



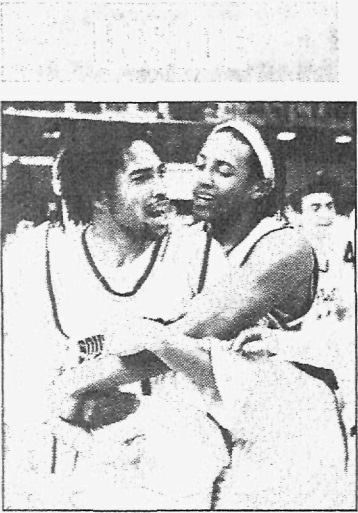
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Winning shot

Marquis Jones gets congratulated after hitting the winning shot as South Plainfield edged St. Joseph's 66-65 Feb. 25 to capture the GMC Tournament title. For game recap, see **Page B1**.



Teen sets bar for spina bifida

Michael Saverino Jr. hopes to raise more than the \$2,000 he collected last year during the Spina Bifida Association Tri-State Region's walk and wheel-a-thon. **Page A7**.



The circus is in town

The Big Apple Circus will be at the Commerce Bank Ballpark on Saturday through March 27. "Picturesque" is the title of this year's artist tribute-themed show. **Page A8**.

Clean woods

The South Plainfield Glitterbug Club will meet at the Highland Avenue Woods Nature Reserve, off South Clinton Avenue, 1 p.m. Sunday as part of a clean-up of the woods. For more information, contact Marie Markey at (908) 755-3123, or Alice Tempel at (908) 226-7621.

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John Ciklas, a baker for the Clinton Station Diner, pulls out a tray of cookies that will be added to packages being sent to soldiers as part of Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005. GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Diner owner lends a hand

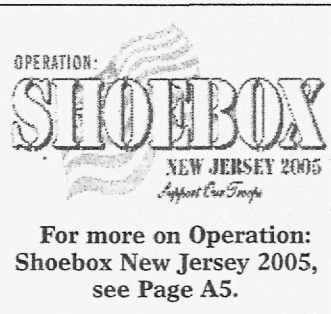
Cookies, donations will aid OPSHBX

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

CLINTON — From the big, blue railroad car that sticks out the side of his establishment to the world record-setting 7-pound hamburger he serves, Mike Zambas, owner of Clinton Station Diner, can't help but go overboard when it comes to pleasing his customers.

So, when one of his regulars told him about Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, a non-profit care-package program created by this newspaper to collect and ship personal supplies to U.S. troops overseas, he jumped onboard.

Last week, inside the cozy diner, just off Interstate 78 in Union Township, where a fire place crackles and model trains circle the ceiling, Zambas' staff baked and packaged 400 chocolate-chip cookies that were then sent to



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Financial contributions are needed

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, in partnership with American Recreational Military Services is seeking cash donations in support of their ongoing effort to supply American forces overseas with a steady supply of personal items, toiletries and snacks.

ARMS is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service code. All contributions are tax-deductible.

All contributions are dedicated to the purchase of supplies and costs of shipping. ARMS/Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 is an all-volunteer operation. Depending on weight, it costs between \$8 and \$15 to ship each box overseas.

Checks should be made out to ARMS, with the instructions "Operation Shoebox NJ 2005" written on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to:

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005
c/o The Chronicle
44 Veterans Memorial Drive East
Somerville, N.J. 08876

Individuals and organizations are also encouraged to purchase items like lip balm, eye drops, suntan lotion, toothpaste and soap and deliver them to one of our designated drop-off sites.

Former chief slapped with indictment

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

BOUND BROOK — Between 1998 and 2004, police Chief Kenneth R. Henderson is accused of ordering an on-duty officer to erect Christmas decorations on his lawn, moonlighting on borough time, stealing donations, lying under oath, tipping off a nightclub owner to a state raid and a laundry list of other charges included in a 17-count indictment announced last week by county Prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest.

Henderson, 45, was suspended following his arrest, Oct. 19. The Prosecutor's Office currently is overseeing operations of the Bound Brook Police Department.

"Today is clearly a difficult day for all of us in law enforcement," said Forrest, joined by officials from the state Department of the Treasury and Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control who assisted in the investigation. "The prosecution of a police chief for such serious criminal misconduct, while rare, is necessary in order to ensure the public that those who hold public office are held accountable for any criminal misconduct."

Forrest also announced an 11 count indictment against Rafael A. Rosario, owner of Café Imperial restaurant and nightclub, in Bound Brook, where Henderson moonlighted as a traffic-control officer and allegedly tipped off Rosario to an Oct. 17 raid by officers from the state ABC who were looking for illegal immigrants working at the club.

Rosario, 43, of Bound Brook, was charged with second degree conspiracy to commit official misconduct and second degree official misconduct, along with nine counts of tax evasion in excess of \$75,000 between 2000 and 2004.

Henderson is charged with: — Theft and official misconduct between 1999 and 2004 for holding onto donations made to the police department intended for buying officers breakfast and lunch.

— Official misconduct on or about Dec. 15, 2291 for ordering a uniformed officer to stop his patrol duties and, instead, adorn his lawn with Christmas decorations.

— Official misconduct for order-

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Safe water is subject of contest

ISELIN — Recently, the United States marked the 30th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the main federal law that ensures Americans enjoy one of the safest drinking water supplies in the world.

The availability of safe drinking water cannot be taken for granted, especially when you consider that worldwide, according to the World Health Organization, only one out of every six people has access to a safe drinking water supply.

This year Middlesex Water is inviting students in Grades 3-5 to participate in a poster contest based on the theme: "People Around the World Need Clean, Safe Drinking Water!"

Entry forms may be obtained by calling Middlesex Water at (732) 634-1500. Contest

information may be found on the Company's website at www.middlesexwater.com.

Six winning posters will be selected from entries received. Winners will each receive a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

This year, teachers of student winners will also receive a \$50.00 stipend to be used for environmental education classroom supplies.

Winners will be honored at a Company luncheon in early May in celebration of Safe Drinking Water Week to receive their awards.

All entries must be postmarked by April 4, 2005, and returned to Middlesex Water Company, 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin, NJ 08830, Attention: Safe Drinking Water Contest.

Patriots look for few good singers

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset Patriots of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball will host National Anthem auditions at Bridgewater Commons from noon-4 p.m. Saturday at center court on the lower level of the mall.

In addition to the National Anthem auditions, the event will include a special collection event for Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 is asking for people to bring the following items to one of the drop-off sites in the Central New Jersey Area: sun screen, paper back books,



cereal/ protein bars, fleece blankets, microwaveable foods (can or box), hard candy/ gum, writing materials, and batteries (any size).

Radio personalities from Magic 98.3 FM/WCTC 1450 AM will be on hand to provide music and entertainment.

Three times the charm



Players from J.P. Stevens High School in Edison celebrate after beating Piscataway in the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament championship. It was the team's third consecutive championship. See story, **Page B1**. GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Diner owner lends a hand

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New Jersey Army National Guardsmen serving in Iraq.

"It's not often you get to do something for a good cause. We take a lot of things for granted in this country," said Zambas, who learned about Operation Shoebox through Dave Tomasini, publisher of The Reporter.

"I was going over the list with David, and thinking about what we could do in-house to send something sweet to the troops," Zambas said. "You know, when you're a little kid, you put cookies in your pocket and run out the door. These guys (the troops) are out there on the road all the time."

Zambas, 41, who just celebrated the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Clinton Station Diner, said he wanted to help out because he does not take his own good fortune for granted.

As a boy, he and his family were forced to flee their Greek island homeland of Cyprus for the United States not long after the 1974 invasion by Turkey.

"This is the only country you can come to, start from scratch, and make a good living," he said.

And good food, too, if Zambas' relationship with his customers, many of whom he is on a first-name basis with, is any clue.

"Hey Mike," said one his regulars, who in passing took notice of all the containers used to pack the cookies. "Are you

gonna send over one of those 7-pound hamburgers?"

Zambas chuckled and explained how he recently heard about a 6-pound hamburger created across the border in Pennsylvania. So, to mark the one year anniversary of the diner — "We decided to make it a little bigger and break the record."

He said as far as he knows, his burger is the biggest in the world, and actually tips the scales at 12 pounds when you add in the bun and toppings.

It's just one of the tasty items that will be on the menu Monday, when from 4-10 p.m., 15 percent of all dinner proceeds will go to Operation Shoebox, Zambas said. He also plans to serve the "Soldiers' Salute" drink, with a portion of sales going to the cause, just like what is done at Mannion's Pub and Restaurant in Somerville.

The proceeds will go toward the shipping costs of getting the care packages to the troops.

"Me and my customers can help toward that end," Zambas said.

Keeping bellies happy at the Clinton Station Diner is chef Pete Karavoulas, of Stroudsburg, Pa.

"I think it's awesome. Because I've been on the receiving end," the 34-year-old said of Operation Shoebox and the diner's involvement.

Karavoulas, a soldier in Pennsylvania's Army National Guard, returned home from Kosovo about a year ago and

has been working at the diner for four months now.

"When I was in Kosovo, the local churches (in Pennsylvania) would send us cards made by children," he said.

Karavoulas was in Charlie Company, 1/11th 28th Infantry Division. In Kosovo they relieved U.S. soldiers and Marines who were shifted to Germany and on to Iraq, including 29 men from Karavoulas' unit.

"You come back from patrol and you see these care packages on your bunk. Some guys got bills or letters from their wives," he said. "But you see these pictures drawn by kindergartners. I don't care how strong you are, it brings a tear to your eye."

Later in the day, diner regular Steve Fazan, of Pittstown, stopped in to see what was cooking.

The Army Vietnam War veteran seemed impressed with all the cookie packaging going on in front of him, when a soldier from a different generation approached him with an extended hand.

"Thank you for serving," Karavoulas said, locking palms with Fazan, who reciprocated. "I can count the people who said that to me on one hand," Fazan said.

If you would like to get involved, call Rod Hirsch, executive editor of The Reporter, (908) 575-6684 or e-mail rhirsch@njnpublishing.com.

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 Drop-off sites:

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

Somerset County

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;

Somerset County Sheriff's Office, County Administration Building, Grove Street, Somerville;

Morgan Stanley, 166 West Main St., Somerville;

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

Alfonso's Italian Restaurant, 99-101 West Main St., Somerville;

Beneath It All, 72 West Main St., Somerville;

Wachovia Bank, 1 West Main St., Somerville;

Dr. William Moskowitz, 205 West Main St., third floor, Somerville;

Somerville Center Antiques, 33 West Main St., Somerville;

Shop-Rite Supermarket, 611 West Union Ave., Bound Brook;

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

Raritan Valley Community College Theater and Student Activities office, Route 28, North Branch;

Learning Express Toys, 315 Route 206, Hillsborough;

Test Sports Club, 1982 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville;

US Bicycle Hall of Fame, Main Street, Bridgewater

Felix #9 Diner, Route 22, Bridgewater;

Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster;

Shake-A-Paw Petshop, 1422 Route 22, Green Brook;

Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green Brook;

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

Shop Rite Supermarket, Route 28, Bound Brook;

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

Soprano's, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater;

The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset.

Morgan Stanley, 15 Independence Blvd., Warren;

Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1595 Route 22 West, Watchung

Middlesex County

Dollar Planet Dollar Store, Route 28, Middlesex

Hunterdon County

The Hunterdon County Democrat, 8 Minnekaoning Road, Flemington

Shop-Rite Supermarket, 272 Route 202/31 North, Flemington

Warren County

Star Gazette & Warren Reporter, 106 E. Moore St., Hackettstown;

Franky & Johnny's Island Park Bar & Grill, 261 Route 46 East (intersection of Routes 46 & 31), Buttzville;

Tramontin Harley Davidson, Exit 12, Route 80 Hope Interchange, Hope.

Morris County

Legends Harley Davidson, 1895 Route 46 West, Ledgewood

Gearhart Chevrolet, Route 46 East, Denville

Passaic County

Morgan Stanley, 695 Route 46 West, Wayne

Essex County

Morgan Stanley, 150 JFK Parkway, Short Hills

Ocean County

Morgan Stanley, Bayview Corporate Center, 1433 Hooper Ave., Toms River

Union County

Morgan Stanley, 203 Elm St., Westfield

Former chief slapped with indictment

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ing an on-duty dispatcher to come to his home and provide an estimate for the installation of ceramic tiles in early 2000.

— Official misconduct, hindering apprehension and obstructing justice for failing to

seize drugs, including cocaine, crack-cocaine, heroin and marijuana, and make arrests at the Blair House Apartments on East Union Avenue during an Oct. 4, 2002 illegal raid to evict the occupants as a favor for a friend.

— Official misconduct and false swearing during a Jan. 2004 civil matter where Henderson, while under oath, said he never used racial slurs against Hispanics and was unaware of drug activity at a local bar.

— Official misconduct on Oct. 17 for informing Rosario and others of an upcoming raid by ABC officers at Café Imperial.

— Official misconduct and theft between 1998 and 2004 for receiving payments from the

borough for his chief of police duties while also receiving payments from private contractors for work done while he was on duty.

— Official misconduct and theft in 1999 for accepting overtime pay — which he is not entitled to — from funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the wake of Hurricane Floyd.

Forrest said the investigation is continuing, and anyone with information is asked to contact the Prosecutor's Office at (908) 575-3300, the county's Crime Stoppers Tips Line at 1-888-577-TIPS or online at www.scpo.net or www.somersetcounty-crimestoppers.org.

All calls and e-mails will be kept confidential.

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Middlesex County Briefs

Easter bunny brunch in South Plainfield

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Columbiettes of South Plainfield will hold their annual Easter Bunny Brunch on Sunday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria.

The cost is \$10 per person regardless of age. All children in attendance, ages seven and under, will receive a basket full of goodies from the Easter Bunny.

Because of earlier admittance time this year, the menu

will consist of breakfast as well as luncheon items and will be served as an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling Christine at (732) 968-4257.

Pasta festival tickets are now available

DUNELLEN — The Rotary Club of Dunellen - Green Brook invites the public to its 16th Annual Pasta Festival at the Willows on the Monday nights in April - 4, 11, 18 and 25, plus the first Monday in

May, May 2.

All-you-can-eat pasta dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. with a choice of three sauces, marinara, meat and vodka to accompany your choice of spaghetti, penne or linguini with bread and butter served on the side.

The Willows Restaurant is located at 1013 Washington Ave., Green Brook. The cost is \$6 per person, with salad and beverages at reduced rates.

The Rotary Club of Dunellen - Green Brook is a service organization that assists local community groups and people,

provides scholarships to area students and is a leader in the international battle against polio.

For more information regarding supporting this club, call Ron at (732) 968-0101.

Nursery school holds open house in April

EDISON — The Oak Tree Nursery School, 445 Plainfield Road, will hold an open house on Saturday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate its 35th Anniversary and the Week of the Young Child.

Former teachers and students will be on hand for the occasion.

Visitors may view a photo display of past years and artwork created by current classes. Registration information for 2005-2006 will be available.

Oak Tree Nursery School is a non-profit, non-sectarian, state certified school. For more information call the school director at (732) 494-2120.

Music and art fest at borough high school

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The

public schools of South Plainfield will present its 36th Annual All District Music and Art Festival on Thursday, April 7, at South Plainfield High School starting at 6:25 p.m.

The festival will feature performances of instrumental and vocal ensembles as well as displays of art created by the district's many talented students.

Each segment of the program will feature ensembles from Grant School, the Middle School, and the High School. Each of the three concert segments will require a separate ticket.

Library Briefs

EDISON

Irish themed program for children

EDISON — The Children's Department is holding registration in person or by phone for children pre-school through grade six for a Irish program being held 7 p.m. March 17 at the North Edison Branch, 777 Grove Ave. Call (732) 548-0845, Ext. 3, for details.

HIGHLAND PARK

Science, story telling program

HIGHLAND PARK — The Highland Park Public Library, 31 North Fifth Ave., is inviting grade school children to a program that combines storytelling with learning about science 7 p.m. March 10.

The Piccirillo Celebrations program, funded by Clean Communities, uses science experiments to tell stories about the environment.

MIDDLESEX

Artists to perform at library

MIDDLESEX — A free concert will be offered by the Friends of the Library at the community room of the Middlesex Public Library 3 p.m. March 13. Featured artists will be Carole-Anne Mochemuk and Paul Kueter in "Bach to Broadway," a concert of four-hand piano music including Bach, Bizet, Joplin, Cole Porter and more.

For more information call the library at (732) 356-6602.

Calendar

Saturday, March 5

DUNELLEN - Little League Tryouts: 2 to 4 p.m. and March 12 at Dunellen H.S. Gym, ages 9 to 12 and previously registered as new player. Questions, call Little League Hotline or e-mail wenzels@aol.com.

EDISON - Art Garfunkel Trip: 8 p.m. show sponsored by Mayor, Edison Council and Edison Recreation. \$50 includes transportation. Tickets were available starting Jan. 10 at Stetson Comm. Ctr. And the Minnie B. Veal Community Center. In person ticket sales only, up to four each. Contact Edison Recreation at (732) 248-7312 for more information.

Sunday, March 6

SOUTH BOUND BROOK - Breakfast Buffet: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fellowship Hall of the Reformed Church on Clinton Street, hosted by Boy Scout Troop 42. Take Out available. Adults \$6, Seniors and Children (4 to 12) \$4.50, under 4, Free. Eggs, pancakes, waffles, home fries, sausage, fresh fruit, Coffee, tea, juice, etc.

DUNELLEN - Chinese Auction: doors open 12 p.m., drawing starts, 1:30 p.m. (snow date March 13) at Resurrection of Christ Church, 649 Bound Brook Road, (Route 28). HUGE, gifts for all, \$5 donation. Call (732) 873-1731 for details.

Friday, March 11

SOUTH BOUND BROOK - Fish Dinner Buffet: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch - 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner. Take out available, call ahead. Given by Ladies Auxiliary of South Bound Brook Fire Co. #1. Lunch \$8.50, Dinner \$9.50, includes fish, clams, shrimp, chicken fingers, pierogies, vegetable medley, plus homemade desserts and much more. Firehouse located at 81 Edgewood Terrace. Call (732) 627-9577 or fax (732) 627-0697.

IN THE FUTURE:
DUNELLEN - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 12 at St Francis Episcopal Church, 400 New Market Road, includes vegetables, beverage and dessert. Donation Adults, \$10; Children under 10 \$6. Call (732) 968-6781 for more information.

METUCHEN - Tricky Tray Auction: March 18, doors open 5 p.m., auction starts 8 p.m. Tickets \$30 includes dinner and cash bar, at Raritan Center, 27 Sunfield Ave. No one under 18 permitted. Call Karen (732) 494-3499 for more information and tickets.

METUCHEN - "Gospel Café": March 19 at 7 p.m. Spirit filled evening of poetry, singing, dance, scripture reading and open mic. Ages 18 to 35 are welcome. Adult ministry of New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton Street, Metuchen; Rev. Ronald L. Owens, Sr. Pastor. Call (732) 549-8941 for details.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - St. Patrick's Day Party: 8 p.m. to midnight March 19 at the Knights Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd. \$20 per person which included dinner and open bar (beer, wine and soda) and a DJ. Call Jim Shea (908) 756-0478 or (908) 755-6203 for tickets. Seating limited.

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Commentary

Consolidating school systems can help reduce property taxes

By SEN. BOB SMITH

Recently, the Property Tax Convention Task Force presented its report to the governor and the Legislature regarding recommendations for a possible Constitutional Convention to overhaul New Jersey's property tax system.

The report outlines parameters for selecting delegates to a convention, the scope of the delegates' work and a cost estimate of \$3.845 million. This report also focuses on the revenue side of taxation, rather than asking the question of whether we can improve the spending side of the property tax equation.

One method for reducing property taxes that has been successful in other states, including our neighbor Pennsylvania, is consolidating public school districts. New Jersey has 616 public school districts, which is more than one per municipality. As property tax rates and taxpayer anger across the Garden State rise each year, the only thing offered to property owners is a set of rebates that provide only temporary relief to the expense of property taxes. These rebates are a Band-Aid and do not even begin to address long-term solutions for stabilizing or reducing the cost of education.

The largest portion of the average New Jersey property tax bill is the local school district. New Jersey spent \$10,337 per pupil in the 1999-2000 school year, according to the latest data from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

New Jersey spends more than one and a half times that of California, the largest state in the Union. We also spend more than our neighboring states of New York (\$9,846), Pennsylvania (\$7,772) and Delaware (\$8,310).

New Jersey's system of 616 independent school districts, each with its own administrative, transportation, labor, health care and insurance costs, is the most inefficient system in the country. According to the Education Commission of the States, 11 states — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia — have some form of county-based school systems, either apart from or in conjunction with additional school districts for their larger urban centers.

Each of these states spends thousands of dollars less per student than we do here in New Jersey. They are able to spend less because their systems are more efficient in scope and structure, allowing them to do a better job of delivering educational services to students. I believe that maintaining our current system of 616 autonomous districts is inefficient and wasteful, and it only promotes duplication and inequality.

Consolidating New Jersey's school districts would put our public schools on a rational path to better management. Consolidation would dramatically reduce costs by eliminating duplication of services, including transportation, maintenance and purchasing. The savings from consolidated transportation services alone justifies regional or county-based school districts.

Formulas for state and federal aid to schools could

be calculated and distributed on a more rational and equitable basis. In addition, it would be much easier to collect the data that is necessary for computing state and federal aid from a smaller number of school districts. Policy and management would be uniform. Teachers would have more job opportunities. By pooling all of the faculty and staff at all schools in a single county or regional district, the ever increasing costs of health insurance would be less because each consolidated district would be purchasing health care plans in bulk.

Another significant benefit of having county-wide or regional school districts would be specialty schools focused on the arts, technology, sciences and vocational training could be integrated into the county-based districts, thereby offering talented students more opportunities to pursue courses of study specific to their career goals and ambitions.

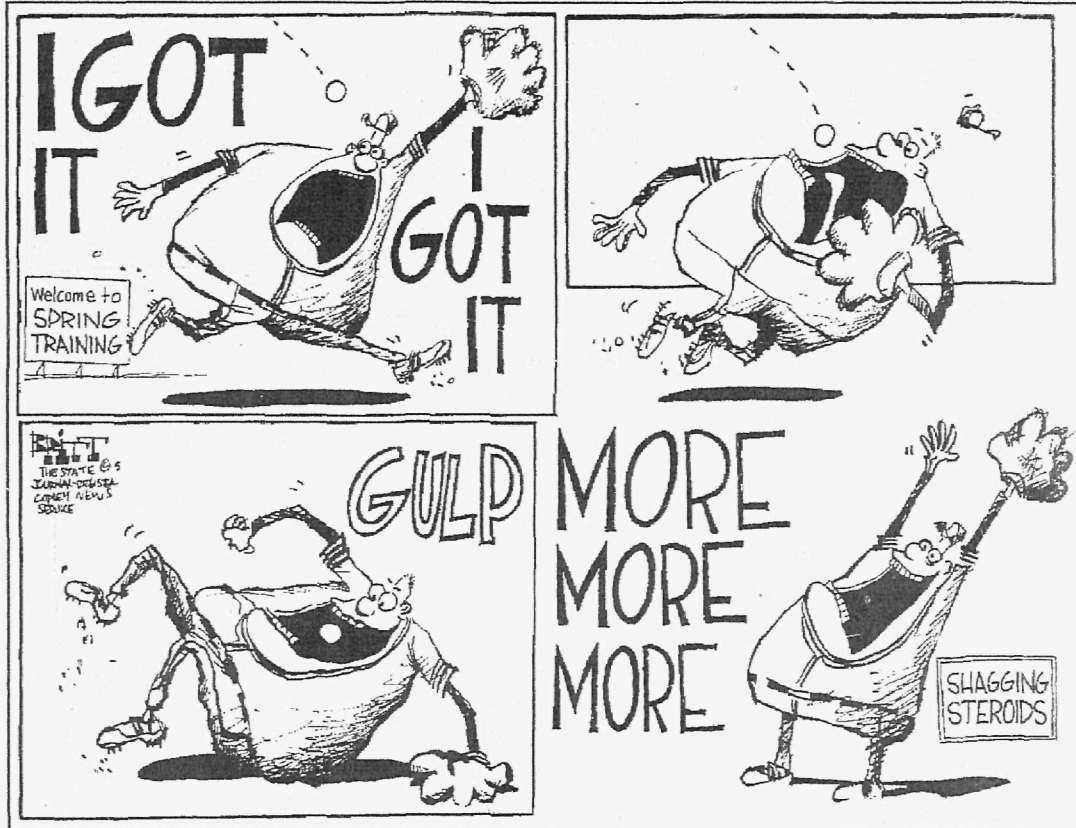
Because they would be spending less on overhead and administration, consolidated school districts will be able to put more money into the classroom, thereby increasing student performance. In order to be competitive in the global economy, New Jersey's students must have the best possible education we can provide. By concentrating spending in the classroom, we can accomplish that goal.

New Jersey's tendency to spin off special education, vocational-technical education and magnet schools into separate, autonomous school districts only increases per-student costs. A 1995 study by the Center for Government Services at Rutgers University estimated an annual savings of \$32 million in administrative costs and a potential future savings of more than \$200 million in annual costs if school districts are consolidated. This ten year old study suggests that real property tax relief and the improvement educational service delivery is possible.

Opponents of school district consolidation claim that fewer school districts will mean a loss of local control, which we all consider a basic element of our system of government. This claim could not be further from the truth. County boards of education can and should be elected bodies that are responsible to the voters, accessible to parents, educators and students, and representative of the broadest possible geography and demographics. Public oversight of education would not be diminished because uniform county policies and data would be easy to monitor. County-based school districts would enrich the democratic process because voters, parents, school officials and teachers would have to discuss needs in a broader sense. They would have to consider what is best for all students in the county, rather than just those within a specific, small area.

A thorough examination of our educational system in New Jersey and a serious consideration of consolidating our 616 public school districts is long overdue. We need to have this serious debate on the costs and delivery of education to our children, if there is ever to be a stabilization or reduction of property taxes.

Bob Smith represents the 17th Legislative District in the New Jersey Senate.



Letters to the Editor

Screening bill needs community support

To The Editor:

Nearly 15,000 Americans, including many from New Jersey, die each year from internal bleeding caused by ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms.

It is estimated that 2.7 million Americans age 60 or older may have this life threatening condition. AAA is one of the most preventable, yet often neglected vascular conditions. In fact, it is highly treatable and curable in 95 percent of men and women when detected before rupture occurs.

Recently, Federal legislation allowing Medicare to cover the costs of AAA screenings was introduced. The Vascular

Society of New Jersey applauds this initiative. The Screening Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Very Efficiently Act (HR-827) will provide easy, affordable exams for seniors who are most vulnerable to this condition.

For our senior citizens in New Jersey, this legislation is particularly significant since we have a high population of residents over 60 years of age.

AAA usually strikes suddenly and without warning. It typically is not detected during routine physical exams. The VSNJ maintains that preventative AAA screenings will be a sound health care investment. In the long run, it will

result in savings to our Medicare program. As vascular surgeons, we, more than anyone, know the cost of routine screenings will pale in comparison to the cost of rehabilitating victims who may have survived a ruptured aneurysm.

The Vascular Society of New Jersey, representing more than 130 vascular surgeons in the State, urges our representatives in Washington to support this legislation.

Dr. CLIFFORD SALES
President,
Vascular Society of New
Jersey
Trenton

Social Security deserves protection for the future

To The Editor:

President Bush is campaigning really hard to privatize part of younger people's Social Security contributions and thus taking away trillions of dollars from the Social Security fund over the next few years.

One may ask why he is doing this. He is trying to sell the American people that Social Security is in a crisis now despite the fact that the Social Security Administration's Trustees, who were appointed by President Bush, predict that a "crisis" in Social Security will begin no earlier than 2042 and the U.S. Government's Congressional Budget Office says that we have enough to cover 100% of all Social Security Costs until 2052. In fact in 2027, Social Security will have \$6.6 trillion in reserves.

Why a crisis now? Well it may be that I, as a person in their 50s, am looking at the Social Security system with a jaundiced eye. But I think the words "crisis now" are far too harsh a judgment. Yes we may have to confront future problems soon, but to drain the Social Security fund by proposing a great deal of risk taking is hardly an answer. I, for one, would be willing to decrease my benefits a

bit, pay taxes on my future Social Security payments, or pay a bit more in Social Security taxes instead of having Social Security be privatized.

The question one might ask is who benefits from privatizing Social Security. I've heard that the Wall Street executives are really happy about the plan. They stand to gain enormous commissions from the plan. In fact, other countries who have the plan have found that the returns are 30 percent less than anticipated just because of the commissions paid and administration of the plan. People in other countries found that their returns were less than 30 percent of what was anticipated in some cases. I suspect that people (maybe 5 percent of the population) who like to take risks and really know how to play the Stock Market really like the plan too.

This leaves the vast majority of the people who either don't like the plan because they see what it really means or have no idea about what it really means. We have had a number of huge downturns of the stock market which have made people lose a tremendous amount of their investments over the years.

For example, one recent anecdote I heard is that many AT&T

retirees who took their pensions in lump sum payments in the late 1990s and early 2000s have lost over half of their pensions because of the downturn of the market after Sept. 11, 2001. It was not that these people took high risks with their money either.

Also, I work for DYFS and hear a lot about people who are in the lower income brackets. These people have a hard time dealing with basic problems in life like trying to find affordable housing, putting food on their tables, raising their children, dealing with mental illness, dealing with poverty, etc. We will now expect these people to be so knowledgeable about investments that they can make good decisions about how to invest their retirement savings.

Social Security is one of America's most successful, proven and reliable programs. It has kept tremendous amounts of people out of poverty when they retired, were disabled, lost their spouse, or lost one or both of their parents. Why drastically change such a successful program?

ANNE MELLE
Warren

Scandal affects state's image

To The Editor:

I recently traveled out of state for business and ate breakfast in a hotel where I overheard salespeople discussing their itineraries. No comments were made about Los Angeles, Chicago or Boise, Idaho, but plenty was said about New Jersey Turnpike exits and political scandals.

It could take years to change the misconceptions held about New Jersey, but there have been developments in Trenton — that the employer community fully supports — that will help our image and business attraction efforts.

Let's start with the proposal to create a Lieutenant gover-

nor. It's been said that New Jersey's office of the governor is the most powerful in the country. Illogically, the acting governor in our state is awarded even more power by also serving as Senate president. We should create a clear line of succession that allows voters to choose a replacement if the governor can't serve. Our Lieutenant governor could be a business ambassador, responsible for bringing out-of-state companies to New Jersey and making sure those here have the tools to succeed.

Another office deserving support is that of inspector general. We applaud Acting Gov. Codey for proposing a

position to help eliminate waste, fraud and government mismanagement. Let's make this a permanent position instead of one subject to the whims of the administration.

In the aftermath of the McGreevey resignation, government reform should be the state's top priority. These initiatives may never stop the Turnpike jokes but can improve the way New Jersey's government and business practices are viewed in the future.

PETER COCOZZIELLO
Chairman, Government
Reform Initiative
New Jersey Chamber of
Commerce
Trenton

Quotable

"You come back from patrol and you see these care packages on your bunk. Some guys got bills or letters from their wives. But you see these pictures drawn by kindergartners. I don't care how strong you are, it brings a tear to your eye."

Pete Karavoulas

"Last year I got to play the drums. Was I good? No, but I got to carry out the dream of being a rocker. And one time I got to pretend to play basketball. Me, I'm five-foot-three. I couldn't do that without being in the circus."

Barry Lubin

"I began to get involved because I really felt I needed to show people that no matter what you look like you can do things."

Michael Saverino Jr.

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522 boxes shipped to U.S. troops

Several dozen readers joined with The Chronicle staff and volunteers from American Recreational Military Services Sunday to pack and wrap 522 individual packages for soldiers in Iraq at the 42nd Infantry National Guard armory in Franklin.

Four hours of work resulted in an Army utility truck packed to its roof with 300 boxes, and 4 pallets stacked seven boxes high, 63 boxes per pallet.

Because of Palm Sunday March 20 and Easter the following Sunday, next month's packing will be pushed back to the early part of April. More volunteers will be needed, so if you're interested in helping out, please contact us.

We put a serious dent in our storehouse of supplies, and we need to restock for next month, so please, do what you can to drop off a few bags of toothbrushes, toothpaste, eye drops, shampoo, soap, razors, socks, suntan lotion or any of the other items that are listed in the Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 advertisement at the bottom of this page.

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



Cookies to go

Mike Zambas, owner of the Clinton Station Diner off Route 78 in Hunterdon County, is a big booster of OPSHBX.

This Monday, he will donate 15 cents of every dollar he makes serving dinners between 4-10 p.m. It's a big diner, with several dining rooms, including a refurbished railroad dining car.

Fill up your car and head west on 78 from the Somerville area, and bring your appetite. You might want to try one of Zambas' seven-pound hamburgers, complete with lettuce and tomato served on a huge 12-inch round roll. Big as it is beefy, the first-ever seven-pounder was served several

weeks ago to celebrate the diner's first-year anniversary. Eat hearty. If this event is successful, Zambas promises there will be more.

Last week, we visited Zambas' bakery, which is in the basement of the diner. He had offered to bake fresh cookies to be sent to the troops in Iraq, and we watched as they were taken out of the oven.

"It's not often you get to do something for a good cause," he explained.

Upstairs, Zambas set up an assembly line in the middle of one of the dining rooms. The cookies were wrapped in plastic, and sealed in plastic containers.

Helping out was chef Pete Karavoulas, 34, of Stroudsburg, Pa., a National Guardsman from the Keystone State who served eight and a half months in Kosovo about a year ago with the 28th Infantry Division.

He, too, is enthused by the mission of OPSHBX.

"I think it's awesome," he said.

Zambas also agreed to place

a plastic jug for loose change donations on the counter near the cash register. The jugs have proven to be very successful; we collected \$40 from a jug on the counter at the Felix #9 diner on Route 22 in Bridgewater, and \$220.25 at Mannion's Pub and Restaurant in downtown Somerville. Owner Pat Mannion presented us with a check for \$250 after rounding out the numbers.

If your business has a high volume of traffic and you'd be willing to place a jug on your counter, please contact us.

T-shirts for sale

Quality T-shirts with the handsome Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo are now available. They go on sale for the first time Saturday at the Bridgewater Commons during the Somerset Patriots' auditions for the Star Spangled Banner. Each shirt is embroidered with the distinctive red, white and blue Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo, and a full-color reproduction of the Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster.

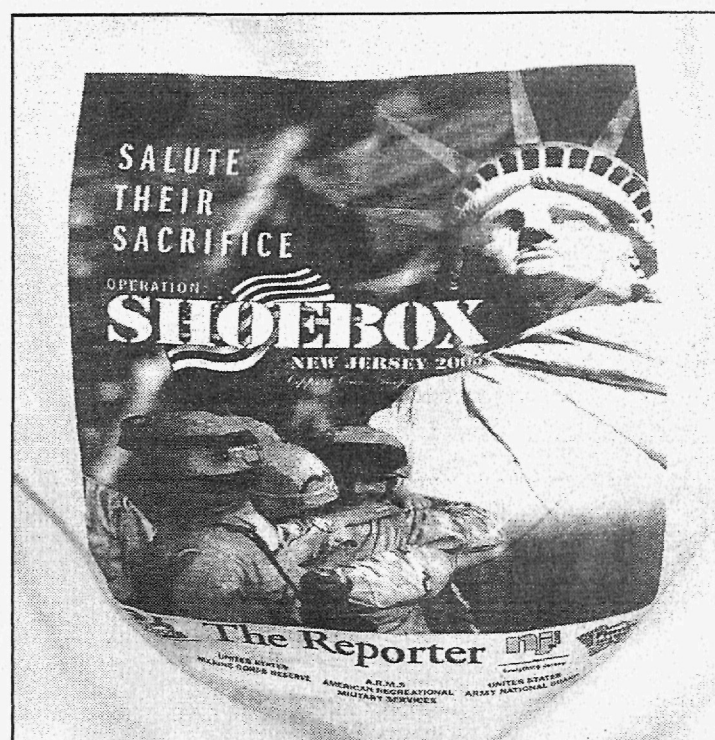
The shirts cost \$10, will also be available at The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive and other locations as they become available. An up-to-date list will appear in The Reporter each week. All proceeds from sale of the shirts directly benefit OPSHBX.

Buy one for yourself, buy a few as gifts. We can also reproduce the shirts in quantity for veterans' groups, corporations, or other sponsors, and include the name of your company or organization on the shirt. Call and ask for details.

Volunteers will also be collecting items for the soldiers during the auditions at the mall's center court. You can buy most of the items needed by the soldiers at stores in the mall, or you can buy them ahead of time and bring them with you.

Shopping sprees

Several supermarkets in Central New Jersey have agreed to host six-hour shopping sprees to benefit the soldiers overseas. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be posted out-



CRAIG TURPIN/THE CHRONICLE

Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 T-shirts are now available for \$10. All proceeds will be used to buy supplies for the soldiers in Iraq, or to defray the costs of shipping. The shirts will be available this weekend at Bridgewater Commons during the Somerset Patriots Star Spangled Banner auditions at center court, and The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville, beginning Monday.

side each of the stores and hand out shopping lists as you enter the store, and collect the items you're donating when you leave the store. Check the schedule on this page. We'd like to thank the store managers at each of these locations, and hope that other food stores follow their example and will support the cause.

We'd also like to thank in advance those of you who add the soldiers' needs to your shopping list.

On Parade

A large float decorated with banners from Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and The Chronicle will roll down Main Street in Somerville as part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 13. OPSHBX volunteers will accompany the float, passing out the list of needed items. With thousands expected to attend, we're hoping many in the crowd will stuff the flyers in their pockets and bring the list to the grocery store the next time they go shopping. We also hope to spread the word to out-of-towners who

visit Somerville to partake of the festivities.

Honor roll

Financial support is critical to the continued success of OPSHBX, with several readers sending in checks to help cover the expenses of buying and shipping supplies. Special thanks goes to the Somerset Patriots baseball club, who contributed \$5,000 last week. The week before, we received a \$5,000 check from the American Legion Post 12 in Somerville. Since Feb. 3 when we kicked off OPSHBX, we've raised over \$12,000.

All contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to ARMS (American Recreational Military Services), and the notation "To Benefit Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005" should be written on the memo line. All contributors will receive a letter of acknowledgement.

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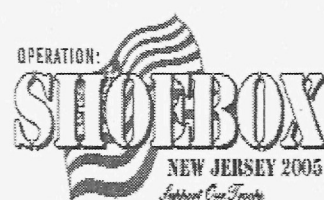
Calendar of Events

March 5: Star Spangled Banner National Anthem auditions sponsored by Somerset Patriots, Bridgewater Commons, Bridgewater, noon-4 p.m. Volunteers will collect donated items at center court, lower level.

March 5: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, King's Supermarket, 450 Route 206, Bedminster, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will hand out shopping lists to shoppers as they enter the store and ask them to drop off donated items as they leave the store.

March 7: Clinton Station Diner, Route 173 & Bank Street, Clinton (off Route 78), 15 percent of the dinner receipts from 4-9 p.m. will be donated to Operation Shoebox. (908) 713-0012.

March 12: Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Somerset Patriots kick off



2005 season ticket sales; fans bringing items for the soldiers will be given a voucher good for one free ticket to a game during the season. (908) 252-0700.

March 12: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, A&P Supermarket, Mountain Boulevard, Warren, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will hand out shopping lists to shoppers as they enter the store and ask them to drop off donated items as they leave the store.

March 12: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Shop Rite Supermarket, Route 28, Bound Brook, 10

a.m.-4 p.m., Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will hand out shopping lists to shoppers as they enter the store and ask them to drop off donated items as they leave the store. (732) 302-9299.

March 19: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Stop'n'Shop Supermarket, Route 202 south, Raritan, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will hand out shopping lists to shoppers as they enter the store and ask them to drop off donated items as they leave the store. (908) 685-1204.

April 1: Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 West Main St., Somerville, Willie Lynch Trio benefit, \$5 donation requested; food specials with 20 percent donated to Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005. Soldiers' Salute patriotic drinks, \$6, with \$1 from each drink donated to the soldiers. (908) 203-0700.

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*Donated items must be in their original packaging.

Maryann Freuler

MIDDLESEX — Maryann Lois Freuler, 71, died Feb. 24, 2005 at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born April 6, 1933 in New Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Jennie Gremilotte Freuler.

Miss Freuler lived in Middlesex all her life. She was a member of the Reformed Church of Bound Brook, located in South Bound Brook.

Her aunt, Veronica, is deceased.

Surviving are a cousin, Claire Ritchie of Middlesex; and many other cousins.

Graveside services were held yesterday at Bound Brook Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home in Bound Brook.

David Gaskill

METUCHEN — David Reece Gaskill, 75, died Feb. 25, 2005 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Born in Plainfield, he lived in Westfield before moving to Metuchen in 1961.

Dr. Gaskill was an analytical research chemist for 30 years with Mobil Chemical Co. in Edison. He worked for Merck & Co. after receiving a bachelor's degree in 1951 from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. He earned a doctorate in 1961 from the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn.

An Army veteran, Dr. Gaskill was a member of the Metuchen Senior Citizens Housing Board and the treasurer of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society. He also was the treasurer of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Metuchen, where he was a senior warden, vestry-

man, lay Eucharistic minister and reader.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Delphine Woychoski Gaskill; a daughter, Laurlyn Gaskill Smith of New Castle, Pa.; a sister, Barbara Carter of Vienna, Va.; a sister-in-law, Ruth Miluszewski and husband Kenneth of Metuchen; a granddaughter, Lyndie Smith of New Castle; and two nephews, Steven Entwistle of Burke, Va., and James Entwistle of Sri Lanka.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. today at St. Luke's Church, Middlesex and Oak avenues.

Arrangements are by the Costello-Ruynon Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Luke's Memorial Fund, 17 Oak Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840-2235.

Eleanor Van Nest

BOUND BROOK — Eleanor Bittner Van Nest, 85, died Feb. 20, 2005 at the Virtua Health and Rehabilitation Center at Mount Holly.

Born April 21, 1919 in Bound Brook, she was a daughter of the late Harry L. and Myrtle Lane Bittner.

Mrs. Van Nest lived in Bound Brook before moving to Somerset in 1976. She had resided in Whiting since 1996.

She received an associate's degree in interior decorating from the Pratt Institute in 1939. Mrs. Van Nest was active in the Girl Scouts in Bound Brook and participated in volunteer activities at Crestwood Manor in Whiting.

She was a member of the Bound Brook Woman's Literary Club, Bound Brook Garden Club and Somerville History

Club.

Her husband, Paul W., died in 1998.

Surviving are four daughters, Elizabeth Braun of Eastampton, Becky Komsa of Tranquility, Mary DeRogatis of Katonah, N.Y., and Dossie Neumann of Louisville, Ky.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Van Nest was a life member. Interment of ashes was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Whitehouse.

Arrangements were by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Presbyterian Church, 409 Mountain Ave., Bound Brook, NJ 08805 or Deborah Hospital Foundation, 212 Trenton Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

James Iocca

HIGHLAND PARK — James Iocca, 91, died Feb. 24, 2005 at his home in Brick.

Mr. Iocca was born in New Brunswick. He lived in Highland Park, Bridgewater and Toms River before moving to Brick in 1989.

He retired in 1976 as a cutter with Parkway Fabricators in South Amboy. Mr. Iocca earlier worked for the Bond Clothing Co. in New Brunswick.

His wife, Filomena Loreto Iocca, died in 1987.

Surviving are a son, James R. of Brick; a granddaughter, Dr. Heather of Durham, N.C.; and a grandson, James R. Jr. of Conshohocken, Pa.

Services were held Monday at the Selover Funeral Home in North Brunswick. Burial was in Van Liew Cemetery, North Brunswick.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834.

Judith Belcher

MIDDLESEX — Judith J. Bare Belcher, 66, died Feb. 27, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Rhodell, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Donald Sr. and Viola Reed Bare.

Mrs. Belcher lived in Bound Brook and Middlesex before moving to Branchburg in 1991. She had been with Qualteq Inc. in South Plainfield for 19 years, most recently as a supervisor in the card manufacturing department.

Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Lane and husband Mark of Phillipsburg; a son, a son, Jerry E. Jr. of

Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Patricia Ward and husband Clyde of Beckley, W.Va., and Melissa Forinash and husband John of Beaver, W.Va.; five brothers, Don "Dick" Bare Jr. and wife Nellie of Beckley, Calvin Bare and wife Nancy of Bluffton, S.C., Gene Bare and wife Jackie of Ghent, W.Va., Roger Bare and wife Sue of Blue Creek, Ohio, and John Bare and wife Dana of East Windsor; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Thursday at the Branchburg Funeral Home. To send a condolence, visit www.branchburgfuneralhome.com.

Lillian Horvath

DUNELLEN — Lillian C. Horvath, 70, died Feb. 26, 2005 at her home.

She was born in Manville and had lived in Dunellen since 1955.

Mrs. Horvath was a cottage training technician for 10 years at the Hunterdon Developmental Center in Clinton. She earlier spent 14 years as a canteen worker with Ford Motor Co. and three years with Johns-Manville Corp.

She once was a laboratory technician with RCA Corp. and an assistant Girl Scout leader in Dunellen.

Her husband, Edward A., died in 1979.

Surviving are three daughters, Debbie Redrup and husband Michael of Dunellen, Sandra Santangelo and husband Salvatore of Cranford and Dawn Dalton and husband Robert of Dunellen; two sisters, Jean Casino of Raritan and Teresa Addison of Colorado; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Joseph Stypulkowski

MIDDLESEX — Joseph B. Stypulkowski, 89, died Feb. 24, 2005 at his home.

He was born in Irvington and lived in that township before moving to Middlesex in 1995.

Mr. Stypulkowski retired after 10 years as a front-end manager with the Good Deal Supermarket in Irvington. He earlier worked for Du Pont in Kearny and North Arlington, along with Parco Electroplating in Newark.

He and his wife of 68 years, Josephine Thompson Stypulkowski, were active in

parish organizations at St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Irvington. Mr. Stypulkowski was a former member of St. Leo Roman Catholic Church in Irvington.

Also surviving are a son, Jay of Somerset; a daughter, Judy Mulvey and husband Ray of Middlesex; two sisters, Estelle Emer and Jeanette Law; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Middlesex Funeral Home. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

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Raising the bar

Green Brook teen sets goal for donations to Spina Bifida Association

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

GREEN BROOK — Last year, Michael Saverino Jr. raised more than \$2,000 for the Spina Bifida Association Tri-State Region's walk and wheel a-thon. He was named the second-highest fund raiser in the region. This year, Saverino wants to reach that first place spot.

Saverino, 18, of Green Brook, was born with spina bifida, the most frequently occurring birth defect, that leaves him confined to a wheel chair and in constant need of surgeries. Spina bifida occurs in the earliest stages of pregnancy, said the Association's Communication and Event Coordinator Jennifer Guercio. "It happens when the neural tube forms but doesn't close completely," she said. "It can cause a loss of paralysis of the legs and bowels and poor vision."

Guercio also noted that the majority of children born with spina bifida have hydro-

cephalus, or fluid in the brain. "The child will have surgery where a shunt is permanently put in to drain the fluid," she said.

So, far Saverino has had 25 surgeries in his short life.

"I know people who've had as many as 50," he said.

But Saverino's disability, and the frustrations that come along with it, doesn't hold him back.

"It really makes me feel good," he said in reference to collecting money for the association. "Just to get out there and show that I can do this too."

Saverino is hoping to collect at least \$3,000 for the Association's Stroll 'n Roll this year. The second annual event is a 2-mile wheel and walk a-thon fund raiser scheduled for May 15 at the Spruce Run Recreational Area in Clinton.

With the help of his friend, Dan Beck, Saverino has already collected a \$1,000 pledge from St. Joseph High

School in Metuchen.

As he did last year, Saverino will solicit donations outside of grocery stores. He will also request donations from friends, family members and even professional athletes. Saverino met the New York Jets football players several years ago through the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

"I've been a Jets fan my whole life," said Saverino, who noted he still corresponds through e-mail with his favorite player wide receiver Wayne Chrebet.

Those interested in pledging for Michael for the Stroll 'n Roll can send checks to 104 Mountain Parkway, Green Brook, NJ, 08812. Checks should be made payable to the Spina Bifida Association.

The Spina Bifida Association Tri-State Region is looking for volunteers to help with registration, hand out water and set up on the day of the Stroll 'n Roll. If you're interested in volunteering, call (908) 782-7475.

Nonprofit agencies receive state grants

TRENTON — Senator Bob Smith, Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula and Assemblyman Joseph Egan announced today that six state grants were awarded to nonprofit agencies in the 17th Legislative District.

Specifically, a grant from the New Jersey Office of Faith Based Initiatives was awarded to Students of the Word, Inc. of Piscataway for \$20,000.

The Faith Based Initiatives grants will provide support for the continuation of faith-based and community based services in the area.

In addition, the Women's Shelters Program of the Department of Community Affairs has seen the need in this community and is supportive of these worthwhile causes," said Smith, D-Middlesex and Somerset.

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-02
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A SUBSTANDARD STRIP DESIGNATED BLOCK 39, LOT 11 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT: An Ordinance vacating the parcel of land designated Block 39, Lot 11 on the Tax Map of the Borough is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-02
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A SUBSTANDARD STRIP 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. This 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 the law.

Approved 2/21/05
Robert J. Seader
Mayor of the Borough of Dunellen

William Robins
Clerk of the Borough of Dunellen
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, "BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS" - FEE SCHEDULE
ORDINANCE 05-04

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #05-04 entitled DUNELLEN BOROUGH FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE is hereby adopted on first reading and that a public hearing and final adoption will be held Monday, March 21, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., in the Municipal Building, Dunellen, New Jersey.

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 a notice of the Public Hearing will be advertised in the Chronicle in the issue dated 5 March 2005.

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN
ORDINANCE NO. 05-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER, "BUILDING AND HOUSING"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section, Construction Permit Fees, shall be amended to read as follows:
Construction Permit Fees. The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of the subcode fees listed in (1) through hereof and shall be paid before the permit is issued.
A. Building Subcode fee shall be:
1. A minimum fee for the building subcode shall be Forty Six (\$46.00) dollars.
2. For new construction volume (cubic feet) multiplied by 0.032.
3. For renovations, alterations and repair twenty eight (\$28.00) dollars per one thousand dollars of estimated cost of work.
4. For combinations of renovations and additions, the sum of the fees computed separately as renovations and additions.
5. Flat Fees
a. Roof (R3 & R5) \$46.00
b. Siding (R3 & R5) \$46.00
c. Fence \$46.00
d. Tank Removal \$65.00

e. Shed (Less than 300 square feet)	\$46.00	1 h.p. up to 5 h.p.	\$32.00
f. Fireplace	\$46.00	6 h.p. up to 25 h.p.	\$50.00
g. Pools Above ground	\$46.00	26 h.p. up to 100 h.p.	\$75.00
h. Signs	\$120.00	For each increase of 50 h.p.	\$13.00
i. Demolition One car garage	\$83.00	Transformers and generators over,	
One family dwelling	\$120.00	1 kw up to 5 kw	\$32.00
Two family dwelling	\$139.00	6 kw up to 25 kw	\$50.00
Multi-family dwelling	\$163.00	26 kw up to 100 kw	\$75.00
Commercial Building	\$278.00	For each increase of 100 kw	\$13.00
j. Tents	\$92.00	5. The fees for pools, fountains and similar installations	
k. Monitoring Wells	\$48.00 per well	Above ground, includes bonding	\$63.00
6. Certificate of Occupancy	\$65.00	& motor	\$95.00
a. Residential (R3 & R5)	\$120.00	In-ground, includes bonding & motor	\$95.00
b. All other Uses	\$120.00	6. Light standards	\$63.00
7. Plumbing Subcode Fee shall be:		D. Fire Subcode fee shall be:	
1. A minimum fee for the plumbing subcode shall be Forty Six (\$46.00) dollars.		1. Hard wire interconnected smoke detectors (R3 & R5)	\$5.00 per unit
2. The fee shall be in the amount of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system, and for each appliance connected to the gas or oil piping system.		2. For fire sprinkler system the fee shall be as follows:	
For the purpose of computing this fee, fixtures shall include but not be limited to lavatories, kitchen sinks, sops, sinks, urinals, water closets, bath tubs; shower stalls, laundry tubs, floor drains, drinking fountains, dishwashers, garbage disposals, hot water heaters, or similar devices.		20 or fewer heads	\$75.00
3. The fee shall be in the amount of Sixty Five (\$65.00) per special devices.		21 to 100 heads	\$140.00
For the purpose of computing this fee, special devices shall include but not be limited to lighting fixtures, A/C units, grease trap, intercom/separators, water connection, sewer connection, sewer ejector, sewer pumps, backflow preventer, and tank installation.		101 to 200 heads	\$257.00
C. Electrical Subcode Fee shall be:		201 to 400 heads	\$693.00
1. A minimum fee for the electrical subcode shall be Forty Six (\$46.00) dollars.		401 to 1000 heads	\$959.00
2. For the purpose of computing fees, outlets or fixtures shall include, but not be limited to, lighting fixtures, switches, smoke or heat detectors, convenience receptacles, burglar alarms, intercom panels, thermostats, and motors and devices of less than 1 h.p. or 1 k.w.		Over 1000 heads	\$1,223.00
3. For the purpose of computing these fees, all motors except those in plug-in appliances shall be counted, including control equipment, generators, transformers and all heating, cooking or other devices consuming or generating electrical current.		In computing fees for heads and detectors, the number shall be counted separately and two fees, one for heads and one for detectors, shall be charged.	
4. For the purpose of computing these fees, all motors except those in plug-in appliances shall be counted, including control equipment, generators, transformers and all heating, cooking or other devices consuming or generating electrical current.		3. Fire standpipe system	\$257.00
Motors and electrical devices over,		4. Independent pre-engineer system	\$107.00
		5. Gas or oil fired appliance	\$54.00
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		9. Smoke control system	\$252.00
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RAISING THE ROOF

Big Apple Circus set to open this weekend in Bridgewater

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — "The circus is coming! The circus is coming!"

You can almost hear the children's excited screams now. But adults, too, are looking forward to the opening of the Big Apple Circus at the Commerce Bank Ballpark on Saturday.

"This is a show that's for the entire community," said circus founder and artistic director Paul Binder.

"Picturesque," the title of this year's show, comes from a theme that's been sitting on Binder's mental shelf and collecting dust for nearly 20 years. Three years ago, at a festival in Paris, Binder saw an acrobat act

that used the imagery of Marc Chagall's Le Cirque series.

Chagall, a native of Russia, grew up in the ghetto and, years later, painted from memory, his childhood experiences at the circus, said Binder.

After viewing the acrobats' routine, Binder knew he could get his artist tribute themed show off the ground with an act like that. Now, in its fifth month, this year's show also features acts inspired by Henri de Toulouse Lautrec, Georges Seurat, Pablo Picasso and Edouard Degas.

"Degas loved the ballerinas and Toulouse Lautrec painted the jockeys," said Binder. "We have a lot of great horsemanship acts and ballet like acro-

batic acts. I thought 'Wouldn't it be great if we could put together this tribute to them.'"

Typically, said Binder, the circus' directing team starts working on putting together a theme for the show about two years before it's performed. After creating a theme, the directing team brings that theme to their core employees who work with the circus year round, show after show. The employees create and write acts curtailed to the theme.

"Then, we book the entire show with the best guest artists that fit the theme or who can create, with a composer, a variation of their act that goes along with the show," said Binder.

This year's guest artists include the Kovgar Troupe, the group that performed the act that inspired Binder to finally use the artist tribute theme.

Once the show is entirely booked, technical and creative collaborations begin.

"The acts and performers have to collaborate with the directors, the composers, the lighting designer and the costume designer," said Binder.

And before you know it, it's time to start rehearsals, five weeks of rehearsals before the season's opening show in the Washington, D.C. area in late September. From there, the Big Apple Circus runs at Lincoln Center from the third week of October until the first week in January.

"We're there for the entire holiday season, right next to the Nutcracker," said Binder, who noted the show closes for a month before performing shows in three east coast locations through July.

"We start rehearsing for a new show before we're even finished with the season," said Director of Clowning Barry Lubin, who's also known as "Grandma" the clown.

Lubin said this year's show is not an art history lesson.

"We're not going to hit the audience over the head with art, but art history buffs will enjoy the references," said Lubin, who throughout the show as Grandma pretends to be the artist who paints the circus from his brush. In one act, Grandma becomes the famed, mysterious subject of the Mona Lisa. In another act, Lubin plays singer Natalie Cole lip-synching "Unforgettable."

This one-ring Big Apple Circus is and has always been an unforgettable community event, said Binder and Lubin.

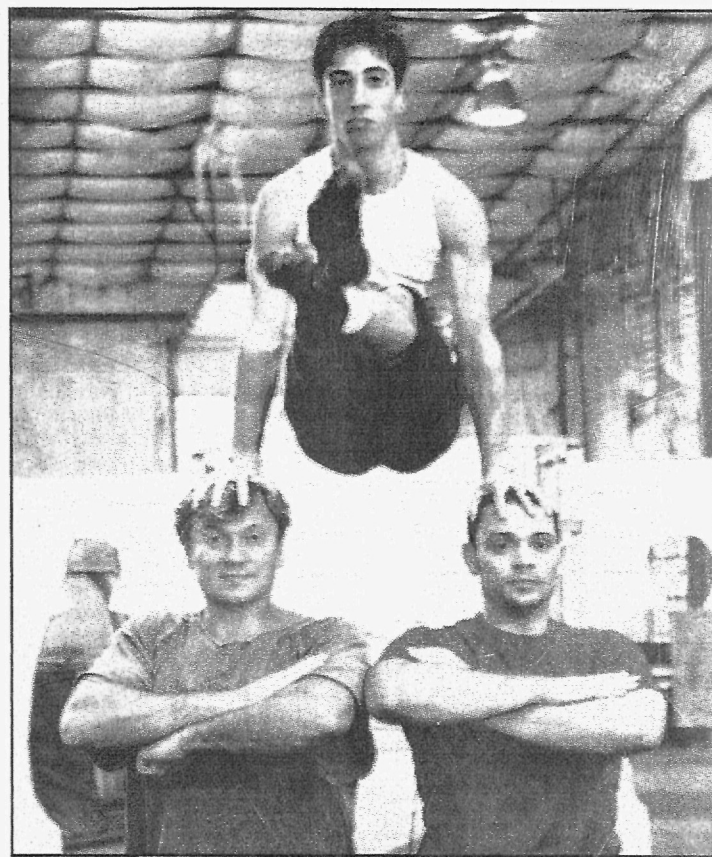
"The Ringling Brothers show is a big spectacle," said Lubin. "We're a different kind of show."

Binder describes his circus as a more intimate gathering.

"We're not in a big sports arena. Their closest row is as far as our farthest row goes," said Binder.

The one-ringed environment allows the audience to give their full focus to the act performing before them.

"You're not trying to look at ring one or ring three to see what's going on," said Lubin. "There's nobody selling pop-



MAIKE SCHULZ/BIG APPLE CIRCUS
Big Apple Circus company members Valdis Yanovskis, left, Virgile Peyramaure, right, and Andrey Mantchev, top, rehearse at the Slifka Family Creative Center in Walden, NY, for Picturesque, the all-new 27th season show.

corn or light-up toys. It's all for the comfort of the audience."

For Lubin, an Atlantic City native and a Garwood resident, the show's run at the Commerce Bank Ballpark will be like a homecoming.

The Big Apple Circus will be at the Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater

through March 27. Tickets are available through

Ticketmaster at (212) 307-4100 and the Somerset Hills YMCA at (908) 766-4755. The circus box office in front of the Big Top at the Commerce Bank Ballpark is now open. For additional information, call (800) 922-3772.

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A part of the synagogue's third annual Jewish Film Series, this film screening is open to the public at no charge, with a \$5 donation suggested, but not required. Babysitting is available for \$12 per night by contacting USYHP@hotmail.com.

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Hawks soar past Chiefs for three-peat

PISCATAWAY — Looking to make history — or at least equal it — the Hawks used a fast start to get the job down.

Seeking to become only the second team in tournament history to win three consecutive crowns the J.P. Stevens High girls basketball squad a 14-8 lead after eight minutes and extended it to 3-16 at halftime in toppling Piscataway 57-43 for the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament Championship.

In winning the Hawks matched the standard established by the outstanding Hoffman program, which captured the first three titles of the GMC's existence in the late 1980s.

Overall Stevens remained perfect

in GMCT finals as it claimed its fourth title in as many tries. Piscataway's record in conference tourney finals fell to 3-3.

The tournament's top seed after winning another Red Division regular-season title, Stevens captured the rubber match between the division rivals because of its strong start as the Hawks led by as many as 16 points in the third quarter.

Piscataway, which could not pull off a third consecutive upset as the sixth seed, managed to claw its way back to within seven points in the final period, but second-time MVP Award-winner Tania Kennedy scored nine of her game-high 20 points in the closing minutes to keep the

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hawks in command.

Kennedy converted five-of-six attempts from the foul line in the fourth quarter and 9-of-10 for the game. The senior guard, a starter on all three title-winning squads along with Amy Bonk, also collected six rebounds, four assists and two steals to lead the way. For the four tournament games Kennedy averaged 17.8 points.

Bonk followed Kennedy with a 14-point showing, while sophomore Kathryn Ruhno, one of the underclassmen who will be counted on to

keep things going next year, finished with 13 points, including a team-high 12 in the opening half when she converted four of five shots from the floor and added two assists.

Brittany Mullings, another sophomore, chipped in with eight points for the Hawks, who boosted their record to 20-3 with the victory. Stevens' performance at the foul line proved decisive as it converted 21 of 26 tries, outscoring the Chiefs by 17 points. The Hawks also connected on 16 of 38 (42 percent) from the floor.

Piscataway, while losing in the final, figures to be heard from in a big way next season after starting three sophomores and a freshman.

The Chiefs, however, might have paid the price for the youth this year.

Asia Jenkins, one of the trio of sophomores, led Piscataway with 16 points but suffered through a tough night shooting, making only 7 of 30 attempts. It was a performance indicative of the while team as the Chiefs made only 19 of 78 shots and were only 4 of 13 from the foul line. They also committed 32 turnovers.

Tiffany Patrick chipped in with 10 points and Caitlin Wesnesky followed with eight for the Chiefs, who fell to 15-8 with the setback.

Joining Kennedy on the all-tournament squad were Bonk, Jenkins and Patrick of Piscataway and Perth Amboy's Erica Jones.

South Plainfield wins on Jones shot

PISCATAWAY — In a game where the stars dominated the action the Tigers' stand-out Marquis Jones delivered the final and decisive basket.

Squaring off with St. Joseph's in defense of its Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament championship the South Plainfield High boys basketball squad got the ball to Jones with the game on the line and the senior point guard rattled home the game-winner with time running out as the Tigers captured a 66-65 verdict Feb. 26.

With more than 4,000 fans looking on in the Louis Brown Athletic Center on the Rutgers campus South Plainfield began the final possession with 14 seconds left. Jones drove the lane and pulled up for a jumper from about 10 feet on the right side to produce the points that lifted third-ranked South Plainfield to its second straight title.

Up until that point it was anyone's game, especially after fourth-seeded St. Joe's battled back from a 37-31 deficit at half and then 59-53 in the fourth quarter. The teams traded the lead 11 times, including six times during the final eight minutes — five in the final 1:37.

After Sean Baptiste scored six straight points for St. Joe's to knot the game Jones hit one of two free throws with 2:16 left to give the Tigers a 60-59 edge. Andrew Bynum gave the Falcons a 61-60 edge with 1:37 to play, but Matt Baszika answered for the Tigers 21 seconds later.

Sean Baptiste, however, made it 63-62 St. Joe's on a jumper with 57 seconds left on the clock. Jones regained

BOYS BASKETBALL

the advantage for the Tigers on a pair of free throws with 36 seconds left, but Baptiste calmly dropped in two of his own for the Falcons for a 65-64 edge with 14 seconds left to set up the heroics by Jones.

Senior Darren Smith delivered a big-time performance before turning it over to Jones down the stretch as the guard poured in 31 points on 11-of-18 shooting. Smith, who garnered MVP honors by averaging 24 points for the four tourney games, was brilliant from three-point range, connecting on six and seven attempts.

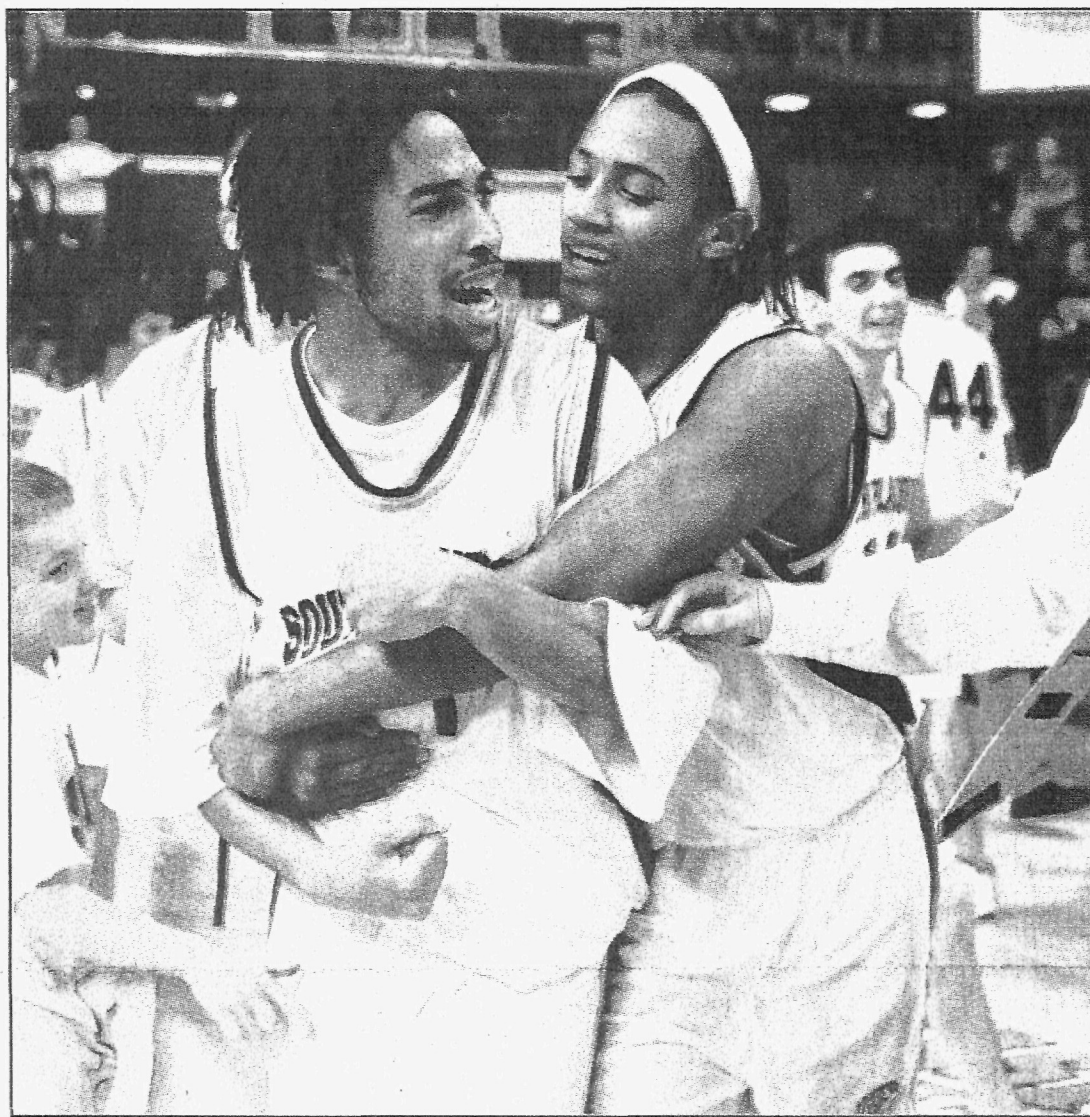
Jones, meanwhile, turned in another outstanding all-around effort as the senior scored 13 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Opie Muse also played a significant role as he produced a career-best 10 points and grabbed five caroms.

For St. Joe's the leaders once again were Baptiste and Bynum.

Baptiste, a junior guard, tossed 23 points to finish off a five-game tournament in which he averaged 23.5 points, as he converted 9 of 16 shots.

Bynum, meanwhile, proved to be a force inside as the 7-foot University of Connecticut-bound senior scored 22 points on 9-of-12 shooting from the floor, despite double- and triple-teams from the Tigers, grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked seven shots.

Overall both clubs shot extremely well from the floor with the title at stake as the Tigers made good on 49 per-



South Plainfield High's Marquis Jones is hugged by Opie Muse after Jones dropped in the winning basket as the Tigers repeated as GMCT champions with a 66-65 victory over St. Joseph's Feb. 25.

cent from the field — an impressive 62.5 percent from behind the arc on 10-of-16 shooting — while the Falcons converted 27 of their 45 shots for a 60 percent showing.

The victory, which gave

South Plainfield its second in its only two GMCT championship game appearances, pushed their record to the season to 19-4. St. Joe's, which entered the title game riding a 10-game winning streak

since the return of Bynum to the lineup, fell to 17-8.

Comprising the all-tournament team were Smith and Jones from South, the Falcons' Bynum and Baptiste and Nick Smith of Colonia.

DISTRICT 12

Tigers win 21st straight

In yet another impressive demonstration of their outstanding depth, the Tigers continued to add to its perfect season and to history.

Other than perhaps handling Watchung Hills opponents just a bit better in the finals the South Plainfield High wrestling squad capped the team portion of the season with another lopsided victory by capturing its 21st straight District 12 title Saturday on its home mat.

The Tigers advanced 13 of its 14 wrestlers to the championship round and came away with six gold medals as they rolled up 270½ points to easily outdistance runnerup Watchung Hills (176) and third-place New Providence (167½).

South Plainfield won the first three weight classes — Patrick Hunter at 103 pounds, Billy Ashnault at 119 and Jimmy Conroy at 119 — while later receiving first places from Ed McCray at 135, Paul Ritchey at 145 and Rob Maistickle at 215. Five of the seven final-round losses came on decisions to Watchung Hills rivals.

Conroy began his bid for a second straight state title when the junior earned his third District 12 crown. In pinning his way to the title with falls in 50 seconds, 1:10 and in 2:19 in the final against North Plainfield's Dave Phimsipapom, Conroy picked up the Most Valuable Wrestler Award and his 100th career victory in the final.

Maistickle claimed the final title for South Plainfield when he outlasted Middlesex's third-seeded Bryan Reilly for the crown at 215 and his second career district gold. Maistickle held off a late bid for a 4-2 decision. Maistickle advanced to the final with a 2-1 decision in the semifinals following a bye.

Paul Ritchey upheld his top seed by pinning his way to his first district championship. After pins in 40 seconds and 3:00 to open the tournament Ritchey squared off with the second-seeded Marc Neuwirth of New Providence and decked him in 1:55, the fastest of five final-round pins.

McCray also earned his second district title, but his first at South Plainfield as the junior, who won while wrestling for Rahway as a freshman, dominated at 135 with a pair of pins. The top-seeded McCray decked second-rated Larry Peotter of New Providence in 3:17 for the title.

Seeded second behind Johnson's Anthony Priore, Hunter met Priore in the final and prevailed in a tight bout 6-5 by rallying from a 4-2 deficit as the freshman gained his first championship. Hunter opened with a technical fall, winning 16-0 in 5:12, and then won his semifinal match on a 13-2 major.

The top-ranked Ashnault also coasted to an easy victory as he followed a 2:35-pin in the semis with one in 3:41 over New Providence's Adel Afzal in a meeting of the top seeds as he took his first crown as well.

Taking second for the Tigers were Viet Vo (125), Nick Dorey (130), Pete DeAndrea (140), Mike Jakubik (152), Sam Martin (160), Kevin Crilley (189) and heavyweight Preston Johnson.

Piscataway takes 2nd behind three champions

Terrence Williams-Park, Rob Damon and Chris Jones captured individual titles for Piscataway High Schools, but the Chiefs had to settle as for runner-up honors at the District 19 Wrestling Tournament Saturday in Woodbridge.

Woodbridge claimed the top team prize with 166 points, while Piscataway took the battle for second place with 145 points, edging Perth Amboy, who totaled 140½ points. Edison finished fourth with 107, while J.P. Stevens (70) and Metuchen 53½) placed seventh and eighth.

Individually, wrestlers from seven different schools won championships with Bishop Ahr and Perth Amboy matching Piscataway's three champions to share that distinction. Woodbridge had two champions, while Edison, Metuchen and John F.

Kennedy had one winner each.

Damon and Jones took back-to-back titles at 171 and 189 pounds, respectively, for Piscataway, upholding their top seeds in the process, while Williams-Park earned his gold medal as the second seed.

Damon captured his third straight title, successfully defending his crown at 171 as he was one of six wrestlers to win for at least the second straight year. After opening with a bye and a 50-second pin the junior decked Edison's second-seeded Bob Wolf in the final in 3:31.

Jones, who finished third the past two seasons at 189, went the distance this time as the top seed followed falls in 47 and 28 seconds in the opening rounds with a 13-3 major decision over

DISTRICT 19

Perth Amboy's second-rated Ross Santana in the title bout.

Williams-Park, who was tabbed as the second there a year ago, outlasted Woodbridge's top-ranked Craig Batista 3-2 for the upset in the final after advancing with a pair of decisions, 3-1 and 7-0 in the opening rounds.

Metuchen's Jack Barrett claimed a second district championship when he added the 145-pound title to the one he took at 140 a year. After a bye Barrett posted a 16-1 decision for a technical fall in the semifinals and then flattened Piscataway's Rocco Contessa in 4:27 in the final.

Bandiero also captured his second straight gold and he successfully moved from 112 to 125 this season. The

unbeaten Eagle moved in to the final via a pair of falls, but then had to survive a challenge from second-seeded Hamilton Cook of Stevens before taking a 9-7 decision.

Cook, who began the tourney with 5-0 and 11-5 decisions, impressed the coaches enough to earn the Outstanding Wrestler Award in defeat. Also taking second places from the area were Piscataway's A.J. Hrabar and Greg Zannetti (103), Anthony Howard (140) and Pavel Stuchinsky, all from Stevens.

Finishing third to earn spots in Region 5, which got started Wednesday night, were George Williams (160) of Piscataway, Edison's Gary Thompson (119), Matt Gabriel (130), Brandon Swift (140) and Michael Lepree (Hwt.) of Edison and Metuchen's Mike Joachim (112).

Four capture titles for runnerup Bound Brook

While equaling Bridgewater-Raritan in star power the Bound Brook High wrestling team came up a bit short when it came to overall depth.

Both squads came away with four individual champions, but Bridgewater's performance in the semifinals and consolation round proved to be the difference as Bound Brook had to settle for runnerup honors at the District 18 Tournament Saturday by a 199-162½ margin.

Andrew Flanagan, Nick Murray, Jesse Harrington and Michael Roberts all captured a title for the Crusaders, while three others advanced to the Region 5 Tournament with top three finishes.

Bridgewater-Raritan took 8 of

its 10 semifinal bouts to take a commanding lead, and then wrapped up the team title with a pair of victories in the consolation round.

After sharing the Most Valuable Wrestler Award with two others last year Flanagan was the outright winner this time around as the returning state champion claimed his third district crown by dominating the 152-pound division with three pins.

Closing in on the state record for career victories the top-seeded Flanagan moved to 33-0 on the year by opening with falls in 1:12 and 31 seconds and then decking second-rated Joe Ambrose of Hillsborough in 1:16 of the title bout.

DISTRICT 18

Harrington earned his second District 18 gold medal by following up his championship at 130 a year ago by taking the 140-pound crown this season. After a bye in the quarter-finals Harrington pinned his man in 1:53 in the semifinals and then hammered Bridgewater's Wayne 15-6 in the final to boost his record to 28-3 on the year.

Murray, who won at 125 last winter, put together an impressive performance in taking his second title as the sophomore pinned his way to the crown at 130. Facing second-ranked Jeff

Ruggini of Bridgewater in the final Murray iced his opponent at 3:52 to move to 30-2 on the year. He started with falls in 1:10 and 1:22.

Roberts, a senior who finished third at 189 a year ago, had little difficulty in earning his first gold medal as he also pinned his way to the championship. Now 27-4, the top-seeded Roberts opened with falls in 1:54 and 5:22 and then finished off his performance at 189 by flattening Franklin's second-rated Maurice Edim in 1:08.

Reggie Perry and Chris Dobrzanski also reached the finals as second seeds, but both had to settle for second-place following losses to top seeds.

Facing Pat Riley of Bernards

in the final at 135 Perry, a sophomore, lost on a technical fall as Riley (24-2) rolled up a 15-0 lead in 3:16. Perry (19-14) advanced on a tech fall and a 5-1 decision.

After a bye and a 6-5 decision Dobrzanski (18-12) went against Hillsborough's Frank McLaughlin (22-3) in a matchup of top seeds and the Crusader senior could not keep pace with the top-rated McLaughlin in an 11-1 setback.

The final Bound Brook wrestler to advance was heavyweight Rich Perry (23-7), who opened with a fall in 3:11 and then bounced back from a 3-0 loss in the semifinals to edge Pingry's Sytze Kamphuis 3-2 in the consolations.

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