

# Bound Brook library joins regional system



# Piscataway rebounds

Piscataway High rebounded from its first loss since the 2003 season with a 45-0 romp over Linden in the first round of the North Jersey Group IV playoffs. Page B1.



## A 'century' of cooking

Anthony Pantano celebrated the 100th episode of his show. "Patriot Panache," with a special taping at Neshanic Valley Golf Course. The show, hosted by the chef and owner of Culinary Creations in Hillsborough Patriot By ALLISON EINSE GUALTIERI Staff Writer

County library patrons will have a new place to use their cards, but only after some repair work is completed. The Board of Freeholders voted this week to operate the Bound Brook Public Library as a branch of the county library system, a move that will go into effect starting January 1. However, the library will close on that date so renovations to the existing structure can begin.

"We've been hearing some very good things from patrons," said Margaret Draghi, the children's librarian for Bound Brook. Many patrons that live on the Bound Brook and Bridgewater border have been buying library cards either from Bound Brook or the county so that they can use both libraries. For those Bound Brook residents that want to use the county system, that will be \$125 a year they no longer have to spend.

However, all Bound Brook residents will have to use the current county libraries for the first few months after the change, as the

Margaret Draghi, the children's agreement between the borough and librarian for Bound Brook. Many patrons that live on the Bound Brook and Bridgewater border have been buying library cards either from tenance of the building.

Staff at the libraries are currently working with the companies that provide the computer systems at each to figure out how Bound Brook patron's cards can be read at the county libraries.

"At this point, we are hoping that the county system will read the Bound Brook cards," said Draghi. Otherwise, Bound Brook residents will have to bring in their old cards to the county library and have a new card issued she said

card issued, she said. When the Bound Brook library reopens after the repairs, estimated to take about three months, there will be some minor changes. The Bound Brook library's schedule will change slightly, Draghi said, and it will stay open Wednesday evenings and possibly Saturdays during the summer.

The current staff, however, will not Continued on page A2

# Stamp honors

WWI

# hero

#### By TAKESHA PETTUS Staff Writer

RARITAN — After nearly a decade of lobbying, a stamp honoring World War II Marine hero John Basilone has finally been unveiled and plans for a celebration today are coming together.

The United States Postal Service officially unveiled the Distinguished Marines stamp collection at the Raritan

Borough Branch last Thursday.

"It's about time," John Pacifico said of he commemorative amp. Pacifico, who is

airman of a group



GEORGE PACCIELLOISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER (above). THE REPORTER/ARCHIVES (below) Fallen Marine John Basilone, a hero of World War II is one of four Marines being honored by the Postal Service. Basilone, seen below, was given the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism in fighting a Japanese regiment during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942.

Frelinghuysen cosponsored legislation which recommended the Postal Service create a postage stamp honoring Basilone.

"The story of Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone is one of patriotism, valor and courage," Frelinghuysen said last year when the Postal Service announced the stamp would be released. "He is a son of Raritan, and a true American hero who has earned the honor of being rec-

> ognized on a commemorative postage

stamp." The John Basilone 37-cent stamp features a 1943 photograph of Basilone and the insignia of the 5th

Marine Division.

Basilone died in

mony has been

action during the

invasion of Iwo Jima

in February 1945. As part of the cele-

bration of the unveiling, a dedication cere-

planned for 9:30 a.m.

# Somerset gives workers time off to join Katrina relief effort

#### By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — When Hurricane Floyd hit the area, residents around the county received help and aid from many places. So it is only fitting that, in the ongoing relief effort to help the Gulf Coast region and the victims of Hurricane Katrina, the county give back.

The Board of Freeholders have decided to allow county employees who wish to volunteer for the Red Cross effort in the Gulf Coast to take a two-week paid leave of absence to do so. While employees must complete the Red Cross disaster training program on their own time, they will be allowed to go and help the Red Cross by relieving volunteers that have been working in the region.

"The reason it came about was that we had trained people when Floyd happened," said Freeholder Director Rick Fontana, and the Red Cross is in need of replacement volunteers. "We felt it was a fair request. We felt we could handle everything here" and allow county employees to volunteer their time.

In a memo to the employees, Fontana described the work as "long and irregular hours, with limited access to common conveniences," and "taxing mentally and physically" and said that vol-

at organizes a borgh parade honoring silone, said while ere are many imps depicting peoe and cartoon char-.cters, Basilone's stamp commemorates a man who helped to

vin a war. "I like Donald Duck

and Mickey Mouse

out here's a guy who turned the tide of a war," Pacifico said.

Volunteers, including Pacifico, collected more than 15,000 signatures on a petition given to the Postal Service asking for a stamp commemorating Basilone.

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-11th, had been working for years with other members of Congress have to get Basilone honored with a stamp. In 2003, Saturday at the Edward Nash Theatre on the campus of Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch. Ceremony plans include the official unveiling of the four-stamp collection of the four Marines, which include Basilone, Daniel J. Daly, John A. Lejeune and Lewis B. Puller. Basilone's family is expected to be at the event, as well as former Gov.

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Christine Todd Whitman, Rep. Bill

and physically" and said that volunteers must be able to "respond compassionately."

Despite that sober description, there are those interested.

"We've had a number of employees come forward, and we've been working with department heads to see who we can spare and who we can't," said Pat Clark, of the county administrator's office. The applications, which were made to county administrator Richard Williams, are expected to be approved this week.

"We got a lot of help here when (Hurricane) Floyd happened, so we're trying to give back," said Fontana.

Even those with ties to the county will be helping out, though they won't be paid for their time. County Counsel Thomas Miller's son, Charles, will be headed down to the region.

A student at Boston College, Miller will spend ten days with a group from his school volunteering in the ongoing hurricane relief effort.

# **County to auction jewels on Nov. 29**

NEW BRUNSWICK — Fifteen pieces of jewelry, including an 18-karat white gold bracelet with 35-45 carats of diamonds, will be placed on the auction block in November.

The jewelry, all confiscated by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, will be auctioned starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 29 in the Freeholders Meeting Room at the Middlesex County Administration Building, 75 Bayard St.

Proceeds from the auction will go into the county's general budget. There will be no buyer's premium.

The public is invited to preview the jewelry from 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Nov. 28, in the Freeholders Meeting Room.

Among the jewelry to be auctioned are:

- A 14-karat white gold bangle bracelet with 17 diamonds. Minimum bid is \$500.

— An 18-karat white gold bracelet with 352 princess cut diamonds for a total diamond weight of 35-45 carats. Minimum bid is \$15,000.

— A 14-karat white gold diamond cross containing 65 round diamonds for a total diamond weight of 3 carats. Minimum bid is \$800.

— A 14-karat white gold bangle bracelet with 40 round diamonds for a total diamond weight of 7 carats. Minimum bid is \$2,500.

Anthony and Jane Casino look through the myriad of papers, booklets and pamphlets on the new prescription drug programs offered through Medicare Part D, which went into effect this week. Many seniors are finding the variety of choices to be overwhelming.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Is new Medicare 'prescription for confusion?'

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI Staff Writer

Louis Masi is in relatively good health.

The 69-year-old Bridgewater resident takes just a few maintenance medications, but he's faced with a predicament that more than a million other senior citizens in New Jersey will encounter.

Just Tuesday, the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit started enrolling senior citizens. About 1.2 million New Jersey residents are eligible to choose one of the 80 plans available from 40 different carriers under the program, which will help decrease the state's cost for its Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled program, known as PAAD, and its SeniorGold prescription assistance program. But with more than 80 different Part D plans available, seniors are having a difficult time determining which, if any, is the right plan for them.

Masi himself is not yet sure if Part D is a good option for him. "Everything confuses me about it," he said.

He takes maintenance medication for his cholesterol, high

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# **Bound Brook library joins county**

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change - unless it gets bigger, as the library is currently understaffed. The closure of the library will allow the county to retrain current staff on the new computer and information system.

As a result of the change, Bound Brook residents will now be assessed the county library tax instead of having the library operating funds coming out of the municipal budget and taxes.

Once concern is what patrons from South Bound Brook, which had an agreement with Bound Brook for the use of its library, will do once the library becomes part of the county system.

"For a number of years now. they (South Bound Brook) has been paying Bound Brook for

Brook enters the county system, they can't do that anymore," said Jim Hecht, director of the Somerset County Library System. Hecht said that South Bound Brook is also considering joining the county system, though they will not have their own branch. State law is written so that any town in the county can decide to join the system,

services, but once Bound but the system and county must decide whether or not to operate a branch there.

> Overall, however, Hecht said the addition of the Bound Brook Library was a positive thing for both patrons and the county.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity to provide for the residents there a wider range of materials than are currently there," he said.

# Is new Medicare 'prescription for confusion?'

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blood pressure, high blood sugar and a urinary condition. But Masi, a veteran who served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, has his prescriptions covered under the Veterans Administration benefits.

"I pay just \$7 for each one (prescription) every 30 days," he said. "It's \$84 for three months. What I'm trying to figure out is if this will make sense for me. There's just so many options. Nothing is cut and dry."

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Representatives from the Somerset County Office on Aging as well as Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-7th Dist., and Kelli Singleton, a larger employer outreach coordinator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Region II were on hand at a section educational seminar on the new prescription drug benefit on Monday

at the Bridgewater Manor. This was the third program co-sponsored by the Office on Aging and the State Health Insurance Program, Pfizer and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"For the first time, Medicare will cover some prescription drug charges for seniors and people with disabilities," Somerset County Freeholder Peter Palmer said.

Ferguson said Part D, while not perfect, addresses the concerns he heard while on the campaign trail. 'When I ran for congress, I

heard from people all over our district that said they have trouble getting prescription medication," he said.

Part D, which will go into effect Jan. 1, will be offered

through private plans, which will then be reimbursed through the Medicare program. Senior citizens are able to choose from more than 40 plans, which offer a range of deductibles and premiums. The different plans will cover different drugs. Seniors can get assistance in determining which plans best meets their needs by speaking with a SHIP counselor. Call the Office on Aging at (888) NJ-EASE. Information and counseling is also through Medicare at (800)MEDICARE or visiting www.medicare.gov.

## **Stamp honors WWII hero John Basilone**

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D-8th, Pascrell, and Frelinghuysen.

Daly served in World War I as a Marine with the 73rd Machine Gun Company in the Division. 2nd Infantry Legeune served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division during World War I. Puller served as a battalion commander and regimental commander with the 1st Marine Division during World War II and the Korean

War. Basilone was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism in fighting a Japanese regiment during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942. He was the first enlisted Marine to be presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in World War II. He also was awarded the next highest military honors, the Navy Cross for Valor and the Purple Heart, becoming the only enlisted Marine in World War II to ever receive all three medals.

He is remembered nationally as a war hero. Raritan,

where he grew up, has honored him with a parade for nearly a quarter century and with a life-sized bronze statue.

Basilone enlisted in the Marines after being honorably discharged from the Army and served in the Philippines.

In 1949, the U.S. government commissioned a destroyer, the USS Basilone, and in November 1951, Gov. Alfred Driscoll posthumously awarded Basilone New Jersey's highest decoration. After World War II, his body was reburied with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.







### **Senior Citizens 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, All seniors are welcome to join including non-residents. Meetings include informative programs, refreshments, information about upcoming trips and bingo.

#### Upcoming Trips and Events:

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

For detailed information, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Non-members are welcome on trips if space allows.

sponsors Atlantic City trips to

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### Edison

Edison Chapter of AARP #3346 reminds members that new applications are being accepted.

#### Jewish Family and

Vocational Service - The volunteer program at Elderday, "Chef for the Day" needs volunteers to prepare lunch for the elderly members of the social adult day program in Edison from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are available and love to cook, call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1910, Ext. 122 for details.

#### Metuchen The Metuchen Chapter

3208, AARP, holds a monthly board meeting at noon on the

up by calling (732) 356-0414. the club

# **Middlesex County News**

#### Toys For Tots begins annual collection

MIDDLESEX - Starting on Nov. 21 and continuing until Dec. 12. Jaeger Lumber at 500 Bound Brook Road, will be collecting for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots program.

Toys For Tots is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity and donations are tax deductible. While organizers coordinate and manage the campaign, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people to donate toys. New and unwrapped toys can be delivered to Jaeger Lumber, and then they are picked up and sorted by age and gender. At Christmas, coordinators with the assistance of local social welfare agencies, church groups and other local community agencies, distribute

BOUND BROOK --- A variety There will be a table of home

open for dinner on Friday evening and lunch will be offered on Saturday and a snack bar will be available. For more information call the church office (732) 356-1293.

#### Metuchen church has Joy Night on Nov. 19

METUCHEN - The New Vision Young Adult Ministry of the New Hope Baptist Church, located at 45 Hampton Street, will be sponsoring a "Joy Nite" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. Come out and experience a spirit filled evening of worship, praise and song and dance. All ages are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information, call (732) 549-8941.

#### Church auction will benefit food banks

BOUND BROOK ---- Members of the Congregational Church charity auction the weekend before Thanksgiving.

or the food pantry of the Reformed Church of Bound Brook, as designated. Any proceeds not designated for either charity will be divided equally.

Apple pie and ice cream are served at a social preceding the auction.

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

#### 'Tommy' takes stage at county college

EDISON -- "Tommy" will be presented by the Middlesex County College Performing Arts Department Nov. 19-20.

Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. All seats are reserved.

The cast of 36 actors, singers, dancers and musicians is headed by Billy Piscopo of Staten Island, David Garantino of South Plainfield and Wanda Toro of Cranford, Frank Andrews directs,

Mark Baron is the music director and choreography is by Amy Mitacchione

For additional information and tickets for "Tommy," call the Middlesex County College box office at (732) 906-2589.

### South Plainfield offers

trip to 'Disney on Ice' SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The Recreation Department has announced three trips for the public:

"Disney on Ice" trip at the Meadowlands, Nov. 25. Tickets will be \$25 each and will go on sale in Sept. on a date not yet determined.

The Christmas Spectacular trip to Radio City Music Hall, Dec. 8. will cost \$90 per person. Tickets are available in the Recreation Department at 1250 Maple Ave.



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# **Opinion**

# Partnerships help keep county 'green'

It should come as no surprise that it takes greenbacks to keep Somerset County green.

Last week, voters supported a referendum allowing the county to use part of the money collected from open-space preservation taxes to upgrade facilities as parks. This referendum followed on the heels of a comprehensive analysis of park property, and the recommendation by the national firm doing the study that millions need to be spent over the next 20 years to keep the parks in top condition, as well as improve them.

But the parks don't exist on tax dollars alone. It often goes unnoticed just how much local businesses help to keep the parks - and programs offered there going.

And, for some facilities, such as the Lord Stirling Stables, it also takes a group of dedicated volunteers lending a hand. The stables are also aided by a variety of local businesses and organizations — from Peapack-Gladstone Bank to Centenary College and the and Copper Creek Tack Shop.

According to the Somerset County Parks Commission, many firms - both large and small - provide financial assistance and "people power" to the parks. For example,

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the county's Therapeutic Recreation programs get funding through a golf outing organized by the Hughes family and Hughes-Plumer Associates.

Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater, the gardens at Colonial Park in Franklin and programs at the Leonard J. Buck Garden in Far Hills all are aided by businesses,

Somerset Hills Hotel and National Starch and Chemical collaborate to help fund the Fourth of July Festival at Duke Island Park, where Johnson & Johnson, Somerset Valley Bank and others also help to finance the free summer concerts held at the park.

In addition, festivals held at the Environmental Education Center are aided by the Inn at Somerset Hills.

According to the commission, the financial help provided by these businesses and individuals help keep costs down, in turn allowing the county to better manage how much it charges folks to take part in programs at the parks.-

It is through partnerships like these that good government takes place. It also frees money up for the county to make needed improvements to parks, and will help aid the ambitious plan to revamp much of the facilities over the next two decades.

## **Question of** the week: What are you thankful for?



MICHAEL SCANNELLI Hillsborough "I am thankful for having a wonderful healthy

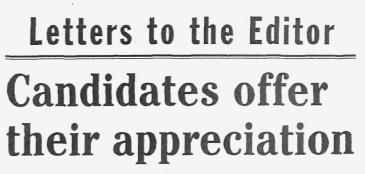
family and being blessed.

LISA SICCONH

Bridgewater

"I am thankful for really,

really good friends.'



To The Editor:

town, it was wonderful to

speak with so many residents

who have a genuine love for

We were particularly grati-

fied with the response to our positive, issues-oriented cam-

paign. The campaign also

offered us the chance to

explain the workings of local

While making our way

through each neighborhood,

we learned about concerns

Walsh.

on Nov. 8.

Green Brook.

government.

continue to follow-up on all of The three of us - Mayor Pat these inquiries. Most impor-Township tantly, the open communica-Committeeman Michael Kirsh, tions policy that each of us and Deputy Mayor Dave Bakos practices, with widely available phone numbers and e-- want to express our sincere mails addresses, continues. We appreciation to the residents of Green Brook for electing us genuinely want to hear from local residents, whether or not As we campaigned through Election Day is near.

Green Brook is a wonderful community because of all its residents. Your commitment, concern, and caring energize us. Together we can do anything. Thank you again for your support, and stay in touch.

MAYOR PAT WALSH DEPUTY MAYOR DAVE The writers are members of the Township Committee.

BAKOS COMMITTEEMAN MICHAEL KIRSH Green Brook

## that impact individual residents or a few homes. We will **Councilman ready for** new term in township

To The Editor:

I thank the voters of Bridgewater for re-electing me and my running mates on Election Day.

Michael Hsing, Howard Norgalis and I are committed to controlling taxes, to achieving the correct balance of active and passive recreation land use, to implementing efficiencies of government through shared services, egovernment and the control of spending on municipal services.

I want to thank all the people who worked on the elec-

in Somerset County

#### tion. Your dedication to the principles of democracy was evidenced by a campaign that focused on the important issues and qualifications of the candidates.

I have represented the people of Bridgewater for 20 years and will continue my record of innovation, efficiency of government operations and independence from special interest groups

**BOB ALBANO** Bridgewater The writer is a member of the Bridgewater Township Council.

# **Democrat sees change**

#### To The Editor:

I wanted to send a note to all of the supporters for the campaign over the last six months thanking you for all of express many thanks to a

your name on it.

ulation.

It goes to show that the key supporters and volunteers of the campaign really did their jobs in helping to promote the hard work. I need to the message to the voter pop-

the act of it is beneficial and you learn from it."

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The total number of votes received by David Bakos, a candidate for Green Brook Township Committee, including absentee ballots, was 1,412. The number that appeared in the Nov. 10 edition of The Reporter did not include absentee ballots.

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great running mate, Michael Goldberg. With his constant smile and determination we were able to tackle the constant grind of the campaign trail.

There have been very few life experiences that have compacted so many memorable events into such a short time frame. In my eyes the campaign was an overwhelming success.

I have had the pleasure of meeting presidents, senators, congressional leaders, governors, political activists and, most importantly, a plethora of people in my district that believe in the same ideals.

And that turned into over 21,000 votes. It is a humbling experience to have 21,000 people pull the lever with

Paraphrasing Howard Dean, "Grass Roots Politics Works" and we were proof of that, Tuesday. Through it all we elected a new governor and for the 1st time in recent history a Democrat will be on the Bedminster Township Committee (Sally Rubin).

I will be continuing my endeavors in the political arena. At this point I am looking at various options and will keep you posted. I do encourage everyone to stay focused and continue on the momentum evidenced by Tuesday's successes.

Again my sincerest thanks go out to all of you.

CHARLES EADER The writer was a Democratic candidate for the 16th District state Assembly seat.

## **Somerset County Briefs**

#### County hospital offers flu clinic tomorrow

LYN LONOSDORF

Bridgewater

"I am thankful for my

loving family."

SOMERVILLE - Somerset Medical Center's Community Health Department will hold a flu shot clinic 9-11 a.m. tomorrow at the medical center. Cost is \$18.

Immunizations are free to individuals who present their Medicare Part B card. The flu vaccine will not be

administered to women who are pregnant.

pre-registration is required. For more information, call (908) 685-2814.

- Staff report

#### Bankruptcy seminar being held Nov. 30

BRIDGEWATER The Financial Women's Association is sponsoring a seminar with Elizabeth Abdelmasieh on "Bankruptcy Matters! Get the Facts You Need to Know on the New Law Here!"

This seminar is at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, the law firm with which Abdelmasieh is an attorney. She will discuss bankruptcy issues that are affected by the recent changes to the federal bankruptcy law.

Cost is \$20 for Financial Women's Association members and \$25 for non-members.

A photo ID is required for admission to the event at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, located at 721 routes 202-206 South.

Registration is required; click "Event Calendar" at on www.fwa.org, then click on the Nov. 30 entry and the "Registration Form" link at the page for the Nov. 30 event.

- Staff report

#### Haunted House nets United Way \$1,700

SOMERVILLE - Fifty area volunteers helped pull off the tricks last month, and the United Way of Somerset County got the big treat - a donation of \$1.700.

DeMuro Associates, in conjunction with Bangz Hair and Nail Studio, hosted the annual "House on Haunted Hill" last month.

More than 800 guests got a jump on Halloween and visited the DeMuro Associates building, a civil engineering and land surveying firm located on West

Cliff Street in the borough, even despite the rain that fell Oct. 22. Area teens who had helped to transform the building into a haunted house donned creepy costumes and acted out scary movie scenes to the delight of those who dared to enter.

The house also had an Alfred Hitchcock décor, including the "Psycho" shower scene and Norman Bates' mother, as well as lots and lots of birds.

And all the effort did not go unappreciated.

"Thanks to a fantastic turnout and the generosity of everyone who stopped by, this year's donation to the United Way of Somerset County was \$1,700, the largest since the haunted house's inception five years ago," said Terry DeMuro.

We are thrilled to be working with DeMuro Associates and Bangz," said Gary Liotta, manager of marketing and communications for United Way of Scmerset County. "We really appreciate the support. It's great for the community.

The United Way supports health and human services providers by raising funds and investing them.

--- Jim White, staff writer



#### The Chronicle

### Commentary \_

#### Saturday, November 19, 2005

# Brownies' good deeds help troops

They wrote letters to the soldiers. They bundled envelopes. They prepared boxes for shipping, and they helped sort. They even took turns unwrapping tubes of lip balm from thousands of cardboard and plastic packages.

More than one dozen Brownies from Troop 815 at the St. James School in Basking Ridge, accompanied by their adult leaders and a few younger brothers, visited The Reporter to help prepare for the Nov. 5 shipping event at the Bradley Gardens American Legion Post 327, where 300 more volunteers packed 1,000 holiday boxes for U.S. troops in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

"Our girls got so much out of this experience," the girls' leader, Chris Corrigan, said afterwards. "They have been talking about it all week. This is a wonderful service project."

The girls also had several questions about newspapers and reporting for staff writer **Rod Hirsch** Executive Editor

Allison Gualtieri of The Reporter, who visited with the troop during a break from their good deeds. Corrigan has offered to help

out again early next year as we prepare for our next shipping event in late January.

#### Thanks from Kuwait

Greetings from the Middle Fast!

First and Foremost, we owe you an apology for not writing sooner! We are a Transportation Terminal Brigade out of



COURTESY SSGT. MELISSA CUNNINGHAM

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The 1185th Transportation Terminal Brigade, an Army National Guard unit based in Lancaster, Pa., is shown on a pier at the Port of Shuibia in Kuwait, where most troops pass through on their way to Iraq. The unit has been receiving packages from Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 since its deployment earlier this year.

Lancaster, Pa. Our mission is to run the Port of Shuibia, Kuwait. This is where all units deploying back to the states or into Iraq come to receive their equipment. It is truly a joint task here at the port of Shuibia between all the armed serves and the Kuwait Navu.

Our soldiers have received dozens of your care packages and letters over the past ten months

of our deployment. It is truly a of them wouldn't receive any at humbling experience to be thought of and cared for by people who do not even know most of us, but want to help us.

It is an amazing project that you are all participating in. We greatly appreciate every item and letter we receive. It is great to see my soldiers getting packages from you, because if it wasn't for Operation Shoebox, some

all. I have read the copies of the Reporter that have come in packages and copies my family has sent me, and I have come to the conclusion that Somerville, NI is an incredible place to spend time! My father and mother both come from Somerville and now I know why I was raised to have such strong patriotic values. I know for sure that not everyone in America would give up their weekends to pack up boxes, raise money, or write a letter to soldiers who are away from home. People like you are who makes this nation great and worth protecting. We do a job we love, for a country we love and people like you make that job easier to do every day!

I hope that when our deployment ends, we will have the true honor of packing up boxes along side you, for our brothers and sis-

Thank you for all your sup-

We will be home soon!

Hoorah!

SSG Cunningham	
SGT Crum 1185 <sup>th</sup> TTB	
Camp Spearhead, Ki	uwait

#### More thanks

We left off a few names irom last week's laundry list of thanks to those who contributed to our Nov. 5 packing event in Bradley Gardens. Michael L. Scher, owner of the UPS Store in Boonton, donated 1,000 cardboard boxes that were packed and shipped overseas to the troops. We'd also .com

like to thank Matt Finewood of Wegman's on Route 202 in Bridgewater, who helped OPSHBX save several hundred dollars when he discounted multi-packs of chewing gum after our volunteer Bill Smithbower told him where and to whom the gum was being shipped.

#### Fill'em up

Last week, Boy Scouts from Troop 99 distributed 1,000 bags at the front doors of residences in Bradley Gardens, with a shopping list attached of items needed by soldiers. overseas. The scouts will return Saturday to pick up the bags. The scouts are hoping their neighbors will be generous.

#### Pledges honored

Somerville Council President Rob Wilson, who successfully completed the 26.2-mile New York Marathon Nov. 6, has moved on to the next leg of the event - collecting more than \$2,500 in pledges from supporters of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

Wilson is more than half way, having collected \$1,342 so far., Please, if you made a pledge, contact Wilson at (908) 722-7555, (908) 252-9614 or by email rob@trombadorelaw.com to arrange payment.

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## How to Help **OPSHBX**

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, in partnership with American Recreational Military Services is seeking cash donations in support of their ongoing effort to supply American forces overseas with a steady supply of personal items, toiletries and snacks. ARMS is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service code. All contributions are taxdeductible. 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. Checks should be made out to ARMS, with the instructions "Operation Shoebox NJ 2005" written on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to: Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, c/o The Chronicle, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East. Somerville, NJ 08876.



Brownie Troop 815 from St. James School in Basking Ridge visited The Chronicle recently to help

prepare items for shipping overseas to U.S. troops. From bundling envelopes to sorting donated items.

the girls and a few of their younger brothers worked for two hours under the supervision of their adult

**Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 Drop-off sites:** 

leaders.

#### Somerset County

The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater The 250th Signal Battalion, 42nd Infantry Armory on Hamilton Street in Franklin The Somerville U.S. Postal Service office at 39 Division St., Somerville Somerset County Sheriff's Office, County Administration Building, Grove Street, Somerville Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 West Main St., Somerville Alfonso's Italian Restaurant, 99-101 West Main St., Somerville Lloyd's Furniture, 130 West Main St., Somerville Beneath It All, 72 West Main St., Somerville Wachovia Bank, 1 West Main St., Somerville Dr. William Moskowitz, 205 West Main St., third floor, Somerville Somerville Center Antiques, 33 /est Main St., Somerville Veshanic Station Country Café, Olive St., Neshanic Station rell & Sons Locksmith, 20 W. vrset St., Raritan it's Florist, 75 W. Somerset ritan Rite Supermarket, 611 hion Ave., Bound Brook outs of Rolling Hills 1171 Route 28, North mano Fine )istinctive Gifts, 432 Bedminster et County Park on main office, North rk, Milltown Road, County Ital Education Center, stirling Road, Basking J. Buck Garden, 11 L bad, Far Hills Layt prook Golf Course, Wal Warren ∋ Road, Warren Spook, Brook Golf Course, Colonial Fark, Amwell Road, Franklin Raritan Valley Community College Theater and Student Activities office, Route 28, North Branch Learning Express Toys, 315 Route 206, Hillsborough

Test Sports Club, 1982 Washington Valley Road, Dunellen Ave., Dunellen Dunellen Public Library, New Market Hoad, Dunellen Variety Village, 420 Main St., Metuchen George's Dry Cleaning, 424 Main St., Metuchen Boro Ace Hardware, 655 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen Metuchen Savings Bank, 429 Main St., Metuchen What's The Scoop, 410 Main St., Metuchen Quick Sign, 3 Kellogg Ct., Unit 15, Edison Abbey Carpet, 501 Stelton Road, Piscataway

ters in arms! port!

US Bicycle Hall of Fame, Main Street, Bridgewater Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster Bound Brook Carpet, 200 E. Main St., Bound Brook Attic Treasures Antiques, Sansone Plaza, Route 22 East, Green Brook Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green Brook Eclipse Fitness Sports & Wellness, 17 King George Road, Green Brook Dr. Steven C. Balestracci, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater Soprano's, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1595 Route 22 West, Watchung AAA Vac, 1515 Route 22 West, Watchung Square Mall, Watchung Borough Hall, Route 22 and Grove Street, Somerville Gladstone Cleaners, 258 Main St., Peapack-Gladstone North Branch Post Office, Route 22. North Branch Somerset Medical Center main lobby, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville Capelli Salon, 1171 Route 202 North, Branchburg Natural Medicine and Rehabilitation, 745 Routes 202/206 South, Bridgewater Sal's Talk of the Town, 1987 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville Bucky's/The Closet, 45 So. Main St., Manville Sherman & Son Jewelers, Bridgewater Commons Mall (second level), Bridgewater Sherman & Son Jewelers, Somerset Shopping Center, Route 202/206, Bridgewater Exercise Woman, Route 206 South, Raritan **Middlesex** County

Dollar Planet Dollar Store, Route 28, Middlesex Summit Federal Savings & Loan, Washington Avenue, Dunellen United Methodist Church, 150

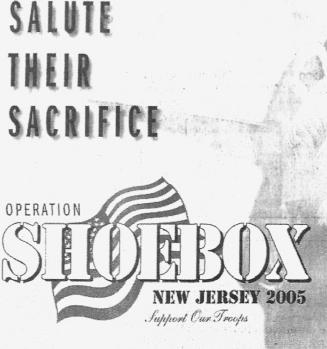
#### Hunterdon County

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#### Warren County

Star Gazette & Warren Reporter, 106 E. Moore St., Hackettstown Hackettstown Trading Post Furniture Gallery, 155 Main St., Hackettstown Second Time Around, 124 Main St., Hackettstown One Stop Career Center, 75 So. Main St., Phillipsburg Franky & Johnny's Island Park Bar & Grill, 261 Route 46 East (intersection of Routes 46 & 31),

Buttzville Tramontin Harley Davidson, Exit 12, Route 80 Hope Interchange, Hope The Hearth Shoppe, 12 Market St., Belvidere



Salute the sacrifice of our troops deployed around the world by donating care package items through OPERATION SHOEBOX: NEW JERSEY 2005.

The Reporter, along with our community & corporate partners, are collecting small, personal items that will be packaged and shipped to the brave men and women serving overseas.

Look for our drop-off boxes at a store or business near you! Pick up The Reporter each week for updates and information. For details on becoming a drop off location, contact The Reporter's Executive Editor, Rod Hirsch at (908) 575-6684. Send your message of support today!



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



# **Marcia Jean Reed Sears**

### **Joseph Cullinan II** - Joseph P.

psychology in 1976. Surviving are his wife, Nancy Mattoe Cullinan; his mother, Grace; two sons, Joseph P. III and Jeffrey S.; two daughters, Heather C. and Lindsay M.; a brother, Kevin; and two sisters, Bonnie Thul and Nancie Burke.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 11 at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Somerville. Arrangements were by the Bridgewater Funeral Home.

### Thurston Sweeney

Nancy Charles and husband Glenn of The Woodlands, Texas; a sister, Virginia DeMartin of Toms River; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, North Plainfield, with Rev. Ed Edwards officiat-

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, Somerset Unit, 600 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869.

Joan M. Jersek, 60, died Nov. 10, 2005 at her home.

in 1994

Mrs. Jersek was retired from the sales and interior design department of Lloyd's of Somerville.

Surviving are her husband. Edward W.; four sons, Rick H. Syers of Dunellen, Ryan T. of

BOUND BROOK — William Karpinski, 92, died Nov. 7, 2005 at the Edison home of his daughter, Kathleen D'Agostino.

Mr. Karpinski was a lifelong Bound Brook resident and a fireman with the Bound Brook Fire Department. He also was a truck driver with American Cyanamid Co. until his retire-

Bound Brook Rescue Squad; the New Jersev State Firemen's Exempt Association; American Legion Post 63; Moose Lodge 988: and Veterans of Foreign

ing. Entombment was in the Resurrection Burial Park mausoleum, Piscataway.

Joan M. Jersek

South Bound Brook, Edward J. of Pawleys Island, S.C., and Mark Allen of Bernardsville; two daughters, Tammy Lynn Mignella of South Bound Brook and Tracey Ann Pelfrey of Newport News, Va.; a sister, Julia Hamilton of Fond du Lac, Wis.; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, in Plainfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

# William Karpinski

Wars Post 2290, in Manville. Mr. Karpinski was a platoon sergeant with the Marine Corps in Okinawa during World War II.

His wife, Caroline D'Alessandro Karpinski, died in 1996.

Also surviving are a brother, Henry; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, following services at Hagan-Chamberlain the Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

MIDDLESEX - Marcia Jean Carrier Reed Sears, 66, died Nov. 10, 2005 at her

William F. Ritchie

Born June 30, 1939 in Johnstown, Pa., she was a daughter of the late John Ellsworth and Emily Mock Carrier.

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home.

Mrs. Sears lived in Dunellen before moving to Middlesex in 1995. A certified nurse's aide, she once worked at the Hunterdon Developmental Center in Clinton. She also

MIDDLESEX — William

Francis Ritchie, 89, died Nov.

14, 2005 at Muhlenberg

Regional Medical Center in

Born in New York City, he

lived in Middlesex for 50

years before moving to

Mr. Ritchie was a retired

parcel post carrier with the

Bound Brook post office. He

was an Army veteran of World

War II and played with the

Indians club in the Bound

Brook Adult Baseball League.

He was an usher for Masses

at Our Lady of Mount Virgin

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -

Richard J. Kenvin, 60, died

Nov. 11, 2005 at the Haven

Hospice of JFK Medical

Born in Jersey City, he lived

in Bridgewater and North

Plainfield before moving to

Mr. Kevin retired in 2003 as

the president of Kenvin

Associates, a telecommunica-

tions company in Bound

South Plainfield in 2001.

Center in Edison.

Brook.

Roman Catholic Church.

Watchung six months ago.

Plainfield.

was a machine operator with Thomas J. Lipton Inc. in Flemington. Since 2002 she had been a

supervisor in the after-care program at Von E. Mauger Middle School. Mrs. Sears was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Dunellen.

Her husband, Clifford A. Reed, died in 1978. Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Patricia Maris and Phyllis Miles.

Surviving are his wife,

Margaret G. Constandi

Ritchie; a daughter, Suzanne

Lally; a son, Charles; three

grandchildren and three

Services were held yester-

day at the Higgins Home for

Funerals, Watchung, followed

by a funeral Mass at Our Lady

of Mount Virgin Church.

Entombment was in the

Resurrection Burial Park

Donations may be sent to

Greater New Jersey Chapter,

400 Morris Ave., Suite 251,

Surviving are his wife, Angel

Silvestri Kenvin; a son,

Richard Jensen of Bound

Brook; a daughter, Heather

Payavis and husband John of

Raritan; three grandchildren;

and several nieces and

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at the McCriskin Home for

Funerals. Donations may be

sent to JFK Haven Hospice,

65 James St., Edison, NJ

Association,

mausoleum, Piscataway.

Denville, NJ 07834-1365.

Alzheimer's

great-grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Reed-Squire of Elba, N.Y., and Cheryl Reed-Wolf and husband Phillip, with whom Mrs. Sears lived; four brothers, Robert Carrier, John "Butch" Carrier and Glenn Carrier, all of Johnstown, and Donald Carrier of Upper Black Eddy, Pa.; two sisters, Edna Mae Poley of Nanty Glo, Pa., and Laverne Watts of sister-in-law, Illinois; a Clawson Patricia of Johnstown; two grandchil- Somerville, NJ 08876.

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -

Julia Harabin, 88, died Nov. 12,

2005 at Robert Wood Johnson

University Hospital in New

Born Feb. 2, 1917 in South

Bound Brook, she was a daugh-

ter of the late Walzel and

Mrs. Harabin lived in South

Bound Brook all her life and

was a member of the Altar

Rosary Society at Our Lady of

Her husband, John, died in

1981. Also preceding her in

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -

Howard D. Stillwell, 87, died

Nov. 11, 2005 at St. Joseph

Born Dec. 29, 1917 in Bound

Brook, he was a son of the late

Irving D. and Sarah Jane Buzzee

Mr. Stillwell lived in Bound

Brook before moving to South

Bound Brook in 1954. He had

resided in Lexington since

He retired in 1980 after 42

years as a marketing represen-

tative with Public Service

Electric & Gas Co. in Bound

Dunellen. He earlier owned

Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Roman Catholic

death was a brother, Nick NJ 08880.

Brunswick.

Mercy

Church.

Stillwell.

2004.

Katherine Reznik.

\_\_\_\_\_ Obituaries .

many nieces and nephews; and her dog, Popeye. Services were held Saturday Baker-Harris Funeral Chapel in Conemaugh, Pa. Burial was in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, East Taylor, Pa.

Somerset Medical Center Foundation, Attn: Paul's Place, 110 Rehill Ave.,

dren; a great-grandchild;

#### University Hospital in New Brunswick. at the Mundy Funeral Home, Born in Plainfield, he lived in Dunellen, and Monday at the Dunellen before moving to Bridgewater in 1979.

Donations may be sent to

three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held

Wednesday at Our Lady of

Mercy Church. Burial was pri-

Arrangements were by the

Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home

in Lebanon. In lieu of flowers,

donations may be sent to Our

Lady of Mercy Church, 122

High St., South Bound Brook,

Army veteran of World War II

and a founding member of

Giles-Biondi Post 63, American

His wife, Mary Ruth Robison

Surviving are a daughter,

Stillwell, died in 1990. A broth-

Legion, in Bound Brook.

er, George, died in 1976.

Julia Harabin

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vate.

**Howard Stillwell** 

DUNELLEN - Thurston R. "Chuck" Sweeney, 81, died Nov. 11, 2005 at Muhlenberg Surviving are two sons, Regional Medical Center in Robert and wife Fran of South Plainfield. Bound Brook and Edward and

Born in Plainfield, he lived wife Fran of Clinton Township; in Dunellen before moving to a brother, John Reznik; and North Plainfield in his teens.

DUNELLEN. -

Cullinan II, 51, died Nov. 7,

2005 at Robert Wood Johnson

Mr. Cullinan worked for

United Parcel Service for 25

years, most recently at its

Bridgewater depot. He attend-

ed Stonehill College on a bas-

ketball scholarship and

received a bachelor's degree in

Mr. Sweeney was a butcher for a number of butcher shops in the Plainfield area. He was a cook aboard Navy ships during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Rita T. Ulmer Sweeney; a son, William R. and wife Janice of North Plainfield; a daughter,

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -

Born in New Brunswick, she lived in Bridgewäter before moving to South Bound Brook

ment in 1978.

He was a member of the

**Gary Barna** 

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nephews.

**Richard Kenvin** 

DUNELLEN - A memorial service was held Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church for Gary N. Barna, 53, who died Oct. 4, 2005 at his home. Mr. Barna was born in

Dunellen and lived in the borough all his life. Preceding him in death were

his father, Louis Barna; and a brother, Raymond.

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

Surviving is his mother, Lamastra. 75, died Nov. 1, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. He was born in Bloomfield and lived in Plainfield before moving to Middlesex in 1957. A used car salesman, Lamastra retired in 1992 after 10 years as the owner of Tri-State Auto Sales,

# MIDDLESEX - Julius A.

for 30 years. He was in the Army in 1952. Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Alice D. Stowa Lamastra; two sons, Kenneth J. and Ronald J., both of Middlesex; a brother, Sal of Scotch Plains; three grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren, three nieces and six nephews.

Brook. Mr. Stillwell was an KY 40503. Twin City Motors in Dunellen

Funeral Home in Bound Brook.

# Julius Lamastra

the

Deborah Whittington, and a granddaughter, Amanda Whittington, both of Lexington. Services were held Tuesday at Hagan-Chamberlain

Donations may be sent to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington,



# **Sports**

Saturday, November 19, 2005

# **Chiefs rebound with rout of Linden**

PISCATAWAY - One week after having their lengthy winning streak halted in a mistake-plagued effort the Chiefs began another one with a masterpiece performance.

Opening its defense of the North Jersey Section 2 Group IV title, the Piscataway High football team steam-rolled Linden 45-0 Saturday behind a career-best showing from Kevin Woolfolk and another dominating effort from its dominant offensive and defensive lines.

The Chiefs will face third-ranked Irvington, a 42-21 winner over Elizabeth, in a semifinal clash of 9-1 squads at home 1 p.m. today with a spot in the final against either Phillipsburg or Union at stake.

team that figures to possess plenty of athleticism and offensive explosiveness - similar traits to what Piscataway has, so this matchup could produce some fireworks. The Chiefs could have a big

edge with its huge and talented lines. That was certainly the case against Linden as the Chiefs successfully rebounded from its first defeat since the 2003 season by giving Woolfolk room to run and also keeping the Tigers from threatening until the outcome had been decided and then keeping them out of the end zone.

Second-rated Piscataway, which lost the top seed when it committed eight turnovers in a 24-14 setback to Sayreville, had its way with seventhr Union at stake. In Irvington the Chiefs will face a swoolfolk dashed 67 yards on the

#### **PISCATAWAY FOOTBALL**

Chiefs' second play from scrimmage. Woolfolk carried 21 times for 226 vards and four touchdowns --- all before the third quarter had run its course -to push his season totals to more than 1,500 yards on the ground and 23 touchdowns.

Defensively, while the Chiefs did surrender some yards with Linden collecting 175 for the game, they turned back the Tigers' two second-half threats, to post the shutout. Linden's best advance of the game ended at the Piscataway

Woolfolk's 67-yard scoring run and Marquis Salazar's PAT kick were the

only points of the opening session, but Piscataway was just warming up. In the second quarter Woolkfolk capped a pair of scoring drives with runs of 4 and 5 yards as the Chiefs went up 21-0 at halftime.

Bolstered by their regained form the Chiefs came out in the third quarter and completely throttled Linden at every turn as all the plays in the session were run on the Tigers' side of the 50yard line as Piscataway used short fields to pad its lead to 38-0.

A fumble set up a 38-yard field goal by Salazar, while a short punt led to fullback Daniel You's 2-yard TD run. With 4:32 remaining the period Woolfolk touched the ball for the final time from scrimmage, scoring on a 2-yard run to bring on the rerserves.

Quarterback Marcus Wright added the final touchdown in the fourth quarter when he went in from the 1 on a sneak, while Salazar completed his perfect day with his sixth PAT placement.

For the game Piscataway rushed for almost 350 yards, while QB Tony Logan contributed another 39 though the air although he connected on only two of seven throws with one pass getting picked off for Piscataway's only turnover.

Linden (5-4) 0 0 0 0 --- 0 Piscataway (8-1) 7 14 17 7 --- 45 Woolfolk 67 run (Salazar kick) Woolfolk 4 run (Salazar kick) Woolfolk 5 run (Salazar kick) Salazar 38 field goal You 2 run (Salazar kick) Woolfolk 2 run (Salazar kick) Wright 1 run (Salazar kick)

# **Edison rallies** to snap streak

It wasn't easy by any means, but the three-ton gorilla has been knocked off the collective backs of the Eagles.

Given somewhat of a break by the state when it was matched with Group III Spotswood in a consolationweek meeting of winless squad, Edison High's football squad snapped its 39-game losing streak Nov. 11 by out-last-ing Spotswood 26-20 in double overtime Nov. 12.

The Eagles, who last recorded in November of 2001 when it trimmed West Windsor-Plainsboro South 19-14 in a consolation game, earned its first victory after eight losses this fall by battling from behind and tying the game with 22 seconds left in regulation to force the extra play.

Trailing 20-12 after Spotswood scored with 2:12 remaining in the game, Edison came back behind the throwing of quarterback John Cirri, who hooked up with Terry Roland on an 11-yard scoring pass and then a two-point conversion toss to Justin Thompson that knotted the game at 20-20. Cirri's 30-yard connection with Maurice Riley set up the touchdown.

In overtime the Eagles used a pair of takeaways to deny the Chargers as Riley recovered a fumble on the first posand Dan Stiro nicked

#### **HIGH SCHOOL** FOOTBALL

session, but Hudson County's Union Hill came back to forge a 6-6 tie at halftime with a touchdown in the second quarter.

South Plainfield, however, put together a big effort in the third quarter to earn the verdict as it scored three times. Mike Jakubik began the outburst with a 3-yard run, while Eatman followed with a 10yard TD pass to Alam Maglaque and a 20-yard scor-ing pass to Mike Cassano.

Jakubik added a two-point conversion run following the middle touchdown and kicked the PAT following the second for the Tigers, who will meet North Plainfield Thanksgiving Day morning.

Keansburg 24, Bound Brook 18 — Tony Smith turned in a solid game throwing the ball, but the Crusaders fell behind 17-6 at halftime and could not recover in dropping a consolation decision to visiting Keansburg Nov. 11 to fall to 3-6 on the year.

Smith went the distance at quarterback and completed 13 of 25 passes for 225 yards and a pair of touchdowns, but was interception three times by Keansburg, which improved to 3-6. Eduardo Rosario, who finished with 54 yards on 13 carries, opened the Bound Brook scoring with a 25-yard run in the second quarter. Devon Baker, who had four catches for 43, was on the receiving end of Smith's first scoring pass when he went in from the 25 in the third quarter, while Smith and Eron Banks hooked up on a 75-yard catch-and-run scoring pass in the further period. Bound Brook will play its final Mountain Valley Conference game before moving to the Skyland Conference when it squares off with Manville Thanksgiving Day morning. Watchung Hills 32, J.P. Stevens 24 — Taking on Watchung Hills for the second straight year in a consolation game the Hawks set the stage for another victory by taking a 24-19 lead at halftime, but the visitors rallied for the victory in the second half to drop Stevens to 3-6 on the year. Tamar Robinson had another big game carrying the ball as he scored three times, but Watchung Hills kept him out of the end zone in the second half. For the second straight year Robinson burned the Warriors early, this time sprinting 75 yards on the Hawks' second play from scrimmage. Last year Robinson scored on the first play. Watchung Hills came back to take the lead with back-to-back scores before Robinson went 21 yards in the second period. Watchung Hills scored one play later to reclaim the lead, but Robinson's 12-yard run finished off a drive and Stevens scored again before halftime after a blocked punt set them up at the Watchung Hills 12. In the second half Stevens surrendered the lead and then saw a final threat come up short. After a hook-and-lateral play went for 40 yards to the Warrior 10 with 10 seconds left, two passes into the end zone were batted away.



# MIDDLESEX FOOTBALL **Jays fall** in final minutes

It's the kind of game the Blue Jays will look back on and think about any number of plays they could have made that would have altered the outcome.

In the end it proved to be just one play shy of a victory as the Middlesex High football squad saw a late turnover parlayed into the winning touchdown in a 12-7 setback to South River in the Central Jersey Group I semifinals Nov. 11.

Holding a tenuous 7-6 edge with 3:15 to play in the game the fourth-ranked Blue Jays lost the ball on a fumble at their 19 and fifth-seeded South River took advantage, although the Rams needed a wing and prayer to get it done.

Faced with a fourth-and 20situation after a holding penalty pushed it back, South River went for it all as quarterback Kevin Feaster threw into the end zone with Brandon Hodges coming down with what amounted to a jump ball over a smaller defender for the touchdown with 2:02 to play.

Middlesex's final gasp ended 50 seconds later when it lost the ball on downs at its 31 following the ensuing kickoff.

With the loss the Blue Jays

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off a pass in the end zone on the second. Edison scored when Cirri hooked up with Thompson for the second time, this one from 12 yards.

Cirri also ran for a touchdown in addition to his three scoring passes as the Eagles played from behind all game, including twice falling behind by eight points in the fourth quarter.

Edison will close out its schedule Thanksgiving Day morning with a game with cross-township rival Stevens.

Metuchen 33, Manville 7 -Facing its second straight Mountain Valley Conference opponent the Bulldogs had their way with Manville in a consolation game Saturday as Metuchen rolled to a 33-0 lead through three periods and coasted to the victory.

Jordan Leitner had a big game throwing the ball as he threw scoring passes to three different receivers to lift Metuchen to its fourth victory as the Bulldogs closed out a 4-6 season. Manville fell to 2-7.

Jack Rems put Metuchen on the scoreboard with a 12-yard run in the opening quarter, while the Bulldogs went up 20-0 at halftime as Leitner, a junior, hooked up with a pair of sophomores for two scores. First, Leitner found DeJuan Miller for 18 yards, and then he connected with Charlie Greene for a 57-yarder.

Metuchen added two more scores following halftime with Kyle Edmonds picking up a fumble and returning it 19 yards for a touchdown, and Jon Brown grabbing a 16-yard scoring toss from Leitner.

South Plainfield 27, Union Hill 6 - Paired with Union Hill for the second time in three years during consolation weekend, the Tigers made it two in a row to improve to 4-5 and get a chance for a .500 campaign on the strength of a decisive third quarter Nov. 12.

In a matchup of 3-5 squads, South Plainfield took the early advantage when quarterback Derrick Eatman scored on a 2yard keeper in the opening

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**Metuchen girls capture Central Jersey I crown** 

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Maggie Yelencsics of J.P. Stevens High chases a Bridgewater-Raritan player during a game earlier this

Despite a heavy changeover in personnel, a young Bulldog squad accomplished what last year's veteran club could not -- capture a sectional championship.

After failing to advance in Central Jersey Group I a year ago, the Metuchen High girls soccer squad went the distance this season as the top-seeded Bulldogs turned back Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division rival South River 2-0 in the final Nov. 10.

Benefiting from the second-seeded Rams' loss of their leading scorer Sarah Petruska to a disqualification with seven minutes left in the first half, Metuchen came out after halftime and controlled the play through the second half, scoring twice in the first 15 minutes to take charge.

The team's only two senior starters, Lauren Pisano and Stephanie Collins, collaborated on the first goal, as Pisano made a run down the left side and crossed it to Collins, who one-touched it pass the South River keeper in the 48th minute. Twice in the 65th minute Susan Golbe had opportunities on breakaways, and while she missed the first when Stephanic Francis made an outstanding save, she cashed in on the second for an insurance tally.

Metuchen, which allowed only three shots on goal in topping Middlesex 1-0 in the semifinals, produced another excellent defensive performance by limited the Rams (10-9-1) to just two shots on goal,

The Bulldogs, who had two shots in a 10-second span midway through the first half bang off the crossbar, held a 7-2 advantage in shots.

Metuchen squared off with South Jersey champion Riverside Tuesday for the right to play for the state Group I crown today.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Dunellen High's Matt Turlip ran another big race, while the Metuchen High girls squad earned the area's only Meet of Champions berth to highlight Saturday action at the state Group cross country meets at Holmdel State Park.

One week after claiming top honors in Central Jersey Group I Turlip came home with third-place honors in Group I with a 17:11 clocking for the 5,000 meters to pick up the only individual spot in today's Meet of Champions. Ryan Van Alstine of Midland Park coasted to the victory in 16:20.

The Metuchen girls, meanwhile, ended a nine-year absence from the state's biggest race for cross country runners as the Bulldogs finished third in Group I

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behind Mountain Lakes, which totaled 40 points to win, and Palisades Park, which had 122 points. Coming off a victory in Central Jersey, Metuchen reached the Meet of Champions for the third time in girls competition and the first since 1996.

Fiona Weeks led the charge for the Bulldogs by placing 21st in 22:40, while Soha Shah followed in 28th in 23:08. Deidre Lippay took 38th in 23:45, while Chelsea Fisher finished 42nd in 23:54. Jessica Scarfuto completed Metuchen's first five by taking 71st in 25:12.

Middlesex also competed in the girls Group I event, finishing 10th with 265 points. Katie Cirone paced the Blue Jays with a 32nd-place showing in 23:31, while Jen Tarsan was next, finishing 45th in 24:00. Sam Scardiero was 56th in 24:38.

On the boys side Metuchen had the best showing of the three area teams competing in Group I as the Bulldogs placed 10th with 269 points, while Middlesex beat out Bound Brook by a 396-452 margin for 17th in the 19-team field. Keansburg edged Maple Shade 74-78 for the title.

John Azzara led Metuchen by taking 32nd overall in 18:43, while Middlesex's Tom O'Brien was 40th in 18:56. Metuchen's Julian Fensterheim edged Cristian Triana of Bound Brook for 51st by three seconds with a time of 19:17, and Mark Vorensky of Metuchen placed 58th in 19:28. BOYS SOCCER

Dayton's Dimitri Tereshuck notched his second goal of the match and 28th of the season 4:30 into the first overtime session to lift the secondseeded Bulldogs (14-4-3) to a 2-1 victory over third-ranked Bound Brook in the semifinals of the North Jersey 2 Group I Tournament Nov. 8.

Jose Hernandez converted a feed from Hugo Morales with five minutes into regulation to knot the game for the Crusaders, but Tereshuck beat Bound Brook keeper Jose Ramirez (6 saves) for the second time to win the battle. Bound Brook, which held a 13-7 advantage in shots on goal, closed out the season with a 13-6 record.

tell to 7-2 for the campaign and has only a Thanksgiving Day meeting with Dunellen left on its schedule.

Rivals in the Greater Middlesex Conference's Blue Division since the Blue Jays moved into the league until two years ago when the Rams moved to the larger schools' White Division, the teams renewed that rivalry in a defensive battle.

Perhaps its tougher schedule played a role, but whatever the case South River handled the usually potent Middlesex offense better than anyone had all season as the Blue Jays managed just 160 yards in total vards.

Still, with its defense limited the Rams, to 210 yards, Middlesex had the lead until the closing minutes thanks to Dan Esposito's conversion kick following the Blue Jays' secondperiod touchdown.

Both teams fumbled twice with each converting one of the turnovers into a TD. Middlesex got the first opportunity when it took over at the Ram 47. Matt Campanella turned in the big play with a 30-yard gain and Dom Nitoli capped the sevenplay maneuver with a 4-tard run.

South River didn't waste much time as the Rams put tog ether's the game's best sustained dive as they marched 63 yards in eight plays following the ensuing kickoff with Marty McGough scoring from the 1 with 4:07 to go in the half. The PAT kick attempt was wide, however, leaving the Blue Jays with a one-point edge, which stood at halftime.

Middlesex wasted a great opportunity early in the third period when South River gave up the ball on its 30. The Blue Jays moved to the 5 where they had a fourth-and-2 play, but the Ram defense stopped the threat a yard shy of first and goal.

The Rams reached the 3 before settling for a 20-yard field goal try which was missed.

Campanella, with 63 yards on 19 carries and 3 of 7 passing for 22 yards, and Esposito, with 62 on 14 attempts, accounted for most of the Blue Jay offense.

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active duty in Southwest Asia. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Fernando Marin Jr. is with a Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force relieving Army personnel in Iraq and Kuwait. The support force is based in Williamsburg, Va., and includes 470 reservists now on active duty. Marin, a 1989 graduate of Edison High School, is the son of Bertha A.

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Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jason M. Rosenberg is posted to Southwest Asia as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a structural craftsman with the 301st Civil Engineer Squadron based in Fort Worth, Texas. Rosenberg is the son of Ronald and Arlene Rosenberg of Grove Avenue, Highland Park, and a 1986 graduate of Highland Park High School.

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI turkey was the best part. Staff Writer "I've read about (brining)

BRANCHBURG At Neshanic Valley Golf Course, there was one word repeated over and over.

No, not "fore." The word was "delicious," and it was used by the lucky viewers of the 100th taping of "Patriot Panache," Chef Anthony Pantano's cooking show, which took place at the club, where Pantano is the inhouse caterer.

The live audience got to sample each of the dishes made on the show taped that day, a two-part episode that focused on Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey in an apple cider brine with dried apple, sausage and parsnip corn bread stuffing, mashed potatoes with mascarpone and goat cheese, and a scalloped squash and corn gratin were just some of the delicacies demonstrated by Pantano on the show and sampled by his audience.

For Robin Kimmelman of Hillsborough, the brined

for a couple of years, but it

seemed like so much work, I said, 'Why bother?' But it does make a big difference," she said. "I really want to make this turkey, but I'm not cooking this Thanksgiving." She wouldn't have made the mashed potatoes, however, a

For chef, turning 100 never tasted so good

sentiment shared by Ginger Feola of North Plainfield. The turkey, however, was "the moistest turkey I've ever tasted," Feola said.

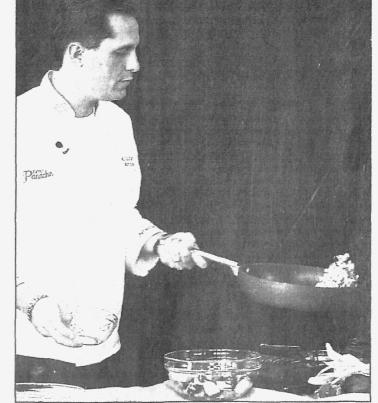
Feola and her friend Marie Tennant, had never seen the show before coming to the taping. Tennant said that after tasting the food, she "absolutely would watch the show.'

The show, which has run on Patriot's local access channel for two years, came about as a result of the cooking demonstrations Pantano runs at his restaurant, Culinary Creations is located in Hillsborough. The show has featured not only Pantano's cooking, but viewer-submitted recipes and other New Jersey chefs.

According to Michelle Foster, who works for Patriot Media, it's easy to tell when Pantano is in the building.

"You can tell when they're taping, because it always smells good," she said. So after making a full

Thanksgiving dinner for the



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Andrew Pantano, a chef and proprietor of Culinary Creations in Hillsborough, at the taping of the 100th episode of his program, "Patriot Panache," which is broadcast on Patriot Media's Channel 8.

40 people at the taping, what will Pantano do for his own holiday?

"I don't cook on Thanksgiving," he said. Neither do a lot of other peo-

ple, he said. His business caters a number of dinners for area residents.

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Erin Bunger of Piscataway was awarded an assistantship at Susquehanna University for the 2005 - 2006 academic year.

A senior psychology major, Bunger is working on implementing a new program called Peer Diversity Trainers Office the Multicultural Affairs which is designed to raise awareness about diversity on campus. She is a 2002 graduate of Piscataway High School.

Brannan Osburn of Highland Park, a Middlesex County College alumna, graduated from New York University in 2005 with high honors.

Osburn was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges while she was at Middlesex. She majored in Liberal Arts/Psychology at the College and Applied Psychology at NYU. She graduated magna cum laude

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