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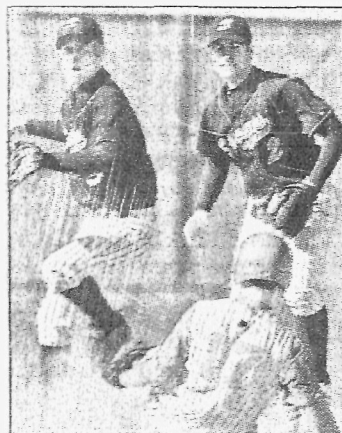
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Colonial battle to rage again



Rivals Meet

Edison edged J.P. Stevens 3-2 in the first meeting of the season between the township rivals. For wrap-up of high school sports played earlier this week **Page B-1**.



Getting Ready

Somerset County played its part in the TOPOFF (Top Officials) 3 exercise, created to assess and strengthen the nation's ability to respond to terrorist attacks, last week when Raritan Valley Community College was turned into a temporary medical treatment center. **Page B2**.



American Troops, pictured at left, march on the grounds of the Abraham Staats House during the 2004 reenactment of the Battle of Bound Brook. This year, a two-day festival commemorating the Colonial era battle will be held April 23 and 24. Below left, British troops attack on Main Street in Bound Brook during last year's reenactment.

COURTESY A CROSSROADS CELEBRATION: ANNUAL BATTLE OF BOUND BROOK 2005

Weekend marks anniversary of Revolutionary War skirmish



Travel back to the year 1777 on April 23 and 24 as the Battle of Bound Brook is reenacted at locations in Bound Brook, South Bound Brook and Franklin Township.

The annual event commemorates the battle that unfolded on Palm Sunday, April 13, 1777, when 4,000 Crown forces — British, Hessian and loyalist troops — under Lord Cornwallis — marched through the area at dawn to attack a small garrison of American soldiers in Bound Brook.

The ensuing fight marked the first battle of the spring campaign of 1777 during the American Revolution.

This year, festivities will kick off on April 23 when the American and British troops

will hold a flag raising at 10 a.m., then march from the soldiers' encampment at Memorial Park, corner of High and Elizabeth streets in South Bound Brook, across the Queen's Bridge and into Bound Brook for a commemoration ceremony at the site of the Battle of Bound Brook at 11 a.m.

This includes a ceremony paying homage to soldiers of the past and present at the Old Stone Bridge, located at the north end of the Queen's Bridge in Bound Brook. Featured speakers will include historian Wayne Daniels and Marcus Rayner, district director for Congressman Mike Ferguson. Soldiers will then march into Bound Brook to reenact the

first of two street battles. The first — in Bound Brook — will be held on Main Street in the vicinity of the Bound Brook Hotel, with a second later in the afternoon on Main Street, South Bound Brook.

The first battle, narrated by historian Wayne Daniels, will occur along Main Street to Hamilton Street and High Street to the Bound Brook Library.

After the battle, there will be a salute ceremony at the Old Presbyterian Graveyard, near the library, hosted by the Sons of the American Revolution. Bound Brook High School students will offer a special program, portraying people from the Colonial period.

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Letters from home mean so much

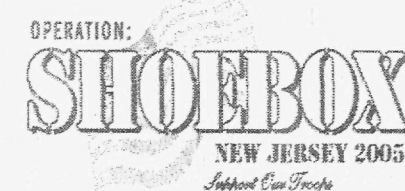
By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

MONTGOMERY — Somewhere in the Iraqi desert, a U.S. soldier might be reminiscing about the time he spent hanging out with friends, before this war, before everything changed.

Another soldier, staring out across the sand, may, for just a moment, imagine that it all somehow leads to the Jersey Shore.

Homesickness, undoubtedly, is par for the tour and something this newspaper attempts to ease each month through Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, a joint effort between The Reporter, American Recreational Military Services, the Somerset Patriots, nj.com, Flemington Car and Truck Country and numerous families, veterans and volunteers to bring personal supplies not afforded by the military to our troops overseas.

The next shipment of hundreds of care packages — May 14 and 15 — will include 19 boxes filled with



many of the standard items listed each week in this newspaper — baby-wipes, eye drops and hard candy, to name a few.

But the aforementioned boxes will also contain letters from teenagers who were encouraged to imagine what it might be like to walk in the combat boots of our military men and women — some not much older than themselves.

The group of 13- and 14-year-olds are eighth-grade catechism students under the direction of St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church in the Skillman section of the township.

Needing to complete a service project for confirmation — when a

Catholic becomes a full member of the Church — the students chose the Operation: Shoebox program.

Their teacher, Katherine Andreassen, had most of the class of 13 over her house in Skillman Monday where the students talked about what they collected for the troops — about \$20 of supplies per box — and the letters they wrote.

"Anything that gets them engaged is real important for this age group," Andreassen said. "They really took it to heart."

Matt Kalan said he tried to imagine himself as an 18-year-old soldier when he was deciding what to include in his box. So he chose something he likes to do when he wants to pass the time.

In his letter he wrote: "My name is Matt. Today I went to the store with my mom and my little brother. We bought a whole bunch of stuff that we thought you might need while you are in Iraq. We are very thankful that you have given your time for this war and are risking your life for others' freedoms every day. ... I have included a deck of cards, so I hope you and your friends like to play poker as much as I do. I also put in some sunglasses which could help you with your poker face. ..."

Meghan Hurley said she included a lot of moist towelettes. "They can rub it on their hands. It gets really dirty over there," she imagined. "Just to feel more clean."

In her letter she wrote: "My name is Meghan and I have put together as many things as I could possibly fit into this shoebox for you! I hope I picked things that will be useful. ... Please stay safe and know that you are not forgotten. Here in the U.S. we think about you every day, and we pray for you at home, at church, and at school. ..."

Andreassen said participating in Operation Shoebox helped her students to think outside of themselves, and use their imaginations.

"It gave them an opportunity to think about the men and women who

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Help OPSHBX help U.S. forces

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 Reporter, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville, N.J. 08876.

Walk to help MS research

Participate in the 17th annual MS Walk on Sunday, with registration at 9 a.m. and walk at 10 a.m., and help the Mid-Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society raise funds for the nearly 4,000 local residents living with MS.

This year walkers in the mid-Jersey area can choose from nine different sites, including Belmar, Edison, Flemington, Freehold, Hamilton, North Brunswick, Sandy Hook, Seaside Park and Somerville.

"Walking in the MS Walk is a great way to kick-off your spring exercise routine and help an important cause," said Michael Elkow, president of the Mid-Jersey Chapter. "MS is typically diagnosed in the prime of people's lives, when they are starting families and careers. The MS Society provides programs and support for people who have to come to grips

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John Pacifico of Raritan is being honored with the UNICO, New Jersey District 10, National Americanism Award.

UNICO to honor parade organizer

By TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writer

RARITAN — John Pacifico knows a lot about service. The U.S. Army veteran served his country and continues to serve his church, Saint Ann's, as a deacon. He has served there since he was an altar boy. He has also served the town he has lived in all his life and the local schools in education.

But Pacifico is modest when it comes to talking about awards he has received over the years. Just recently yet another award was added to his long list of honors, the UNICO, New Jersey District 10, National Americanism Award.

UNICO, which stands for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity and Opportunity, is a nationwide service-organization open exclusively to Italian-Americans or persons married to Italian-Americans. The organization awarded Pacifico for his work with Italian-American Army Sgt. John Basilone's annual parade. Basilone, who grew up in the borough, was given the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism displayed during World War II.

"It's a great honor," said Pacifico.

Pacifico, an Italian-American himself, was born in the U.S. after his parents came to America at the turn of the century. In addition to the UNICO honors, a special joint Legislative resolution adopted by the New Jersey State Senate and General Assembly commending Pacifico for his leadership, endeavors, and tireless efforts in organizing the parades annually.

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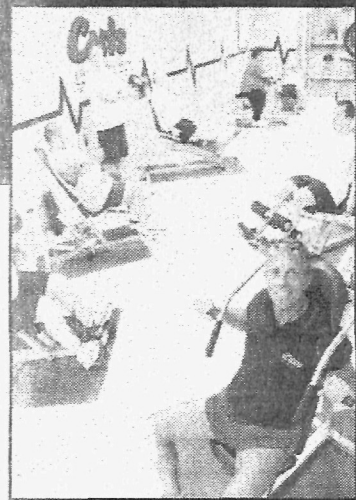
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od whose names appear in the cemetery.

Featured at the library will be a Quill Writing demonstration, bird carving and display of 18th century women's clothing, baked goods sale, a lecture by historian Dorothy Stratford, author of "Bound Brook," at 1:30 p.m. in the library.

A Girl Scout Colonial Tea with a period doll raffle and basket auction at the scrapbook store on Main Street. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be an 18th century crafters village, period music and horse-drawn wagon tour. A pig roast lunch sponsored and served at the Bound Brook Hotel, will also be held.

At 2:30, the soldiers will return over the Queens Bridge to fight a second street battle along Main Street up to Cherry Street in South Bound Brook. Visit the living history American Revolutionary encampment at Memorial Park, 110 Elizabeth St., and enjoy demonstrations, sutlers selling colonial goods and refreshments available throughout the day at the camp.

Just blocks away, visit the grounds of the historic Abraham Staats House, circa

On Palm Sunday, April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British Crown troops led by Lord Charles Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500 commanded by General Benjamin Lincoln and located in the town of Bound Brook.

1740, which is undergoing renovations, and visit the nearby Hendrick Fisher Homestead, Franklin Township, which will be open for tours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m.

In addition, during the day, the Postal Service will provide a commemorative stamp cancellation in honor of the event in Bound Brook and South Bound Brook. Both post offices in Bound and South Bound Brook will be open from 8 a.m. to noon to cancel the envelopes, and in Bound Brook at the Bound Brook Hotel from 1-2:30 p.m. and in South Bound Brook from 12:30-2 p.m. at Memorial Park.

The public is invited to a Pasta Dinner at the Fellowship Hall of the Reformed Church of Bound Brook, 113 Clinton St., South Bound Brook, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The price is \$8 per person.

On April 24, breakfast with

the reenactors will be served at the South Bound Brook Firehouse, Edgewood Terrace, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for children ages 6-10.

A battle reenactment will follow at 1 p.m. at the Hendrick Fisher Homestead, located at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Franklin Township. The Hendrick Fisher House will be also open for tours from noon to 5 p.m. Nearby parking is available.

Organizations sponsoring and organizing the Crossroads Celebration: Battle of Bound Brook 2005 include The United Way of Somerset County, the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the South Bound Brook Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, the Friends of the Abraham Staats House Inc. and The Bound Brook Community

Development Association, along with tactical support from the 2nd New Jersey Regiment/Helms' Coy and New Jersey Militia/Heard's Brigade (American forces) and the 1st New Jersey Volunteers, co-hosting with the 22nd Regiment of Foot (British forces) reenactment units.

The event enjoys the support of the boroughs of Bound Brook and South Bound Brook and Franklin Township.

Parking in Bound Brook is available throughout the town at the municipal parking lot next to Mile's Carpet on Main Street. Parking for events in South Bound Brook is limited at the Abraham Staats House in South Bound Brook, with most parking available along Main Street and in the area of the encampment and events Saturday at Memorial Park.

Parking is available in the vicinity of the Fisher Homestead and grounds at the Ukrainian Community Center. Intermittent street closings are expected during the weekend in South Bound Brook, and Bound Brook to accommodate the march of the soldiers.

For additional information, visit www.battleofboundbrook.com or www.staatshouse.com.

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Letters from home

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don't have this kind of stuff (personal supplies) in reach," she said.

Julie Drobits, the mother of one of Andreassen's students, came up with the idea to incorporate Operation: Shoebox into the CCD class after hearing about the program from a colleague.

"Every package is unique, with different values from child to child," she said.

Drobits said in four years there could be children from her son's class over in Iraq or another war zone, and encouraged her boy, Shane Drobits, to imagine what he would want someone to send him if he were overseas.

"Shane sat at the table for an hour. He kept going over every single item in the box," she said.

Shane Drobits said he included hard candy because soldiers get sand in their mouths.

"My mom spent 20 minutes

looking for beef-jerky (in the store)," he added.

"It travels well," responded his mother.

Lauren Treene included hygiene products and said she could sort of relate to the soldiers because of her time spent at summer camp where it was a challenge to get a hot shower, and she often missed home, too.

Rosalie Marfuggi and Laura Noisten included puzzles.

Alex Sottile packed "a lot of soap," toothpaste and Twizzlers.

His letter read: "I have put together a few things for you. I hope you can make good use of them, and I know how difficult things are in Iraq. So keep up the good work and hopefully you will be able to come home soon."

Alyssa Braun and Julie DeMarco contributed seven boxes between the two of them so that the soldiers can share leftovers amongst themselves.

MS walk

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with the diagnosis. This is why we walk."

Thanks to significant advances in research, the FDA has approved several treatments that may alter the underlying disease course of multiple sclerosis. People with MS should consult their doctors about using one of the FDA-approved medications and other effective treatments for the symptoms of MS.

The MS Walk is one of the National MS Society's largest fundraising events. Last year the Mid-Jersey Chapter raised nearly \$900,000. Sixty-percents of every \$1 raised from the Walk will stay in the Mid-Jersey area for programs and services for families living with MS. The rest goes toward MS research and programs and services on a national level.

For more information about MS, the MS Walk, to walk, volunteer, or to sponsor someone in the MS Walk, please call the Mid-Jersey Chapter of the National MS Society at (732) 660-1005. For information, call (800) FIGHT-MS, e-mail info@nmss.org or visit www.nmss.org.

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Make room at the board table, Mr. Trump

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — Enthusiasm for the job at hand is a quality employers look for in their job candidates.

It's no different for the front office staff of the Somerset Patriots, who are looking for a winning combination of enthusiasm and knowledge of the Patriots during the interview process for the team's first-ever Kid CEO.

According to Dave Marek, vice president of marketing for the Patriots, the organization is seeking kids who have "enthusiasm, a want for the position, a love and interest in baseball and the Patriots."

The Kid CEO will work along side the front office staff for five games during the season.

The Patriots teamed up with Joulé Staffing Solutions, headquartered in Edison, and interviewed about 125 children between six and 15-years-old for the highly coveted position during Saturday's Fan Fest at the Commerce Bank Ball Park.

The young applicants were asked what they would like to be when they grow up as well as their favorite thing about coming to a Patriots game.

Jason Rosen, 11, of Bridgewater, said his favorite thing about coming to a game is, "seeing the Patriots win, of course."

For Tim Moczula, 12, of Edison, it's seeing the Patriots come from behind and snag a win.

"It's when the Patriots are up to bat in the ninth inning and they're one down," he said. "They usually get a rally and come back to win."

Additionally, the candidates were asked what would they like to change or see improve at the ball park or with the team.

It's all in the pitching, said Moczula.

"They can definitely do better," he said. "Last year they were horrible. Two years ago when they won the championships, they were really good."

The Patriots, along with Joulé Staffing Solutions representatives will sort through the applications and select five finalists who will be inter-



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Gibbons, 10, was poised and confident during his interview at Commerce Bank Ballpark Saturday for the position of Kid CEO with the Somerset Patriots.

viewed on the field during the April 30 game. Shortly thereafter, a candidate will be selected to act as the Kid CEO for five games during the season.

"He or she will sit in on daily staff meetings, walk around with media relations, promotions, ticketing and learn the aspects of running the team," said Marek.

Adam Berman, business development manager with Joulé, was surprised at some of the answers he received while interviewing children for the Kid CEO position.

"I had one child who said he wanted to be a baby elephant when he grew up," said Berman. "Then there was someone who wanted to be a meteorologist. The answers have been across the board."

Besides participating in the daily activities of a Patriots front office employee, the Kid CEO will also receive a personalized Somerset Patriots jersey and tickets to five CEO games. The Kid CEO will throw out the first pitch at one of the games and participate in a meet and greet with Patriots' manager Sparky Lyle and the players.

"This is a great way to get kids more involved in the experience of a Patriots game," said Marek.

Comedy takes stage

EDISON — "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," the comedy by Neil Simon, will be presented by the Performing Arts Department of Middlesex County College 8 p.m. today and 2 p.m. tomorrow. A limited number of tickets are available for performances in the Studio Theater.

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" is about the writing, fighting and assorted wacky antics which take place in the writers' room of the fictional "Max Prince Show" during the heyday of live television comedy. Alex Jemenez of Perth Amboy will play Max Prince. Other students in the cast are Bryan

Murray of Kendall Park, Michael Hochman of Matawan, Mark Garmise of Dayton, Charlie Abouzied of East Brunswick, Rosemary Monaghan of Milltown and Lindsay Jordan of Edison. Kevin Anthony Kaye and Ron J. Zambor, actors in New Jersey community theater, round out the cast.

Tickets for "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" are \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 general admission. All seats are reserved. Tickets may be ordered from the Performing Arts Department of Middlesex County College by calling (732) 906-2589.

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Senior Calendar

South Bound Brook

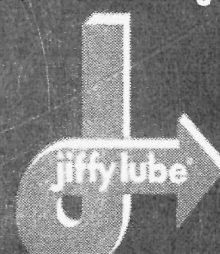
The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club meets at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. Bingo is played every Wednesday and refreshments are served. A box of pasta per member will be collected at the meeting for the food bank. The club is open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

Events and Trips

April 17-24 — Branson, Missouri, 8 days, 7 nights \$698 per person includes round trip motor coach, most meals, excursion admissions, gratuities. For information or reservations, call Elsie at (732) 356-4338.

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Commentary

Make your voice heard

Let's not waste time. Simply put, these days most Jerseyans can't be bothered with school elections. And that's a shame. Education is one of the most important government-funded programs out there — if not the most important. And education costs money. Most of the average property tax bill is made up of education costs, so much so that it's a hot button topic in the state. Why then, come school election day, which is Tuesday, do so few turn out at the polls? Some numbers to ponder: In 2000, the New Jersey School Board Association reported 12.5 percent voter turnout; in 2004, it has risen to a whopping 15.8 percent. And those two numbers pretty much mark the high and low points for voter turnout in school elections over the past decade. There are 550 school districts in New Jersey and collectively they need more than \$14 billion to function, according to the NJSBA, so why aren't we paying more attention to the budget and the boards that put them together? There are many theories: The state school board association has tried to equate the num-

ber of budget approvals, which remains high, to support of the budget while analysts have pointed to voter apathy and feelings that a vote simply doesn't matter. Under that theory, if a budget is voted down, it heads to the community's governing body, which has the option of making additional cuts or approving the budget as is, leaving those who voted to wonder exactly how their vote counted in the first place. What would be a better idea be? Perhaps eliminate the school election process entirely — have a town's governing body appoint school board members who craft a budget which then goes to the council or committee for approval. Maybe hold county and state school officials more accountable by turning the leadership positions into elected spots rather than appointed. Another idea — prove that interest in the schools and the budget process is more than just limited to the water cooler or over the backyard fence by going out to vote. Get informed, understand the issues and needs and make a decision — or let someone else have a crack at it.

Understanding school elections

By JAMES J. DOUGHERTY, JR.

When it comes to results in education, New Jersey has much to be proud of. Our public schools rank in the top five among the 50 states in numerous measures of academic success.

We are at the head of the class in terms of graduation rates; class size; the number of high schools offering Advanced Placement courses that allow students to earn college credit—as well as students' test scores on those courses; the percentage of students taking the SAT test to get into college; and fourth-grade math and reading scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, often called the "nation's report card."

By and large, New Jersey's public school system works well. And it works best when citizens get involved.

On Tuesday, voters in more than 90 percent of New Jersey's school districts will have just that opportunity during the 2005 annual school election. Voters will decide their school district's annual budget and they select the citizens to represent their interests on the school board.

Public education in New Jersey is a particularly democratic institution. While citizen elections of school board members is common nationwide, only seven other states hold elections to decide the school budget, as well.

Clearly, communities need a strong voice for their schools. They need people who can ensure that taxpayers' investment in education delivers a quality education that keeps New Jersey's schools among the strongest in the nation. That is why voting in the annual school election is so crucial.

As a local school board member for 16 years, I am often asked about the role and responsibilities of the local board of education — and what is at stake in the annual school election. Let me share the answers to some of these questions.

What does the local school board do?

The local board of education doesn't run the school district; that's the job of the superintendent. Rather, the board sets the goals and direction of the districts. Its policies govern the district's operations ranging from student discipline to personnel matters. The board annually evaluates the superintendent to ensure the schools are well run; it reviews and approves the proposed budget; and it negotiates labor contracts with employee unions. Moreover, the board serves as the liaison to the community—to inform the public of the needs of the district, while conveying the public's needs to the school administration.

How important is the local school budget?

The district's annual budget is a blueprint that reflects the community's goals for its schools. It addresses academics, extra-curricular activities and enrichment programs, special education, and support services such as busing, cafeteria and business

operations.

This year, the financial challenges facing school districts are enormous. Schools are entering into a fourth consecutive year with little or no increase in state aid—despite increases in enrollment and fixed costs such as insurance and utilities. A recent law, S-1701, places additional restrictions on school finances affecting extracurricular programs, busing of students, teaching staff and effective school administration. These issues—as well as the increased requirements from the federal No Child Left Behind Act—must be balanced with the community's demands for cost-effective public education.

In addition to the "base" budget, voters in some districts will decide a "second ballot question." These questions propose spending for a particular program or service outside of the 3-percent cap on the base budget. For instance, a second ballot question might ask for extra classroom aides, repairs to playgrounds or school facilities, or after-school programs. Last year, 75 districts had second ballot questions.

What happens when voters reject a proposed budget?

When a proposed school budget fails, voters are essentially calling for a second set of eyes to review the budget. That review is provided by the municipal governing body. The municipality can cut the budget, or it may leave it intact. State law also allows a school board, under certain circumstances, to file an appeal with the state Commissioner of Education if it believes the municipality's cuts would harm the district's core educational program or its financial stability.

How do I learn about the budget and school board candidates in my community?

By law, every school district must publish a summary of its proposed budget in a local newspaper, and each school board must hold a public hearing on the budget. Local newspapers typically run stories about the district's proposed spending plan and the candidates running for school board.

In addition, civic organizations such as the League of Women Voters frequently host candidate forums. Notice of these meetings and other election information can often be found on local access cable TV.

When and where do I vote?

All registered voters will receive a sample ballot listing the candidates for school board, the proposed budget (and any second ballot questions), as well as the polling location and hours. Information on polling times and locations is also available from your local school board secretary or your county clerk. State law requires that polls in the Annual School Election be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., although most communities schedule additional polling hours.

James J. Dougherty, Jr. is president of the New Jersey School Boards Association and a member of the Lindenwold Board of Education.

Question of the week: How important is it to vote in school elections?



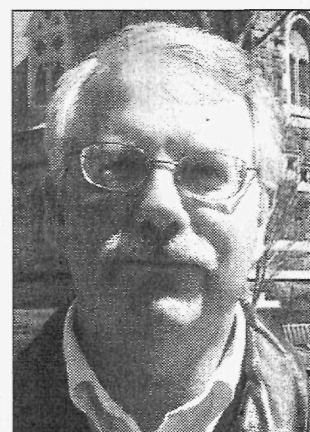
KAREN BRADLEY
Bridgewater

"It's very important for people to participate in every election. When you have children in school, you have to set a good example."



RICHARD SENSALÉ
Franklin Park

"It's important to make good educational decisions for the children. Being a parent of a newborn and a 2-year-old ... (I know) their future depends on our decisions."



THOMAS D'AMICO
Somerville

"Very important, because it helps to determine the education of children in the community and the taxes we pay at the local level."



LOU IVAN
Bridgewater

"It's very important. It's a citizen's duty to vote and give your opinion. Instead of complaining, we need to exercise our right to vote."



RAY ECKENRODE
Pittstown

"It's very important."

Letters to the Editor

School budget in voter's hands

To The Editor:

The South Plainfield High School Administration has worked to develop the improvement of the educational environment and program offerings for all students.

The instructional programs and educational support needed to give our students the skills to make them competitive in the global economy is different than what was needed in the 1970s, 1980s and even the 1990s. The number of students has increased while the high school budget has been reduced.

If the April 19 budget is approved, the school district begins the 2005-06 school year with \$800,000 and 14.8 staffing positions already cut.

It will be difficult to maintain the educational and co-curricular programs with the cuts already made. If the budget is defeated, these programs cannot be maintained. Cuts that cause the reduction of staff in academic departments could cause class sizes to expand to over 30 students per class.

The high school administration will attempt to preserve the instructional program but it will come at the cost of reducing or eliminating many co-curricular programs. Without question, South Plainfield High School has enhanced its reputation because of the offerings to students in the arts, academics, athletics and activities. This fact is supported by the marked increase in property values and the increased number of students being accepted into post high school colleges and universities. South Plainfield High School offers its current programs at an already lower cost per pupil spending than the county average or state average spending levels.

The South Plainfield community must choose what direction they want their schools to take.

Your vote will determine the educational programs and the co-curricular offerings that students will be provided in the 2005-06 school year.

KENNETH MAY

Principal, South Plainfield High School

Salt on the roads causes problems

To The Editor:

If you have ever wondered what, if any, impact road salting has on our water, read on...

As air temperatures warm and the sun begins to shine, those big piles of dirty snow in parking lots, at the ends of roads and even next to your driveway finally disappear for good!

Or do they...?

Although there is relatively little data, more and more research is looking into just how road salt and deicing chemicals are impacting our environment. Here's what's been found so far...

Not surprisingly, salt washing off of roads and melting from snow piles makes its way along the same pathways as water. As a result, its impacts are much more widespread than the immediate vicinity of the road, parking lot or driveway.

April showers bring more than May flowers... the spring rain also creates temporary wetlands called vernal pools that teem with frogs, amphibians and all sorts of aquatic creatures. One researcher found that road salt directly impacts amphibians in small vernal pools as far away as 550 feet from the road.

Also alarming is the impact of salt on drinking water. In Bergen County, for example, the state Department of Environmental Protection has determined "elevated salt concentrations in the Oradell Reservoir can pose a health hazard for water customers with high blood pressure."

It's not surprising that road salt follows the water over and underground. Researchers have noted that too much salt flowing into one area will (obviously) change water chemistry. This can cause all kinds of problems, including an increase in the acidity of water. Yes, common road salt

can end up causing some of the same problems as acid rain.

Trees — especially white pines — can be killed by road salt. Many native plant species can be damaged, opening the door for invasive plants and animals, potentially changing the character of an entire habitat.

Of course no one advocates not clearing ice from the roads. But this is where working smarter can protect motorists and the environment.

First of all, towns can save money on snow removal by using all the tools at their disposal. Better forecasting can get road crews out ahead of time and pre-treat roadways to melt snow as it falls, thereby reducing the amount of chemicals needed. Calibrated spreaders can make sure salt trucks lay down only as much deicing agent as needed.

Designated "low salt" zones can protect environmentally sensitive areas — especially near reservoirs and streams that feed into drinking water supplies.

And, there are more options today for towns and homeowners to keep roads, driveways and walkways clear of snow and ice. Rock salt, or sodium chloride, may be the worst for environmental impact, but calcium chloride works in lower temperatures and can be applied more sparingly with better results. All deicing products have their pros and cons, so read the label on anything you buy.

To learn more about this issue, visit www.saltinstitute.org/publications/saltandenvironment-english.pdf or www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater/tier_A/pdft/Chapter%2012.pdf.

MICHELE S. BYERS,

Executive Director,
New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Support for victims has been tremendous

To The Editor:

For many of us, the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit Southeast Asia in December 2004, are a distant memory. But for those living in that region, the death and loss are still very real. In February, our daughter, Lucy Zimmerman, custom designed a unique 14K gold heart pendant in an effort to raise funds for the victims of this catastrophe. Called the "Heart of Hope," the necklace symbolizes hope for these victims.

Our fundraising project has been received with tremendous support. Our goal was to raise \$5,000. With 12 necklaces currently on backorder, we are sure we will easily exceed that amount. We would like to thank

everyone who purchased a pendant and those, who, in some way, contributed to this effort. The proceeds will go to the Jewelry Industry Relief Fund, administered through Save the Children.

Roman philosopher Lucius Annaeus Seneca once said, "Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness."

We, at Roman Jewelers believe this to be true. Together, with the community, we have the power to bestow kindness from our hearts to the men, women and children most affected by this disaster.

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DINER HOSTS OPSHBX FUND RAISER

Big burger beckons big eaters

The Association of Independent Competitive Eaters is posing a challenge to those who think they've got what it takes to wolf down a 12.5 pound monster hamburger with all the trimmings.

Where's the Beef? Mike Zambas of the Clinton Station Diner off Route 78 in Clinton concocted the "Zeus" burger to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the diner a few months ago, and soon after, joined with the volunteers of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005, donating 15 percent of his Monday night dinner receipts every other week to the all-volunteer effort which collects items to be sent to U.S. soldiers and Marines in Iraq and the Mideast.

Zambas was contacted by Arnie Chapman, president of AICE, who was interested in promoting a contest at the diner; Zambas suggested Chapman consider donating the entry fees and sponsor fees to OPSHBX.

"America's Biggest Burger Eating Competition" already has five teams of three persons each lined up for the 1 p.m. event May 9 at the diner. It will be a timed event, with one "Zeus" served to each team. The team which cleans its plate first will be declared the winner.

These are "professional" eaters, men and women like Chapman who relish the opportunity to sink their teeth into quantities of burgers, hot wings, Tostitos, pastrami sandwiches and other foods just to see how much they can eat in a measured period of time.

Chapman is encouraging "amateurs" as well to get involved. The more entries, the more money gets raised for OPSHBX. Zambas has plenty of room and tables in the diner, and when you're mixing hundreds of pounds of chopped meat and other ingredients, what's a few more burgers?

Take the challenge; get in on the fun - firemen, cops, fraternity brothers, softball teams, soccer moms . . . what about you guys down at the end of the bar?

The entry fee for each contest

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



tant is \$30; sponsors are being sought for each new team that enters. Sponsor fees are \$100. The event is open to spectators as well. OPSHBX volunteers will be on hand to collect donated items and accept contributions.

Find out more about the contest at the AICE website, competitiveeaters.com, or by calling Zambas at (908) 713-0012 or Chapman at (516) 632-9794.

Monster truck

A heartfelt thanks to Bill and Kim Braukmann for trundling out their monster truck Saturday at Commerce Bank Ballpark to help raise awareness for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. Parked in the front lot during the Somerset Patriots' Open Tryouts and Fan Fest, hundreds of visitors stopped by to have a close look at Shockwave, a bright yellow and purple truck that competes against the likes of Bigfoot, Gravedigger and other monster truck teams.

Staked out at the rear end of "Shockwave" was the OPSHBX flag.

Bill and his wife will be campaigning their 4x4 on the monster truck circuit this year with the flag fluttering from the back of the truck; the logo will also be affixed to the windshield and the sidewalls of their 48-foot trailer which carries Shockwave, its four huge tires and spare parts to racetracks, indoor arenas and large stadiums across the country.

Monster truck fans should note that the Mattel toy company will soon be selling miniature versions of Shockwave.

Bill and Kim will polish up the truck for the April 25 Somerset Patriots' Parade of Patriots in downtown Somerville, and will also be at the Clinton Station Diner off Route 78 in

Hunterdon County May 9 to help draw attention to the hamburger eating contest which will raise money for OPSHBX. You'll see them again May 14 in downtown Somerville for "Operation Somerville Supply Line."

Somerville Supply Line

Somerville residents, elected officials and the business community will join with the volunteers of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 May 14 in downtown Somerville to participate in "Operation Somerville Supply Line," a four-hour event during which we'll pack, wrap and ship boxes for U.S. armed service personnel from the Central New Jersey region who are serving in Iraq and the Mideast.

Frank Valanzola, a vice president at the Morgan Stanley branch office in downtown Somerville, and a charter member of the growing circle of OPSHBX volunteers, is coordinating the event, sponsored by the Somerville District Management Association, the Somerville Merchants Association, The Reporter, the Somerset Patriots and other civic groups.

To ensure the success of this event, we need supplies, and we need volunteers to help with the wrapping and shipping of sultan lotion, bug spray, lip balm, eye drops, razors, shampoo, snack foods, hard candy, drink mixes, batteries, calling cards and other items.

Posters advertising the event will soon be posted in the windows of downtown Somerville storefronts.

Shoobox makes TV debut

I've been invited to appear on the Community Corner show hosted by Rick Adams on Patriot 8 cable television to talk about Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and encourage other individuals, organizations and companies to get involved. The segment will be taped today at their studios in Franklin Township, and will begin appearing next week. We'll let you know next week when the segment can be seen.

The system reaches 250,000 households in Somerset, Morris, Hunterdon and Mercer counties.

Drop-offs and deliveries

Somerville resident Alberto Cardona, who works for Colgate Palmolive in Morristown, was able to procure a shipment of toothpaste and toothbrushes for the soldiers in Iraq. His company will deliver 40 cases of the products to The Chronicle office April 29. Special thanks to Alberto and Sally Phipps at corporate offices in New York City . . . next Wednesday, third-graders at the JFK School in Raritan will be sorting items they've collected for the soldiers before they get picked up . . . Volunteers from The Chronicle and OPSHBX will visit Immaculate Conception School on Mountain Avenue in Somerville to pick up 14 boxes of school uniforms, school supplies and other items that will be shipped to a missionary outside Baghdad who is rebuilding a school there. One of the teachers at the school had a brother who was a civilian worker in Iraq, where he met and became friends with the priest. According to Michele Blandino of the school's development office, the school's 500 students began collecting items several weeks ago, and will turn them over to The Reporter tomorrow, which is National Youth Service Day . . . The Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset County joined OPSHBX this past week; Human Resources manager Elizabeth Postiglione promises all 118 nurses and support staff will collect grocery items for the troops . . . Tish Albee, a regional representative of Mary Kay, has also begun drumming up support with her fellow representatives, noting that the company has several products needed by the troops . . . Another drop-off site has been added at Powerhouse Gym on Route 22 in Bridgewater, where manager Stacey Manley is planning an "Aerobathon" May 14. Details to come.

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Calendar of Events

April 18: 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 New Jersey 2005. (908) 713-0012.

April 25: "Parade of Veterans," Main Street, Somerville, 5:30 p.m., Somerset Patriots "Welcome Home" parade; fans are asked to bring donated items to Borough Hall prior to start of the parade, where they will be collected by volunteers. (908) 252-0700.

April 28: Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Somerset Patriots Opening Day vs. Lancaster Barnstormers; 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.

April 29-30: Branchburg Recreation Department presents "Darn Yanks," performed by 42 students in grades 1-8, Whiton Elementary School, Whiton Avenue, Branchburg, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday. Admission-by-donation only! Playgoers are asked to donate items for U.S. troops. (908) 526-1300, ext. 187.

May 2: 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.

May 9: Association of Independent Competitive Eaters sponsors hamburger-eating contest at Clinton Station Diner, Route 173 & Bank Street, Clinton (off Route 78). Teams of three will attack and consume 7-pound "Zeus" hamburgers - the world's largest hamburger - in a timed event. Entry fees, sponsor fees to be donated to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. Teams and sponsors needed. For further information, see



www.competitiveeaters.com on the Internet or call (908) 575-6684; (516) 632-9794 or (908) 713-0012.

May 12: Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, Somerset Patriots vs. Newark Bears, 7:05 p.m., 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.

May 14: "Operation Somerville Supply Line," Somerville officials, business organizations and residents will gather with Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers to box and ship items for U.S. troops, noon-4 p.m. Landmark Shopping Center, West Main Street, Somerville. Donations of needed items requested. (800) 350-3326.

May 14: "Aerobathon," fund raising event, Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater. Call for details (908) 595-1111.

May 15: Volunteers from Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and American Recreational Military Services will box and ship items for U.S. troops, 1-5 p.m. 42nd Division armory, Hamilton Street, Franklin. (732) 937-6290.

May 16: 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.

May 19: Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, Somerset Patriots vs. Bridgeport Bluefish, 7:05 p.m., 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.

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- ☐ Hard candy/gum
- ☐ Writing materials
- ☐ Batteries (any size)
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Jean Ruble

BOUND BROOK — Jean Harwood Hawkins Ruble, 89, of Fairhope, Ala., formerly of Church Street, died April 4.

Born in Salem, Ohio, on March 21, 1916, daughter of James Archibald and Lessie Louise (Dow) Harwood, she attended Centenary College in Louisiana and received her bachelor of fine arts degree in voice from Miami University in 1938. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

She married Eugene Thomas Hawkins of East Patchogue, N.Y., in 1944. Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins started raising two of their three daughters while living in Stony Creek, Va. Mr. Hawkins started a career with Johns-Manville Corp.

In 1952 Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins moved to New Jersey and started frequenting the Jersey Shore in the summer. The Hawkinses eventually bought a cottage and a sailboat, becoming charter members of the Cedar Point Yacht Club in Toms River. In addition to sailing Mrs. Hawkins could be seen cheering on her daughters during swim meets. She spent the next 20 years living in North Plainfield and Bound Brook; Mrs. Hawkins was a member of the

Presbyterian Church and a key soloist in its Adult Choir. She enjoyed golf, oil painting and travel; she also hosted foreign exchange students from Guatemala and Chile.

After her first husband died she moved in 1973 to Wolfeboro, N.H., where she enjoyed golf, bridge and boating on Lake Winnepesaukee for five years.

In 1978 she moved to Whispering Pines, N.C., and met her future husband, retired Navy Capt. Harold Eustis "Chub" Ruble. They spent 10 wonderful years together enjoying family, friends, golf, bridge and travel. After he died in 1990 she moved to Fairhope to be closer to family.

Other than the above mentioned pastimes you could always hear Mrs. Ruble singing a song while playing the piano, listening to other music or a capella.

She is survived by her three daughters, Mary Ann Hawkins Gilcreast of Daphne, Ala., Louise Georgianna Hawkins Burford of Montrose, Ala., and Jane Harwood Hawkins Dodge of Newmarket, N.H.; two sons-in-law, Dr. David Burford and J. Hovey Dodge; three grand-

sons, Edward Gilcreast, Phillip Gilcreast and Aaron Burford; two nieces, Alice Fuhrmann Tiedemann of Long Island, N.Y., and Nancy Harwood Bulk of Middletown, R.I.; grandnieces and grand-nephews.

A memorial service was held April 7 at the Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home in Fairhope. Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, East Patchogue.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Covenant Hospice, 6475 Van Buren St., Suite 201, Daphne, AL 36526 or Robertsdale Healthcare Center, 18700 U.S. Highway 90, Robertsdale, AL 36567 would be appreciated.

Sudhakar Palekar

EDISON — Sudhakar Palekar, 79, died March 29, 2005 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Mumbai, India, he came to the United States in 1988 and lived in Edison before moving to Watchung in 1990.

Mr. Palekar was a statistical officer with the government of India. He graduated from the University of Mumbai.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Nirmala Nachane Palekar; two sons, Dr. Sadanand and Dr. Udatat; three brothers, Narayan, Ram and Bhaskar; a sister, Asha; and four grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home of Livingston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the National Kidney Foundation.

Rose Zuccarelli

BOUND BROOK — Rose Orlando Zuccarelli, 88, died April 12, 2005 at Integrated Health Services of New Jersey at Somerset Valley, in Bridgewater.

Born Oct. 20, 1916 in Bound Brook, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Vittoria Tullio Orlando.

Mrs. Zuccarelli lived in Bound Brook all her life and was a retired seamstress for a number of dress shops in Central New Jersey. She also was a volunteer with the Somerset County Board of Elections.

She was a past president of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church. As well Mrs. Zuccarelli was a past grand regent and past monitor of Court Gloria, Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

She was a member of the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Club; the Bound Brook Senior Citizens Club; Our Lady of Mount Virgin Senior

Citizens in Middlesex; St. Mary Senior Citizens and the Ladies' Elks, both in Bound Brook; and the Stitch and Chatter Club.

Her husband of 53 years, Samuel Sr., died in 1989. Two sons are deceased, Brian in 1994 and Samuel "Buddy" Jr. in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Roslyn Gerken of Somerset; a grandson, Patrick Whittemore of Plum Island, Mass.; three granddaughters, Lynn Austin of Brentwood, N.H., Gwenn Noel of Somerset and Jill Wodnick of Bloomfield; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Donations may be sent to the Bound Brook Rescue Squad.

Doreen Marie Young

MIDDLESEX — Doreen Marie Young, 52, died April 8, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Somerville, she was a daughter of the late George and Margaret Begane Young.

Miss Young lived in Middlesex for most of her life.

Surviving are four brothers, Christopher of Los Angeles, Calif., Stephen of New York City, Robert of Middlesex and Timothy of North Brunswick; two sisters,

Susan Young Clark of Seattle, Wash., and Maryann McNamara of Middlesex; and four nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at the Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, Manville, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church. Donations may be sent to a charity of your choice. To send a condolence, visit www.fucilloandwarrenfuneralhome.com.

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Henry Dieckmann

PISCATAWAY — Henry C. Dieckmann, 67, died April 10, 2005 at his home.

Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Staten Island before moving to Piscataway in 1974.

Mr. Dieckmann was a starter at the Warrenbrook Golf Course in Warren the past five years. He earlier was a field engineer with DecisionOne in Edison, retiring from that company in 2000 after 20 years. At one time he was a teacher-director with the Data Processing Institute in Union.

A leader with Boy Scout Troop 21, Mr. Dieckmann coached girls softball and the Cardinals baseball team in the Piscataway Minor League. He was a Mason with the Anchor

Lodge in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Carol M. Harasym Dieckmann; two sons, Henry C. of Chatham and Richard and wife Heidi of Medford, Ore.; two daughters, Christine Burckhardt-Rudnicki and husband Henry Rudnicki of Hillsborough and Diana Trybulski and husband Joseph of Hillsborough; a brother, John of Hudson, Fla.; a sister, Gloria Daly of Goose Creek, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park. Arrangements were by the Piscataway Funeral Home.

Jack Arthur Phillips

MIDDLESEX — Jack Arthur Phillips, 63, was fatally injured March 29, 2005 in a pedestrian accident in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Born Aug. 14, 1941 in Somerville, he was a son of the late John Thomas Phillips and Ethel Cicero Phillips Tietz.

Mr. Phillips lived in Middlesex before moving to Hilton Head Island. Self-employed as a contractor, he was honored by the Middlesex Elks lodge as its Elk of the Year for 1988.

In Hilton Head Island he was a member of the Elks lodge and St. Francis by the Sea Roman Catholic Church.

A brother, Dennis, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Christine C.; six daughters, Dawn P. Fay of Barnegat, Debra Bucci of Manahawkin, Holly Jo of Kissimmee, Fla., Nicole, Jaclyn and Toni Lee, all of Hilton Head Island; two sisters, Donna Noll and Shirley, both of Hilton Head Island; and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held April 2 at St. Francis by the Sea Church.

Arrangements were by the Sauls Funeral Home in Bluffton, S.C. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to College Fund of Nicole, Jaclyn and Toni Lee Phillips, c/o Donna Noll, 14 Salt Marsh Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926.

Patricia Groben

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Patricia Brown Groben, 46, died March 21, 2005 at New York-Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in South Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 2002.

Mrs. Groben graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1976 and was once an administrative assistant with Bellcore in Piscataway. Most recently she was a secretary to Kenneth Eckles, a Plainfield attorney.

A former Girl Scout leader in South Plainfield and Scotch Plains, Mrs. Groben participated in fund-raising activities for Franklin School in South Plainfield. She was a member of Immaculate Heart

of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Her father, James Brown, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 15 years, James; her mother, Lois Brown of South Plainfield; a daughter, Stephanie of Scotch Plains; three brothers, Kevin Brown and wife Kathy of Branchburg, Keith Brown of South Plainfield and Christopher Brown of West Creek; and two brothers-in-law, Paul and wife Kathleen of Barnegat and Richard and wife Sharon of Port Murray.

A blessing was given March 24 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, following services at the McCricken Home for Funerals. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Vernon Loria

PISCATAWAY — Vernon H. Loria, 61, died April 4, 2005 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was born in the Bronx and lived in New Rochelle, N.Y., before moving to Piscataway in 1971.

Mr. Loria was a manager for 40 years with V. Loria & Sons, a pool and game room equipment company in New York state. He held a bachelor's degree in marketing from

Fordham University.

His father, Roger, died in 1996. A sister, Lorraine Giampino, died in 1985.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Sue Schreiber Loria; his mother, Marie Lordi Loria; a son, Vernon H. Jr.; three daughters, Kristen Long, Deana and Suzanne; his mother-in-law, Marianne Schreiber; and a grandchild.

Services were held April 7 at the Middlesex Funeral Home.



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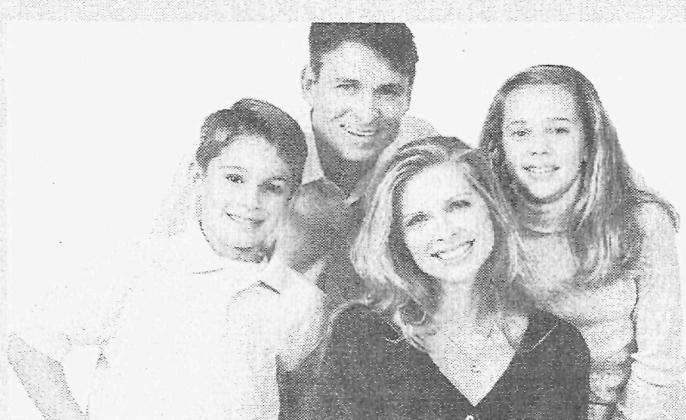
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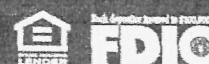
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The Sunday morning worship service will feature guest speaker, the Rev. Howard Grant, from St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark. All celebration events will be held in the church, located at 123 Craig Avenue, corner of Ethel Road in Piscataway. All are welcome!

Call the church office at (732) 287-5184 for more details.

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Lordi, Giamella, Shotwell spin 0-hitters

Erica Lordi pitched her first no-hitter of the season — a five-inning perfect game — and fanned 10 of the 15 batters she faced as the Middlesex High softball squad remained undefeated by whipping Spotswood 19-0 Tuesday for its third victory.

The Blue Jays made short work of this Greater Middlesex Conference-Blue Division encounter by scoring 11 times in the bottom of the first and then adding six more in the second.

Shanna Vitaliano led the Middlesex attack with two home runs, a single and six RBI, while Megan Reilly collected four hits and two RBI as Middlesex dumped Spotswood to 1-3.

Bound Brook 22, Newark Technology 0 — Christy Giamella first her third no-hitter of the season as the Crusaders routed Technology (2-1) to move to 4-0 with another lop-sided Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division triumph Tuesday.

Giamella, who fanned 12 batters without issuing a walk, also paced Bound Brook's 11-hit attack with a 3-or-4 performance that included a home run, triple and four RBI. The Crusaders have now outscored the opposition by a 77-1 margin, which included a 3-1 verdict over

Brearley April 7.

Dunellen 11, Piscataway Vo-Tech 0 — Cassie Shotwell hurled a five-inning no-hitter with 14 strikeouts as the Destroyers whipped Piscataway Vo-Tech (0-3) Tuesday to keep its record perfect at 4-0 with the GMC-Gold Division verdict.

Josie Denny and Michelle Pakenham both finish 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI for Dunellen, which took command with a six-run first inning. Hope Vroom doubled for the only extra-base hit among the 10 hits collected by the winners.

South Brunswick 3, Edison 2 — For the second straight day the Eagles were limited to two hits by a GMC-Red Division opponent as South Brunswick (3-1) edged Edison Tuesday.

Carrie Mokar delivered a two-run double to give the Eagles a 2-1 lead in the second, but South Brunswick tied the game in the third and won it in the fifth on an unearned run to send the Eagles to their third loss in six starts. Kelly Karp took the loss pitching a six-hitter.

J.P. Stevens 3, Edison 0 — Becky Garibotto continued her early-season dominance of oppos-

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ing batters, this time taking care of township rival Edison (2-3) with a two-hit shutout as J.P. Stevens remained unbeaten in GMC-Red Division play Monday and improved to 4-0 on the sea-

son. After allowing a first-inning double to Stephanie Shields Garibotto did not allow either of the other two runs — one on a single and the other on her first walk of the season — the rest of the way as she finished with nine strikeouts.

The Hawks gave their pitcher the only run she would need in the first inning when Jackie Almasi doubled and came home on a single by Iris Delgado. Garibotto helped herself with a sacrifice fly in the third, which scored Kristina Feltz, who had singled, and a lead-off walk that led to pinch-runner Alicia Doherty scoring in the sixth.

South Plainfield 8, North Brunswick 2 — Giving Jessica Senz five-second innings runs proved more than enough for the senior pitcher as the Tigers continued their torrid early-season play by whipping North Brunswick (0-4) in GMC-

White Division play Monday to remain undefeated at 6-0.

Senz tossed a five-hitter, fanning 11 and walking one, while the offense collected 10 hits, including five for extra-bases. Donna Garcia hit a solo homer to cap the five-run second, while Caitlin English finished with a double and four RBI. Lacey Santone batted out a triple, while Melissa Szeliga and Kelly Downes collected two-base hits.

Dunellen 7, Spotswood 1 — Cassie Shotwell fired a two-hitter with 14 strikeouts and the Destroyers made the most of their two hits to coast to a victory over Spotswood (1-2) Monday in a GMC-crossover encounter to improve to 3-0 for the young season.

While Shotwell showed good control in her route-going effort the Destroyers took advantage of 15 walks by Spotswood with Shotwell and Sara Locke both scoring twice.

East Brunswick 9, Piscataway 0 — Tatum Petruziello broke up Gina Pennsavage's perfect game with two outs in the fifth inning but the Chiefs managed only two other hits while committing seven errors in a lop-sided loss to the Bears (4-2) Monday that left Piscataway with an 0-4 record.

Late surge, Porras propel Bound Brook

Knotted at 3-3 after three innings the Bound Brook High baseball squad scored three times in the top of the fourth and pushed across eight more in the fifth to mercy-rule Newark Technology 14-3 Tuesday and improve to 4-0 for the season.

Kevin Porras went the distance in the Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division to gain his first decision as he allowed five hits while fanning seven batters. Porras handed Technology its first loss after two victories.

Aided by a number of walks the Crusaders batted out 11 hits, included four for extra-bases. Matt Mellesurgo led the way in that department with a pair of triples in three trips, while Jimmy Pemberton tripled, singled and finished with four RBI for the winners.

Dunellen 12, Piscataway Vo-Tech 6 — Trailing 3-1 after three innings the Destroyers scored 11 unanswered runs over their next three at-bats to rip Piscataway Vo-Tech Tuesday in Greater Middlesex Conference Gold Division play to improve to 2-3 on the season.

Dunellen held just a 9-8 edge in hits, but benefited from some walks where as Kyle Lendach (1-1) did not walk anyone while fanning 13 to gain the victory.

Mike Bartolli tripled, doubled and knocked in three runs to lead the Dunellen offense, while Lendach helped himself with two singles and two RBI. John Schleppenbach chipped in with a double and a single.

Edison 7, Perth Amboy 6 — The Eagles needed 10 innings and some help from the Perth Amboy defense before prevailing in this GMC-Red Division encounter Tuesday as they boosted their record to 4-3 for the year.

Two errors brought home the decisive run for Edison, which also match the Panther's two unearned runs in the ninth inning. Mike Shymanski belted a two-run homer for the Eagles, while Dave Zavistoski and Brian Elvina collected three hits apiece. Julian Laguna worked the final five innings to gain the victory, striking out seven.

John F. Kennedy 3, Metuchen 1 — The Bulldogs wasted a solid effort by Kevin Rush (0-2), who scattered seven hits and allowed two earned runs, in a GMC-Blue Division setback Tuesday.

Chris Callas delivered a run-scoring single in the second to give Metuchen a 1-0

edge, but Kennedy (3-2) scored twice in the fourth and again in the fifth. Mike Pierkarski, Lenny Bing and Sam Shampain each had a double for Metuchen which slipped to 0-3.

Spotswood 13, Middlesex 3 — After throwing a two-hitter in his previous start Matt Campanella wasn't as sharp Monday as Spotswood rolled to a six-inning triumph over Middlesex in GMC-Blue

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Division play.

Campanella did collected an RBI double, but struggled on the mound against the 4-1 Chargers, who scored the game's final 10 runs after Middlesex tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the third. The setback dropped the Blue Jays to 2-2 on the year.

Edison 3, J.P. Stevens 2 — Nick Reider pitched six plus innings of three-hit ball and Nate Fabretti picked up a big save after entering the game in the seventh with runners on second and third and no outs and the Eagles up 3-1 as Edison captured the first meeting the season against its township rival Monday in GMC-Red Division play.

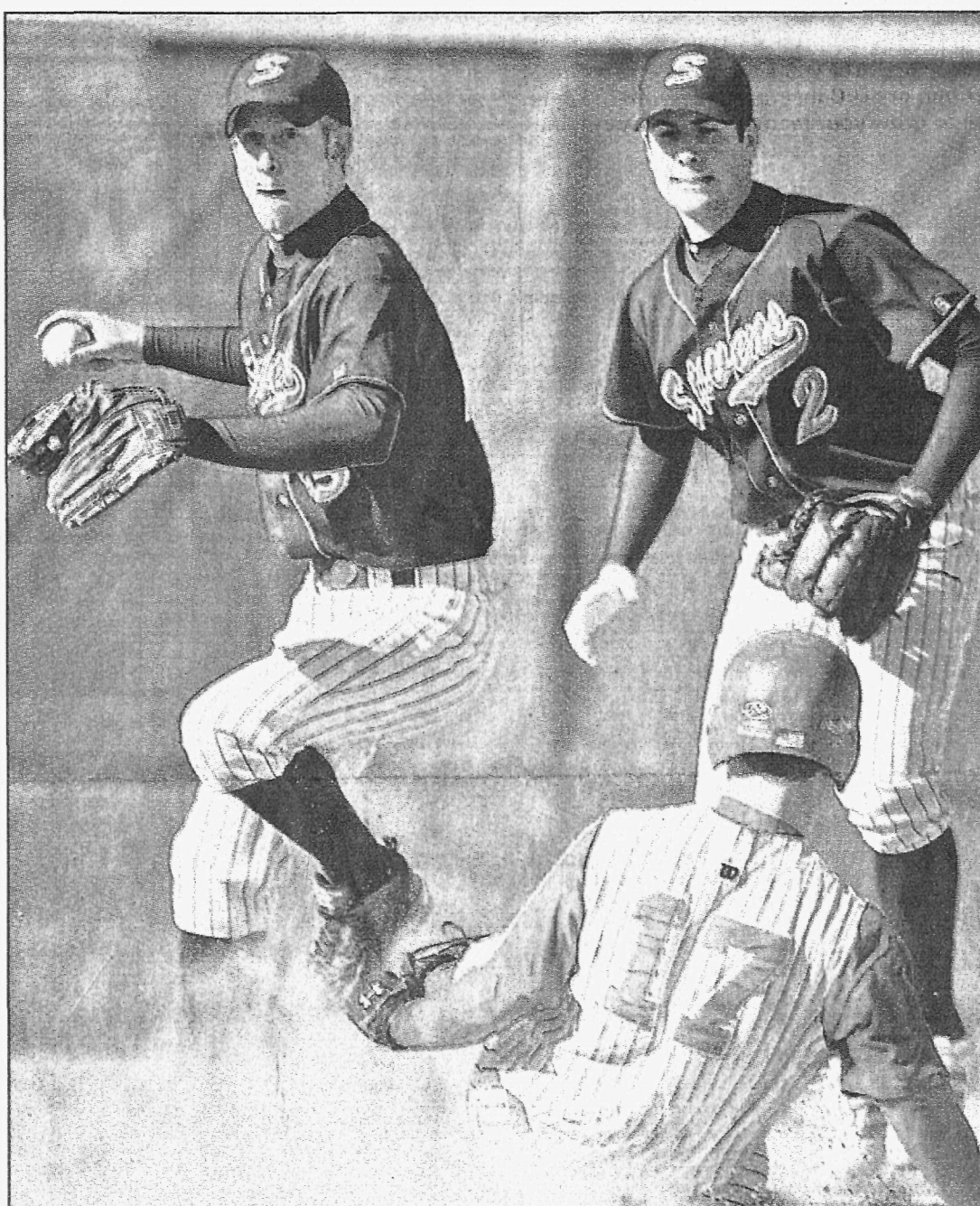
The Eagles got a sacrifice fly from Julian Laguna to knot the game in the second inning, and then took lead on Mike Shymanski's two-run infield single in the fifth. Reider (2-1) fanned 10 batters but walked six, pitching out of two-bases-loaded jams.

Adam Kramen had a sac fly to get the Hawks on the board in the second, while Scott Wallner (1-1) allowed four hits in taking the loss as Stevens slipped to 4-2.

South Plainfield 3, North Brunswick 0 — In a perfect example of letting the defense do its job the Tigers got a route-going shutout from Mikes Downes, who struck out just one and walked none while throwing only 52 pitches, in a GMC-White Division conquest of North Brunswick (0-4) Monday.

Mike Benak singled in a first-inning run and South Plainfield made it 3-0 after three frames as Nick Cesare lofted a sacrifice fly, while the defense backed up Downes with a perfect performance in the field as the Tiger right-hander pitched to just one batter over the minimum. The victory pushed South's record to 4-1.

East Brunswick 12, Piscataway 2 — The Chiefs allowed only seven hits and had just one error but wild-



J.P. Stevens High shortstop Andrew Biancosimo is about to throw to first after forcing Edison's Ed Meyer at second while James Zinno looks on. The Hawks didn't get the double-play or the victory as Edison prevailed 3-2.

ness on the part of their pitchers proved fatal once again as East Brunswick (4-1) took advantage of walks to coast in this GMC-Red Division encounter Monday.

Piscataway had five hits in the five-inning contest with Kenny Walker ending Matt Metsch's shutout bid with a two-run single in the fourth. Russ Hopkins collected a pair of hits for the Chiefs, who fell to 2-3.

Spotswood 16, Dunellen 6 — The Destroyers led this GMC-crossover game 4-2 at one point but couldn't hold off Spotswood (3-1), which took command five runs in the fourth for a 7-5 lead and then ended the game on the mercy rule with an eight-run sixth inning.

Kyle Quinn, who had a double, and T.J. Wenzel both fashioned 3-for-4 performances for Dunellen, while

Matt Grasso contributed a two-base hit.

J.P. Stevens 8, John F. Kennedy 4 — Getting five solid innings from southpaw Collin Creange before he tired in the sixth the Hawks earned a GMC-crossover victory Saturday as they made the most of an attack that saw them out-hit 7-6 by the Mustangs (1-2).

Creange got his first start and allowed two runs over the first five innings before leaving with the bases loaded in the sixth. By then, however, Stevens had an 8-2 lead with Jason Callender's three-run triple during a five-run fifth the big hit. Adam Kramen stroked an RBI double, and Callender earlier had a sac fly.

Piscataway 10, North Hunterdon 4 — Banging out an 11-hit attack — all singles — the Chiefs took care of

business in this non-conference game against North Hunterdon (2-3) Saturday to give pitcher Ken Walker, who pitched a six-hitter, his first victory.

Matt Voliva had a pair of hits and drove in three runs to lead the Piscataway attack, while Russ Hopkins and Matt Skoczylas both knocked in a pair of runs for the Chiefs, who pushed across five runs in the top of the first inning to take the lead for good.

Hamilton West 9, Edison 2 — Mike Shymanski's two-run single broke up a shutout bid by Hamilton West (3-1) in the bottom of the fifth but that proved to be the extent of the scoring for the Eagles in this non-league encounter Saturday. Shymanski also collected a double, while Dave Zavistoski added a pair of singles.

HIGH SCHOOL WRAPUP

Stevens coasts to third win

Brian Sadej collected 17 service points, including five aces, and six digs to lead the way as the J.P. Stevens High volleyball squad evened its record at 3-3 Tuesday with a sweep of Roselle Catholic.

Abe El-Samma logged three kills and five assists, while Y.J. Tung and Matt Pennisi both registered eight assists for the Hawks, who had an easy time in handling Roselle Catholic (2-4) as they took the opening game 25-9 and then finished it with a 25-8 set.

Piscataway 2, Edison 0 — Romel Gutierrez logged 15 service points and 26 assists to lead the way as easily handled Edison in straight sets Monday 25-21 and 25-13. George Loeser had a solid effort in the loss for the Eagles with 12 assists, six digs and two blocks.

TENNIS

William Terry and Steve Baum earned the decisive point with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 decision at second doubles in the only flight that went to three sets as the Hawks moved topped Montgomery in non-league play Monday.

Nick Dharia earned a 6-3, 7-5 victory at third singles, while Josh Safran and Rounak Patel teamed for a 6-1, 6-2 triumph at first doubles.

Edison 5, Highland Park 0 — Abhinav Somani coasted 6-1, 6-0 at first singles, and Sean Dhanda had an easy time in the second slot with a 6-4, 6-2 decision as Edison blanked High Park Monday.

Kathik Pericherla (6-3, 5-7, 6-2) and the doubles units of Dhruv Mehra-Mark Goldsmith (6-4, 6-0) and Amar Khunti and Mikal Wadhvani (6-3, 6-0) also won in straight sets.

Metuchen 5, South Amboy 0 — Mike Zack (6-0, 6-0), Marquis Blakely (6-1, 6-1), Dan Gibson (6-1, 6-1) rolled in singles play, while the doubles teams of Sameer Halani/Joey Giordano (6-4, 6-3) and James Mazewski-Justin Yoo (6-1, 6-3) also won in straight sets as the Bulldogs blanked South Amboy Monday for their first victory.

GOLF

David Kolter took medalist honors with a 43 for the par 35 layout on the Tamarack Red course as Metuchen whipped Middlesex in GMC play Tuesday to boost its record to 5-1.

Bill Vohdon followed with a 47 for the Bulldogs, while Steven Coscia finished with a 53. Greg Nordveit's 56 was the top score for the 0-3 Blue Jays.

Metuchen 206, North Brunswick 225 — David Koulter and Bill Bohdin carded 47s for the par 36 Tamarack Blue layout Monday as the Bulldogs improved to 4-1 for the season with an easy verdict over North Brunswick.

Edison 138, Hudson Catholic 157 — Rick Buck cared a two-over-par 31 at Raritan Landing, while Jack Fudacz followed with a 33 as the Eagles evened its record at 3-3 by whipping Hudson Catholic.

Damon, Jenkins spark Piscataway to 2nd place

MATAWAN — Robert Damon and Malcolm Jenkins certainly made their workouts together pay off with a truckload of gold Saturday.

The Piscataway High track & field teammates both turned in spectacular performances to lead the Chiefs to a runnerup finish at the 11th annual Huskie Relays Saturday at Matawan High School. Piscataway fell just short in the battle for the team title, bowing in the bowling to Toms River North 76-74.

Damon earned the Most

Outstanding Athlete award for the track as he anchored the Chiefs to a pair of first-place showings and also led off a winning relay. Jenkins, meanwhile, contributed to four first-place finishes, including one anchor leg.

Piscataway earned the majority on its points on the track, where it dominated the sprints and the hurdles. Jenkins finished off the 4 X 100 team's victory in 43.7 following legs

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by Terrance Fox, Kevin Woolfolk and Rob Williams, and led off the 4 X 200 squad, which included Damon, Woolfolk and

Fox and won in 1:31.9. Jenkins also got Piscataway off to a good start in the 4 X 400, while Williams, Jon Francois and Damon finished off the triumph with a 3:28.0 clocking. Damon also completed the sprint medley unit that began with Fox, Woolfolk and Williams and post-

ed the winning time of 3:41.9.

Francois, Matt Fasano, Williams and Jenkins teamed to stop the clock in 1:06.3 for the gold in the shuttle hurdles, while the Chiefs just missed a sweep in the intermediate hurdles in taking second with a 3:00.0 showing that just missed against Brick's 2:58.8.

Piscataway's best efforts in the field events came in the shot put, where it totaled 91 feet 9 inches for second place, and third in the long jump with a 37-9/4 showing.

Worst-case scenario plan is tested

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

BRANCHBURG — When asked why a woman had just run out of the medical triage screaming and flailing her arms, local EMT Paul Malarcher told a member of the news media to quit interfering so that he could tend to another apparent victim of pneumonic plague strapped to a gurney.

The hysterical woman disappeared down a hall, security officers in pursuit.

Asked to step out of character,

Malarcher let on that all the drama was just part of the show.

"Some patients were given instructions to respond in a panic," he said. "And we aren't told they are coming."

The scene took place last Thursday inside the gymnasium at Raritan Valley Community College, where some 300-plus volunteers participated in Somerset County's mock emergency response to a simulated biological attack — one of several scenarios conducted last week in New Jersey,

Connecticut, the United Kingdom and Canada as part of the TOPOFF (Top Officials) 3 exercise, designed to strengthen the capacity to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks involving weapons of mass destruction.

"We feel confident we are prepared," Freeholder Director Rick Fontana said during a press conference at the college. "However, this exercise is designed to reveal chinks in the armor of our plans, and help us to identify our planning gaps. It's better to work out any flaws in a mock health emergency exercise, rather than during a true emergency."

John Horensky, the county's director of public health, described the coordination between county and local offices as a "well oiled machine," in part because of lessons learned during Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and a terror drill at Commerce Bank Ballpark in 2003.

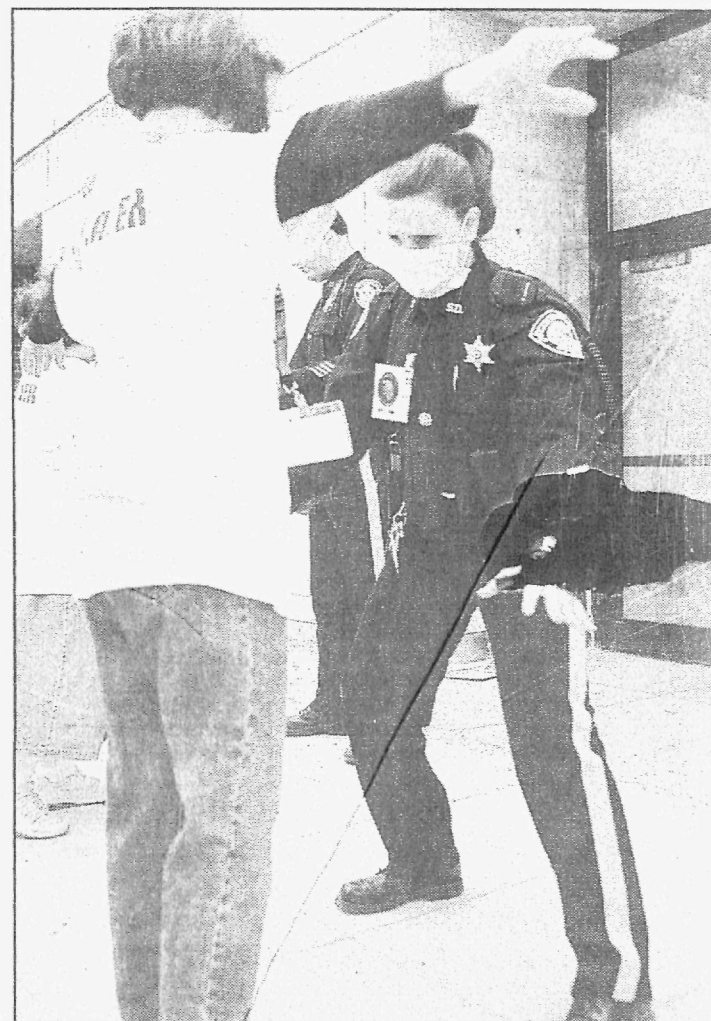
Officials also commended all the volunteers in this latest test,

from those feigning illness at Somerset Medical Center earlier in the week to the hundreds that showed up at RVCC, along with the numerous police officers and emergency personnel who acted as if an attack had actually occurred.

"The role playing has been extremely well," Horensky said. "It's been an eye-opening experience."

LeRoy Gunzelman, coordinator of the county's Office of Emergency Management, said if such an attack were to occur, the county would utilize a new reverse-911 system it recently received funding for to inform residents where they should go if they feel they were exposed, such as RVCC.

The college served as the site of the county's mock Point of Dispensing (POD) clinic where the volunteers, wearing T-shirts with role player written on the back, filed in for treatment and antibiotics after imaginary terrorists earlier in the week unleashed pneumonic plague upon the citizens of New Jersey.



Above, officers with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office search victims before they can be admitted to a point of dispensing clinic during a TOPOFF (Top Officials) 3 exercise held at Raritan Valley Community College on April 7.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 1565 AND 1535-05 REGULATING MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS
The above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on April 12, 2005 and will be considered on second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex to be held at the Municipal Building, Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M. on April 26, 2005, at which time and place any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Kathleen Anello
Borough Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 1640-05
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A FIVE YEAR LEASE OF PUBLIC LANDS IN MOUNTAINVIEW PARK AND FOR A TURF MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
The above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on April 12, 2005 and will be considered on second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex to be held at the Municipal Building, Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M. on April 26, 2005, at which time and place any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1641-05
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A TURF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COVERING VARIOUS ATHLETIC FIELDS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX
The above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on April 12, 2005 and will be considered on second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex to be held at the Municipal Building, Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M. on April 26, 2005, at which time and place any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1642-05
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PICATAWAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WILLIAM STREET FROM SHERMAN AVENUE TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 750 FEET WEST OF MOUNTAIN AVENUE
The above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on April 12, 2005 and will be considered on second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex to be held at the Municipal Building, Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M. on April 26, 2005, at which time and place any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Kathleen Anello
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION/MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY OF REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY, LLC d/b/a MIDCO WASTE SERVICES-NEW BRUNSWICK FACILITY
The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, hereby gives notice that it has tentatively approved a Solid Waste Facility Permit renewal application regarding the operation of the existing Solid Waste Transfer Station Permit for Republic Services of New Jersey, LLC d/b/a Midco Waste Services-New Brunswick Facility.

The application for a Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal was submitted in accordance with the requirements established at N.J.A.C. 7:25-2. The facility is currently permitted to accept waste types (D10) (Municipal, Commercial, Institutional), 13 (Bulky Waste), 13C (Construction and Demolition), 23 (Vegetative Waste), and 27 (Non-hazardous Dry Industrial Waste) with an approved capacity of 1000 tons per day but not to exceed 5250 tons per week. The renewed permit will not change the facility's current hours of operation. The public comment period on the draft permit renewal

action begins on the date of the publication of this notice and will close within thirty (30) days of this publication. Any interested person may submit written comments during this period to the Department concerning the draft permit action to:

Thomas Sherman, Assistant Director
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste
Office of Permitting & Technical Programs
401 E. State Street, P.O. Box 414
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0414
(609) 984-5950

Upon written request of any interested party, which raises the issues of fact relevant to the proposed agency action within thirty (30) days of this publication, a public hearing will be scheduled regarding the proposed agency action.

The application and all other supporting documents, as well as the draft Solid Waste Facility Permit and fact sheet are available for inspection at the above noted office of the Department's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, the office of City of New Brunswick Clerk and the office of the Middlesex County Clerk. Anyone who would like to obtain copies of the draft permit and a fact sheet for the facility should notify Mrs. Lisa Offuso at the above address or contact her at (609) 984-5950.

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BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

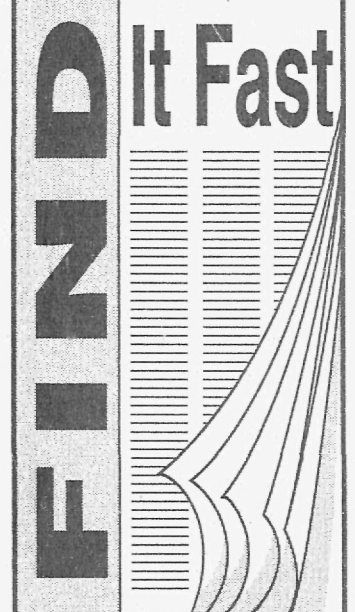
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, on April 12, 2005. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 230 Hamilton Street, in the Borough of Bound Brook, on April 26, 2005 at 7 o'clock 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 To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements In, By And For The Borough Of Bound Brook, In The County Of Somerset, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$425,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.

Purpose(s): Reconstruction of Hamilton Street and Windsor Street

Appropriation: \$425,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$418,750
Grants (if any): \$300,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, \$125,000
Section 20 Costs: \$125,000
Useful Life: 20 Years
Donna Godleski
Clerk

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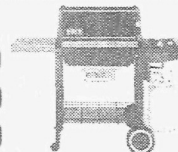
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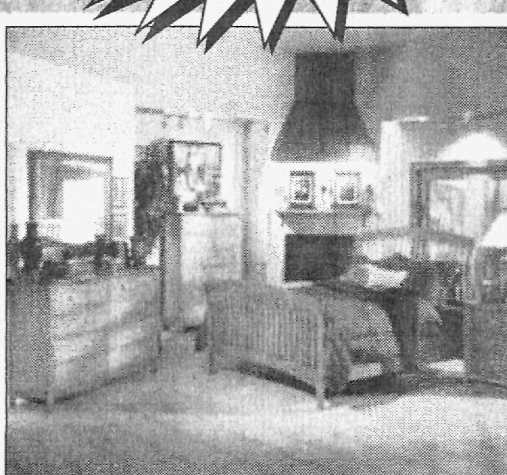
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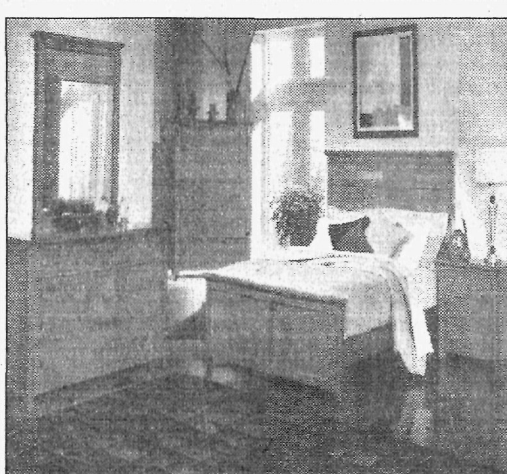
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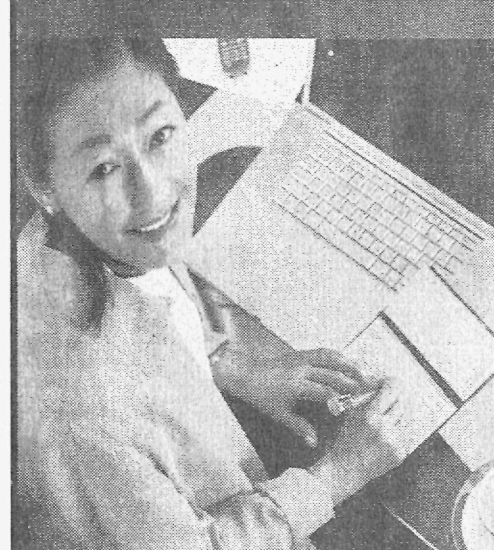
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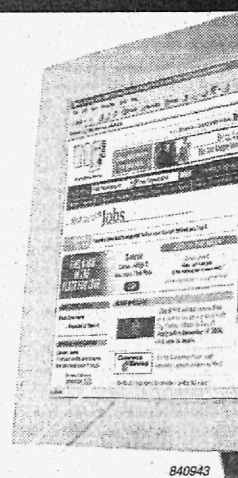
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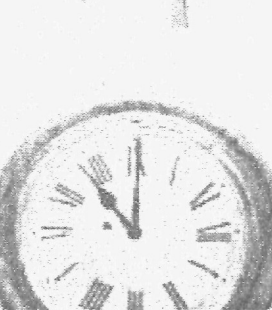
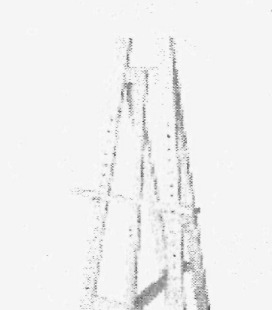
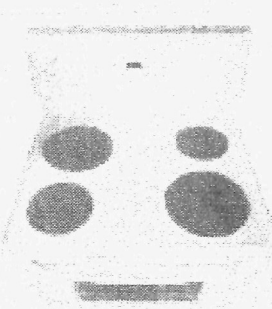
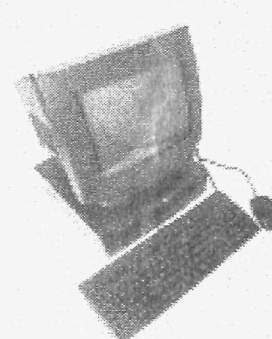
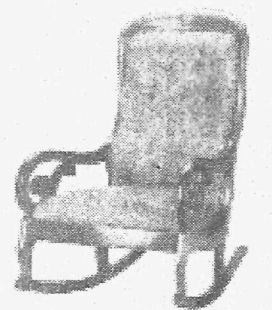


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30-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	10%	30	5.780
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15-yr. Fixed	4.750	2.00	5%	30	5.188
30-yr. Jumbo	5.375	2.00	5%	30	5.578
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15-yr. Fixed	4.750	1.00	5%	30	5.450
15-yr. Fixed	4.875	2.00	5%	30	5.040
MTA ARM	1.000	0.00	5%	30	3.900
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1-yr. ARM	2.875	0.00	5%	60	5.300
3-yr. ARM	4.875	0.00	5%	60	4.730
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7-yr. ARM	5.375	0.00	5%	90	5.619
10-yr. ARM	5.625	0.00	5%	90	5.721
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15/30 ARM	4.875	0.00	5%	-	5.600
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10-yr. Fixed	4.500	0.00	20%	75	4.580
10-yr. Fixed	3.875	2.00	20%	75	4.376
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Yard Sales HJ 602

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