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Inside



Borough ends losing streak

Bound Brook High snapped a four-game losing streak Oct. 21 with a 28-8 victory over Newark Central. Get a look at area football results from last weekend and first-round play in the



Race Day

Moorland Farms played host to more than 50,000 people who turned out Saturday for the annual Far Hills Race Meeting. Page A3.

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Renowned psychic Jane Doherty has a look up the staircase at the former Bernardsville Library where some say the ghost of a Revolutionary War-era woman still haunts the place.

Paranormal just part of Somerset

Editor's Note: In celebration of the Halloween season, staff writers from The Reporter accompanied renowned psychic Jane Doherty to three eerily interesting sites located in Somerset County. The following is what they scared up.

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI and ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

Raritan's Revolutionary War Ghost still spooks When Jane Doherty pulled up to the Raritan Library last week she asked, "Where's the cannon? What happened to

As it turned out, there never was a cannon. It was a vision a message sent to her from a friendly ghost that haunts the library. On a previous visit to the library in 1996, Doherty, a renowned psychic and ghost investigator who is currently appearing on TLC's "Dead Tenants" television show, remembers seeing a cannon in front of the building. But the librarians said there hasn't been a cannon outside

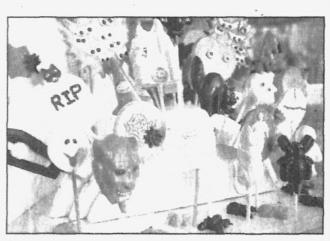
the building in at least the last 20 years. "That's amazing," said Doherty, a South Plainfield resident who gave her explanation on three supposed haunted sites in Somerset County.

In front of the fireplace in the library's children's room, Doherty's stomach began to grow.

"That's what happens when there's a presence," Doherty said. "When I go near where the presence is, it expands. If I move away, it goes down."

Doherty got the same feelings in several other rooms, including the Freylinghuysen room and in most of the building's second story. Staff members at the library

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Halloween is serious business at Candyland Crafts in Somerville. The shop may have just what you are looking for if you plan to host a party this weekend.

Cobwebs and candy make Halloween fun

By TAKESHA PETTUS

arty, in particular a Halloween party that stands out above all the others, can be a daunting task. But there are several ways to pull together an unforgettable event with very little effort.

At Candyland Crafts, West Main Street, Somerville, owner Diane Stephan has all the supplies needed to homemade Halloween treats - from

cakes and cookies to chocolate treats and lollipops.

and ghosts. With more and more parents opting to host parties at home in lieu of trick-ortreating from door to door, Halloween parties are becoming more intricate.

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The store carries over

2,500 molds for candy and

chocolates, with Halloween

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plan a Halloween party.

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Boroughs receive planning grants

The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded \$264,420 in the 2005 round of funding from its Municipal Planning Partnership Grants.

Ten towns received funding for a total of 10 projects. The boroughs of Bound Brook and South Bound Brook will share a grant to undertake a joint initiative.

Municipal Planning Partnership program grants are intended to provide funding assistance to municipalities pursuing planning projects that coordinate efforts with the municipalities. and Introduced in 2004, was a special pilot grant program designed to promote increased housing opportunities for seniors and special needs populations in the county, particu-

larly those with lower incomes.
"The Board of Freeholders established the Municipal Planning Partnership Grant Program to assist municipalities in implementing smart growth principals and regional planning initiatives," said Freeholder Robert Zaborowski, planning board liaison. "The grant money will be used by municipalities to match local funding contributions and in-kind efforts."

Ceremonial checks recently were presented to grant recipients at the reeholders' regular meeting.

Grant awards included \$19, 500 to Bedminster for a riparian health assessment and water resources evaluation; \$25,000 each to the boroughs of Bound Brook and South Bound Brook for a joint town center community form study; \$24,920 to Bridgewater for an economic development plan; and \$25,000 to Far Hills for the Council for Affordable Housing third round substantive certification and Highlands confor-

In addition, Franklin received \$25,000 for a transit feasibility Montgomery received \$25,000 for completion of the North Princeton Development Center site redevelopment plan and the launching of the RFO/RFP process; Raritan received \$20,000 for an infrastructure roadway assessment; Somerville received \$25,000 for its master plan re-examination and revision, and Warren received \$50,000 for a comprehensive senior housing study.

Since the program's inception in 2000, grants include 65 planning projects and studies totaling over \$1 million in matching funds to local municipalities.

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Indian radio replacing rock 'n' roll oldies

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI and ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

South Asian immigrants have been living in Central New Jersey for decades, but they've long been neglected sources of radio entertainment. That's about to change.

Starting Tuesday, EBC Radio, a South Asian radio company, will take over the airwaves of WWTR 1170 AM, a Greater Media station that had played rock 'n' roll oldies.

EBC currently broadcasts on WITM 1680, but the owners of that station are moving operations out to Philadelphia.

"Our goal is to be in Middlesex County," said Alka Agrawal, general manager of the Monmouth Junction-based EBC, which will lease the broadcast signal of WWTR 1170 AM. "We looked at 1170 and thought

it would be a good spot." The music, news and talk format will continue 24hours-a-day on EBC's new station. Staying in the area will allow the station to fill the void of radio entertain-

ment in Central New Jersey. 'We're the only Indian radio station in New Jersey," Agrawal said. "There are

here. Every one of them listens to us on 1680. In all their cars, it will be set to 1680. These people have been in the country 40, 50, 60 years and their only form of Indian entertainment is to put a CD on. But that can get predictable. On a CD, you know what's coming next.'

EBC radio allows its Indian listeners to recall their homeland and celebrate their culture.

"Listening to us, they'll get a nostalgic feeling," Agrawal said. "We celebrate traditional (Indian) cultural festivals.'

For example, when it first broadcasts on WWTR 1170 AM on Tuesday, EBC deejays will start the day with traditional prayer to celebrate Diwali, a festival of lights, which celebrates the Hindu New Year. Listener of EBC can expect to hear about happenings in Southern Asia and in the

"We like to educate listeners on politics here because they live in twin cultures," EBC Program Director Kulraaj Anand said. "The whole idea is so that they can better understand Indian and American cultures. The problem is that they get disconnected from about 400,000 Indian people their homeland when they

EBC is also known for its interactive talk shows. On the "Wedding Show," the station brings on newlyweds to talk about love, relationships and weddings. "Bollywood Quiz" is a game and talk show about entertainment. And on "Spotlight," hosts and And guests talk about current affairs and politics and bring on local political candidates and officials.

But EBC isn't just for South Asian adults looking to get back in touch with their culture. It's also a resource for children to learn about their background.

"All the way from 5-yearolds to senior citizens listen to us," Agrawal said.

Shows aimed at teenagers and young adults are some of the most popular time slots, Anand said. The "Just Us" talk show,

held on Sunday evenings, allows high school-aged callers to talk about what's going on in school, growing up in a South Asian American home, and events.

On the "Music Spice" program, which airs at noon on Saturdays, teens call up and dedicate songs, many of which are mainstream and contain American influ-

Authority earns recycling award

County The Middlesex Improvement Authority was awarded a 2005 Outstanding Achievement in Recycling Award from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The MCIA was singled out for its impressive educational outreach programs, which have taught more than 126,000 Middlesex County residents since 1995.

Frank Coolick, administrator of the DEP's Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste, presented the award during the annual New Jersey Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon, hosted by the Association of New Jersey Recyclers.

"We're extremely proud of our innovative programs that set out to teach residents of all ages about the importance of recycling," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel, MCIA liaison. "It is through these efforts and with the help of our citizens that Middlesex County has reached state recycling goals for eight vears in a row.

By far, the MCIA's most popular educational tool is MC Blue, a recycling-education robot that visited 13,222 people in 2004.

Made entirely from products that can be or were recycled to create him, MC Blue has a lively personality and is operated via remote control. The MCIA produced numerous interactive scripts for MC Blue to help entertain and educate on various recycling topics such as grass cycling, composting, paint and tire recycling and emphasize the importance of recycling glass, plastic and newspapers.

He also has a script specifically designed for fairs and can carry on real-time conversations with residents thanks to a remote microphone.

"Because MC Blue appeals to adults and children, we really have been able to reach a wide audience and keep their focus on recycling and helping the envi-ronment," said Freeholder Camille Fernicola, chairman of the county's Engineering and Planning Committee, which oversees the Solid Waste Advisory Council. "It's that focus that helps the county maintain its outstanding recycling record."

The MCIA also has distributed more than 50,000 copies of its "Reuse It" directory, which encourages residents to donate their unwanted goods to organizations within Middlesex County for reuse. More than 85 organizations that will accept used goods in 30 different categories, including hangars, toys, electronic equipment and office supplies,

are listed. Unwanted items that are donated instead of disposed are kept out of the county's landfill, which extends the life of the landfill and saves municipalities money by not having to pay tipping fees.

Cobwebs

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Stephan said the experience of making Halloween treats can also be a fun way of getting the kids involved.

sophisticated Halloween party host can also package many of the homemade treats as party favors to give out to guests. Cakes, cupcakes and cookies can all be decorated and accented with pre-made sugary accessories for a custom look.

Cupcakes are quickly becoming the treat for all occasions, Stephan said.

Three dimensional cake molds can also be purchased at Candyland Crafts. The pans come in a variety of shapes and sizes. including bats and pump-kins. Stephan said the cakes can be made simply or intri-

Cookies are also a fairly easy food idea for Halloween. With a variety of cookie cutters available at Candyland Crafts, almost any shape of scary cookie can be created. Stephan and her staff will even help with an easy sugar cookie recipe.

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From party plates and banners to centerpieces and gar-land, at Party City, Route 202, Bridgewater, has everything needed to capture the right

"Halloween can be done on a very small budget," Vince Brown, store manager of Party City, said. Brown said he has seen Halloween make a turn toward the younger audience. Although kids still go out and trick or treat, most still have at home parties just prior to Halloween night, he added.

"Halloween has gotten so big we have to begin setting up in mid-August," Brown said.

According to Brown, scene setters are the latest craze in setting essentials. The rollout room settings, which can range from an old scary interior of a house to a spooky forest setting, come as large as 50 feet long and 4 feet tall and can surround an entire wall or room to set the backdrop for a frightful party. The backdrops can then be accessorized with smaller pictures of skeletons, bats, mummies and other spooky scenes. For a final touch, string lights of pumpkins, bats, and bones or cardboard coffins can also be purchased

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weren't surprised at Doherty's feelings.

"Ever since the library moved here in 1974, people say they hear things - doors opening and closing, footsteps," said Jackie Widdows, a librarian. The staff says they've heard these things when they know they're the only one in the building at night or in the morning. There's always the scent of pipe tobacco. You'll sometimes smell a man's old fashioned cologne. Books have been known to fall of the shelves all by themselves. In my own experience, I used to be here in the mornings and I heard the footsteps and the doors opening

and closing." In 1995, the library invited paranormal investigator to inspect the spookiness. They too, felt the presence, but weren't able to explain why it was there. Doherty felt many of the same things, but offered a

theory on the eerie presence.
"I feel a spirit of a man someone who lived here," she said. "He was one of the owners. I see him in uniform.

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The building, which is more than 200 years old, was the home to the Frelinghuysen family between 1801 and 1922. Gen. John Frelinghuysen fought in Washington's army during the Revolutionary War. After locating a picture of the general, Doherty said, "That definitely

looks like what I'm seeing."
Why is the general still lurk-

ing at the library?
"He's just going about his existence," Doherty said. "He will exist in his own dimen-

Ghost at Bernardsville's Old Library still mourns

The haunting at the former library is the result of love gone

The ghost of Phyllis Parker, who was driven insane when she discovered the corpse of her lover, is reputed to haunt the former Bernardsville Library. Starting in 1903, when a former resident recounted her experience in 1877 for the Newark Sunday News, the story of the girl who fell in love with a man hanged as a British spy during the American Revolution and subsequent eerie happenings has been well documented and investigated over the years by everyone from amateur ghost to the Amazing hunters Kreskin.

Phyllis, the daughter of the owner of the Vealtown Tavern, as it was known at the time, fell in love with one of her father's guests, Dr. Byram, in 1777. The two planned to marry, but the doctor was really Aaron Wilde, a British spy, and he was caught and hanged about a half mile away from Bernardsville. His body was brought back to the tavern for burial in a strong box, nailed shut, but Phyllis pried it open. Her screams and cries woke the rest of the house, and she never recovered from her nervous breakdown that night.

Doherty said she felt a definite presence in the former library, which is now retail space, especially by the side of the double fireplace in the front room, which is where Phyllis is reported to have discovered the body. Doherty described a figure wearing a long dress crouched in the corner, crying.

"I get her looking out the window. She must have been waiting for him to get home, waiting and watching out of the window," she said. "It almost feels as though she's isolating herself in this area and this is where she stays.

According to Doherty, the ghost isn't malicious; she's merely trying and failing to come to terms with her lover's

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"She relives it, she goes down there and opens the casket," said Doherty. "She plays it over and over in disbelief and

While some spirits are open to receiving help in moving on, Phyllis is unlikely to be one of them. "She's caught in the haunting phenomenon and reliving and trying to understand what is happening," Doherty said. After more than two centuries, it's unlikely she could move on.

Phyllis, who reportedly becomes most active on the centennial of that January night, didn't want to believe he was a spy, Doherty said. She is also still angry with her father, who tried to keep the news from her.

"It's really sad, to have her to keep experiencing it," Doherty

Witches' Bumps still in Watchung road

Traveling a long and winding road in Watchung, drivers feel Sometimes, bumps. teenagers come to Johnston Drive, just to explore the bumps and look for the witches that

supposedly haunt the road. According to local legend, Johnston Drive is the final resting place for 13 witches who where hanged or burned to death on that street by towns-

people. "The story goes that under every bump a witch is buried. And that the bumps keep coming back even after the street's been paved," said Victoria Rousseau, a Johnston Drive resident. "But now, because of all the repaying, you can only real-ly feel seven of them."

Here too, Doherty felt a presence and with that presence, her stomach once again expand-

"It certainly has an eerie feeling," she said. "It's like chills are going through me. I would not be surprised if at night you'd see some spirit activity, like spirits dancing."

The bumps, Doherty said, are the spirits way of making sure they are remembered.

"That's their way of communicating a remembrance of where they're buried," she said. "There's no tombstone to do that for them.

County grants

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The grants have been used for a wide variety of planning projects, including smart growth master plans, buildout analysis, downtown redevelopment plans, design guidelines, wastewater management plans, economic development plans, open space preservation and other

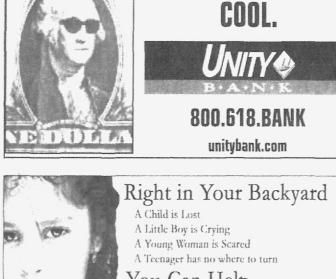
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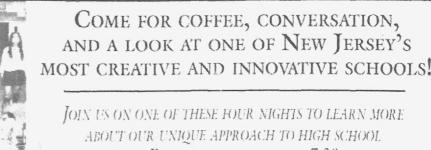
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GEORGE PACCIFIL O'THE REPORTER

Jockey Robert Nassey and his horse Casino Casey prepare for the first race at the annual Far Hills Race Meeting, held Saturday at Moorland Farms in Far Hills.

Weather doesn't dampen race

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

FAR HILLS - Four years ago, the largely inactive Georgetown Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey came together at the Far Hills Race Meeting. This past Saturday, despite the rain and wind, over 50 people showed up to share their pride, in what has now become the premiere annual event for the group.

"It's a fun day for everyone, said Pam Hufnagel, as she set out candles on the tables in the two spaces reserved for the club. "Our alumni tend to be a wide range of people, from young to old, so this is great for us.

Whether it was building alumni ties or strengthening friendships, the Far Hills Race Meeting held Saturday brought people together. Tents and awnings sprung up across Moorland Farms like mushrooms in the wet weather, as race fans set up their annual spreads together Saturday morning. The variety in ages was reflected by the variety of ways to celebrate, with everything from beer pong tables to chamber music as racegoers came together and braved the weather for the annual event.

Mary and Bob Wortman have been refining their celebration over the past 30 years. This year, the longtime attendees had a table featuring a stuffed goose not the edible kind - and an array of catered goodies.

"I used to do it all on my own, but this year it's just simple," said Mary Wortman, who said she was expecting about 20 people, including her college-age and adult

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"I used to go (to the steeplechase) when I was at the hospital, and then after we got married, we kept coming, and now our kids come," said Wortman, a former assistant director of nursing for Somerset Medical Center, the beneficiary of the

Not just a celebration, the race meeting is also a major fundraiser for the hospital, donating more than \$16 million to the medical center throughout its history. The hospital recently announced it was naming its new cancer center, which is currently under construction, in honor of the

"We are so excited," said Don Flood, president of the Somerset Medical Center Foundation. "The cancer center is going to be a jewel of the medical center.'

The total amount raised by this year's event was not yet available, said Ken Bateman, president and CEO of the hospital, and probably won't be known until

Bateman, who was hosting the donor tent to meet and greet past donors and possible future supporters, said he expected the steeplechase to be "another great

'We invite people who we're trying to build a relationship with, and I try to go out and meet other people as well. Fundraising is about building relationships, and it sometimes takes months, or even years," said Bateman.

Relationships are a big part of race day, whether between new friends, different generations, or the hospital and its donors.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE REPORTER Mary Wortman unpacks bread at the Far Hills Race Meeting. The steeplechase races have become a "happening" for many over the years, including the Wortman's, who have been attending the races for 30 years.

Even for those working during the event, there were relationships being built and maintained.

For Ben Carlin, 10, of Basking Ridge, the day was about watching the races, though he also kept his father, Bedminster Fire Inspector Scott Carlin, company while he worked, making sure that the celebrations were conducted safely.

"He likes the horses, and I like to people watch," said the elder Carlin.

Briefs

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 recommended 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.

Adoption is subject of November conference

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

The conference is on Nov. 5 at the Busch Campus Center on the Busch Campus of Rutgers University. Child care professionals, adoptive parents, birth

parents and those who were adopted are invited. Continuing education hours are available for licensed social workers with a New Jersey or Pennsylvania

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

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

Recycling center to begin winter hours

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Commentary

Future of open space in hands of voters

By RICK FONTANA

On Nov. 8, Somerset County voters will be asked to take the county's open space preservation program to a new level.

The county question on this year's ballot asks residents to allow the Board of Freeholders to use funds from the Open Space Trust Fund for the development and/or improvement of park and recreation facilities on county-owned parkland or property that has been purchased with proceeds of

I want to emphasize a key point: Approval of this referendum will not raise the county's open space tax. That will remain at 3 cents per \$100 of assessed value, and the use will continue to be determined annually depending on what's going on with open space purchases.

The referendum also specifies a cap of 25 percent on the amount of money that can be used for facilities. However, the freeholder board, based on many factors, will use its judgment as to whether to use any or all of the allocated dollars in a given year. The current board's top priority is purchasing additional open space as it becomes available.

What we're looking to accomplish with this referendum is to give the board of freeholders and Park Commission the flexibility to use some of the Open Space Fund toward facilities development and

The referendum is in response to three key factors: the dwindling and sometimes sporadic availability of additional open space to purchase, developing a vision for our parks' future and the need to improve properties and recreational facilities the county already owns.

Open space acquisition will continue to be the top priority for the open space fund. We're still committed to reaching our goal of 20,500 acres of preserved parkland and open space. The county is about halfway to that figure now.

What kinds of improvements will be funded if the referendum is approved?

Recently the park commission released its 20year capital plan, which includes a number of necessary park improvements but also some "wish-list" items. This long-range capital plan is merely a tool to help us zero in on future county parks needs and desires of our citizens.

Some top needs identified by residents and by the park commission include creating hiking and bike trails, providing more picnic shelters at Colonial, Duke Island and North Branch Parks, and providing regional water-recreation opportunities. These are just a few examples of how additional funding could be used to enhance our county parks system.

To accomplish some of the items in the plan, we're more than willing to partner with our municipalities and the private sector wherever it's feasible. The current freeholder board firmly believes that some of the large-scale proposals in the parks plan are best left to the private sector.

The expanded use of the Open Space Trust Fund will give our municipalities another opportunity to partner with the county and realize benefits from the tax dollars allocated to the fund. For example, the Frank Torpey Athletic Complex now under construction in Bridgewater will benefit that township as well as nearby Somerville, Bound Brook, South Bound Brook, Manville and Raritan.

Somerset County residents historically have given strong support to open space preservation.

In 1989, voters approved the creation of the Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; in 1997, they agreed to double the county open space tax to 3 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Both measures passed by 2-to-1 margins.

I hope a majority of voters will agree that this year's referendum also is worthy of their support. Rick Fontana is director of the Somerset County

Board of Chosen Freeholders. Letters to the Editor

Borough should choose independents on Nov. 8

I would like to thank Nick Riga and George Bouziotis for giving Somerville a serious, strong, viable choice in the election of Somerville Borough Council member on Nov. 8.

As a resident of Somerville, I have seen efforts spearheaded by both Democrats and Republicans to improve our borough. While I can't question their motives, I really have issues with their effectiveness.

This has been highlighted most recently by the difficulties encountered with Pathmark in trying to work to bring redevelopment to Somerville. The hope was that this redevelopment tax burden. Well, instead of helping, the litigation that will ensue, before any redevelopment can happen, will cost use dearly. So much for tax relief.

What are our officials thinking? Did you think there was not going to be a problem? Did you at least check? I think things might have been handled a little better if council members were actually responsible and accountable, and had

to pay out of their pockets for their misjudgments. It's not their money they are using. It's

I believe we need effective planning that demonstrates in black and white that any of these efforts for development and redevelopment, have actually been carefully thought out, and that the results of these efforts will stabilize or reduce taxes instead of continuing the tradition of tax increases we have consistently been seeing over the past six years.

We have already seen what havor the council Republicans can wreak, and I don't believe the local Democrats have the skills nor the fine for controlling taxes - their vision for economic prosperity seems sorely lacking. I believe we need elected representatives who are skillful, dedicated, actively involved and well informed.

I am pleased but not sur-prised to hear that Nick Riga and George Bouziotis have attended and continue to attend almost all council meetings, not to mention the

Planning Board meetings. It's obvious they have made it their priority to be involved with and informed about what is going on in our town.

Anyone choosing to run for elected office and serve in their local municipal government should be commended. It is a very demanding position which provides as much stress as it does reward. This reality, however, should not diminish resident's expectations on performance.

We must expect our elected officials to look out for our best interests first. We must hold these representatives accountable for their decisions. We our money as cautiously and prudently as they spend their own. Based on what I've seen and heard, I believe that the independent candidates, Nick Riga and George Bouziotis are best suited to meet these challenges, and restore an effective. non-partisan, business-like approach to move Somerville forward.

PATRICK BOWER

Time for a change in Raritan

To The Editor:

Raritan Borough needs candidates who are honest, possess integrity and have character. Anthony Hudak and his daughter, Denise Carra, lack these qualities. The reason I say this is that they sat by idly while there was gross misconduct going on at their

Anthony Hudak will speak of his experiences. The truth is he has been in office too long and has been wrong for Raritan. We need a change. This is the time to restore honesty, integrity and character along with a two-party sys-

watch. Raritan deserves bettem, and get back the town ter. tem, and get back the town we all love. Please vote to bring back the respect that Raritan deserves. Vote for Emilia DeCicco and Mark

Szeman. Thank you.
ANTHONY DeCICCO Raritan The writer is a former mayor of Raritan Borough.

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Question of the week:

What will you be doing for Halloween?



IRENE BIEDRZYCKI Branchburg "I'll stay home and give treats to the children in the neighborhood."



GEORGE HODGES Scotch Plains

"I'll be relaxing on the day before my son . . . gets married, and then I'll go to the city to take pictures of the parade."



ELIZABETH KAZARY Neshanic Station "Work - and hope that a lot of trick or treaters come by.'



BARBARA KOZA Basking Ridge "I'm going to visit my family's home, eat dinner and walk the neighborhood with the children. Also, wear a funny mask in the office."



Branchburg

"My teenagers are having a band party - they'll enjoy the music and decorations, and I hope lots of trick or treaters at the door.'

Letters to the Editor

Democrats using police as issue

A letter in the Oct. 20 edition of *The Reporter* from the Democrat party candidates for election to the Bridgewater Township Council is a blatant attempt to manufacture a political campaign issue from a sensitive personnel dispute involving Bridgewater's Police Department.

That appalling attempt is bad enough, but in their apparent desperation, they go further by insulting Bridgewater's advisory commission and its members with imaginary and deceptive references to its duties and membership.

The commission was formed simply to study the qualifications, selection criteria, and benefits of designating a police chief, a police director, and/or a director of public safety. One misguided complaint by those candidates refers to the role of the advisory committee in addressing "the possibilities for restructuring of the police department" which those candidates admit would be helpful. Maybe it would be helpful, but it is the first time restructuring has been mentioned, and the responsibilities of the commission hardly reach the level of restructuring a department.

Another complaint from those candidates is that the advisory commission "cannot replace the investigatory role of the council.'

Since the advisory commission has no investigative role, there is no basis for it replacing that role of the council. Those candidates further complain that the advisory commission could be a "political smokescreen," but, if there is a smokescreen, it is in their letter and not in the advisory commission, its membership, or its appoint-

Each member of the commission brings to the table an extraordinary depth of experience from both professional activities and long term commitment to serving the public. The commission is advisory only. The recommendations of the commission will no doubt carry serious weight because of the caliber of its members, but the commission has no power to bind or commit the municipal government, the mayor or the

While apparently recognizing that there is no requirement for

open public meetings, those candidates claim that some of the commission's meetings should be open to the public because of the seriousness of

"allegations." What allegations are those? The commission is not examining or attempting to resolve any allegations. The commission has not been appointed to mediate, arbitrate, or investigate, any dispute within the Police Department, or between the Police Department and any

other part of government.
Neither will this commission investigate the conduct of any past or present police officer of any level. There are adequate mechanisms in place for all of those matters and there is no need for this commission's action or interest. There will be no occasion for airing of "dirty laundry" at its meetings, and, as far as public or press attendance may be concerned, its meetings are likely to be quite

The commission's meetings encourage a free exchange of ideas, suggestions, and theories. No one need feel reluctant to bring up a proposal because it may be unique or even weak, and no one need feel committed to a view only because he or she brings it up.

It may be a passing thought which may or may not ultimately be accepted as viable even by the one raising it. No one should hold back any comment for fear of being quoted or published just as no one should comment in a meeting for the purpose of being published or quoted. We have a highly proessional group of people fully qualified for the mission, and each one should be free to raise any idea and have it subjected to testing against other views within the commission.

The commission is non-partisan and non-political and this erratic attempt to convert it or its work into a political issue is misleading and a disservice to the community. Perhaps this disservice would not have occurred if those Democratic candidates had first given some thought to the mission of the commission as announced and

CHARLES M. HARRISON

The writer is chairman of the Bridgewater Advisory

Bridgewater needs balance on council

To The Editor:

Bridgewater, this is your wake-up call. Nov. 8 is right around the corner. Sure, you might vote for governor, but how far down the ballot will you go? In my view it is critical that you continue down the ballot, from whichever column you start, and make a very important decision: Choose the right candidates for Bridgewater Township Council.

For too long we've suffered one-party rule in our town. The ill effects are now being felt by all our residents. Property taxes have risen drastically and dramatically. The council rules as if they know better than everyone else, and the voices of the people have been ignored.

The Municipal Complex, the Darby Tract, wasteful studies and unnecessary paid positions are just some of the examples we've seen this year. Let's not forget the shell game with soccer fields and the disrespect shown to our police officers. And could the reassessments have been handled any worse?

With normal reassessments some people's property taxes would go up, some would go down and some would stay about the same. Have you spoken with anyone who told you that their taxes went down?

More than likely you have been told that someone's taxes went up 50 percent.

The only possible explanation is mismanagement at the township government level. Is there anyone out there who

believes that the quality of life in Bridgewater has improved over the last few years? This is a direct result of our taxation without true representation. Enough is enough. We can no longer sit by and accept this

mismanagement as business as usual. It's time for change. This year there are three strong challengers for Township Council. They are Paul Amitrani, Joan Pritchard and John Rooney. I have met all of them and I

can tell you that they are dedicated to doing what is right for Bridgewater.

They will listen to the residents as peers, not talk down to them. They are for open government, where the public's business is conducted in public and there is no room for any conflicts of interest.

They are independent and not beholden to the established party leadership in the township or county. In short, they are like you and me, and they will work for you and me

> BRUCE KALTER Bridgewater

Duo deserves chance

To The Editor:

Councilwoman Pat Webster and Margaret Weinberger are the team for Somerville Borough Council.

They will focus on the issues that concern the citizens of this community. With the many changes taking place, it's time to stabilize property taxes and they will not be quick to use the eminent domain law for profit

to developers for profit. It's time for this community to receive more than what the developers are giving in return.

This team will bring work ethics and positive changes to the borough. They will work cooperatively in identifying the needs, solving problems and fostering leadership.

AMANDA RIVERS Somerville

Marathon man runs to support U.S. troops

By JIM WHITE Staff Writer

Run, Rob, run!

Somerville Borough Council President Rob Wilson can be seen pounding the streets of Somerville and kicking up dirt on the path that runs along Peters Brook. He's been spotted in Raritan and Bridgewater, as well as South Bound Brook where he sweats it out on the towpath that hugs the Delaware and Raritan Canal.

"My wife and I realized we needed to start exercising," said 36-year-old Wilson. "It's something we can do together that's good for us.'

And now, Wilson, who has only been running competitively for two years, will test his mettle and join 35,000 other athletes from around the world next month in the most celebrated road race on the planet - the New York City Marathon.

"I am a little intimidated at the distance, but I think I'm more excited than intimidated," said Wilson, who has competed in two half marathons -13 miles a piece - and numerous shorter races. The New York City' Marathon is a grueling 26.2 miles through New York's five boroughs, beginning at the foot of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in Staten Island and ending at Tavern on the Green in Central Park.

"It's my hope that just the number of spectators and running with 35,000 other people will motivate me to get to the finish line," he said.

And as if this lest of his body, mind and spirit won't be enough of a challenge, Wilson will have the added pressure and inspiration - from know ing that U.S. soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq will benefit from each stride he

Wilson, who has lived in the borough for eight years, is accepting per-mile pledges in advance of the 36th running of the marathon, which takes place Nov. 6.

The money he raises will go toward Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 — a joint effort of this newspaper and numerous businesses, organizations, families, veterans and volunteers to maintain a carepackage supply line to troops serving in the Mideast region. Monetary donations cover the costs of shipping the supplies

"I've raised a few hundred bucks so far, but I hope to hit \$1000," he said, adding he is being sponsored by family, come.

friends and colleagues

"Our troops are still over there, and their needs are still great. I don't want us to forget about them," Wilson said.

Wilson, who plans to complete the marathon alongside his sister Julie and her husband Adrian Mercier, said he got the sponsorship idea from Somerville firefighter Don Steinert, who ran in the marathon a few years ago, collecting pledges for a local char-

"With some of the events you guys have held for Operation: Shoebox, it seemed like a very good choice to sponsor," Wilson

In preparation for the marathon, Wilson has been running five days a week, usually three miles per outing, and said he likes to push himself -sometimes as long as 17 miles

once a week, though he has recently begun to cut down on the distances to rest his legs, as recommended, with Nov. 6 only days away.

To make a pledge to Wilson's run, call him at his office, (908) 722-7555, or at home, (908) 252-9614, or e-mail him at rob@trombadorelaw.com.

Any amount per mile is wel-



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rob Wilson, Somerville Council president, has been doing roadwork for months preparing for the Nov. 6 New York City Marathon. Wilson is soliciting pledges from donors for each mile he completes, and will donate that money to Operation Shoebox New Jersey

OPSHBX Calendar

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.

Garage sale bargain hunters ignore rain

We can only imagine how successful our Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 garage sale would have been had it not rained last Saturday.

Despite wave after wave of downpours all day, bargain hunters stopped off at Bob and Terry Yuzuik's home in Branchburg to poke around the accumulation of items that had been donated by friends and neighbors to help raise funds for OPSHBX.

Undaunted, the couple and a few of their neighbors had set up tarps and tents in the driveway early that morning to protect the assorted bric-a-brac, gently used clothing, wall hangings, sports equipment, kitchenware and the like that had been donated for the sale.

The Yuzuiks hung in there all day, with more than 100 shoppers stopping in despite the miserable weather. The couple said most people were very generous, paying more than a dollar or two for items that were



tagged 50 cents. The Yuzuiks also asked those who stopped by to sign an Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster, which will be sent overseas in one of our care packages

in a few weeks. By day's end, the Yuzuik's had collected \$462, including \$48 from a neighbor who also held a garage sale, and several bags of tems donated by neighbors and

a few soggy customers. The couple, whose son had served a tour of duty in Kuwait and Iraq in 2003, also passed out literature about OPSHBX, and invited everyone to help out during our Nov. 5 pack and ship event (details below).

A special thanks to Bob and Terry, and those who pitched in to help under less than ideal conditions. We're hoping their example will encourage others to do the same.

Shipping out

Nov. 5 is our pre-holiday packing 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

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

Shopping sprees

OPSHBX volunteers will be stationed outside the Stop &

Shop supermarket, Route 28, Bound Brook Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. handing out shopping lists as patrons enter the store, asking them to buy needed items for the packages we'll be shipping overseas next week. Volunteers will accept bags of donated items as shoppers leave the store.

We've built up an impressive stockpile of goods to ship to the soldiers and Marines, but we are short on a few items - eve drops, sun block lotion, shaving cream, moist wipes, hand soap, chewing gum, tuna and beef jerky. We've got plenty of toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, gandy, and granola bars.

There will be another Soldiers' Shopping Spree at the

Acme Supermarket, Ryders Lane, Milltown on Nov. 6 from 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.

Marathon Man

Somerville Borough Council President Rob Wilson has put in his roadwork the past several months getting ready for next weekend's New York City Marathon - a grueling 26.2-mile road race through the five boroughs of Manhattan.

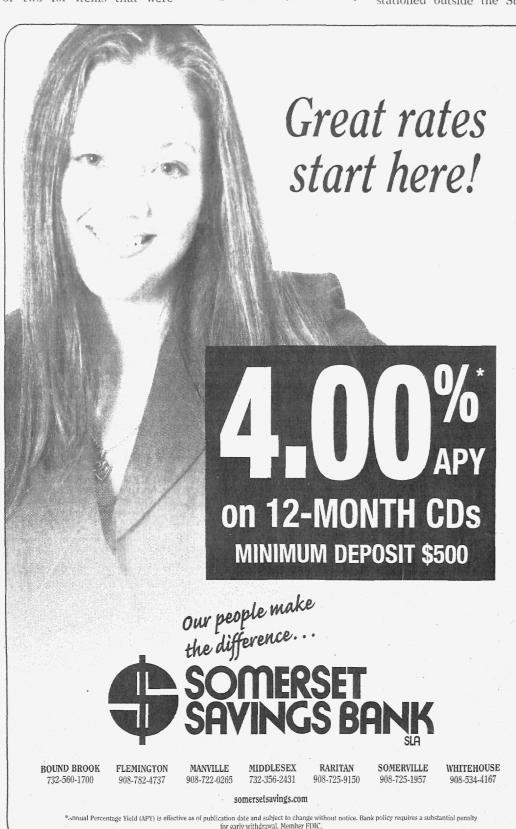
Back in August, Wilson had

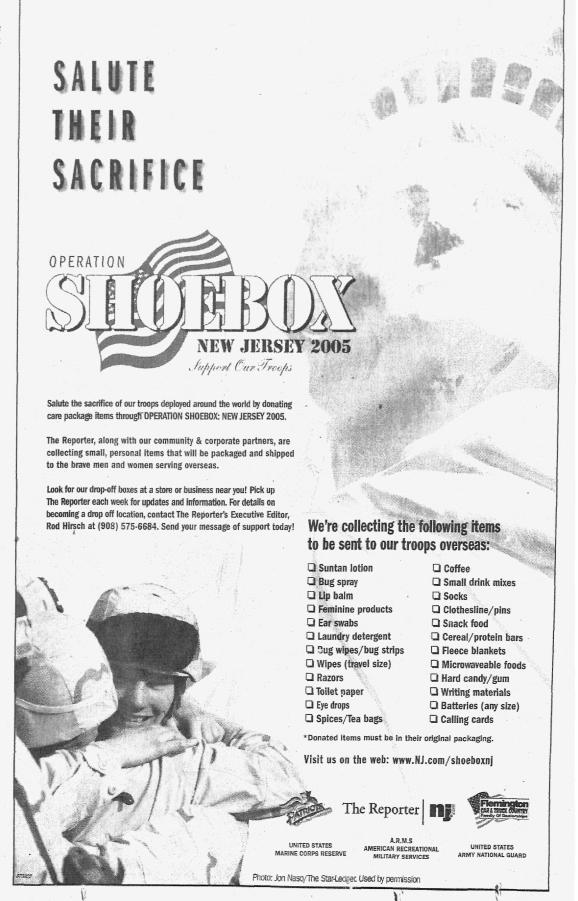
asked if Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 would consider his offer to donate money he collected from supporters who agreed to pledge money for every mile he completed.

So far, Wilson has collected several hundred dollars in permile pledges. His goal is to hit \$1,000. We'd like to see him exceed that goal - as well as finish the race.

"It's my hope that just the number of spectators and run-ning with 35,000 other people will motivate me to get to the finish line," he said.

Pledges can be called in to Wilson at his office, (908) 722-7555, or at home, (908) 252-9614, or e-mail him at rob@trombadorelaw.com.





Edward Keith

Saturday, October 29, 2005

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -Edward Keith, 95, died Oct. 15, 2005 at the Norwood Terrace Health Center in Plainfield.

Born March 3, 1910 in Evans, Ga., he was a son of the late Marshall and Janie Evans Keith.

Keith lived in Philadelphia before moving to South Bound Brook in 1945. He had resided in Plainfield since 1948.

He worked 20 years with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, then became a welder for three years at the Champ Shipyard in Philadelphia. Mr. Keith worked at American Cyanamid Co. in Bridgewater from 1945-70 and was a security guard in New Jersey after

At the Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield he was chairman emeritus of the deacon ministry. Mr. Keith was involved with that ministry as secretary, as vice chairman and from 1976-91 as chairman. The Sunday school teacher was active in his church's Male Chorus, Men's Club and outreach program.

Mr. Keith was a charter member, president and corresponding secretary of the Deacons Alliance of Central New Jersey. He was a past president of the New Jersey Baptist Deacons

being first vice president and recording secretary. He participated in the chaplaincy program at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was a former usher and trustee of the Mount Olive Church Philadelphia.

Mr. Keith was a member of the Golden Age Senior Citizens Club in Plainfield and a former member of the First Baptist Church of South Bound Brook.

A daughter, Rhubena K. Byrd, died in 1988.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Katherine Keith; three daughters, Geraldine B. Keller of Michigan, G. Iris Wilson-Huff of Piscataway and Brenda N. Turpin of Roanoke, Va.; a brother-inlaw, Rev. Edward Byrd of Shackleford, Va.; three sistersin-law, Vergie "Polly" Byrd of King and Queen County, Va., May and Ann, both of Philadelphia; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Calvary Baptist Church. Entombment was in the Woodbridge Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Arrangements were by Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

Joseph Prince Sr.

Prince Sr., 66, died Oct. 21, 2005 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in McCormick, S.C., he lived in Plainfield before

moving to Middlesex. Mr. Prince was a truck driver for 40 years, including 20 years with Nu Way Trucking in Middlesex. He also worked for the Olive Brown Trucking

ters, Theresa A. of East Orange, Tasha Cook and Tiffany, both of Philadelphia; a son, Joseph Jr., and a brother, Isaac, both of Plainfield; two aunts, Fanny Hardy of Plainfield and Moline Harris of McCormick; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were Thursday at the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

Rudolph C. Stys; SBB mayor, fire chief

Luciano Pietrangelo

Church.

Piscataway.

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Rudolph C. Stys, a former mayor and fire chief of this municipality, died Oct. 20 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Mr. Stys, who was age 92, also served on the South Bound Brook Borough Council in addition to being the borough tax assessor and building inspector. He was a South Bound Brook fireman for 63 years with stints as chief in 1947 and president of Engine Company No. 1 from 1955-63.

He was associated with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 262 in Plainfield and Local 102 in Paterson, retiring in 1977 after 47 years as a union electrician.

The former mayor was a life member of the Relief Association and Firemen's Exempt Association. Mr. Stys was a member of the South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Club, the Elks lodge in Bound

BOUND BROOK — Luciano "Lucky" Pietrangelo, 84, died

Oct. 25, 2005 at Robert Wood

Johnson University Hospital

Born Dec. 13, 1920 in Civita,

Campobasso, Italy, he was a son of the late Salvatore and

Cecilia Ruscetta Pietrangelo.

Bound Brook when he came

to the United States in 1952.

He moved to Somerset in

1953, became an American

citizen in 1955 and returned

He retired in 1983 after 20

years as a machine operator

with Borden Chemical Co. in

Middlesex. Mr. Pietrangelo

also was a stonemason for

to Bound Brook in 1962.

Mr. Pietrangelo settled in

in New Brunswick.

Brook and Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Stys was born Oct. 31, 1912 in Holyoke, Mass., a son of the late Wladyslaw and Katarzyna Bielinska Stys.

His wife, Amelia, died in 2001. A son, Rudolph D., died

Surviving are two daughters, Lorelei Longo of Bound Brook and Carol Graber of South Bound Brook; three sons, Raymond of California, Edward of New Hampshire and Leonard of South Bound Brook; a brother, John of Somerset; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Somerset Medical Center Foundation, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville,

He was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Angelina Canzona

Pietrangelo; two daughters,

Amy Spillane of Flemington

and Anna Gill of Duncanville,

Texas; a sister, Emilia Yannetta of Bound Brook;

four grandchildren and three

A funeral Mass was held

yesterday at St. Joseph

Church, following services at

Funeral Home. Entombment

was in the Resurrection

Burial Park mausoleum,

Hagan-Chamberlain

great-grandchildren.

Madeline Totten

MIDDLESEX - Madeline Mary Mazotas Totten died Oct. 20, 2005 at CareOne at East Brunswick.

Born in New York City, she lived in Plainfield before moving to Middlesex in

Mrs. Totten was a homemaker.

Preceding her in death was her husband, James E. Sr. Surviving are a son, James E. Jr.; four brothers, John Mazotas, William, Robert

and James Kelly; and many nieces and nephews. Private arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Ruth Y. Wenzel

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Ruth Yanusz Wenzel, 58, died Oct. 15, 2005 at her home.

Born in Bound Brook, she lived in Dunellen before moving to South Plainfield in 2000.

Mrs. Wenzel retired in 1998 as a bookkeeper with Pastor Refrigeration in South Plainfield. The 1964 graduate of Dunellen High School was a former bookkeeper with a number of Central New Jersey compa-

A son, John, died in 1997. Surviving are her husband of 39 years, John; a daughter, Jacqueline Dickerson and husband Scott of South Plainfield; two brothers, John Yanusz and wife Helen of Tennessee and Benjamin Garnecki and wife Carol of Dunellen; two grandchildren, two nieces and two

nephews. Private arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Peter Dubecky

MIDDLESEX — A memorial Mass was held yesterday at St. Joseph Chapel in Bound Brook for Peter Dubecky, 88, who died Sept. before moving to Knoxville.

30 in Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Dubecky lived in South Bound Middlesex and Somerset

Helen Wedderman

MIDDLESEX - Helen Wedderman, 93, died suddenly Oct. 20, 2005.

Born in Avenel, she lived in Dunellen before moving to Middlesex over 50 years

Mrs. Wedderman was a homemaker who enjoyed plants.

Her husband, Andrew,

Surviving are two sons, Benjamin Jr. and Albe; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchil-

arrangements were by the Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville.



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Chiefs rip Old Bridge for 22nd in row

PISCATAWAY — It appears no one can get pushed around for a substantial amount of time and still annihilate the opposition like the Chiefs can.

Despite a decided disadvantage in plays and time of possession in the first half, the Piscataway High found itself owning a 14-10 lead at intermission, and by the time its clash of unbeatens with Old Bridge had run its course Piscataway was sitting on a 49-16 laugher for its 22nd consecutive victory.

In winning for the sixth time this season the Chiefs put themselves in the driver's seat for the Greater Middlesex Conference Red Division crown with just North Brunswick (last night) and Sayreville (Friday night) standing in the way of a second straight championship.

It's victory over Old Bridge was not supposed to be this easy, but

Piscataway made it appear so with an overwhelming third-quarter performance as the Chiefs expanded their four-point halftime lead to 42-

Getting the second-half kickoff Piscataway needed only five plays to travel 61 yards as Kevin Woolfolk capped the march, which was fueled by quarterback Tony Logan's 30-yard pickup and a 21-yard run by Daniel You, with a 1-vard run.

Then to keep the momentum clearly in its corner Piscataway used a fumble on the ensuing kickoff caused by Rocky Contessa and recovered by Marvin Booker to create a short field at the Old Bridge 25. Five plays later Logan connected Russ Hopkins on a 13-yard scoring strike as the lead went to 28-10.

The Knights responded with a 73yard march set up by a 58-yard pass the only one completed in eight period.

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attempts - that cut into the lead and looked like they would draw even closer when an interception them set up at the Piscataway 48.

Three plays later, however, the Chiefs' defense produced perhaps its biggest play of the game when George Williams got in to sack the Old Bridge quarterback, who fumbled on the play. Allen Hudson picked up the ball and went 24 yards for a touchdown.

With time running out in the third quarter Woolfolk broke loose for a 47-yard scoring run to push the lead to 42-16, while Phil Gerrard accounted the game's final touchdown when he dashed 27 yards in the fourth

Old Bridge, who had matched Piscataway with a 5-0 start to the campaign, delivered a calling card with a 77-yard game-opening drive that consumed 9:57 of the clock and 18 plays while producing a 7-0 lead. The advantage lasted about a fifth of the time it took to create.

Two plays following the ensuing kickoff starting QB Marcus Wright connected with Terrence Fox on a pass over the middle and Fox turned the catch-and-run into a 65-yard scoring play, and just like that Piscataway had an answer for the

In the second quarter the Chiefs took an Old Bridge punt and moved 48 yards in eight plays with Woolfolk's 3-yard scoring run in a fourth-and-goal situation giving his team the advantage for good. Old Bridge did manage to get to within four by halftime on a 37-yard field the one completion.

goal with 41 seconds left before half-time, but that proved to be the closest the Knights would get the rest of the way.

Overall, the Chiefs had another big game on offense with nearly 380 yards in total yardage with Woolfolk's 97 yards and three TDs leading the way on the ground, while quarterbacks Logan and Wright contributed 82 yards on only five

Wright and Logan both finished the game three-of-five throwing. although Wright produced 110 yards compared to 28 with his comple-

Defensively Piscataway did well against the Knights' option attack after the opening drive as Old Bridge finished with 190 yards for the game but only 113 after the first drive while limited the visitors to

Middlesex falls to Bishop Ahr; Bound Brook, Stevens score

Maybe all those 24-minute games caught up to the Blue Jays Starting out its season with five straight victories, most of which were wrapped up by halftime, the Middlesex High football squad

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needed a full game against host Bishop Ahr with the Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division lead at stake Saturday. After another strong first-half performance the Blue Jays failed to keep it going following intermission as Bishop Ahr rallied for a 21-13 victory in a battle of 3-0 division clubs to hand Middlesex its first loss, while the Trojans improved to 5-1 and gained control of the

Middlesex had things its own way in the opening half as it bottled up Trojan quarterback and used its ground game to forge a 13-0 lead, but the home team got it going behind QB Mike Negron in the second half and its defense shut down the Blue Jay attack to gain

Limited to a negative 21 yards on six attempts in the opening half, Negron exploded for 162 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries following the break, scoring on runs of 1 and 36 yards in the third quarter and 23 yards in the fourth period. The Ahr defense, mean-

while, held Middlesex to 40 second-half yards. The Blue Jays scored on back-to-back possessions in the first half to take command. First, Dan Esposito went in from the 2-yard line after his 24-yard run to the Trojan 7 got Middlesex close. After a Bishop Ahr punt Middlesex traveled 71 yards with quarterback Matt Campanella capping the drive with a 7-yard run. Keenon

Wilburn's 20-yard gain keyed the march. Bishop Ahr wasted little time in turning things around as it drove 75 yards in seven plays following the second half kickoff. Negron, whose 54-yard pickup fueled the maneuver, finished it from the 1.

After failing to convert a Middlesex fumble, which proved to be the only turnover of the game, Bishop Ahr got the ball back at its 45 following a punt. On a fourth-and-one play at the Blue Jay 36 Negron broke fre for the tying touchdown, and the PAT kick gave

Middlesex reached the Trojan 41 early in the fourth quarter, but couldn't convert in a fourth-and-8 situation when Campanella's pass attempt went incomplete. After a Blue Jay punt later in the session Bishop Ahr drove in for an insurance score with Negron going 24 vards on fourth and 4 with 54 seconds left.

Middlesex will look to rebound and solidify a playoff berth when it visits Metuchen today in another Blue Division encounter.

J.P. Stevens 21, East Brunswick 14 — Stung early by a quick East Brunswick touchdown the Hawks scored three straight times to take the lead and then held on down the stretch to snap a three-game losing streak with a GMC-Red Division victory Oct. 21.

East Brunswick, buoyed by the return of Head Coach Marcus Borden who rescinded his resignation earlier in the week, scored on the second play of the game, but Stevens kept the Bears of the end zone again until the fourth quarter to earn its second victory against four losses.

The Hawks answered the opening salvo by East Brunswick (2-4) a 75-yard run by Nick Dzielak — with a scoring drive of their following the ensuing kickoff with Tamar Robinson's 1-yard run capping the march.

It remained a 7-7 game until the opening possession of the third period when Stevens traveled 58 yards following the second-half kickoff with Greg Sica's pass to Kenny Melford covering the final 33 yards and to give the Hawks the lead for good with just 2:58 elapsed

In the fourth period Stevens, aided by a pair of Bear penalties, marched 61 yards in 10 plays with Omari Nelson getting from the 2yard-line for the points.

East Brunswick, however, refused to fold as it narrowed the gap with a 59-yard TD pass with 2:36 to play, and got the ball back with



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bound Brook High's Matt Melesurgo grabs a Newark Central runner for one of his 10 tackles during the Crusaders' 28-8 triumph that snapped a four-game losing streak Oct. 21.

28 seconds left and completed a 20-yard pass. Four incomplete passes ended the game.

Stevens, which had a game set for last night against 5-1 Old Bridge, will host North Brunswick Friday night in Red Division play. Bound Brook 28, Newark Central 8 - Eduardo Rosario rushed for 154 yards and one touchdown, and Erron Banks caught scoring passes from two different quarterbacks as the Crusaders snapped a four-game losing streak with a Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division decision over Newark Central (0-7).

Rosario, who carried 20 times, put Bound Brook (2-4) on the scoreboard when he went 37 yards in the opening session, while Banks grabbed a 31-yard scoring pass from Willie Smith in the second quarter. Kevin Porras added the PAT placements following both scores for a 14-0 lead at halftime.

Central, which has struggled on offense on season, narrowed the gap in the third period with a fumbled recovery and return for a TD, but the Crusaders responded immediately as John Caban took back the ensuing kickoff 80 yards to make it a 20-8 game.

Bound Brook added an insurance touchdown later in the third quarter when Chris Jeskie tossed an 8-yard TD pass to Banks. Caban then ran for the two-point conversion.

The Crusaders, who played North Warren last night and will visit Metuchen Saturday, received 10 tackles and a fumble recovery from Matt Melsurgo and nine tackles and a sack from Greg Pulsinelli.

John F. Kennedy 15, Metuchen 12 — Justin Leitner threw for a pair of first-half scores to give the Bulldogs a 12-0 lead at halftime, but Metuchen could not hold it as Kennedy rallied for a GMC-Blue Division victory Saturday to drop the Bulldogs to 3-4 for the season. Leitner hooked up with Dejuan Miller on a 68-yard scoring pass with 8:05 to play in the first half, and then connected with Kyle Edmonds on a 60-yard TD play four seconds to go in the half. Leitner finished 9 of 15 for 158 yards.

Metuchen did an outstanding job against Kennedy's offense, limited the Mustangs to less than 180 total yards, but the punting game

proved costly, as a 55-yard punt return accounted for Kennedy's first points, and a blocked punt recovered at the Bulldog 5 set up the sec-

Highland Park 22, Dunellen 19 — Conversions proved to be the difference as both teams scored three touchdowns but Highland Park (4-3) picked up four extra points to shade the Destroyers (2-5) in GMC-Blue Division play Saturday.

The teams alternated scores with Mike Cassidy, who gained 104 yards on 14 carries, scoring on a 22-yard run in the first quarter for Dunellen, and Steve Bovo getting in from the 1 in the third session to punt the Destroyers in front 12-7

After the Owls reclaimed the lead at 15-12 in the fourth quarter, Dunellen came right back on a 21-yard scoring pass on a flea-flicker from end John Schleppenbach to quarterback Matt Ferreri with less than six minutes to play. Highland Park, however, had the final response when it scored with 1:14 remaining.

After getting this weekend off the Destroyers return to the field Friday night when they visit South Hunterdon in a non-league

Monroe 10, South Plainfield 0 — The Tigers came up with a huge defensive effort against once-beaten Monroe (6-1) but could not overcome four turnovers and two blocked points in a GMC-White Division setback Saturday that dropped them to 2-5 for the season.

South Plainfield's offensive problems continued as the ground game managed only 36 yards — and that included 57 yards on 13 carries by Jamar Beverley — and passing attack picked up just 2 yards. The only time the Tigers reached Monroe territory was on a short punt into the wind with five minutes to play.

A fumble in the red zone set up Monroe's only touchdown, while a blocked punt for a safety completed the Falcons' scoring later in the opening period.

South Plainfield had a White Division game scheduled for last night against Perth Amboy, and will then be off until its consolation game the weekend of Nov. 11-12.

3rd-ranked South Plainfield takes field hockey opener

South Plainfield High's field hockey squad, in the unusual position of not being a favorite, opened its bid for the Greater Middlesex Tournament crown with a 3-0 victory over Monroe Monday.

Champion in 2002 and 2003 and the runnerup last fall, South Plainfield was seeded only third for this year's event defending champion Sayreville and East Brunswick held the top two seeds. All three of the top-ranked clubs along with fifth-rated South Brunswick won Monday quarter-final matches.

With their defense not allowing sixth-seeded Monroe (4-11) to get off a shot on goal, the Tigers coasted to its 11th victory against five losses as Julie Bosse connected for unassisted

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goal in the first half, while Nicole Benak and Courtney Eustice notched second-half

East Brunswick 2, Metuchen 0 - Out-shot 11-3 seventhrated Metuchen couldn't keep pace with the second-ranked Bears in falling to 2-12 for the campaign. Brianne Bolante (7) and Amy Bing combined for nine saves in goal for the

Sayreville 2, Piscataway 0 — Top-seeded Sayreville (12-3) scored once in each half and finished with a 14-4 advantage in shots on goal to eliminate eighth-rated Piscataway, which registered 12 saves **BOYS SOCCER**

Scoring twice in the first-half and getting seven saves in goal from Scott Body 15th-seeded J.P. Stevens blanked 18th-rated Metuchen 2-0 Monday to advance out of the top round of the GMCT.

Ryan Carey converted a feed from Abed Elsamma and Sergio Freitas followed with a goal off a long throw-in from T.J. Perez as the Hawks took the lead in the first half and Brody made the lead stand up as Stevens improved to 8-9. Brian Torzilli logged 11 saves for the Bulldogs, who fell to 7-8-

Edison 1, South River 0 — Juan Rivera delivered a cross-

fell to 1-11. Michelle Dutton 72nd minute and Trescord beat the keeper for 17th-ranked South River as the 16th-rated Eagles claimed a 1-0 victory Monday in the first round of the GMCT. Jason Tonsic turned away 13 shots in goal to preserve the victory.

Plainfield South Piscataway 0 — Avenging a loss in last year's tourney South Plainfield (3-11-1) parlayed a goal by German Suarez off a headed pass from Brendan O'Shea and four saves by Stephen Kelly for his first shutout as the 19th-ranked Tigers eliminated 14th-seeded Piscataway (4-12-1) Saturday.

GIRLS SOCCER Taking a 2-0 lead at halftime 11th-seeded Edison put away 22nd-rated Perth Amboy (2-14ing pass to Cliff Trescod in the 1) with a four-goal barrage in the opening round Monday.

the second half for a 6-1 romp in the opening round of the girls' GMCT Monday to lift its record to 8-6-1 for the cam-

Britteny Griffin scored twice, while Ashley Cuhna and Kayla Duncan logged a goal and an assist apiece to lead the winning attack. Allison Greer and Melanie Zacharan also scored, and Stephanie Shields contributed a pair of assists for the Eagles, which held a 24-4 advantage in shots.

Metuchen 2, John F. Kennedy 1 — Susan Golbe scored in the first half and Molly Hampsen connected off a pass from Abby Dingle for what proved to be the game-winner as the 14thseeded Bulldogs (9-6-1) edged 19th-rated Kennedy (4-10-1) in Caitlin Walker, who stopped three shots, lost her shutout

with 30 seconds remaining. J.P. Stevens 2, Cardinal McCarrick 1 — Colleen Farrell snapped a 1-1 deadlock with a second-half goal and 18th-seeded Stevens (2-9-2) knocked off 15th-rated McCarrick (9-4) in first-round action Monday. Katie Cant gave the Hawks the lead, but McCarrick tied it before halftime. Maria Conway had 12 saves in goal for the vic-

South River 2, Middlesex 1 -Falling behind 2-0 at halftime 16th-seeded Middlesex (7-8) managed only a second-half tally by Quincy Auger and lost a verdict to 16th-rated South River (9-7-1) Monday. Kaitlyn Lacollaide recorded 16 saves for the Blue Jays.

October becoming a hot month for marriages

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI

Kathleen Arzayus has horrible allergies in the spring.

So when her husband, Ralph Arzayus, proposed, she knew she wouldn't want to have a June wedding.

Instead, the couple opted for an October wedding, with the bright colors of autumn leaves and the crispness in the fall air. They wed on Saturday at the Prince of Peace Church in Princeton Junction before expecting to take pictures at the Rose and Perennial Gardens at Colonial Park in

"I really don't like the heat, so I knew the summer was out," Kathleen Arzayus said. "And I love the fall because of the changing of the leaves."

Those involved with weddings, from banquet hall directors to florists agree, October is the new June as far as setting a wedding date.

Lisa Schmid of Garwood wed Mike Byrne of Cranford on Oct. 15. Their reception was held over looking the mountains and golf course at Twin Brooks Country Club in Watchung.

"I always wanted the most romantic harvest wedding," who Lisa Byrne, whose invitations were decorated with maple leaves. Likewise, the couple made pew bows out of

leaves and placed cards in the shapes of miniature leaves.

Bride and grooms seem to be picking fall the months to take advantage of the colorful foliage and cooler the weather.

"I love the richness the colors and the weather. In the spring it doesn't get warm enough

until all of a sudden it becomes crazy hot and muggy," Lisa Byrne said.

Because Lisa Byrne is a teacher, the newlyweds took an abbreviated honeymoon. They stayed at the Alpine House Bed & Breakfast in Vernon, where they were expected to go apple picking and hike along the Appalachian Trail.

Joyce Dalton, banquet director at Twin Brooks, said October is the country club's busiest

"Yes, it's busier (in October) than June," she said. "In June, you have questionable weather and the bugs come out. People don't mind sitting outside when it's 65 degrees. It's a much more pleasant time of year. It's not like it's going to be 40 degrees or snowing, but it's not going to be 90 degrees either."

Additionally, October's cool weather ensures the durability of makeup, one of the things on Kathleen Arzayus' mind.

"I don't want people to be sweating; the guys are in all black," she said. "I didn't want to worry about my makeup melting off," she added, noting that the cooler weather in the fall months is also better for hairstyles.

"It's humid in the summer," Kathleen Arzayus said. "If you try to keep your hair up, it'll just fall out (of the style).'

For guests, attending an October wedding may also be more convenient than going to a summer function.

"In June, people are moving to their shore

houses scheduling vacations. By October, most people back to their normal schedules," Dalton said. And there

are only so many weekends in June, said The Rev. Jeffery Gibelius of h e Presbyterian Church at Pluckemin, who noted that he offici-

ated no wed-

dings all summer, but has three this fall. "In October, there's less competitions with graduations and vacations," he said. "People avoid July and August because of vacations."

With the increasing popularity of October as the month of weddings, couples should start planning and reserving dates

'The top photographers are booked up a year or 14 months in advance," said Stefan Bright of LD Bright Photography in

Amy Ciarletta, a social sales manager at Somerset Hills Hotel in Warren, said couples should reserve a function hall at least a year in advance, especially if they need a big room.

Couples also need to keep time of day in mind if they plan on taking outdoor pic-

"If somebody's having an Oct. 15 wedding and you don't use the beautiful background that God's given you, that's a shame," Bright said. "But by the second week in October, 4:30 is the end of the really good light. The sun starts setting at a quarter to five."

And while October may be a beautiful time of year in the Northeast, it is hurricane season in many ideal honeymoon locations, said Nancy Wathen, owner of Peapack Travel.

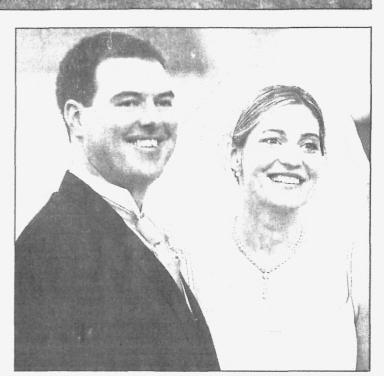
"Price wise, you can't beat the Caribbean. It's a wonderful buy this time of year," Wathen said. "But people are worried about hurricanes. If you go to Barbados or Aruba, you're out of the (hurricane) loop. I could also safely recommend St. Lucia. Bermuda in October is usually reliable, weather wise."

Additionally, October is a great time of year to take a European honeymoon, where the weather is very similar to the Northeast. Likewise Hawaii and Tahiti make for romantic retreats, but only if the couple has a lot of time.

"Hawaii is a great destination," Wathen said. "It's perfect in October, but the downside is, if you don't have at least 10 days, it's a waste of time. It takes such a long time to get there. Tahiti is also perfect, but you need at least 10 days to two weeks."

But stay away from Mexico and other Caribbean destinations, where fall is the prime time for rain and hurricanes.

To take in some of the fall foliage, Wathen recommends traveling to Lake George, Lake Placid or New England.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Wedding photographers Elisabeth Millay and Mille Batista are pic-

tured at top capturing Lisa Schmid and Mike Byrne in a kiss after the couple married. The pictures were taken outside the Twin Brooks County Club in Watchung, the location of their wedding reception. Above, the couple poses for family photographs. At left, a centerpiece from the wedding reception.

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