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Inside



Bomb scare ends game

Moments away with an easy victory the Somerset Patriots had their game with Newark suspended Tuesday by a "bomb" scare brought on by the remnants of a sandwich. Page B1.



Fencing Gold

At age 13, Dan Richards of Hillsborough is making a name for himself in the fencing world thanks to his domination at the United States Fencing Association Nationals in Sacramento, Calif. The fencing star first began to learn the sport two years ago at the Somerset Valley YMCA's Hillsborough Center.

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Housing agency ranks high for third year

NEW BRUNSWICK — For the third year in a row, the Middlesex County Public Housing Agency was ranked as a "High Performing" housing agency by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Public Housing Agency provides HUD Section 8 rental assistance to 580 client families, paying part of the clients' rent in private rental housing scattered throughout the county. Since 2001 HUD has annually graded all the public housing agencies

and authorities in the country on 14 key indicators that show how well the agencies meet HUD regulations and expectations as they serve their rental assistance clients. Each agency is graded "High Performing," "Standard" or "Troubled." "This is wonderful news for the county's Public Housing Agency and the clients it serves," said Freeholder Camille Fericola, chairman of the county Engineering and Planning Committee. "I'm very proud that we are again designated 'High

Performing' and I congratulate the (agency) staff on their good work." The help the Public Housing Agency provides is based on each family's income and rent. All client families have incomes less than half the median in Middlesex County. Many, particularly elderly clients, have incomes that are only 20 or 30 percent of the median. "Without the rent the county Public Housing Agency provides, our clients could not possibly afford to

remain in their apartments," Fericola said. "The county Public Housing Agency not only helps people keep a roof over their heads, but it also ensures that the roof is safe and sound. The agency's housing inspectors visit every rental unit their clients live in once a year to make sure that the unit is in good repair. "If they find problems, they require the landlord promptly to bring the unit back up to the required standard."

Tears of joy



Back from Iraq, soldier stuns unsuspecting mom

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — It was the bottom of the first inning and the Somerset Patriots were up 2-0 over the Newark Bears, when, as if out of left field, he came to her. He came to her Monday night from the other side of the world, via Colorado, and found her sitting beneath a light rain at Commerce Bank Park — distracted, at least for a little while, from her daily thoughts of the war in Iraq. "A day to day nightmare," is how a teary-eyed Susan Dimura of Middlesex Borough said it felt waiting for the safe return of her son — Army Spc. Jason Maj — after he showed up unexpectedly at the ballpark. "I am constantly watching the news. It's hard." Maj, 22, of South Bound Brook, had been in Iraq since August of last year with the Army's 2nd Infantry Division, 217th Battalion, before returning to Fort Carson, Colo., July 27, and arriving last Thursday in New Jersey where he stayed at a friend's house in Watchung until Monday. Dimura, who is actually Maj's stepmother — though he considers her to be his true mother — was under the impression he would not be back until next week. "I went totally blank. Shock," she said of the moment she saw Maj coming down the ballpark stairs with a bouquet of flowers and a teddy bear. "I was definitely surprised. A little suspicious at the end, but definitely surprised."

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HIGHLAND PARK Clean street program expands

HIGHLAND PARK — To keep its downtown looking good, 385 extra-large trash containers are being distributed to businesses and residents along Raritan Avenue as part of the new Clean Streets program.

"This is part of the ongoing effort to make Highland Park as clean and beautiful as possible," said Graham Copeland, executive director of Main Street Highland Park. "These new containers allow for a better trash collection that is efficient and cost-effective."

After the borough conducted a study of trash in the downtown, Main Street Highland Park decided to purchase the 95-gallon plastic trash containers with approximately \$20,000 from the Business Improvement District's budget.

"We launched the initiative because trash bags on the sidewalks along Raritan Avenue were unattractive at best, and often ripped open with trash strewn around the business district," Copeland said. "Highland Park is establishing itself as a destination for shopping and dining, and cleaner streets are demanded by our residents and other consumers."

Each business will receive at least one container, depending on the amount of trash it produces. The borough's Department of Public Works has equipped its trash trucks with special lifters to automatically pick up the cans. The new cans will also have wheels for easy access in and out of the stores.

Main Street Highland Park is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and revitalization of Highland Park's thriving downtown business district. It follows a successful four-point program established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center, and is an officially designated Main Street program of the state Department of Community Affairs.

For additional information, please call (732) 828-8444 or visit www.mainstreethp.org.

'Gup' likes to play with Classic Cruizers

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

Elvis is back in the building at 55 Horsehill Road in Cedar Knolls. So is Chuck Berry, Dion, Buddy Holly and The Duprees. They've all been back since Jan. 5, 2004, when WMTR 1170 and 1250 AM switched from adult contemporary music to its "Classic Oldies" format — Top 40 hits from the '50s and '60s. And on Friday evenings, they all pile into a van with disc jockey Robert "The Golden Gup" Gascoigne and head on down to Main Street in Somerville for Cruizers Night — when classic car collectors line the curbs with their sweet rides. "It changes the whole complexion of the town for one night," Gascoigne said of the Cruizers scene. "It brings a slew of people to Main Street." The DJ, from inside a studio at WMTR, recently spoke about his love of early rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues, pop and doo wop music, as well as

radio, classic cars, good causes, and, of course, the story behind "The Gup." "It's a nickname (short for guppy) that stuck," Gascoigne, of Denville, said. "I looked like a fish when I was born." The 51-year-old said it is the "rhythm, the danceability," that is the attraction for him to songs from an earlier generation than his own. "It's joyous music. Wonderful harmonies. It's just terrific." Gascoigne, who was a DJ at WNIT at Centenary College in Hackettstown before coming to WMTR, when it switched over, broadcasts live from Main Street Somerville on Fridays from an uplink in his van, bringing a "Happy Days" feel to the event. "It's a practice that has not been in place for many, many years, doing the whole thing from the street," said Gascoigne, who first started as a mobile DJ in the 1970s. "The mike opens up and you can

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A window into his world



Time. It is rigid. It is a constant. And for Matthew Smith, 9, it is a part of his daily routine.

When you live with autism, time and schedules are the only constants, the only way to stay grounded. Some have described autism as like looking at life through a kaleidoscope. Everything in motion — with bits and pieces stopping long enough to come into clarity — but mostly a jumbled mass of life jumping for attention. Page A6.

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Cindy, a Piscataway resident, is a registered nurse at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She has been a Patriots season ticket holder for two years. She has followed the career of her favorite player, Ryan Radmanovich, as a Patriot and as a member of Team Canada, for whom he played in the 2004 Olympics.

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Tears

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Maj's father, Walter Maj, contacted the Patriots organization last week about the idea.

"Everyone is going to win Oscars tonight," Marc Russinoff, director of public relations for the Patriots, said prior to the surprise. "Everybody is looking forward to her reaction."

Russinoff arranged for Dimura to be announced as the "Sweetheart of the Game" — a tradition at the ballpark when a randomly selected fan receives flowers from the Patriots' mascots and the whole scene is captured up on the scoreboard Jumbotron.

Monday's carefully planned reunion between mother and son brought nearly all of the 4,421 in attendance to a standing ovation.

Tears could also be seen in the eyes of fans who didn't even

know the two. Others went out of their way to shake the soldier's hand.

"I haven't been this happy in years," Jason Maj said. "I've always been an uptight person to talk to. But when I got back I was so wired, everyone thought I was drunk."

"I said 'No, I'm not drunk, I'm just happy to be home.'"

Regarding Dimura, Jason Maj, who actually introduced his father to her three years ago after dating her daughter, said: "She's been more of a mother to me than my birth mother ever was."

Before the ambush of love, the soldier hid out in the Patriots' press box until the moment was right to spring the surprise and talked about his tour.

"During the summer it gets up to 140 degrees, straight heat, and nothing but sand," he said. "You always gotta be on your toes out there. Senses on high. ... It's the worst environment imaginable. ... Would I go back? By choice, no."

"War sucks, but you got to do your duty. When the government tells you where to go and what to do, you go do it, full abil-

ity. You do your job."

While in Iraq, Spc. Maj., who was trained in communications, spent his time as a member of the Base Defense Reaction Force in Ramadi.

"If someone saw someone cross the wire, I had to run out there and take care of the situation," he said.

The soldier said he was never directly engaged in a firefight, but the enemy certainly engaged him.

"Mortars and rockets, those were standard day to day. And small-arms fire," he said.

The soldier said he did lose friends in the war.

"Yeah, but I'd rather not talk about that," he said.

After the reunion, his father added: "When I heard he was back in Colorado, I let out a sigh of relief, but then I felt a sense of guilt for the other guys still over there."

Jason Maj, who reports back to Fort Carson on Sept. 1, has one more year to fulfill his commitment to the Army. He plans on taking college courses while still in the Army and then hopes to land a job with a cable company or as a mechanic.

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'The Gup'

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hear cars going by on Main Street," he said. "My (mobile) show is unique. I get to program it. I very much enjoy playing music you don't hear during broadcast hours. Wonderful music, equally as good as the hits."

"The fans are very passionate. They love hearing stuff they haven't heard before," he said. "And there's nothing like being smack on Main Street."

The Gup himself is a fan of the kind of cars that descend on Somerville every Friday during the summer. He's got a '59 pink Cadillac, complete with hundreds of recording artists' names printed on the body of the car.

"Just the design, the flamboyance, the uniqueness of them," he said of classic cars. "It's like an expression. It goes hand-in-hand with the music. It's all about having fun."

During broadcasts Gascoigne has made it a point to get the word out about this newspaper's Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 program — a joint effort between The Chronicle and numerous businesses, organizations, families, veterans and volunteers to maintain a care-package supply line to U.S. soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq and the Mideast region.

During Cruizers Nights there is a table set up on Main Street where people can make donations and drop off goods.

"That's a wonderful cause," said Gascoigne, who has gotten feedback from listeners about Operation Shoebox. "Some of these people don't give a damn about the cars, but they drive all the way down to Somerville just to give donations."

While broadcasting from his studio at WMTR, which covers Central New Jersey on 1170 AM and the northern part of the state and parts of New York and Connecticut on 1250 AM, Gascoigne has a selection of 15,000 songs at his fingertips, with staples like Joe Turner, The Platters and The Drifters.

He said modern music radio stations have become so fragmented over the years that what is a hit to one kind of audience goes unnoticed by another.

"There will never be another great, popular song," he said. "How will (everyone) hear it?"

On the subject of satellite radio, Gascoigne said: "I think it's good in a way. It's making us more competitive. We have to do better."

However, he said satellite may eventually end up like a lot of commercial radio stations.

"The more significant you become, the more boring," he said. "You become afraid to take risks, and just stick with the hits."

Gascoigne also said people will always want that human element found in local radio, even if it's just to get weather and traffic conditions.

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Middlesex Briefs

Baptist church holds car wash

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Bound Brook fest in October

BOUND BROOK — The Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition and the Bound Brook Community Festival Organizing Committee have announced that the second annual Bound Brook Community Festival will take place on Main Street, Bound Brook from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 2.

The purpose of the Festival is to bring the entire Bound Brook community together in celebration of the rebuilding, growth and vitality of the municipality while providing a

showcase for the cultural diversity within the community.

The Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition, with the support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Bound Brook Mayor and Council, the Board of Education and other local organizations, will present a day of fun, food and entertainment for thousands to enjoy as they celebrate Bound Brook.

Advance Realty Foundation is the premier sponsor of the event.

Scheduled events include live performances by musicians representing cultures from around the world, cultural performances, clowns, children's activities, international food and crafts, and a parade.

Vendors, crafters and entertainers interested in participating in the Festival are asked to contact the Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition at (908) 369-4218 or visit www.scdvcoalition.org.

Trip to 'Disney on Ice' coming

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Recreation Department has announced three trips for

the public:

"Disney on Ice" at the Meadowlands, Nov. 25. Tickets go on sale in September; prices will be announced in August.

Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, Dec. 8. Cost is \$90 per person. Tickets are available in the Recreation Department at 1250 Maple Ave.

Ireland, March 4-11. Included are breakfast every day; dinner and entertainment at a pub; a Medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle; tours of Dublin, Armagh, Donegal, Galway, Limerick and Shannon. Cost is \$1,309 per person, double occupancy; a \$300 deposit holds a place. Travel insurance is available.

For reservations and full information, call (908) 226-7713.

Edison Kiwanis Club meeting

EDISON — The newly formed Edison Kiwanis Club meets every first and third Tuesday at noon at the Edison Job Corps, 500 Plainfield Ave., Edison. New members are welcome. For more information contact Gwen at (732) 781-6862.

Campus Notes

Stephanie L. Hodgdon of Middlesex, daughter of Robert and Donna Hodgdon, graduated Magna Cum Laude and received a Bachelor's in unified elementary and special education with a secondary emphasis in English from Juniata College.

Hodgdon was inducted into Pi Lambda Theta, an education honor society, was a member of the Juniata College Honor Society and received the ETS Recognition Award for the Praxis Series. She plans to move to Virginia to teach in an elementary or middle school. Hodgdon is a 2001 graduate of Middlesex High School.

Three area students graduated in May from Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y.

Receiving bachelor's degrees were Joshua S. Diamond and Michelle L. Friedman, both of Highland Park, and Siddharth O. Kinghar of Edison. Binghamton University is a campus of the State University of New York.

Fairleigh Dickinson University has honored two area women as Fairleigh S. Dickinson Scholars.

Tisha Hutchinson of Piscataway plans to major in chemistry studies and Connie Lau of Edison plans to major in biology. Fairleigh S. Dickinson Scholars are incoming freshmen who receive a grant based on their academic record, co-curricular accomplishments and the results of an on-campus interview.

Hutchinson and Lau are scheduled to enroll for the fall 2005 semester at the FDU Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck, along with Samreen Altaf of Piscataway.

Separately, nine area students achieved academic honors at the FDU Metropolitan Campus for the spring 2005 semester.

Named to the honors list were Jeanine Aurigema, of Edison; Terrence Hoben, of Bound Brook; Gerald Lewis and Shivani Shah, both of Piscataway. Honors list students have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.

Named to the dean's list were Chidozie Atuegwu, Uche Nwosu and Turek Wallace, all of Piscataway; Krista Benedickson, of South Plainfield; and Martha Laguna, of Middlesex. Dean's list students have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

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Commentary

New Jersey needs more protection

By SEN. BARBARA BUONO

The horrific acts of terrorism in London are an unwelcome reminder that we continue to live in the shadow of Sept. 11, 2001.

While the world has witnessed how extremely difficult it is to thwart the work of suicide bombers, it is our government's duty to ensure that every conceivable precautionary measure be invoked in order to strengthen and protect our country from another attack. One striking example where creating and implementing structured safeguards would have an enormous impact is at our chemical facilities.

In order to block access to any stock-piled materials which could aid in possible terrorist attacks, our leaders must craft and enforce uniform security standards at all chemical plants and facilities.

National security issues such as securing chemical plants should be addressed at the Federal level of government. However, for almost four years now the Bush Administration has failed to work with the Congress to pass legislation that would increase chemical plant security.

The president's inaction has unnecessarily put all communities in New Jersey and around our nation at an increased risk. New Jersey must act now to address the president's refusal to safeguard access to chemical plants.

Chemical facilities are considered potential terrorist targets due to the vast amounts of lethal agents they store.

This is particularly true in New Jersey, the most densely populated state in the nation.

Also, and most important, these facilities are not mandated to assess their vulnerabilities nor does any government entity have the power to set basic security guidelines and procedures.

A recent report on chemical facilities prepared by the Congressional Research Service noted that New Jersey has seven facilities, which if attacked or ruptured, could impact over one million residents.

This is only one of the many post-9/11 reports that have studied this issue.

Last year, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group released an alarming report on the failure of chemical companies to protect the public.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents only 7 percent of the most toxic facilities and is the industry's largest oversight committee, implemented the Responsible Care program in 1988 to improve chemical safety throughout the country. The study found that chemical accidents actually increased following 9-11 at ACC facilities.

The report concluded that "the voluntary precautions of Responsible Care are not enough to protect Americans from accidental chemical releases or the possibility of terror-

ist attacks."

While chemical facilities claim they are working to increase security and safety measures at their plants, they are not held accountable by an external entity. Uniform standards must be imposed and adhered to by all chemical facilities. I believe industry-supported groups and self-regulation are not satisfactory when dealing with a security and safety concerns of this magnitude.

United States Senator Jon Corzine, D-NJ, who sponsored the Chemical Security Act, has been the dominant leader of this effort on Capitol Hill. The Chemical Security Act would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security to establish requirements designed to improve security at chemical facilities. I fully support this legislation and commend Corzine for the leadership he has displayed on this issue over the past several years.

Given the indefensible recalcitrance of the Bush Administration to make the safety of our chemical facilities a national priority, New Jersey must lead the nation by taking a proactive approach to solving this homeland security issue.

To this end, Sen. Steve Sweeney and I have introduced legislation to strengthen the security of chemical plants throughout our state, specifically to combat possible terrorist or criminal attacks.

Senate Bill 588 would require chemical facilities covered by the Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act to conduct a full assessment of their infrastructure.

In conjunction with local law enforcement and first-responders, the facility would be required to produce prevention, preparedness, and response proposals.

The proposed plans would include suggestions for safer design and maintenance of the chemical facility, and ensure the plant is using safe, up-to-date technology.

Also, the plan must outline security measures to eliminate or minimize the possibility of a hazardous substance release. Finally, each facility must submit their plans to the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval.

Formal, stricter standards must be demanded from all chemical facilities throughout New Jersey and the nation. Senate Bill 588 would create a much-needed watchdog over the chemical industry, increase safety throughout our state, and keep a constant check on the vulnerabilities of chemical plants.

I urge all New Jerseyans to write to their elected state representatives and Acting Gov. Richard Codey requesting them to make the passage of this legislation a priority. Nothing less than the future of our public health, safety and welfare hangs in the balance.

Sen. Barbara Buono is a Democrat serving Middlesex County in the 18th Legislative District.

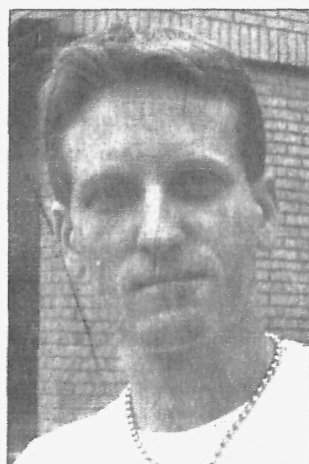
Question of the week: Is class ranking still needed in high school?



BIHUSHAN RANADE

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"Yes, it is a good comparison for students to know where they are."



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Bridgewater

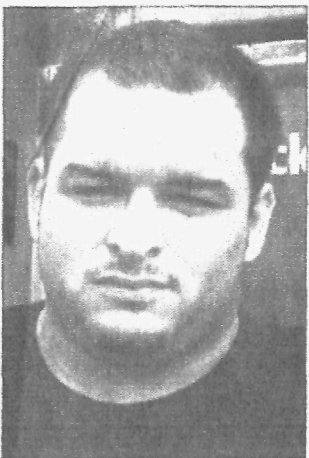
"It's really a bad idea. I used to teach in the Netherlands and we looked at a student as a whole. Talent can't be reflected in a grade."



JAKE FRY

Bound Brook

"Absolutely -- because universities need a way to differentiate between the applicant pool."



ALBERTO ORTIZ

Somerville

"Yes, it encourages students to do better."



SYLVIA KATHERINE DAMARIS

Somerville

"No. If you worked really hard and your grades don't reflect it, it hurts."

Letters to the Editor

Camera helps Somerville

To The Editor:

Recently the Somerville Fire Department received a special gift: A new \$13,000 thermal imaging camera. The camera was a donation from Somerset Medical Center. It will be placed in the new Hook and Ladder truck when it arrives next month.

I wanted to take the time to thank Ken Bateman and his team at Somerset Medical Center.

Bateman strongly believes in being a good corporate citizen to their host community. It was a pleasure working with them over the past nine months to make it happen. We spent a lot of time coordinating with the board of engineers, especially Tom Calabrese and Barry Van Horn, to ensure that the borough received the best piece of equipment that fit our needs. These two great institutions (Somerset Medical Center and Somerville Fire Department) are integral parts of our community; it has been a wonderful opportunity for me to serve both of them.

This piece of equipment acts

as "eyes in the dark" for our firemen when they enter a situation. It allows the firemen inside to see each other and anyone else as well as to locate hot spots. This information is then transmitted to the command team outside. It is a truly incredible piece of technology and ironically it will hopefully keep some people out of the medical center's emergency room.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind the public of the upcoming celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Hook and Ladder Company.

There are going to be public festivities for this great occasion on Aug. 27. They will start at noon at Somerville High School on Davenport Street near the Ivanhoe Drive side of the athletic fields. The event is free and includes food, entertainment and refreshments. Commemorative porcelain mugs will be for sale for \$15 and T-shirts will also be available. Please come out and join in the celebration.

SEAN DECKER

Member, Somerville Borough Council

Day care should be welcomed

To The Editor:

An Italian order, the Vocationist Sisters, want to put up a day care center in Martinsville.

They have eight nuns that will work the day care center. It seems that they are heavily endowed so money is not the problem. The last six months they have been going to the Bridgewater Board of Adjustment for a variance because the property on Washington Valley Road, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, is zoned R50.

It seems that the board has scheduled the next meeting in September. There is the possibility that the sisters could put their day care center in another town. This would be a shame as I am sure that a great many career mothers could use the center in Martinsville.

This reminds me of a movie that I saw in the late 40s called "Come to the Stable" with Loretta Young and Celeste Holm. The story was about

French nuns who came to this small Connecticut town to build a children's hospital. A local songwriter objected and fought them on every turn as he did not want a hospital near him. He had a small problem as it seems that every night the nuns sang a French Gregorian chant.

He unwittingly stole the melody for his song, "Through a Long and Sleepless Night."

Remember it?

That did it for the songwriter as his friends turned against him and he was forced to give in.

The land alone for the day care center, which is almost 5 acres, costs around \$900,000. This is a lot of money.

I do hope that sanity will prevail and we will let those sweet nuns build their day care center so that our good mothers will have a place to take their children. This is a wonderful opportunity and for a change the town is not footing the bill.

ED RAFFO

Bridgewater

Piece of history lost, but future has begun

To The Editor:

As the Sara Kay Building was being torn down May 4, a cornerstone that perhaps nobody remembered was uncovered and on it was the date A.D. 1835. That cornerstone will surely find new life as the new Peapack-Gladstone Public Library is constructed on that site at the corner of Willow Avenue and School Street.

That date suggests the building stood at that location for 170 years, but history reveals a slightly different story. The original building was a one-room school and, for those who visited the Sara Kay Building, this was the large room with the tiny stage. This schoolroom originally stood at the corner of what is now Main Street and Willow Avenue where there is today a parking lot across the street from the Peapack post office. In all probability, the cornerstone was for that building for it wasn't until 1890 that the schoolroom was moved north. Sixteen years later, in 1906, a second room was added, and it was these two rooms together that later defined the Sara Kay Building.

Always it is sad to see a piece of local history get rudely knocked down and carted away, but the building was in very serious disrepair. The original intent was to renovate the building, but the cost proved to be prohibitive. Borough officials then made the difficult decision to raze the structure.

Much of the spirit of the old building, however, will be found in the new library. The interior design will reflect the original two rooms. Even the kitchen area and restrooms will be located in the same general areas. While formal school classes will not be held, learning at all age levels will continue as

the library, a branch of the Somerset County Library System, is able to improve and expand its services to the community. The Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club, which for many years owned and managed the Sara Kay Building, will be especially welcomed in the new building where their meetings and many service activities will continue.

When will the new library be ready? That's a question many people are asking these days. At present, the architect is putting the finishing touches on the construction drawings, and there is some soil testing that must be completed, but if all goes according to the current plan, construction should begin by late summer with the hope that the grand opening will be celebrated before the end of this year.

While the new library will cost an estimated \$1.2 million, to date more than \$800,000 has been raised by the Friends of the Peapack-Gladstone Library. Grants have been received from the state as well as area foundations. Businesses and many, many residents have contributed generously.

The capital campaign is not over, however. The goal is now to raise the entire \$1.2 million in order to alleviate any burden on taxpayers now or in the future. With the continuing support of the community, the new state-of-the-art Peapack-Gladstone Public Library will open next winter paid in full. That would be an extraordinary achievement for the Twin Borough.

ALLEN CROSSETT

Chairman of the Advisory Board, Peapack-Gladstone Public Library

DIANE DEUTSCH

President, Friends of the Peapack-Gladstone Library

Quotable

"I haven't been this happy in years. I've always been an uptight person to talk to. But when I got back I was so wired, everyone thought I was drunk. I said 'No, I'm not drunk, I'm just happy to be home.'"

Jason Maj

"I have six hours of material just on Washington Rock. Give me a chance and I'll tell you all of it."

Jim Koch

"There are highs and lows when you live with autism. That's what it's like. You live with autism. You have your family and then autism creeps in and takes up residency with you and you have to learn to combat it the best you can and live with what you can't beat — until you can beat it."

Michelle Smith

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Supply Line goal: 600 boxes

Judging from the thousands of bags and boxes of donated goods that have been accumulating the past six weeks at *The Chronicle* office - and the response to our call for volunteers - tomorrow night's "Somerville Supply Line" event should easily accomplish its objective of shipping 600 more packages to U.S. soldiers and Marines deployed in Iraq.

We've also received thousands of cards and letters addressed to the soldiers from families and young children who responded to a post card campaign run by Patriot Media cable television in conjunction with *The Chronicle*. Those will be tucked away into the packages as well.

Headquarters for "Somerville Supply Line" will be on West Main Street at the former Goodwill store in the Somerville Shopping Center. Mayor Brian Gallagher and Councilman Sean Decker along with volunteer staff from Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 have been working behind the scenes to organize the event, hoping to duplicate the success of the first Supply Line held May 14 when more than 200 volunteers were on hand to help box, wrap and ship 600 packages to U.S. soldiers and Marines from the Central New Jersey area who are deployed in Iraq.

We expect to draw on the huge crowds which normally pack Somerville on Friday nights for the Classic Cruisers car show for manpower as well.

For those who regularly visit downtown Somerville to expe-

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



rience the car show, we'd ask that you please bring along a bag of groceries to drop off, and if you're feeling generous, perhaps drop a few dollars into our money jugs to help defray the cost of shipping. Each month, we spend between \$6,000 and \$8,000 to ship our gift packages to the soldiers and Marines overseas.

Oldies' radio station WMTR-AM, which has helped to spread the word about Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, will be on hand for a live broadcast, and will provide updates as the evening progresses. Tune in for more details.

We'll need packers beginning at 5 p.m., and we should finish up by 9 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Call (908) 575-6684 for further information.

Honor roll

July and August have been particularly good months for the OPSHBX bank account.

Tom Cunningham, one of our newest volunteers raised \$3,500 in little more than a week's time. Special thanks to The Plus Companies of Bridgewater, \$2,500; Lancer Development of Bernardsville,

\$500; Norman Gale Buick/Pontiac/GMC of Cedar Knolls, \$250 and B.G. Electric of Flanders, \$250.

Other large sums came from: the American Legion Stevenson D'Alessio Post 12 in Somerville, \$2,000; the local Rolling Thunder motorcycle club chapter based in Neshanic Station, \$500; Kristen and Martin Fessele of Bridgewater, \$100; Patricia Pavol of Bridgewater, \$100; Maryann Hayden of North Branch, \$100 and Dr. Anthony Todaro of Hampton, \$100.

Patriotic salute

The Somerset Patriots Baseball Club will host the 3rd annual Veterans of America Day Sunday, Aug. 14 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater.

Volunteers from Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 will be on hand to accept your donations for the troops, as well as salute the winners of the "What is a Patriot" essay contest. Winners will be announced in *The Chronicle* next week.

The ceremonies will salute veterans of the Iraq war, as well as all veterans who have served in the armed forces. A highlight will be a flyover tribute by vintage aircraft.

The event precedes the 1:35 p.m. game against the Bridgeport Bluefish.

All veterans are invited to participate.

Discount tickets are available in advance. Call (908) 252-0700 for further information.

4-H Fair

The 4-H Fair is one of the oldest, longest-running events in Somerset County, and we're pleased to say that the organizers have asked Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 to become part of the three-day event Aug. 17-19 at North Branch Park off Milltown Road in Bridgewater.

Sticking with tradition, the fair is free - no admission, no charge for parking. Hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. each of the three days.

OPSHBX will have collection boxes at several sites on the fairgrounds.

Valerie Kreutler, 4-H program coordinator, is asking everyone who attends the fair to please bring a bag of items that can be boxed and shipped to the soldiers and Marines overseas.

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

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Wine Room open house toasts U.S. troops in Iraq

Jeff Neary, owner of the Wine Room at 12 Church St. in Bound Brook is hosting a wine tasting open house this Saturday to kick off the 2005 wine making season at the old brick factory building that he's converted into a wine school and hands-on wine making education center.

Admission is \$15 per person at the door, \$1 of which will be donated to Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005. The four-hour open house begins

at 4 p.m., and will feature wine tasting from a selection of 30 different wines and a selection of hors d'oeuvres.

The open house will help kick off the 2005 wine making season, which peaks between September and November.

Neary invites visitors to sample the wines on hand, after which he and his staff will be available to help you make plans for bottling your own vintage - complete with your own custom label. A full barrel

of wine will produce 280 750 ml bottles; smaller 375 ml bottles are also available.

The Wine School specializes in assisting groups of friends, families and relatives hand craft and bottle their own special wines, surrounded by the rustic charm of rough brick, exposed beams and ductwork, and painted murals that conjure visions of the Italian countryside.

The grapes used by the Wine Room are hand-selected and

hand-picked from vineyards in California before they are shipped to New Jersey.

Once the customer has selected their variety of grapes, the wine making begins, using the professional wine making equipment at the Wine Room to de-stem and crush the grapes.

Foot stomping is optional, although Neary says to date, no one has kicked off their shoes and socks or rolled up their pants.

Seven to ten days after the crushing, your group is invited back to The Wine Room to press the crushed grapes; the wine is then pumped into American oak barrels to continue the fermentation and aging process.

Early in 2006, you'll be invited to return and help rack the wine, at which time more sediment is removed from the maturing wine.

Between June and August, the barrel is tapped and using

small winery equipment, the wine is bottled, corked, capped and labeled to bring home.

The Wine Room holds special events throughout the year, including wine tastings, food and wine parings, cooking demonstrations and private parties. The Wine Room also hosts corporate events and meetings for clubs and organizations.

Call Neary at (732)489-8611 for further information.

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
Neshanic Station Country Café, 419 Olive St., Neshanic Station
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, Warrenville Road, 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
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- ☐ Ear swabs
- ☐ Laundry detergent
- ☐ Bug wipes/bug strips
- ☐ Wipes (travel size)
- ☐ Razors
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Eye drops
- ☐ Spices/Tea bags
- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ Small drink mixes
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Clothesline/pins
- ☐ Snack food
- ☐ Cereal/protein bars
- ☐ Fleece blankets
- ☐ Microwaveable foods
- ☐ Hard candy/gum
- ☐ Writing materials
- ☐ Batteries (any size)
- ☐ Calling cards

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Finding focus in the kaleidoscope

Editor's Note: Shortly before his third birthday, Matthew Smith was diagnosed with autism. "As soon as we got the diagnosis, it just rocked our world," explains his mother, Michelle, adding, "We got right into action and educated ourselves." According to the National Institute of Mental Health, autism affects an estimated one to two people per 1,000. In year's past, children with autism rarely got the help they need, but with the development of new treatments and new ways to teach children with autism, many families are finding ways to open a window into the world of their autistic child. This is the story of the Smith's journey into that world.

By TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writer

BRANCHBURG — It's early on a Thursday evening in the Smith family home.

The sun shines outside and Rodney and Michelle Smith sit in the family room, relaxing for a few minutes, trying to catch up on what's going on with the family schedule.

The boys, Matthew and Dennis, are both playing in the

basement recreation room waiting until a little later, when they can go swimming. A ruckus from the basement erupts and shortly thereafter Matthew comes up to tell his parents that he wants to go swimming. It was earlier that day that he had been promised that they family would go swimming. But patience is a virtue that many children are still learning, and Matthew is no exception.

"I want to go swim," he pleads. But he is told he has to wait.

"I want to go swimming," Matthew, 9, replies, in a pleading tone. "I want to go to the pool."

Most parents would not tolerate this kind of behavior from their 9-year-old.

But for the Smith family, Matthew's outburst and insistence, though still unacceptable — according to his parents — isn't so unusual because Matthew has autism.

According to the Autism Society of America, autism is a complex developmental disability that usually appears during the first three years of life. The disability impacts the development of the areas of the brain involving social interaction and communication skills. Often, those with autism have difficulty relating to others, display odd behavior and often there is an absence or delay in speech.

Matthew was diagnosed at 2 years and 9 months old.

THE FIRST SIGNS

At the time the family was in Germany, where Rodney was stationed while serving in the U.S. Army.

"As soon as we got the diagnosis, it just rocked our world," says Michelle. But the couple quickly began researching treatment for Matthew.

Michelle continues, "We got right into action and educated ourselves."

The family had a behavioral consultant from the United

States fly over to Germany to visit Matthew and discuss possible treatments.

One such was the technique of applied behavioral analysis. Using this technique, Matthew learns specific behaviors through a therapist, which are then reinforced by parents and teachers. Practice of these behaviors is often the key to the success of applied behavioral analysis, practice that continues over years, according to the Autism Society of America.

Michelle, who had also served in the Army, says she received a lot of help from fellow wives. Shortly after Matthew's diagnosis in 1998, Rodney received a transfer by the Army back to the United States.

Since December 1999, the couple has lived in Branchburg and Matthew has attended the Somerset Hills Learning Institute in Peapack-Gladstone, where he has learned to speak, read, write, do math, and many other activities.

Although Matthew is progressing, he still requires a lot of attention:

"At times, having a child with autism is like having a toddler, just for a much longer period of time," Michelle explains.

Unlike most families who spend the summer taking a break from a busy school year schedule, the Smiths can't let Matthew lax on his schedule as it could have an adverse affect on his progress.

"If he doesn't keep a schedule, his behavioral issues will increase," Michelle says.

The Smiths often call on the assistance of Matthew's school teacher Michelle explains a call or visit to the teacher will often result in Matthew's behavior improving and a return to his regular schedule.

ON A SCHEDULE

Matthew's day is defined by a rigid schedule, created to help him cope with the world around

him. Without the schedule Matthew would have trouble dealing with everyday tasks, often resorting to outbursts and tantrums as way to deal with frustration. Good behavior earns Matthew rewards, such as a toy, a treat or a special activity.

Still, the family says they live a relatively normal life. Every morning, Rodney explains, the family eats breakfast together. Afterward they read the Bible and have prayer together, with Matthew often finishing it.

For the Smiths, each day is broken into a schedule of activities: Breakfast and prayer occur first, followed by lessons for Matthew, a visit by his tutor, lunch, and "reward" activities later in the day. A disruption in the schedule, even a delay in when something on the schedule begins and ends, can affect Matthew. Each day that his positive behavior is not reinforced delays his progress further, making the schedule a critical part of his life.

THIS IS OUR NORMAL

Fitting their life into a predetermined schedule was not a hard adjustment to make, the Smiths say, because they experienced it during their years of military service.

After five years of service, Michele left the Army while Rodney carried on, serving as a pilot in the Army. He retired in 2003 after more than 20 years of service.

One aspect of their lives that has changed is the amount of travel they get to do. Family vacations only happen once each year, and the Smiths always take their children with them.

Date nights, as a couple, are infrequent, and they may get one overnight away in a year.

"It's just a fact of life that things are different," Michelle says.

Their relationship has remained strong, says the couple, who have been married for 14 years.

The met at a party in Alexandria, Va. Michelle, a military police officer in the Army at the time.

"This is our normal," Rodney says.

Michelle adds they do not want sympathy from others over their situation.

"Every parent has challenges," she says. "It's just that sometimes the challenges are different."

Rodney adds: "Our big challenge at the moment is that



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Riding a foot-powered scooter is one of Matthew's favorite activities. Play is an important part of Matthew's day, his parents say, as it helps him develop skills that will serve him as an adult.

Matthew has to be monitored. If we didn't have some help with him, we couldn't get anything done around the house.

"It's a lot of work. It's me, Michelle or a tutor 100 percent of the time when Matthew's not at school. Matthew can do many things independently but he can't tell whether anyone is watching him or not."

"If he knows he's not being watched, he won't stick to his schedule."

That help comes from the school and home tutors who help teach Matthew when he is not in school. Having in-home tutors and an education at a private facility comes at a price, one that

the Smiths are willing to pay, they say.

"We have to make choices," Michelle says. "Some people go on several trips a year, or have solid retirement plans, or live more extravagant lives altogether."

"We feel extremely blessed that we can live where we live, drive nice cars and still pay for tutor help, but it gets expensive."

With so much weighing on their family, faith is a very important element which balances their lives.

The family is very active in their church, Calvary Bible Church located in Readington.

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Mariano Camacho

BOUND BROOK — Mariano Camacho, 78, died Aug. 8, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Puerto Rico, he lived in Somerville before moving to Bound Brook in 1985.

Mr. Camacho was a machinist with the Redfern Lace Works and Devro Inc. in Somerville until his retirement in 1992. He was in the Army National Guard for eight years and a member of St. Joseph Roman

Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Mercedes; two sons, Mariano Jr. and Jorge; a daughter, Maria Quinn; two brothers, Philex and Obdulio; three sisters, Beatriz, Carmen and Sisin; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at the Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Jack J. Casale

PISCATAWAY — Jack J. Casale, 86, died Aug. 3, 2005 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Piscataway and Clark before moving to Toms River in 1994.

Mr. Casale was with Exxon Corp. for over 35 years and retired in 1981 as a process engineer at the Bayway Refinery in Linden. He was a member of the Italian American Club and St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church, both in Toms River.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. Surviving are his wife of 64

years, Virginia; two sons, Michael A. and Joseph; a daughter, Jacqueline Bond; a brother, John; a sister, Rose Fournier; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Somerville, following services at the Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Resurrection Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to ALS Association, Greater New York Chapter, 116 John Street, Suite 1304, New York, NY 10038.

Mary Sinisgallo

MIDDLESEX — Mary A. Jakubowski Sinisgallo, 94, died Aug. 5, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Mrs. Sinisgallo was born in Pennsylvania and lived in Linden before moving to Middlesex eight months ago.

Her husband, Michael J., died in 1988. Also preceding her in death was a son, Michael P.

Surviving are a son, James A. of Colonia; a daughter, Carol A. Grossman of Toms River; two

sisters, Helen Ludden of Elizabeth and Sophie Balinskas of Chicago, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church, Linden, following services at the Kowalski Funeral Home in Linden. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Harry 'Jack' Caldwell

BOUND BROOK — Harry Holmes "Jack" Caldwell, 59, died July 23, 2005 at his home.

Born in Newark, he lived in North Plainfield before moving to Bound Brook in 2001.

Mr. Caldwell was the retired owner of A&J General Contracting.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Arlene; two daughters,

Victoria Bischoff and Kathleen; a son, Harry Holmes "Jack" Jr.; four sisters, Dolores Roark of Delaware, Jeanette Browarski and Jean Hurd, both of New Jersey, and Barbara Bailes of Ohio; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Bridgewater Funeral Home.

Marlene Phillips

MIDDLESEX — Marlene E. Howe Phillips, 74, died Aug. 8, 2005 at her home.

Born in Somerville, she was a daughter of the late John Howe and Agnes Oltman, also a stepdaughter of the late William Oltman.

Mrs. Phillips lived in North Plainfield before moving to Middlesex in 1965. A retired legal secretary and bookkeeper, she most recently worked for South Plainfield attorney Walter K. Abrams. She earlier worked for the Carlisle-Crane Co. in Plainfield and for Kyocera International in Plainfield and Somerset.

She was the secretary to the committee organizing the 55th anniversary reunion of North Plainfield High School, her alma mater.

Surviving are her former husband, Thomas J. Sr.; three sons, Thomas and wife Mary Beth of Middlesex, Daniel and wife Marie of Middlesex and Richard and wife Peggy of West Amwell; two daughters, Marianne Radell and husband Eric of Middlesex and Patricia Monticchio and husband Anthony of Branchburg; a brother, John Howe; two sisters, Edythe Lobby and Virginia Trotter; and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Phillips was a member.

Marion Baumeister

MIDDLESEX — Marion Oscar Baumeister, 78, died July 23, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

She was born in Somerville and had lived in Middlesex since 1955. A homemaker, Mrs. Baumeister was a member of the senior citizens group at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Arthur; three sons, Mark, Gary and Carl; two brothers, Raymond Oscar and William Oscar; and a grandchild.

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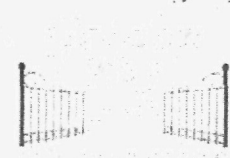


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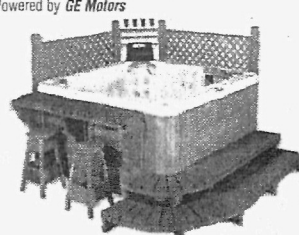
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES

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In the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 12 Main Street, South Bound Brook, New Jersey at 10:00 A.M. or at such time and place to which said sale may be adjourned by the said collector for the lands hereinafter designated and described.

Said land will be sold to make the amount chargeable against the several parcels respectively for taxes or municipal liens, and interest due on the 11th day of the 11th month of the current tax year, exclusive however of the lien for taxes for the year 2004 as computed in the following list, and the cost chargeable thereon, and the subscriber will strike off to the who bids the amount due at the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 18 percent annum.

Such sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, Chapter 5, Title 54 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey 1937 entitled "Sale of Real Property to Enforce Liens." Section 54-5-19 to 54-5-11, and amendments thereto. At anytime before the sale, said collector will receive payment of the amount due on any property with interest on all delinquent taxes and cost incurred by cash, certified check or money order.

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The said lands so subject to sale described in accordance with the last Tax Duplicate, including the name or the owners shown on the duplicate and aggregate taxes which were a lien thereon the eleventh day of November 2004 exclusive however of the lien for taxes for the year 2004 are as follows:

BLOCK	LOT	OWNERS NAME	PROPERTY LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1660-05

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE LICENSE AND/OR PERMIT FEES

Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held on the 9th day of August, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.

Attest: Donna Marie Godleski, RMC
Borough Clerk
\$5.78 B165.1T.8.13.05

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 August 9, 2005.

OR NO. 05-14-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 05-07, SECTION IV, ORDINANCE NO. 05-08, SECTION V, ORDINANCE NO. 05-09, SECTION IV, ORDINANCE NO. 05-10, SECTION VP, ORDINANCE NO. 05-11, SECTION IV, AND ORDINANCE NO. 05-12, SECTION IV, BY AUTHORIZING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF EACH OF SAID ORDINANCES MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ADDITION TO OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Attest: Donna Marie Godleski, RMC
Borough Clerk
\$7.49 B167.1T.8.13.05

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 August 9, 2005.

OR NO. 05-15-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A CERTAIN PROVISION OF SECTION 9-5 OF CHAPTER IX, ENTITLED "LICENSING TAXICABS" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK (1967)".

Attest: Donna Marie Godleski, RMC
Borough Clerk
\$6.12 B168.1T.8.13.05

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 August 9, 2005.

OR NO. 05-16-AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A-4-5 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING TAX MAPS IN CONNECTION WITH A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR.

Attest: Donna Marie Godleski, RMC
Borough Clerk
\$6.69 B169.1T.8.13.05

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #05-03

Ordinance #05-03 entitled DUNELLEN BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE, approved on February 7, 2005, was hereby amended to the following sections, below. Introduced and Approved held on 5 July 2005, and after a Public Hearing was Adopted by the Borough Council on August 8, 2005.

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 has been posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Clerk's Office, is available to the public at no cost, and is on file at the public library. It will go in to effect upon publication of this notice.

William M. Robins, RMC
Borough of Dunellen
\$10.20 B170.1T.8.13.05

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 adopted after a Public Hearing by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on August 8, 2005. The twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost, and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who 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 \$95,000 OF BONDS AND 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 therefore or related thereto.

Appropriations: \$100,000
Bonds/Notes: \$95,000
Authorized: \$100,000
Section 20 Costs: 5 years
Useful Life:

WILLIAM ROBINS, Municipal Clerk
The Borough of Dunellen
County of Middlesex, New Jersey
\$16.32 B172.1T.8.13.05

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1661-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY RANGE OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE OFFICE ON AGING DRIVER (PART TIME)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY RANGE OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE A DRIVER (PART TIME)

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

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

INTRODUCED: August 9, 2005

The above ordinance was introduced at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on August 9, 2005 and will be further considered for the final passage after a public hearing at a Public Meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, in said Borough on August 23, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.

Kathleen Anello, RMC
Borough Clerk
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County Library system marks 75th anniversary

By CAITLIN M. SNYDER
Correspondent

Back in the days when gasoline cost 10 cents per gallon and a new car could be bought for only \$610, a maroon Model-T Ford began to deliver books to avid readers around the county.

That was in 1930 at the start of the Great Depression, and now the Somerset County Library System is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

"It's amazing when you think about the economic situation, that people voted us into existence," said Manny Rosca, the library's Public Relations Coordinator.

The county library has grown

since its first year when it circulated a mere 6,000 books. Today patrons have access to over 20 million items, including books, CDs and DVDs.

Festivities took place on Monday in all seven branches and featured cake, a broadcast of 1938's War of the Worlds, and a barbershop quartet, among other attractions.

"We've worked to have a fun day for everybody involved, both staff and public," said Rosca, who added that planning for the event had begun a year earlier.

The library has seen many changes over the past 75 years, although the bookmobile continued to chug about the county into the 1970s. The collection,



Manny Rosca, who handles public relations for the county library system, stands in front of a mural featuring photos of 1930s actors and actresses at the library in Bridgewater.

which at one point circulated Victrola records and even paintings, is continually evolving with technology.

Computers replaced the card catalog in 1984, the same year that CDs were added to the collection. DVDs followed in 2000, and four years later the library launched its online catalog, allowing members to search for, request, and renew materials from home.

The latest addition is the

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eBook, online texts which members can access freely. Three eBooks are currently available on the library's website, with plans for more come September.

"The advent of computers has revolutionized the whole process of how we do business. We'd be lost without them," said Melissa Banks, director of the Somerville Library, which will celebrate 135 years in January.

Banks said that the library's public computers offer patrons a number of services, including online bill paying, job searches, and e-mail.

"In Somerville we have a lot of non-native Americans, immigrants who still have family at home, and you see them staying in touch over the internet," said Banks. Like the Somerset County Library System, Somerville Library is constantly adapting to the changing needs of patrons, from offering internet access to book clubs and movie nights.

The Somerset County Library has evolved a great deal since that maroon Model T Ford made its first delivery, but some things are no different than they were 75 years ago.

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Sports

'Salami' scare suspends Pats-Bears game

By ALLAN CONOVER

Sports Editor

BRIDGEWATER — Just moments away from finishing off another lopsided victory over Newark, the Somerset Patriots were thinking about what they were going to do with the rest of their afternoon.

This wasn't in their plans.

Holding a 10-2 advantage as they got set to take the field for the top of the ninth inning Tuesday, they were suddenly informed by Manager Sparky Lyle the game was over. Lyle bolted from the dugout, frantically motioning to his bullpen crew in the right-field corner to come in.

As public address announcer Paul Spychala calmly instructed all spectators to vacate Commerce Bank Park via the side exits, players from both squads, some with their wives and children, began milling around the outfield.

Several minutes earlier a Bridgewater Township police officer

had found an unattended small package sitting at the ballpark's entrance and, taking no chances in this era of heightened fears of terrorism, immediately informed Patriots personnel the game would have to be halted.

An hour-and-a-half later, it was determined the soft nylon package merely contained someone's lunch — a salami sandwich and some fruit.

But the Patriots, of course, had no way of knowing that in the frightening interlude just after the game (which will be continued 5 p.m. today prior to the regularly-scheduled contest) was stopped at 1:30.

"Now I've officially seen everything," said pitcher Scott Sobkowiak as he hurriedly made his way towards the locker room.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Pats captain Emiliano Escandon as he dressed at his locker. "and I hope I never do again. Sparky told us to get out of here and go home, so we're trying to do that as fast as possible."

Patrick McVerry, Somerset's presi-



dent/general manager, had informed the umpires and Lyle of the situation immediately after the eighth inning ended.

"Patrick said there was a possible bomb scare," said Lyle afterwards in his office, "and that they were shutting down the front of the stadium and bringing the bomb squad in. I told the guys to get out in the middle of the field until everybody's evacuated and then we'll get out of here — don't be sitting in here having a beer. Just get dressed and get out because you don't really know what's going on."

Known for his quick departures from the ballpark following most games, Lyle was already grabbing his golf bag

as he headed for the door.

"It's not like I don't get out of here fast," he said, "but I'm really getting out now."

Centerfielder Jeremy Owens, who again played a huge role in the Pats' surging offense, was as stunned as anyone else at how the day's tone had swiftly shifted.

"Obviously there are a lot of concerns," he said. "I just hope this [bomb scare] isn't really true and everything will be fine. It's unfortunate this is taking place and hopefully this won't hurt our fan base here because we have great fans."

Considering it was a false alarm and how the Patriots have been wielding the bats lately, the fans have every reason to keep coming back.

For the third straight game the Pats hit double figures in runs scored Tuesday as 4858 spectators — mostly children — looked on during the team's final weekday matinee showing of the season.

Owens, who drove in seven runs the

night before when Somerset romped to a 17-5 triumph, singled during a four-run third inning, doubled in the sixth and capped the scoring with a two-run homer (his 16th) in the next stanza.

The Pats jumped right on burly Newark starter Carlos Castillo from the get-go as Billy Hall led off the first inning with a single, swiped second base and scored on Kevin Nicholson's ground-ball hit through the middle.

Catcher Fernando Lunar's home run to left-center put Somerset up 2-0 in the second and, after the Bears reached Greg Modica for a run in the third, the Pats took full command of the contest in the home half of the inning.

Escandon ignited the burst with a double, Nicholson lined a two-out RBI single to right and moved to second on a misguided relay throw. Ryan Radmanovich's blooped a run-scoring single to right-center, Owens singled and George Sandel ripped another hit to right to send in two more for a 6-1 cushion.

Owens's 7 RBI propel Patriots in rout of Bears

Scoring early and often Monday night, the Somerset Patriots enjoyed a real laugh in a 17-5 romp at the expense of the Newark Bears paved the bat of Jeremy Owens before a crowd of 4421 fans at Commerce Bank Park.

Owens went 4 for 5, including a grand-slam homer, a triple and seven RBI, and Billy Hall singled, doubled and swiped two bases. Todd Betts and Ray Navarrete also both singled and doubled. Successive doubles by Hall and Emiliano Escandon gave the Pats a quick 1-0 first-inning lead and Owens' infield hit produced another run.

Somerset went in front 7-0 in the second with a five-run outburst highlighted by Ryan Radmanovich's two-run single and Owens' two-run triple to right. The Pats added four more runs in the fourth as their advantage reached 11-1.

Winning pitcher Todd Moser (3-3) went seven innings, yielding 11 hits and five earned runs.

Patriots 10, Bridgeport 1 — Radmanovich produced five runs with a pair of homers and Owens ripped a solo homer which concluded the day's scoring as the Pats wrapped up a weekend sweep of the floundering Bluefish (5-18) Sunday afternoon at the Ballpark at Harbor Yard in Connecticut.

The lefty-swinging Radmanovich put the game's first two runs on the board in the second when he homered after Kevin Nicholson reached on an error. In the next inning Jeff Nettles tripled down the left-field line, Nicholson was hit by a pitch and Radmanovich belted his 19th homer onto the Metro North Railroad tracks beyond the field-fence fence.

Hall went 2 for 5 with three RBI and Pat Boran also had two hits as Somerset defeated the Blues for the sixth straight



time this year in Bridgeport.

Nick Stocks (3-3), who'd been hit hard while losing his previous three outings, went the first seven innings to get the pitching victory, allowing six hits, one walk and a run. Shane Heams came in to finish up with a pair of hitless innings.

After Radmanovich's homer put Somerset up 2-0 in the second, the visitors added two more runs before the inning was over. Owens reached on an error by the third baseman, stole his 25th base of the season and came home on Lunar's double to left. Hall then pulled a run-scoring hit to right for a 4-0 margin.

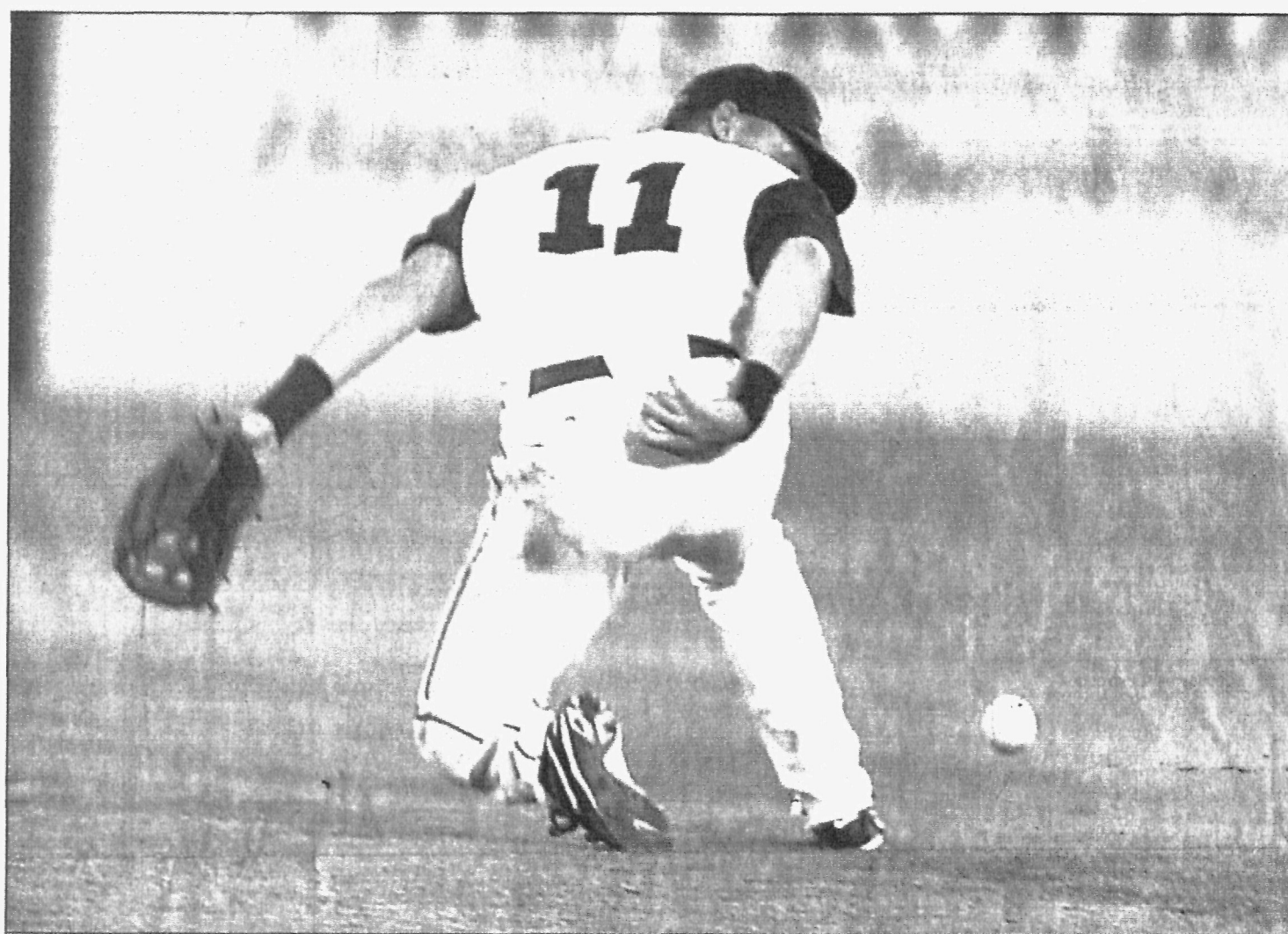
Radmanovich's second homer raised Somerset's lead to 7-0 in the third and the Blues scored their run in the fourth. In the Pats' eighth Owens walked, Betts doubled and both scored on Hall's two-out double down the right-field line.

Patriots 6, Bridgeport 3 — Three runs in the 10th inning Saturday night gave the Pats the victory as 2944 fans looked on in Bridgeport.

The Pats led 3-0 after two frames before the Blues came back to force extra innings, which didn't last long.

George Sandel and Hall (who went 3 for 4) rapped singles to center with one out in the 10th and, after Owens fanned, both advanced on a wild pitch. Nettles was hit by a pitch, loading the bases, and Nicholson walked to send in the go-ahead run. Radmanovich's single to center chased home the next two runs for a 6-3 difference.

Somerset had scored twice in the opening stanza on



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Somerset Patriots second baseman George Sandel can't make the play as a pop fly falls for a hit during recent action.

Hall's single and successive doubles by Nettles and Nicholson. Hall's sacrifice fly ball in the second put the Pats up 3-0.

Robert Marquez (5-3), who pitched a scoreless ninth with two Ks, earned the victory and Brad Clontz came in for his eighth save in the 10th. Starter Scott Sobkowiak pitched well, permitting six hits, one walk and three runs (two earned) and striking out six in seven innings before Nick Bierbrodt relieved him with one out in the eighth.

Patriots 5, Bridgeport 4 — Eighth-inning homers by Nicholson and Radmanovich lifted the Patriots to victory Aug. 5 in front 2684 fans at Harbor Yard.

The Blues had gone ahead 4-2 in the fourth on Hector Kulan's two-run homer to right off Mark DiFelice but Somerset rallied for three runs in the eighth.

Nettles started the rally off

starter Pat Ahearne (4-7) when he pulled a leadoff triple down the left-field line and Nicholson followed with his 10th homer to right. Radmanovich then drilled the first pitch to him, a fastball down the middle, for a homer and a 5-4 Somerset lead.

The Pats had started quickly, scoring twice in the opening frame. Hall singled and advanced all the way to third when the rightfielder misplayed the ball. Nettles walked with one out, Nicholson's hit to right sent home Hall, Radmanovich singled to fill the bases and Betts' groundout produced the next run.

The Blues pulled even in the third against DiFelice (3-1), who went eight innings, allowing six hits, no walks and four earned runs while fanning five. Bierbrodt and Clontz, who got the save, finished off the home team in the ninth.

Patriots 12, Nashua 6 —

Sandel went 3 for 5 with two doubles and two RBI and Owens, Nettles and Boran homered Aug. 4 when the Pats snapped a four-game losing streak in front of 1334 fans at Holman Stadium in Nashua, N.H.

Ex-New York Met Jeremy Griffiths, who brought an 11.25 earned run average into the game, started for the Pride (14-6 second half) but soon was rocked by Somerset. Owens' homer in the first put the visitors up 1-0 and hits by Nettles and Radmanovich and three straight walks made it 3-0 and sent Griffiths to the showers. Sandel, swinging at the first pitch by reliever Mark Larosa, smacked a two-run double for a 5-0 cushion.

Nashua scored twice in the third but Somerset retaliated with three runs in the fourth and three more in the next inning to go up 11-2.

Pats' starter Greg Modica (5-5) allowed five hits and five

runs, all earned, before being replaced by Marquez with one out in the seventh. Clontz came in for the final inning, allowing no runs and a hit.

Nashua 9, Patriots 5 — The Pride snapped a 5-all tie with a run in the sixth and then added three more in the next two innings as 1247 fans looked on in Nashua Aug. 3.

Lyle was particularly animated during a fourth-inning argument with home plate umpire Mark Facto, kicking a bunch of plastic cups all over the field to prompt an ejection.

Nettles, who had two hits, and Boran homered and Nicholson had two doubles and scored twice. Owens and newly-signed catcher Lunar, making his Somerset debut, also had two hits each.

Pats starter Todd Moser went three innings, allowing eight hits, two walks and five runs (all earned) before he was relieved by Heams.

Ballpark's name stirs emotions for many fans

It's difficult not to notice as you approach the entrance of the stadium.

There, up above on the attractive brick exterior, is the huge oval red, white and blue sign reading, "Commerce Bank Park."

So why, will someone please tell me, does everyone refer to the Somerset Patriots' home venue as Commerce Bank Ballpark? Why, oh why, does everyone — everyone except yours truly — insist on going to all the trouble of creating a compound word by adding those four letters in front of "Park?"

Now, I do understand that in the realm of the universe's big picture, this ranks somewhere between Paris Hilton's personal life and, well, to be quite honest, the outcome of any Patriots' second-half season game this summer in terms of importance.

Conover's Corner

Allan Conover



I guess we all should have such minuscule concerns. However, as a journalist who simply likes to be as accurate as possible, this situation has perturbed me ever since that sign went up at COMMERCE BANK PARK five years ago.

I mean, look at it this way. Where do the Boston Red Sox play their home games? At Fenway Ballpark? Sounds kind of strange, doesn't it? Did Luis Aparicio and Nellie Fox turn any double plays at

Comiskey Ballpark? Did Willie Mays chase down fly balls to center field in Candlestick Ballpark?

The answer to all of these questions, of course, is no. So why does everyone — except me — stubbornly call the Patriots' home field "Commerce Bank Ballpark?"

Following yet another recent sleepless night pondering this problem, I broached the subject to my wife. She reminded me there were bills soon due to be paid, our 3-year-old daughter needed a chair fixed in her dollhouse, the grass had to be cut and there was a bug on the kitchen wall she couldn't reach.

Then, further prodded to adhere to the topic at hand, she just shrugged her shoulders and said, "Well, maybe they want to make sure everyone knows it's the kind of park they play baseball in and

not some other kind of park. You know, like with animals in it."

With an address of East Main Street in Bridgewater, with busy Route 287 flanking it on one side, a railroad line going past the outfield fences, and a huge array of stores located right across the road from its front gates, Commerce Bank Park is not going to be mistaken for the kind of park where deer and antelope play.

We can all tell pretty quickly it's a ballpark, and a terrific little one at that. One of the cleanest, most pleasant places imaginable to watch a baseball game, as the attendance figures have steadily indicated the past several years. So, yes, by strict definition, it most certainly is a ballpark.

It's totally accurate to refer to the place as a ballpark, as

in, "That Commerce Bank Park is really a swell ballpark."

But its formal, minted name is COMMERCE BANK PARK. The sign says so, and the sign rules, even if what's in print just about everywhere else is contradictory. References in the team's media guide, press releases and letterhead mailing address all call the place "Commerce Bank Ballpark."

So does the telephone book. Maybe it's just a holdover from "Somerset Ballpark," which is what the stadium was called until it was renamed in the summer of 2000.

Patrick McVerry, who, as the Patriots' general manager/president has about a million things on his daily agenda and is trying very hard to make certain this team will be ready to win a championship when the

Atlantic League playoffs finally get under way in late September, seemed somewhat confounded when this disturbing controversy was brought to his attention Monday.

"Hmmm, that is a valid question," he said thoughtfully with just a trace of a laugh. "I think it can be referred to both ways, but here within the organization we usually call it Commerce Bank Ballpark."

"I think when the stadium was renamed a few years ago with all the fanfare it was called Commerce Bank Park. But it's really neither here nor there."

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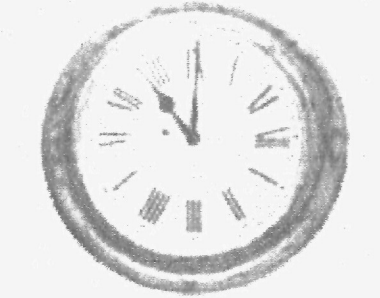
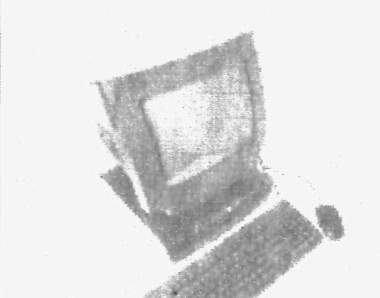
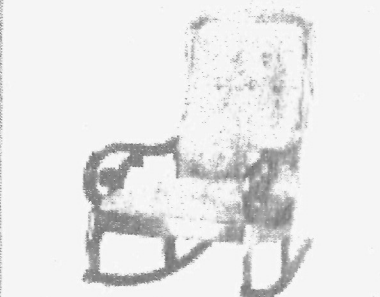
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