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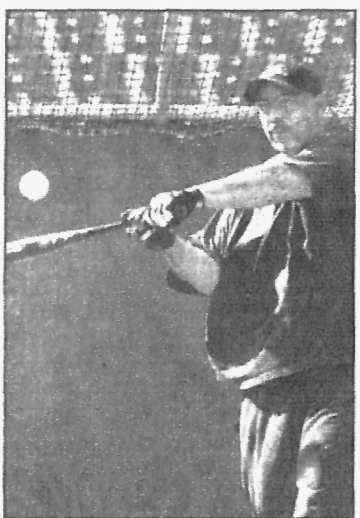
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Season begins

Pierce Fraumenheim who last night opened his 40th season as Immaculata High's football head coach, recalls the program's modest beginnings that have turned into one of the top programs in the area.

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Baseball tryout

Pat DiNizio, better known as the frontman for The Smithereens, traded a mike stand for a baseball bat last week when he tried out for a spot on the Somerset Patriots. The tryout was part of a new reality show called "7th Inning Stretch," which stars DiNizio.

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For more on Operation Shoebox, see Page A5.

Central Jersey responds to S.O.S. Middlesex County sends aid to Gulf States

Fifteen volunteer firefighters and a Middlesex County fire coordinator will head to Louisiana tomorrow to assist in relief and recovery efforts in the hurricane-ravaged region. The Middlesex County Fire Marshal's Office is coordinating the county's response.

East Brunswick, South Amboy and South Plainfield are each sending four firefighters and an officer for a deployment of 10-14 days in Louisiana as part of a statewide convoy. East Brunswick is sending a ladder truck while South Amboy and South Plainfield are each sending a pump engine.

In addition, the Edison, Carteret and New Brunswick fire departments answered a request from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Each department has sent two persons to Atlanta to receive FEMA training and then will be on duty along the Gulf Coast for 30 days.

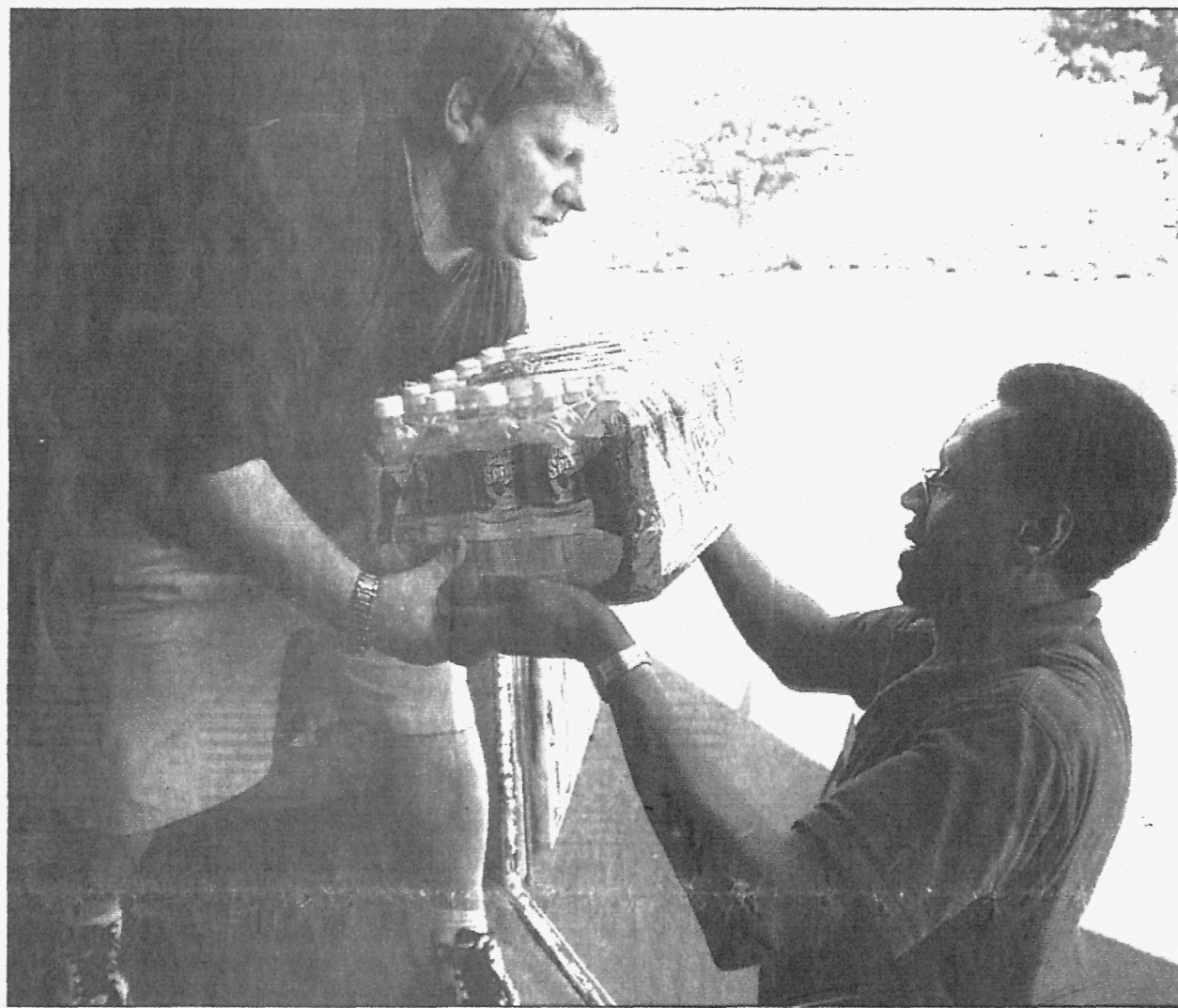
The volunteers participating in the New Jersey convoy will work 12-hour shifts, helping fight any structure fires that should occur. The New Jersey crews will report to county fire coordinator Jack Kramer, who in turn will report to the New Jersey state fire marshal's office.

"I believe we were all moved to help as we heard the stories and saw the photos of Hurricane Katrina's devastation," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabel. "The county is proud to participate in the state's operation and to help in any way to bring

order to the chaos the Gulf Coast region is experiencing. I commend all the volunteers who will travel to the area and wish them luck in their effort."

"Our emergency service workers are always ready in an instant to help their friends and neighbors," said Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano, chairman of the county Law and Public Safety Committee. "Reaching out to help our fellow

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Al LiCata, left, executive director of the Bernards Township Chamber of Commerce, and Joe Beniot load bottled water into a truck Saturday. The chamber shipped water, food and toiletries to Louisiana to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Bernards aids Louisiana

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

BERNARDS — The truck, full of water, non-perishable food and toiletries, left the township early Tuesday morning.

Yesterday it was expected to arrive at the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce in Louisiana where the goods would be distributed to those in need. This was the first truck of aid sent by the Bernards Township Chamber of Commerce, but it surely won't be the last.

"We're here for the long haul," said Al LiCata, executive

director of the local chamber, who organized a drive of relief supplies. "As long as they need things, we'll be sending them down."

Just like others around the nation, LiCata was amazed as he watched coverage of Hurricane Katrina striking the Gulf Coast last week.

"I was watching the storm transpire and trying to figure out a way the people I know could contribute to help those people in the hurricane area," he said. "I made contact with the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber

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Colleges welcome evacuees

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

Aimee Frank was a Tulane University student for about a day.

"I had just gotten my stuff unpacked when my R.A. came in and told us there was an emergency meeting," said Frank,

a Hunterdon County resident and transfer student to Tulane, in New Orleans, La., from Raritan Valley Community College. Frank had gone down to attend orientation and move in on Aug. 26, just prior to the arrival of Hurricane Katrina. After getting into her dorm and unpacking her things Saturday, the school told its students to evacuate.

"They gave us until 6 p.m. to get everything out of our dorms, but when we saw the traffic, we realized we probably wouldn't have time," Frank said. She and her mother were staying in Kenner, a suburb of New Orleans near the airport, so she grabbed some clothing, her laptop, printer, and scanner, and headed back to their



GEORGE PACIOELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Aimee Frank, a student at Tulane University in New Orleans, had to evacuate the school because of Hurricane Katrina.

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Chuck Faig makes a putt on the new Ridge course at Neshanic Valley.

Golfers enjoy 'tricky nine'

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

BRANCHBURG — Eager golfers booked up tee times at Neshanic Valley this past weekend, and not just because of the holiday.

The final nine holes, named the Ridge course, opened for play last Friday.

"It was fantastic. It was a full golf course for all four days," said Bob Ransone, manager of golf operations at Neshanic Valley.

Those bookings contributed to the club's most profitable and best-attended weekend since the opening of the other two courses, the Meadow and Lake courses, for Labor Day last year, which had been the record-holding weekend.

"People that got to play the Ridge,

really enjoyed the Ridge," Ransone said, adding that the course is the hardest, due to its length and its layout.

"The Ridge nine offers the greatest challenge at Neshanic Valley," said Ransone. "Playing any combination of our three nines, golfers will enjoy a terrific golf experience."

The Ridge nine offers a more complex layout, featuring blind shots and sloping fairways, than the other two courses. With so many courses, both public and private, in the area, Neshanic Valley has still been drawing golfers, said Ransone, due to its late entry onto the scene.

"Golf has been kind of level over the past 10 years, but in Somerset County, the population has been growing," Ransone said

Highland Park holds borough-wide sale

HIGHLAND PARK — Used disco records, old board games with all the pieces and antique coffee tables will all get a new life next month, as homeowners in the borough gear up for the 10th annual borough-wide garage sale.

The event is again sponsored by Century 21 J.J. Laufer and the Highland Park Department of Community Services.

The town-wide garage sale has been scheduled for Sept. 17-18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

"The town-wide garage sale is designed to give Highland Park homeowners a wonderful opportunity to meet their neighbors and sell some old items that may be more useful for someone else," said Ballard Hutkin, broker and owner of Century 21 — J.J. Laufer, adding that she expects more than 300 homes to participate this year.

"The old phrase that 'One person's junk is another person's treasure' will ring true throughout Highland Park," she added. "It will be a wonderful weekend to clean out your garage and attic, and then find many new and exciting things to begin filling them back up."

Century 21 will provide homeowners with free lawn signs, tele-

phone pole signs, colorful balloons and other materials to help advertise their garage sale. Each participant will also receive gift bags, including money clips to hold all the cash they will earn over the weekend. The real estate firm will also print up maps that list the locations and addresses of participating homes.

Century 21 is also offering businesses the chance to be a part of the garage sale. Any merchant offering sales or a sidewalk display in conjunction with the event will also receive a free listing on the map.

"Highland Park is home to so many cultures; our garage sale will be a wonderful way to pick up items from across the world," said Highland Park Mayor Meryl Frank. "Our borough is the perfect haven for bargain shoppers looking for something unique and special."

Any resident who wishes to be a part of the garage sale can register with Century 21 — J.J. Laufer by phone at (732) 249-1654 or by e-mail HPGarageSale@aol.com.

Participants should provide their name, address, daytime phone number and the dates they plan to participate. No fees or permits required.

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Somerset County team on standby to provide aid

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

While most members of the county's emergency and public safety staff will not be immediately headed for the Gulf Coast, 10 members of a Somerset County Sheriffs Office special response team are currently on standby to come to the region's aid.

"We got called this afternoon by the state police," said Sheriff Frank Provenzano at the freeholder board meeting

Tuesday evening. The call for special response teams lead to the 10 members, half of the team, being placed on standby until Wednesday morning, when they reported to the State Police Technology Center in Hamilton to head toward the area.

"We don't know exactly what we will be doing," said Provenzano, but the team has been asked to bring specialized gear such as self-contained breathing apparatus,

gas masks, riot and SWAT gear and Tyvek suits.

"We are looking to have communications," he said, adding that the team, which is made up of both sheriffs and corrections officers, will be bringing down battery-operated radios, extra batteries and a laptop.

The supplies available to the county's emergency and public safety personnel are an asset in this kind of effort, a situation Provenzano credited to the board of freeholders.

"After 2001, they realized, yes, they can go out and buy this," he said, noting that there is need for teams with that equipment in the relief effort.

The Hazardous Materials team and its decontamination unit was expected to leave Wednesday, but was placed by standby instead until the resources already on the scene could be assessed.

"There's been a lot of resources that have gone down without going through FEMA

or Homeland Security," said Director of Emergency Services LeRoy Gunzelman, noting that those agencies will assess what is already available in the area before calling on other units. That assessment, which Gunzelman said could be completed by tomorrow, may result in the Haz-Mat team being sent over the weekend.

Two EMS units and the fire coordinator, which had also expected to go down, have

been put on hold by the state.

"This is not a hundred-yard dash, this is a marathon, so we have to look to the long term," said County Engineer Michael Amorosa, after announcing that the county would not be collecting goods for those affected by the hurricane.

"So many people want to help, and the most efficient way to help is to give money to the Red Cross and other organizations," said Freeholder Peter Palmer.

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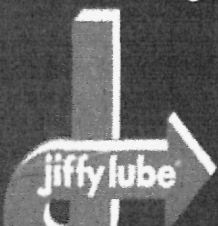
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— about 50 miles southwest of New Orleans. I knew of their chamber because they won an award this year. When I saw where their town was, I reached out first by e-mail and then by telephone to their president, Candy Theriot. Their town received minor flooding, but areas around them are still under water. Their chamber property is about one acre. They're going to be taking people in and acting as a catalyst of distributing items."

After reaching Theriot, he called upon chamber members to open their locations as drop-off sites for the drive. By early last week, he had more than 15 sites. Now, there are about 50 drop-off locations spanning three counties.

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Bernards aids Louisiana

Colleges

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"They need everything. Water, toothpaste, bug repellent, baby formula," LiCata said. The list of needed items also includes shampoo, medical kits, bandages, non-perishable foods, can openers, vitamins, diapers, wipes and soap. Additionally, boxes and packaging tape are needed to package the items.

"I talked to the chamber president the other day and she said there are tens of thousands of people at the Houma Civic Center, but there's no Red Cross, no FEMA, no aid," LiCata said. "They're doing it on a whim and a prayer. They're serving people peanut butter sandwiches because that's all they've got. They need our help."

About 60 volunteers gathered at the Fellowship Village

Retirement Center Saturday and Sunday evenings to sort the supplies and package the items.

"If I said we had 3,000 bottles of water that would be an understatement," LiCata said. "We had about 1,000 cases of diapers."

United Van Lines donated the 52-foot 18-wheeler for the first trip down to Louisiana and is expected to offer a second truck trip later this week.

"While we're happy the first truck is on its way, it won't even last a whole day," said LiCata. "The need is so eminent."

LiCata said the chamber has collected enough items to fill about 25 percent of a second truck. He hopes to send another full truck later this week.

hotel. Unfortunately, there were no flights available out of New Orleans, so the two got in their rental car and headed out of the city.

By that time, local officials had implemented "contraflow," which meant that all highways turned into one-way streets, and all traffic was directed north and west. The Franks had originally planned to head to a relative's house in Tampa, but couldn't head east out of the city, so instead they headed north, passing through Jackson, Miss. and staying in Macomb, Miss., where they got a motel room on Sunday night.

Frank and her mother were able to get on a flight home, thanks to a friend that purchased tickets for them online that they picked up at the airport, and they landed at Newark Liberty Airport late Tuesday evening.

Though she's only been home for about a week, Frank is looking to head back to the area as a Red Cross volunteer, where she will be helping Red Cross staff offload supplies, change sheets at shelters, and pass out packages of food.

When she gets back, she will take two courses at RVCC, though she hopes to get back to Tulane for the spring semester, when the school has told the students it hopes to reopen after canceling the fall semester on Sept. 2.

Rutgers University has opened its doors to displaced students as well, offering "visiting student" status to residents of New Jersey. All of the documentation usually necessary for enrollment is being waived for displaced students, and Rutgers will consider delaying tuition payment for students on a case-by-case basis.

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Arthur Brown

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Americans in Louisiana is a natural extension of their local mission and we're proud that these selfless volunteers call Middlesex County home."

Each firefighter is required to be self-sufficient for food and water for 72 hours. Stores in Middlesex County have donated the necessary goods for the Middlesex County delegation.

In all New Jersey is deploying 64 personnel, eight pump engines and four ladder trucks as part of its operation. The drive to and from the area, which is scheduled to take 24 hours each way, will include stops and points at which the New Jersey volunteers will rendezvous with volunteers from other states.

As of now the state has not sought deployment of emergency medical technicians or policemen to the Gulf Coast. If that should happen, the county will send representatives from the Office of Emergency Management and prosecutor's office. Five local police departments also are ready to send at least two policemen from each department.

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Art on the Green will be held in Dunellen

DUNELLEN — Artists and crafters are invited to participate in the 33rd annual edition of "Art on the Green," sponsored by the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club.

This year's edition runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 10 in Washington Park. "Art on the Green" is a fun-filled day of art shows, craft sales and food. Proceeds go toward Rotary Club scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

Judges for the art show are Peter Arakawa, Ritz Herzfeld, Nancy Cabrera and Jennifer Patti.

Professional and non-professional exhibitors are welcome. For booth space, call George at (732) 968-5111.

Dunellen Street Fair being held Sunday

DUNELLEN — Vendor applications are still being accepted for the annual Dunellen Street Fair.

This year's fair runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, along North Avenue. Rides, children's games, food, crafts, merchandise vendors and pony rides are featured.

For more information, call Bill at (732) 713-6068. The Street Fair is sponsored by the Dunellen Merchants and Professionals Association.

Multicultural Fair of music, food, arts set

PISCATAWAY — On Saturday Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. a multicultural fair — "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane. The day long event celebrates the various cultures in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Musical performances will begin at 11 a.m., and attendees will be able to sample international foods from 12:20 to 1:30 p.m. Arts and crafts will be displayed from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate a closing liturgy at 3 p.m., and Rev. Edgardo D. Abano, director of the diocesan office for the multi-cultural ministries will deliver the homily.

The fair is free and open to the public. For further information, visit the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org or call

(732) 562-1990 ext. 1630.

This celebration is sponsored by the Black Catholic Ministry, Hispanic, Filipino, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Korean and Chinese Apostolate's.

Dunellen church to hold friendship dance

DUNELLEN — The Dunellen United Methodist Church holds its Fall Friendship Dance from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with music by DJ Floyd.

This family event is in the main church building at 316 Jackson Ave. Snacks and sweets will be available. Door prizes will be awarded. Child care is provided from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call (732) 968-4347.

Fall rummage sale coming to borough

BOUND BROOK — The Women's Fellowship Group of the Congregational Church, 209 Church St., holds their Fall Rummage Sale in early October.

Sale hours are from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7; and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 8. Used clothing for men, women and children will be available; all apparel is in good condition.

Dinnerware, toys, household goods and bric-a-brac also will be offered. Prices are reduced for the "Fill a Bag" special on Oct. 8.

For more information, call (732) 356-1293.

Bible's bad girls subject of production

PISCATAWAY — The Women's

Fellowship and Liturgical Dance Ministry of the North Stelton A.M.E. Church presents "Bad Girls of the Bible — Part 2."

This breakfast and "choreodrama" is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 in the A.M.E. church at 123 Craig Ave. Cost is \$15 per adult couple, \$10 per single adult, \$7 for seniors and children under 18.

For more information, call (732) 287-5184.

Development corp. holds black-tie affair

PISCATAWAY — The North Stelton Economic Development Corp. holds a black-tie awards banquet at 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 South, Edison.

Keynote speaker is Rev. DeForest "Buster" Soaries, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset. Scheduled to receive awards are Reginald Johnson, president of the Metuchen-Edison Branch of the NAACP; Harold Reid, assistant superintendent of Piscataway schools; and state Sen. Bob Smith.

Cost is \$65. For reservations, call Helena Monroe at (732) 521-3108.

Piscataway to hold martial arts classes

PISCATAWAY — Free classes in martial arts are offered for township residents through the Recreation Department.

All classes are in the Conackamack Middle School gym on Witherspoon Street. The schedule:

Children's class (ages 6-11) —

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday beginning Sept. 13.

Teen class (ages 12-18) — 7-8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday beginning Oct. 4.

Adult class (ages 18-up) — 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Friday beginning Oct. 4.

Class size is limited. Instructors are certified and have gone through a background check.

Registration in advance is recommended; call (732) 562-2382.

Literacy volunteers seeking instructors

EDISON — The Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex have

scheduled tutor training workshops for instructors in basic literacy and English as a Second Language.

Training is at the main branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., on Saturdays from Oct. 1-22. No teaching experience is necessary.

When you complete tutor training, you'll be matched at a mutually convenient library with adults who have requested help.

For more information, call (732) 432-8000.

Bereavement group offers its support

EDISON — The Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice sponsors a bereavement support group.

Meetings are at 2 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the hospice, located within the Roosevelt Care Center on Oakwood Avenue. The Sept. 14 meeting will feature Bill Stevens about "Finding a Place of Rest in the Middle of Things"; he is with the pastoral care team of the VNA Hospice of Central Jersey.

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Commentary

Sprawl knows no boundaries

By MICHELE BYERS
New Jersey Conservation
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New Jersey is not alone in the fight against sprawl in our region. Take a drive along the Delaware River in Pennsylvania. What was once a pristine mix of bucolic farmland and natural woodlands is now a frightening mix of bucolic farms and massive developments. Sprawl has continued to creep eastward, literally and figuratively seeking greener pastures. Political boundaries — between towns, counties or even states — are meaningless under the pressure of sprawling development.

While New Jersey ranks 20th, Pennsylvania ranks as fifth in land area converted to development, with nearly 120,000 acres of open space lost each year. Pennsylvania loses an average of 41 acres of farmland each day, and has a backlog of more than 1,850 farms waiting for help to keep them running.

This past spring, alarmed Keystone State residents voted 2-to-1 to double their commitment to land conservation with the "Growing Greener II initiative."

Under this initiative, Pennsylvania will commit

\$625 million to conservation and environmental programs over six years, including \$217.5 million to preserve open space and improve parks; \$80 million to protect farms; and \$230 million to clean up rivers and brown-field sites.

In addition, the new Growing Greener program sets up an Environmental Block Grant Program to help counties meet local conservation goals, similar to New Jersey's Green Acres program. And it bails-out Pennsylvania's Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act Fund.

New Jersey voters react to runaway sprawl much the same way Pennsylvania voters did, only bigger. New Jersey's Garden State Preservation Trust will generate \$341 million in the coming fiscal year alone. Through its combination of dedicated funds and bonding, it will average nearly \$200 million a year for open space (with \$80 million dedicated to farmland) over the program's lifetime.

New York State has followed the trend of increasing commitments to open space conservation. Since 1995, New York has invested more than \$13 billion to preserve the state's environment. Under a 2002 Open

Space Conservation Plan, conservation programs have been expanded, including the State farmland protection program.

The state's most recent budget included a record \$150 million in Environmental Protection Fund funding — a 20-percent increase over last year and six times more than a decade ago. New York's annual funding for environmental programs is now more than \$1.4 billion.

As critical as dollars are to saving open space, cooperation among the states is even more important. New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania learned that lesson well in the Highlands.

It took concerted efforts by four states (including Connecticut) to save Sterling Forest, and pass the federal Highlands Conservation Act. In southern Jersey, our state is working with Pennsylvania and Delaware to address environmental issues in the Delaware Bay; after all what good does it do to protect one shoreline if pollution pours in from the opposite shore?

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

Quotable



"It was really fun doing it. It made me feel really good inside. We held signs so the cars would stop. They said hurricane relief on one side, and we turned it over and it said lemonade 25 cents, so cars would know to stop. ... People said it was a really good idea, and 'It's a very nice thing of you to do that.'"

Courtney Lewis

Letters to the Editor

Hurricane response left many abandoned

To The Editor:

Where is our collective outrage?

This last week we have seen that America is completely unprepared for any kind of major catastrophe, no matter how it is caused.

But more terrifying than that, the curtain has been pulled back and we have seen how little the wealthiest and most powerful nation on earth will do for those among us we care about least. Our fellow citizens, because they were poor and black, were abandoned by us.

We all could see what was happening in New Orleans, and yet our response was how we respond to a separate, third world country — that is, we sent in some help, but mostly we let the people fend for themselves.

Many of these Americans have felt abandoned by their government. They should. They should feel abandoned by their whole country, because we all bear responsibility for allowing the underlying fact of racism to grow and fester unchecked for too many years, and for going along with policies that make the poor in this country increasingly vulnerable.

This week we have seen the ghastly results of such attitudes and policies.

Now the question is, who among our leaders will be courageous enough to speak out honestly about what the real problems are that we as a nation face?

Certainly, the next time those in positions of power start talking about cutting taxes and cutting programs

that help those in need — in other words, enacting policies that separate even further the wealthy from the poor (and by extension, whites from blacks) — others in power need to be loud and strong and unwavering in their stand that it is our responsibility as a country to take care of those in need, and to do whatever it takes to bring people out of poverty.

We have the resources in this country to do this. What we lack is the political will. I hope that if any good comes out of the catastrophe this past week, it is that our leaders will at last discover the will within themselves to do what is morally the right thing to do, and what is, in the end, the only thing that will allow us to survive as a country we can be proud of.

KATHY ROBERSON
Middlesex

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Bridgewater police issue needs to be investigated

To The Editor:

Unanimously, the 77 member Bridgewater Police Department has called for the resignation of Police Chief Steven Obal by a vote and public declaration of "no confidence."

Mayor Patricia Flannery claims that the controversy is nothing more than a contract dispute and refuses to do anything about it.

The mayor's cavalier attitude flies in the face of the fact that contract matters have now been turned over to a state arbitrator and that the officers are still demanding the removal of chief Obal.

Putting aside for the

moment the issue of the merits of the officers' allegations, it is obvious that something is wrong at the Bridgewater Police Department. The mayor's preference for sticking her head in the sand to protect Obal is not going to make the problem go away. Her denials and defensiveness only serve to exacerbate the situation and shake the confidence of the average citizen as to their safety and security.

The council is not blameless either. They have known about this situation since June 26 and have abdicated their duty to investigate.

For the sake of all those con-

cerned, chief Obal, the police officers, and, most of all, the citizens of Bridgewater, this matter needs to be investigated. Only by a thorough and open investigation can the confidence of the Bridgewater residents be restored. We call upon the mayor and council to refer this matter to an independent body for review. We recommend that it be free from any township or county ties.

A possible suggestion would be the State Commission of Investigation.

PAUL D. AMITRANI
JOAN PRITCHARD
JOHN P. ROONEY
Bridgewater

Committee needs to get back on track

To The Editor:

Recent events suggest a communication with Bedminster residents would be timely and appropriate. I am sure you are aware of the inappropriate decorum at the last few Township Committee meetings.

Amey Mesko, with the tacit consent of Committeemen Finn Caspersen and Robert Holtaway, has allowed a very few determined habitual agitators, pushing their own agenda, to disrupt the progress of important township business. This failure to effectively move the governance process is hurtful and embarrassing to Bedminster Township and all of us.

For example, these are just a few items I have supported or worked for:

— The side yard ordinance,

which has not been reintroduced.

— Ordinances forwarded by the Planning Board, which have not even been scheduled for hearing.

— The EDC matter languishes with little attention. After I spent more than 45 hours early in the year touring the facility, reviewing financial documents, meeting with EDC personnel and bond experts, I prepared a presentation for the committee. Mesko has been unwilling to place it on the agenda even for discussion (I am not in recusal on this issue).

— There has been no effort to hire a replacement zoning officer rather than continue paying an expensive consultant, though I have repeatedly offered to write an ad and interview candidates.

— Budget studies for next

year have not been started. No initiatives have been taken to look for ways to reduce costs, and thus our taxes.

— No performance standards for environmental and planning safeguards have been introduced.

In the interest of fairness, time was found by these three committee people to introduce, discuss and kill the ethics code of conduct for township officials, which ordinance Deputy Mayor Don Cross and I continue to fully support.

In summary, vital township matters are not being attended and conduct at our public meetings is a municipal embarrassment. Let us get on with the township's business in a proper way.

KURT JOERGER
Member, Bedminster Township
Committee

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Somerset County Briefs

Merrill Lynch successfully bids on bonds; county's rating reaffirmed

Merrill Lynch was the successful bidder in Somerset County's sale of \$43.1 million in general obligation bonds.

The county will pay 3.72 percent on \$18.1 million in general improvements, \$10 million in open space/farmland preservation and \$15 million in county college construction costs.

The general obligation and college bonds are a 10-year issue, while the open space bonds are for 20 years.

In conjunction with the bond sale, Freeholder and Finance Chair Denise Coyle announced that Somerset

County government has maintained its long-standing triple-A rating from Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's, the two leading bond and note rating services.

"Our financial success is due largely to our commitment to long-term planning, which helps us reduce future expenditures," she said, adding that Moody's and Standard & Poor's also reaffirmed their triple-A ratings on the county's general obligation debt of \$201.7 million.

Standard & Poor's said its rating reflected the county's "economic stability, conservative budgeting and sound financial performance." Specifically, the company praised the county's "strong financial operations and position" and "low direct debt lev-

els with a manageable capital improvement plan.

"County officials follow a planned growth strategy, and they have dedicated a portion of the property tax millage to finance the acquisition of open space," the S&P report continued. "The county is not fully built out due, in part, to its interest in maintaining a balance of residential and commercial development, coupled with open space and recreation areas."

The firm also praised the county's "conservative budgeting practices that allow it to weather long recessionary periods."

Likewise, Moody's said it "expects that strong financial operations will continue to result from conservative multi-year budgeting and good control of expenditures."

Projects to be funded, which were approved over the last five years, include courthouse renovations, 911 emergency equipment, various road, bridge and intersection improvements, the Vo-Tech School's expansion project, the North County public works facility, the new classroom building and new power plant at Raritan Valley Community College and various open space and farmland acquisitions.

Resident reelected to national women's board

Barbara Lehman of Montgomery, a longtime member of the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women, was reelected to the national board of directors for the National Association of

Commissions for Women at its 36th annual convention held recently in Miami.

She has been a board member since 2001.

The convention brought together women's commissions from across the country to focus on the theme, "Get On Your Feet, Make It Happen!" The NACW national board, consisting of four officers and 14 elected directors, conduct the business of the association and hold the authority to carry out decisions made at the annual meeting.

Lehman was appointed in 1987 by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders to the county's Commission on the Status of Women and has served since that time.

She also served on the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women from 1998

until 2004, appointed by former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman.

"NACW is the only national professional association for this country's women's commissions, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as a director," Lehman said. "This affiliation will strengthen our coalitions, expand our knowledge of issues impacting women and provide networking with professional colleagues."

Freeholder Denise Coyle, commission liaison, said: "We're proud to have Barbara representing Somerset County and New Jersey as part of this national association. Somerset County recognizes the important challenges that face women today and we are strongly committed to addressing those changes."

N.J. Army National Guard unit headed home

Finally, some good news from Iraq.

Members of the 50th Signal Battalion and other elements of the 42nd Infantry, many of whom are assigned to the National Guard Armory on Hamilton Avenue in Franklin and live in the Central New Jersey area - are headed home.

Word has reached family members that more than 600 men and women who were deployed to Iraq in October, 2004, will begin returning home next month, with a second group headed home in November and a third group in January, 2006.

Our good friend and partner Ronnie Micciulla, executive director of American Recreational Military Services, began shipping packages to the soldiers when they headed overseas last year; Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 joined ARMS in February. She confirmed that the unit would be packing up and flying home soon.

The exact dates aren't

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



known, but Micciulla promises there will be a big homecoming party, which will enable many of you to meet the men and women you've been supporting with your cards, letters, donations and financial contributions.

In the meantime, ARMS and OPSHEX will continue to ship packages to U.S. troops overseas. Other members of the New Jersey Army National Guard are headed to Iraq; last month, a few dozen members of the 50th based in Flemington shipped out, as did nearly 200 soldiers from the armory in Hamilton. Leaving for Iraq Oct. 1 will be nearly 300 Marines from the 6th

Mountain Division based in Red Bank.

Our next shipping date is Sept. 25, 1-5 p.m., at the Armory.

Raritan Borough will host a holiday shipping event Nov. 5. We want to make certain that our packages are shipped and arrive overseas in time for the holidays. We'll provide details on that as soon as we wrap up a few more details.

Out and about

As summer slips away, OPSHEX will be shifting gears.

We've got a few more weeks left at two of our more popular venues, Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater, and downtown Somerville on Friday nights.

We've had a successful season with the Somerset Patriots at the ballpark, attending many home games and collecting donations and contributions on the concourse. We'll be there tomorrow night, and again Sept. 15, which will conclude our season, though the Patriots are headed for the Atlantic League playoffs,

which begin Sept. 26.

The Somerville Cruisers host the Friday night cruises on Main Street in downtown Somerville, which attract as many as 300-350 vintage, classic, custom cars and hot rods weekly. Their season "officially" concluded last Friday.

Somerville Mayor Brian Gallagher, however, has told the car owners they're welcome to continue coming to town "until the snow flies," and Cruisers club member Lou Poleselli promises to have a deejay on hand for at least the next few weeks.

We'll be there with a table set up at the center of town as long as the cars and crowds continue to show.

We'll also be at several community events in Somerville, Manville, Green Brook, Raritan, Bound Brook and other towns in Hunterdon County this month. Check the Calendar of Events elsewhere on this page.

Fruit of the vine

Jeff Neary, who owns and

operates the Wine Room in Bound Brook, will host an open house Saturday from 4-8 p.m. to help introduce people to the old-fashioned, family tradition of wine making he grew up with.

Prime time for making wine is now through the end of November; hand-picked grapes from vineyards in California have been loaded into refrigerated trucks and will begin arriving at the Wine Room any day now, which means Neary, his staff and the clients who have already signed up to make their own wine will be regular visitors to the two-story brick warehouse building at 12 Church St.

Neary sells the wine by the barrel; for \$1,690, customers craft their own wines, from crushing the grapes in an Italian wine press and transferring the wine to barrels, to bottling, corking and affixing custom labels months later. A barrel will yield 21 cases of wine - that's 252 bottles.

Neary held an open house at

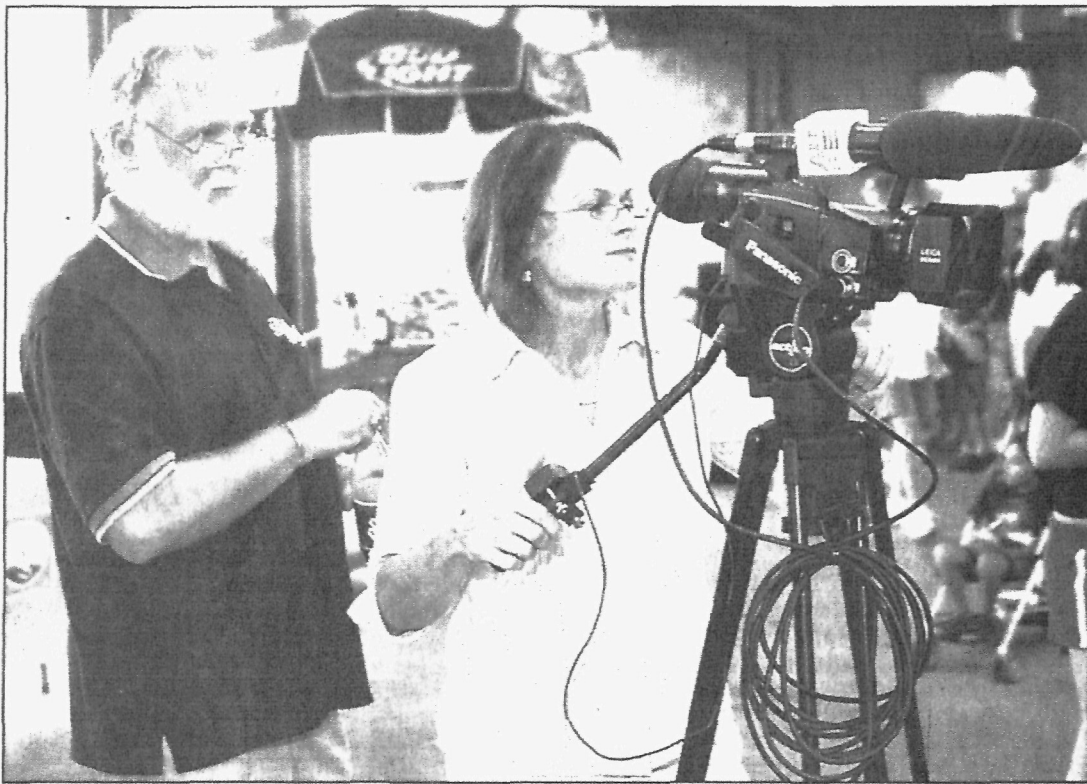
the Wine Room Aug. 11, and donated \$1 from each ticket to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005; the well-attended event yielded \$125 for OPSHEX. He'll do the same thing Saturday. Call (732) 271-WINE to reserve a ticket for the open house.

Honor roll

Donors to OPSHEX continue to be generous. In the last few weeks, we've received several checks which we'd like to acknowledge:

Somerset Valley Bank, Somerville, \$500; The United Service Workers union, New York City, \$500; Net Access Corp., Denville, \$300; R&B Radiator & Towing, Whippany, \$250; John F. Coullahan, Bridgewater, \$100; Barbara Levine, Allentown, \$100; A. Van and I. Van Ravenswaay, Somerville, \$50 and Bridgewater residents John and Jacqueline Hunter, \$50.

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Cindy O'Connor, station manager for EBTU, handles the camera as Rod Hirsch, executive editor of The Chronicle, looks on at Commerce Bank Ballpark during taping of a future segment that will focus on Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. EBTU, based in East Brunswick, will produce a 6 1/2-minute short, which will be broadcast to 13,400 homes in Middlesex County. The segment will also be part of a monthly TV-magazine show, "NJ Access," which is broadcast to 700,000 households in New Jersey. The show is scheduled to air in November.

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
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
Scott's Florist, 75 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
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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
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Quick Sign, 3 Kellogg Ct., Unit 15, Edison
Abbey Carpet, 501 Stelton Road, Piscataway

Hunterdon County

The Hunterdon County Democrat, 8 Minneaking 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
Tumble Time, 47 Maple Ave., Flemington
Perryville Wines & Liquors, 72 Route 173, Hampton
Rudl Fence, 2020 Highway 31, Glen Gardner
Clinton General Store, Route 629, Stanton

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
Tramontin Harley Davidson, Exit 12, Route 80 Hope Interchange, Hope
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Sept. 8: 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, 11:15 a.m., main sale, 4:30 p.m. (732) 545-1700.

Sept. 9: Somerset Patriots vs. Atlantic City Surf, Commerce Bank Park, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater, gates open 6 p.m., game, 7:05 p.m. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect donations and supplies for U.S. troops. (908) 252-0700.

Sept. 9: "Cruise Night"
Sponsored by the Somerville Cruisers car club, 6-9 p.m., Main Street, Somerville. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect donations and supplies for U.S. troops. (908) 658-3209. Sponsored by Fullerton Auto Group, Route 22, Somerville.

Sept. 10: Community Day, Raritan Township, Lenape Park, Route 523. Crafts, children's activities, live entertainment, food. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect

donations and supplies for U.S. troops.

Sept. 11: Manville Community Day, Main Street, Manville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Crafts, children's activities, live entertainment, food. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect donations and supplies for U.S. troops.

Sept. 12: 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.

Sept. 17: Flagpole and veterans' monument dedication, Eclipse Fitness, Sports and Wellness, 17 King George Road, Green Brook (732) 356-6900.

Sept. 24: Community Day, Dilt's Park, Route 604, Delaware Township. Crafts, children's activities, live entertainment, food. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect donations and supplies for U.S. troops.

Sept. 25: 24th annual John Basilone Parade and ceremonies, Somerset Street, Raritan, 1 p.m. See

www.basiloneparade.com. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect donations and supplies for U.S. troops. (908) 725-7336.

Sept. 25: 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.

Oct. 2: Community Festival at Bound Brook, Main Street adjacent to the NJ Transit train station, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A celebration of community, live entertainment, crafts, food, children's activities. Bring a donation for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and receive a free festival t-shirt. (908) 369-4318. Sponsored by Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition.

Oct. 20: 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, 11:15 a.m., main sale, 4:30 p.m. (732) 545-1700.

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Angelina Buono

BOUND BROOK — Angelina M. Buono, 89, died Sept. 5, 2005 at her home. She was born Feb. 1, 1916 in Bound Brook and lived in the borough all her life.

A homemaker, Mrs. Buono was a member of the Ladies Mount Carmel Society and Lady Elks in Bound Brook. She also was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Dominick, died in 1989.

Surviving are a son, John of South Bound Brook; a daughter, Marie Weidemann, and a sister, Rose Pitoscia, both of Bound Brook; a granddaughter, Lisa, and a grandson, Philip, both of South Bound Brook; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Joaquina Powanda

MIDDLESEX — Joaquina T. "Jackie" Fernandez Powanda, 73, died Sept. 3, 2005 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Pindo, Spain, she lived in Bayonne and Jersey City before moving to Middlesex in 1960.

Mrs. Powanda was with Baker & Taylor in Somerville for 24 years, retiring in 1992 as a purchase order executive. She later was a part-time check counter for a New Jersey bank.

She studied computer courses at the Katherine Gibbs School in Piscataway. Mrs. Powanda was a member of the Red Hats in Middlesex and the Altar Rosary Society at Our Lady of Mount Virgin

Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Thomas M.; five sons, Thomas Francis of Alpharetta, Ga., Stephen Paul of Morris Plains, Gregory Charles of Chambersburg, Pa., Jeffrey Mark of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Michael Keith of Hudson, Fla.; a daughter, Maryann Stefanchik of Berkeley Heights; a brother, Joseph Fernandez; a sister, Juanita Falcichio; and 15 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Veronica Paduch

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Veronica S. Wisbeski Paduch, 73, died Aug. 31, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Somerville, she lived in South Bound Brook before moving to Branchburg in 1995.

Mrs. Paduch retired in 2001 after 10 years as a residential caregiver with the Developmental Resources Corp. She earlier was a licensed practical nurse for 24 years at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Her husband, Stanley, died in 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith E. Pocheski and husband Anthony of Highland Park and Lynda Sperduto and husband Thomas of Harmony Township; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Bridgewater Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

William J. Sanders

MIDDLESEX — William J. Sanders, 70, died Sept. 1, 2005 at the Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

He was born in Tamaqua, Pa., and had lived in Middlesex since 1965.

Mr. Sanders retired in 1985 after 20 years as a machinist with the Egan Machinery Co. in Bridgewater. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife of 52

years, Irene; two sons, Larry and LeeRoy; a daughter, Joyce Carpenter; a brother, three sisters, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, 600 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869 or Center for Hope Hospice, 111 DeHart Place, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

Carl Neu

BOUND BROOK — Carl Neu, 77, died Sept. 1, 2005 at the Raritan Health and Extended Care Center.

Born in Somerville, he was a son of the late Karl and Evelyn Neu.

Mr. Neu lived in Hillsborough before moving to Bound Brook. An auto mechanic, he built race engines for stock cars and was the retired owner of C&J Auto Repair in Hillsborough. More recently Mr. Neu worked

15 years in the drill needle department of Ethicon Inc.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Robert; and two sisters, Theresa Eberhardt and Evelyn Cox.

Surviving are his former wife, Ethel; two sons, John and David; a brother, Frank; two sisters, Veronica Toland and Charlotte Snyder; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Ruth Ross Link

MIDDLESEX — Ruth T. Ross Link, 93, died July 28, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Mrs. Link was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y. She lived in Mahanoy City, Pa., Somerville and Bound Brook before moving to Middlesex in 1985.

She was employed at Somerset Medical Center for more than 25 years, retiring in 1979 as manager of its hospitality center. Mrs. Link was a member of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church.

Her husband, John, died in 1981. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Howard Ross and Joseph Ross; and a sister, Helen

Penharlow. Surviving are a son, John and wife Gloria of Bridgewater; three daughters, Ethel, with whom Mrs. Link lived, Shirley Hall and husband Gabe of Manville and Barbara Ritter and husband Michael of Newberry, Fla.; a brother, George Ross, and a sister, Marge Rummens, both of Camarillo, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Middlesex Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Somerset Medical Center, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876 or the Bound Brook United Methodist Church.

Judith Orlando

MIDDLESEX — Judith A. Fay Orlando, 66, died Sept. 5, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in New Brunswick, she lived in Middlesex before moving to Martinsville in 1988.

Mrs. Orlando was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Warren J. Jr.; a son, Warren J. III of Middlesex; two daughters, Karen Harritty and husband George of Middlesex and Gail of Maryland; a brother, Robert Fay, and a sister, Rosemarie, both of Delaware; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Orlando was a member. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bridgewater.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Lewis F. Ulmer

BOUND BROOK — Lewis F. Ulmer, 80, died Aug. 20, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Mr. Ulmer was born in South Bound Brook. He lived in Bound Brook, Bridgewater and Raritan before moving to Hillsborough in 1977.

He retired in 1995 after 27 years operating the Hess gas station on Routes 202-206 in Somerville. Mr. Ulmer was with the Army in Europe and the Pacific during World War II.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Donald and Robert; and two sisters, Freda Bonstete and June O'Connor.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Doris Fredericks Ulmer; two sons, Wayne and David, both of Hillsborough; a daughter, Sue Carey of Kendall Park; a brother, Harry Westen of Warren; two sisters, Marian Schuster of East Brunswick and Shirley Birchak of Bridgewater; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at the Hillsborough Funeral Home. Burial was in Neshanic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Neshanic Reformed Church, 715 Amwell Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

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Frank Kopcienski

MIDDLESEX — Frank J. Kopcienski, 85, died Sept. 3, 2005 at his home.

Mr. Kopcienski was born in Miller Place, N.Y. He lived in Massapequa, N.Y., and Bound Brook before moving to Middlesex in 1946.

He was with the National Broadcasting Co. for 40 years and retired in 1982 as a construction engineer based in Manhattan. Mr. Kopcienski was a past president of the Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church.

A member of American Legion Post 306 and Elks

Lodge 1488 in Middlesex, Mr. Kopcienski was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Helen Wanat Kopcienski; a son, Paul; three daughters, Ruth Niles, Linda Ferruccio and Nancy Feldman; a brother, John; a sister, Helen Pappas; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Joseph R. Davis Jr.

BOUND BROOK — Joseph R. Davis Jr., 67, died Aug. 15, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born Feb. 22, 1938 in Forty Fort, Pa., he was a son of the late Joseph Rhodes and Lola Rosaline Clark Davis Sr.

An Air Force veteran, Mr. Davis was a communications center specialist with the Strategic Air Command when he was discharged in 1963. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans as well as a member of American Legion Post 12 and the United Reformed Church, both in Somerville.

Preceding him in death was a brother, David.

Surviving are three sisters,

Lola Zimmerman and husband John of Hop Bottom, Pa., Donna Politz and husband Frank of Princeton, N.C., and Elaine Craig of Brick; a brother, William and wife Ruth of Kingston, Pa.; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Forty Fort United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by the Barron-Myer Funeral Home in Montrose, Pa. The family will provide all flowers and suggests that, if desired, donations may be sent to the Joseph R. Davis Jr. Memorial Account at Pennstar Bank, 10 Public Ave., Montrose, PA 18801.

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Senior Calendar

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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., corner of Livingston. All seniors are welcome to join including non-residents. Our meetings include informative programs, refreshments, information about upcoming trips and bingo.

Upcoming Trips and Events:
 Atlantic City trips are held the third Tuesday of each month. Call Ed Kimmel at (732) 469-1263 for details.

Oct. 12 — Octoberfest at Hunts Landing, \$50.
 Nov. 16 — Irish Wake at Doolen's in Spring Lake, \$66.
 Upcoming: The Miracle of Christmas at Sight and Sound Theater, Strasburg, Pa.
 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 Barbatì at (908) 725-5444. A future membership meeting will

be on Sept. 12.
 Oct. 10 — Columbus Day Italian Lunch and membership meeting, 1 p.m. in school cafeteria.

Middlesex Borough
Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors meet 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:
 Oct. 13 — "San Gennaro Festival" at Doolen's, Spring Lake, \$60 pp. \$30 deposit due Aug. 9; balance due Sept. 13. Includes bus, lunch and all star Italian Musical Revue.

Dec. 2 — Bethlehem Christmas Tour: \$78 pp. \$40 deposit due Oct. 11, balance due Nov. 8 and includes bus, lunch, Von Trapp Family show, Kris Kringle Shop and Tour of Lights.

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.

Sept. 20 — Diet, Nutrition and Exercise, Dr. Jon Salisbury, speaker, 11 a.m. Free.

Oct. 12 — Medicare Part D - 10:30 a.m. Free admission.

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 will meet September 7 at 2 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. Bingo is played every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m., 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.

Students gets into lab work

EDISON — This summer Melissa Melendez investigated the effects of chemical substitutions on the nitrogen atom of trisubstituted pyrroles.

She is a junior majoring in biochemistry at Rider University in Lawrenceville and worked with Bruce Burnham, an associate professor of chemistry at Rider.

Melendez graduated from the Newburgh Free Academy in Newburgh, N.Y.

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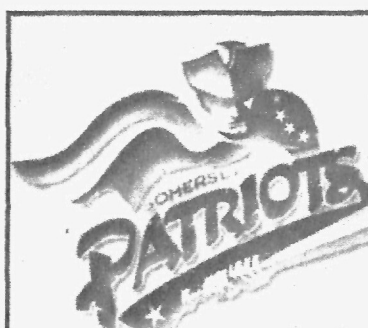
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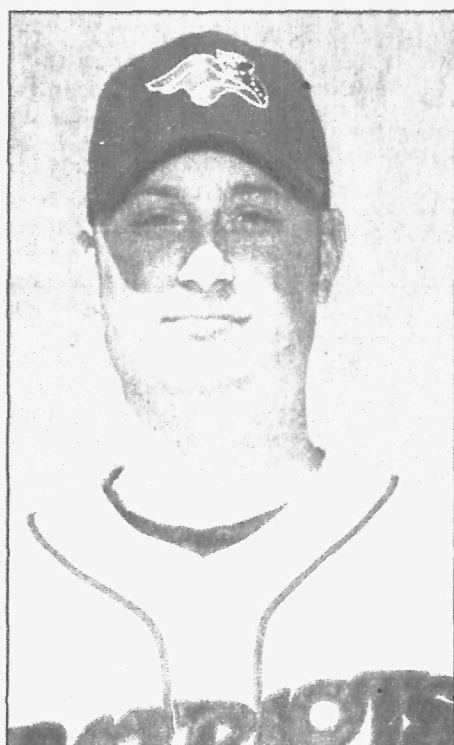
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Computer Assisted Drafting I (9 wks-\$80)	All	
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Building Trades Blueprint Reading (9 wks-\$80)	EB	
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Construction Trades — Algebra II (9 wks-\$80)	PI	
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Electrical Trades - Mathematics (20 wks-\$160)	EB, PI	
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Autumn Splendor Wreath (1 day workshop-\$25)	EB	
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Heating Ventilation & AC III (20 wks-\$160)	EB, PI	
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Information Session

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When: 6:30 PM
 Wednesday, August 31, 2005
 Where: Auditorium
 East Brunswick Campus, 112 Rues Lane

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For students who want to register for 2005 Fall Semester Courses and Programs

When: Postmarked by September 7, 2005
 Where: Course Descriptions and the Registration Form are in the course catalog or on the web at: www.mcvt.net
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When: 5:00 - 8:00 PM
 Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.
 Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15, 2005
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Baptist church holds car wash on Sept. 10

METUCHEN — New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., will hold its Youth Free-Will Car Wash from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10.

Bring your dirty cars, trucks, SUVs, vans and motorcycles. There will be gospel music, food and evangelism. Cost is by free-will donation only.

For more information, call (732) 549-8941.

Township Garden Club

seeking new members

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway Garden Club is seeking new members.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center, 700 Buena Vista Ave. The center is off Hoes Lane behind Kennedy Library.

For more information, call (732) 885-5050.

Law practice will mark 20 years of service

EDISON — Business owners

and professionals are invited to an open house marking the 20th anniversary of Kenneth Vercammen's law practice.

The party is from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 16 in his law office at 2053 Woodbridge Ave. T-shirts and other gifts will be awarded. Food and beverages will be available.

For more information, call (732) 572-0500.

Edison gardeners to hold dinner event

EDISON — The Edison Garden Club holds a "Grow and Share Supper" at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Main Branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

Members are asked to bring special food grown in their gardens.

The Garden Club will have a booth at the Metuchen Country Fair on Saturday, Oct. 1. Bouquets of dried flowers, birdhouses, topiaries, floral arrangements, wreaths and bookmarks will be featured, all made by Garden Club members.

Adoption is subject of November conference

PISCATAWAY — "Let's Talk Adoption" at the 24th annual conference of that name.

The conference is on Nov. 5 at the Busch Campus Center on the Busch Campus of Rutgers University. Child care professionals, adoptive parents, birth parents and those who were adopted are invited. Continuing education hours are available for licensed social workers with a New Jersey or Pennsylvania license.

Keynote speaker is Joseph Crumbley, whose topic is "Rebuilding Identity and Positive Self-Esteem."

Discounts apply for those who register before Oct. 20. For registration and fees, visit www.cpfan.org or call (908) 273-5694.

Sponsors of "Let's Talk Adoption" are Concerned Parents for Adoption, the New Jersey Interagency Adoption Council and the Rutgers School of Social Work.

Bound Brook festival coming 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. on 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 Diversity Coalition at (908) 369-4318 or visit www.scddiversity.org.

South Plainfield offers trip to 'Disney on Ice'

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Recreation Department has announced three trips for the public: "Disney on Ice" trip at the Meadowlands, Nov. 25. Tickets will be \$25 each and will go on sale in Sept. on a date not yet determined. The Christmas Spectacular trip to Radio City Music Hall, Dec. 8, will cost \$90 per person. Tickets are available in the Recreation Department at 1250 Maple Ave. Call Joann Graf at (908) 754-1047.

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Saturday, September 10

METUCHEN - Youth Free-Will Car Wash: Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., gospel music, food and evangelism included. Call (732) 549-8941 for additional information.

DUNELLEN

Art on the Green: Sept. 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gazebo on N. Washington Ave. Art Show and sale of wide variety of subjects. Food available. Sponsored by C21 Moretti and Dunellen - Green Brook Rotary Club.

Sunday, September 11

DUNELLEN

Annual Street Fair: Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor applications being accepted. Sponsored by the Dunellen Merchants and Professional Association and supports the library, rescue, fire dept.'s, and more. Fair will feature rides, games, food, crafts, pony rides and more. Call Bill at (732) 713 6068 for details.

Monday, September 12

EDISON - Garden Club Supper: Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. for a Grow and Share supper. Bring foods made from your garden.

Wednesday, September 14

METUCHEN - AAUW Annual Open House: Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, 200 Hillside (Off Grove Ave.) Refreshments provided.

METUCHEN-EDISON

Women's Club Open House: Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's Church Hall, 17 Oak St. in Metuchen. Refreshments served, no cost, to guests and members. Call (732) 548-0925 for details.

IN THE FUTURE:

EDISON - EDC Awards Banquet: Sept. 17 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Pines Manor All welcome, black tie event. For tickets, \$65 to North Stelton EDC, P.O. Box 8, Piscataway 08854, or call Helena Monroe at (732) 521-3708.

FRANKLIN - Business Dinner Meeting: 6-9 p.m. Sept. 20 at McAters, Easton Ave., Somerset. Business and Professional Women of Middlesex and Somerset. "Sharing Stories - Breast Cancer Awareness Project" by RWJUH specialist.

\$20. Call Diane for details (732) 246-2389.

BOUND BROOK - Rummage Sale: Sept. 22, 23 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Church and Franklin Sts. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. benefits church programs. Call (732) 356-0247 for details.

EDISON - Garden Club: Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will participate in Metuchen Country Fair with bouquets of dried materials, bird houses topiaries and more made by club members.

BOUND BROOK - Community Festival: Oct. 2 on Main Street from 1 to 5 p.m. Will bring entire community together with fun, food and entertainment to celebrate BOUND BROOK, sponsored by Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition. Contact Rich Reitman (908) 526-1390 or (908) 400-6061 for further details.

PISCATAWAY - Let's Talk Adoption Conference: Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Rutgers University, Busch Campus for all concerned about adoption process; 36 workshops, register before Oct. 20 for \$35 pp. rate; then \$40 pp. Contact (908) 273-5694 for details.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Disney on Ice: Nov. 25 at the Meadowlands. Tickets \$25 for 3 p.m. show. Tickets go on sale in Sept. Contact the South Plainfield Recreation Dept. (908) 226-7713.

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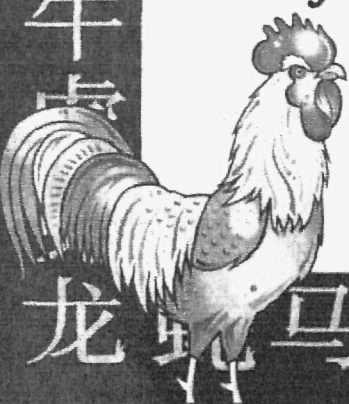
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Veteran Spartan coach hasn't lost a step

By **ALLAN CONOVER**
Sports Editor

SOMERVILLE — The typical first-year bumps and bruises could be anticipated. But that was one very nasty cut on George Sigle's upper arm.

One of Pierce Frauenheim's most vivid memories of his inaugural season leading the Immaculata High football squad is Sigle, a running back, splitting open his arm on a discarded soda bottle on the Spartans' practice field three blocks from the high school.

Now the site of Somerville High, that section of Davenport Street had just Brooks Field, a parking area and another lot barely large enough to practice on back in 1966.

"We had no field whatsoever," said Frauenheim, "so we'd walk over to practice on what is now the Somerville High softball field. There was a lot of debris and stones and glass on this field, and I remember one of my players (Sigle) got cut by a broken bottle above the elbow and had to take a lot of stitches."

It took several years, but the playing field evened out for Immaculata, both figuratively and literally.

"We started to turn things around in '74," said Frauenheim, whose blue-and-silver-clad troops have been among Central Jersey's most respected programs during the past three decades.

So many individuals and personalities and strategies have come and gone over the years. But one thing has never changed — Frauenheim holding central command on the sideline, his raspy voice, the result of his bout with esophageal cancer in the mid-1970s, quietly giving directions to his assistants and players.

"I guess you could say he is the program," said Immaculata

assistant coach Brett Lyons. "He's been involved with it from Day One. He really is the program, and with the wisdom he's gained through all those years, he's been able to deal with just about any situation that's come up on the field or off it."

"I really can't imagine Immaculata football without him," said Anthony Gargiulo, a former Spartan tackle now starring at Dartmouth College. "He just might go on forever."

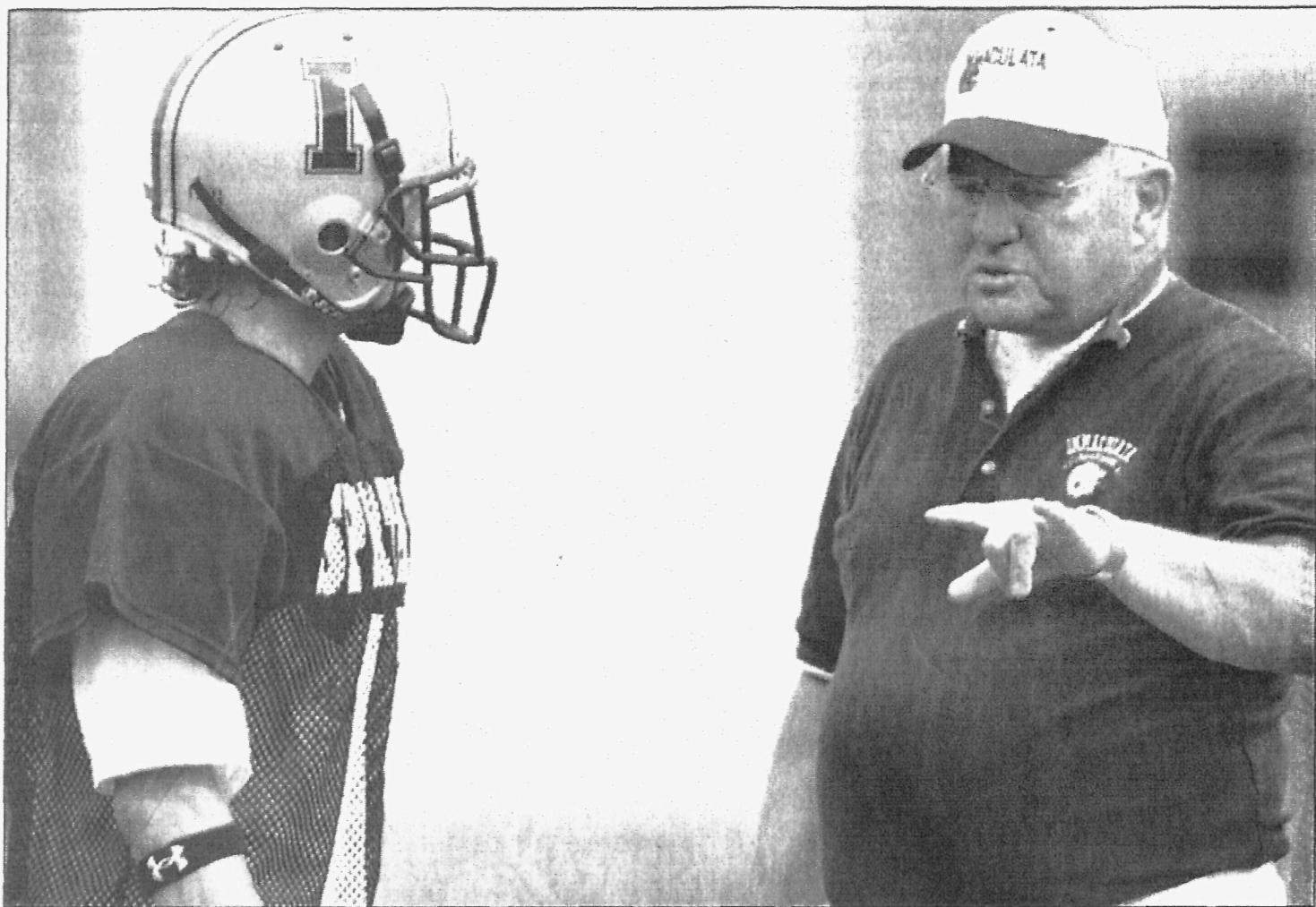
Now in his 40th campaign and with no imminent plans of retirement, Frauenheim just might give that a shot.

"I feel very good and am in good health now and really enjoy what I'm doing," said Frauenheim, who'll celebrate his 65th birthday in January. "Hopefully, and God willing, I can go on for a while, as long as I still enjoy it. I never set a time limit on it. Of course, things could change next year, but the way I feel now, I want to continue."

Lyons, a 1992 Immaculata graduate who played quarterback for the Spartans, sees no reason why Frauenheim should feel any differently judging by what he's observed during the past three years as a Spartan assistant.

"He's still very involved — he's not like a Bobby Bowden (Florida State) who goes up in a tower and just oversees everything," said Lyons, a Raritan attorney who manages to free his schedule during the fall so he can help out with Frauenheim's offense. "He allows the assistants to do a lot but if he sees something that needs to be corrected or done differently, he's still active enough that he can step right in and show just the way it should be done."

Frauenheim, once a standout



Immaculata High's Pierce Frauenheim talks with one of his players at practice last week. Frauenheim, who owns a 252-123-2 career record, began his 40th season as head coach last night when Immaculata hosted cross-town rival Somerville.

defensive back at Rutgers, has always staunchly adhered to his own ideals on how things should be done. Rarely displaying much flash, Immaculata squads usually rely on aggressive, swarming, everyone-to-the-ball defense and an offense that first and foremost tries to advance the ball on the ground.

"My philosophy is you have to run the ball in order to

throw it," he said. "A lot of other people nowadays use all kinds of spread formations and are throwing the ball all the time. You have to have both options and try to take what the defense gives you."

Frauenheim, whose sons Pierce Jr., Chris, Michael and David all played for him, has accumulated a 253-123-2 record during his tenure,

including 26 straight non-losing seasons.

The school initially was a part of the long-defunct Raritan Valley Conference and jumped right into varsity competition during its debut season, going 1-7. Among the Spartans' top players were Sigle, brothers Jimmy and Joe Cusick and Hugh McAleavy, who later became a local

police officer.

The Spartans eventually developed into a dominant Mountain Valley Conference power and captured six successive Mountain Division championships before joining the larger-school Skyland

Conference a year ago, when they went 5-5 overall and captured a seventh consecutive state playoff berth.

First-time starter Smith stops Patriots

Lefthander Chris Smith — making his first start on the mound for Long Island — and three relievers shut down the Somerset Patriots on five hits Tuesday night during the Ducks' 3-1 Atlantic League of Professional Baseball triumph in front of 5127 fans at Citibank Park in Central Islip, N.Y.

Smith (2-0), who hadn't started since getting rocked July 7, 2004 while pitching for Aberdeen in the New York-Penn League, allowed two hits, four walks and no runs in 5 2/3 innings before being replaced by Tony Runion.

Somerset's Nick Stocks (5-5) took the loss after yielding nine hits, six walks and three runs in six innings.

Patriots' designated hitter Lou Lucca went 2 for 4 and also coming through with hits for the visitors (27-26) were Emiliano Escandon, who doubled in the eighth and scored on Kevin Nicholson's groundout, Ryan Radmanovich and Fernando Lunar.

Billy Hall, who extended his team-record hitting streak to 24 games Monday, wasn't in the Somerset lineup. The former Patriot hitting streak standard was 22, set a year ago by Victor Rodriguez, and the ALPB record is 25, established in 1998 by Atlantic City's Will Pennyfeather.

Patriots 4, Long Island 0 — A pair of first-inning runs and the shutout pitching of Mark DiFelice, Greg Modica and Derek Anderson, which limited the home team to five hits, carried the Patriots to victory Monday night as 6368 fans looked on in Central Islip.

DiFelice (7-3) went the first five innings, allowing five hits and striking out three to win his fourth straight start, before giving way to Modica, who'd just returned to the Patriots after leaving the team to join a club in the Taiwan League less than two weeks earlier. Modica, however, spent just four days in Taiwan because the situation didn't work out for him and returned to the U.S.

He pitched three innings of no-hit ball Monday and Anderson finished up in the final inning.

Hall, who went 2 for 4 to extend his hitting streak to 24 games, led off the game with an infield hit to first base and came around to score when shortstop Carlos Hernandez made an error on Escandon's grounder, with Escandon advancing to



second on the play. Jeff Nettles' liner, lost in the sun by the Ducks' leftfielder, dropped in for a double and a 2-0 Somerset lead.

The Pats added another run in the sixth when Escandon led off with a double to left-center, advanced to third on Nettles' groundout and came home on Radmanovich's fly ball to left.

In the eighth Hall singled to center, stole his 53rd base of the year and scored on Escandon's double to left-center.

AC 2, Patriots 1 — Demetrius Heath's bloop single off Adam Larson in the eighth inning drove in the deciding run Sunday afternoon as the Atlantic City Surf (33-18), still battling for a post-season playoff berth, prevailed in front of 1586 fans at Sandcastle Stadium.

Hall had two of the Pats' seven hits, stole two bases and was also caught for the seventh time. Escandon, who went 1 for 3, drove in Hall with a first-inning fly ball.

Somerset had runners at second and third with two out in the ninth before Fernando Desque struck out Jeremy Owens to end the game and notch his first save.

Lincoln Mikkelsen (6-10) pitched the first eight innings for the Surf, allowing six hits, no walks and fanning seven. Shane Heams was every bit as good for the Pats, giving up one hit, two walks and a run while striking out six in six frames before Stocks relieved him. Heams had thrown six innings of no-hit ball in his previous start and this time didn't yield a hit until Al Benjamin dunked a single to left with one out in the fifth.

Patriots 4, AC 3 — Todd Betts' 13th homer, a solo shot in the eighth, turned out to be the winning run Saturday night in front of 3437 fans at Sandcastle Stadium.

Betts' homer staked the Pats to a 4-1 lead but the Surf came back with a run in their next at-bat off reliever Robert Marquez. In the ninth Marquez had to exit after straining a hamstring muscle and was replaced by Saul Solveson, who allowed a run-scoring hit to



Lou Lucca, who's been seeing plenty of time as the Somerset Patriots' designated hitter lately, goes hard into second base to break up a double-play attempt against Long Island last week at Commerce Bank Park.

Dario Delgado before retiring Ozzie Timmons on a fly ball to left-center to end the game.

Radmanovich went 2 for 3, including a solo homer (No. 24) in the sixth, and Betts and Owens also had two hits apiece.

Hall scored the game's first run in the opening stanza when he tripled and came in on Nettles' fly ball, and Nettles singled in Hall in the fifth for a 2-0 cushion.

Starting pitcher Tim Christman, a lefthander, permitted four hits, four walks and a run in six innings to earn his first triumph in three decisions.

AC 13, Patriots 11 — Former big-leaguer Timmons drove in five runs with a double and three homers Sept. 2 to power Atlantic City in front of 1217 fans at Sandcastle Stadium.

AC scored eight times in the second inning and led 11-4 until the Pats pushed five runs across in the sixth to again make a game of it.

The teams combined for 30 hits, with Escandon, Radmanovich, Betts, Lucca, Lunar and Nicholson collecting two apiece for the visitors. Nettles (No. 24) and Lunar (No.

4) had two-run homers in the opening inning, giving Somerset a 4-0 cushion. Lucca's first Patriot homer accounted for the game's final two runs in the ninth.

Lefty Nick Bierbrodt (3-2), who'd been a relief standout, started on the hill for the first time as a Patriot and took the loss after permitting 10 hits and nine runs (seven earned) in three innings. He was replaced by Todd Moser, who gave up four hits and four runs in three innings. Derek Anderson, who signed with the Pats earlier in the day, finished out the game with two scoreless innings.

Patriots 10, Long Island 2 — Belting five home runs — two by Nettles — the Patriots coasted to victory Sept. 1 in front of 4830 fans at Commerce Bank Park.

Nettles, who went 3 for 4, connected for a three-run shot in the third and added a two-run blast in the fifth.

Owens' 23rd homer, following Radmanovich's single, staked Somerset to a 2-0 second-inning lead and Hall's single and Escandon's walk preceded Nettles' third-inning homer.

Another Escandon walk set up Nettles' next homer for a 7-0 advantage. Betts cracked a solo shot (No. 12) in the sixth and Nettles' double and Radmanovich's 23rd homer produced the Pats' final two runs in the seventh.

Starter Nick Stocks (5-4) earned the pitching triumph, yielding just four hits, two walks and one run while striking out five in seven innings. Larson finished up.

Patriots 4, Long Island 3 — Betts' two-run double capped a four-run sixth-inning outburst Aug. 31 that carried the Pats to victory as 3868 fans looked on at CBR.

With the Pats trailing 3-0, Hall led off their sixth with a bunt single, swiped second and came in on Nettles' single. Radmanovich singled, Owens' hit sent in a second run and Betts followed with his double off the right-field fence.

Escandon had two hits, including a triple, and DiFelice allowed seven hits, one walk and three earned runs while fanning five. Marquez pitched the final two innings (one walk, two Ks) for his eighth save.



Patriots aid with disaster relief

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset Patriots along with a local chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a Disaster Relief Fund Collection during this weekend's games with Atlantic City at Commerce Bank Park.

The Red Cross will be collecting donations to assist in relief efforts in the Gulf Coast states in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Also, all sales of Patriot game programs and scorecards throughout the weekend will benefit the Disaster Relief Fund.

The Patriots will also be offering a complimentary South Division championship playoff ticket voucher for any donations over \$10. Somerset will host a playoff game 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 and may be home for as many as four post-season contests.

Following tonight's rare off date, the Patriots will be home against the Surf 7:05 tomorrow night, which also will feature a post-game fireworks show, and the same time Saturday and 1:35 p.m. Sunday. Somerset then visits Lancaster before returning for its final regular-season home stand Sept. 15-18 against Camden.

ANDERSON SIGNS Lefthanded pitcher Derek Anderson signed Friday with the Patriots. Anderson played a season of Double-A ball in the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' organization and spent the 2004 season with Brockton (Mass.) of the independent Northeast League.

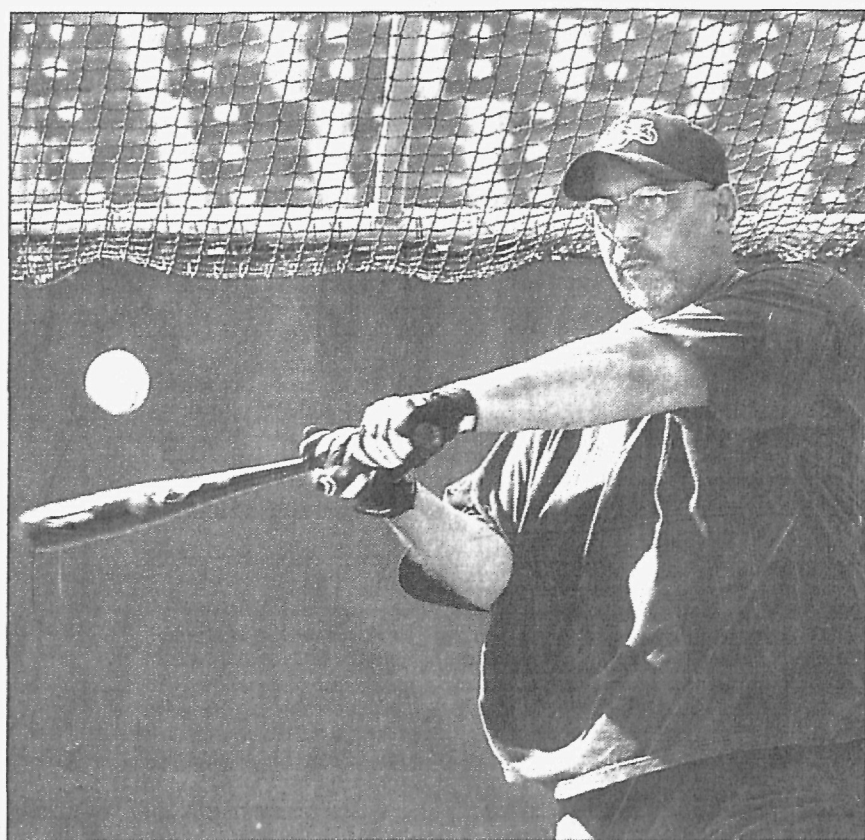
He has a career minor league earned run average of 3.74 and has 264 strikeouts in 301 innings pitched during 140 games.

Anderson took the roster spot of lefty Scott Forster, who was released the previous day just two weeks after Somerset had signed him.

Rock 'n' chin music

Pat DiNizio, right, keys in on a pitch during batting practice with the Somerset Patriots last week at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater. DiNizio, 49, and lead singer for The Smithereens, wants to be the oldest player on a minor league baseball team. His attempt to reach that goal will be the focus of a new reality show called "7th Inning Stretch." At far right, DiNizio fields a ground-ball while infielder Lou Lucca backs him up.

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Smithereens front man tries baseball for TV

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — In the dugout at Commerce Bank Park, Pat DiNizio let on that he still has a long way to go.

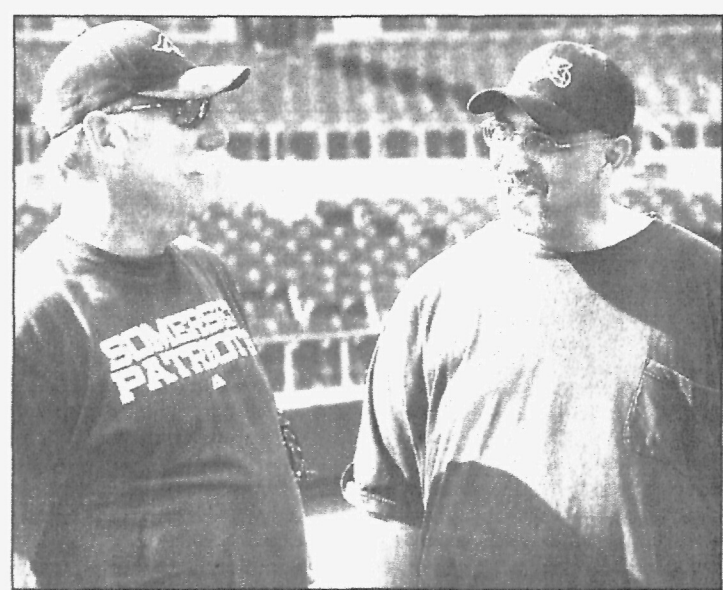
The front man for the seminal '80s and early-'90s rock band The Smithereens, DiNizio had just finished warming up with the Somerset Patriots prior to their Sept. 1 match-up with the Long Island Ducks and talked about his upcoming reality show "7th Inning Stretch."

"It's kind of like a cross between 'Field of Dreams,' 'The Rookie' and 'Spinal Tap,'" said the Scotch Plains native who turns 50 next month. DiNizio, who likes baseball almost as much as he likes playing guitar, wants to be the oldest player on a minor league club, and "7th Inning Stretch," which began filming in early June and should wrap up in February, will chronicle his attempt to reach that goal. The show is expected to air sometime in late March on ESPN2.

The visit to Commerce Bank Park was just one stop on DiNizio's whirlwind tour to get back in shape and reclaim the talent he had as a star player at Scotch Plains High School in the early '70s.

It has taken him to a number of ballparks including Fenway Park, where he nearly hit the Green Monster off a pitch from David Wells. He got batting tips from Don Mattingly at Yankees Stadium. "Iron Man" Cal Ripken is also featured in the show as well as a number of rock musicians, including Gene Simmons, Todd Rundgren, Ted Nugent, Sugar Ray, George Thorogood and Joan Jett.

"We're targeting older athletes and musicians who are still out there kicking ass," said the show's producer, Michele Alessi of Famous Monsters Media.



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Rocker Pat DiNizio, right, chats with Somerset Patriots Manager Sparky Lyle before working out with the team last week. DiNizio has dreams of making a minor league ball club.



DiNizio was adamant that the show's premise is no gimmick and insisted he believes he really has a shot at making a minor league team.

"Absolutely," he said. "It's just a matter of getting the proper amount of coaching. It's like playing the guitar. You have to be dedicated and practice every day."

He continued: "It's a reality show meant to empower people. It's for guys who wear the baseball jersey of their favorite player. It's for families with kids who play ball. It's about a 50-year-old man with a dream."

DiNizio said his dream began after he came down with a nervous disorder that resulted in life-threatening hives.

"After 25 years on the road (with The Smithereens) I wound up getting sick. It took its toll," he said, adding he was prescribed a powerful steroid that saved his life but caused him to balloon up to 310 pounds — 100 pounds more than his average weight.

"Have you seen Jerry Lewis? Like him," he said.

"During that time I watched a lot of baseball on TV," he said. DiNizio, currently at 275 pounds, said he began to notice that professional outfielders were letting catchable pop-ups drop in front of them. "I started thinking gee wiz, if I had that opportunity I wouldn't be lazy. ... Baseball became a way out of being sick."

He said Cal Ripken thought it was a good idea for a show and after a pitch to ESPN, Famous Monsters Media was given the green light.

The rest is reality television. "Swing from your ass," Manager Sparky Lyle recommended to DiNizio earlier in the day, before batting practice.

"I can do it. I can do it. I can do it," a sweaty DiNizio said a bit later, after exiting the batting cage. "It feels good when I hit it with the sweet spot of the bat."

Lyle, the former legendary relief pitcher for the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox, pitched to DiNizio, who, after starting off with foul tips and weak grounders, eventually began to hit consistent and powerful bombs into the out-

field.

"Don't let him run one in on your hands. He's made a living doing it," pitching coach Liam Healy told DiNizio as players encouraged him to keep it up.

"He's got a great bat path, down through the ball," Healy said. "But you gotta remember, he hasn't played in 35 years. You also gotta remember he's hitting off Sparky Lyle."

"He did like I would expect anyone to do who hasn't played baseball in a while," Lyle said at the end of batting practice. "He takes too big a stride. He needs to work on that. Either no stride at all or a shorter one."

Lyle said DiNizio's stride was causing him to strike the ball from below the trademark of the bat.

"His hands probably hurt right now," he said.

"It's good what he's doing," Lyle said about the television show. "I think he's having fun, what the hell? We enjoyed having him here."

DiNizio also practiced pitching and fielding ground balls with his Mizuno mitt signed by Alice Cooper Tommy Lee, Heather Locklear and Rob Lowe — a memento from a charity softball event in Hollywood back in the early '90s.

"I have to be twice as good as these kids half my age," he said after the workout. "I may not have the physical gifts but I have the reflexes."

DiNizio said he is aware that at the age of 46, outfielder Rickey Henderson was and remains the oldest player in the history of the Atlantic League. Henderson will turn 48 this Christmas and currently plays for the San Diego Surf Dawgs in the Golden Baseball League. He also has 25 years of Major League Baseball experience under his belt.

DiNizio compared his own comeback to that of former two-time Heavyweight Champion George Foreman.

"People said he was too fat and too old, and he was gonna get hurt. But he did it," he said.

"Some people have told me it's impossible, but if I believed all the naysayers who told us The Smithereens were terrible, we would have given up," The Smithereens will mark their 25th anniversary in March.

"The human spirit is an amazing thing. If you work hard enough you can do damn near anything," he said. "That would be the most amazing thing ever, to make a team. ... But in the end it's not about whether I make a team or not. It's about the journey."

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Campus Notes

Rizwan Ahmad of Edison received a bachelor's degree in biophysics in May from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. He also was named to the Johns Hopkins dean's list for the spring 2005 semester.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Iqbal Ahmad attended John P. Stevens High School.

Douglas Fell of Bound Brook was recently named as a recipient of a \$3,000 life insurance policy awarded by the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada. Douglas, who will enter 8th grade at Somerville's Immaculate Conception School in September, was chosen for consistently exhibiting Christian values and principals, academic achievement and service to the parish and school.

Brendan P. Gilmartin of Somerset has received a \$2,500 scholarship through the Discover Card Tribute Award program. He is scheduled to graduate this month from St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen.

The program is sponsored by Discover Financial Services in association with the American Association of School Administrators.

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. They are:

Jennifer GaNun of South Plainfield, a junior majoring in rehabilitation and disability studies.

Michael Muldoon of Metuchen, a senior majoring in sports management.

Michael Olim of South Plainfield, a sophomore majoring in history.

Angelique Ganiaris of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Loyola University New Orleans, La.

James R. Urbaniak of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Rutgers College, on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. He is a junior majoring in English and history.

The son of John and Francesca Urbaniak also was named to the Rutgers College dean's list for the spring 2005 semester.

Caitlin P. Cleary of Metuchen was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. She is a sophomore majoring in American studies and German.

Matthew J. Connors of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Rutgers College, on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. He is a freshman majoring in mathematics and chemistry.

The son of Dr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Connors was also named to the Rutgers College dean's list for the fall 2004 semester.

Two students who graduated from Piscataway High School in June plan to enroll for the fall 2005 semester at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Alyssa Hopkins of Piscataway plans to major in nursing. **Bryan Mohan** of Piscataway plans to major in engineering.

Alyssa Tornberg of Edison plans to enroll at American University in Washington, D.C., for the fall 2005 semester that begins Aug. 29. She graduated from John P. Stevens High School in June.

Separately, **Michael Hompesch** of Middlesex was named to the American University dean's list for the spring 2005 semester. He is majoring in business administration.

Michelle La Fleur of South Bound Brook has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2004 Semester and the President's List for the Spring 2005 Semester at Raritan Valley Community College after earning all "A's" this semester.

She has also earned a Merit Scholarship from RVCC for the 2004-2005 school year for her high GPA. She is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at RVCC. Michelle, a 1998 graduate of Immaculate High School in Somerville is the Alumni Class Representative.

Valpariso University graduate **Lara Pudwell** of Piscataway co-authored a mathematics research paper that was recently published in the Journal of Discrete Mathematics. Pudwell

was part of a Valpo undergraduate research team that co-authored "The Cover Pebling Number of Graphs." The Journal on Discrete Mathematics, published by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, presents research on a broad range of topics from pure and applied mathematics.

Pudwell currently is pursuing her Ph.D. in mathematics at Rutgers University.

The Robert J. and Deborah A. Chalfin Family Foundation Inc. has announced the recipients of scholarships awarded in 2005. They are: **Daniel Cocco** of Metuchen High School for \$1,000 to Montclair State University, **Wayne Lewis** of Wardlaw-Hartridge High School for \$1,000 to Rutgers College, **Christopher Harding** of Metuchen High School for \$500 to Rutgers College, **Daniel Scapardine** of Metuchen High School for \$500 to The College of New Jersey and **Breanna Moroney** of Metuchen High School for \$250 to Rhode Island College.

The foundation offers scholarships to high school seniors from the Metuchen-Edison area. The members of the foundation's 2005 Advisory Board were Paul Gazaleh, Ina Grossman, Sidney Grossman, Jeanne Kushinsky, as well as Robert and Deborah Chalfin.

Eric Glatter of Edison received a bachelor's degree from the College of Business of Johnson and Wales University at May commencement ceremonies at the Providence Campus.

Ari Crystal-Ornelas, son of David and Yasmi Crystal of Bound Brook received a bachelor's degree from Williams College at commencement June 5. His major was Art and he was active on varsity wrestling and with a rock band.

Drew University students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester. Dean's List students must earn a minimum of a 3.4 grade point average, equivalent to a B+ or better on a scale in which A equals 4.0. **Mary Carroll Higginbottom** of Bound Brook; **Daniel Albert Riccio** and **Heather Allison Alters** of Edison; **Molly Tennessee Goodman** of Highland Park; **Tara Ann St. Angelo**, **Crystal Marie Taylor** and **Pamela Lynn Longo** of Piscataway, and **Brittany Erin Lee** of South Plainfield.

Lillian L. Cheung of Edison was named to the dean's list for

the spring 2005 semester at Boston University in Boston, Mass.

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

They are **Eleazer Gorenstein** of Metuchen, majoring in newspaper journalism; **Stefanie Lampf** of Edison, majoring in television, radio and film; and **Laura Victor** of Edison, majoring in advertising. All three students are enrolled at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Rachel Brown of 528 Cook Ave., Middlesex, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair.

She begins her senior year at Montclair State in September, studying for bachelor of fine arts degrees in theater and in dance. Brown appeared in "Aida" at Plays-in-the-Park in Edison this summer and "Trojan Women" at Montclair State last spring.

The 2002 alumna of Middlesex High School is scheduled to appear in "Big Love" at Montclair State in the fall.

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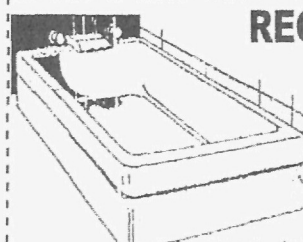
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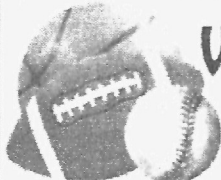
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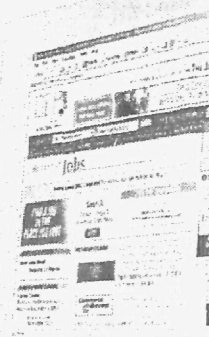
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