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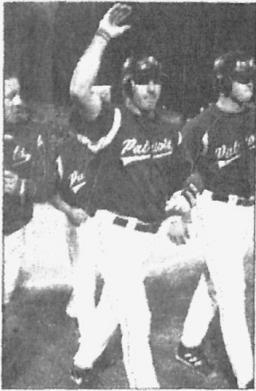
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Patriots wrap-up

Ryan Radmanovich and the Somerset Patriots celebrated their third ALPB championship last week as they followed their first-half title by winning the playoffs.

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Families welcome

Leanne and her daughter, 6-month-old Alliyah, found refuge from the streets thanks to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County. Now she, Alliyah and her other daughter, Kaila, 2, are making a new start. Leanne has been meeting with tutors and hopes to get her general education degree soon. "I want to be a drug and alcohol counselor," said Leanne, who hopes to attend Raritan Valley Community College. "I can do this on my own."

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Heavy rains bring rising waters

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI and ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI Staff Writers

Montgomery Township Administrator Donato Nieman lives just seven miles away from town hall. But yesterday morning, it took him more than an hour to get to work. That's because heavy steady rains forced the closure of Route 518 and the Griggstown

Causeway. The rains occurring over the past several days have kept Nieman and other municipal officials from around Somerset County tuned into weather forecasts. Heavy rain from Tropical Storm Tammy on Saturday had already left many areas underwater, but the water receded quickly thanks to dry conditions during August and September.

The Raritan River was expected to crest at 12 feet between midnight and 2 a.m. today. Flood stage is seven feet. Heavy rains forced Montgomery public schools to close yesterday. School officials were not immediately available for comment. "We had, at different times, as many as 17 roads closed," Nieman said Wednesday morning. "It's receding now. That

impact will be minimal, because (Griggstown Causeway) was closed anyway. But what that did was put 6,000 vehicles on other roads through the township." Route 206 in particular, which took on the additional traffic, was heavily congested Wednesday morning. "That's the only way people know they're guaranteed to get through Montgomery, so they

just stay on it and add to the congestion," Nieman said. Montgomery Public Schools had closed Thursday. Initially a delayed opening, Montgomery canceled for the day due to flooded bus routes, said Anna Murphy, public information officer for the district. As the announcement went out, some

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Music store making vibes on Main Street

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — They didn't have far to go. Just over the border from Hillsborough into Somerville, but now that Curmudgeon Music has settled into its new downtown location on Main Street, the store is again looking to the future, scheduling shows and planning to offer some new merchandise.

"When you move into an area, every area is different. You can't just open up and expect the same success," said co-owner Bill Plenge.

Fans of punk or hardcore music shouldn't yet fret, however. The store remains dedicated to its niche, and the additions will be T-shirts, pins, patches, and other accessories, as well as an increase in the store's vinyl selection.

So far, the long-planned



Bill Plenge, seen at top, is co-owner of Curmudgeon Music in Somerville. John Townsend, above, of Middlesex peruses the shelves. He said he enjoys coming to the store because there is "a good variety of everything."

move from Hillsborough has been successful.

"We have yet to get the kids' complete loyalty, because we're still new," said Plenge's wife Shannon, who

met Plenge while she was a customer in Curmudgeon's former Edison location. The

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Citizenship is area dying man's dream

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI Staff Writer

MANVILLE — Mieczyslaw Bieniek came to the United States from Poland 20 years ago with hopes of living in the land of the free.

"I came for a piece of the bread (the good economy)," Bieniek said through an interpreter. "I didn't have a place to live. I have three children and had a sick wife. I came alone to work."

Bieniek, now 66, had aspirations of becoming an American citizen, a dream he's not sure that will ever come true. Bieniek visited The Reporter office in Somerville on Friday to talk about his struggle to become an American citizen.

On three occasions, Bieniek, who's had his Green Card since 1997, traveled to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services field office in Newark to complete testing for the English language requirement needed to become naturalized. This requirement stipulates that "applicants for naturalization must be able to read, write, speak, and understand words in ordinary usage in the English language," according to the Citizen and Immigration Services Web site.

The first time, about two years ago, Bieniek had just been released from the hospital after surgery to remove cancer in his stomach.

"I had no time to prepare," Bieniek said. "I was in the hospital. I don't feel well."

During a different operation, doctors removed a lump of can-



GEORGE PACCELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mieczyslaw Bieniek, who came to the United States from Poland 20 years ago, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer but hopes to become a U.S. citizen.

cer, about the size of a ripe orange, from his lungs.

Last Wednesday, after a multitude of tests during a three-day stay in Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, because he had felt dizzy at work, Bieniek went to the field office in Newark to again try to satisfy the English language portion of the naturalization requirements. But while there, the dizzy spells came again. They were compounded by the news the doctors had given him a few days before.

Just earlier last week, doctors discovered Bieniek had a brain tumor. They gave him two to three months to live.

His illness and the dreadful

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County college inaugurates sixth president

EDISON — Middlesex County College inaugurated its sixth president recently in a ceremony featuring speeches by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, the county Freeholder Board director, a faculty member, a student and others.

In her inauguration address, President Joann La Perla-Morales paid tribute to the founders and previous presidents of the college, while steering a direction for the future.

"As the college grew with each successive president, the imagination of the founders and their philosophy evolved into an institution that continues to value access, affordability and academic quality, the hallmarks of a true community college," she said. "We are here today to celebrate our past and to mark yet another transition in the history of Middlesex County College. An inauguration provides us with a moment

to stop and celebrate the past and serve as a bridge between the past and the possible."

In her speech, La Perla-Morales asked the audience, much like the founders did 40 years ago, to imagine the possibilities for the future of the College.

"Our life as members of the Middlesex County College community must be imagined as possible," she said. "We must renew our passion for the college and our mission, to support student success. Yes, we have had many past successes, but success — like failure — is never permanent. In order to ensure continuing success, we must engage our imaginations and look to what is yet possible for our college."

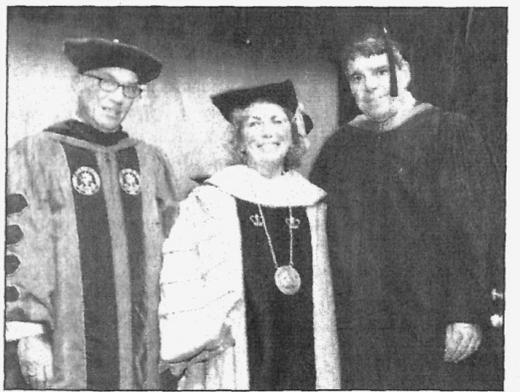
La Perla-Morales suggested several items as central challenges for the institution: Reaffirming the mission and becoming engaged in a strong strategic planning process; becoming even a stronger

learner-centered, community college by clearly articulating and implementing strategies; developing outcomes assessment consistent with the mission of student success; using technology to support learning; embracing diversity; marketing "student success" in a clear, consistent institutional message; securing funds from public and private sources to support college-wide initiatives; providing for additional full-time faculty and supporting all faculty through enrichment opportunities; and renewing relationships with the external community of Middlesex County.

"Whenever we are considering new ideas, programs or initiatives, we must continue to ask ourselves the question: 'How does this help our students?'" she said.

Gerald M. Ostrov, chairman of the college's Board of

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COURTESY MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

From left, Edward J. Yaw, president of the County College of Morris and vice chair of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, Middlesex President Joann La Perla-Morales, and Gerald Ostrov, chairman of the Middlesex Board of Trustees. Yaw presented La Perla-Morales for investiture and Ostrov bestowed the college medallion, the symbol of authority.

Take the TEST at 2005 Ballpark Bonanza on Saturday

By JIM WHITE Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — For boys and girls who want to know how they stack up against other athletes in the area, Commerce Bank Park is the place to be this Saturday.

As part of the 2005 Ballpark Bonanza, TEST Sports Club representatives will be on hand to gauge the speed,

strength and agility of children ages 7 to 18.

TEST, which stands for Total Energy System Training, specializes in sport performance programming, NFL Combine training, post rehabilitation, and complete integration for athletes and adults who want to be the best, they can be. TEST has locations in Bedminster, Martinsville and Red Bank.

"It's basically for kids who want to test their skills and see where they're at, and know where they stand. An eighth-grader could say 'OK, I'm at this level, I need to work on this,'" Jen Hilgenberg, a personal trainer and marketing director for the club, said about Saturday's event.

The day will have two combines, one for wrestling and one for all other athletes.

Testing will take place in the ballpark's outfield.

The wrestling combine includes a sled pull, pull-ups, vertical leap and medicine ball toss. The all-sports combine includes a 40-yard dash, shuttle run, vertical leap and bench press.

Hilgenberg said test results will be posted on the scoreboard for scouts and high school coaches to see, and ath-

letes will get a printout of their performance numbers.

The combines run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Athletes can register at the ballpark or online at www.testsports-club.com. The cost is \$15, with proceeds going to The Beez Foundation, a non-profit organization created to raise

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Trustees, also addressed the audience. He said La Perla-Morales has managed to make her mark in a number of areas in the past 10 months at the College.

"She is the person who will help us set new, bold — yet achievable — goals," Ostrov said. "She will continue to unify all of the arms of this institution to work together to achieve those goals. And she will make sure that we make wise investments to give an excellent return to the communities we serve."

"But an inauguration does not only focus on the president. The spotlight also shines on the col-

lege as a whole. It's an occasion to celebrate our achievements, and to re-energize ourselves for the future. It's also an opportunity for the college to re-dedicate itself — as a college and as a community — to its mission."

David B. Crabel, director of the Middlesex County Freeholders, praised the selection of the College's sixth president.

"She is a born leader and a competent administrator, but most of all a teacher who never forgets her love for teaching," Crabel said. "As JFK said 'Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.' Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales is a living example of this famous quote. Her commitment to high-

er education is evident in all the tasks she undertakes.

"As you know, our county college is such an important part of higher education in New Jersey. It offers every student an affordable option to post-secondary education with an opportunity to succeed. We are honored to have Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales as president of Middlesex County College."

Freeholder John Pulomena, who is the freeholder liaison to the college, presented La Perla-Morales with a resolution of congratulations from the freeholders.

Dr. Kathy Fedorko, professor of English and director of the Center for the Enrichment of Learning and Teaching, talked

about the impact teachers can have on students and — by extension — on the world.

"Having a new college president brings change," Fedorko said. "Because of this change all of us in the Middlesex County College community have the opportunity to learn. If we commit ourselves to what cognitive scientists call 'deep learning,' we will construct our new knowledge ourselves rather than passively receiving it; we will shape as well as be shaped by this new experience. We will all work together to learn from one another, to serve and to be served."

"Our new President brings energy and breadth of experience with her to Middlesex

County College to help guide us as we continue to serve our students and our community the best way possible. I look forward to the leadership of President Joann La Perla-Morales and to our future of dreaming more, learning more, doing more, and becoming more."

Emanuel diPasquale, professor of English, read a poem written specially for the inauguration, "Middlesex, Our College."

Brittany Mastrola, representing the students, spoke about meeting La Perla-Morales.

"She was nice, sincere and very approachable," Mastrola said. "Having any kind of relationship with the school president can be rare. So getting to know Dr. La Perla-Morales on a

personal level has been a great privilege."

Christopher Phelan, president of the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce, also presented a resolution congratulating La Perla-Morales on her inauguration.

The inauguration ceremony capped a week of activities, which included a reception for students; a lecture on the history of Middlesex County by Walter DeAngelo, the County administrator; and a reception for photographers in the SEE — Special Eyes on the Environment — program, which allows people with cerebral palsy to express their creativity by taking magnificent photographs of the environment.

Rains

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students had already made it into the high school, which starts earlier than the other schools.

Somerset County's Principal Hydraulic Engineer Carl Andraessen, said the county hasn't seen the last of the rain and that the coming days could produce additional road closures and flooding.

"Right now, this current rain and the resulting flooding will be on par with what we saw over the weekend as far as the rivers are concerned," he said. "Our concern is more rain tomorrow. You get the quick heavy rains, and that affects the roads and poor drainage areas. You get the sustained rain, and that starts to affect the river."

By late Wednesday morning, Manville had only experienced minor flooding.

"It doesn't seem to be affecting the residential area or roads," said Ken Otrimski, director of Manville's Office of Emergency Management. "We'll keep an eye on things. It's not supposed to crest until 2 a.m., so it'll be another sleepless night for me like it was over the weekend. We don't expect anything major, but if we have another big storm on Thursday or Friday, we could be in some trouble. If worse comes to worse, we'll start evacuating

people and letting people into our shelters."

Borough Administrator Gary Garwacke said the storm might be similar to the rains the borough had over the weekend.

"Everything we've heard from the National Weather Service makes it seem like it's going to be similar to what we had over the weekend," he said. "We had flooding in our low lying parklands along the river. It bears watching. We have about a 24 to 36 hour window to be watching."

Officials in Bound Brook don't anticipate major flooding. "We have a flood warning in effect," said Lt. Steve Cozza with the Bound Brook Police Department. "We're not planning anything significant. The (Raritan) River crests at 30.5 feet. Bound Brook starts getting water up from the storm sewers at 32.33 feet. At 35-36 we see basements flooding and water in the streets. At about 38-42, that's just less than Floyd status. We'll take the warnings as they come. We haven't even seen any localized flooding."

And officials in South Bound Brook weren't worried at all as of Wednesday morning.

"We're not building the ark yet," said Lt. William King of the South Bound Brook Police Department. "We have nothing; we're no where near flooding, perhaps because it's a steady rain and not a flash flood. We're 17 feet higher than Bound Brook. We haven't heard anything. We don't expect flooding."

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news doctors had recently shared might explain while Bieniek has not been able to satisfy the English language portion of the Naturalization and Citizenship process.

"How could I take the test if when ever I stood, I felt dizzy," he said.

Last Friday night, Bieniek, who had been living in Manville, flew back to Poland, not quite sure if he'd ever fulfill his dream of becoming an American citizen. When he stepped on the plane, he left behind his wife and his work as a machine operator for a Millstone company. But more than that, he left behind a life he had been proud of.

"I like to work," Bieniek said. "I like going to work. I like to go fishing and go to Atlantic City. I like to cook also."

In an almost desperate effort to help Bieniek become naturalized, his friend, Antoinette

Banaskiewicz, drove Bieniek to Congressman Mike Ferguson's office in Warren on Thursday.

"We were looking for help, anything. We spoke with a caseworker," said Banaskiewicz, a Bridgewater resident. "She said, unless you're over 85 (years old) the test is mandatory. There was no gray area. That was it."

Abby Bird, a spokesperson for Ferguson, noted that immigration and citizen rules are ever changing.

"Especially when there are misunderstandings and miscommunications, it's hard to understand what the next steps are," Bird said. "We understand the plight the man is taking is difficult. We are checking into every opportunity and every avenue possible. Our office is calling every person through Citizenship and Immigration Services in order to help Mr. Bieniek realize his dream."

Bieniek stepped on the plane on Friday sad but hopeful. He

was on his way to his homeland, his daughters and, hopefully, new treatments. The 12-hour flight landed without incident on Saturday in Krakow, which is about 150 miles from his daughter's home in Mielec.

Bieniek's Green Card is valid until November 2007. If he feels well enough, he said he will travel back to the United States and try, once again, to obtain his citizenship.

"He's got two months to live," said Victor Rizzolo, a former Superior Court judge and friend to Bieniek. "All he wants to do is die an American citizen."

Shawn Saucier, a spokesperson for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, said Bieniek could apply for a waiver for the English requirement. The waiver, which must be filled out by a doctor, must provide a diagnosis of the applicant's disability or impairment, the connection between the impairment and the applicant's inability to learn or demon-

strate knowledge of English and a professional opinion whether the applicant is unable to learn or demonstrate knowledge of English.

Saucier also noted that the department does everything it can to expedite applications in extreme circumstances.

"In extreme situations, we've administered the test and sworn people in at their hospital beds," he said.

But in order to apply for a waiver, Bieniek might have to come back to the United States.

"The form requires his signature," Saucier said. "And the doctor might want to examine him again."

As of press time Tuesday, Bieniek's wife, Wlasyława, was planning on taking the form to be filled out by her husband's doctor.

"He hopes, we all hope, he'll be well enough to come back," Banaskiewicz said. "As long as he can get on a plane, he'll be back here."

Music store making vibes on main

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buzz is building, however, as a result of a partnership with The Only Game In Town to bring live music downtown. The second show, which will start at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19, will feature three bands, including some home-grown talent.

The store fulfills a niche market, and features punk, hardcore, and metal music. Why the loyalty to that niche? A number of reasons, some of which are obvious.

"It's the music we like," said Plenge. "It's the music we know, and the music we can sell. Indie stuff doesn't have the bloated list price that major-label does."

Curmudgeon music tries to keep its prices down, though big-box competition and downloading have undercut its sales some. For example, the newly released major-label album by Coheed and Cambria, which Plenge describes as "a band independent stores built," was being sold at the large retailers at cost, which Curmudgeon can't always compete with.

"Putting up \$12 to make \$2.50 on it is a rip-off," Plenge said, explaining that the large retailers don't make a profit on CD sales, but cut into independent stores' ability to make sales.

However, many of their customers are conscious of that situation, and come to

Curmudgeon to support the store. Plenge said that one of his regular customers, a teenager that works for one of the major retailers in the area, comes to Curmudgeon even though he gets a discount at his employer.

Why? It's the atmosphere, Plenge said. Music fans can find out about new and different music, local performances, and meet each other. Frequent customers at the Hillsborough location have already stopped by, and Plenge said there is a group of Somerville students that stops by regularly.

There are several other things that set Curmudgeon apart from other local music retailers,

such as the selection of used CDs and vinyl.

"I'm always scavenging," said Plenge, pointing out a pile of records he had purchased over the weekend. "If I drive past a garage sale or flea market, I'm all over it."

Curmudgeon is also working to sell some of its vinyl collection online and have a bigger Web presence, he said, as well as introduce a digital downloading station, but that change is a bit farther in the future.

Big or small, for one of the familiar faces at the store, none of the changes make a difference. She will continue to come in, regardless of the cost of merchandise or the music offered.

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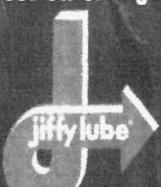
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Senior Calendar

Bound Brook

The Bound Brook Seniors meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave., on the 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.

Nov. 16 — Irish Wake at Doolen's in Spring Lake, \$66.

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 Barbat at (908) 725-5444.

Upcoming Trips and Events:

Oct. 30 — Fall Social, 4 p.m. School Cafeteria

Nov. 14 — Membership Meeting, 1 p.m. School Cafeteria

Dunellen

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

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

Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, holds a monthly board meeting at noon on the second Monday of the month, Oct. 10. The general meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27). Next meeting is Nov. 14. The Oct. program discussed Medicare, Part D, the new prescription drug coverage. Refreshments were served and guests are always welcome. Meetings are held monthly except July and August. The chapter is currently accepting new members; call Tom Costello at (732) 548-7901 for details.

Middlesex Borough

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

A luncheon and drug education message is planned for Middlesex Borough Seniors only at St. Peter's Hospital Geriatric Clinic on Nov. 4.

Reserve your seat by Oct. 26. Call Cindy Chomen at (732) 356-8666 or Sheila Fuhmann at (732) 356-0414 for details.

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

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

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 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.

Upcoming Trips and Events:

Nov. 15 — Box Lunch for members only. \$4. Call Marty (732) 469-1722 for details.

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

Dec. 13 — Christmas Party, save the date.

Piscataway

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

MIDDLESEX BRIEFS

Highland Park artists open their studios

HIGHLAND PARK — To give people an insider's glimpse of the artist's world and the artistic process, borough artists will again open up their studios to the public in the third annual Highland Park Open Studio from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The event will go on rain or shine.

The public is invited to stroll from one artist's house to another. Homes of artists who're taking part in the event, which is free of charge, will be marked with a special sign and balloons.

A map of participating artist sites will be made available at Borough Hall, the Main Street Highland Park office, the public library, the Academy of Art of Highland Park, IM International Pottery and local shops.

More than 20 artistic sites will be listed this year, including a show at the public library and two art galleries. Other types of art that will be demonstrated or on display include weaving, sculpture, acrylic and oil paintings, pen and ink drawings, and photography.

For more information, call Julio Nazario at (732) 214-9820 or Rick Black at (732) 317-1308.

Oktoberfest returns to St. Stephens church

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — St. Stephen's Lutheran Church holds its eighth annual Oktoberfest this month.

All the authentic German food you can eat is available from 5-7:30 p.m. Oct. 22 on the church grounds at 3145 Park Ave. The menu includes pork roast, sauerkraut, red cabbage, green beans, applesauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, beverage and dessert. Frankfurters are available for the kids.

Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Takeout orders are available. For reservations, call (908) 757-4474.

Proceeds go to charity.

South Plainfield KOC holding an open house

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Knights of Columbus Council 6203 and the Columbiettes hold an open house at 8 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Knights' hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd.

Catholic men are invited to join the Knights, the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Brian Cargill at (908) 755-9717.

Recreation department plans Atlantic City trip

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — On Oct. 23 a bus will be going to Resorts Casino, leaving at 10:30 a.m. from the PAL building on Maple Avenue and will return at 8:30 p.m. again to the PAL building.

Tickets cost \$15 per person and \$22 in slot credits will be returned. Only 43 tickets are available and can be purchased weekdays at the PAL office, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on the first and third Mondays.

Metuchen Wrestling team seeking members

METUCHEN — Any boy or girl in Grades 2-8 is welcome to sign up for the Metuchen Grapplers wrestling team.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 21, at Metuchen High School, in the hallway adjacent to the gym. Coaches and wrestlers will be on hand to answer questions.

Fee is \$50 for the first child and \$35 each additional child, plus a refundable \$50 work bond. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Two squads are being set up, one for Grades 2-6 and one for Grades 7-8. Each child receives a T-shirt and hooded sweatshirt at the start of the season. In addition, the Metuchen Grapplers are looking for volunteer coaches with wrestling experience.

For more information, call John Muccifiori at (732) 549-8518.

Halloween comes to Dunellen Theater

DUNELLEN — The New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom brings its "Old Buresque Theater Haunted for Halloween" to the Dunellen Theater, 458 Dunellen Ave.

Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22 plus Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 28-30. Cost of each ticket includes dinner.

There will also be a children's Halloween show Oct. 22 and 29.

'Special Bingo' held at SBB borough church

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — The Altar Rosary Society at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 122 High St., holds "Special Bingo" at 7 p.m. Sunday.

A total of \$1,000 in prize money will be offered along with special 50-50 drawings. Refreshments will be available.

Katrina victims subject of Friday night talk

METUCHEN — The Hayat Speaker Series of Congregation Neve Shalom features a special guest this month.

Brian Horowitz speaks on "The Jews of New Orleans" as part of

Sabbath eve services at 8 p.m. Oct. 21. He is the Sizeler Family Chair and director of Judaic studies at Tulane University, which canceled its fall semester because of Hurricane Katrina.

An Oneg Shabbat and a question-and-answer period follow the program. For more information, call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (732) 548-2238. Congregation Neve Shalom is at 250 Grove Ave.

'We Are Lights' takes place at synagogue

METUCHEN — Members of Congregation Neve Shalom are invited to audition for "We Are Lights," a revue featuring the songs of Stephen Schwartz.

Singers of elementary-school age can audition at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Teens and adult soloists can audition at 8 p.m. Oct. 20. All singers should bring a Broadway song to perform.

For more information, e-mail can2r11@aol.com or call (732) 548-2238, Ext. 14. The performance is scheduled for Feb. 12.

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 through Oct. 22.

No teaching experience is necessary.

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



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Commentary

Lend a hand all year long

This has been a year of giving. It began with the recovery efforts following the tsunami which struck Asia in December 2004. Then came Hurricane Katrina and now a deadly earthquake at the border of India and Pakistan and Hurricane Stan, which struck Guatemala and Mexico.

And Central Jersey dodged a disaster of its own this weekend. Had the region had a wet August and September, then the deluge from Tropical Storm Tammy, which moved up the East Coast before stalling over the region on Saturday could have brought a repeat of 1999, when Tropical Storm Floyd devastated communities like Bound Brook, South Bound Brook and Manville. And rain on Tuesday into Wednesday brought rising waters once again.

This comes at a time when many local charities are already hurting. At this time of year giving is down, and many put out a call for help last week

— this time more of a yell than a request. With many people opening their wallets and filling their grocery carts to help those along the Gulf Coast — including some of the local charities — those in need here found themselves facing troubled times ahead.

With two major disasters this year focusing giving on one region, many charities have said more people are contributing money, time and goods. But what about when there are no disasters?

And, also, what happens when people feel they have given too much.

The answer is you give what you can, when you can.

Give often, give as much as you can all the time — not just when the call goes out.

This way when a disaster strikes — from a major hurricane to a family left homeless because of a fire — everyone can be ready to help.

Quotable

"This devastated me. The doctor's told me I was too young. I decided not to let the cancer defeat me. It wasn't an easy time. But I knew I had the rest of my life in front of me."

Liz Drayton



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Question of the week: Are you giving more or less to charities right now?



STEVE MANDRACCIA
Bridgewater
"The same — I only have so much to give."



ANNA DAVIDSON
Bridgewater
"About the same, because I'm on a fixed income. It's not that easy to give more. I usually give through my church."



MANNY PEREIRA
Hillsborough
"I'm not sure, but we have donated a lot to hurricane relief."



BONNIE CONDIT
Whitehouse Station
"Less. I'm just giving to my own community area now."

Letters to the Editor

Phones can help victims of violence

To the Editor:
As October begins, so does Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Over the next few weeks, you'll hear a lot about this difficult issue, and you might be surprised at how it touches our families, our friends, our colleagues and our communities.

The statistics are staggering — one in three women will be a victim of domestic violence at some point during her lifetime, and nearly nine million children will witness an act of domestic violence during the year.

Domestic violence affects the workplace, too, with nearly \$2 billion in wages and productivity lost each year.

There's a quick and easy way to make a difference in the life of a victim of domestic

violence. Donate your old wireless phone to Verizon Wireless' HopeLine program.

HopeLine accepts wireless phones and accessories from any carrier, which are then recycled or refurbished and sold with the proceeds going to support domestic violence organizations in the area. You can drop your phone off at any Verizon Wireless store.

And, don't be afraid to talk about domestic violence. It's not always easy, but, the more we talk about domestic violence, the better we'll understand how it impacts our lives, and the lives of those around us, and the closer we'll come to preventing domestic violence in the future.

CHARLES HAND

President
Verizon Wireless NY Metro Region

State Police shouldn't teach boating safety

To The Editor:
Recent events in England as well as here in the United States have pointed out the importance of homeland security.

Many feel it was the deciding factor in the last presidential election. As a family man, I know the safety of my children and grandchildren is of the utmost importance to me.

One of the biggest problems with home and security is citizens don't take it seriously because they feel our country and state are not really doing anything about it.

An example of that is here in New Jersey. I found the Marine Services Bureau of the New Jersey State Police has as many as 18 troopers doing boating safety classes.

Is this the most productive use of homeland security personnel?

Wouldn't their time and expertise be better used out of a classroom?

It is reported in New Jersey newspapers that 98 percent of the containers entering Port Newark are not checked. Wouldn't this be a productive use of these 18 troopers?

Safety is the issue, the safety of what is coming into our state by water and the safety of those on or in our waters. There are now more boats registered in New Jersey than there have ever been, including personal watercraft. But public record indicates the number of summons is down the last few years.

How can this be?
One reason might be that I have heard horror stories from several people who have tried to get a trooper on Barnegat Bay for various problems and the Point Pleasant station told them they don't have anyone to man a boat after 10 in the evening. Enforcement of the laws on our waterways is very important to everyone's safety.

All these boats in New Jersey and on Barnegat Bay

and no one needs assistance after 10 p.m.?

I'm sure the Point Pleasant is not the only station unmanned. Again why isn't the state using these 18 troopers to man stations?

With all these boats on our waters, I truly believe we need boater education.

In fact, I operate a New Jersey-approved school to teach boating safety. Because of this need the Legislature passed several boating safety laws.

Since 1987, the State Police have certified schools to teach safe boating to New Jersey boaters. There are now 30 private schools approved in addition to the United States Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

There is no longer a need to take 18 homeland security personnel away from necessary and productive work to drive around the state and give classes at the taxpayers' expense.

I have found out some of their funds come from federal grants relating to boating safety, but I also found these grants do not say the funds must go for safe boating classes, nor do these grants pay for all the salaries, benefits, materials, cars and fuel for these 18 troopers.

This is in essence a taxpayer-funded operation.

I applaud the dangerous job that the State Police do each and every day and this letter is not a criticism of any of them or the work they do.

They are given these assignments. I am just trying to bring to the public's attention that we have well-qualified personnel that are doing a job the Legislature has approved the private industry do.

The private industry cannot do the job that these 18 troopers are trained and hired to do.

RUSS BINNS

Owner, Coast Boating School
Toms River

Republicans need support

To The Editor:

The weather is just now turning colder and this year's political campaigns are only starting, but I have already seen more than enough to make my choice for Township Committee in Green Brook.

Our municipal government is well managed. Our streets are safe.

Property values are strong and new families are moving in.

There are a wide range of events and activities.

Green Brook is a very special place and it is important to understand why this is so. Based on their service to the township, Walsh, Bakos and Kirsh deserve a great deal of credit for the vibrant and attractive community we all live in today.

They have earned my support and my vote to continue their good work, and they should be returned to office in the upcoming election.

KEN HERRMANN
Green Brook

Somerset County Briefs

Recycling payment plan reached with BRI

Somerset County's 21 municipalities will reap the benefits of a recent agreement between the Board of Freeholders and Bridgewater Resources Inc. in the form of credits to cover their fourth-quarter 2005 recycling pay-

ments. Freeholder Peter S. Palmer announced on behalf of the freeholder board that a total of \$735,000 received via the BRI agreement will be applied to the county's dedicated recycling fund. He said this amount will cover the recycling payments that the 21 towns would have had to

make for the fourth quarter of this year. He emphasized that this is a one-time event that will not be repeated next year.

Somerset County operates the countywide, curbside recycling collection and marketing program on behalf of the towns, charging them each a per-household fee.

The \$735,000 is part of pay-

ments due from BRI to the county as a result of a successful litigation by the county against BRI that was settled in November 1997. In that settlement, BRI agreed to a judgment and repayment of \$6,611,384 plus interest, which has since grown to over \$7 million.

More recently, BRI sought to

refinance its debt at its Polhemus Lane facility in Bridgewater and needed the county's permission to do so, since the county holds the second mortgage on the property. Communities within The Reporter's coverage area receiving credits include: \$23,856 for Bedminster, \$57,228 for Bernards, \$17,053

for Bernardsville, \$33,599 for Branchburg, \$96,944 for Bridgewater, \$2,522 for Far Hills, \$13,344 for Green Brook, \$81,191 for Hillsborough, \$5,730 for Peapack-Gladstone, \$15,520 for Raritan, \$30,906 for Somerville, \$30,784 for Warren and \$12,974 for Watchung.

Student leaders appeal for more donations

The Somerville High School Peer Leaders are continuing their support of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005, setting an example that we can only hope other student organizations will emulate.



Rod Hirsch
Executive Editor

Last spring, members of the leadership club conducted a collection drive at the high school, and delivered 10 copy boxes full of supplies that were included in our downtown Somerville packing and shipping event in May.

A few weeks ago the students solicited support during the school's Open House, distributing a 4-page information packet to parents that also invited volunteers to come out and support our Nov. 5 pack and ship event at the American Legion Post 327 in Bradley Gardens; the goal is to send 1,000 care packages to U.S. troops in Iraq in time for the holidays.

The Peer Leaders distributed a letter entitled, "The Holidays are Coming; Let's Remember Our Soldiers - The SHS Peer Leaders Support Our Troops." The letter reads: "The Peer

Leaders will be giving their support to Operation Shoebox by helping to pack holiday boxes for our troops. The goal is to send 1,000 boxes of much-appreciated items to our troops abroad, to make their holidays a bit more pleasant and let them know we care.

"If you, or someone you know, works for a company that would be willing to donate any of the items from the attached list, please have your son or daughter bring them in to the Peer Leaders at SHS. Our Peer Leaders will be asking their freshmen groups to donate items from the list and put messages in holiday cards to be included in the boxes that are to be shipped to our service men and women. Any

donations from the list will be gladly accepted and appreciated.

"Please feel free to come and join the large group of people who will be packing these holiday boxes on November 5 at the American Legion that is located on Old York Road in Bridgewater. It feels good to be able to make a difference."

The Peer Leaders were also able to collect \$81 that night from parents, money that will be used to help defray the cost of postage.

Box tops

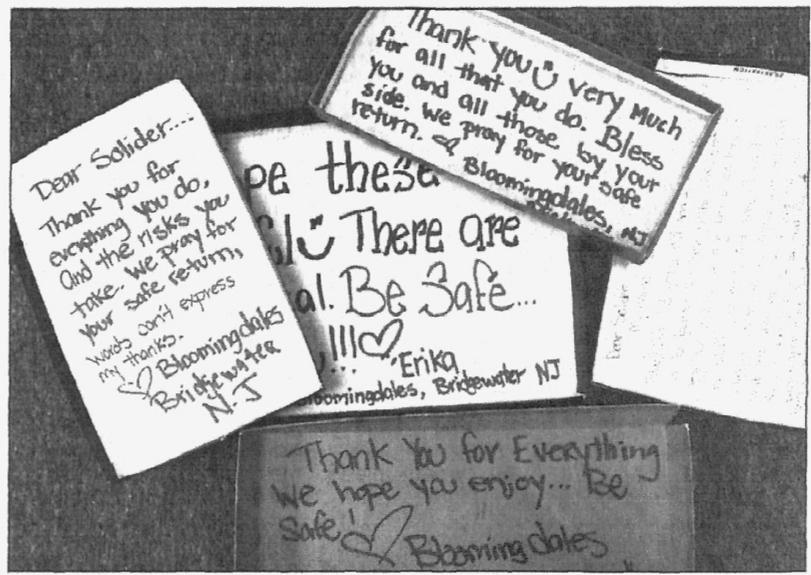
Several weeks ago we received dozens of shoeboxes from employees at Bloomingdale's who work at the Bridgewater Commons store, packed with toiletries, snacks and other items for the troops overseas.

Piscataway resident Erika Alli, who spearheaded the effort, continues to drop off shoeboxes at The Chronicle office. We look forward to these deliveries, because of the supportive and encouraging messages scrawled to the soldiers and Marines on the inside of the box tops. See accompanying photo.

3 weeks to go

With just three weeks to go before the Nov. 5 holiday pack and ship event in Bradley Gardens, we're still in need of supplies and funds to prepare 1,000 boxes for shipment to U.S. troops overseas. We'll be busy this weekend trying to raise awareness - and donations - at the Beez Foundation Ball Park Bonanza at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater on Saturday. OPSHBX volunteers will man the concession stand, selling hot dogs, popcorn, pretzels, soda, coffee and hot chocolate; we'll receive a percentage of the money that winds up in the cash registers that day, which is devoted to a full range of activities - a softball tournament, agility and strength tests, a bean bag toss, tattoos, face painting, classic cars, rock climbing and a military tribute. The Beez Foundation raises funds for brain cancer research.

Also on Saturday, OPSHBX volunteers will be at the Pathmark Supermarket on



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Employees of Bloomingdale's who work at the Bridgewater Commons store, have been packing shoeboxes with supplies for U.S. troops in Iraq. The inside of the box covers are scrawled with messages to the soldiers and Marines.

Veterans Memorial Drive West in Somerville to hand out shopping lists as people enter the store; they'll collect bags of donated goods as shoppers exit the store.

Next Thursday, auctioneer Joe Bodnar will collect donations of supplies and financial contributions at his monthly auction which begins at 11:15 a.m. at the Ukrainian Cultural Center on Davidson Avenue in Franklin.

Change in plans

We had been listing a pack and ship event for this Sunday, Oct. 16, at the 42nd Division Armory in Franklin, but that event has been canceled. Our friends, volunteers from American Recreational Military Services, sponsors of the event, are busy helping to welcome home members of the unit, who have begun to return from their deployment in Iraq. By January, more than 600 soldiers from the 42nd, stationed at National Guard armories throughout New Jersey and New York, will have returned home.

Ronnie Miculla, executive director of ARMS, assures us that there will be a welcome home tribute parade for the returning soldiers in Franklin sometime in November. We'll keep you posted.

The 101st Airborne, based in Tennessee, will replace the 42nd in Iraq, and by January, ARMS will resume boxing and shipping packages to those soldiers; OPSHBX will continue to send packages as well. Our mailing list continues to grow with addresses of New Jersey soldiers and Marines serving overseas.

T-shirts for sale

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

Also, we want to reassure those of you who have ordered shirts in sizes that were out of stock; we are expecting a shipment of medium and large shirts from our

supplier this week. As soon as they arrive, they will be shipped out. We thank you for your patience.

Several stores on Main Street in Somerville are selling the shirts, which feature the distinctive red, white and blue Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo, and a full-color reproduction of the Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster.

The shirts cost \$10 and are also available at The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, and at several stores on Main Street in Metuchen. All proceeds from sale of the shirts directly benefit OPSHBX.

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

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 15: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Pathmark Supermarket, Veteran's Memorial Drive West, Somerville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the store.

Oct. 15: The Beez Foundation Ball Park Bonanza, Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., a full range of activities: softball tournament, bean bag toss, tattoos, face painting, sports personalities, classic cars, rock climbing wall, military tribute. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will man the concession stand, and receive a percentage of the money paid for refreshments.

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.

Oct. 29: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Stop & Shop, Route 28, Bound Brook, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the store.

Nov. 5: Sort, pick, box and ship. Volunteers gather at American Legion Post 327, 77 Old York Road, Bradley Gardens section of Bridgewater, to prepare packages for shipment to soldiers, noon-6 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Call (908) 575-6684 for further information.

Nov. 12: OPSHBX volunteers and Boy Scouts will distribute 1,000 plastic shopping bags and shopping lists to 1,000 households in Bradley Gardens section of Bridgewater, asking residents to purchase supplies for U.S. troops overseas.

Nov. 19: OPSHBX volunteers and Boy Scouts will return to the Bradley Gardens neighborhoods to collect the bags of supplies donated by residents for shipment to U.S. troops overseas.

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 Cafe, 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
- US Bicycle Hall of Fame, Main Street, Bridgewater
- Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater
- Felix #9 Diner, Route 22, Bridgewater
- Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster
- Attic Treasures Antiques, Sansone Plaza, Route 22 East, Green Brook
- Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green Brook
- Eclipse Fitness Sports & Wellness, 17 King George Road, Green Brook
- Dr. Steven C. Balestracci, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater
- Sopranos', 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater
- The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset
- Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1595 Route 22 West, Watchung
- AAA Vac, 1515 Route 22 West, Watchung Square Mall, Watchung
- Borough Hall, Route 22 and Grove Street, Somerville
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Donald Perlin

PISCATAWAY — Donald J. Perlin, 83, of Piscataway died Sept. 19, 2005 in the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Mr. Perlin was a machinist at the New York Post in New York City for 35 years before retiring in 1986.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Mr. Perlin moved to Piscataway in 1948.

Surviving are Ruth, his wife of 53 years; daughters, Donna Youpa and Linda Alfrey, and four grandchildren.

A service was held Sept. 14 in the Mundy Funeral Home, 142 Dunellen Ave., Dunellen.

Emile Lemay

DUNELLEN — Emile R. Lemay, 77, died Oct. 4, 2005 at his home.

Born in Manchester, N.H., he was a son of the late Arthur and Olive Roussele Lemay.

Mr. Lemay had lived in Dunellen since 1956. He was a proofreader with Boro-Typographers in Manhattan until his retirement in 1991.

He was a member of International Typographical Union Local 6 in Manhattan; Commodore Barry Council 2540, Knights of Columbus, in Dunellen; and the Tri-County Senior Citizens Club. Mr. Lemay bowled in a senior bowling league.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Rudolph, Albert and William.

Surviving are his wife, Colette Lemaire Lemay; four daughters, Anne and husband Kenneth Erb of Sewaren, Patricia and husband Robert Massei of Ridgefield, Conn., Lisa and husband Niels Nelson of Clinton and Michelle of Limeport, Pa.; a son, Mark of Flemington; a brother, Roger of New Hampshire; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Donations may be sent to Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter, 200 Middlesex Turnpike, Iselin, NJ 08830.

Dennis J. Lee

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Dennis J. Lee, 46, died Sept. 18, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

He was born in Brooklyn and had lived in South Bound Brook since 1978.

Mr. Lee was a production supervisor with Nitta Casings in Somerville, where he worked 32 years. Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Kathleen A. Resker Lee; his father, Robert Francis Lee of Florida; a daughter, Michelle of South Bound Brook; three sons, Joseph and James, both of South Bound Brook, and Thomas of Middlesex; two sisters, Regina Bolden of Wilson, N.C., and Lauren Carney of Tuckerton; and six brothers, Robert of Atlanta, Ga., Michael of Bridgewater, Charles Dawe of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Thomas Dawe and Kenneth Dawe, both of Manalapan, and Christian of Manahawkin.

James Dougherty Jr.

BOUND BROOK — James J. Dougherty Jr., 74, died Oct. 10, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Hazleton, Pa., he lived in Bound Brook before moving to Bridgewater in 1963.

Mr. Dougherty retired in 1995 after 30 years as a laboratory technician with Johns-Manville Corp. in Manville.

His wife of 49 years, Jean L., died in July.

Surviving are two sons,

James and wife Hedy of Toms River and Richard of Hillsborough; a daughter, Lynn Barone and husband Robert of Hillsborough; and three grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Branchburg Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Visiting Nurse Association, 110 West End Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876. To send a condolence, visit www.branchburgfuneral-home.com.

Gary Barna

DUNELLEN — A memorial service will be held for Gary N. Barna, 53, who died Oct. 4, 2005 at his home.

He was born June 3, 1952 in Somerville and lived in Dunellen for most of his life.

Mr. Barna was a produce manager for a number of supermarkets, including Acme Markets in Middlesex and Food King in Springfield. The Dunellen High School graduate was stationed in Germany with the Army from 1972-74. He attended the First

Presbyterian Church of Dunellen.

His father, Louis, died in 1996.

Surviving are his mother, Dorothy M. Buchholz Barna, with whom Mr. Barna lived; and a brother, Raymond of Dunellen.

Arrangements are by the Mundy Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 218 Dunellen Ave., Dunellen, NJ 08812 to be used for the Needy Fund or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund.

Kathleen Johnston

PISCATAWAY — Kathleen Johnston, 83, died Oct. 9, 2005 at Harborside Healthcare-Woods Edge in Bridgewater.

Mrs. Johnston was born in Brooklyn. She lived in Chicago, Ill., Plainfield and Piscataway before moving to Bridgewater in 2004.

She was a registered nurse for 40 years, retiring in 1975 from Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Mrs. Johnston graduated from the nursing school at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan.

As an Army nurse in World War II she received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, a

Meritorious Service Plaque and the Victory Medal. Mrs. Johnston was a former member of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield.

Her husband, Thomas, died in 1972. A daughter, Judy, died in February.

Surviving are three daughters, Geri Lee of Piscataway, Michelle Summers of Joliet, Ill., and Christine of Tennessee; two sons, Edward and Thomas, both of Tacoma, Wash.; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Private arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen.

Richard Wright

PISCATAWAY — Richard Wright, 67, of Piscataway, died Sept. 11, 2005 in Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center, New Brunswick. Wright was a carpenter and the owner of Creations 90 Construction Co., Piscataway, for 15 years.

An Army veteran, he served in the Military Police during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Carpenters Union Local 620 in Madison for 25 years and the Black Mens Association of Piscataway, president of the Piscataway High School Boosters Club and a trustee at the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Plainfield. Born in Plainfield, he lived in Piscataway for 40 years. Surviving are his wife, Charlotte; sons, Jeffrey and Richard; sisters, Christine Van Ness, Marjorie and Sadie Wright; brothers, David and William Jr., and four grandchildren.

Tiamoya Hester

PISCATAWAY — Tiamoya Hester, 35, died Sept. 12, 2005 in Saint Peters University Hospital, New Brunswick.

A cosmetologist, she worked at Wig-Out in Somerset and, before that, at Ruuts Hair Salon in Somerset and A Cut Above in New Brunswick.

Ms. Hester was a trustee, junior usher and member of the Junior Choir and Great Expectations Choir at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Born in Newark, she lived in Metuchen before moving to Piscataway seven years ago. Surviving are a son, John Frank Kerel; a daughter, Janelle Elaine; her parents, Frank and Roxie James, and her grandparents, Octavis and Helen Curry and Willie Maude Horton. A service for was held Sept. 17 in the New Hope Baptist Church, Metuchen. Arrangements are by the Anderson Funeral Service, New Brunswick.

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Recycling center to begin winter hours

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Recycling Complex on Kenneth Avenue has started fall/winter hours.

open for brush, leaves and grass clippings from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Crafters wanted for Bound Brook sale

BOUND BROOK — Crafters are wanted for a craft fair to be held at the Congregational Church, 209 Church St.

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.

Adoption is subject of November conference

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

Parents for Adoption, the New Jersey Interagency Adoption Council and the Rutgers School of Social Work.

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.

Military News

Army Pvt. Nickson S. Mattis has graduated from the Quartermaster and Chemical Equipment Repairer Advanced Individual Training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform direct and general support maintenance on chemical equipment, quartermaster machinery, air heaters and special purpose equipment.

He is the son of Swanston Mattis of Edison. He is a 2004 graduate of J.P. Stevens High School, Edison.

Air Force Cadet James B. Hall has completed Basic Cadet Training and earned the rank of cadet fourth class at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

He is the son of Hugh and Kendal Hall of Piscataway. Hall is a 2005 graduate of Piscataway High School.

Navy Midshipman Ronald M. Fialk, son of Ann and David R. Fialk of Edison, recently took part in summer training at sea.

Fialk, a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps student served with Submarine Squadron 11, San Diego, Calif. During his four-to-six week summer training cruise, he received hands-on training in shiphandling, navigation, seamanship, communications, weapons systems and ship's damage control and firefighting.

Navy Airman Kevin J. Epps, a 2002 graduate of Piscataway Vocational Technical High School, and his shipmates returned from a three-month summer underway period while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

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Friday, Oct. 20 PISCATAWAY — Garden Club Meeting: Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at Senior Citizen Center (behind JFK Library).

Saturday, Oct. 20 EDISON — Flu and Pneumonia Shots: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Menlo Park Mall, lower level, near Harry and David.

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Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County provides homeless mothers with shelter and support

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — In August, Emily started a new job as a receptionist in a Bedminster OB/GYN office.

It was a job she wholeheartedly and enthusiastically welcomed, but one she was unsure that she was going to be able to take. Emily, 32, who asked that her last name not be published, is homeless.

She and her 6-month-old son have spent the last six months in emergency housing with the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County, an organization that provides shelter, meals, emotional support and case management for homeless families and single women through volunteers at various religious congregational facilities.

"When she got this job, she was ecstatic," said Director Renee Farrell. "She got her letter of employment and went to apply for subsidized child care only to find out that there's a three-month waiting list. She got this job; she couldn't wait to work and now this."

But with the help of Leanne, 30, who is also in emergency housing with the group, Emily was able to accept the part-time job.

"The first day was really great," said Emily, who started the job Aug. 26. "I'm learning all this medical terminology. I took a lot of notes. I'll be making appointments, filing for insur-

ance and answering telephones. Leanne's helping me out with childcare this week," said Emily, who hopes of one day becoming a registered nurse. "Then I hope to find some people through Catholic Charities."

When Emily was evicted from her Manville apartment in June, she had no where to go. With her young son, Elijah, Emily knew she couldn't live in her car or jump from couch-to-couch at friends' places. She visited social services who recommended she meet with representatives from the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County. The network was able to provide emergency housing for Emily and her son.

The pair spends days at the network's day center on West End Avenue in Somerville. At night, they are transported to one of the network's 22 host churches. Then in the morning it's back to the day center. After individuals have secured employment and childcare and can manage a budget, they may be eligible to move into the Sunrise House, a transitional type of housing. The Sunrise House accommodates two families who have displayed their independence but haven't yet been able to find affordable housing.

The organization's work doesn't just end when clients find and move into affordable housing.

"It's long been identified that a return to homelessness is a

major issue," said Farrell. "Their lives are so fragile. We're committed to preventing that."

The network offers 18 months of continued case management support even after clients obtain permanent affordable housing. In 2004, 25 emergency shelter clients obtained permanent housing and are maintaining their independence. But to get to that point, clients spend hours with caring people in the community.

With the help of volunteers, the network provides job training, transportation, GED support services, budget management, parenting skills, health referrals and support, computer training skills, and employment and childcare searches. During 2004, 12 parents gained employment while in the network's emergency day center. Farrell estimates that the organization has about 800 volunteers.

When a person first comes to the organization, they sit down with one of the two case managers and devise a list of goals.

"It could be creating and sticking to a budget, writing a resume, research employment or finding childcare," said Case Manager Heather O'Steen. "We meet with them to see how far they've come with their goals. We also help them deal with their mental difficulties. It's not always that they just couldn't pay rent. They've got backgrounds."

Leanne, who is watching Emily's son while she is at work, came into the network's emergency housing on May 19 after having been released from the



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Leanne, one of a number of women who has sought emergency housing through the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County, kisses her 2-year-old daughter Kaila, while holding her other daughter, 6-month-old Alliyah. Below is 6-month-old Elijah and his mother Emily in the background. They, too, have looked to the network for help.

Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women in Clinton where she served a nine-and-a-half-month sentence for making terroristic threats when she got in a fight with her best friend. Leanne delivered a baby girl during her term, whom was cared for by her mother until her release.

"I couldn't go live with my mom because the victim lived right next door," said Leanne, who, along with her now 6-

month-old, Alliyah, has a 2-year-old daughter, Kaila. "I interviewed while I was still in Clinton and they accepted me and I came here with my two daughters."

During her stay, Leanne has been meeting with tutors. She'll take tests next to obtain her general education degree.

"I want to be a drug and alcohol counselor," said Leanne, who hopes to attend Raritan Valley Community College. She's also received counseling for parenting which helped her realize, "I can do this on my own. Hopefully, I'll go to the Sunrise House within three months. That will be better for the kids. We won't be moving from church to church."

Emily agrees that spending each week in a different church has been hard on her and her son.

"The most difficult thing is moving around and living with people from different backgrounds," she said. "It's an adjustment but it's better than the alternative."

During 2004, volunteers from

participating congregations provided 7,902 meals to Somerset County's homeless families. But Farrell said the organization needs more help.

"There are hundreds of congregations in the county," she said. "We only have 22 host congregations. We have to ask some to be host congregations for two weeks of the year."

But the most difficult thing for the organization is to build its finances.

"That's our struggle," said Farrell. "We had to let a part-time worker go. We have a waiting list for people seeking services. That's frustrating because these people are homeless and we can't help them all right away. We can take down their information, but often times when we go to call them back, they're not there or the phone's been disconnected. It's frustrating when we can't reach people we're trying to help."

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Saturday, October 15, 2005

Chiefs roll late to capture 20th straight

SOUTH BRUNSWICK — Another week, another challenge presented and overcome.

After three straight games in which it had pretty much wrapped up victories by halftime the Piscataway High football team found itself faced with a halftime deficit, and for the first time had to play four quarters if it was going to extend its winning streak.

Having trailed 14-3 in second period and owning a tenuous 17-13 edge heading into the final session the Chiefs simply crushed host South Brunswick down the stretch to post a 36-13 Greater Middlesex Conference Red Division triumph Oct. 7.

Down 7-0 after one quarter and

trailing the Vikings, who had entered the game with a 3-1 ledger, by 11 points midway through the second, Piscataway closed out its 20th straight triumph with 33 unanswered points to improve to 4-0 for the season.

Roughed up early by South Brunswick's offense, which put together drives of eight and seven plays covering 80 and 77 yards, respectively, Piscataway made the necessary adjustments at halftime to throttle the Viking offense in the second half, while the Chiefs went to Kevin Woolfolk on the ground following the break and the senior responded with two of his three touchdowns.

PISCATAWAY FOOTBALL

South's Vince Davidson hurt Piscataway in the opening half with 155 yards on 17 carries and both touchdowns, the first on an 8-yard run and the second on a 29-yard pass reception. Davidson, however, managed just 33 yards on 16 attempts in the second half.

Russ Hopkins, who had a previous attempt blocked, got Piscataway on the scoreboard board with a 24-yard field goal early in the second period, while Woolfolk capped an 80-yard drive with a 1-yard run to get the

Chiefs to within four by halftime.

Woolfolk accounted for the third-quarter scoring when he completed a drive with a 10-yard run, while the Chiefs added three more touchdowns in the final session to put the game away, including a 14-yard by Woolfolk on Piscataway's first possession of the period.

Terrence Fox capped another march by the Chiefs with a 14-yard run on a reverse, while Jermaine Scott finished off the second-half turnaround by the Chiefs' defense with an interception at the South 30 and a return for a touchdown. Hopkins' third conversion kick of the game provided the game's final point.

Woolfolk posted his fourth straight 100-yard game carrying the ball as he got the call a season-high 24 times and contributed 176 yards. Quarterbacks Tony Logan (3 of 6 for 40 yards) and Marcus Wright combined to connect on 5 of 10 passes for 70 yards. Logan added 37 yards on two carries to help the Chiefs total 350 yards in offense.

Piscataway figures to have made it 21 in a row last night when it visited winless Edison, but an easy game doesn't figure to be at hand Friday when the Chiefs host Old Bridge in what should be a showdown for the Red Division title. Barring a big upset by Woodbridge of Old Bridge and Edison, both teams will be 5-0.

Middlesex rolls; South Plainfield ends losing slide

No one can say the Blue Jays aren't taking care of business the right way.

Coming off a huge victory in league play the Middlesex High football squad could easily have suffered a bit of a letdown when it hosted Manville Oct. 8 in a non-conference clash of former Thanksgiving Day rivals.

Instead of looking back at its 14-12 conquest of John F. Kennedy in a key Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division battle, the Blue Jays needed only six minutes open a 21-0 lead over Manville (1-4) and from there they coasted to a 34-13 triumph for their fifth straight victory to open the season.

Middlesex scored on its fourth and fifth plays from scrimmage to sandwich a defensive score with the Blue Jay defense also setting up the third touchdown.

On the fourth play following the opening kickoff Keenan Wilburn took a pitchout, turned the corner and went 47 yards to put Middlesex in front to stay. Two plays following the kickoff Matt Campanella picked off a Manville pass at the Mustang 28 and brought it back for a TD. Campanella's PAT conversion pass to Jose Perez made it 14-0.

The margin quickly ballooned to 21-0 as the Jays fell on a Manville fumble on the first play following the kickoff, and Dan Esposito bolted 28 yards up the middle for the points. Campanella's 4-yard scoring run pushed the lead to 28-0 at halftime.

Esposito, who led the ground game with 81 yards on 10 carries, capped the scoring for Middlesex when he scored on a 37-yard run in the third quarter as the Blue Jays went up 34-0. Manville scored twice in the fourth period against Middlesex subs to avoid the shutout.

Defensively Middlesex turned in a monster effort in the first half, limiting the Mustangs to minus nine yards and no first downs while forcing four turnovers. Overall the Jays held a 260-67 advantage in total yards.

After getting this weekend off, Middlesex will visit Bishop Ahr Friday night in another big Blue Division test. Bishop Ahr, which knocked off J.P. Stevens 15-0, was 3-1 going into last night's game with Metuchen.

South Plainfield 21, Spotswood 0 — Winless Spotswood (0-5) proved to be the right tonic for the Tigers, who snapped an three-game losing streak with a shutout victory on the road Oct. 8 in GMC-White Division play.

In a defensive battle that saw South Plainfield hold a 202-120 advantage in yardage, the Tigers took a 7-0 lead at halftime on an 18-yard run by Charlie Leon as their defense held the Chargers to one first down 31 yards on the ground in the opening half.

South Plainfield picked up some breathing room with two quick scores to start the second half. The Tigers took the second-half kickoff and traveled 75 yards in 10 plays with Mike Jakubik, who was in on 115 of the Tigers offensive yards, capping the drive with a 7-yard run.

Spotswood then coughed up the ball following the ensuing kickoff and South Plainfield capitalized when Derrick Eatman (5 of 14 for 102 yards) connected with Alan Maglaque on a 42-yard scoring pass.

The Tigers had a game scheduled for last night against

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South River, while they visit Monroe next Saturday in a White Division test.

Metuchen 6, Cardinal McCarrick 0 — With Saturday's heavy rain making things tough for both offenses the Bulldogs parlayed a touchdown pass from Jordan Leitner to Lenny Bing and a strong defensive effort into their third victory in GMC Blue Division play.

Following a scoreless first half Metuchen (3-2) scored on its second possession of the third period when Bing converted Leitner's toss on a screen pass into a 49-yard touchdown play as the Bulldogs went 55 yards in two plays after a McCarrick punt.

The Eagles, who remained winless at 0-5, had two chances in the final period but fumbles ended both threats. Early in the final session McCarrick moved into the Metuchen 20 before Jon Brown recovered a loose ball at the 24. With two minutes left a blocked punt set up the Eagles, but a bad snap in the shot gun was recovered by Bing.

Defensively, the Bulldogs limited McCarrick to 35 yards of total offense. Metuchen, which visited Bishop Ahr last night and hosts John F. Kennedy Saturday, finished with 205 yards in total yards on offense.

Woodbridge 23, Edison 8 — In a battle of winless squads Oct. 8 Edison fell behind 16-2 at halftime and couldn't recover in falling to Woodbridge (1-5) for its fifth loss this season and 36th in a row in a span that covers five seasons.

The Eagles actually led 2-0 when Glen Scott tackled a Barron runner in the end zone on the first play after a holding penalty negated an 80-yard scoring run by Woodbridge, but the home team struck twice in the final 2:20 of the half to take the lead.

Edison narrowed the gap to 16-8 when quarterback John Cirri went 13 yards near the end in the third quarter, but Woodbridge answered with a touchdown following the kickoff to all but decide the outcome.

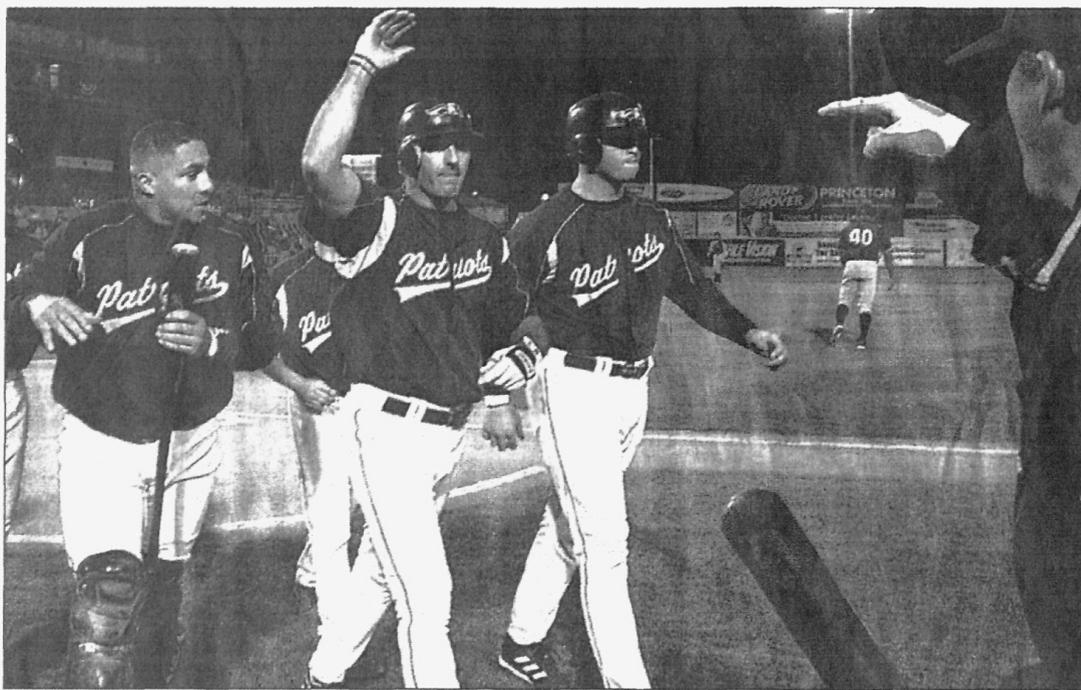
Bishop Ahr 15, J.P. Stevens 0 — Limited to 110 yards in total offense by the Bishop Ahr defense the Hawks slipped to 1-3 for the season with the GMC-crossover loss to the 3-1 Trojans Oct. 8.

Pinned inside its 20-yard-line four times by the Trojan punter Stevens never got anything going in the rain as its leader rusher Tamar Robinson was held to 55 yards on 17 carries while QB Greg Sica was just 6 of 16 for 52 yards.

Joe Cruz scored on a 57-yard run in the opening quarter and then added an insurance tally with a 4-yard run in the final period.

Belvidere 21, Dunellen 0 — Playing short-handed against undefeated Belvidere (5-0) Saturday in a non-conference game the Destroyers failed to generate much of an attack as they managed only 110 yards of offense in suffering their fourth straight loss to drop to 1-4 for the season.

Brearley 39, Bound Brook 0 — Shut down offensively and surrendering four touchdowns to Jake Floyd the Crusaders fell to 1-4 for the season as Brearley, which led 20-0 at halftime, improved to 4-1 with the Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division triumph Oct. 8.



Ryan Radmanovich accepts congratulations after his three-run homer in the eighth inning snapped a 1-1 deadlock and vaulted the Somerset Patriots to a 5-1 triumph over Atlantic City in the deciding game of the ALPB's South Division playoff series at Commerce Bank Park.

Patriots ready for deserved rest

BRIDGEWATER — Bright, warm sunshine bathed an immaculate Commerce Bank Park Oct. 3. It was an ideal day to play ball but the Somerset Patriots were having none of that.

"For me, baseball is done for now," said leftfielder Billy Hall shortly after the team bus had deposited the Patriots in the CBP parking lot following their trip from Nashua, N.H. "When the season's over it's time to enjoy your family and enjoy some down time from the game."

Hall and his teammates had earned it. The Patriots defeated the Nashua Pride 6-1 the night before, finishing off a clean sweep of the best-of-five Atlantic League of Professional Baseball championship series.

Somerset had clinched a playoff berth way back when the summer was still young by winning the first-half season South Division championship July 9.

After playing decent-enough ball through what essentially were 70 meaningless games in the second half, the Patriots showed their ability to put all the ingredients together again when they had to, eliminating Atlantic City in the best-of-three South Division playoffs and then coasting past Nashua for their third ALPB crown in the past five years.

"I'm going to go home and take a nap for about two months," said third baseman Jeff Nettles as he gathered several items from his cubicle in the Patriots' locker room. "I'm not going to pick up a baseball for a while. I'll play a lot of golf, hang out with family and friends and travel a bit."

Several feet away, centerfielder Jeremy Owens also was busy packing away some belongings



before heading for his pickup truck.

"I might go along with Nettles' suggestion and take a two-month nap — that sounds pretty good right now," said Owens, who lives in Johnson City, Tenn. "I'm going home to be with my son and I'll do some hunting and fishing, and I'll get a job."

Shortstop Kevin Nicholson was looking forward to grabbing some hugs and Huggies rather than ground balls zipping towards center field. The Canada native is the father of twins — a boy and a girl — who were born in November.

"I'm going to be changing a lot of diapers," said the 29-year-old Nicholson, a resident of Vancouver, B.C. "I'll be taking care of them, and that'll be great."

For Hall, this will be his final off-season because he's already decided the 2006 campaign will be his last.

"With the season over, you get a chance to pick your own friends now," said Hall, the league's all-time leader in stolen bases. "One thing I've seen in this game is that being around the same guys so long can tear a team apart. You get antsy being with one another so much."

"But that's one thing that didn't happen with this team," added Hall, who's looking forward to spending more time with his 12-year-old son Nigel.

Hall, 36, credited reserve

infielder George Sandel with helping keep the Somerset clubhouse relaxed and positive.

"Having a George Sandel around was probably one of the best things we had going for us," said Hall. "He's a guy who keeps everyone loose no matter what's going on. We had a lot of team chemistry and character. We just jelled from the start of the season and it carried over and that made for a very good storybook ending to the year."

While the Pats were anticipating going their separate ways for the rest of the fall and winter — and knowing few would likely be sharing the same clubhouse next season — there was full agreement that their diverse talents and personalities added up to a winning formula in 2005.

This is the third league championship for Somerset Manager Sparky Lyle, who spoke with obvious affection about this year's group.

"Winning three of the last five is an outstanding feeling, absolutely," he said just before turning off the lights in his office. "They're all gratifying. Believe me, I really mean that. All three of the championship teams were very special and this team is no different."

"They rooted for each other all year and they really came together in here (the clubhouse) and on the field. The one thing I admired about them is when we were going through all the tough times in the second half and not winning that often, they didn't give it a second thought. They just went out the next day and played hard again. They just kept grinding and grinding."

"We lost some guys, we brought in some new guys," he added, "and once we decided

who we were keeping, everybody melded together. I want to tell you, this club had a lot of fun playing ball this year, they really did. And we ended up winning the whole thing and I don't think you can ask for anything more than that."

Owens' defensive ability and clutch hitting, prime factors in his being selected to the ALPB All-Star squad at the end of the season, were also major attributes.

"Whenever you get an opportunity to win a championship, regardless of what level you're at, it's a great feeling," he said. "To go through the whole season and having it all pay off like this, the ending couldn't have been any better for this team. We had a plan to win the first half so we could ease through the second half, and then we got hot just at the right time at the end of the season."

A couple of late-season additions — catcher Fernando Lunari and veteran reserve Lou Lucca — also played huge roles in Somerset capping off the season with another championship.

Lunari, who signed in August and shared backstop duties with Brent Cordell before catching every post-season game, hit .292 and provided solid defense during the season. This was his first title in a dozen pro seasons.

"I'm happy I got to come here and be a part of a team that had some very good players," he said. "I think after a while the pitchers and I were on the same page. We'd talk before and after games about how to pitch to different teams."

The 35-year-old Lucca, who's been hobbled in recent seasons by bad knees, supplied the Pats with a few key hits along with an infectious dose of winning spirit.

Bound Brook boys soccer team advances in SCT

Hosting 10th-seeded Gill-St. Bernards in the second round of the Somerset County Boys Soccer Tournament Monday night Bound Brook High got a hat trick from Jose Hernandez and rolled to a 6-1 victory for its ninth triumph of the campaign against one loss.

In a clash of once-beaten teams Gill (10-2) stayed with the Crusaders for a half, but Bound Brook exploded for four second-half goals and Jose Ramirez finished off a seven-save effort in goal to

lead the way.

Bound Brook, the seventh seed, will take its shot at second-ranked and defending champion Pingry today in the quarter-finals.

Hugo Morales logged a goal and assist for the Crusaders, who won for the seventh straight time, while Fernando Martinez and Marco Cabrera also scored. Oscar Araya and Eddie Chac collected two assists apiece.

GIRLS SOCCER

Stacy Zatos connected for the Crusaders' second goal of the match 15 minutes into the second half to give her team a 2-0 lead and Bound Brook held off South Amboy (3-8) down the stretch for a 2-1 victory Monday in a non-league encounter.

Emily Kilgore put the Crusaders, who improved to 8-3 with the verdict, on the board three minutes into the match, while goalie Samantha Kerr turned back four shots.

Documentary focuses on domestic violence, children

"Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories," a television show co-produced by Tatge/Lasseur Productions and Connecticut Public Television, will be shown on public television this month. The documentary chronicles the impact of domestic violence on children and the recurring failings of family courts across the country to protect them from their abusers.

Both children and battered mothers tell stories of abuse at home and continued trauma within the courts. The one-hour program also features interviews with domestic violence experts, attorneys and judges who reveal the frequency in which abusers win custody of their children.

The program features interviews with New York Yankees Manager Joe Torre, who dealt with domestic violence as a child, and Walter Anderson, chairman and CEO of Parade magazine, who recounts the emotional and physical abuse he suffered at the hands of his father, who was an alcoholic.

The program is scheduled to air 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23 on WHYY, Channel 12, and 9 p.m. Oct. 23 on WNET, Channel 13, which will rebroadcast the program at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 24.

For additional information on domestic violence, contact the Resource Center for Women and Their Families, Hillsborough, at (866) 685-1122 or visit www.rcwtf.org, the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women at www.njcbw.org, the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 or www.ndvh.org, the National Coalition Against Domestic

Violence at www.ncadv.org, the Leadership Council at www.leadershipcouncil.org, Justice for Children, www.jfcadvocacy.org, NJ Family Court Reform, www.njwomenforfamily-courtreform.com, Courts for Kids, www.CourtsforKids.org, and Custody Preparation for Moms, www.custodyprepformoms.org.



Red, wooden figures called "silent witnesses," above, line the walkway to the historic Somerset County Courthouse in Somerville last week during a candlelight vigil for victims of domestic violence, sponsored by the Resource Center for Women and Their Families, based in Hillsborough. At left, area resident Marcie Hauser holds a candle at the vigil.

Legal Notices

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2004 AUDIT REPORT OF THE BOROUGHS OF MIDDLESEX, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:6-7

ASSETS	DECEMBER 31, 2004	DECEMBER 31, 2003
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,402,316.93	\$ 3,435,842.17
Accounts Receivable:		
State & Federal Grants Receivable	104,476.04	1,334,955.54
Due from State of New Jersey	10,635.70	14,790.32
Taxes, Assessments, Liens & Utility Charges	578,719.21	628,700.89
Interfund Loans	407,544.50	359,262.27
Other Accounts Receivable	1,505,501.36	86,740.74
Property Acquired for Taxes at Assessed Valuation	1,517,200.00	1,517,200.00
Fixed Assets - General	16,821,003.17	10,592,259.00
Fixed Capital - Utility	666,291.56	666,291.56
Deferred Charges to Revenue of Succeeding Years	3,504.82	3,504.82
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation: General Capital Fund	12,925,939.57	11,944,043.69
	\$38,939,688.04	\$29,673,617.21
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$ 6,616,000.00	\$ 4,964,000.00
Loans Payable	1,241,406.37	1,400,564.29
Prepaid Taxes, Assessments, Utility Charges and Licenses	141,999.88	111,090.84
Appropriation Reserves	428,753.38	418,175.77
Reserve for Encumbrances/Accounts Payable	1,456,143.96	858,612.44
Other Liabilities		
Due County for Added Taxes	716,469.18	858,698.86
Arrears: Prepaid to Specific Purposes	129,857.39	74,748.32
Escrow Funds	5,043,786.28	4,676,090.43
Improvement Authorizations	407,544.50	359,262.27
Interfund Loans	16,821,003.17	10,982,262.00
Investments in General Fixed Assets		
Reserve for Amortization of Costs of Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized	666,291.56	666,291.56
Reserve for Certain Assets Acquired or Receivables & Inventories	3,681,156.79	3,786,259.35
Fund Balance	1,589,233.65	1,412,367.98
	\$38,939,688.04	\$29,673,617.21

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME (REALIZED)	YEAR 2004	YEAR 2003
Fund Balance Utilized	\$975,000.00	\$975,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies	4,544,414.78	4,412,568.48
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	423,164.55	378,679.97
Collection of Current Tax Levy	27,184,058.57	26,353,549.25
Total Income	\$33,110,637.90	\$32,119,808.70
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	12,218,592.77	11,777,914.10
County Taxes	3,826,812.59	3,615,473.16
Local School Taxes	16,364,555.00	15,917,296.50
Other Expenditures	17,327.15	85,871.89
Total Expenditures	\$32,127,287.51	\$30,986,555.25
Less: Expenditures to be Raised by Future Taxes		
Total Adjusted Expenditures	\$32,127,287.51	\$30,986,555.25
Excess in Revenue	\$983,350.39	\$1,133,253.45
Fund Balance January 1	1,322,297.73	1,151,546.49
	2,291,136.32	2,284,799.93
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	1,975,000.00	975,000.00
Fund Balance December 31	\$1,316,136.32	\$1,307,297.73

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME (REALIZED)	YEAR 2004	YEAR 2003
Fund Balance Utilized	\$48,669.00	\$73,000.00
Memberships Fees	202,190.00	212,147.50
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Membership Fees	108,402.07	17,296.24
Total Income	\$359,261.07	\$302,443.74
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	262,000.00	261,000.00
Capital Improvements	51,000.00	51,000.00
Debt Service		
Deferred Charges and Sundry Expenditures	13,000.00	13,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$326,000.00	\$325,000.00
Excess in Revenue	\$33,261.07	\$77,443.74
Fund Balance January 1	98,769.05	133,829.31
	121,234.32	171,769.05
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	48,000.00	73,000.00
Fund Balance December 31	\$193,334.32	\$199,769.05

RECOMMENDATIONS

- We recommend the following:
- That the Borough strengthen controls requiring the maintenance of permanent cash books, issuance of duplicate receipt forms and the depositing of funds collected within the 48 hours deposit/turnover rule, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:27.
- That the fund asset inventory accounting system be maintained in an accurate and complete manner.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County, New Jersey, for the year ended December 31, 2004. The financial data included in the summary or synopsis is presented in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Readers are cautioned that the summary or synopsis was prepared solely for the purpose of compliance with the public disclosure provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:6-7 and, accordingly, the summary or synopsis should not be relied upon for any other purpose. The Report of Audit, submitted by Andrew G. Hrabala, Registered Municipal Accountant, is on file at the Municipal Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Kathleen Anello
Municipal Clerk
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Treasury, Division of Revenue, prior to the time of contract execution. Appropriate proof of registration should be provided to NJDOT as soon as possible after receipt of the Notice of Award. The fee is \$25.00 per month. Pursuant to the "Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L. 2003, c. 91), bidders must register with the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance. The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the contract award. Drawings and specifications for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidexpress.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To purchase the bid, follow the instructions on the web site. The fee is \$25.00 per month for unlimited access to view and download the enclosures and additional \$100.00 per month for unlimited access to download the plans, directly payable to Bid Express. Drawings, special provisions, and bid documents may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by constructing organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations at the following location:

250 Stirk Court
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973-770-5141

1 Executive Campus, Rt. 70 West
Cherry Hill, NJ
606-486-6224

New Jersey Department of Transportation
Division of procurement
Bureau of Construction Services
1035 Parkway Avenue
PO Box 905
Trenton, NJ 08646
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BOUND BROOK BOROUGH

LICENSES & PERMITS - TRANSFER APPLICATIONS TAKE NOTICE THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE BOROUGHS COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGHS OF BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY, TO TRANSFER TO WC RT 28 LLC, TRADING AS WINE COUNTRY FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 601 WEST UNION AVE. & 7TH STREET, UNIT 2, BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY THE FURNACE RETAIL CONSUMPTION & BREWERY PACKAGE LICENSE # 18043-002-002 AND HERETOFORE ISSUED TO MPP CORPORATION, TRADING AS VIA FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 601 WEST UNION AVE. BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY. THE PERSONS WHO WILL HOLD AN INTEREST IN THE LICENSE ARE:

1. JAMIN N. PATEL - 73 PIPESIDE COURT, WATKINS, NJ 07747
2. MANESHKUMAR P. PATEL - 29 COTTAGE AVE., EDISON, NJ 08817

OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING TO:

2014 WYOMING BOULEVARD, MUNICIPAL CLERK, BOROUGHS OF BOUND BROOK, 230 HAYLTON STREET, BOUND BROOK, NJ 08806
WC RT 28 LLC, 73 PIPESIDE COURT, WATKINS, NJ 07747
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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1652-05
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PARENT OR OTHER PERSON FROM ENROLLING A NON-RESIDENT STUDENT IN THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held on the 11th day of October, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1653-05
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGHS OF MIDDLESEX TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN ORDER TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION
Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held on the 11th day of October, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.

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Cancer survivor Liz Drayton talks about her ordeal with breast cancer at the second annual Somerset County Breast Cancer Awareness Month Ceremony held last week on the steps of the Somerset County Courthouse in Somerville.

Early detection allows women to fight and defeat breast cancer

By TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — Liz Drayton never thought that at the age of 31 she would be diagnosed with breast cancer.

"This devastated me," said Drayton. "The doctor's told me I was too young."

Drayton, who has two daughters, a 4-year-old and a 6-month-old at the time, said it was hard enough raising two children and working fulltime, and with the diagnosis she was not sure what to do. It was Halloween of 2002 and Drayton had to figure out what would be the next step in the process. Drayton said she had always associated cancer with death but knew the best way to find out what she was in store for was to educate herself.

"I decided not to let the cancer defeat me," she said. So she began researching and reading up on breast cancer in preparation. During her research, she contacted a breast cancer survivor from North Carolina who recommended that she contact the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. There, Drayton said she found more information and support to aid her during the trying process.

Although the cancer was in the early stages, in December of 2002, Drayton had her surgery followed by three months of chemotherapy.

"It wasn't an easy time," she said. "But I knew I had the rest of my life in front of me."

Drayton is just one of thousands of women who have been diagnosed and defeated cancer. According to statistics compiled by the American Cancer Society for 2005, 26 individuals are diagnosed with cancer each week in Somerset County. Of that figure, 15.5 percent are reported as female breast cancer cases and more than 70 percent have defeated the cancer.

A week ago, Drayton and about 50 other women attended the second annual Somerset County Breast Cancer Awareness Month Ceremony held by the Women's Health and Counseling Center on the steps of the Somerset County Courthouse.

"There are survivors because of programs like this," Coyle said.

Doreleena Sammons-Posey, director of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Services, said more women need to know about screenings, including younger women.

"We have stressed to the CDC that we have younger women who keep getting breast cancer," said Sammons-Posey.

It is recommended that women over the age of 40 receive annual mammograms. But some believe that women as young as 30 should begin having annual mammograms.

For more information on having a mammogram or services provided by the CEED program, contact the Women's Health and Counseling Center at (908) 526-2335.

"Every single person needs to know how important it is for early cancer detection," said Carmita Padilla, executive director of the Women's Health and Counseling Center.

According to Padilla, over 18 percent of the population in Somerset County is uninsured. With the Cancer Education and Early Detection program at WHCC, women and men who are not insured have an outlet available to get tested.

Programs like CEED helped Drayton recover from cancer. By December 2002, she was in remission.

Today she is 34 years old, cancer free and works as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery program, telling her story to others. In addition, Drayton, who is bilingual, speaks to Spanish-speaking cancer patients at various venues.

The CEED program has screened over 1,200 women in the past year, a figure that has increased from 350 in the first year of the program, which was started in 2000. Somerset County Freeholder Denise Coyle, who was also on hand for the day's event to present a proclamation from the Somerset County Freeholders, said such programs are a necessity in the state.

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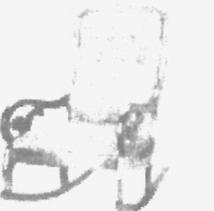
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