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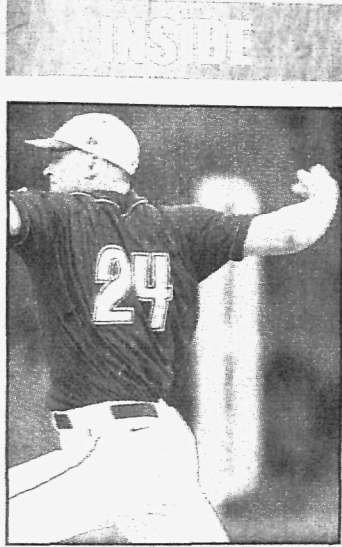
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Perfect pitch

Watchung Hills grad Matt Giannini was on his game Monday night as he pitched a five-inning no-hitter with 11 strikeouts for Ball-Kirch Post 265 of North Plainfield in a 10-0 American Legion baseball victory over Ridge. **Page B1.**



The best stuff is free

Ann Skiba of Bridgewater checks out a table full of items during Somerset County's first Free 4 All, which drew nearly 500 people looking for the best bargain of all — free stuff. Hosted by the Somerset County Freecycle, the "sale" was held at White Oak Park Sunday in Branchburg. **Page A8.**

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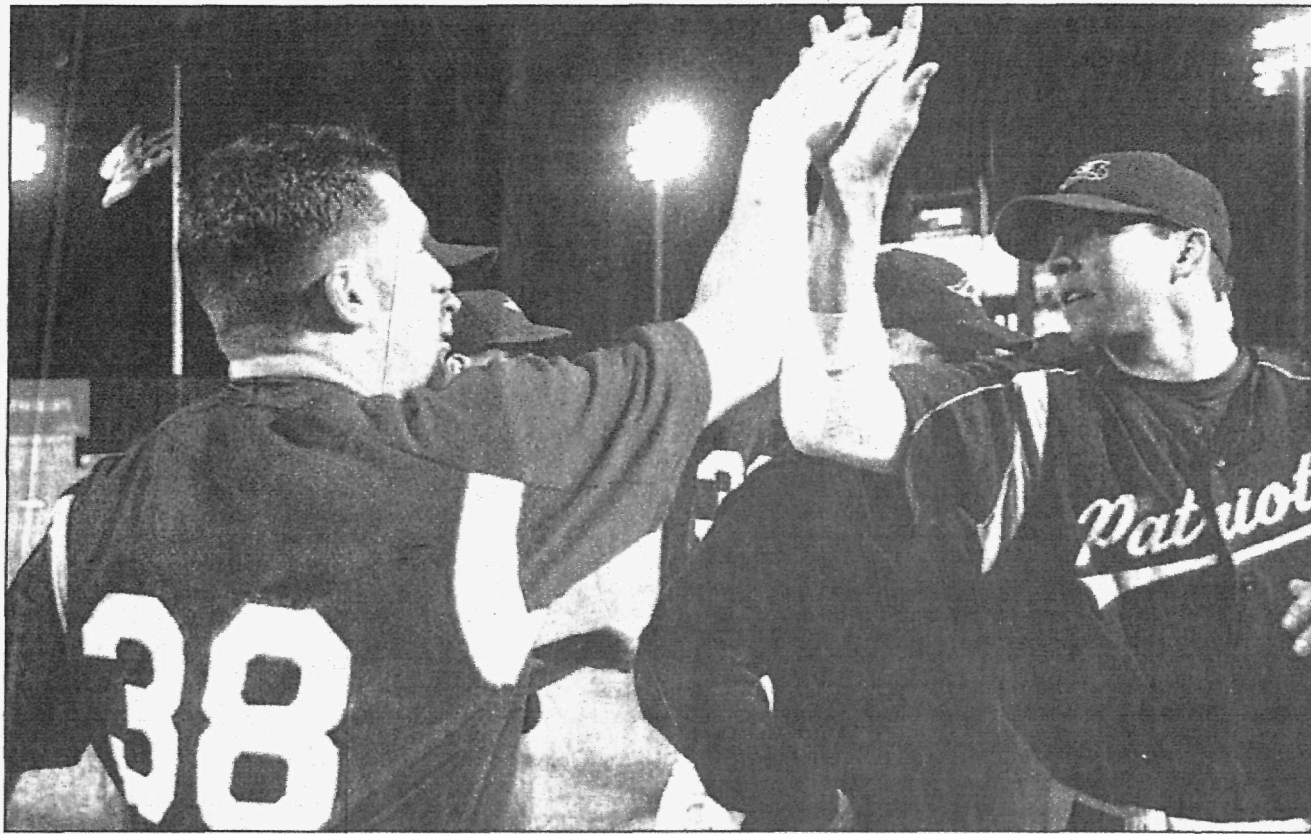
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David Elder, pictured above left, pitcher for the Somerset Patriots, celebrates with his teammates after the team clinched its seventh Half Title in eight seasons in the Atlantic League on Saturday at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater. Patriots' Pitching Coach John Montefusco, pictured below left, and Manager Sparky Lyle celebrate the team's 4-3, tenth inning win over the Atlantic City Surf.

COURTESY SOMERSET PATRIOTS

Patriots clinch the first half



FOR MORE ON THE SOMERSET PATRIOTS, PAGE B1.

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — The magic number was two — two games needed to clinch the First Half South Division Championship and secure a playoff birth in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball.

The Somerset Patriots earned the first of the two games with a 6-4 win over the Atlantic City Surf on Friday, and could have seen an end

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Distribution site to open in borough

BOUND BROOK — Cal-Chlor Corp. will be opening a new packaging and distribution facility in New Jersey to serve customers who buy calcium chloride products from Dow Chemical Co.

This new operation is the result of a long-term packaging and service agreement recently formed between the two companies to meet the increasing demand for Dow's calcium chloride products on the East Coast.

The facility will be located within the borough site of Union Carbide Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Dow located on River Road. Union Carbide is leasing space at the site to Cal-Chlor, which will be building and operating the new calcium chloride packaging and warehousing facility

scheduled to be operational Aug. 1.

"We are delighted with this new agreement between Dow and Cal-Chlor. As our sales of Peladow, Dowflake and Combotherm calcium chloride products continue to grow on the East Coast, we see the development of local packaging and terminalization as increasingly critical elements in servicing our customers," said Bill Berrett, general manager for Dow's calcium chloride business.

"Not only does this initiative lower our current cost-to-serve, it places a large amount of inventory directly into the market where it is consumed," he said. "As a result, we are better able to create alliances with our distributors and support their continued success with selling

deicers in this region."

Executives at Cal-Chlor agree that the new site will provide the East Coast calcium chloride market with many benefits.

"This is an important milestone for Cal-Chlor," said Mark Hanna, president and chief executive officer. "We are doubling our packaging capacity in North America and leveraging our existing, successful relationship with Dow."

"What's more, our new packaging plant is located in an ideal location to serve the metropolitan areas of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Boston. We fully expect this new capability will open doors for growth across our entire customer base," added Hanna.

The decision to use the Union

Carbide site is a testament to those who recognized its potential early on and have invested in its revitalization.

"We see their choice to open this new operation here as an endorsement of the hard work many of our employees have put forth on this project," said Brian Maurer, Union Carbide site leader for Bound Brook.

Dow is a leader in science and technology, providing innovative chemical, plastic and agricultural products and services to many essential consumer markets.

With annual sales of \$40 billion, Dow serves customers in 175 countries and a wide range of markets that are vital to human progress:

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It's their chance for summer of fun

Editor's Note: This is the first in an occasional series that will follow families participating in The Fresh Air Fund, which unites urban children with suburban families for the summer.

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

Kwaceem Maloney jumped out of the bus and wrapped his arms around Joseph, Laurel and Jenna McHale, giving them each big bear hugs.

To many, this greeting might seem like an emotional reunion among intimate friends. In actuality, Kwaceem, 8, had never before met the McHale children.

"I just couldn't wait to get here," said Kwaceem of Brooklyn, who is visiting a Bernardsville family for two weeks thanks to the Fresh Air Fund.

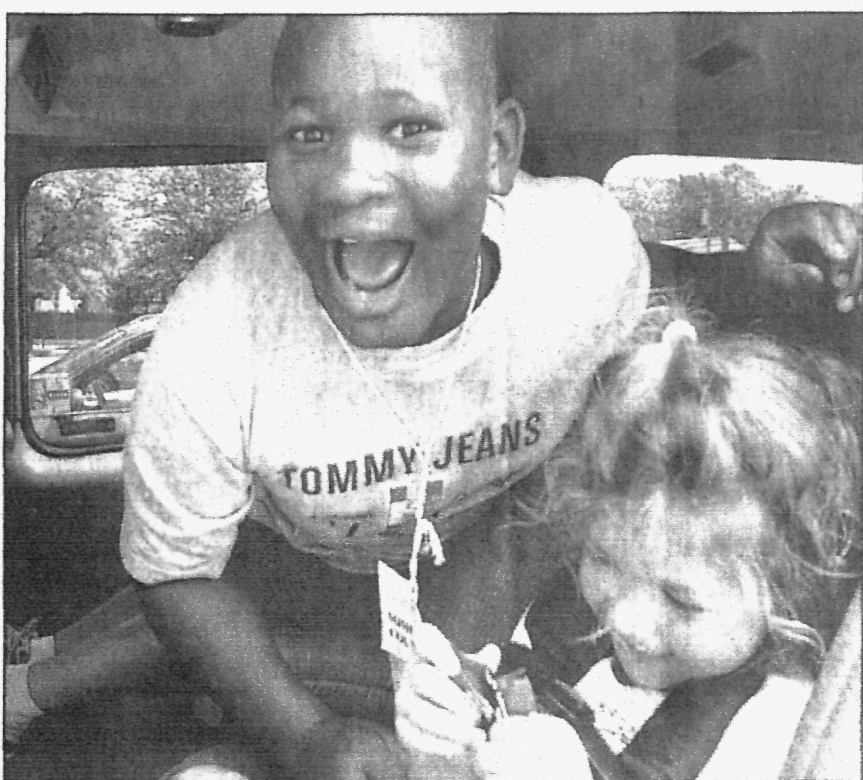
The Fresh Air Fund is a not-for-

profit organization that "allows children living in disadvantaged communities to get away from hot, noisy city streets and enjoy free summer vacations in the country," according to organization's Web site. Since 1877, the Fresh Air Fund has provided these vacations from the city streets to more than 1.7 million New York City children.

On Tuesday, a bus full of bright-eyed and curious New York City children pulled into New Providence High School and was greeted with "Welcome" signs, balloons and presents provided by the host families.

While here, the children "can run their hands and toes through freshly cut grass, skip over a sprinkler and watch the night sky fill with stars," things they might not have a chance to experience in their home town.

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GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kwaceem Maloney, 8, can hardly contain his excitement while Jenna McHale, 3, plays. Kwaceem will be staying with the McHale family for several weeks as part of the Fresh Air Fund program.

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to all the drama had the Camden Riversharks lost the same night to the Bridgeport Bluefish, but that would not be the case: Camden won 3-2.

And with only two games remaining in the half, the suspense continued into Saturday, all the way to the bottom of the tenth inning, when the Patriots won 4-3 on a bases loaded walk by right fielder Ryan Radmanovich.

The night before, Patriots' President and General Manager Patrick McVerry reflected on what got the team to that point — one game away from Somerset's seventh Half Title in eight seasons in the Atlantic League.

"Obviously our pitching," he said. "The starting rotation, and our bullpen has been phenomenal. There's been games where they carried us. The pitchers just did a great job."

But McVerry admitted the Patriots' pitching situation is a bittersweet arrangement. The team recently lost two of its starters to Major League Baseball — lefty Derek Lee was signed by the Texas Rangers, and righty Brian Tollberg by the Houston Astros.

"Obviously the scouts are keeping an eye on the Atlantic League," McVerry said. "I'm happy for Brian and Derek. It gets these guys excited. The team is excited because they know if they do well they'll have a shot (at the majors). It brings

up the level of play."

Also helping to keep the players pumped are Patriots fans like Bill Bowman of Somerset, who clapped and hollered throughout the entire game Friday night, at times getting nearly all in attendance at Commerce Bank Park to join in.

"They got a lot of heart," Bowman said of the Patriots. "This year we have really good pitching, and good defense led by Emiliano Escandon."

Also pleased with the Patriots' first half of the season, Bowman's wife, P.J., pointed out that 2005 — perhaps another magic number — is an odd year.

"They've won (the Atlantic League Championship) every odd year since 2001," she said. Following Friday and

Saturday's wins over Atlantic City, the Patriots lost 4-3 to the Surf on Sunday.

The Patriots, ranked first in the South Division, sent seven players to the 2005 Atlantic League All-Star Game in Atlantic City yesterday. They are Radmanovich, third baseman Jeff Nettles, shortstop Kevin Nicholson, and pitchers Scott Sobkowiak, David Elder, Brad Clontz and Tollberg.

The second half of the season picks up at home 7:05 p.m. tomorrow with a three-game series against the Nashua Pride. The Patriots could reach another magic number over the weekend. With 498 victories under its belt since the team was formed in 1998, two more would mark the Patriots' 500th win.

It's their chance for a summer of fun

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representatives from the fund stated in a release.

Christopher Dela Cruz went

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boogie boarding for the first time ever earlier this month.

The opportunity for some summer fun in the sun came up as "Chris," 11 of Brooklyn, was visiting with the Berkowitz family of Hillsborough. Chris has spent two weeks for the last four summers at the home of the Berkowitz family where he plays with Jake Berkowitz, 7, and Adam Berkowitz, 12.

"I just like being here," said Chris. "We play outside and go to places like theme parks and the pool. We even slept outside in a tent and made S'mores."

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The experience benefits not only the child, but also has a positive impact on the host family.

"My son just wanted a brother in the worst way," said Lauren McHale, mother to Joseph, Laura and Jenna. "He's got two sisters and he can't wait for another boy to play with."

Jody Berkowitz, host to Chris Dela Cruz, said her children were just excited to have their house guest.

"It's just like having a live-in playmate for my boys," said the mother-of-two. "He's like one of the family now. After he left after the first summer his mom said he could come back next year."

But once a year is not enough time together. The Berkowitz family meets up with the Chris and his family over the holiday season.

"We communicate via e-mail," said Jody Berkowitz. "He's been coming back to visit when he's on school break."

Chris, who's going into sixth grade at Public School No. 75, has a 7-year-old sister. When he returns from his trip to New Jersey, he misses the Berkowitz family and the rural environment.

"There's a lot of grass," said Chris. "I like playing outside."

Suzanne and Robert Auletta of Bernardsville decided to host a child to pay honor to the memory of Suzanne's father.

"My dad had always been involved with the Fresh Air Fund by contributing financially," said

Suzanne Auletta, who noted her father passed away a couple of years ago. "A similar organization sent him to camp when he lived in Jersey City."

The Auletta family will play host to 7-year-old Kevin Ali. Her two children, twins Matt and Alexa, 7, are so excited, said Suzanne Auletta.

"My kids thought it was a great idea," she said. "My son said the other day, 'Do you think he'd be someone who likes sports.' I said, 'Well he's a 7-year-old boy. I think he's bound to like sports.'"

Several of her neighbors will also host children as with the Fresh Air Fund.

"We'll all have a blast," said Suzanne Auletta. "We have trips to the boardwalk and a Patriots game planned together. We're all going to have a barbeque together."

Kevin Ali along with Kwamec Maloney and the Auletta and McHale families will participate in a lacrosse day-camp run by Robert Auletta.

Families who reside in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia may become host families with the Fresh Air Fund. Families who are interested in hosting a child or registering their child for a trip with the Fresh Air Fund can find more information at www.freshair.org.

Somerville Cruizers Car of the Week



ROD HIRSCH/THE REPORTER

This 1963 Ford Galaxie is owned by Robert Kolans, who served as the first president of the Somerville Cruizers. Each Friday night in Somerville the Cruizers host a cruise night, drawing hundreds of classic car owners to Main Street.

Distribution site to open in Piscataway

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Food, transportation, health and medicine, personal and home care, and building and construction, among others. Committed to the principles of sustainable development, Dow and its 43,000 employees seek to balance economic, environmental and social responsibilities.

Cal-Chlor was formed in Opelousas, La., in 1982 as a warehouse facility for calcium chloride products serving the oil industry.

In 1983, Cal-Chlor constructed a repackaging facility in Opelousas and developed an alliance with Dow as its supplier. In 1996, Cal-Chlor acquired an existing repackaging facility in Ludington, Mich., and invested more than \$4 million in upgrading the facility which is now the

largest calcium chloride packaging facility in the world. Since its inception, Cal-Chlor sales have increased more than 1,000 percent as a result of concentrating on international oil industry and domestic industrial opportunities.

Its continued growth strategy includes increasing international warehousing, increasing consignment locations and continuing to develop relationships with foreign producers which will allow Cal-Chlor to increase its position as a major supplier to the oil industry.

Cal-Chlor strives to continue to provide customers the best options for dry calcium chloride products and services worldwide and is considered the world's leading authority on dry calcium chloride packaging and distribution.

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FAN OF THE WEEK!

John Busby III

John Busby III is a tenth-grader at Plainfield High School. He is a big fan of the Philadelphia Eagles and Miami Heat. John wants to be an architect and is currently applying for scholarships. His favorite sports are tennis, basketball, football, and baseball. John is a straight-A student and a member of the Boy Scouts.

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Commentary

Bird population remains barometer of environment

By MICHELE S. BYERS
New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Every year, a global partnership of conservation groups evaluates the health of the world's birds.

The latest assessment of Bird Life International shows that one in five bird species are in trouble. Bird Life International is made up of partner groups working in over 100 countries. They summarize their findings into one of the most comprehensive evaluations of species health available. Their Web site, www.birdlife.net, offers a wealth of information on everything from specific birds to global trends.

Since 1500, at least 131 birds have become extinct, including the famous dodo. But, there are still 9,775 documented bird species on the planet.

This year's assessment shows that 1,212 species are actually threatened with extinction, and 179 of these are considered critically endangered. While that's one less than last year, a huge number of species, 788, are now considered "near threatened."

The numbers mean that 20 percent of all birds are in trouble.

Despite the alarming trend, there are individual bright spots. Five species are considered less threatened than last year. Among them is the Kirtland's warbler, which breeds in Michigan. In the 1970s there were 167 of the brightly-colored songbirds. Today there are more than 1,200, thanks to a better understanding of their ecological needs and the protection of the birds' breeding habitat.

So lots of birds are becoming threatened, but a few are doing a little better. A few birds moved off the list, and one bird once thought extinct was rediscovered — the ivory billed woodpecker.

What should we do with this information?

Most of us don't get too worked up as plants and animals slide toward extinction; but when they really do reach the brink of extinction, we rise to the challenge and support laws, government programs and private efforts to save them. This isn't a very cost-effective or smart way to respond.

A better approach is to keep birds from heading down the extinction path to begin with. We don't have the capacity to continue the last-ditch efforts we are using to stave off extinction one species at a time. As the number of threatened species grows, the resources we devote to species preservation will also have to grow to keep pace.

Protecting habitat is the best approach with the most likelihood of success. Once habitat is degraded or lost, the birds don't stand a chance. Before science produced instruments to measure toxic gases, miners brought caged canaries down into mine shafts. If poisonous gases built up in a mine shaft, the small birds would die first, warning the miners there was an invisible killer among them and they should get out.

Our global bird population is warning us of encroaching danger. Only this time, we have no safe place to flee. Will we heed the warning in time?

Michele S. Byers is executive director of Far Hills-based New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

House size-limit ordinance needed on Bedminster's books

To The Editor:

The Bedminster Township Planning Board has determined that potential houses of a size that overwhelm existing established neighborhoods would present a problem in how the township continues to develop. Such large houses would destroy the scale, beauty and ambiance of our neighborhoods.

This has been happening everywhere from Staten Island to Berkeley and our board is determined to not have it happen in Bedminster.

The board determined that simple house size limits or side yard requirements would not work alone, and that the main issue was the house's relationship to the lot size. In other words, as an example, a 4,000-square-foot house on a large lot is not the problem — the problem is if the house spans 95 percent of the lot width, regardless of the 25 foot side-yard set backs.

So the best solution was to limit the percentage of lot width that could be occupied by the house. This is a simple yet effective limit that addresses the problem directly.

Mayor Amey Mesko, who sits on the board, voted to recommend the proposed ordinance to the Township Committee. When the township committee public hearing was held, she voted against adoption without ever giving the public a reason.

The essence of the opposition's discussion was that there is no such problem and will be no such problem in Bedminster, there will be less ratables, zoning is an intrusion on private property rights, and a belief in free capital markets to govern what is built.

The discussion never addressed best zoning practices and the ordinance's purpose to maintain the scale and beauty of our neighborhoods. Bedminster is in for some development surprises, if this kind of thinking prevails.

Large houses built on small lots are a real problem that threatens to destroy our neighborhoods and will eventually turn our town into what many other towns, in this area, have developed into; something the vast majority of our township citizens do not want, and former planning boards and Township Committees worked very hard to prevent.

What was Mesko thinking?

Maybe she can explain it to her board colleagues, since she did not publicly explain her opposition to the township committee or the public in attendance. Committeeman Robert Holtaway, former chair of the board, who also voted not to approve, should know better. Committeeman Finn Caspersen, who also voted to not approve, has no knowledge of the principles of planning and zoning. We can only hope he never serves on the board.

A reason Bedminster remains a very highly desirable place to live is sound planning and zoning and the willingness of its local officials to address zoning issues in a courageous proactive and direct manner. If this is no longer done, and a laissez-faire approach takes hold, we will begin the slow spiral into a non-descript, non-special township.

JOSEPH H. METELSKI

Bedminster

The writer is a former member of the township committee.

Quotable

"My son just wanted a brother in the worst way. He's got two sisters and he can't wait for another boy to play with."

Lauren McHale

"We don't want strangers in our backyard. It's heavily wooded back there and you can't see what's going on. We moved to Warren because we liked the open space back there; we don't want people we don't know lurking behind our house."

Lisa Calicchio

"As a result of the revolution, the company started getting rid of all the foreigners they had working with them in Iran because of the hostilities. My first task was to get these people out the country in a matter of three weeks."

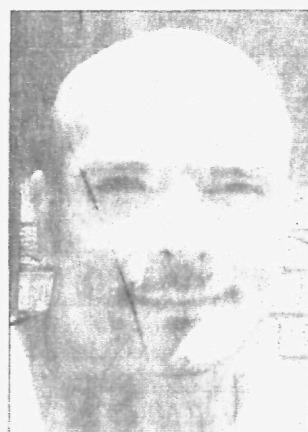
Dr. Homayoun Firouztash

Question of the week:
How bad will the hurricane season be in New Jersey this year?



STELLA and KAYLA
PIERSON

Piscataway
"The weather is funny. Anything can happen."



CESAR MARTINEZ

Bound Brook

"Not here — not in Central Jersey. All the storms will stay in the south. (Tropical Storm) Floyd was a 100-year storm."



PHILLIP "T"

New York City

"Because of the (greenhouse gas) emissions, the weather is going to get worse over the years. The increase in (greenhouse gas) emissions worldwide eventually influences the weather here."



FANNY BANSAL

New Brunswick

"I don't think it will be bad this year."



JOSUE MEJIA

Bound Brook

"Probably not (Tropical Storm) Floyd-like storms this year. The government is doing a lot to protect residents from flooding, so probably a hurricane won't hurt us so much."

Letters to the Editor

Personal attack not necessary

To The Editor:

At first glance, Paul Amitrani's letter as published in the *Courier News* on June 22 seems to express concern over finances in Bridgewater Township. Finances are always fair game in a political contest and complaints about finances, however unfair and misguided, are to be expected.

Most unfortunately, the writer pursues an unfair attack on the newly appointed and confirmed economic development director, Howard Turbowitz.

Since the writer seems to think that Mr. Turbowitz came to that position out of some friendship with the mayor as some type of reward, we should explore how it all happened.

First of all, Mr. Turbowitz came to the mayor's attention initially through the recommendation of one of Somerset County's business leaders to be a member of the mayor's transition team.

The position of economic development director was created as the result of the deliberations of the ad hoc Advisory Committee on Economic Development. The committee determined that Bridgewater did need an economic development effort and that it would be most efficiently achieved with the appointment of an advisory committee of volunteers from the community and the addition of a staff member.

The mayor had nothing to do with the origin of that recommendation and was in fact surprised by it.

Mr. Amitrani should just read the report.

The ad hoc committee recognized in its deliberations that the recommendation for a new staff member would be controversial, if for no other reason than the salary required to attract someone of sufficiently high caliber.

Nevertheless, the ad hoc committee determined that it was a necessary position.

Ordinances were adopted supporting the appointment of the committee and the employment of the director, and the search began.

The advertising for the director produced 19 candidates.

Preliminary interviews were carried out by the mayor, administrator and personnel director.

The final four candidates were also interviewed by the chairman of the Economic Development Committee and a member of the Township Council.

A joint recommendation was made to the mayor and Mr. Turbowitz was selected.

It is also important to note that Mr. Turbowitz brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in public and community relations, human resources, real estate development and construction management in the private sector.

Mr. Amitrani questions if there is no one on the Economic Advisory Committee that could communicate with business and whether the position is really necessary.

Any reference to the work of the director as just "communicating with business" is an absurd oversimplification of a serious responsibility.

Of course, there are people on the committee who can communicate with business and all expect to do so.

Each member has shown his or her interest in the community by volunteering to assist the effort, but, except for one, each holds heavy duty and extensive responsibilities with major time commitments.

As for the idea that a member of the committee do the job of the director, the mere expression is a ridiculous imposition.

To summarize the above comments, Mr. Amitrani's suggestion that Mr. Turbowitz was appointed by the mayor as a reward to a personal friend is insulting to the integrity of Mayor Flannery, a disparagement of Mr. Turbowitz's qualifications and insulting to those who participated in the interview process.

PAUL RIGA

Chairman, Bridgewater
Republican Municipal
Campaign

Security issues prompt change

To the Editor:

Unfortunately times have changed and, in this post-Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks era, we are also faced with security issues on a local level.

As a committeeman in Warren, I am writing concerning the recent increase in security measures that we have implemented in the Warren Township Municipal Court. With the increased traffic on Route 78, on any given night, we have defendants from New York to all other areas of the country.

Our court now handles over 8,000 cases a year.

This year, we have had threats against the judge, an attempted attack and stalking.

We have a duty to make sure that our members of the judiciary and law enforcement are properly protected so that they do not have to live in fear while doing their jobs.

We need only look at the shooting in Atlanta of Judge Rowland W. Barnes, the sheriff's deputy and the court reporter, or the killing of US District Court Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkowitz's family in Chicago to see what we are now dealing with in society.

After the recent incidents, I contacted our Police Chief William Stahl who had already been looking into the purchase of a metal detector and implementing an increase in security. He agreed and has posted additional police officers during all court sessions.

In addition, as a result of a joint purchase agreement

with the Borough of Watchung, we have purchased and installed a Garrett Walk-Through Metal Detector with pin-point detection in both the Warren and Watchung courthouses.

The system is the world's highest performing walk-through metal detector and offers exclusive multiple target pinpointing with 33 distinct zones for full target coverage on the left, center and right side of the body from head to toe.

I thank Mayor Gary DiNardo and my fellow councilpersons for their immediate consent to taking these new measures.

The towns saved approximately \$2,000 on the joint purchase with Watchung, whose Mayor Al Ellis, and the members of the council have always been willing to work together with Warren to save the taxpayers money.

In this case, they didn't hesitate to combine the buying power of the towns for a worthy project.

May 10 was the first time we used the metal detector in court and I firmly believe that we are much better off with this new level of security.

Times have changed and we all need to adapt our thinking to the threats that exist out there so that we can take the right steps to protect ourselves as we have now done.

The courtroom is also used for township meetings and the metal detector is available for those meetings also.

FRANK SALVATO
Committeeman —
Warren Township

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Soldiers' kids offered free week at camp

Often overlooked are the families of the soldiers and Marines sent overseas, their angst and the daily dose of dread and despair they all endure.

There are more than 3,000 members of the New Jersey National Guard deployed overseas, meaning there's thousands of husbands and wives without their spouses, and thousands of kids without their moms or dads.

It's hard to say what's worse — the financial hardship, the emotional stress, the pangs of loneliness, or the constant battle to accept and deal with the disruption and call to duty.

Howard Miller, who runs Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camp in northwest New Jersey, hopes to put some joy back into the lives of those families.

He's offering to provide a free week of summer camp to school-age children, 7-17, of soldiers who have been deployed.

Janet Fandel, who's working with Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 to organize a drive for her fellow employees at Ortho Women's Health in Raritan, called to tell us about the camp, spread across 450 acres about 15 minutes from the Delaware Water Gap.

Both of her sons — one of whom is now on his second tour of duty in Iraq — attended the camp as youngsters.

"This is a wonderful camp for children of all faiths," she said. "Both my sons participated in the camp for many years, and it was always a positive experience."

John Hales, who heads the Family Assistance Center at the 42nd Infantry Armory in Franklin, can help families make arrangements with the camp. He can be reached at (732) 937-6290. The camp

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website is www.campjburg.org and can also be reached by calling (908) 852-2349.

Postcard blitz

Patriot Media's "I Love America" campaign has been a huge success, judging by the number of postcards addressed to U.S. soldiers arriving at the office of *The Chronicle*.

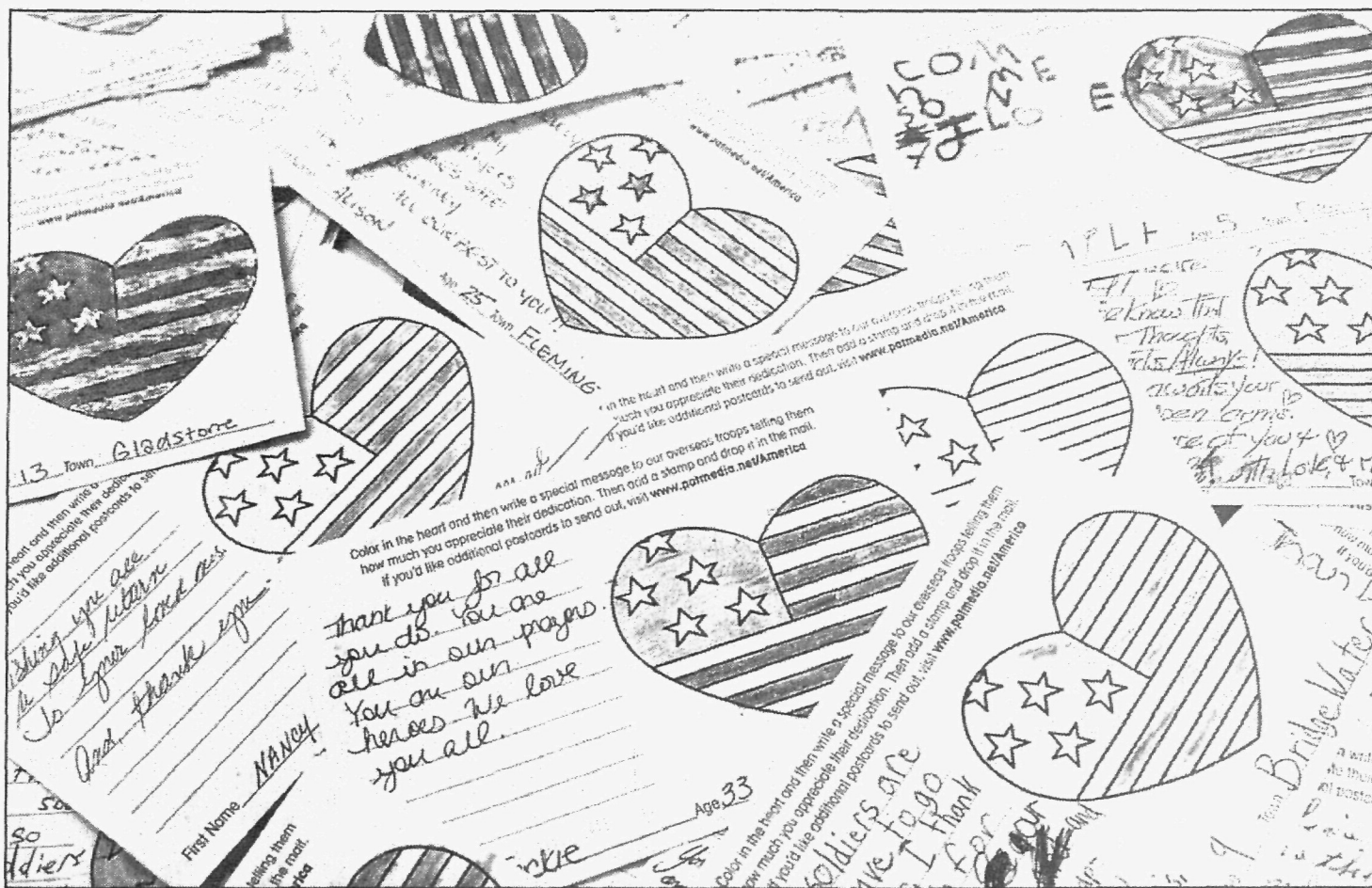
The cable TV company, which has 115,000 subscribers, mailed gift packages to every home in their coverage area in Somerset, Morris, Hunterdon, and Mercer counties to celebrate the July 4th holiday.

The kit included an Operation: Shoe Box New Jersey 2005 coloring postcard, which recipients were asked to fill out and forward to *The Chronicle*. We've received hundreds, all containing messages of support for the soldiers and Marines who are deployed overseas.

Postcards can be mailed to OPSHBX headquarters at *The Chronicle* newspaper, and we'll pack them in the boxes we'll be shipping as part of Operation Somerville Supply Line Aug. 12.

The kit also includes Patriot Crayons for coloring the Operation Shoe Box postcard.

Mail postcards to:
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Further information is available at www.patmedia.net/america



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Just a small collection of the hundreds of Operation: Shoe Box New Jersey 2005 coloring postcards that have been received over the past few weeks. The postcards were mailed by Patriot Media to its 115,000 cable TV subscribers in celebration of the July 4 holiday.

Volunteers needed

Somerville Mayor Brian Gallagher and Councilman Sean Decker are organizing a second "Operation Somerville Supply Line" event, hoping to duplicate the success of the first Supply Line held in downtown Somerville May 14 when more than 200 volunteers were on hand to help box, wrap and ship 600 packages to U.S. soldiers from the Central Jersey area who are deployed in Iraq.

Volunteers, donations of goods, and financial support are needed for the Aug. 12 event, which will be staged to take advantage of the huge crowds which pack Somerville Friday nights for the Classic Cruisers car show, as well as a live broadcast by oldies' station WMTR-AM, which has helped to spread the word about Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

We'll need packers beginning at 5 p.m., and we should finish up by 9 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided. Headquarters for Supply Line will be on West Main Street at the former Goodwill store in the Somerville Shopping Center. Volunteers will also be needed a few days ahead of time to set up the storefront with tables and chairs, as well as transporting the items to be packed from The Reporter office, where the pre-sorting takes place.

You must sign up ahead of time to help out. We need an accurate count of volunteers to ensure a successful event. Call (908) 253-3348 for further information.

Volunteers are also needed to pack boxes for shipment to the soldiers overseas this Sunday at the 42nd Infantry Armory on Hamilton Street in Franklin, from 1-5 p.m., a monthly event held in conjunction with the volunteers from American Recreational Military Services. Call John Hales at the armory, (732) 937-6290 for further information.

T-shirts for sale

Quality T-shirts with the handsome Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster and logo are available.

Several stores on Main Street in Somerville are selling the shirts, which feature 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 and are also available at *The Chronicle* office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, and at several stores on Main Street in Metuchen. 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.

Rod Hirsch is executive editor of *The Chronicle*. He can be reached at (908) 575-6684 or email rhirsch@njnpublishing.com

Calendar of Events

July 14: Multi-estate auction, Bodnar's Auction, Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Ave., Franklin. Donations and contributions accepted for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. Box lots, 11:30 p.m., main sale, 4:30 p.m. (732) 545-1700.

July 17: Sort, pick, box and ship. Volunteers gather at the 42nd Infantry Armory, Hamilton Avenue, Franklin, to prepare packages for shipment to soldiers, 1-5 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Call (908) 575-6684 for further information.

July 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. (908) 713-0012.

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 Drop-off sites:

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
Lloyd's Furniture, 130 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
Dorell & Sons Locksmith, 20 W. Somerset St., Raritan
Shop-Rite Supermarket, 611 West Union Ave., Bound Brook
Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council, 1171 Route 28, North Branch
Nan Romano Fine Apparel/Distinctive Gifts, 432 Main St., Bedminster
Somerset County Park Commission main office, North Branch Park, Milltown Road, Bridgewater
Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge
Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills
Warrenbrook Golf Course, Warren
Spooky Brook Golf Course, Colonial Park, Amwell Road, Franklin
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
Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater
Felix #9 Diner, Route 22, Bridgewater
Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster
Attic Treasures Antiques, Sansone Plaza, Route 22 East, Green Brook
Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green 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
Attic Treasures, 319 Route 22 East, Sansone Plaza, Green Brook
AAA Vac, 1515 Route 22 West, Watchung Square Mall, Watchung
Borough Hall, Route 22 and Grove Street, Somerville
Gladstone Cleaners, 258 Main St., Peapack-Gladstone
North Branch Post Office, Route 22, North Branch
Somerset Medical Center main lobby, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville
Capelli Salon, 1171 Route 202 North, Branchburg
Natural Medicine and Rehabilitation, 745 Routes 202/206 South, Bridgewater
Sal's Talk of the Town, 1987 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville
Bucky's/The Closet, 45 So. Main St., Manville
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Bridgewater Commons Mall (second level), Bridgewater
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Somerset Shopping Center, Route 202/206, Bridgewater
Exercise Woman, Route 206 South, Raritan
Eagle Fence and Supply, 3220 Route 22 West, Branchburg

Middlesex County

Dollar Planet Dollar Store, Route 28, Middlesex
Summit Federal Savings & Loan, Washington Avenue, Dunellen

United Methodist Church, 150 Dunellen Ave., Dunellen
Dunellen Public Library, New Market Road, Dunellen
Variety Village, 420 Main St., Metuchen
George's Dry Cleaning, 424 Main St., Metuchen
Boro Ace Hardware, 655 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen
Metuchen Savings Bank, 429 Main St., Metuchen
What's The Scoop, 410 Main St., Metuchen
Quick Sign, 3 Kellogg Ct., Unit 15, Edison
Abbey Carpet, 501 Stelton Road, Piscataway

Hunterdon County

The Hunterdon County Democrat, 8 Minneakoning Road, Flemington
Clinton Station Diner, Route 78 (exit 13), Clinton
Colalillo Shop-Rite Supermarket, 272 Route 202/31 North, Flemington
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Route 202, Flemington
Hunterdon Lock & Safe, 41 Mine St., Flemington
Perryville Wines & Liquors, 72 Route 173, Hampton
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Warren County

Star Gazette & Warren Reporter, 106 E. Moore St., Hackettstown
Hackettstown Trading Post Furniture Gallery, 155 Main St., Hackettstown
Second Time Around, 124 Main St., Hackettstown
Franky & Johnny's Island Park Bar & Grill, 261 Route 46 East (intersection of Routes 46 & 31), Buttzville
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BOUND BROOK — John G. Bongiorno, 83, died July 10, 2005 at his home in Three Bridges.

Born Nov. 11, 1921 in Bound Brook, he was the eldest son of the late Frank and Adeline Consoli Bongiorno.

Mr. Bongiorno lived in Bound Brook before moving to Three Bridges in 1968. He owned John's Confectionary in Bound Brook for 18 years

after a stint in the Army during World War II. He later was a Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. agent in Somerville and retired in 1972.

The former Boy Scout was a member of Thomas J. Kavanaugh Post 2290, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Manville, and American Legion Post 304 in Manville. Mr. Bongiorno was a former member of the Moose lodge in

Bound Brook.

His eldest son, Martin, died in 1970.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Lucretia Moore Bongiorno; two sons, John of San Clemente, Calif., and Robert of Three Bridges; four daughters, Lorraine Moe and husband Ray of Fort Collins, Colo., Debbie McCarthy and husband Tom of Trenton, Judy Beitz and husband Dan of

Turnersville and Janice Kindon of Elba, Ala.; two brothers, Frank of Millstone and Dominic of King of Prussia, Pa.; two sisters, Tomasina "Mae" of Somerville and Claire of Southbury, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at the Countryside Funeral Home in Three Bridges with Rev. Thomas J. Serafin, pastor

of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church in Three Bridges, officiating. Entombment was in the Resurrection Burial Park mausoleum, Piscataway.

Donations may be sent to Hunterdon Cancer Center or Hunterdon Hospice, both at 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822. To send a condolence, visit www.countrysidefuneralhome.com.

Joseph Sara Jr.

BOUND BROOK — Joseph Sara Jr., 84, died July 11, 2005 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born April 3, 1921 in Alpha, he was the eldest of nine children of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Sari Sara.

Mr. Sara had lived for many years in Bound Brook. He owned the Ace Paving Co. in Bound Brook from 1960 until his retirement in 1989.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of John Dolak Post 446, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Alpha.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Marie Barile Sara; a son, Joseph J. of Bound Brook; two daughters, Nancy Repanshek of Roswell, Ga., and Marybeth MacKenzie of Howell; a sister, Joan Carter of Grovetown, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Joseph Deloriae

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Joseph Deloriae, 62, died July 9, 2005 at Integrated Health Services of New Jersey at Somerset Valley, in Bridgewater.

Born in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., he was a son of the late Jacob and Helen Burge Deloriae.

Mr. Deloriae worked for the Falgi Carting Co. in Middlesex for many years and was a former member of the Elizabeth Avenue Fire Company. He was a member of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine; four sons, John of

South Bound Brook, Gary of Somerville, Jacob and Donald, both of New York state; a daughter, Kristina Torpey of Vineland; three brothers, Harold and Kenneth, both of New York state; and Edward of Georgia; two sisters, Alberta Mathis and Betty Peterson, both of New York state; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home in Bound Brook with Rev. Mark Ale, pastor of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment of ashes will be in Saratoga Springs.

Irene Wasilewski

BOUND BROOK — Irene Wasilewski, 82, died July 10, 2005 at Integrated Health Systems of New Jersey at Somerset Valley, in Bridgewater.

Born July 1, 1923 in Lodz, Poland, she was a daughter of the late Henryk and Kazimiera Pabich Drozdowski.

Mrs. Wasilewski lived in England before coming to the United States in 1958, then resided in Northern New Jersey before moving to Bound Brook. She retired in 1985 as a packer with E.R. Squibb & Son in Somerset.

She was a member of the

Altar Rosary Society and Senior Citizens Club at St. Mary of Czesochowa Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Charles, died in 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Moyra Costello of Bound Brook and Isabella White of Devon, England; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Harry Rotz

PISCATAWAY — Harry "Butch" Rotz, 58, died July 8, 2005.

Born Aug. 4, 1946 in Somerville, he lived in Bridgewater and Piscataway before moving to Hillsborough.

Mr. Rotz was a team leader with Thielex in Somerset, for whom he worked 40 years.

His mother, Florence, died in 1980. A daughter, Brenda, died in 1986. A brother, Harold, died in 1971. A sister, Darlene

Williams, died in 1996. Surviving are his wife, Cecilia Kasuba Rotz; two sons, Donald and wife Lourdes of Hillsborough and John and wife Heidi of Lopatcong; a brother, John Williams and wife Karen of Manville; five grandchildren; and an uncle, John of Bradley Gardens.

Services were held Monday at the Bongiovi Funeral Home in Raritan. Committal was private.

Al C. Diziki

MIDDLESEX — Al C. Diziki, 85, died July 8, 2005 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

He was born in Bayonne and lived in Middlesex before moving to Toms River.

Mr. Diziki retired in 1983 after 20 years as an electrical technician with Research-Cottrell Inc. in Bridgewater. He was an Army Air Forces sergeant in World War II.

His wife of 58 years, Alice

Poplowski Diziki, died in 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Allan Richard and wife Grace Jenkins of Easton, Pa., and Richard Allan and wife Donna of Hillsborough; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Roman Catholic Church, Bridgewater, following services at the Middlesex Funeral Home. Committal was private.

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Ann R. Thompson

BOUND BROOK — Ann R. Thompson, 69, of Mesa, Ariz., passed away June 17, 2005.

She was born and raised in Bound Brook. Mrs. Thompson was a collector of hummingbirds and loved to cook. Her specialties were stuffed cabbage and spaghetti — her sauce was phenomenal! She was an avid traveler, visiting places as close as Las Vegas, California, Kansas and Branson, Mo., but venturing as far as the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands! She loved Bobby Vinton and ABC soaps. She was a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 26. More than anything though, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Thompson leaves behind her devoted husband of 51 years, Fred M.; son, Fred J. (Colleen) Jr.; daughters, Sandra (Bob) Mahon and Nancy (Curt) Flanagan; brothers, Stephen (Phyllis) Novack and Jack (Jean) Novack; sister, Betty (the late Bill) Cowdell; grandchildren, Kimberly, Erik, Ritchie, Robin, Scott, Kevin and Heather; and several other family members. She will be remembered and loved forever by her family, multiple friends and Pebbles.

A memorial service was held in her honor on June 22 at the Meldrum Mortuary in Mesa.

Tibor 'Teddy' Bard

PISCATAWAY — Tibor "Teddy" Bard, 68, died July 5, 2005 at his home.

Born in Hungary, he lived in Bridgewater before moving to Piscataway 18 months ago.

Mr. Bard was an Army veteran and an upholsterer with Takara Belmont USA in Somerset.

Surviving are his wife, Chun Cha Choi Bard; a sister, Eva Gould of Tampa, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held July 8 at the Bridgewater Funeral Home with Rabbi Suzanne D. Kassel officiating.

Newton W. Apgar

MIDDLESEX — Newton W. Apgar, 92, died July 11, 2005 at Integrated Health Systems of New Jersey at Somerset Valley, in Bridgewater.

Born Aug. 14, 1912 in Plainfield, he was a son of the late George H. and Lillian L. Kitchen Apgar.

Mr. Apgar lived in Plainfield before moving to Middlesex in 1948. He was a millwright in the Plainfield area for many years and later worked for the Inmont Chemical Co. in Middlesex until his retirement.

He was a charter member and past president of the Middlesex Horseshoe Pitchers Club. Mr. Apgar also was a member of Storrie Post 506, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in North

Plainfield, and the First Presbyterian Church in Dunellen.

He was with the Navy in the Philippines, the Pacific and Europe during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Grace E. Montanye Apgar, whom Mr. Apgar married March 6, 1943; two sons, Wayne W. and wife Linda of Branchburg and Alan N. of Smyrna, S.C.; a daughter, Ila L. Meadows of Taylorsville, N.C.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen.



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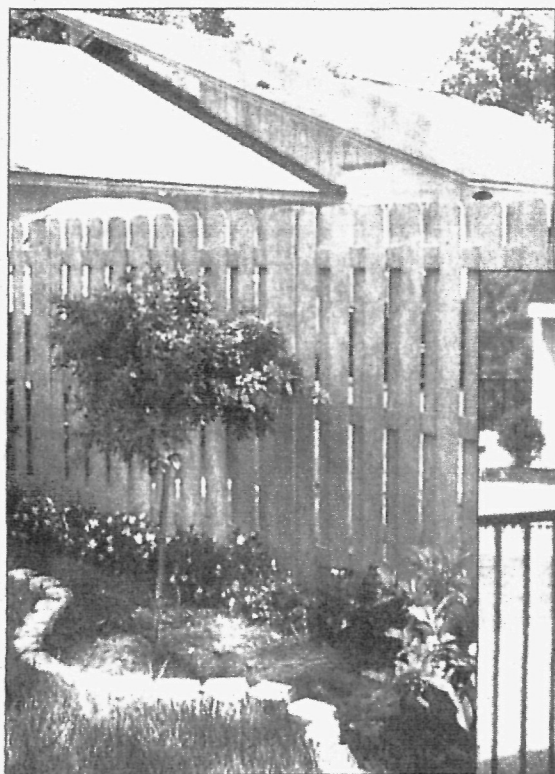
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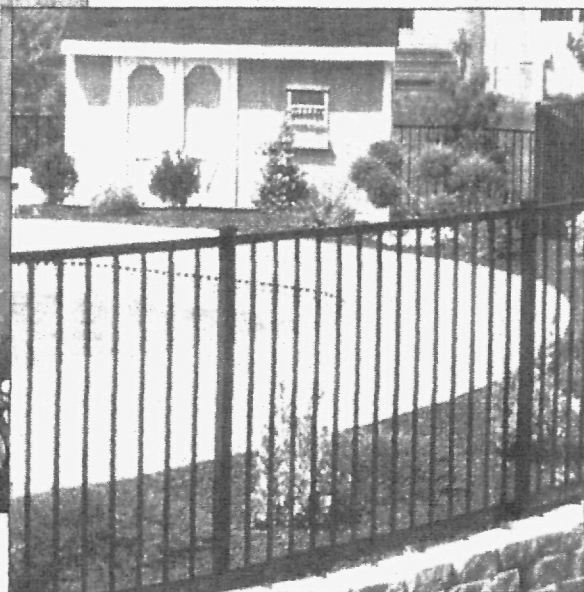
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No need to ask about the price**Free 4 All community sale draws hundreds to park**By **ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI**
Staff Writer**BRANCHBURG** — The biggest pile at the end of the day wasn't in the garbage can, and it wasn't going home.

It was going to Agape House, a non-profit organization that helps single women with children.

They weren't the only non-profit to benefit from the leftovers from the first Somerset

County Free 4 All: Passages, the Resource Center for Women and their Families, the Center For Great Expectations and the Adult Day Center were some of the other charities to receive goods from the event.

Giving was the theme of the day, as Somerset County Freecycle members met face to face for the first time, giving away their things to those that could better use them. Like a

giant garage sale — minus the "sale" — the Free 4 All at White Oak Park on Sunday featured mountains of items going from one good home to another.

"We brought an entire minivan, seats out, full of stuff, and we're going home with two boxes of stuff," said John Foote, of Bernardsville. With a set of 6-year-old triplets in the house, the "stuff" builds up, and the Free 4 All presented a great opportunity to get rid of some of it.

Foote and his wife, Andrea, are members of the on-line Freecycle community, so meeting people face to face was a little different. However, some weren't new faces: The Foote family has gotten many members of their church to participate as well.

Some of those members were among the 500 people that attended the event, which was sponsored by Branchburg. According to Elizabeth Schulz,

the founder of the group, the township waived the group's fee for using the park and provided garbage bags for the leftovers.

Schulz also said that many people who showed up, intrigued by free stuff, decided to join. Over 50 people had signed up to be a part of the online group, whose members offer and receive free things year-round. The Free 4 All event was in celebration of the group's first anniversary in Somerset County.

The lure of free things had an additional benefit: Between the visitors and the non-profits, most items — from electronics such as laptops and DVD players to exercise equipment, as well as clothes, books, and house wares — found a home instead of heading to a landfill.

Even Noble, a 5-year-old black lab hanging out in the shade, found something. He picked himself out a toy, said his owner, Morgan Lishman, of Somerville.

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Saturday, July 16, 2005

Sports

Patriots celebrating first-half crown

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — Now it's time to celebrate . . . and relax . . . and prepare for September.

With the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball's South Division first-half title in their possession, the Somerset Patriots can do all those things because their place in the post-season has been secured by virtue of that crown.

It is the third first-half championship for Somerset in the league's eight-year history and sixth half-season title overall for the two-time league champion.

The champagne flowed freely — on ice since Friday night when they would have clinched if Camden had lost — following Saturday night's 4-3 clinching victory over the Atlantic City Surf as the Patriots enjoyed the moment after falling short in both halves a year ago.

"It doesn't get old," said Manager Sparky Lyle, while drying off from his champagne shower, and he should know about such thing having been a part New York Yankees championship team.

"I'm just happy for these guys, and I'm so proud of them," he said. "That starting nine probably played every game this half. These guys gave me everything they had every night."

Emiliano Escandon, who is the team captain and was on hand in 2001 and 2003 when the Patriots captured their overall championships, believes he knows what it takes to win in the ALPB.

"Winning absolutely does not get old," he said. "The thing that has been similar for all three of the teams that have won has been chemistry. We have a great bunch of guys, and we came in the season with a good feeling."

"When a league is balanced as far as talent goes like this league is it's the best clubhouse that wins, and we have the best clubhouse. I've been told by a lot of guys around the league that we have the best team, and



that's because of the chemistry we have in here."

Winning a title was nothing new for a pair of Immaculata High graduates, Chris Eickhorst

organization, was behind the plate Saturday night.

"I won one title in A ball and another in AA, but this one means more because my family is here, and my family and friends get to see me play," the 1999 Immaculata High grad said. "There's a lot of pride in the Patriots around here. It's good for us to give them a winning team."

Eickhorst, now the team's regular catcher, will go in the books

catcher). I've backed up before a lot, but when you come to the field knowing you're going to play that day and that the team has confidence in you is a pretty good feeling."

A part-time player during his time with Somerset Gsell, who was with the team in 2003 when the Patriots won and also helped Immaculata win an SCT title as a junior in 1994, thoroughly enjoyed the post-game locker room party.

some high-fives on the field or come in here and celebrate. It's great to come in here and do this with the guys."

Ryan Radmanovich, who leads the team in batting and drew a bases-loaded walk to bring home the winning run in the 10th inning against the Surf, likes the idea of having a relaxing second half.

"I was here in 2003 when we won, but that year we had to win the second half to get into the playoffs," he said. "This is different. To be in July and to already know you're going to be in the playoffs is great."

In winning the Patriots shook off a slow start in which they went 9-11 before pulling away during the final 40 games of the half. They took over sole possession of first place May 23 and never relinquished the lead by taking 32 of 48 decisions — a .667 pace — by the time they clinched Saturday night.

Since no one else had charged out of the gate Somerset had no reason for concern other than some injuries at the start of the year.

"We started the season with Kevin Nicholson and Bill Hall getting hurt, and those are two key guys," Lyle said of his shortstop (Nicholson) and lead-off batter (Hall).

"When Hall gets on it's not too long before he's on third base. That was a big loss. When our guys got healthy we started to play better."

"I can't say there was any time when I thought we had turned it around and I knew we would win because I don't think of it that way. We try to go out every day and win a game any way we can."

The Patriots' driving finish only served to make the confidence Escandon had in his teammates look good.

"We never doubted ourselves," he said. "I know we got off to a slow start, but that's the way the game goes sometimes. We never doubted we could win. With this group of guys we

knew we just had to play as a team and we'd be OK."

Somerset went into Saturday's game against Atlantic City with five opportunities remaining to clinch after winning 6-4 the previous night. A victory in the either of the final two scheduled games or a loss by second-place Camden in either of its two games would have wrapped up the crown.

The final chance — if the previous four had not come to pass — would have been a makeup game Monday against Newark.

"I liked our chances (going into Friday night)," Lyle said with a big grin. "The one thing I didn't want it to come down to was having to play Monday because in a one-game situation like that anything can happen."

"From the day that game was rained out I thought it might come back to bite me, but fortunately it didn't."

The one player that took the title in stride was Dave Elder, who earned the victory in the clincher.

"I've been to the playoffs before but I've never won a championship," he said. "What this means is we've made the playoffs and that's a great experience, but now we have to see what we're going to do once we get there."

With the pressure off for now the second half can be a time for post-season prep work and giving the starters more time off. For Gsell that could mean more playing time.

"Sparky has been good to me during my two years here, and I've never had to go to him with a complaint, so I'm welcome to anything as far as the second half goes. If it's the same as the last two years then that's fine. If I get play more that's even better."

"As a team we get to kind of sit back and relax. We don't have to go all out at full throttle in the second half. What that means to me I'll have to wait and see."



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Chris Eickhorst, an Immaculata High graduate, is mobbed by Patriot teammates after scoring the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning on a bases-loaded walk to Ryan Radmanovich Saturday night as Somerset clinched the first-half South Division title with a 4-3 victory over Atlantic City.

and Tony Gsell.

Eickhorst, who won three Somerset County championships while playing for Immaculata and a couple in the minor leagues while playing with the St. Louis Cardinals

as the player that scored the winning run in the clincher as he legged out an infield hit to short to get things going.

"Scoring that winning run was an unbelievable feeling," he said. "I love being the (full-time

"This is definitely a great feeling to be a part of this," he said just before digging in to his post-game meal.

"We weren't sure what the club would do since this was the first half, whether we'd just do

Patriots cash in chances as Elder provides relief

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — In a game with limited opportunities and a lot at stake for the home side, the Patriots made their most of their chances Saturday night.

Looking to close out the first-half of Atlantic League of Professional Baseball play with the South Division title, the Somerset Patriots used a walk-off walk by Ryan Radmanovich and some clutch pitching from Dave Elder to edge the Atlantic City Surf 4-3 in 10 innings before 5885 fans at Commerce Bank Park.

After hitting four home runs Friday night in a 6-4 victory to reduce its magic number to one Somerset went to small ball Saturday night by using three sacrifice bunts to set up its final three runs.

And then there was Elder. Entering the game with a 1.10 earned run average the right-hander twice pitched out of two-on, one-out jams before an infield single by catcher Chris Eickhorst, a sac bunt by Jeremy Owens and three straight walks



by reliever Felix Villegas decided it.

"We all did our job tonight. I just happened to be the one to get the win," Elder said. "(Starter) Nick (Stocks) didn't have his best control, but he kept us in the game. Brad (Clontz) came in and got a big out, and Nick Bierbrodt didn't give up any runs."

Eickhorst started the bottom of the 10th inning with an slow roller to shortstop Rayner Bautista, who bobbled the ball momentarily after charging it and then saw his throw pull Jose Velazquez off the bag at first. Eickhorst was credited with a hit.

"I was looking for a fastball when I went up there, and I swung and missed at two of them," he said. "I just wanted to

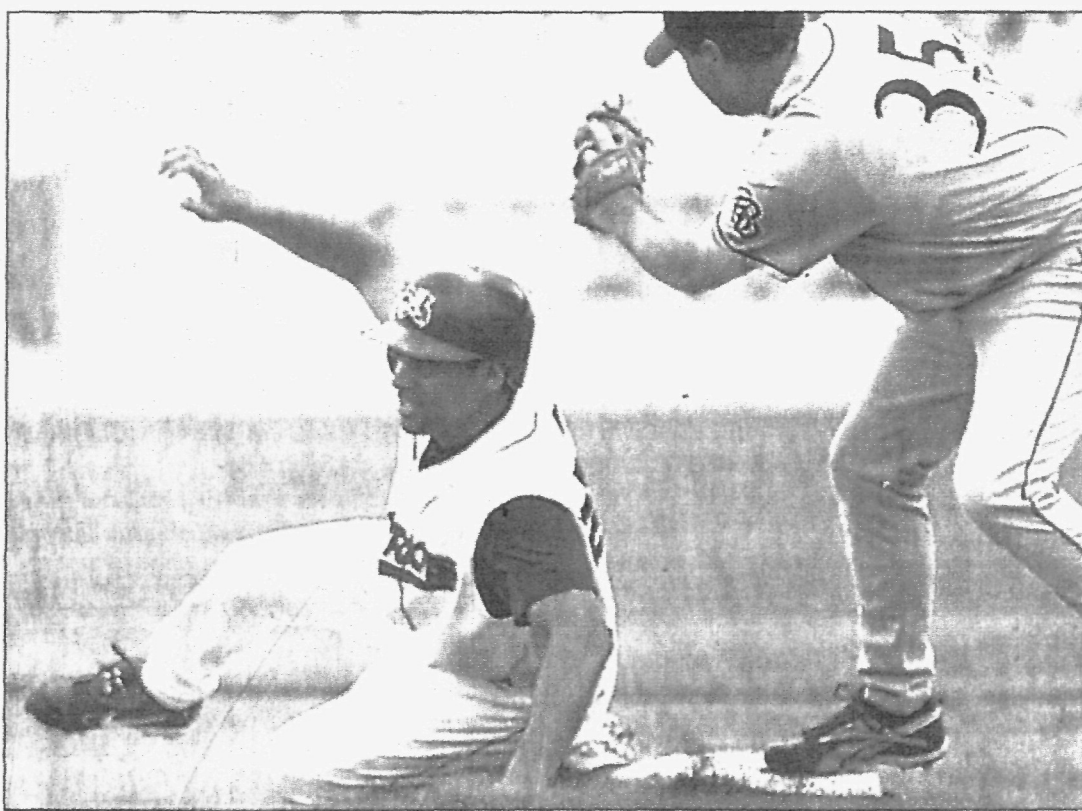
put the ball in play, and make the defense make the play. He threw me a slider that got a piece of, and I just ran as hard as I could."

After the bunt by Owens moved Eickhorst to second, Atlantic City issued an intentional walk to Emiliano Escandon and then Villegas walked Jeff Nettles unintentionally to loaded the bases, bringing up cleanup batter Kevin Nicholson.

Nicholson, however, fouled out to third base for the second out, leaving it up to Radmanovich. It wasn't a bad position for the Patriots to be in, since Radmanovich already had a pair of hits in four trips top lift his average .335 for the season.

Villegas, however, missed on his first three pitches, got a strike, but then threw one low and inside that Radmanovich took for ball four to plate Eickhorst with the winning run and deliver the title to Somerset.

"That's not the prettiest way to win a championship, but I'll take a 100 of them," Manager



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Somerset captain Emiliano Escandon steals second base during the Patriots 5-2 victory over the Bridgeport Bluefish June 6. Escandon was intentionally walked in the bottom of the 10th inning to help the Pats score the winning run in Saturday night's 4-3 first-half clinching triumph over Atlantic City.

Sparky Lyle said.

Somerset tied the game in the bottom of the third when Sandel doubled down the left field line, Eickhorst sacrificed him to second and Owens got

him home on a shallow pop to right that second baseman Darius Heath caught with Sandel sliding around the tag at the plate.

In the fourth Radmanovich

doubled high off the wall in right and Navarette bunted him to third. With the infield playing in to prevent the run, Pat Boran drilled a single just past the shortstop for a 3-2 lead.

Giannini no-hitter, 11 Ks lift Ball-Kirch to 5th in row

Matt Giannini authored a five-inning no-hitter with 11 strikeouts in a dominant performance as Ball-Kirch Post 265 of North Plainfield claimed its fifth straight victory Monday night with a 10-0 rout of host Ridge.

In winning the Bulls moved to 10-4 on the season and had a chance to move into a first-place tie with Flemington with a victory over the Somerset-Hunterdon Senior American Legion Baseball League leader Tuesday night.

Giannini's two-run double in the top of the first inning put Ball-Kirch in front, while Andrew Miller singled home two runs Dan Leary had an RBI single to make it 5-0 in the third. Leary's RBI single and a two-run single by Tyler Ricio capped a five-run fourth inning.

Edison 5, South Brunswick 0 — Kevin Dalton turned in another outstanding game with a complete-game four-hitter to lead the way as Post 435 boosted its record to 12-5 for the year Monday night with a shutout of South Brunswick in Middlesex County Senior

American Legion Baseball League action that helped Edison close in on a post-season berth.

Dalton struck out six and walked only one for Edison, which backed its ace with a fine effort in the field after Mike Shymanski's solo home run in the first inning gave Edison the lead for good. That 1-0 edge stood until Post 435 added four runs in the top of the seventh.

South Plainfield 9, Franklin — Chris Bakazan continued his outstanding summer both at the plate and in the field as South Plainfield slugged Franklin in MCSALBL play Monday night to earn its eighth victory to regain the .500 level.

Bakazan extended his batting streak to 16 games and drove in two runs at the plate, while he tossed a route-going four-hitter with six strikeouts to boost his pitching record to 4-1. Michael Downes contributed a triple and two RBI, while Steve Turrisse added an RBI single.

Clara Barton 4, South Amboy 2 — Clara Barton snapped a 2-2 deadlock

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with a pair of runs in the top of the seventh inning to earn the MCSALBL victory Monday night as Kevin Rush walked and scored on Gary Turner's double to put Post 324 in front. Rush went five innings, while Adam Cancryn worked the final two to earn the victory on the mound.

North Plainfield 7, Montgomery 4 — Grabbing a 4-0 lead on the strength of a three-run third inning the Bulls received a combined seven-hitter from Mike Benak and Parke Smith to turn back Montgomery Sunday. Benak singled in a run in the second, Bill Merkle blasted a two-run homer in the third and Andrew knocked in the three of the final four runs with two hits and a sac fly.

South Plainfield 13, Piscataway 9 — Mike Downes belted a two-run homer and Mike Hanley delivered a solo shot as South Plainfield out-slugged

Piscataway July 7. Kyle Kazimir produced the game-winning hit when he singled home a pair in the top of the seventh inning to snap a 9-m deadlock. Mike Stallone picked up the pitching victory for Post 243. Bob Abreu had two hits and scored twice for Piscataway, which fell to 14-6.

North Plainfield 4, Bridgewater 3 — Helped by a couple of errors that led to three unearned runs Ball-Kirch made the most of five hits to complete a sweep of a July 7 double-header over Bridgewater. R.J. Dilts earned the victory with four innings of work in which he allowed five hits and all four runs, while Paul Ignoscio earned the save with three innings of three-hit, scoreless relief.

North Plainfield 6, Bridgewater 4 — No-hit for five innings the Bulls erupted for six runs in the top of the sixth to rally past Bridgewater in the opener July 7. Mike Manganiello broke up the no-hitter with a single, while Dan Leary singled home the first two runs, and Parke Smith, Andrew Miller and Mike Benak followed with RBI singles.

Nick Cesare then fired three innings of no-hit relief in which he struck out five and walked three to gain the victory.

Piscataway 12, Old Bridge 1 — Mark Mazzei fired a six-inning three-hitter with four strikeouts and two walks, allowing one unearned run, while Allen Hudson and Bobby Abreu both finished the game 3-for-4 and combined for seven RBI as Post 261 whipped Old Bridge July 6. Hudson drove in four runs, while Abreu collected a triple and a double.

Middlesex 11, Perth Amboy 3 — Anthony LaSala drove in three runs with a double and single, Ed Kania went 3-for-4, Rob Tolomeo had a two-run double and Jose Perez hurled five innings of two-hit shutout ball with seven strikeouts as Middlesex ripped Perth Amboy July 5.

Edison 9, Franklin 3 — Tony Greder went 3-for-4 with two RBI, Cal Costanzo hit a first-inning two-run homer and Nick Reidner, Keith Lorfing and Dave Zavistoki collected two hits each as Post 435 thumped Franklin July 5.

Military News

Air Force Airman Matthew D. Rawley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Thomas Rawley Sr. of Edison and Deborah Schwan of Rochester, N.Y. Rawley is a 2003 graduate of Edison High School.

Anthony Speziale has received an Air Force ROTC

college scholarship. Upon graduation from college and completion of the ROTC program, he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. He is the son of Richard and Patricia Speziale of Piscataway and is expected to graduate from Piscataway High School this year.

Army Pfc. Andre T. Owens is deployed to Afghanistan as

part of a combined joint task force in that nation. He is an assistant gunner assigned to the Southern European task force based at Caserma Ederle, Italy.

The 2003 alumnus of Piscataway High School is the son of Eddie C. and Gerri R. Owens of Carlton Avenue, Piscataway.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bradley C. Selitto is on a routine deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Carl Vinson, an aircraft carrier based at Bremerton, Wash. He is the son of Gloria Carle and Ralph W. Selitto Jr., both of Edison.

Army Pfc. John C. Dillard has reported for duty as a mental health specialist at Miesau, Germany. He is the son of Carol V. Milczarski of Gurley Road, Edison.

Army Pvt. Gregory N. Martir has graduated from basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is the brother of Philip Martir of Chippenhaw Court, Piscataway, and Vincent Martir of the Bronx.

Coast Guard Fireman Apprentice Matthew C. Hendricksen, son of Michelle A. and Russell F. Hendricksen of Edison, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May.

During the eight-week training program, Hendricksen completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Hendricksen is a 2003 graduate of Stevens High School.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Richard M. Zjawin was part of the U.S. forces providing security for the Jan. 30 election in Iraq. He is posted in Iraq as part of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Zjawin graduated in 1997 from Bishop George Ahr High School in Edison and holds a bachelor's degree from Norwich University. He is the

son of Chong and Walter Zjawin of Metuchen.

Also deployed to the Middle East is Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bradley C. Selitto, based aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson. He is the son of Gloria Carle and Ralph W. Selitto Jr. of Edison.

Seaman Apprentice Shannon J. Helly, the daughter of Alexandra F. and Brian J. Helly of Metuchen, has graduated from Coast Guard recruit training at Cape May. The new seaman is a 2004 alumna of Bishop George Ahr High School in Edison.

Army Pvt. Christopher T. Aikens has graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is the son of Josie Aikens of Rose Street, Metuchen, and a 1992 alumnus of John P. Stevens High School in Edison.

Army Spec. Corey T. Vandiver has arrived for duty at Camp Carroll, Waegwan, South Korea.

Vandiver is a military police assigned to the 57th Military Company. He is the son of Moroccan Vandiver of Edison. Vandiver is a 1994 graduate of Woodbridge High School.

Army Pvt. Cassandra D. Walton has graduated from basic combat training at Fort

Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Walton's parents are Doris Cooper New Brunswick and Trevor Pruitt of Piscataway.

Army Lt. Col. John C. Waters is one of approximately 200 soldiers assigned to the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) based at Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy, who will deploy to Afghanistan to serve as a member of Combined Joint Task Force-76.

CJTF-76 is a combined and joint rotation unit supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Waters, a joint task force officer, is the son of John and Barbara Waters of Toms River and brother of Sharon Waters of Metuchen.

Army 2nd Lt. Christopher D. Sturm has returned to Mannheim, Germany, after a deployment to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is regularly assigned to the 72nd Signal Battalion and has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

Sturm, a platoon leader, is the son of George H. and Barbara Sturm of Edison. He graduated in 1998 from J.P. Stevens High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 2002 from the University of Richmond, Va.

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Senior Calendar

Bound Brook

The Bound Brook Seniors meet 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave. After each meeting refreshments are served and Bingo is played.

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

Aug. 9 — Hawaiian Luau - \$64
Sept. 25-Oct. 1 — Golden Isles of Georgia - \$513 - details to follow.

Oct. 12 — Octoberfest at Hunts Landing, details to come.

For detailed information, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Non members are welcome on trips if space allows.

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

The Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's meets at 1 p.m. every second Monday in the cafeteria of Holy Family Academy, 201 Vosseller Ave., Bound Brook. For further information, call President Sal Barbati at (908) 725-5444. Future membership meetings are Aug. 8 and Sept. 12.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held each Friday at 10 a.m. at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park. Bingo is played each Friday after the meeting. Bus transportation is provided. We are currently looking for new members, come out and enjoy! Why stay home, we serve coffee and tea, bring your own sandwich, and enjoy the company of your peers.

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

Edison

Edison Chapter of AARP #3346 reminds members that new applications are being accepted.

Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, holds a monthly meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27). The monthly board meeting is at noon and the general meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Guests are always welcome. The chapter is currently accepting new members; call Thomas Costello for further information at (732) 548-7901.

Middlesex Borough

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

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

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

Festival" at Doolans, Spring Lake. \$60 pp. \$30 deposit due Aug. 9; balance Sept. 13. Details to come.

Piscataway

The Piscataway Senior Center has announced its schedule of upcoming events at the center, 700 Buena Vista Ave., off Hoes Lane behind Kennedy Library.

Group meetings for Tai Chi will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday. This is a drop-in class. Sign up at the Reception Desk.

The Visiting Nurse Association will visit the center at 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. No cost. Sign up at Reception Desk.

Aug. 16 — "Seeing is Believing" Vision presentation in main dining room, 11 a.m. Free.

Aug. 24 — "Chiropractic" with Dr. Clifford Daub in dining room, 11 a.m. Free.

The Senior Center sponsors "Las Vegas 2005," a trip to the gaming resort from Oct. 18-23. Included are a bus to the airport, round-trip airfare, transfers in Las Vegas and accommodations at the Aladdin Hotel and Casino. Cost per person is \$650 double occupancy, \$939 single occupancy and \$571 triple occupancy. A \$250 deposit per person is required when signing up. Payment in full is due by Sept. 10. For more information, call the Senior Center at (732) 562-1133.

South Bound Brook

The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club meets 2 p.m. Aug. 3 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, call Catherine (732) 356-4080.

Coming Events/Trips:
July 20 — Members Picnic - Riverside Park

Aug. 18 — Three Little Bakers - "Bye, Bye Birdie." Call Catherine.

Sept. 13 — Mystery Trip

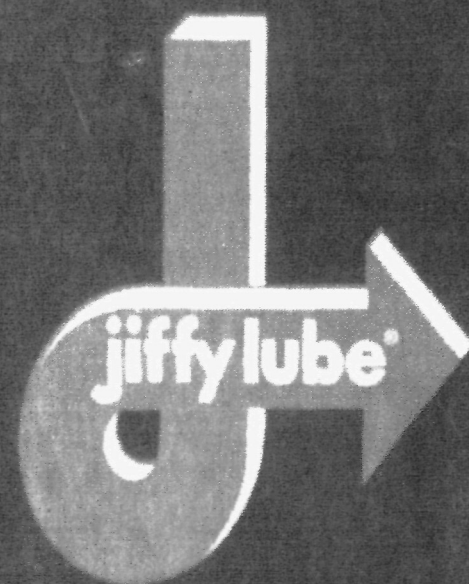
Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors meet the second Tuesday, July 12 the second Tuesday of the month, at 1 p.m. in the church hall. Members are asked to bring boxes of pasta for F.I.S.H. For information on trips call Ellie Procacci (732) 752-3093 or Mary Jane Stoddard (732) 356-2093.

Trips and Events:

Sept. 15 — Mystery Trip --- Cost: \$51 includes bus and gratuities, service charges and taxes. There will be a complete luncheon and afternoon of entertainment and activities. Deposit of \$25 due by July 12, balance due August 9. Bus filled.

Oct. 13 — "San Gennaro

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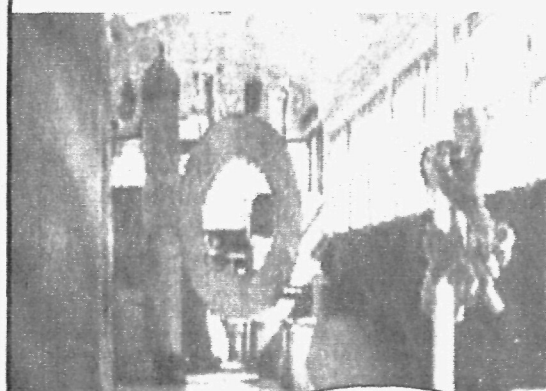
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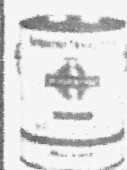
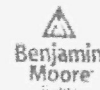
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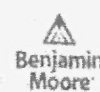
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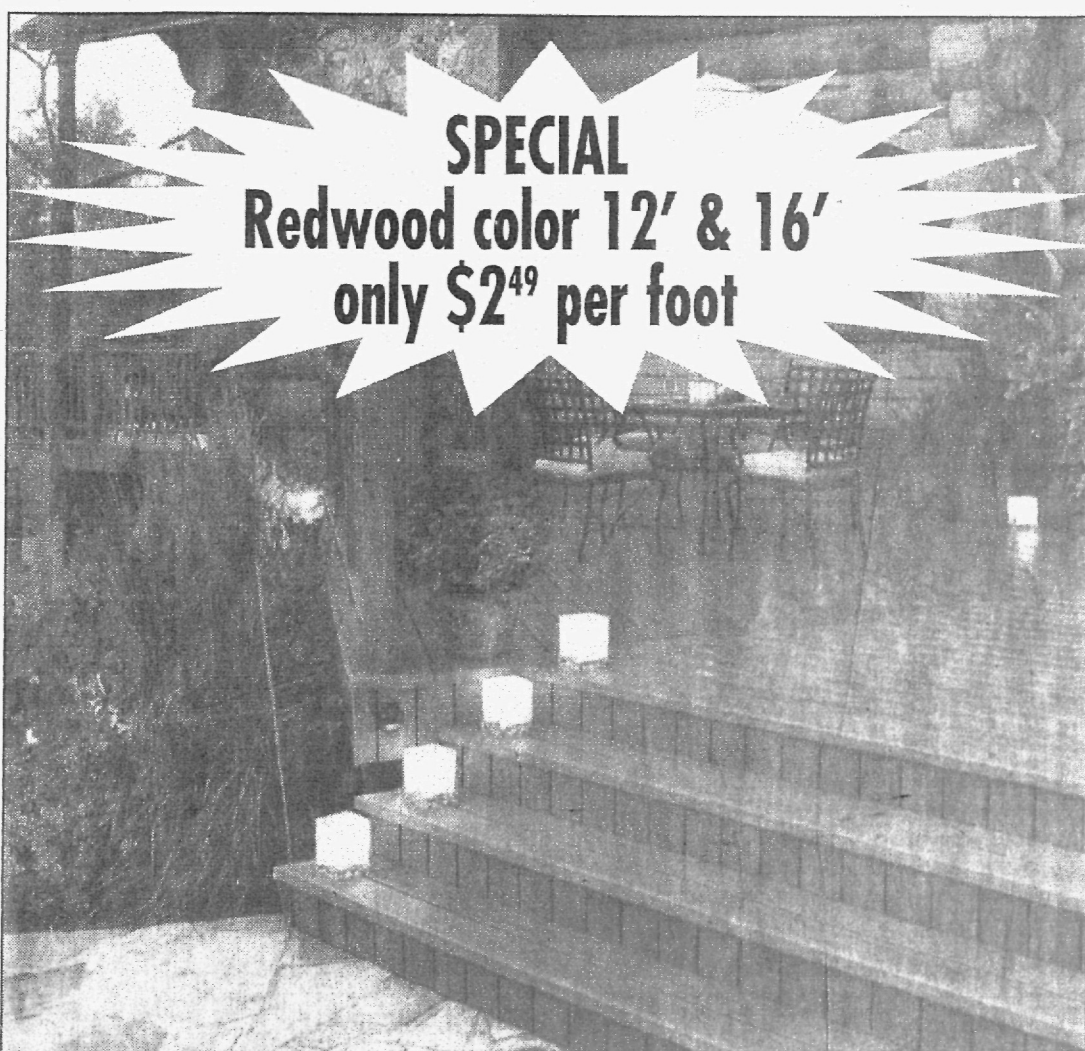
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BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

Ordinance #05-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART THE PARKING METER ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

The following ordinance was introduced and approved by the Dunellen Borough Council at its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, July 5, 2005.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

IT IS hereby recognized that there is a need to update the Parking Meter Ordinance enacted by the Borough of Dunellen and adopted on April 16, 1996.

IT IS further recognized that the update will incorporate and facilitate the use of new or altered on street parking meters and off street parking areas.

IT IS in the best interest of the municipality that certain sections of the parking meter ordinance be amended. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following sections of the code of the Borough of Dunellen, of the "Parking Meter Ordinance" are hereby amended as follows:

SCHEDULE "A"				
Name of Streets	Side	Time Limit	Rate	Location
Skinner Plaza/ New Market Road	South	See Below	\$50.00 per month per resident \$40.00 per month for non-resident	From Skinner Plaza to New Market Road in accordance with Schedule "B" attached hereto.
Washington Avenue/ North Avenue	East	See Below	\$50.00 per month for residents \$40.00 per month for non-resident	From Washington Avenue (East) (South) adjacent to Towne Pharmacy Bldg. In accordance with Schedule "C" attached hereto.

A. Hours of operation for all lots are Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. PARKING IS FREE IN THE LOTS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

B. Pay stations parking stalls in said designated parking areas are available at the rate of \$2.00 per day.

SCHEDULE "B"

1. The parking lot and/or parking area which is adjacent to Skinner Plaza and New Market Road is further identified as follows:

A. That area depicted on the tax map of the Borough of Dunellen, Tax Map sheet 22, as lots 13 and 13.01, look 76. The particular areas are further described on said tax map and tax sheet as: "Borough of Dunellen exempted" for lot 3. "Parking Authority exempted" for lot 4.03, and "Parking Authority exempted" for lot 4.

SCHEDULE "C"

1. Parking lot and/or parking area which is adjacent to Washington Avenue and North Avenue is further described as follows:

A. That area depicted on the tax map of the Borough of Dunellen, Tax Map sheet 26, as lots 3, 4.03 and lot 4, block 96. The particular areas are further described on said tax map and tax sheet as: "Borough of Dunellen exempted" for lot 3. "Parking Authority exempted" for lot 4.03, and "Parking Authority exempted" for lot 4.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Dunellen Borough Resolution 07-05-2005: #5

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT: Whereas, there exists a need for services as special prosecutor for the matter "In Re Officer Christopher Casal"; and Whereas, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 17:27-1 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contract for Professional Services without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen as follows:

1. The cost of said services is not to exceed \$5,000.00, billable at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with James Wronko, Attorney at Law.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered are professional services of a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Chronicle as required by law within ten days of its passage.

William M. Robins, RMC
 Municipal Clerk
 Borough of Dunellen
 \$11.56 B148.17.7/16/05

ORDINANCE 05-10

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

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 Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on July 5, 2005. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said governing body to be held in Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on August 8, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COSTS RELATING TO THE DUNELLEN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$55,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF AND MAKING THE DOWN PAYMENT FOR SAID PROJECT AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Purpose(s): Legal, Engineering and other costs related to the Dunellen Redevelopment Project, to include all costs, equipment and/or improvements necessary thereto or related thereto.

Appropriations: \$100,000

Bonds/Note Authorized: \$55,000

Section 20 Costs: \$100,000

Useful Life: 20 years

William M. Robins, RMC
 Municipal Clerk
 Borough of Dunellen
 County of Middlesex, New Jersey
 \$16.32 B145.17.7/16/05

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #05-03

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

ORDINANCE #05-03 entitled DUNELLEN BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE, as amended on February 7, 2005, is hereby amended as to the following sections:

115-10E

Certificates of Occupancy. It shall be unlawful to use or permit the use of any building or premises or part thereof hereafter created, located, erected, changed, converted or enlarged wholly or partly until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Borough of Dunellen for the premises certifying that the structure complies with the provisions of this chapter. A new certificate of occupancy shall be required for any and all changes of ownership, tenancy or use.

A copy of this Amended 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 July 16, 2005. A Public Hearing and final Adoption for this ordinance is scheduled for August 8, 2005, at the regularly scheduled Dunellen Borough Council Meeting.

William M. Robins, RMC
 Clerk of the Borough of Dunellen
 \$11.22 B147.17.7/16/05

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on July 12, 2005:

OR NO 05-07 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM

ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC

BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN, MAYOR

\$5.44 B148.17.7/16/05

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on July 12, 2005:

OR NO 05-08 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DUMPING OF MATERIAL OTHER THAN STORMWATER INTO THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM

ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC

BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN, MAYOR

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BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on July 12, 2005:

OR NO 05-09 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCARDING OF LITTER IN OTHER THAN IN LITTER RECEPTACLES

ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC

BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN, MAYOR

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BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on July 12, 2005:

OR NO 05-10 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET WASTE

ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC

BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN, MAYOR

\$5.10 B151.17.7/16/05

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on July 12, 2005:

OR NO 05-11 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF WILDLIFE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC

BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN, MAYOR

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BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

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Borough Municipal Clerk

\$11.56 B154.17.7/16/05

Approved: Frank J. Ryan, Mayor

Attest: Donna Marie Godleski, RMC

Borough Municipal Clerk

Campus Notes

Habib American Bank awarded a scholarship to Jannike Torres of Edison, a student at Middlesex County College. Torres is majoring in liberal arts/business.

Emily Stawick of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Amanda J. Wormann of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa. She is a sophomore majoring in health and occupation.

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Providence College in Providence, R.I. They are Lisa Ambrosini of Middlesex, a junior; Kristin Daur of Middlesex, a sophomore; and Isaac Wash of Metuchen, a sophomore.

Brian Jimenez Andaya of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y. He is a senior majoring in chemical engineering.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Danilo Andaya graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen.

Lauren Thatcher of Bound Brook has been named to the Dean's List for the 2004 Fall Semester at the College of New Jersey in Ewing.

Tiffany Boyle of 901 Garibaldi Ave., South Plainfield, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at West Chester University in West Chester, Pa. She is a sophomore majoring in elementary education.

Boyle is an officer with Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and a member of the governing board for the university's Pan-Hellenic Council. She graduated in 2003 from South Plainfield High School, where she was captain of the color guard and a musician in the marching band.

Her father, Thomas, is superintendent of the Somerset County Educational Services Commission. Her mother, Diane, is a Grade 2 teacher at John F. Kennedy School in

South Plainfield.

Erin Bunker of Piscataway is spending the spring 2004 semester studying Caribbean culture and society in Trinidad and Tobago. She is participating in a foreign-study program conducted by Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

Bunker is a junior majoring in psychology at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernhard Bunker is a 2002 graduate of Piscataway High School.

Rizwan Ahmad of Edison was named to the dean's list

for the fall 2004 semester at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. The son of Mr. & Mrs. Iqbal Ahmad is a senior majoring in biophysics.

Rachel D. Brown of 528 Cook Ave., Middlesex, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair. She is a junior majoring in acting and dance. Brown recently appeared in a "Dance Collage" at Montclair State, where she performed in "Trojan Women" in April. The daughter of Dawn and Jay Brown graduated from Middlesex High School in 2002.

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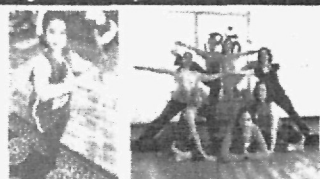
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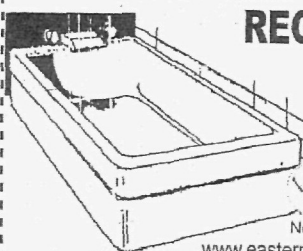
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GREEN BROOK — On Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Willows, Washington Avenue, a networking and business card exchange will be held. The theme is "Meet our members and learn about Rotary."

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Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (732) 424-1159.

Training session for meals on wheels

EDISON — All current, new and prospective volunteers are invited for a discussion of procedures and topics related to Kosher Meals on Wheels. This training session will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County, 515 Plainfield Ave. For registration, call (732) 777-1940, Ext. 122 or 116.

Middlesex church holding yard sale

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Presbyterian Church is holding a fund-raising yard sale at 10 a.m. July 23 to benefit the Jerry George Jr. Fund.

Donations can be dropped off between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in the church office at 1190 Mountain Ave. Label these donations "For July 23 Yard Sale."

Financial donations are also welcome; make check or money order payable to Middlesex Presbyterian Church and write "Jerry George Jr. Fund" in the memo line.

For more information, visit www.mpc.presbychurch.net or call (732) 469-4498.

Volunteer chefs are needed for elderly

EDISON — Those who love to cook can become a "Chef for the Day" with the Jewish Family & Vocational Service. Volunteers are needed to prepare lunch for elderly members of a social adult day program in Edison.

Times are between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for one or more days during July and August.

For additional information, call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1940, Ext. 122.

MetroStars offering summer soccer camp

MIDDLESEX — MetroStars Player Development Programs will be offering a summer camp program on behalf of the Middlesex Youth Soccer Association at Mountain View Park in Middlesex Aug. 8-12. Registration forms are available at the Middlesex Recreation Department.

For more information, visit MetroStars.com or contact Dave McKiernan (732-752-4203).

Republican group plans trip to ballgame

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Borough Republican Organization is sponsoring a trip to see the New York Yankees vs. the Texas Rangers on Aug. 13.

The first 18,000 fans 14 and under will receive Yankee wristbands. Game time is 1:05 p.m. Buses will leave Middlesex High School at 10 a.m.

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For information and to reserve a ticket, call Geri at 732-752-2048.

Edison Kiwanis Club meeting bi-monthly

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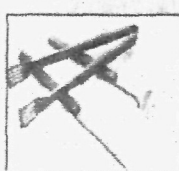


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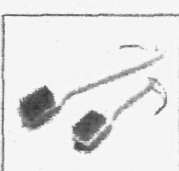
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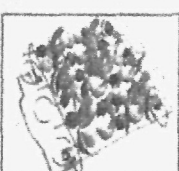
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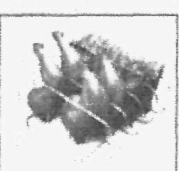
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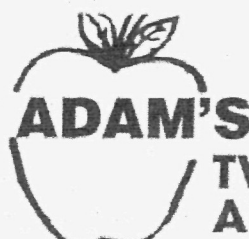


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