



Warren Township could become the third municipality in the county to adopt a sex offender residency restriction ordinance

The ordinance would restrict convicted sexual offenders from living within 2,500 feet of areas where children regularly congregate. Bound Brook and Hillsborough have recently passed similar ordinances.

The ordinance, which was intro-

convicted sexual offenders over the age of 18 to register with the proper authorities and prohibits them from living within 2,500 feet of any public or private school, playground, park or daycare center.

There is a similar measure going through the state Legislature, however, Warren Township Committeeman Frank Salvato said he doesn't want to wait for that bill to come to fruition. "There is a law that's proposed, but by the time they pass it, it might be

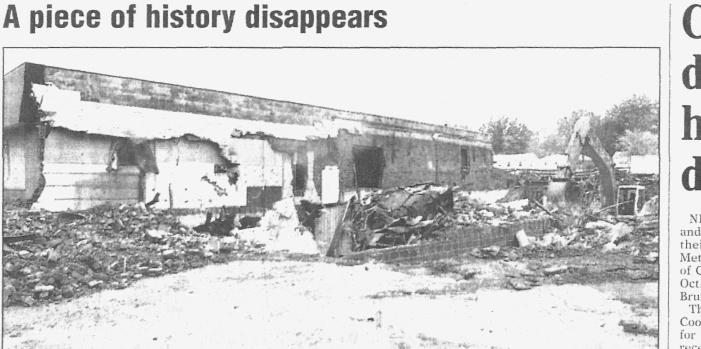
duced in September, would require watered down and who knows how

long it will take for them to pass it," said Salvato. "I'd like to see ours go through so we're protected."

The local ordinance is very similar to a state bill, proposed by Assemblyman Eric Munoz, R-21, that is currently going through the Legislature. Known as the "Jessica Lunsford Act," the bill would require a mandatory 25 years to life penalties for all sexual assaults on a minor, require repeat sexual offenders to wear a tracking device as a condition of bail or parole if they are arrested

for a sexual offense and establish a 2,500 foot "child protection zone," an exclusionary zone statewide for all schools, daycare centers and play-grounds for all sexual offenders in New Jersey. Jessica Lunsford, a 9year-old Florida resident, was kidnapped, raped and murdered by a convicted sexual offender earlier this year. Critics of the legislation don't believe residency restriction laws will really protect children.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With the completion of the new Effingers Sporting Goods store in Bound Brook, the store's old building, a borough icon for decades, was demolished over the past week

Charity dinner is hosted by diocese

NEW BRUNSWICK — A chaplain and a lawyer will be recognized for their work in the Diocese of Metuchen at the 21st annual Flame of Charity Dinner to be held 6 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick.

The Rev. Sean G. Winters;-Coordinator of Hospital Chaplains for the Diocese of Metuchen will receive the Community Servant award, while Anthony P. La Rocco of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP will be honored as the Humanitarian of the Year.

The first Business & Industry Dinner of the Diocese of Metuchen was held in 1984. It has since been renamed the Flame of Charity

Picking up a victory

With the state cutoff for state tournament qualifying this past Friday some area teams began the week trying to pick up needed victories. Page B1



A spooky house

For 363 days out of the year, the old place on West Cliff Street in Somerville is home to DeMuro Associates. But one weekend each year, it is transformed into a haunted mansion. Page B2.

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All contributions are dedicated to the purchase of supplies and costs of shipping. ARMS/Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 is an all-volunteer operation. Depending on weight, it costs between \$8 and \$15 to ship each box overseas. For more on Operation Shoebox. see Page A5.

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College seeking to raise \$3 million

The Middlesex County College Foundation announced the most ambitious fundraising effort in its 39 year history, The Community Investment Campaign, at a special reception held earlier this month.

The goal of the campaign, \$3 million for endowments and special programs by September 2006, represents the opportunity to advance the College and transform the lives of its students.

In making the announcement, Campaign Co-Chairman John V. Visceglia, vice president of Summit Associates, said: "To date, nearly one half of the campaign goal has been raised. Our success in this effort will enable us to expand our financial support to more than 1,000 students each year."

According to Campaign Co-Chairman Gerald Ostrov, who is company group chairman at Johnson & Johnson and the chairman of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees: "In the next few years, Middlesex County College will play a more prominent role in educating the people of our community. Many of the individuals whom this Campaign assists will someday serve as the leaders of Middlesex County. Johnson & Johnson has an outstanding history of support for the College and we are proud of the hundreds of successful graduates among our employees."

During the past academic year, 620 Middlesex County College students have received direct benefits from the foundation, either through one of the more than 65 named scholarships or general financial aid. The foundation seeks to increase this number to 1,000 students annually, as well as to expand its support for faculty programs, minority student affairs, library improve-

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COURTESY MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

John V. Visceglia, campaign co-chair of The Community Investment Campaign at Middlesex County College, is joined by fellow co-chair Gerald Ostrov in announcing a goal of \$3 million to be used for endowments and special programs.

Dinner and is the premier fundraising event for the Flame of Charity Foundation. More than 700 people attended the 2004 event which raised almost \$400,000 for the social service programs of the Diocese of Metuchen's Catholic Charities.

Bishop Paul Bootkoski said he is most thankful for the support so many have given to the Flame of Charity Dinner, especially since its proceeds benefit those most in need of services.

"Through a broad scope of programs offered in 29 locations, Catholic Charities helps thousands of clients each year with shelter and housing, prevention and intervention services, foster care, adoption, prenatal and child care services, counseling and essential health care," said Marianne Majewski, executive director of Catholic Charities.

Since his ordination in 1987, Winters has been involved in hospital ministry. He was first assigned to Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy, with residence at Holy Spirit Church in Hopelawn. In 1992, he was transferred to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Four years later, Father Winters became the chaplain of Somerset Medical Center, Somerville, where he served until

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Boy Scout program honors area hero

New York City Police Officer John D'Allara gave his life during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks while rescuing others in the towers of the World Trade Center.

D'Allara had been a 14-year veteran with the New York City Police Department. Assigned to ESU Truck 2, he was posthumously awarded the New York City Police Department's Medal of Honor for his actions on 9/11.

He was also a Boy Scout when he was vounger, and to honor D'Allara, his friends and family hosted a recent fund-raising event held through the Boy Scouts of America Patriots Path Council.

Youth's were given the opportunity to support Project COPE ____ Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience - with several Boy Scout camps participating.

The boys had the opportunity to climb rock wall's and then a natural mountain and repel down. The boys were to collect money for each foot they could climb as a climb-a-thon. This was an opportunity for the fellow scouts to do good and for many participate in a sport that would not be available to them.

Henderson Zachary and Christopher and James Markey of 207 represented South Pack Plainfield at this event.

Project Cope is an outdoor program that strives to develop teamwork, communication, trust, self-esteem, problem solving, decision making and fun. For additional information, contact Patriots Path Council at (973) 765-9322. For more about scouting in South Plainfield, contact Marie Markey at (908) 755-3213.



Members of Boy Scouts of America Patriots Path Council took part in a rock climbing fund-raiser to aid a fund formed in the memory of New York City Police Officer John D'Allara, who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

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Warren may limit where sex offenders can live

Randolph and Mine Hill town-

creating pedophile-free zones at county parks. The Linden council is

passes the legislature, it could trump the slew of local laws on sex offender residency restric-

former sex offenders," Chen said. "This will start a whole new host of legal challenges. notification (which is required under Megan's Law) had no limita-

on your liberties. It's saying Bound Brook Mayor Frank Rvan doesn't think it will be

lenges the borough's sex offender residency restriction law because with the law, sex offenders would literally not be able to live anywhere in the 1.60 square mile borough.

"I don't like these people living here," said Ryan. "But if we picked up someone and said you can't live here and a civil liberties union picked up the case, how much money do you put up to defend it (the law) before you back down."

According to the Megan's Law Web site, five sexual offenders live within the borough.

But when questioned on whether police have contacted these individuals and informed them they have to move, Ryan said, "Not that I know of."

Ryan believes that Megan's Law, despite its good intentions, isn't entirely effective in helping municipalities keep track of sexual offenders.

"Some many of them don't report to the proper authorities when they move," said Ryan, who believes residency restriction laws will be more

effective in monitoring pedophiles.

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However, pedophile-free areas encourage a "Not in My Back Yard" mentality in affluent suburban neighborhoods, said Chen.

"The majority of sex offenders move to urban areas, where there's less of a stigmatism about community notification," Chen said. "It's not surprising that it's the 'nice places' that are enacting this legislation.

"You couldn't get a Newark or a Jersey City to pass this. The urge of parents to protect their children is understandable.

"But it (this legislation) should not be a function of the affluence of the neighborhood."

Violators of the Warren ordinance will face a \$1,250 fine, 90 days of prison and 90 days of community service. The committee was scheduled to hold a public hearing and adoption of the ordinance at its meeting Thursday.

College seeking to raise \$3 million

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ments and the college's urban centers in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy.

The campaign announcement took place during an annual reception to honor scholarship benefactors and recipients. Nearly 175 representatives of the county's civic, business and academic communities applauded the effort.

The event also served to formally welcome newly inaugurated Middlesex County College president, Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, who remarked: "Collaboration with business and community leaders will be a key to the college's success in the future. I thank everyone in

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attendance this evening for their generous support of the College and its students.'

Charles T. Larsson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the College Foundation, said: "This campaign is about the community. We seek to inspire more individuals to invest in the academic and career dreams our

students. The Community Investment Campaign offers the opportunity for friends and businesses to open the doors of higher education to more students and thereby empower the students to form a more informed citizenry and well educated workforce."

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tional opportunities for qualified students and those requiring financial assistance to attend Middlesex County College.

By consistently growing financial aid and scholarships and raising funds for select College programs, the Middlesex County College Foundation helps students realize their academic and career dreams. Since inception, the foundation has provided more than \$6 million in assistance to over 9,500 students.

For more information about the Community Investment Campaign, visit www.mcc-foundation.org or call the foundation office at (732) 906-2564.

Charity dinner

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1999, when he returned to Raritan Bay where he is currently assigned.

Winters became coordinator of Hospital Chaplains and Health Care Facilities in the Diocese of Metuchen in 2003 He is also the chaplain at the Alameda Care Center in Perth Amboy.

La Rocco, who earned his Juris Doctorate at Seton Hall University School of Law, is Administrative Partner in the law office of Kirkpatrick



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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. Upcoming Trips and Events:

Atlantic City trips are held the third Tuesday of each month. Call Ed Kinmel 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 Barbati 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 Nov. 20 - Mass in memory of deceased members 9:30 a.m. followed by light breakfast in 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. For information, call (732) 968-1285; President of Dunellen Senior Citizen Club, Ida Cihanowyz.

Middlesex Borough

Middlesex: 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. Peters Hospital Geriatric Clinic on Nov. 4. Reserve seat by Oct. 26. Call Cindy Chomen at (732) 356-8666 or Sheila Fuhrmann at (732) 356-0414 for details.

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.

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Girl Scout cookie sale

extended this month MIDDLESEX - Several Girl Scout troops from the borough will be selling the popular cookies at booth sales in the borough and surrounding towns over the next several weeks.

Through cookie sales, the Girl Scouts are able to fund their own activities and gain valuable learning and developmental experiences that strengthen their goal setting, teamwork and communications skills, as well as build their self-esteem.

The selling troops and their cookie booth locations are listed below

Junior Troop #736. lead by Gretchen Mazellan and Debbie Brennan, at Hollywood Video in the Bridgewater Promenade. Route 28, Bridgewater, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 5 and 6-9 p.m. Nov. 12.

Cadette Troop 764, lead by Linda Buhler and Donna Lyons, at Acme Supermarket in Middlesex, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov.



- Junior Troop 783, lead by Cindy Dent, Ellen Shanahan, and Darlene Kelly, at Acme Supermarket in Middlesex 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 12.

Haunted woods return to South Plainfield

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Tickets are on sale for the Almost Famous Players third annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour,

Join Newlywed Investigators Lewis & Clark as they search haunted Putnam Park for missing patients, a great mix of scares and laughter. Show dates are Oct. 27-31.

Shows Oct. 27-30 begin at 6:15 p.m. Tours run approximately every 25 minutes until 10:15 p.m. Tours on Oct. 31 begin at 5:10 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 10 and

older, who must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are recommend-

ed for all tours. Reservations are

required for groups of 6 or more. For additional information, call (908) 756-8011. Putnam Park is located on Oak Tree Road.

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Recycling center to

Middlesex Briefs

begin winter hours SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The South Plainfield Recycling Complex on Kenneth Avenue has started fall/winter hours. The Yard Waste Site, at the end of Kenneth Avenue, will be open for brush, leaves and grass clippings from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

on Saturdays. Recycling Drop-off Center hours are 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

2005 Yard Waste Decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall. Bring the

registration of the vehicle that will be used.

Leaves will be collected at the curb beginning Nov. 14. Leaf bags will be available at the Borough Garage starting Oct. 17. For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.

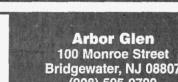
Crafters wanted for **Bound Brook sale**

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

The craft fair is from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Spaces are \$25 without a table or \$30 with a table.

For an application, e-mail cc.bb@verizon.net or call (732) 356-1293





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Not in my backyard?

There are few people as dangerous as pedophiles. They prey on children who do not have the ability or the experience to defend themselves.

That is why laws that restrict where pedophiles, as well as other sex offenders, can live and require them to register with local officials --- such as Megan's Law - are important in protecting children.

But do these laws ever go too far? Here in Somerset County, three municipalities have passed ordinances prohibiting convicted sex offenders from living near schools, daycare centers and parks. This creates a safety zone in the community, while still leaving other areas for those who have served time for their crimes to live.

Nationally, many states have passed similar legislation, and soon New Jersey itself may do so. The extreme, however, recently took place in Ocean City, where sex offenders are now prohibited from living within 500 feet of the city's public beaches.

What results here is a town where a convicted sex offender may not be able to find anyplace to live.

On the surface, it is easy to defend such a law. It would be nice to think a town could be free of sex offenders, murderers and bank robbers. It's also hard to defend the rights of a sex offender, who may commit the crime again. But it is easy to wonder how effective the law will be in preventing a pedophile from committing a crime again --- they

may not be able to live next to a school, but it won't stop them from preying on children.

We live in a free society, one made up of laws and punishment, and one that allows people to return to their lives after they have served their time. The line between not allowing sex offenders and, say, not allowing those with felony drunkendriving convictions to live in a town, is very easy to cross

Consider this scenario: A municipality tries to prevent those with felony DWI convictions from living near bars or liquor stores, and the law is chall lenged up to the U.S. Supreme Court, which strikes it down. At that point other, similar laws, such as the sex offender laws, could also be successfully challenged. And those challenges are taking place right now in courts across the United States.

The laws also do not do much to prevent a sex offender from trying to commit a crime again. What needs to happen is the sentencing guidelines for sex offenders need to be more closely examined. Those who commit crimes against children should face more jail time, and how they live after they are released --- rather than where they can live -should be more controlled.

Legislation like that passed recently in New Jersey requiring sex offenders to be tracked using global positioning satellite technology is one way to better control sex offenders, and more importantly, protect the innocent.

Letters to the Editor

Forrester offers plan to keep New Jersey safe

To the Editor:

As suicide bombers attack from London to Madrid, from Jerusalem to Bali, I look to Doug Forrester to keep me safe.

In 2001, New Jersey lost nearly seven hundred citizens to terrorism, and we must do everything in our power to ensure such tragedy never repeats itself. Doug Forrester will bolster security throughout our state and prepare for any possible attack so that New Jersey and America remain safe from terrorist-attacks. As governor, Doug will protect critical infrastructure including our ports, roadways, mass transit facilities, utilities, factories and educational institutions.

There are numerous at-risk targets in New Jersey - all of which must be identified so that safety standards can be implemented.

These targets include: Ports, airports both large and small, chemical facilities, power plants, mass transit facilities, hospitals and other health facilities, schools, malls and sports complexes and food complex facilities. Doug Forrester will

tion plan.

One specific site that needs additional security measures is the Oyster Creek nuclear plant. Doug has called for an independent scientific review of the plant before it is re-licensed. He will ensure that this key facility is not a safety hazard for local residents.

There is currently no minimum standard of anti-terrorism training for our local and transit law enforcement agencies. Doug Forrester will require a rigorous set of training modules to give our local law enforcement agencies the tools they need to keep New Jersev safe, including blueprints of key facilities, anti-terrorism training, and intelligence gathering techniques.

Doug will require that first responders receive training for bio-terrorism. He will equip first responders with the tools

develop a security and evacua- tion between local and federal officials been better, the man might have been arrested and part of the tragedy of that day could have been avoided.

> Doug Forrester will do everything in his power to prevent a tragedy before it occurs. To do that, Doug proposes information technology and security cameras. Doug will install security cameras in major commuter stations with recordings that can be quickly made available to appropriate law enforcement agencies. Cameras will be in public areas, and will allow police to immediately identify suspicious behavior.

> Doug Forrester will use information technology security and data collection to protect our privacy while uncovering valuable tips.

As governor, Doug will create a statewide Office of Homeland Security that is free from political influence, with a leader who is chosen based on qualifications, not political or personal favors. I trust Doug Forrester on the issue of homeland security. JEFF WEINSTEIN Edison

Question of the week: How far should sex offender laws go?

Opinion



MARY NAVILLE Bridgewater "They are sick people. It's hard to say. They should

get psychiatric help first."



North Branch "To the limit."



Letters to the Editor State's tax system needs an overhaul

To The Editor:

Over the past several years, I have met with seniors throughout our community and have shared their frustration with property taxes.

Throughout our state, senior citizens are being financially strangled by property taxes. In some communities, senior citizens, who are on fixed incomes, who long ago paid off their mortgages have had to sell their home because they could no longer afford to pay the escalating property taxes. Our senior citizens deserve affordable housing and our respect, not high property taxes.

Property taxes are statewide problem. We must take action to provide for real property tax relief. As a tax attorney and elected official, I have several recommendations for this complex problem:

-- Retool the state tax structure. Today, municipalities levy property taxes to fund local expenditures such as education. The state's tax structure needs to be overhauled such that some education costs are funded by the state. State contributions would allow municipalities to lower property tax rates.

The resulting reduction in property taxes could be offset by corresponding adjustments to revenue-based and use-based taxes such as income tax, business tax, transportation tax or some combination of those. As a result, lower income residents (i.e., fixed income senior citizens) would bear a lower proportional share of education costs.

Bifurcate funding. Local

communities and the State can both share the cost and decision making of public education.

The state should formulaically fund basic education in every community, including the core subjects, basic extra-curricular activities and infrastructure. a basic education Such approach would also even out the existing serious inequities in education throughout our state. Any local community that wishes to supplement the basic curricula funded by the state could collect the additional supplemental expenses through local property taxes.

Consolidate tax collection and terminate inefficient tax administration. One single state taxing authority should collect revenue for all county, municipality, school boards. As a result, more efficient tax administration will reduce the tax collection costs and yield more net tax revenue.

These recommendations permit a reduction in property taxes without reducing the overall level of spending on education. I recognize that these reforms are not novel and are politically risky.

As a councilman I witness, on a first hand basis, how our statewide property tax crisis is suffocating our senior citizens. Given the current urgency of the crisis for some of our most vulnerable citizens, these reforms are worth serious consideration.

PARAG PATEL Edison

Patel is a tax attorney and an Edison township councilman.

Candidates get nod from N.Y. legislator

To The Editor:

For the past four years, I have had the privilege and good fortune to work with 18th District Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan on legislation of benefit to senior citizens. middle-income homeowners, and parents of school-aged children.

The experience and knowl-

pride in the fact that Middlesex County's 18th District boasts the state's highest high school graduation rate.

Because of his knowledge of the law and education issues, I Assemblyman selected Diegnan to serve as my designee on the special committee that will examine the state's problem-plagued school construction program. Working with Senator Barbara Buono, Barnes and Diegnan have succeeded in bringing increased levels of property tax relief to their district. They also have consistently supported legislation that would authorize voters to call a special constitutional convention to fix the state's outdated property tax system. They joined in sponsoring the new state law that made New Jersey the fourth state in the country to track its most dangerous sexual predators through the use of satellite monitoring technology. The 18th District Assembly team of Barnes and Diegnan has few peers in the state Legislature in terms of leadership abilities, hard work, and personal integrity. They have proved themselves worthy of reelection to the state Legislature and I wholeheartedly urge Middlesex County residents to support them on Election Day.

to monitor threats and respond instantly to any attack.

Thirty-six hours before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Maryland police pulled over one of the hijackers for reckless mandate that each facility driving. Had the communica-

AL SCHWEIKERT High Bridge "As far as we can go to protect the individual rights of those who are being offended."



DR. C. CHIN Somerville They should go all the way. I don't forgive especially if they are a predator of children. I would vote for capital. punishment."

edge they possess on issues like public safety, local education, and consumer rights have proven to be invaluable assets to the Legislature.

A retired FBI agent and former Edison police director, Assemblyman Barnes has put his professional law enforcement background to good work as Chairman of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee. With his leadership and input, the state enacted the first child-proof handgun ban in the country and tougher laws against drunken driving.

Assemblyman Barnes also played a pivotal role as vicechairman of the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee, helping to fine-tune laws combating identity theft and the predatory practices of telemarketers.

Assemblyman Diegnan, a lawyer and a former college instructor, serves as vice chairman for the Assembly Education Committee and for the Assembly Judiciary Committee. One of the Legislature's most committed advocates for public education, he takes tremendous

ALBIO SIRES Assembly Speaker D-West New York

Farm condemnation should not go ahead

To The Editor:

Shame on the state Superior Court judge who ordered the Halper family of Piscataway to leave their homes and businessbeginning a battle to overturn the condemnation of their farm because of conflicts of interest in the case. The ruling by the judge would force two families, including an 80-year old grandmother, from their homes. It would also require the relocation of horses, ponies, and other farm animals in the middle of winter. There is no justification for this. The Halpers can't develop the property. They should be allowed to remain on the Cornell farm, and continue operating one of the state's last

horseback riding academies indefinitely. The farm has been in the family's possession for five generations, since 1922.

The condemnation deprives es. This comes at the same time the Halpers of their right to that two family members are own property, their right to earn a livelihood, and their right to develop. It infringes upon due process of the law, raises questions about ethics and fairness, and wastes tax revenue. It also sets a dangerous precedent for open space, since the agreement between Piscataway and Middlesex County to purchase and conserve the farm, allows Piscataway to divert the property from public use - for future development.

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"Their pictures should be published in all public schools and public places. They should be reported throughout the neighborhood they live in. It's all about protecting the children.

The Chronicle

Commentary

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Branchburg garage sale helps troops

What's more American than a garage sale?

And what better way to help support U.S. troops overseas than by spending a few dollars on a recycled Fisher-Price sandbox or a rubber ducky looking for a new bathtub to call home? Branchburg residents Terry

Rod Hirsch Executive Editor

and Robert Yuzuik, whose son Thomas, a former Army captain, served in the Mideast and was part of the initial wave of American troops that invaded Iraq in 2003, have been gathering items from their own home as well as donations from friends and neighbors for what promises to be a garage sale on a grand scale this Saturday.

The Yuzuiks will donate 100 percent of the money spent at their garage sale to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005; three of their neighbors, who are also holding garage sales in their Branchburg neighborhood the same day, have also promised to donate a portion of what they make to OPSHBX.

Terry, who has been tagging donated items for the past two weeks, said 12 families have contributed to the effort.

Several neighborhood youngsters will be helping out this Saturday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., including Girl Scouts selling lemonade.

Terry has been cataloging and tagging items for several weeks. "My garage is full. I keep getting calls from my neighbors wanting me to take more stuff. We've got hardcover books, Halloween costumes, sets of dishes, more toys than you can imagine, for infants on up; a lot of kitchen and house wares, stuffed animals, clothes, desks, wall hangings, pictures, plaques, crafty things, a weight bench, a sandbox, a lot of holiday stuff.

"What else; oh, Christmas decorations, and my one neighbor is totally into ducks she gave me all her duck stuff - dishes, bathroom items, wall hangings, all kinds of duck stuff."

The merchandise will be spread across the Yuzuik's driveway and front lawn at 11 Pine Ridge Drive in Branchburg. Garage sales will also be held at numbers 6, 8 and 13 Pine Ridge Drive.

The Yuzuiks hope to attract many of the buyers who will also be in Branchburg for the annual PTO consignment sale at nearby Stony Brook School on Cedar Grove Lane.

"People bring their own boxes and line up at 8:30 and wait for the door to open at 9," Terry said

'That's not all. The Branchburg Historical Society will host its first-ever Attic Sale at the historic Andrew Ten Eyck House, 671 Old York Road on Saturday as well, with a splendid variety of antiques for sale - including a Civil War-era cannon in working condition.

We're hoping there'll be lots of traffic in Branchburg this weekend, and hope too, that others will consider running garage sales to benefit OPSH-BX.

Shipping out

Two weeks from Saturday -Nov. 5 - is our pre-holiday pack-ing and shipping day. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will gather at the American Legion Post 327 on Old York Road in Bradley Gardens at noon, and work through 6 p.m. to package and ship 1,000 holiday boxes to U.S. soldiers and Marines in the Mideast.

We still need supplies, and volunteers. Please call (908) 575-6684 if you're interested in helping out.

Busy Beez

The Beez Foundation, which is dedicated to raising funds for brain cancer research, sponsored a softball tournament and other activities at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater Saturday, and invited volunteers from Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 to man the concession stand on the concourse.

Special thanks to all those who helped out - Craig Turpin, Bill Smithbower, Dawn and Alex Concepcion; John Dorrell; Joe



Operation Shoebox New Jersey volunteers Dawn Concepcion, left, and her husband Alex stop by the refreshment stand at Commerce Bank Ballpark Saturday during the Beez Foundation fund raising event. Behind the counter are Alexa Taylor, center; Cara D'Andrea and Mike Joho, all freshmen at Hillsborough High School. The concession stand was manned by OPSHBX volunteers all day.

and Nancy Yuzuik; Robert Yuzuik; Dennis O'Connor; Maryann Hirsch, and Alexa Taylor, Cora D'Andrea, and Mike Joho, all freshmen at Hillsborough High School, and Liderma Harricharan, a junior at Bound Brook H.S

We're still awaiting a final accounting, but early indications are that OPSHBX made more than \$500 in donations and sales commissions for the day. One of the ballplayers for the Ellery Tavern team of Middlesex, John Finnerty, donated \$100.

Corporate support

Here's yet another success story for OPSHBX volunteer Tom Cunningham, who continues to reach out to the business and corporate world for financial support. The following letter offers the details:

"The enclosed check, in the amount of \$1,000, is provided to support the costs of shipping of donated goods to our troops deployed in Iraq and the Middle East. I am happy to lend a helping hand to those assisting our service men and women on the front lines in the war against terrorism. I wish you the best in gaining widely-spread support for your project. Thank you for letting me participate in this patriotic effort.'

Jerome Schill Senior Program Manager Defense Transformation and Integration

General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems

Members of the 42nd Infantry, including elements of the 250th Signal Battalion based at the New Jersey National Guard Armory in Franklin, are headed home after being deployed in Iraq for more than a year; one of those soldiers, SSgt. Mike Chemidlin, wrote to express his thanks for the support he and his comrades have received during their deployment. Here's his letter:

Rod.

"Many people have many good thoughts and ideas. There are only a few who put those thoughts and ideas into practice. Central New Jersey has risen to the occasion. Your joint coordinated effort has been successful. Thanks for the informative letters and practical items also.

You know Vietnam wasn't like this - no Internet, phone service, go home on leave ... a package like the one sent was like gold. I'm grateful to all. Your love, concern, and support have not gone unnoticed. We honor our country and our country honors US.

Thanks

SSgt. Mike Chemidlin

T-shirts for sale

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

A shipment of medium and large shirts from our supplier has arrived; those on back order will be shipped by the end of the week. 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. 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. 22: Garage Sale to benefit Operation Shoebox New Jersev 2005, 11 Pine Ridge Drive, Branchburg. Hosted by **OPSHBX** volunteers Terry and Robert Yuzuik. All proceeds will be donated to OPSHBX.

Oct. 23: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Acme Supermarket, Ryders Lane, Milltown, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Boy Scouts from Troop 33, Milltown, will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the store. This event is part of an Eagle Scout project coordinated by Keith Price in conjunction with OPSHBX.

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.

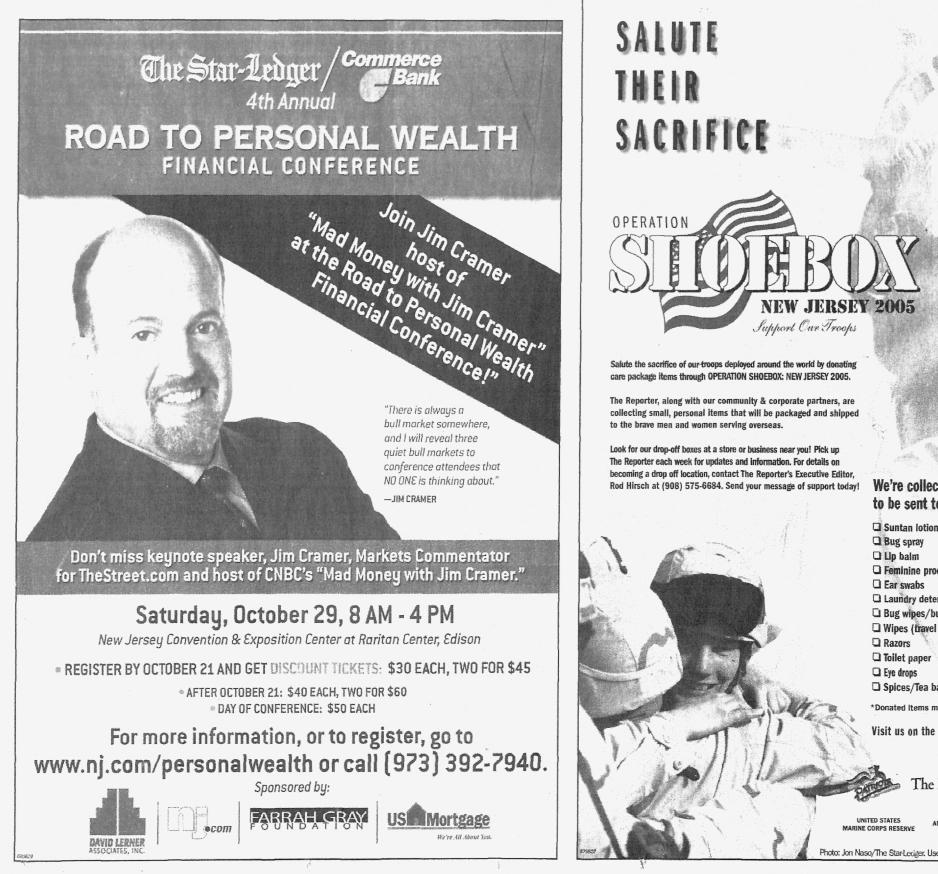
Nov. 6: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Acme Supermarket, Ryders Lane, Milltown, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Boy Scouts from Troop 33, Milltown, will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the store. This event is part of an Eagle Scout project coordinated by Keith Price in conjunction with OPSHBX.

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.

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We're collecting the following items to be sent to our troops overseas:

Bug spray Lip balm G Feminine products □ Far swahs Laundry detergent D Bug wipes/bug strips Wipes (travel size) C Razors C Toilet paper Eve drops Spices/Tea bags

Coffee Small drink mixes D Socks Clothesline/pins Snack food Cereal/protein bars G Fleece blankets Microwaveable foods Hard candy/gum **Writing materials** Batteries (any size) Calling cards

*Donated items must be in their original packaging

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The Reporter





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Saturday, October 22, 2005

Obituaries

Harry Chiovarou Sr.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Harry W. Chiovarou Sr., 74, died Oct. 13, 2005 at Muhlenberg Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Irvington, he lived in Union and Green Brook before moving to South Plainfield in 1959.

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1993 after 10 years with Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. in Raritan, where he was a pharmaceutical technician and member of the emergency management team. He earlier was a machinist for 20 years with Elastic Stop Nut Corp. in Union.

More recently he was for 10 Tompkins and

A quartermaster with the Sea Scouts in Union in his youth, Mr. Chiovarou was active for 40 years with Boy Scout Troop 124 in South Plainfield. For the past 30 years he played Santa Claus

at Christmas functions in South Plainfield. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6763; Chaumont Post

243, American Legion; and Sacred Heart Roman Church. Mr. Catholic Chiovarou was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Beatrice Arcuri Chiovarou; a daughter, Kathie Stattery and husband John of South Plainfield; a son, Harry W. Jr., a grandson, Colin Michael, and a granddaughter, Kara Slattery, all of South Plainfield.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at Sacred Heart Church, following services at the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Somerset Diabetes Center, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876.

Mary Rose Zalewski

PISCATAWAY - Mary Rose "Toots" Tutza Zalewski, 90, died Oct. 15, 2005 at the Tallwoods Care Center in Bayville.

Born in Jersey City, she was a daughter of the late John and Clara Elke Tutza.

Mrs. Zalewski lived in Fairmount, Kearny, Somerville. Piscataway, Florida and Arizona before moving to Bayville in 1995. She was a machine operator with the Cooperative Corp. in Chester and a delicatessen clerk with A&P in Somerville. She played semiprofessional women's football in Newark.

Her husband of 59 years, John S., died in 1995. A grandson, Richard John Jr., died in 1965.

Albert Kalainikas

MIDDLESEX - Albert A. Kalainikas, 88, died Oct. 15, 2005 at his home in Berkeley Township.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Middlesex before moving to Berkeley Township in 1982.

Mr. Kalainikas retired in 1982 after 37 years as a tool and die maker with the Singer Co. in Elizabeth. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Silver Ridge Park West Men's Club in Berkeley Township. Surviving are his wife of 64 Anna Puzin years,

MIDDLESEX

Phillipsburg.

Born Oct.

Peekskill, N.Y., she was a daugh-

ter of the late Joseph and

Mrs. Dominick lived in

Middlesex before moving to

Norma Delamater Mahre.

Kalainikas; a son, Ray; a daughter, Elaine Kalainikas MacFee; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild. A funeral Mass was held

Surviving are two sons, Richard J. of Littleton, Colo.,

and John R. and wife Karen

Ann of Neshanic Station; two

daughters, Patricia Ann Rohl

and wife Dieter of Livonia,

Zimmermann of Bayville;

eight grandchildren, 11 great-

grandchildren and two great-

A funeral Mass was held

Wednesday at St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton Roman Catholic

Church, Three Bridges, follow-

ing services at the Countryside

Funeral Home in Three

Bridges. Burial was in Sacred

Heart Cemetery, Hillsborough.

Donations may be sent to St.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Building

Fund, 105 Summer Road,

Three Bridges, NJ 08887.

Dolores

Mich., and

great-grandchildren.

Wednesday at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church, Toms River, following services at the Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals in Toms River. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Mary Dominick

- Mary Hospital in Verona until her Dominick, 87, died Oct. 12, 2005 retirement in 1987. Warren Hospital in

A brother, Peter, died in 1978. Surviving are her husband, 16, 1917 in Stanley; a son, Thomas of Jackson; two daughters, Mary Ann Bruno of Bedminster and Loretta DiGiovanni of Port Monmouth; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. New Village in 1987. She was a A funeral Mass was held nurse's aide at Essex County Monday at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Alpha.

MIDDLESEX — Yuji Shinoda, 59, died Oct. 15, 2005 Somerville. Born in Japan, he lived in Somerville and Middlesex before moving to Annandale

in 1986. Mr. Shinoda was vice president of the engineering department at Hamamatsu

BOUND BROOK - Charles "Chic" Zaccardi, 77, died Oct. 17, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born May 8, 1928 in Newark, he was a son of the late Joseph

and Mary Arcillo Zaccardi. Mr. Zaccardi retired in 1997 after 28 years with Zaccardi Cleaners in Bound Brook, of which he was the founder and owner. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; a daughter, Kathaleen Petruzzi of Boca Raton, Fla.; two sons, Gary of Middlesex and Michael of Bound Brook; five grandchildren; a cousin; and several nieces and nephews. Donations may be sent to Leukemia 8: Lymphoma Society Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Joseph Naranjo

Charles Zaccardi

DUNELLEN Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Naranjo, 21, died Oct. 13, 2005 in Jacksonville, N.C.

He was born in North Plainfield and Dunellen before moving in 2003 to Midway Park, N.C. Lance Cpl. Naranjo was stationed in Iraq from August 2004 until February 2005 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He fought in the battle of Fallujah in November 2004.

Center in Somerville.

to Middlesex in 1950.

Mr. Hower was born in

Northampton, Pa. He lived in

Palmerton, Pa., before moving

He retired after 30 years as a

mechanic with Ford Motor Co.

in Edison. Mr. Hower earlier

worked for the Branch Trucking

Co. He was a Navy veteran of

He was assigned to relief operations in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. Lance Cpl. Naranjo graduated from Dunellen High School in 2003. Surviving are his wife, Jessica; his parents, Jaime and Fannie, and a brother, Mauricio, all of Dunellen; and four sisters, Sarita, Patricia and Maritza, all of Dunellen, and Maria of Pennsylvania. A funeral Mass was held Thursday.

Allen 'Pap' Hower

MIDDLESEX - Allen F. World War II and a member of "Pap" Hower, 88, died Oct. 14, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2005 at Somerset Medical 6988 in Middlesex

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Eleanor; a son, James of Middlesex; two daughters, Carol Veith of Dunellen and Mary of Middlesex; a brother, Aaron; a sister, Mabel Lindenmoyer; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Middlesex Rescue Squad.

Yuji Shinoda

Corp. in Bridgewater. He had been with Hamamatsu for 35 at Somerset Medical Center in years.

> Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Shizuko Osymi; a son, Yoshikazu; two daughters, Michiyo Eura and Naomi; a brother, Shuii; two sisters, Setsuko Okada and Reiko Yamana; and a grandchild.



Regional Mr. Chiovarou retired in

years a crossing guard at Grant avenues.

Charles Sluzenski and Mary Sluzenski

DUNELLEN - Joint services have been held for Charles L. Sluzenski, 94, and Mary E. Skripko Sluzenski, 93, former residents who passed away Oct. 12 at the Village at Palmerton, Pa.

Mr. Sluzenski was a carpenter with American Cyanamid Co. in Bridgewater for 20 years until his retirement in 1961. Born in Ashley, Pa., he was a son of the late Alexander Stella Wallace and Sluzenski.

Mrs. Sluzenski was a homemaker who was born in Dunellen, a daughter of the late John and Anna Kochen Skripko.

The Sluzenskis lived in Dunellen for 30 years before 1965 moving in to Kunkletown, Pa.

1948. A granddaughter, Mary, died in 1974. Surviving are two sons, George of Woodbridge, Va., and Charles Jr. of Breinigsville, Pa.; four

A son, Stanley, died in

grandchildren, nine greatgrandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Sluzenski also is survived by a stepbrother, Leo Cetuk of Lake Wales, Fla. Mrs. Sluzenski also is survived by a stepbrother, George Hargabus of Ormond Beach, Fla.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.



Section

Sports

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Chiefs muddy Edison with 21st straight

EDISON — Treacherous playing con- have not won since November of 2002, ditions proved no match for superior talent as the Chiefs continued to thrive even with pre-game factors against them.

Elements like mud and the home field supposed to be equalizers in high school football, but nothing would likely have prevented the Piscataway High football team from another dominant effort as the Chiefs rolled past Edison 50-0 in a Greater Middlesex Conference game Oct. 14.

Two lengthy streaks continued with the outcome as Piscataway took another steps towards repeating its divisional crown of a year ago with its 21st consecutive victory and fifth of dropped their 37th straight decision to fall to 0-6

The Chiefs scored on their first five possessions of then game in building a 30-0 haiftime advantage, and the special teams took over following intermission by accounted for all three second-half touchdowns

Edison had all the problems handling the ball in the early going as the Eagles lost the ball on an interception and a fumble on its second and third possessions after fumbling twice but recovering both the first time they had the ball.

Piscataway demonstrated no difficulty when it was its turn on offense the campaign, while the Eagles, who as Daniel You capped the first drive

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with a 1-yard run, while an pickoff by Marc us Wright set up a four-play, 37yard thrust completed by Ken Woolfolk's 1-yard run for a 12-0 lead, which stood after one quarter.

Alex Shell's fumble recovery set up a 24-vard maneuver that needed six plays with quarterback Tony Logan going the final 12 yards on a keeper. The next two times the Chiefs had the ball they needed only one play each time as You bolted 65 yards and Woolfolk went 41 yards for the 30-0 cushion.

Piscataway needed only a couple of

minutes to expand its lead to 44-0, 111 yards. First Jermaine Scott brought back the second-half kickoff 70 yards, and after the defense forced a punt three plays following the ensuing kickoff DaJuan Gratz raced 60 yards with the kick.

Russ Hopkins, who had missed his first two attempts, added the PAT placements following both TDs. The game stayed like until the fourth quarter when Terrence Fox returned a punt 80 yards for the game's final points.

In a performance reminiscent of last year's squad that relied on great field position and plenty of fireworks from its special teams Piscataway had a season-low 235 yards in total offense, while the defense limited Edison to

Woolfolk saw his run of 100-yard games end at four as he garnered just 57 yards, although he had just six carries. You, meanwhile, led the ground game with 87 yards on five attempts. Wright completed both of his passes for 54 yards.

Piscataway faced what could be its biggest test of the season before the playoffs get started when they squared off with unbeaten Old Bridge last night. Friday night the Chiefs will visit North Brunswick in another Red Division game.

Edison, which had the weekend off, returns to action Friday night when it travels to Sayreville in a Red Division matchup.

Piscataway girls pass .500 level | **Dunellen rolls**

In a meeting of improving Greater Middlesex Conference Red Division girls soccer squads Piscataway High parlayed a first-half goal and a strong defensive performance into a 1-0 victory over South Brunswick to move a step closer to a state tournament berth. Natalie Majorczak connected

with less than two minutes to play before halftime to give the Chiefs the lead, and the combined goal-tending of Caitlin Wesnesky and Nicole Wiley, who totaled six saves between them, made the advantage stand up.

With the victory the Chiefs moved to 6-5 for the season and needed to at least split its other two games this week to gain a post-season berth. South Brunswick, meanwhile, fell to 4-5-2 as it saw a three-match unbeaten streak snapped.

Middlesex 3, South River 0 - Trysten Figel and Cassey Flannelly combined for a three goals as the Blue Jays whipped South River Monday in GMC-Blue Division play to improve to 6-7 and keep themselves alive for a state tournament spot.

Figel scored twice off passes from Flannelly and also set up Flannelly for the third Middlesex tally, all of which came in the first half. The Blue Jays used 10 saves from Kaitlin Lacaillade to post the shutout and finished with a 23-10 advantage in shots in goal. **BOYS SOCCER**

Sergio Freitas scored a goal in each half, one off a once a



to snap streak

Jump-starting its offense with three long scoring plays the Dunellen High football squad ended a four-game losing streak with a convincing 34-7 triumph over Cardinal McCarrick Monday in Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division play.

In winning for the second time this season the Destroyers received outstanding offensive production to the tune of nearly 400 yards despite the absence of starting quarterback Matt Ferreri to send winless Cardinal McCarrick to a sixth straight loss

After pushing the game back two days while waiting for Columbia Park to dry out from the previous week's rain Dunellen took command with a pair of first-quarter touchdowns, and then after surrendering a TD to the Eagles that cut the lead to 13-7 in the second quarter the defense pitched a shutout the rest of the way.

It took the Destroyers only four plays to find the end zone as Matt Grasso dashed 32 yards for the game's first points. Later in the opening session Mike Cassidy bolted 40 yards to make it 13-0.

McCarrick answered with a scoring pass to close the gap, but the Destroyers had a quick response of its own after recovering the on-side kick on the ensuing kickoff as they scored in five plays. Backup quarterback

Following a scoreless third

Cassidy had a huge day carry-

up 265 yards on the ground,

while Wenzel had an excellent

performance filling in for

Ferreri by completing six of

eight passes for 130 yards.

Schleppenbach had four catches

Dunellen will host Highland Park today in another Blue Division game looking to get a

game closer to .500, which

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attempts, although Eatman completed 15 of 31 passes for 134 yards.

The Tigers will visit Monroe 1 p.m. today looking to get back on track, but it won't be easy in the White Division test with Monroe coming off its first loss - a 27-6 setback to New Brunswick in a meeting of 5-0 quads.

Bishop Ahr 36, Metuchen 12 - Facing a GMC-Blue Division rival coming off a 15-0 victory over Red Division J.P. Stevens the Bulldogs gave Bishop Ahr (4-1) a fight for two quarters Monday before the Trojans pulled away in the second half for a fourth straight victory.

Despite being out-gained 212-52 in the first half Metuchen, which fell to 3-3 with the loss, found itself in the game at 14-12 at the break, thanks to a big kickoff return and a Bishop fumble deep in Trojan territory.

DaJuan Miller gave Metuchen great field position to start the game with a 65-yard return of the opening kickoff to the Bishop Ahr 25, and two plays later Jordan Leitner hooked up with Kyle Edmonds on a 14-yard scoring strike to put the Bulldogs on the board.

The Trojans came back to take the lead at 14-6 on scoring runs

pass from Thomas Perez, as J.P. Stevens edged cross-town rival Edison (2-11-1) and improve to 5-9-1 on the year in GMC-Red Division play Monday.

Scott Brody turned back nine shots for the Hawks, while Jason Tonic matched that total for Edison. Akashay Gupta registered the Eagle goal in the second half.

Middlesex 1, South River 1 - The Blue Jays missed an opportunity to move a step closer to the .500 level and a state tourney berth when it wasted an 18-12 advantage in shots in a double-overtime draw with South River (6-5-2) Monday in a GMC-Blue Division match.

Trailing 1-0 at halftime Middlesex knotted the game on Ryan Flannelly's goal at the 12-minute mark of the second half, but the Blue Jays, who remained two games below the break-even level at 5-7-1, could not break the tie. Brian Vadinsky recorded 10 saves in goal for Middlesex.

Pingry 7, Bound Brook 0 -Getting a chance to test itself against the best the seventhrated Crusaders fell considerGEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Middlesex High's Kyle Handley works the ball during a game earlier this season. The Blue Jays missed a chance to get closer to .500 when they drew with South River 1-1 Monday.

able short in a quarter-final loss to second-ranked and defending champion Pingry (11-0) in the Somerset County Tournament Saturday. The winners outshot Bound Brook 18-3. FIELD HOCKEY

In a meeting of one-victory teams Monday Metuchen captured its second straight decision after starting the season with 11 losses by topping Piscataway (1-9) in GMC play. Joelle Vitale and Amy Walsh logged the Bulldog goals,

Jade Bing combined for the shutout in goal by stopping a combined three shots. VOLLEYBALL

Grace Lee turned in the top effort with 13 digs, 14 service points and four aces to lead the way as Edison swept Bishop Ahr (2-1) 25-20 and 27-25 in a tightly-contested match to up its record to 11-6 for the campaign.

Jessica Cortese recorded 11 digs, five service points and

while Brianne Bolante and two kills for the Eagles, while teammate Raghika Patel contributed seven kills, four digs and two blocks.

> Sherry Fang collected eight digs, six kills, six service points and two aces, while Semia Radwan chipped in with 12 assists, five kills and three digs as J.P. Stevens outlast Old Bridge (7-6) in three sets 25-23, 16-25, 25-14 -Monday to boost its record to 8-9

J.P. Stevens 2, Old Bridge 1

would at least qualify it for the playoffs. South River 13, South Plainfield 7 - Stymied all game by South River's defense the Tigers final gasp nearly proved to be a decisive one, but in the end their offensive futility lasted until the final gun.

for 75 yards.

With an opportunity to steal a GMC White Division victory South Plainfield instead saw a goal-line interception wipe out its final only real offensive threat of the game in the closing seconds as the Rams held on Oct. 14 to improve to 3-3 and drop the Tigers to 2-4.

With less than a minute to play Derrick Eatman connected with Troy Russell on a 45-yard pass play the Tigers' only first down in the second half - to move the ball to the South River 12, but the Tigers saw the interception three plays later end it with a half-minute to play.

Neither team managed to do much with their conventional offenses, but the Rams used a couple of reverses to take the lead with Marty McGough first going 74 yards on a doublehandoff in the second quarter and then 47 yards on a reverse in the third quarter.

South Plainfield's points came on a 85-yard kickoff return by Eddie McCray following the Rams' second TD. The Tigers rushed for only 48 yards on 22

of 3 and 17 yards by Mike Negron (19 carries for 119 yards), but the Trojans lost the ball at its 17 with Jack Rems recovering for the Bulldogs. Jon Brown capped the short drive with a 2-yard plunge with 3:11 to go in the half.

The second half belonged to Bishop Ahr both on the scoreboard and total vards (196-53) as the home team scored the first three times it had the ball with Joe Cruz (17 carries for 132 yards) capping all three drives with touchdown runs of 3, 12 and 2 yards.

Metuchen should have its hands full once again this weekend with John F. Kennedy (3-2) visiting today for a Blue Division battle with a 1 p.m. start.

Sayreville 42, J.P. Stevens 13 - After playing a revitalized Sayreville squad even for 12 minutes the Hawks surrendered two touchdowns in each of the second and third quarters without a response and lost a GMC-Red Division verdict Saturday to drop to 1-4 on the year.

Trailing 7-0 Stevens evened the game on J.R. Padilla's 35yard interception return, but then Rasheem Clarke exploded for the Bombers as he scored on runs of 39, 54, 64 and 73 yards to finish with 242 yards on just nine attempts to lead Sayreville to its fourth straight victory.

Tamar Robinson, who finished with 95 yards on 15 carries, registered the Hawks' only offensive score of the game when he sprinted 45 yards in the fourth quarter. Robinson's rushing yardage accounted for almost half of his team's 194 yards.

Stevens, which took on East Brunswick last night, will visit Old Bridge Friday night. Old Bridge will be coming off its meeting with Piscataway in a clash of 5-0 teams.

New Providence 40, Bound Brook 0 - Managing only 17 yards in total yardage the Crusaders were never in this Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division matchup with 3-2 New Providence Sunday, falling to 1-4 for the year. After hosting winless Newark Central last night the Crusaders visit North Warren Friday night in a non-league encounter.

Captain Escandon hangs up spikes BRIDGEWATER - Almost 67 walks, second on the squad, mind like that," he added,

fittingly, the person who drove in the final run of the 2005 playoffs for the Somerset Patriots was Emiliano Escandon.

Escandon's RBI double in the fourth inning Sunday night staked the Patriots to a 6-0 lead and they went on to topple the Nashua Pride 6-1, completing a sweep of the best-of-five ALPB championship playoffs.

Afterwards Escandon, who'll celebrate his 31st birthday a month from now, confirmed he's retiring from the game. He'd been a Somerset regular since joining the club in 2001 and was the team captain the past two years.

"We all knew this was going to be his last season," said Patriots' leftfielder Billy Hall, who roomed with Escandon on



the road. "We'd talked about it last winter. So he went out the way he wanted to go out. "He's the second roommate

I've had here who went out as a champion (Kevin Dattola, 2001)," he added. "That makes you feel good, that guys like that played their last game on a championship team."

Escandon, a California native now living in South Bound Brook, was a three-time ALPB All-Star Game selection. This year he was plagued by some nagging injuries and hit .257 in 122 games but drew

and swiped 14 bases. He also was always a steady, sometimes spectacular, second baseman.

He's been a baseball instructor at Zoned Sports Academy in Bridgewater the past few years and makes frequent offseason appearances at schools, lecturing on the values of education and healthy living.

"Emiliano was so important to not only our ballclub but also to our whole organization," said Manager Sparky Lyle Monday afternoon. "I told him last night his spot will be taken but he'll never be replaced. I asked him if he was really sure about this and he said yes. I said OK, you've got half the battle over with. If you're sure, then do it.

"When I quit I made up my

snapping his fingers. "And I think that's what he's done and I'm happy for him. Sometimes it's time to quit, and sometimes champions lose. Escandon, who wasn't on the team bus for the return trip to

Monday, began his pro career in 1995 as a shortstop with Spokane of the Single-A

When he joined the Pats in 2001, he played third base but midway into the season went back to his natural slot at second. He hit .286 that year, .266 in 2002, .298 in '03 and .308 a year ago. He was a member of five minor league championship squads - three with Somerset and two in the Kansas City Royals organization.

Bridgewater from Nashua

Northwest League.

Get a look inside a haunted house

Urgent news for people who took

By JIM WHITE Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE - Winding the spider web-covered railings that lead up to that creepy house on West Cliff Street, there is no mistaking what time of year it is. The only question is, what's inside, this time?

Find out, if you dare, today and tomorrow during the fifth annual presentation of "The House on Haunted Hill."

Because if the crypts on the front lawn or the hanged skeleton dangling from a tree branch are any clue, what lies behind the front door is sure to raise a few hairs on the back of



the neck.

'io that end, DeMuro Associates, in conjunction with Bangz Hair and Nail Studio as well as dozens of area teenagers and adults, come together before each Halloween to transform the DeMuro Associates building, a 200-plus-year-old Victorian home, into a haunted house.

"We do it for the community," said Terry DeMuro, adding all proceeds are donated to the United Way of Somerset County.

Her husband, Jim DeMuro, said they got the idea years ago from a neighbor at the corner of West Cliff and North Bridge streets who hosted a haunted house dubbed "The House on Hangman's Hill."

"It was different," Jim DeMuro said. "We thought we'd be different."

And through word of mouth, area teens started showing up wanting to help decorate the home and don scary costumes to spook visitors.

Earlier this week a group of young ladies stood out on the porch of the haunted house and talked about why they volunteer their time each year to the production.

But they were careful not to let on about any of the surprises inside.

"I grew to really like it," said 17-year-old Cassie Leonard of Bridgewater, who has helped decorate and scare people at the house for four years now. "You build it yourself. It's

for all these people." Outside the girls had already painted the crypts and tomb-

stones, strung the spider webs and put up fake brick wall to give the building an even older look. "I got involved to help the

creativity. And you perform it

community, to give back, and to see all the kids," said Raquel Villanueva, 17, also of Bridgewater.

Last year's event brought as many as 800 visitors to the house, Terry DeMuro said. "One little boy was crying,"

said Villanueva, though she added that the house is funscary, not scary-scary. "I remember that," recalled

Leonard with a compassionate laugh. "We had to put him out the

side door," added Villanueva. Jim DeMuro confirmed the haunted house is for children and adults of all ages.

To find out what's behind that door this year, visit 24 West Cliff Street between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. today or 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. tomorrow. Admission is \$2. Children

under 7 get in free. For more information about the "The House on Haunted Hill," call (908) 725-1990 or



Annual 'be there'

steeplechase coming

Attracting over 50,000 spectators, the Race Meeting is one of astounding horse racing, celebration, fun, fashion and networking. First post is 12:30 p.m.

This event has as its highlight the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase, which runs 2 5/8 miles and is the richest steeplechase race in North America with a purse of \$200,000. The Race Meeting offers the highest purses on the National Steeplechase Association circuit.

During and between races, those who attend the Race Meeting hold their own parties and events, marking the day with lavish feasts, family reunions, college reunions and business networking opportunities. Elaborate food displays are common.

Over 50 major corporations reserve corporate tent locations each year while many more corporations celebrate in more intimate spaces. In the reserved spaces, families and friends from the East Coast and beyond - even as far away as-Australia - create unique and often extravagant fall picnics complete with beautiful floral centerpieces, hay bale seating, ice carvings and more. As well there are kids galore enjoying the day.

"The Far Hills Race Meeting is steeplechase racing's big event each fall and it's held right here in New Jersey," said Co-Chairman Guy Torsileri of

FAR HILLS -- Hailed as one Whitehouse Station. "We're proud to host an event that means so much to the state and to steeplechase racing."

Although participants can't bet on the horses at the Far Hills Race Meeting, someone always goes home a very big winner. As is custom, the Somerset Medical Center Foundation will sell 1,199 raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2006 Mercedes-Benz SLK280 valued at \$47,000. Each raffle ticket is \$100.

"The Far Hills Race Meeting is truly a unique fundraising event," according to Kenneth Bateman, president and chief executive officer of Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. "This year marks the 51st year that proceeds have gone to our medical center. We are so very grateful and are proud of what the race proceeds have been able to provide Somerset County residents in the way of continued and everimproving quality health care," he said.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$100 at the gate. A parking pass is \$30. Advance tickets are available at Kings Super Markets, Peapack-Gladstone Bank and Somerset Medical Center, For other ticket locations, visit www.farhillsrace.org or call (908) 685-2929.

The Far Hills Race Meeting supports the programs and services of one of New Jersey's premier health care facilities, Somerset Medical Center. For over 50 years the event has become one of the most successful fund-raisers in the state, raising millions for the medical center's programs and services.



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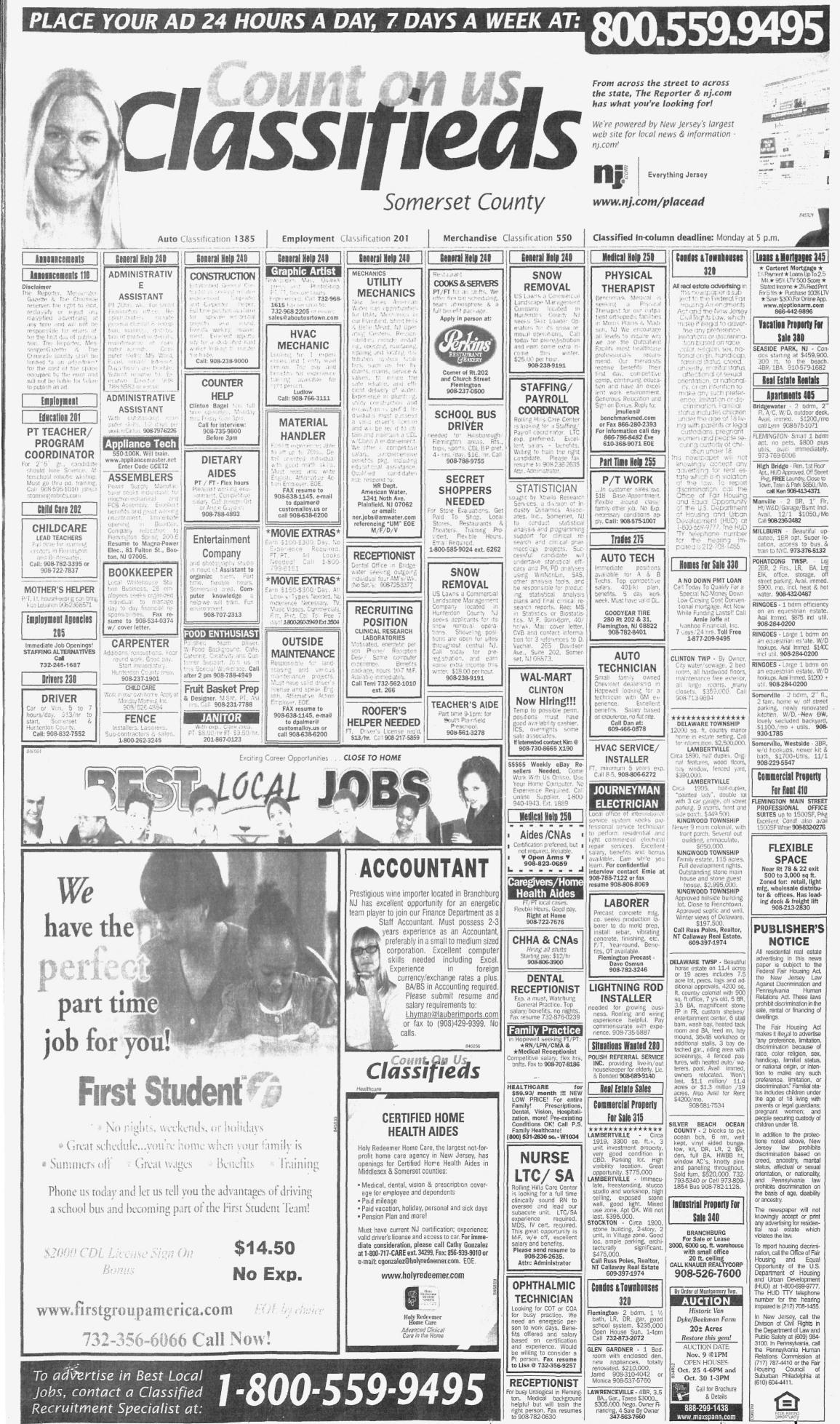


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