bandiero of Edison also earned individual titles.

Conroy, a state champion last year, became the first South Plainfield performer to win a GMCT title Saturday and earned the Outstanding Wrestler Award for the lower weights in the process. After record falls in 47 seconds, 59 seconds and 1:50 to reach the 119-pound final, Conroy then majored Woodbridge's Gary Griffin 13-0 to improve to 22-0 on the season and win his third county championship.

McCray, who transferred from Rahway this year, was equally dominant as he took the 135-pound crown, which he added to the one he won in Union County two years ago. McCray (20-0) had a bye into the quarters and then ripped off three pins — 2:47 in the quarters, 27 seconds in the semis and 5:15 in the final against Woodbridge's Craig Batista.

Despite being a defending champion, Crilley was seeded only fourth at the start of the tourney but the South Plainfield junior prevailed nonetheless as he won at 189.

GMCT WRESTLING

After a fall in 1:12 the second round, Crilley logged an 11-2 major in the quarters and then knocked off the top-seeded Matt Clancy of South Brunswick in the semis with a pin in 5:46. In the title bout Crilley topped Piscataway's second-seeded Chris Jones (16-2) 9-4 to go to 18-4 for the season.

In meeting of the top seeds at 215 South Plainfield's Maistickle upheld his top ranking by decking Pavel Stuchinsky (17-3) of Stevens to move to 20-1 on the campaign. Maistickle advanced to the finals with a pin in 3:40, a 5-3 decision and a 41-second fall in the semifinals.

Taking second for the Tigers were Patrick Hunter (103), Billy Ashnault (112) and Paul Ritchey (145).

Hunter (19-3) had a technical fall, an 11-6 decision and 13-1 major to reach the title match, where he went up against Old Bridge's Steve Fallon in a rematch of a recent dual meet won by Fallon (16-1). This time Fallon held on

for a 4-3 victory and the title.

Ashnault (18-4) squared off with top-rated Matt Pagan (21-1) of Bishop Ahr in the final and put up a good fight in the pairing of top seeds, but the South sophomore could not overcome a first-period takedown by Pagan in a 3-1 loss. Ashnault advanced to the final with pins in 1:26 and 2:59 and a 13-12 decision.

Ritchey squared off with Metuchen's Barrett for the title at 145 and Barrett's 4-2 victory paid huge dividends as it gave him the OWA for the upper weights, his second GMC title, his 100th career triumph and an 18-3 mark this winter.

The top-seeded Barrett had a second-round pin in 1:43, won his quarter-final match 8-4 and reached the championship round with a 9-4 verdict in the semis. The second-ranked Ritchey (15-5), meanwhile, had falls in 43 seconds and 3:19 before recording a 13-4 major in the semis.

Piscataway's Damon earned his title at 171 as the top seed as the junior handled Sayreville's Mike Velardi 3-0 in the final to improve to 19-0. Damon pinned in 1:23 and 1:48 in his first two

bouts before registering an 11-4 decision in the semis.

Edison's Bandiero and Hamilton Cook of Stevens met for the 125-pound title with Bandiero prevailing 7-2 as top-ranked sophomore captured his second GMCT title and improved to 23-0 on the season.

Bandiero advanced to the title bout with falls in 2:29 and 5:06 and a 7-4 decision in the semis, while Cook (16-5) opened with a 12-3 major, took a 5-3 decision in the quarters and rolled to a 13-2 major in the semifinals.

Pete DeAndrea (140) and Sam Martin (160) rebounded from close losses in the semifinals to take consolation bouts for third place as DeAndrea edged Mike Tuhy of Monroe 3-2, while Martin trimmed Old Bridge's Bill Dunn 8-3.

In other bouts for third place Middlesex wrestlers came away with victories against South Plainfield opponents as Nick Desiato nipped Viet Vo 6-5 at 125 and Joe Bizzomo topped Mark Wagner 5-1 at 171. Greg Zannetti (103) of Stevens and Edison's Matt Gabriel (130) also finished fourth.

Bonk leads Stevens by Vikings

With sole possession of first place on the line the J.P. Stevens High girls basketball squad came up with a huge third quarter Tuesday night and went on to trim South Brunswick 54-45 in a GMC-Red Division clash of top teams.

Having lost once in division play a loss would have dropped the Hawks into a three-way tie for first, but after falling behind 27-24 at halftime Stevens parlayed an outstanding shooting display by Amy Bonk in the third period into a lead and eventually to victory that pushed its record to 15-2 overall and 10-1 in Red play.

Bonk, who managed four points in the other three sessions, exploded for 13 third-quarter points on six-of-six shooting from the floor. Her 17 points led all scorers.

South Brunswick (12-3) shut down Tania Kennedy, holding the senior guard to nine points, 12 under her average, but Brittany Mullings and Kathryn Ruhno filled the scoring gap with 12 points apiece, while Mullings added 14 rebounds and five assists.

The Vikings, who slipped to 8-3 in the division, managed to cut the deficit from 12 to 2 in the fourth quarter, but Stevens converted 9 of 10 free throws to win going away.

South Plainfield 49, North Brunswick 28 — After finding themselves in a surprisingly tight game (26-20) with North Brunswick (3-12) through three quarters of play the Tigers closed out the game with a 23-8 surge to claim the victory in GMC-White Division action Tuesday night.

Danielle Arndt paced South Plainfield, which improved to 15-4 on the year, with 16 points, while Coral Willis followed with 12, including nine of three straight treys to fuel the fourth quarter. Asia Hollis and Niya Santiago chipped in with eight points apiece.

Old Bridge 42, Edison 35 — Deadlocked at 7-7 after eight minutes and 16-16 at halftime the Eagles were outscored 12-5 in the third period and that proved to be the difference in a GMC-Red Division loss to Old Bridge (3-15) Tuesday night.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

In falling to 8-10 for the season, Edison failed to place any player in double figures in scoring as Gina Drost scored eight points and Kristin Sciarillo netted seven.

New Providence 46, Bound Brook 39 — Going against a very good New Providence squad Tuesday night in MVC-Valley Division play the Crusaders gave the home team all it could handle before the Pioneers (15-3) put away the game with a 14-9 fourth quarter.

Christy Giamella and Stephanie Kehn provided the bulk of the offense for Bound Brook with 13 and 10 points, respectively, but it wasn't enough to keep the Crusaders from falling to 5-11 for the season.

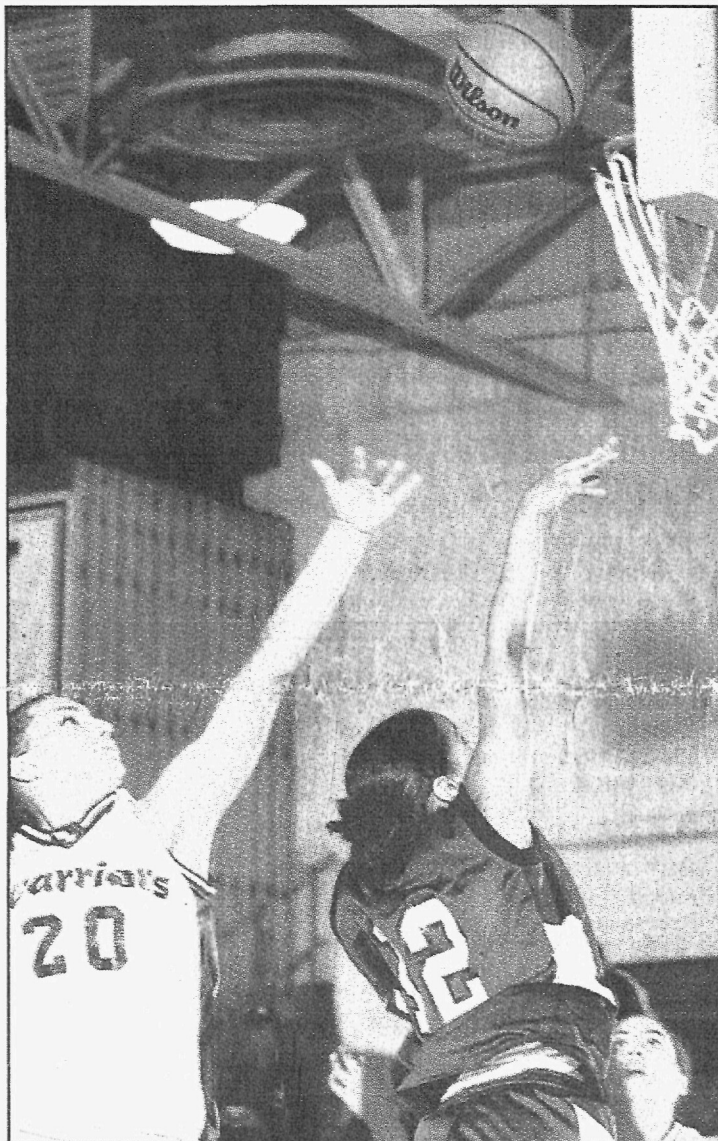
South Plainfield 45, Woodbridge 42 — In a battle to retain full possession for second place in the GMC-White Division Monday night the Tigers needed to go to overtime against Woodbridge (11-5) before prevailing with a 7-4 edge in the extra session.

Darice Bishop scored four of her eight points in overtime, including two on free throws with nine seconds left to seal the victory, to help South Plainfield avoid a third division loss, while Danielle Arndt and Niya Santiago shared team-high honors with 11 points apiece.

Middlesex 52, Bishop Ahr 45 — Knotted after both of the first two periods the Blue Jays carried a 35-34 edge into the fourth quarter and then used a 17-11 closing run to turn back Bishop Ahr (13-5) in GMC-Blue Division play Monday night.

Ashley Best turned in a big performance for Middlesex by pouring in a game-high 22 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Nicole Bizzomo finished with 10 points to aid the Blue Jays, who improved to 11-5 with the triumph.

Mother Seton 51, Metuchen 39 — Locked in a tight game at halftime the Bulldogs came out flat in the third period and saw a 23-21 deficit turned into a 36-26 hole and they could not



GEORGE PACIOELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

South Plainfield High's Blaire Houston goes up for a layup in action earlier this season. The Tigers won a pair of games earlier this week to improve to 15-4 on the season.

recover in falling to Mother Seton (5-10) in GMC-Blue Division Monday.

Playing without Kristen Edmonds, who has been averaging better than 19 points a game proved costly for Metuchen, who fell to 8-9. Joelle Vitale tried to provide a lift with a 19-point effort, while Katie Rosini chipped in with eight.

Pingry 68, Bound Brook 38 — Going 11th-seeded Pingry in the first round of the Somerset County Tournament Saturday the Crusaders fell behind 20-9 after one quarter and then 38-

20 at halftime and were quickly eliminated. Stephanie Kehn paced Bound Brook with 12 points, while Chrystal Rinehold followed with eight.

Bishop Ahr 58, Metuchen 25 — Having already qualified for the state tournament the Bulldogs played Saturday's Blue Division game against Bishop Ahr without Kristen Edmonds, and while it relatively close for one quarter (13-8) Bishop Ahr's 34-7 advantage in the middle periods decided the outcome. Lauren Pisano's 11 points led Metuchen.

H.S. WRAP UP

Sharkey, Hetzel guide Metuchen

Renae Sharkey and Alexa Hetzel delivered huge performances to help the Metuchen High girls swim team finish a strong third at the Greater Middlesex Conference Championships Feb. 4.

With Sharkey and Hetzel winning two events apiece individually and also contributing to one winning relay and one runnerup relay effort the Bulldogs finished with 256 points, just two points behind second-place North Brunswick and 25 behind champion Bishop Ahr.

Kelly Morris added a fifth individual gold medal for Metuchen while matching the performance of her teammates in the relays.

Sharkey posted her double in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke, taking the former in 1:59.70 and the later in 1:01.74. Hetzel, meanwhile, captured the 200 individual medley in 2:15.13, more than four seconds faster than runnerup Monicka McKinnon of Piscataway, while Hetzel's 5:19.46 was also nine seconds the best in the 500 freestyle.

Morris, who was also fifth in the 50 free, earned her first place in the 100 breaststroke with a winning time of 1:09.49. Morris also anchored the winning 200 free relay team that included Sharkey, Katie Templeton and Meghan Wallace, to a victory in 1:45.08.

Hetzel also finished off a winning relay as she followed Melissa Wallace, Templeton and Meghan Wallace in capturing the 400 free in 3:50.35. The 200 medley relay squad of Sharkey, Morris, Hetzel and Melissa Wallace took second in 1:58.96 behind Bishop Ahr (1:56.47).

Piscataway finished fourth in the team standings with 223 points as Lovette Leonhard in the 500 free (5:16.18) and the 400 free relay quartet of (Carlee Leonhard, Lovette Leonhard, Jessica Pogogeff and Joanna Pogogeff) in 3:52.13 were second along with

McKinnon.

Joanna Pogogeff (100 free), McKinnon (100 breast) and the Chiefs' 200 free relay team of Samantha Corkwell, McKinnon, Jessica Pogogeff and Joanna Pogogeff) had third-place finishes, while Xiao-Xang Wong of J.P. Stevens had thirds in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly.

WRESTLING

Winning all but one bout South Plainfield improved to 13-0 for the season with a 69-3 rout of Bishop Ahr (4-6) Tuesday night in a GMC inter-divisional match.

Patrick Hunter (103) in 19 seconds, Ed McCray (140) in 33, Mike Jakubik (145) in 25 and Rob Maistickle (215) in 55 all pinned in less than a minute for the Tigers, while Viet Vo (125) in 2:45, Paul Ritchey (152) in 5:10, Kevin Crilley (189) in 1:07 and heavyweight Preston Johnson in 2:17 also registered falls.

Mark Wagner (171) logged a technical fall, winning 16-1 in 3:41, while Brian Hunt (130) posted and Sam Martin (160) earned major decisions with 11-2 and 14-4 decisions, respectively, while Billy Ashnault (112) picked up a forfeit.

In a meeting of GMC Tournament champions at 119, Jimmy Conroy, who at that weight, got the better of Bishop Ahr's Matt Pagan, the 112-pound champ, with a 7-0 decision.

J.P. Stevens 51, Highland Park 21 — Anthony Howard (145) in 3:28, Gary Repke (152) in 47 seconds, Pavel Stuchinsky (215) in 5:05 and heavyweight Anthony Koone in 2:54 all recorded pins as J.P. Stevens ripped Highland Park (3-8) in GMC crossover action Tuesday night to win for the second time in 12 starts.

The Hawks, who benefited from three forfeits, picked up three decisions as Moses Tam (119) won 8-5, Hamilton Cook (130) posted a 7-5 verdict and Travis McCarthy (140) prevailed 2-1 in double overtime.

South Plainfield secures tie for White Division title

Looking to clinch at least tie for first place in the GMC-White Division the South Plainfield High boys basketball squad took care of business against North Brunswick Tuesday night.

After taking a 12-8 edge through eight minutes the Tigers got some breathing room with a 23-13 second quarter for a 35-21 lead at halftime and continued to expand on the lead in the second half for a 72-43 triumph that pushed their record to 15-4 overall and 12-1 in the division.

Darren Smith and Marquis Jones once again provided the impetus for the Tigers with 22 and 21 points, respectively, with Smith also collecting 12 rebounds and Jones collecting seven boards and five assists. Matt Baszika was next in line in scoring with nine points.

Perth Amboy 64, Piscataway 63 — After taking apparent control with a 22-8 second quarter for a 35-20 lead at halftime the Chiefs were outscored 44-28 in the second half, including 27-15 over the final eight minutes, to absorb

an upset loss at the hands of Perth Amboy (8-10) in GMC-Red Division play Tuesday night.

The Panthers completed their comeback when Joseph Munoz sank a three-pointer with six seconds left. Piscataway, which slipped to 12-7, received 23 points from Brandon Wilkinson, while Anthony Davis followed with 11 and Joel Clayton added 10.

Old Bridge 57, Edison 54 — The Eagles grabbed a 25-20 lead at halftime but Old Bridge (9-9) responded with a 16-9 third quarter to take the lead and then hold on for a GMC-Red Division triumph Tuesday night.

Sean Ogoioki turned in a huge performance for Edison by pumping in a game-high 26 points and grabbing 12 rebounds, while Kyle Ringer pitched in 18 points but the rest of the Edison squad managed only 10 points. The loss dropped the Eagles to 5-14 for the year.

South Brunswick 45, J.P. Stevens 37 — Taking on division-leading South Brunswick (17-3) in a GMC-Red

BOYS BASKETBALL

Division game Tuesday night the Hawks actually had the better of the play during the final three periods but a 17-4 first-quarter deficit proved too much from which to come back.

Andrew Biancosimo dropped in 14 points and Jason Callender followed with 11 for Stevens, which got to within four points in the second half before the Vikings, who clinched the division with the victory held on. The Hawks slipped to 6-14 for the campaign with the setback.

South Plainfield 68, Woodbridge 52 — Building a 20-8 lead through eight minutes and then gradually extending it the rest of the way the Tigers coasted to a White Division triumph Monday night over Woodbridge (9-9) behind a triple-double from Marquis Jones.

Jones tossed in 13 points, collected 13 boards and handed out 11 outs to lead South Plainfield, while Darren

Smith tossed in 19 points to earn game-high honors.

Matt Baszika contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds

to the victory.

Dunellen 55, South Hunterdon 45 — Rebounding from its first loss of the year the Destroyers outscored host South Hunterdon (2-15) 31-22 in the second half to pull away in the second half of a non-league encounter Monday night and improve to 14-1 for the year.

Tim Sweeney connected all eight of his field goal attempts and finished with a game-high 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the way for Dunellen, which closed out the third period with a 12-2 run to overcome a 32-27 deficit. Todd DeNapoli chipped in with 12 points and had seven assists, and Kyle Lendach added nine points.

Edison 59, Spotswood 42 — Taking a 13-5 lead after one quarter and then using an 18-8 third session to open a 50-31 advantage the Eagles rolled to a

victory over Spotswood (3-14) in GMC-crossover play Monday night.

Sean Ogoioki paced the Edison attack with 18 points and 14 rebounds, while Kyle Ringer dropped in 14 points and Nick Reider added 11 for the Eagles, who finished with a 19-4 advantage at the foul line as six players converted at least two free throws each.

Bishop Ahr 56, Middlesex 42 — Falling behind 22-14 at halftime and then getting outscored 17-4 in the third quarter Middlesex could not keep pace with Bishop Ahr (12-6) in Blue Division play Monday night. Jabree Sunkins earned game-high scoring honors with 16 points for Middlesex, which slipped to 7-9.

New Providence 63, Bound Brook 33 — Faced with a 16-4 deficit after eight minutes the Crusaders could not recover against 11-5 New Providence Monday night in MVC-Valley Division play as they fell to 1-16 on the season. Matt Melesurgo dropped in 15 points for Bound Brook to lead all scorers.

They give children a safe crossing

'I'm out here to protect the future doctors and lawyers'

By ADAM HOCHRON
Staff Writer

Steam pours out of his mouth with every breath. Kids run past him wearing earmuffs and mittens.

But Fred McGrew says the cold days of winter don't bother him.

"I never feel cold," McGrew, a crossing guard for Somerville's school system, explains. "I wear the same clothes I wore before I retired as a New York City Subway driver."

McGrew says the key to enduring the cold weather during the winter months is to not stay idle for too long.

"The cold doesn't bother me as long as I keep moving," he says.

This week temperatures may have climbed above the freezing mark, but just a short time ago they were hovering near zero, even at noon. And another cold blast could come again before winter finally bids adieu. For those working outside, the dog days of summer and the frigid temperatures of winter are among the two worst times of the year.

But, as McGrew says, his job is more than just about standing in the cold.

"I'm out here to protect the future doctors and lawyers," he explains, "and, who knows, maybe one of these kids will find the cure for cancer."

Now in his 10th year as a crossing guard, McGrew says his job goes beyond just making sure children safely cross the street — it's also about making sure people near the school are driving safely.

McGrew begins his job 7:20 in the morning. His first shift ends at 9 a.m. After a break, he's back at his post from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For Donna Zimmerman, a parent of a borough student, having "Mr. Mac" on the corner is important to her.

"I feel a lot safer knowing there's someone here to watch them cross the street, and Mr. Mac is the best," she says. "I'd hate to see these streets without crossing guards."

"He also keeps the peace and makes sure the kids aren't causing trouble on school ground."

Crossing guards are often one of a school's unsung heroes.

McGrew explains he made the decision to become a crossing guard after retirement.

"I got bored sitting at home with my wife giving me four or five different things to do and each thing at a different store," he says. "I told her that when I retire, my time is my own, and if I want to help the kids, that's what I'm going to do."

McGrew says there is little in common between being a subway driver and crossing guard.

"When you're crossing the kids, you can talk to them and teach them things," he explains, "but grownups think they're geniuses who know everything."

McGrew says as a crossing guard he has seen the best and the worst in people.

"There are a few gorillas who say 'It's my light and I'm

not waiting for anybody or anything," he says. "But seeing the kid's safe everyday is the best part of my job."

Unfortunately, McGrew says, although most people are patient as he stops traffic to let children cross the street, he has witnessed some give him obscene gestures, or make a comment about him or the situation while waiting to go.

"I'm good at reading lips," he says. "When I drove the subway, if there was a word that's pronounceable, I've been called it."

He calls some of the people he's come across "an acquired taste."

"But I've got the confidence of a New Yorker to know how to manipulate traffic and keep the kids safe," he says.

As a rookie, Raymond Perry, a retired baker, is still getting used to being a crossing guard for the Green Brook school system. His post is a corner near the Irene E. Feldkirchner School.

"I was a baker, so to come outside is really a challenge for me," Perry says. "Right now we're having weather like we haven't had in a long time. I'm wearing clothes to stay warm that I've never worn before."

"I tried mittens but they were just too bulky, so they didn't work. I usually have a hat almost everyday. One of the parents even brought me a hat, and it was nice, but I can't wear it all the time."

Perry says his job last only an hour and, because of construction at the school block-

ing easy access to his corner, few children cross there. But, he jokes, he's taken the opportunity to get to know the neighborhood squirrels, even feeding them peanuts. However, the cold has even driven them away.

All in all, Perry says he does enjoy his job.

"I've met a lot of really nice people, so I look forward to coming to work every day," he explains.

In Bedminster, Al Alpaugh's post is Lamington Road. There, he doesn't have an intersection to patrol, or even a crosswalk, rather he helps kids cross the usually quiet rural road.

As he sits in his car with the engine running and the heat on, Alpaugh says his background as an oil technician makes it easy for him to stand the cold.

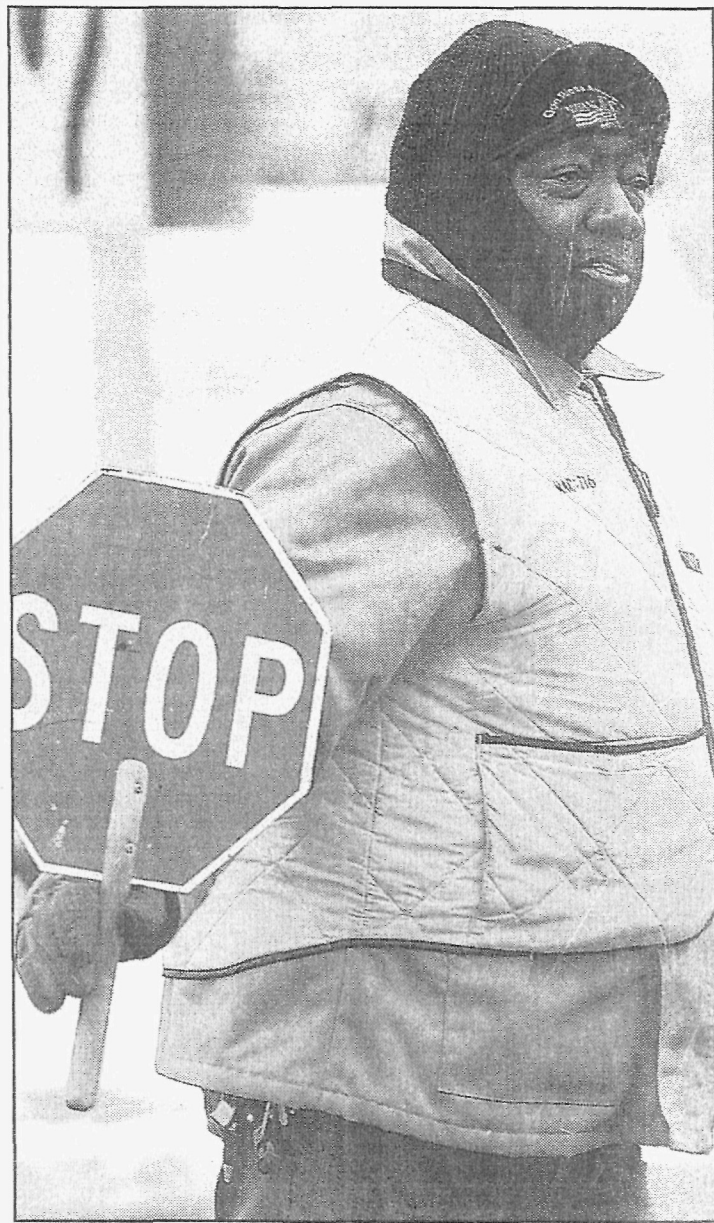
"They say not to retire, just keep working and you'll live longer," he quips.

For six years Alpaugh has been at his post almost every day at 8:05 a.m., and is back there at 3:10 p.m. when school lets out.

Alpaugh says being a crossing guard can mean guaranteed long-term employment. The woman who last held his post had been at the job for 30 years.

But he admits that at a place where there's no crosswalk, in a community where most of the children either ride the bus or are picked up by someone, there isn't much to do.

"The kids get out at 3:30, but not many cross here," he says.



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Fred McGrew, a crossing guard who works in Somerville, says years spent as a driver for the New York City Subway help him stand the cold.

Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 13

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at S.P. Elks Lodge, 1254 New Market Ave. for S.P. Historical Society. All You Can Eat — \$6 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 and children 4 and under free. Call Kathy (732) 754-7268 for menu information or to reserve a table.
MIDDLESEX - Lincoln Day Pilgrimage: 1 p.m. Girl Scouts and other interested groups, march from Boro Hall to Lincoln Monument, read "Gettysburg Address" and return to Recreation Center for refreshments. Call (732) 424-7315 for further information.

Monday, Feb. 14

EDISON - Dried Flower Workshop: 7 p.m. 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.
DUNELLEN AREA - F.I.S.H. Annual Meeting: 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 218 Dunellen Ave. Refreshments served, all welcome. Reports and elections for 2005-06. Call Fish at (732) 356-0081 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

PISCATAWAY - Lent Services: 12:15 p.m. 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.
PISCATAWAY - College Seminar: 7 p.m. at Piscataway High School Susan B. Anthony Building for 10th and 11th grade students How To Select A College. Contact Guidance Department for more details.
PISCATAWAY - Wellness Program: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Screening at F. E. Parker Home, 1421 River Road, Piscataway. Call (732) 545-3110 for details.

Thursday, Feb. 17

NEW BRUNSWICK - Blood Drive: 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.
METUCHEN - Bus Trip: leaves 10 a.m. from Gulton Street Parking Lot to see "George Washington Slept Here" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse sponsored by Metuchen Chapter 3208 AARP. Cost \$58 includes lavish luncheon. Call Miriam Dingle (732) 548-9395 for further information.
MIDDLESEX - Weight Watchers: 3:30 p.m. at Middlesex H.S. Library Feb. 17 to May 12 Fee \$144. Call (732)

317-6000, Ext. 20206, for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 19

PISCATAWAY - Presentation: at 6:30 p.m. at North Stelton A.M.E. Church, 123 Craig Ave. "Rewarding Our Students in Education," featuring Donald Malloy. Tickets: donation \$30 adults, \$20 seniors and children under 12. Call (732) 287-5184 for further information.

IN THE FUTURE:

PISCATAWAY - Dementia Care: 2 p.m. Feb. 22 at F. E. Parker Home, 1421 River Road, Piscataway. (732) 545-3110, for details. Presented by Karen Reinhard, MSW, LSW.
PISCATAWAY - Lent Services: 12:15 p.m. Feb. 23 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.

Scholarships are available for college-bound women

EDISON — The American Association of University Women Mid-Jersey Branch is offering a one time scholarship of \$1,000 to a mature woman over 25 who is pursuing her first bachelor's degree at a four year college or university.

Application requests must be received by March 25. To request an application, e-mail name and address to singerlac@aol.com.

Kindergarten registration taking place in Middlesex

MIDDLESEX — Children who will be 5 years of age on or before Oct. 31 are eligible to enter kindergarten in the Middlesex Public Schools in September.

Registration will be held on the following dates: Thursday, March 10 and Friday March 11 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Hazelwood School: (732) 317-6000, Ext. 24602, Watchung School: (732) 317-6000, Ext. 25602, and Parker School (732) 317-6000, Ext. 23602.

Registration materials are now available for pick up at the Elementary School Main Offices.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Nancy Johnson at (732) 317-6000 ext. 20303.

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Soldier's sacrifices are being honored

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

GREEN BROOK — While Americans are nibbling on chocolates, sniffing the roses or sipping wine on Monday for St. Valentine's Day, soldiers overseas will do what they have done every other day since the beginning of the war: Make sure they're not in danger, find their way through sand storms and protect freedom.

Just maybe these soldiers will have a few moments to think about what they'd rather be doing and who they'd rather spend time with on Valentine's Day. Undoubtedly, that's when loneliness will strike.

Students at Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School are helping soldiers tackle that loneliness by letting soldiers know they care.

When U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class Ralph Irizzary was overseas in Iraq between 1997

and 1999, the highlight of his stay was receiving letters and care packages.

"It was always great to get them," said Irizzary, a military law-enforcement officer.

Second grade and kindergarten students at the Green Brook elementary school made Valentines for soldiers serving overseas. Clad in his camouflage fatigues, Irizzary, the husband of the school's occupational therapist, collected the decorative cards and letters from students on Monday and will send them to his colleagues serving overseas.

"They guys will be so excited," he told the students. "It's always a thrill having people send things."

One of the cards, made by a student in Becky Snyder's second grade class, said "Dear Soldier, Happy Valentine's Day. You make things better in America. America needs you."

Another said, "I hope you can come home soon."

"It must be hard being a soldier and far away," wrote another student.

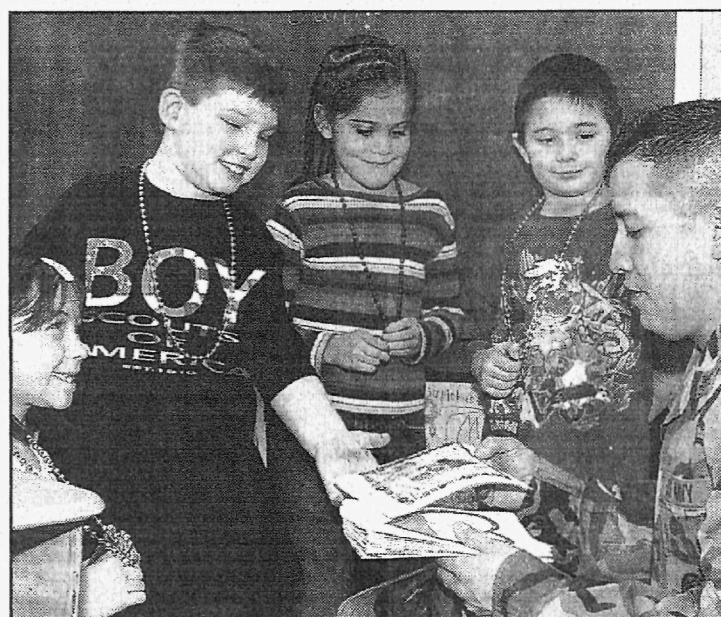
Snyder said reading the cards was overwhelming.

"Just to see what they wrote shows they know a lot more about what's going on over there than people think they do," she said. "This is something important children can do to help. They can put a smile on the soldiers' faces and show that we all care about them."

Students said they made the cards to make sure soldiers didn't forget that people care about them.

"We wanted them to have a good Valentine's Day," said Taylor Vitolo.

"They are far away from home and far away from their families, so we sent them cards so they wouldn't be lonely," said Elizabeth Hsueh.



LARRY MURPHY/CORRESPONDENT

Irizzary said receiving letters and cards boosts morale among the troops.

"Many of the guys will put them in their racks—that's where they sleep—or in their work stations," said Irizzary. "It's always a little reminder that people are thinking about them over there."

During Irizzary's visit to the school, students asked him questions and got a first hand account of serving in a war.

Senior Citizens 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 Voessler Ave. in Bound Brook. For further information, call club president Sal Barbatì (908) 725-5444.

Event Schedule:

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day Social and membership meeting, 1 p.m. in school cafeteria.

Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave.

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 Wednesday, March 2 at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. 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.

Events and Trips

Feb. 16 — Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, "George Washington Slept Here".
March 8 — Atlantic City - Resorts.

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Electores del servicio militar pueden solicitar la papeleta de voto militar enviando una solicitud federal en forma de tarjeta postal a la Secretario del Condado.

En la solicitud para la papeleta del servicio militar, electores del servicio militar pueden requerir que una papeleta del servicio militar les sea enviada para las demás elecciones que se lleven acabo éste año.

(NOTA: EL ELECTOR MILITAR QUE DECLARE SU ESTACION MILITAR COMO DOMICILIO PARA VOTAR NO PUEDE USAR LA PAPELETA DE MILITAR AUSENTE A MENOS QUE ESTE REGISTRADO PARA VOTAR EN EL MUNICIPIO DONDE DICHA ESTACION ESTA LOCALIZADA.)

Las solicitudes, excepto la solicitud postal federal, pueden ser obtenidas en la siguiente dirección:
FECHA: Febrero 12, 2005

ELAINE M. FLYNN
MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY COURT HOUSE
P.M. BOX 1110
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. 08903

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1631-05
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on February 8, 2005. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough of Middlesex, on February 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$556,800 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$556,800 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) Acquisition of an 8-9 person senior citizen van, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto	\$36,500	\$36,575	5 Years
b) Acquisition of playground equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, and further including all work and materials necessary thereto and incidental thereto.	\$7,960	7,562	15 Years
c) Acquisition for an electronic badging system, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$15,400	14,830	5 Years
g) Reconstruction of Cedar Avenue, including all work and materials necessary thereto and incidental thereto.	\$495,000 (Includes a \$200,030 grant to be received from the NJ Dept. of Treasury)	\$480,250	10 Years
TOTALS	\$556,860	\$556,800	\$539,017

Appropriation: \$556,860
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$556,800
Grants Appropriated: \$200,030 to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and a grant in the amount of \$14,000 to be received from the Federal Home Land Security Grant Program.
Section 22 Costs: \$89,124
Useful Life: 9.59 Years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17. Kathleen Anello, RMC, Clerk

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SPY 2005 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT: The Salary Ordinance for SPY 2005 for Employees is adopted.
A copy of this Ordinance will be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Clerk's office, be available to the public at no cost, be on file at the public library, and will be advertised in the Chronicle in the issue dated 12 February 2005.

Approved 2/7/05
Robert J. Seader
Mayor of the Borough of Dunellen

William Robins
Clerk of the Borough of Dunellen

SPY 2005 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYEES

FULL-TIME	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Administrator/Clerk	\$60,000.00	\$78,433.00
Court Administrator	\$50,000.00	\$63,209.00
Tax Collector/Treasurer	\$30,000.00	\$39,209.00
Finance/Payroll Clerk	\$27,000.00	\$35,280.00
Recreation Director	\$27,000.00	\$35,280.00
Police Dispatcher	\$24,000.00	\$31,365.00
Deputy Court Administrator	\$24,000.00	\$31,365.00
Deputy Clerk/Registrar	\$24,000.00	\$31,365.00

Recycling Groundkeeper

\$24,000.00 \$31,365.00

Register \$21,000.00 \$27,444.00

PART-TIME-SALARY

Municipal Attorney \$33,000.00 \$43,133.00

Construction Code Officer \$27,000.00 \$35,280.00

Municipal Judge \$16,000.00 \$20,523.00

Chief Financial Officer \$16,000.00 \$20,523.00

Public Works Supervisor \$15,000.00 \$19,500.00

Tax Assessor \$15,000.00 \$19,500.00

Municipal Prosecutor \$10,000.00 \$13,084.00

Senior Inspector \$8,000.00 \$10,451.00

Property Maintenance Officer \$6,000.00 \$7,834.00

Public Defender \$4,000.00 \$5,217.00

PART-TIME HOURLY

Sewer Inspector \$30.00 \$40.00

Additional Hourly \$24.00 \$30.00

Sub Code Official (Electrical, Fire, Plumbing) \$12.00 \$16.00

Interpreter \$12.00 \$16.00

Planning Board Secretary \$12.00 \$16.00

Financial/Payroll Clerk \$12.00 \$16.00

Tax Clerk \$10.00 \$14.00

Head School Crossing Guard \$8.00 \$12.00

Senior Citizen Van Driver \$8.00 \$12.00

School Crossing Guard \$7.00 \$11.00

PART-TIME - MONTHLY MEETING

Planning Board Recording Secretary \$275/meeting \$330/meeting

Chief Fire Prevention Inspector \$300/month \$325/month

Fire Prevention Inspector \$5,000.00 annually \$5,000.00 annually

Mayor \$2,800.00 annually \$2,800.00 annually

Council President \$2,500.00 annually \$2,500.00 annually

Council Member \$48.28 \$37.17 2/12/05

NOTICE OF ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(U.S. STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ADDIE M. FULLER

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon SHAPIRO & DIAZ, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 406 Lippincott Drive, Suite 1, Marlton, NJ 08053, an answer to the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any) filed in a civil action in which FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and JOHN H. KNOX are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex and bearing Docket # F-1880-05 within Thirty-five (35) days after the date of this publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 24 Market Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated October 27, 1998 made by KRISTIAN K. KAPLER and CONSTANCE V. KAPLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Mortgagor(s), to CITY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK recorded on November 3, 1998, in Book 3737 of Mortgages for Middlesex County, New Jersey, and (2) to recover possession of the concerned premises commonly known as ALLGAIR AVENUE, NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 908-249-7600.

You, ADDIE M. FULLER, are made a party defendant to the subject property by reason of a lien, encumbrance, or otherwise which may be perfected against the property being foreclosed and for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgaged premises.

Dated: February 12, 2005

\$17.00

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

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 8th day of February, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1632-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1627-04 WHICH FIXES AND DETERMINES THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF THE CERTIFIED SENIOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

TO INCLUDE THE YEAR 2004

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX THAT:

The salary and rate of compensation for the Certified

Senior Technical Assistant of the Borough of Middlesex shall be and the same is hereby fixed respectively as:

Grade B 2004

Certified Senior Technical Assistant \$33,671

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

The Mayor and Council shall have the sole discretion in determining who shall be placed on Minimum, Maximum and on interim steps of the salary range and their determination shall be final and conclusive on all employees.

SECTION 4

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

SECTION 5

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, approval and publication according to law.

ADOPTED: February 8, 2005 Kathleen Anello, RMC Borough Clerk \$33.17.21/2/05

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1634-05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A SUSTAINED STANDARD DESIGNATED BLOCK 39, LOT 11 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

Be it ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. It does hereby find and determine that the parcel of land designated Block 39, Lot 11 on the Tax Map of the Borough, is no longer needed for public use.

2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, it does hereby authorize the public sale of said block and lot at public auction to the highest bidder subject to the provisions of said statute and to the restrictions, terms and conditions contained herein, and such minimum price, if any, and such other restrictions, terms and conditions as shall be determined by resolution of the Mayor and Council.

3. Because the property to be sold is less than the minimum size for development under the Borough's Land Development Ordinance, only contiguous property owners are qualified to purchase the premises and the sale at auction shall be limited to such contiguous owners.

4. Conveyance shall be by Quitclaim deed. It is the intention of the Borough to release whatever title, interest or claim it has in the premises, and it makes no representation as to the quality of title it will convey or that such title will be valid.

5. The conveyance shall be subject to the rights of parties in possession, if any, all easements and restrictions of record and such other facts as may be disclosed by an accurate survey.

6. Conveyance shall not be construed as a waiver of any developmental regulations of the Borough and shall confer no express or implied rights in favor of the grantee with respect to development of the property.

7. The sale shall be subject to the condition that if closing of title is not effected within ninety (90) days of acceptance of bid by the Mayor and Council, the Borough may rescind the sale on such terms and conditions as the Mayor and Council shall determine to be reasonable and in the public interest.

8. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final adoption, approval and publication in accordance with law.

9. A copy of this Ordinance will be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Clerk's office, be available to the public at no cost, be on file at the public library, and will be advertised in the Chronicle in the issue dated February 2005. Public Hearing and Adoption of this Ordinance is scheduled for the Council Meeting dated 21 February 2005. A certified copy of this Ordinance, and notice of the Public Hearing, will be sent to all adjoining property owners.

Approved 2/7/05
Robert J. Seader
Mayor of the Borough of Dunellen

William Robins
Clerk of the Borough of Dunellen

639.17.212/05

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Real Estate Rentals**Apartments 405**

North Plainfield - lg 2 BR, recently updated, w/d hook-up, private entrance, porch, yard, remodeled bath, hardwood fls, \$1,250/mo + util. 1.5 mo sec. 908-769-9233

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RAMWAY, Roomy 1BR, walk to HWY train, new car pet. No Pets. \$850/mo 908-233-6945

Readington Twp - Newly renovated 1BR apt. on horse property. \$1,000/mo + 1 1/2 mo. sec and util. 908-534-1464

Somerville - Lovely 1 BR apt. Free Heat + Hot Water. Free one month rent. 973-357-5979

STOCKTON - 1BR, unique, bright, clean, AC, deck, yard, pet and entry, nr River, \$950 incl all util, avail. immed. No pets/smoke. 908-963-4362

STOCKTON - Spacious 1 BR apt in vict. house in town, 2nd fl., \$975 + util., avail. 4/1. 609-397-9075

THREE BRIDGES 1 BR apt, 1st floor, off st. parking, w/d hook-up, storage 575 + util. Avail 3/1. Call 908-782-3442 or 908-303-3158

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In New Jersey, call the Division of Civil Rights in the Department of Law and Public Safety at (609) 994-3100. In Pennsylvania, call the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission at (717) 787-4410 or the Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia at (610) 604-4411.

Houses For Rent 430

Alexandria Twp., charming ranch, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, EIK, DR, LR, Den, Walk up attic, garage, HI floors, all appliances, spectacular setting on 5 landscaped acres with pond, \$2000/mo. Util. incl. Pets neg. 908-996-3764

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Erwinna, Pa. Have horses? 3 Rm, 4 BR, 1 Bath & Full Basement, Par. Fin, \$1490 + util, Avail 3/1. Hud ok. *908-246-7690*

FLEMINGTON 3 Bdr., 1.5 on 1 acre on E. Main. LR, DR, renovated kitchen & bath, fplc., wrap around porch, hwd., & slate floors throughout. New windows. \$1975. + some utilities. 908-782-6998

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HOLLAND TWP. 3 Rm, 4 BR, 1 Bath & Full Basement, Par. Fin, \$1490 + util, Avail 3/1. Hud ok. *908-246-7690*

LONG VALLEY - 3 or 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, Colonial, No Pets, \$1900/mo. 908-876-4670

Raritan Boro - 3 BR, single Fam. home, deck, garage, nice neighborhood. \$1895. 908-218-0561

READINGTON - 2 1/2 bedroom, large living room and dining room, eat in kitchen, 3 car garage. \$1650/mo. 908-303-5417

SOMERVILLE - 4 BR, 2 BA, all appliances, no pets. \$1800 908-537-9152

STOCKTON/SEARGEANTSVILLE - Charming stone, 3BR, updated, C/A, garden, 1,000 ft off road, short term considered, avail 2/15, \$2,000/mo. 908-833-4362

TEWKSBURY - 4 BR/2.5 BA, ranch, 2 car gar, 3 stall barn w/ 2 small pad, 3000+rental. 908-439-9244

Whitehouse Station 3 BR, newly renovated, appliances, near trains & shopping, \$1800/mo. Call 908-534-4470

Housing To Share 435

Bridgewater - 2 mature women seek house mate to share home. Huge BR, share kit, bath & laundry. No pets. \$600/mo. shared util. 732-668-8205

BRIDGEWATER - Room mate wanted. Female to share 3 BR, 2 BA home on Foothill Rd. \$430/month + 1/3 utilities (1 month security) no pets or smoking, available immediately. Call 908-526-8945

Rooms 460

HILLSBORO AREA Beautiful, quiet home w/BR, private bath, and loft for rent (shared kitchen). \$550/mo 908-507-1369

Townhouses/Condos**For Rent 475**

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Briefs

FISH to hold meeting in Dunellen Feb. 14

DUNELLEN — FISH, Inc. located in the Dunellen area, will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church, 218 Dunellen Avenue. Everyone is welcome and

refreshments will be served.

Officers for the 2005-2006 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 commu-

nities. Major programs of FISH include: a Food Bank; collections of Clothing, Bedding and Blankets; Holiday Meals, Christmas Toy collections and summer camperships. Perhaps you can help, so why not come to the meeting and see how you can make a difference in the lives of some less fortunate neighbors.

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 recharge our batteries.

To reserve your place or for fur-

ther information, call Diane Markowitz at (732) 777-1940 or e-mail d.markowitz@jivis.org.

Manville fire company 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 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.

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

All proceeds from these trips will benefit the Camplain Fire Company building and equipment fund.

To reserve tickets and for other information, contact the firehouse at (908) 526-0439 and leave a message for Mark or Rob.

Middlesex Girl Scouts will honor Lincoln

MIDDLESEX — On Sunday at 1 p.m. the Girl Scouts of Middlesex Borough and other interested residents and groups will participate in the annual Lincoln Day Pilgrimage.

The march will begin at Borough Hall and proceed down Mountain 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.

The parade participants will then return to the Recreation Center for refreshments courtesy of Middlesex Borough.

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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