

Recycling center gets a new look

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The borough's Recycling Drop-off Center on Kenneth Avenue has a new, tidy look.

The yard has been paved and all the old, out-of-date signage has been replaced with bright new signs.

Visitors should find it easier to move around, especially in wet and freezing weather, now that they won't have to cope with the mud puddles and

half-plowed snow that came every winter with the old gravel surface. The clean, easy-to-read graphics on the new signs announce clearly where to put the various recyclable materials.

The asphalt contains recycled material, and the aluminum signs are made with recycled aluminum. Some of the sign posts are made of 100 percent post-consumer recy-

clered plastic.

The old signs were installed over 10 years ago, before the borough joined the Middlesex County Recycling Program.

Those signs were wordy, to help recyclers comply with the regulations of the time. Only certain kinds of paper were accepted, and we had to separate different kinds of plastic bottles, cans and different colors of glass. As the

program changed, misinformation was corrected by grouping signs together, covering some words with tape, removing some signs altogether, and just ignoring others. The new, straightforward signs are easy to understand.

The face lift was partially funded by a matching grant from the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management. Paving was

included as one of the County Road Department projects, through which the borough pays for the materials but the county's road crews do the work.

Jersey Sign Corp. made the signage.

Recycling Groundskeeper Jay McNerney coordinated the logistics of clearing out

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Piscataway goes for 4

Semifinal weekend saw Piscataway High whip Irvington 26-6 in North Jersey 2 Group IV to gain a chance for a fourth straight title, while Immaculata fell to undefeated Delbarton 41-14. Page A6.



Shelter at crossroads

The Somerset Regional Animal Shelter is facing an uncertain future as some call for it to become a larger facility serving more towns while others don't want it to become a mammoth center that can no longer serve the community in a way it has been. Page B1.

Get help with taxes

The Middlesex County One-Stop Career Center, 506 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, will host a free Tax Workshop for small businesses from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 8.

The workshop will be presented by representatives of the state Division of Taxation and cover such topics as: Registering your business; the forms of business ownership and how they are taxed; how to collect and remit sales taxes; and how to calculate and remit estimated state income tax payments. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required.

For information, contact Lynne Camp, Middlesex County Business Resource Center representative, at (732) 937-6222 or e-mail lynne.camp@dol.state.nj.us.

The Middlesex County One-Stop Career Center is a partnership of local and state organizations committed to integrating services to provide job seekers, students and employers with a complete range of labor market and work readiness services in one convenient location. Its goal is to empower job seekers with the support and information necessary in helping them make decisions about careers, search for jobs, and learn work preparation skills in order to secure employment. Employers are offered labor information, helpful seminars and worker recruitment assistance.

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Society of Mayflower Descendants Ruth Edmunds Eldridge, Susan Fogg Eisdorfer, Nancy C. Ross and Gloria Griffith can trace their family trees to some of the earliest settlers of North America. Today's holiday has an extra special place in their hearts.

Special day for Mayflower kin

By AMY S. BOBROVSKI
Staff Writer

Today is one of Susan Fogg Eisdorfer's favorite days.

To the Bridgewater resident, Thanksgiving is a chance to show her appreciation and thanks, but it's also a time when she celebrates her ancestry. Fogg Eisdorfer is a direct descendant of George Soule, one of the 102 passengers who traveled on the Mayflower, became one of the nation's first settlers and later signed the Mayflower Compact.

"It's (Thanksgiving) my favorite holiday," said Fogg Eisdorfer, who commemorates the Pilgrims and American Indians with special dishes. "I try to respect both the English tradition and the Native American tradition and the fusion between the two cultures."

She makes red pickled eggs, a European dish and what she calls Three Sisters Sauté, which includes corn, pumpkins and beans — major crops for American Indians.

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of the State of New Jersey

"And the eternal favorite is pumpkin pie," said Fogg Eisdorfer, who with her cousin researched her ancestry that led to the discovery of her connection to the Mayflower. "That's the fusion dish. The Native Americans had the pumpkins, but they didn't have the milk or the butter. If I don't have something from these three cultures, it's not a Thanksgiving dinner."

Fogg Eisdorfer is the membership

chair of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of New Jersey. She and a few other society members visited *The Reporter* office last week to discuss their lineage and how having prominent ancestors influenced their lives today.

Gloria Griffith didn't know she was a descendent until she was an adult. The Basking Ridge resident's mother had passed away when she was only 3 years old, leaving Griffith without much idea of her family's history. Many years later an aunt on her father's side wanted her to go to a cemetery with her.

"I told her I had never been to my mother's grave and wanted to go," she said. "I was shocked when I saw the size of her grave."

While at the cemetery she noticed that other family members on her mother's side were buried nearby. She made a list of family members and sent it to her brother, who completed the time consuming research to prove their

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Tradition as thick as blood

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — When Kelsey Walsh reached her 17th birthday, there was a special rite of passage for the Mother Seton High School junior.

She had to sign up to give blood. "The running joke is that they owe a pint of blood for all the cookies," said her mother, Eileen Walsh. When Kelsey and her three siblings were younger, they used to come with their mother while she donated blood, and ate the cookies provided for the donors.

Walsh and her mother, Gail Richter, have been donating blood together at Somerset Medical Center since 1999, though both have been donating for years, at various blood drives. Walsh, a resident of North Plainfield, has been donating since her college days, and Richter, a resident of Clark, has been a donor for the past 30 years.

At the Blood Donor Program at Somerset Medical Center, however, there isn't a blood drive. Instead, donors can make a regular appointment. Last Saturday, for example, there were 20 donors lined up to give blood.

"The benefits of coming here is that it's an appointment, so I can be in and out in an hour," said Walsh, who began donating at the hospital in 1996, and was joined by her mother in 1999. "Now I give at least four times a year."

"It was just the normal thing, to come with my mom," said Kelsey Walsh, who lives in North Plainfield.

The bad news for her, however, is a common occurrence for donors of her age. She was disqualified for having too little iron in her blood.

"It's disappointing that my hemoglobin is low," she said, adding that she will try to donate with her mother and grandmother again, and will participate in the annual blood drive at her school.

Getting disqualified is a common occurrence, and can happen for a number of reasons, according to Jo Ann Yackowski, recruiter for the Blood Donor Program at Somerset Medical Center. Recent travel to certain countries, illness, being underweight, and having low iron levels are all reasons to be deferred. Families like Kelsey's, however,

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County grants will help preserve area historic sites

Nine local projects have received a total of \$889,750 in funding through the county's 2005 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Freeholder Peter S. Palmer presented ceremonial checks commemorating the awards at a recent freeholders' meeting. "The freeholders established the Historic Preservation Grant Program to assist municipalities and non-profit organizations in the preservation of historic resources," said Freeholder Palmer, Cultural & Heritage Commission liaison. "We're pleased to be able to support these projects that preserve Somerset County's unique history."

A brief history of each of the projects, the amount of each grant and how the funds will be used is as follows:

— Van Der Veer House, Hillsborough — The house, which was constructed in the mid- to late 18th century, has 20th century colonial revival

changes designed by noted architect Chester A. Paterson. Dr. Van Der Veer was an original member of the New Jersey Medical Society in 1776. The \$130,000 grant will be used for exterior stabilization and restoration.

— Abraham Staats House, South Bound Brook — An intact example of 18th and 19th century Dutch and Federal architecture, the house was used as headquarters for General Baron Von Steuben during the Second Middlebrook Encampment. The grant in the amount of \$169,000 will be used to restore doors, windows, floor masonry work, and electrical work.

— Wyckoff-Garretson House, Franklin Township — An intact example of Dutch colonial architecture, the house was constructed in 1740. The \$63,000 grant will be used for restoration of the cooking fireplace, beehive oven, framing

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Kathy Ormosi, left, Friends of the Abraham Staats House president, and Dennis Quinlan, South Bound Brook Borough Council president, center, accept a ceremonial Historic Preservation Grant Program check from Freeholder Peter S. Palmer, right, at a freeholders' meeting.

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and electrical work and handicapped accessibility.

— Gen. John Frelinghuysen House, Raritan Borough — The house was constructed in 1750 and has a Greek revival addition.

General Frelinghuysen was a Brigadier General in the War of 1812. The house currently serves as the Raritan Library. A grant in the amount of \$69,000 will be used for exterior door, window and shutter restoration.

— Bound Brook Stone Arch Bridge, Bound Brook — The stone arch bridge is the oldest bridge in Somerset County and the second oldest in New Jersey. It is the site of a portion of the Battle of Bound Brook where Hessian troops were pinned down by "murderous fire" from American forces in Bound Brook. The \$100,000 grant will be used for a study of the bridge and to prepare a National Register of Historic Places nomination form.

— Brook Theatre, Bound Brook — Constructed in 1927, it is the last remaining vaudeville theater in

Somerset County. The grant for \$155,000 will be used for exterior signs, masonry work and to prepare a National Register of Historic Places nomination form.

— Van Camp Farmstead, Branchburg — An example of a rare Dutch barn and Dutch framed wagon house with worn crib. Constructed in 1835. The \$133,750 grant will be used for exterior restoration of the Dutch barn and a historic structures report for the site.

— Kirch-Ford House, Warren Township — This 18th century structure was the home of Captain William Ford, veteran of the American Revolution. It is one of the earliest buildings constructed in Warren Township. The grant for \$35,000 will be used for a historic structures report.

— Mount Bethel Baptist Meeting House, Warren Township — Constructed in 1761 by the county's first Baptist congregation, it is one of the oldest Baptist churches in New Jersey. The \$35,000 grant will be used towards a historic structures report.

Recycling

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the yard so that it could be graded and paved, while keeping operations uninterrupted.

He had the large roll-offs moved to the leaf collection side of the Yard Waste area. He and Bob Perrette wrestled drums of batteries and scrap refrigerators off-site, killed weeds, repaired steps, scraped and repainted catwalk, sheds, and bins.

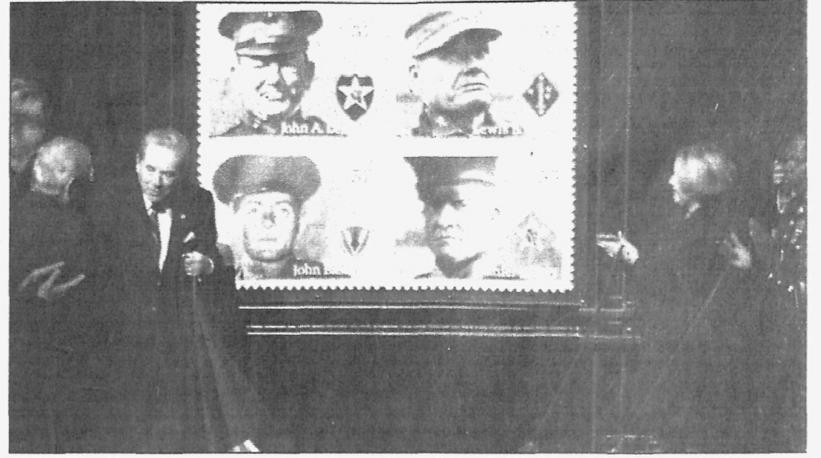
Once the yard was paved, the asphalt had to cure so that the heavy roll-off containers would not sink right in. The staff spent a hot and dusty August and September working Recycling at the unpaved Yard Waste Site.

The drop-off center first opened in 1987, just before New Jersey made recycling mandatory.

Until 1995, when the borough joined the county recycling program, everyone brought their recyclables there.

Even now, despite the county's biweekly curbside collection, many residents continue to use the recycling center, as do many of the smaller businesses in town. About 35 tons of used paper, cans, bottles, scrap metal, motor oil, clothing, batteries and paint pass through the center every month.

A hero is honored



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Pacifico, left, pulls down a drape to unveil a series of four stamps commemorating Marines, including Raritan resident and World War II hero John Basilone, during a ceremony held at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch on Saturday. Pacifico was instrumental in helping get the stamp honoring Basilone created by the Postal Service. Basilone, who was killed during the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1945, 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.

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relation to Edward Doty, a Mayflower passenger. The two became members of the California chapter of the Mayflower Society shortly before her brother passed away in the late 1970s.

"He did all this work and then passed away," said Griffith, who during her visit to *The Reporter* wore a gold medal resembling the ship, a gift from

her brother. "Thanksgiving is a chance for me to honor my heritage and my brother."

Both Ruth Edmunds Eldridge, of Warren, and Nancy C. Ross, of Gladstone, can trace their family trees back to John Howland.

Howland came over to America as an indentured servant to the John Carver family, said Ross, whose grandmother was the governor of the Colorado chapter of the society.

During the trip, Howland fell overboard and almost died.

"He fell off the Mayflower and grabbed the bow before he went under," Edmunds Eldridge said. "Then they threw him a rope."

Once settled, Howland served as the business representative to the Plymouth territory. Edmunds Eldridge has done her history on her ancestors and shared a story about Howland.

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are a treasure at the Blood Donor Program.

"We are, in our donor base, missing the ages between 17 and 30," Yackowski said. "I really think it's a wonderful thing to teach your children."

"Fortunately, I have good health, and I think it's a small thing you can do to give back," said Richter. "It's really not a big deal. Everyone should do it."

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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.

1285; President of Dunellen Senior Citizen Club, Ida Cihanowyz.

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. For more information, call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1910, Ext. 122.

Metuchen

The Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's Bound Brook club sponsors Atlantic City trips to the Taj Mahal casino the fourth Tuesday of each month. The bus departs from the church parking lot at 10:15 a.m.

The Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of every month in the cafeteria of Holy Family Academy, 201 Vosseller Ave., Bound Brook. For further information, call President Sal Barbati at (908) 725-5444.

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, holds a monthly board meeting at noon on the second Monday of the month. The general meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27). The meetings are held monthly. The chapter is currently accepting new members; call Mary or John McCabe at (732) 603-3967 for information about joining the chapter.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 80 years and older. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. each Friday at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park. Bingo is played each Friday after the meeting. Bus transportation is provided. New members are welcome. Coffee and tea are provided; bring your own sandwiches. For information, call (732) 968-

Middlesex Borough

Bus transportation is available for borough seniors. Sign up by calling (732) 356-0414. Wednesdays are Senior Day at the club.
 For information and to register for any of the above programs or issues of interest to the senior population in Middlesex Borough, contact Sheila at (732) 356-0414.

Middlesex County Briefs

Toys For Tots begins annual collection

MIDDLESEX — 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 the toys to the needy children in the community.

Dunellen church has annual 'angel' show

DUNELLEN — The annual Angel Craft and Vendor show will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 400 New Market Road.

For more information, call (908) 806-6863.

Edison 'Wonderland' of holiday dance

EDISON — The Edison Arts

Society presents a "Winter Wonderland" of dance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at John P. Stevens High School, 855 Grove Ave.

Students from five dance schools in Middlesex County are represented. They include:

Yvonne's School of Dance, under the direction of Yvonne Ambrosio and Dawn Belle.

DanceForce, under the direction of Evonne Ryan.

Jo-Ann's Dance Studio-The Performing Arts Center, under the direction of Jo-Ann Ortman and Tara Catalina.

Spotlight on Dance, under the direction of Carolyn Stefanichik.

Edison Recreation Dance and Theater Company, under the direction of Jamie Marie Hanninga.

As well, there will be carols from the John P. Stevens High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Diane Wions.

Admission is \$13. For tickets, call (908) 753-2787.

Hanukkah goods sold in Metuchen gift shop

METUCHEN — The Sisterhood of Congregation Neve Shalom sponsors a gift shop with items for your every Hanukkah need.

Candles, menorahs, dreidels, gelt, gift wrap and similar items are available. Gift shop hours are 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, 18 and 25, plus noon-1 p.m. and 4-6

p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 20.

Volunteers are needed to help out in the gift shop. If you are interested, call Sandy Schwemer at (732) 548-7431 or Jody Mantel at (732) 885-1841.

Congregation plans Hanukkah events

METUCHEN — Neve Shalom will host a Havdalah "25th Hour" program and Hanukkah family dinner on Saturday evening, Dec. 17.

The Havdalah and musical program will begin at 5:15 p.m. and will be followed by a catered dinner. The "25th Hour" is an exciting way to end Shabbat with stories, songs, musical instruments and Havdalah blessings. The cost for the dinner is \$14 per adult and \$4 per child (ages two to twelve). Children under two are free. There is no charge for the program.

Reservations for the dinner must be made by Friday, Dec. 9.

The Hebrew School of Neve Shalom will hold a Hanukkah song festival on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9:40 a.m. This free concert will include every school class (Gan - Daled) performing their favorite new Hanukkah selection. In addition, the teen band will perform

several Klezmer songs. All are welcome. For information about both events, call (732) 548-2238, Ext. 14, or e-mail can2r11@aol.com.

Meals on Wheels drivers needed

EDISON — The Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County urgently needs caring volunteers deliver meals to home bound clients.

There is an immediate opening on Thursday's delivery route. The Kosher Meals on Wheels program is a five day a week service that provides two daily meals to seniors and disabled individuals who are temporarily or permanently unable to shop or cook for themselves.

Volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of two delivery dates per month for a 90-minute route.

For additional information, call E. J. Berman to set up a meeting at (732) 777-1940, Ext 122.

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Yes vote helps clear Garden State's air

By BRADLEY M. CAMPBELL

The choking, black exhaust that garbage trucks and buses often leave in their wake has left many of us gasping helplessly in frustration and disgust.

Voters were asked on Election Day to approve or reject a constitutional amendment. Ballot Question No. 2 — approved by a vote of 786,356 to 617,462 — provides funding for an innovative retrofit program to cut exposure to harmful diesel soot emissions in school buses and to reduce deadly diesel emissions from garbage trucks, transit buses and publicly owned on-road and non-road diesel vehicles and equipment. Without requiring any new taxes from residents or businesses and at no cost to municipalities, the retrofit program would be implemented using revenues from the constitutionally dedicated Corporate Business Tax Fund if the ballot question is approved.

Under New Jersey's diesel initiative, the most comprehensive in the nation, diesel-powered school buses, both publicly owned and privately contracted, would be fitted with closed crankcase technology in their engines to reduce diesel exhaust that creeps into the cabin and threatens the health of our children. Particulate traps and other emission-control devices would be installed in the tailpipe or exhaust system of other eligible diesel vehicles to catch the fine-particle pollution before it is released into the air we breathe. With the third largest fleet in the nation, New Jersey would become the first state to retrofit all of its public transit buses.

Emissions from mobile sources such as garbage trucks, buses and non-road construction equipment such as bulldozers, excavators and loaders, diesel pollution degrades our air quality. It makes the simple act of breathing a struggle for far too many children and adults in communities throughout New Jersey.

Diesel combustion releases fine particles and gases into the air. Recent worldwide studies have yielded startling findings about the health problems and complications caused by diesel-related fine-particle pollution, which is thought to be more toxic than fine-particle pollution from non-diesel sources.

These fine particles — about 30 of them would equal the width of a single strand of hair — are so dangerous because they can reach the deepest parts of the lungs.

Fine-particle pollution can cause chest irritation

in anyone and can accumulate in the lungs over time and enter the bloodstream, interfering with oxygen transfer to the blood and causing many health problems.

In fact, fine-particle pollution may cause more premature deaths in New Jersey than homicides and car accidents combined. Scientists estimate that up to 150 premature deaths and more than 4,000 asthma attacks could be prevented in New Jersey each year if voters approve funding to implement this diesel retrofit program.

Children breathe up to 50 percent more air per pound of body weight than adults and, with their immune and respiratory systems still developing, are particularly susceptible to both acute and chronic respiratory problems such as asthma. Fine-particle pollution may worsen the symptoms of asthma and can trigger an asthma attack.

Many senior citizens have weakened immune systems or other health problems such as cardiopulmonary diseases that make them more prone to suffer the effects of fine-particle pollution.

Fine-particle pollution reaches its highest levels in urban areas, disproportionately exposing urban residents and workers to the dangers of diesel exhaust compared to suburban or rural areas.

While concentrations may be higher in urban areas, fine-particle pollution is a widespread problem. Residents are exposed to fine-particle pollution as they travel, work, shop or simply go about their everyday lives.

According to the American Heart Association, diabetics and people with underlying heart or lung disease also may be at particularly increased risk of health complications when exposed to high levels of fine-particle pollution. For sensitive populations such as those with allergies, fine-particle pollution can worsen their symptoms.

For the past year DEP compliance and enforcement officials have stepped up enforcement of New Jersey's three-minute idling rule, which helps reduce fine-particle pollution by prohibiting vehicles from idling for more than three minutes in most situations.

In October 2004 the DEP also reached out to every school district and every school bus company in the state asking them to take a no-idling pledge and providing information about the adverse health effects of diesel emissions.

The writer is commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Question of the week: Where will you be doing your holiday shopping?



ROSEANN MERTES
Hillsborough
"I do a lot of shopping on-line."



CHARLES SHEINMAN
Somerville
"The Internet — it's a lot easier. Going out on the Friday after Thanksgiving it's always crowded."



KARI COUCH
Bridgewater
"Off the Internet because I hate shopping. It's just nice to stay at home in your fuzzy slippers and shop."



LORRIE GLOEDE
Bridgewater
"I do most of the shopping myself at the Bridgewater Promenade. Any other shopping is done by my daughter and son-in-law."

Letters to the Editor Board looking into project

To The Editor:

Watchung Hills Regional High School District is a thriving learning community growing in student enrollment with more than 1,900 students currently enrolled and unprecedented growth expected in the near future.

With the support of the three sending districts, Watchung Hills Regional High School has implemented a multifaceted construction project. This includes alterations to existing buildings and an upgrade of the fire alarms systems, as well as a new theatre, gym, classrooms, and technology upgrades. As we grow in actual square footage and space, we must accept the challenges that often accompany growth.

This \$41 million dollar project began with voter approval back in January 2003. Under the supervision of our Superintendent (then Gary Reece), information was provided to the public and the board on an irregular basis regarding project progress and finances. With the incoming of our Interim Superintendent, Dr. Frances Stromsland, and closer scrutiny from the board, issues related to the construction project came to light that were unsettling. Information on financial matters was "closely held" by the superintendent and therefore not available to board members on a timely basis. One of the first things the board and Dr. Stromsland did was to hire an outside auditor to review the expenditures and their appropriateness, and to hire one of the premier legal firms in New Jersey, Schenck, Price, Smith

and King, with expertise in the area of construction law to provide us with appropriate counsel.

Over the past six months, a careful and detailed review of the construction referendum budget was undertaken. The referendum budget was reviewed by an outside auditor, Steve Gillingham, of School Business and Government Services, and our internal district auditing team of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, Certified Public Accountants.

On Nov. 7, the board voted to direct legal counsel to investigate and, where appropriate, pursue the actions on the part of the superintendent, public officials and key individuals and/or entities involved in this project and their role in any potential mismanagement or overall lack of oversight of this important project.

As board president and representative of the people of this community, I want to assure all those involved that our commitment is to actively and aggressively pursue all legal options and remedies for the recovery of funds that may be available to the district. As president of the board, I will request that within the next two months this investigation be completed and, at that time, I will convene a public meeting to discuss the results.

We owe nothing less to the taxpayers and the students of the Watchung Hills School Community than to pursue this matter aggressively.

BARBARA VITARIUS
Watchung
The writer is president of the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education.

Somerville support was appreciated

To The Editor:

I want to thank all the people who supported me on Election Day and all those who actively helped in supporting me in the time leading up to the election.

I thank Mayor Brian Gallagher especially for his vision and setting such a great agenda. I enjoyed meeting many of the residents of Somerville over the past couple of months, for me campaigning door to door is the best part of running for council. There are so many wonderful people here in Somerville, and I enjoyed discussing the issues and finding out what is important to many of you — rest assured I will not forget.

I also wanted to thank the other candidates. Any one who volunteers to do this job deserves a lot of credit. It is a lot of work and time away from our families for basically no pay — and it takes people who are really dedicated and love this town to volunteer. So I thank all the candidates for putting on a spirited, yet cordial campaign.

I thank my wife, especially, for her understanding and support in all my endeavors. I know it must be tough seeing me walk out the door three or four

nights a week, but she supports me any way, knowing that I do it for the love of the town and in the hope our daughter will be able to enjoy growing up here as much as I did. I also thank my family — without their love and support through my whole life I would not have been able to accomplish as much as I have.

This year Somerville spoke, and they said that they are happy with the direction in which we are heading. I thank you, the voters, for your approval of the work I have done over the past three years and giving me the opportunity to follow many of the ongoing projects to their end. Ellen Brain worked hard on this campaign, and as much as I would have loved to have served with her these next three years, it will be my honor to serve with the Rev. Pat Webster. I think the voters of Somerville did not so much vote against any one particular candidate this year as they voted to keep in place the people who have made progress and will keep us moving in the right direction. I will not let you down.

SEAN DECKER
Somerville

Democrats gained ground in election

To The Editor:

I am writing in response to Howard Norgalis' letter which appeared in a local paper recently. In celebrating his reelection, he thanked the voters of Bridgewater because they "...still trust in Norgalis, Albano and Hsing." I was amused by the spin he put on his victory.

But back to reality and the facts. Last year the GOP won by 2,860 votes. This year the highest Republican vote-getter was separated from the lowest Democratic candidate by 1,579 votes. The highest democratic candidate came within 448 votes of defeating the lowest Republican vote-getter. Clearly, over 2,400 voters have less trust in the Republican Party — and for good cause.

They pontificate about open space but it was Mayor Flannery's appointed planning board that voted to expand the mall. And it is the all Republican Township Council

that is planning to decimate the Darby Tract.

They profess fiscal responsibility and then create needless positions and perform needless studies for a park that on one wants, while raising taxes.

And worst of all, they totally disrespect the members of the police department by failing to openly and thoroughly investigate the allegations against the chief. The election may be over but the issues for which Joan Prichard, John Rooney and I ran still exist. I call on the voters of Bridgewater to let the mayor and township council know that your "trust" in them is not what it used to be. Call them, write them, send letters to the editor and show up for council meetings. Let your "dis-trust" be known — for the good of Bridgewater.

PAUL D. AMITRANI
Bridgewater
The writer ran as a Democrat for Township Council in this year's General Election.

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Somerset County Briefs

Route 22 interchange plan is presented

WATCHUNG — The state Department of Transportation hosted an information forum at Borough Hall Monday to introduce the public to a Route 22 Interchange improvement project.

The project, slated to begin in the spring of 2008 and finish in spring 2010, would improve traffic flow and safety in the borough and Scotch Plains, according to Percy W. Gayanilo, a transportation engineer and project manager with the DOT. The project would rebuild intersections on New

Providence Road, Bonnie Burn Road and Park Avenue, adding a through left lane at Bonnie Burn Road, two left-turn lanes at Park Avenue and a right-turn lane at Bonnie Burn Road and New Providence Road.

It would also provide a left-turn signal at the ramp coming off the overpass at Park Avenue. The Route 22 overpass would also be replaced because it is structurally deficient, and a northbound lane would be added, officials said.

Three detention basins would be added to better control flooding in the area.

"The idea of the plan is to best as possible expedite traf-

fic in a safe manner," said Watchung Mayor Albert S. Ellis, adding the plan should provide some relief to drivers traveling from the Watchung area into Union County.

However, Ellis said he would like to see an overhaul of New Providence Road included in the project to coincide with improvements to the Interstate 78 and Dimaond Hill Road interchange, scheduled for completion in 2007.

"These are two projects connected by less than one mile of road that is not being improved," added Freeholder Peter S. Palmer, liaison to the North Jersey Transportation

Planning Authority.
— Jim White, staff writer

Federal funding helps with facility upgrades

Four Somerset County municipalities received \$30,000 each in federal funding for upgrades to their public safety communications equipment, Congressman Mike Ferguson, R-7th, announced Monday. Officials from Bridgewater, Branchburg, Bound Brook and South Bound Brook were each presented ceremonial checks Monday and Tuesday by Ferguson.

— Allison Elyse Gualtieri, staff writer

Students, faculty sign up to support troops



ROD HIRSCH/The Reporter



COURTESY HUNTERDON COUNTY BULLDOGS

Life Scout John Schulz, Tom Cunningham and Scoutmaster Carl Schulz, photo left, help unload 173 bags of groceries donated to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 by residents of Bradley Gardens at The Reporter office. OPSHBX volunteer John Dorell, shown in photo at right with his wife Linda, was honored by the Marine Corps League Distinguished Citizen Award for his efforts on behalf of veterans.

Cathy Creange, a fourth-grade teacher at the Lindeneau elementary school in Edison, is coordinating a drive to raise financial contributions and donations at the school between Thanksgiving and the end of December, as well as a letter-writing campaign for the 520 students at the K-5 school.

Principal Edward Samolewicz has encouraged the faculty to dispense with the usual holiday gift-giving amongst themselves, and instead, donate what money would have been spent on scarves, gloves and boxes of imported teas to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

Students will be sent home with the grocery list of items requested by the soldiers and Marines based in Iraq, hoping that moms and dads will send in a few bags of groceries during the collection drive.

"It is the right thing to do," Creange said. "This is the kind of thing you want to be involved with, something you want to give to," explaining that the nephew of her girlfriend was killed recently in a roadside bombing in Iraq.

She said the school's custodians had already ordered boxes for packing the items.

We've sent along posters, brochures and other materials to support their effort, hoping that their involvement will encourage other schools to do the same during the holiday season and beyond.



Rod Hirsch
Executive Editor

local food banks, the second for OPSHBX. Cunningham and Schulz dropped off close to 200 bags at the food bank first, then made a second trip to Somerville to drop off the 173 bags at The Chronicle office.

Volunteers will begin to sort the bags in the coming weeks; they'll be part of the shipment we're putting together for late January.

Thanks from Iraq

Operation Shoebox:
Thank you very much for your support to soldiers over here in Iraq. I received your packages and them the items out to the soldiers in my section. We are all very grateful for your time and consideration for us.

I have been here for 11 months and I have to say that this really has been an amaz-

ing experience. The soldiers are doing great, and above all are grateful for their opportunity to serve their country. I am an engineer in the 20th Engineer Brigade. We have done a lot for the people of Iraq. We have built roads, cleared routes and built base camps.

Most of all I am grateful to God and appreciate our great country. Do not take things for granted. People in Iraq do not live as nicely as us. They are very poor and live in a very dusty, dirty environment.

I can't wait to get home and to see my wife Tracy.

Thank you.

Capt. Eugene Seiter III
20th Engineer Brigade
Camp Victory, Iraq

Honor roll

Capt. Seiter's wife sent us a \$100 check earlier this month in support of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. We'd like to acknowledge others who've also been generous with their support this past week: Lindo and Mary Lee Nangeroni, Bound Brook, \$100; Nadine and Walter Sliwa, Neshanic Station, \$50; Tim Grooms, Bridgewater, \$50 and Norman Starr,

Watchung, \$25.

Free shipping materials

Thanks to Marcia Coccozza, a program specialist with the Girls Scouts Rolling Hills Council located on Route 28 in North Branch for this piece of helpful information.

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas.

Call 1-800-610-8734 or 1-800-527-1950; the USPS will send free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels to your front door. Make sure you ask for CARE KIT 4. You will receive five 7-by-7-by-6-inch boxes; five 12-by-12-by-8-inch boxes; one roll of tape; 15 U.S. Customs forms; 10 address labels, and five water proof bags.

The Rolling Hills Council, and especially Marcia have been an integral part of the success of OPSHBX from the beginning. Marcia drops off donations at The Chronicle office on a regular basis - boxes of Girl Scout cookies, groceries, and letters and cards to the soldiers overseas. Her daughter, who is in the Navy, was recently deployed

to the Persian Gulf.

T-shirts for sale

Quality T-shirts with the handsome Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster and logo are available for a donation of \$10.

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

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

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

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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 tax-deductible.

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.

Military Notes

Mark C. Barrow, a private in the Army National Guard, has graduated from basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. He is the son of Arisa Carter of Amherst Street, Highland Park.

Army Pfc. Dominick C. Mascolo has graduated from basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is the son of Daryn Mascolo of West Crescent Parkway, South Plainfield, and a 2003 alumnus of South Plainfield High School.

Gabriel L. Potter has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the Marine Corps. He is assigned to the Headquarters and Service Battalion at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Va.

Potter is the son of Adelaid and Fred C. Slobert of Piscataway.

Marine Corps Cpl. Gabriel L. Potter, son of Adelaid and Fred C. Slobert of Piscataway, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.

Potter was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Army Pfc. Dominick C. Mascolo has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

He is the son of Daryn Mascolo of South Plainfield. Mascolo is a 2003 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Fernando Marin, Jr., son of Bertha A. and Fernando Marin of Edison, and more than 470 Navy reservists were mobilized from Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force Charlie home-based in Williamsburg, Va., and deployed to Iraq and Kuwait in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Marin is a 1989 graduate of Edison High School and joined the Navy in September 1990.

Army National Guard Pvt. Mark C. Barrow has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

He is the son of Arisa Carter of Highland Park.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert P. Novak has graduated from the Air Force Kisting Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Kapaun Air Station, Germany.

The six-week course is designed to train students in professional military education that prepares noncommissioned officers for positions of increased responsibility by broadening their leadership and supervisory skills, and expanding their perspective of the military profession to be better supervisors and mentors.

Training included instruction in advanced military leadership management theories and responsibilities, and the profession of arms which covers areas of study distinct to the military; oral, written, and speaking communication skills, and physical fitness training. The sergeants are trained to perform supervisory duties to learn behavior concepts, problem solving, and counseling techniques relative to the Air Force mission and organization.

The sergeant is an airborne mission systems specialist assigned to Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany.

He is the son of Robert and Patricia Novak Edison. His wife, Tyanne, is the daughter of Charles and Shirley Jett of Orange Park, Fla. Novak is a 1991 graduate of Edison High School.

Navy Seaman Cecilia A. Fosu, daughter of Antonia L. Cockerhan of Newark, and Francis Y. Fosu of Piscataway, was recently promoted to her current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Fosu received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Fosu is a 2005 graduate of Irvington High School.

Congratulations

OPSHBX volunteer John Dorell was honored last week by the Marine Corps League Hunterdon County Bulldogs with its Distinguished Citizen Award, the highest honor accorded a non-Marine.

Dorell, an Army veteran, and owner of Dorell Locksmith on Somerset Street in Raritan, works tirelessly on behalf of veterans as well as OPSHBX. His storefront is lined with American flags and a sign in support of U.S. troops. He regularly visits the residents of the Lyons Veterans Hospital, and helped coordinate the Wednesday night Classic Cruisers event in downtown Raritan, distributing information about OPSHBX and collecting donations.

John is also largely responsible for the success of the Nov. 5 pack and ship event held at American Legion Post 327 in Bradley Gardens, where 300 volunteers helped pack and ship 1,000 gift boxes for U.S. troops in the Mideast. He worked closely with members of the Legion post, Raritan officials, coordinated arrangements with several restaurants that fed the volunteers, and OPSHBX volunteers to make the day happen.

We join with the Marine Corps League in saluting John.

Boy scouts

Residents of Bradley Gardens donated 173 bags of snacks and toiletry items to Boy Scout Troop 99 during last weekend's Scouting for Food collection drive. Led by Scoutmaster Carl Schulz and OPSHBX volunteer Tom Cunningham, 6 other adult leaders and 8 members of the troop went door-to-door to pick up the bags, which had been passed out in the community by the scouts the week before.

Cunningham said most of those residents filled two bags - one designated for

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OPERATION SHOEBOX NEW JERSEY 2005

Support Our Troops

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:

- Suntan lotion
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- Lip balm
- Feminine products
- Ear swabs
- Laundry detergent
- Tug wipes/bug strips
- Wipes (travel size)
- Razors
- Toilet paper
- Eye drops
- Spices/Tea bags

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

*Donated Items must be in their original packaging.

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Sports

Chiefs roll to earn shot at fourth straight

PISCATAWAY — At just about every turn this season the Chiefs have faced a new challenge and dealt with it impressively.

Saturday, with a berth in the North Jersey 2 Group IV championship on the line, the Piscataway High football team was given another new test — this one in the form of defending against an outstanding passing quarterback — and once again it proved to be no problem.

Getting another great performance from Kevin Woolfolk, who carried 37 times for 172 yards and two scores, and continued strong play from his lines Piscataway earned the right to face Phillipsburg next weekend for the crown as the Chiefs claimed a 26-6 victory to improve to 9-1 on the year.

Hosting third-seeded Irvington in the semifinals, the Chiefs had the unenviable task of trying to contain Osvaldo Berjulet, who had thrown for more than 2000 yards and 17 touchdowns

this fall, a task made doubling difficult by not having played any predominant passing opponents.

While Berjulet did get his yards through the air, 168 of them, Piscataway made him earn every one of them and it took 37 passes to get it done as the Chiefs limited the Irvington standout to only 13 completions (35 percent). The run defense, meanwhile, held the Blue Knights to 31 yards on 11 attempts.

Piscataway picked off a pair of Berjulet passes and both proved instrumental in the Chiefs carving out a 19-0 halftime advantage.

With neither offense doing anything in the opening quarter the Piscataway defense stepped up and produced the first points as end Allen Hudson read a screen pass on a play that started on the Irvington 24, picked it and went 16 yards for the touchdown. Marquis Salazar added the PAT kick as the Chiefs went up 7-0 with 49 seconds left

PISCATAWAY FOOTBALL

in the first period.

Following then ensuing kickoff Terrence Fox ended a Knight drive with an interception at the Piscataway 20 and returned it 27 yards to 47. From there the Chiefs went on a 10-play drive to add to its lead.

Piscataway kept the ball entirely on the ground during the drive with Woolfolk getting six of the attempts, including the touchdown from then Irvington 1 with 6:06 to play in the half. Two plays earlier Woolfolk picked up a big first down on a fourth-and-2 play at the 9.

Getting the ball back at its 34 with just 49 seconds to play in the half Piscataway wasn't content with its 13-0 lead, and helped by a face mask penalty, covered the 66 yards in three plays. After Woolfolk ran for 8 yards, Tony

Logan hooked up with DaJuan Geratz for 30 yards with a 14-yard penalty moving the ball to the Irvington 14. Logan then found Marcus Wright in the end zone with no time left on the clock to make it a 19-0 contest.

Irvington, which fell to 8-2 with the loss, finally broke through with 3:23 left in the third quarter when Berjulet tossed a 10-yard scoring pass, but that proved to be the only time Knights' threatened to make it a game.

Following the Irvington TD the Chiefs put together a killer of a drive when they traveled 83 yards for their final touchdown, using 16 plays and consuming nearly eight minutes of the clock. Woolfolk capped the drive with a 7-yard run, his second TD of the game and 25th of season.

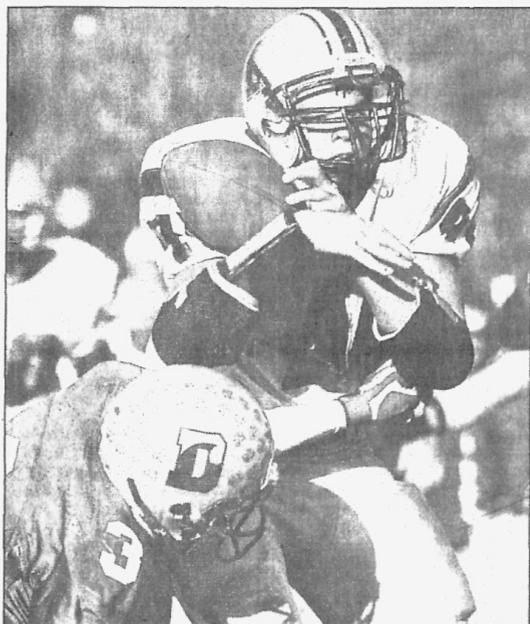
Overall Piscataway held a 344-199 advantage in total yards. Logan, coming off two poor games throwing the ball, was outstanding as he hit on 6 of 10 passes for 68 yards while adding 45

yards on the ground on three carries.

The second-ranked Chiefs, who had a Thanksgiving Day game scheduled against Franklin, will slug it out with undefeated and top-rated Phillipsburg for the North 2 IV title for the second straight year after Piscataway survived a 14-13 overtime battle last year.

In seeking its fourth straight sectional title Piscataway will face the best offensive squad its will see this fall. The Stateliners, 10-0 and winners of the Skyland Conference Delaware East Division, average 39 points a game while yielding 15.7, so an offensive shootout could be in store.

During its two-game run to the final Phillipsburg has been at its best, routing East Orange 50-30 and Union 56-14. Quarterback Justin Visconti is another excellent quarterback the Chiefs will have to contend with, but the Stateliners also having an outstanding running game keyed by tailback Art Wright.



LARRY MURPHY/CORRESPONDENT

Immaculata High fullback Rob Pietrucha hangs on to one of the five passes he caught during Saturday's 41-14 state playoff loss to Delbarton.

Delbarton wallops Immaculata

MORRIS TWP. — The Delbarton School coaching staff feels Jack McBride is the ideal catalyst in its version of the shotgun offense.

Like a lot of teams beforehand, Immaculata found out exactly what happens when McBride pulls the trigger.

McBride, the Green Wave's elusive junior quarterback, dazzled the Spartans with his quick feet and strong, accurate arm Saturday afternoon in leading second-seeded Delbarton to a 41-14 triumph in the semifinal round of the NJSIAA Non-Public Schools Group 3 playoffs.

McBride's dashing free-wheeling style, a somewhat interscholastic edition of the Atlanta Falcons' Michael Vick, set up the Green Wave's first three touchdowns and his 35-yard pass produced another and a 28-7 halftime advantage.

The 5-foot-9 dynamo ran for the winners' last two TDs following the halftime break and finished the day with 94 yards on eight carries while throwing for another 111 yards as the unbeaten Green Wave won for the 11th time and earned a shot at No. 1 seed St. Joseph-Montvale in the championship game.

McBride, however, wasn't the only thorn-in-the-side for the Spartans' defense as sophomore tailback Terry White, demonstrating similar shiftness on misdirection and trap plays, totaled 92 yards on nine tries. Delbarton accumulat-

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ed 250 yards on the ground for the day.

Delbarton did a good job harnessing Immaculata's rushing attack and their defensive secondary was highly effective covering quarterback Eric Calocchia's receivers. Also, Calocchia, who'd been intercepted just three times in 168 attempts prior to the game, was picked off twice, both setting up touchdowns.

Calocchia completed 17 of 36 passes for 208 yards but tailbacks Kent Amoo-Achampong and Tim Giacomini, who returned to the lineup after being sidelined since Oct. 7 with an ankle injury, were limited to a total of 34 yards. Giacomini actually saw most of his action on defense.

An impressive 70-yard drive which ate up almost half the clock to start the third period culminated in Calocchia's one-yard play-action pass to Peltack, who was alone in the right corner of the end zone. Brett Jones' conversion kick cut the home team's lead to 28-14 and it appeared the Spartans could be on their way to launching another second-half rally.

Things got even more exciting moments later when sophomore Michael Kuhn plucked the ensuing kickoff out of the air

at the Delbarton 40-yard line, seemingly giving Immaculata possession again.

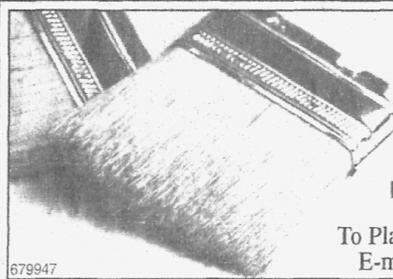
But he was correctly penalized for "fair-catch interference," which basically means on a kickoff the ball must either touch an opponent or hit the ground first before it can be recovered by the kicking team.

Delbarton, which had scored on its previous four successive full series, this time was stopped by the Spartans, but not for long.

Immaculata took over at its 20 following a punt and on the first play a Calocchia pass was picked off by T.J. O'Donnell at the 38. A late-hit infraction against the Spartans on the return set up the Green Wave at the 9. White zipped through the middle for seven yards and McBride kept off right tackle, battling through defenders to the end zone for a commanding 35-14 cushion.

Aided by an interception and a shanked punt, the Green Wave had scored on two straight possessions for a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter.

But the Spartans used the old "hook-and-lateral" play to get back in it. On second-and-nine from their 42, Tyler Sherritt caught a pass in the left flat, then flipped the ball back to Bryan Mondrone coming around behind him and he raced down the sideline to complete a 58-yard scoring play.



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Weekend Calendar

Friday, Nov. 25

SOMERVILLE - Babysitter's Training for ages 11-15. American Red Cross, 14 W. Cliff St., 10 a.m. Nov. 25-26. Registration/fees: (908) 725-2217.

WARREN - Starlight Social for "spiritual professional singles" ages 30-40. Somerset Hills Hotel, 200 Liberty Corner Road, 10 p.m. Reservations required: (732) 764-9073.

Saturday, Nov. 26

BRIDGEWATER - Blood Drive at North Branch Reformed Church, 203 Route 28, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

HILLSBOROUGH - "Belt Buster" hike in the Sourland Mountain Preserve, East Mountain Road, 10 a.m. Free. Registration required: (908) 766-2489.

Sunday, Nov. 27

BRIDGEWATER - Starlight Social for "spiritual professional singles" ages 20-40. The Office Beer Bar & Grill, Route 22 West and Thompson Ave., 7:30 p.m. Reservations required: (732) 764-9073.

SOMERVILLE - Family Christmas concert, 10th annual event of First United Methodist Church, 48 W. High St., 4 p.m. Donation. (908) 725-1473.

Monday, Nov. 28

SOMERVILLE - First Aid Basics course of American Red Cross, 14 W. Cliff St., 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28, Dec. 19. \$40. Registration: (908) 725-2217.

SOMERVILLE - Monthly Meeting for Raritan Valley Mothers of Multiples. Somerset Medical Center, 110 Rehill Ave., 7:30 p.m. (908) 685-3109 or www.rvmom.org.

BERNARDS - Environmental Story

Hour for ages 3-5. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 28, Dec. 12. \$8 parent and child; \$4 each additional child. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

PISCATAWAY - "If You Market, They Will Come": seminar for administrators of Catholic schools. St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, 8:30 a.m. Nov. 28, 29. \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. Registration: www.diocese-tuchen.org/cso or (732) 562-2438.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

BEDMINSTER - Forgotten Flick: "Black Narcissus" (England, 1946). Clarence Dillon Public Library, 2336 Lamington Road, 7 p.m. Registration recommended: (908) 234-2325, Ext. 111.

BRANCBURG - Holiday Art show and sale of Raritan Valley Community College, noon-8 p.m. Nov. 29-Dec. 2. (908) 218-8876.

BRIDGEWATER - Uptight? Maureen Clancy on "Coping with Anxiety." Somerset County Library, 1 Vogt Drive, 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration: (888) 744-4417.

SOMERVILLE - "CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer": American Red Cross, 14 W. Cliff St., 6:30 p.m. Nov. 29-30. \$70. Registration: (908) 725-2217.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

BRANCBURG - "The 5 Secrets to Getting a Job You Love" with John Hadley, Raritan Valley Community College, 6 p.m. Free. (908) 526-1200, Ext. 8334.

BRANCBURG - "QuickBooks for Small Business", first in two-part course. Raritan Valley Community College, 6 p.m. \$126. Registration: www.sbdccc.com or (908) 526-1200, Ext. 8516.

BRIDGEWATER - Book Group discussing "The 8th Habit" by Stephen Covey. Somerset County Library, 1 Vogt Drive, 7:30 p.m. Registration: (908) 526-4016, Ext. 105.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE - Tea Party of Peapack-Gladstone Library, School St., 4 p.m. Free. (908) 234-0598.

WARREN - Blood Drive at Watchung Hills Regional High School, 108 Stirling Road, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

BERNARDS - In the Dark: a "Walk to Remember" for adults. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 5:30 p.m. \$9. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

Thursday, Dec. 1

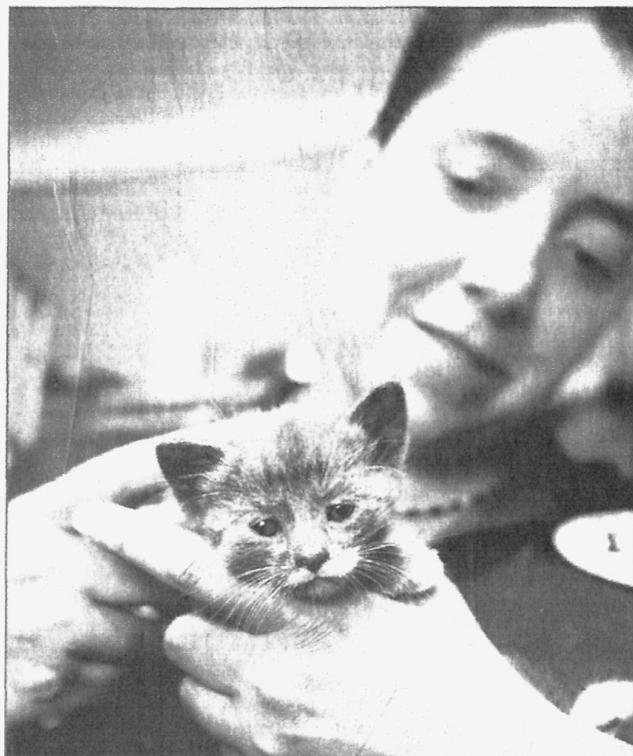
BRANCBURG - New World Order: "Demystifying International Trade" with Roger S. Cohen. Raritan Valley Community College, 6:30 p.m. \$42. Registration: www.sbdccc.com or (908) 526-1200, Ext. 8516.

BRANCBURG - Weight Training: course in advanced techniques for same. Raritan Valley Community College, 6:30 p.m. \$79. Registration: www.raritanval.edu/cce or (908) 218-8872.

MENDHAM - Wine Tasting benefiting Matherly Medical and Educational Center. Roxiticus Golf Club, Bliss Road, 7 p.m. \$100. Reservations: (908) 766-6788.

Friday, Dec. 2

BRANCBURG - Flu and Pneumonia vaccination clinic for township residents. Municipal Building, Route 202 North and Old York Road, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 526-1300, Ext. 183.



"I don't condemn larger shelters, but I am fearful that it would wind up being a holding place for euthanasia. I don't want that."

Kathy Healy
Somerset Regional Animal Shelter

Animal shelter concerned about future

Officials fear bigger center would increase euthanasia

By TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — With the possibility of either a new municipal complex or the renovation of the existing buildings that encompass the Bridgewater municipal offices unclear, the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter is concerned about its place in the plans.

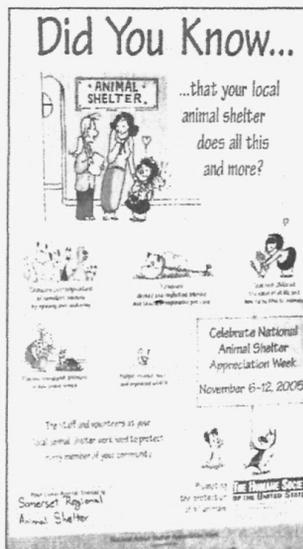
Although plans have yet to be unveiled, the seven preliminary plans presented to the public last month did not include the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter, which is situated adjacent to the Bridgewater Township Public Works Department. The shelter could be moved to another location if it is recommended by a study currently being conducted by the New Jersey State Department of Consumer Affairs.

According to Township Administrator James Naples, the regional efficiency study will look at 11 municipalities to see if one large regional center would be the best option. With the concluded findings of the study, Naples said, the township will focus on two factors, improvement of the current services and possible ways in which a better shelter can be offered. Naples said the township has no problems with the shelter and how it serves the towns currently.

"They do an excellent job," said Naples.

And Kathy Healy of the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter agrees that the township has been very supportive. But shelter officials are concerned about their possible future.

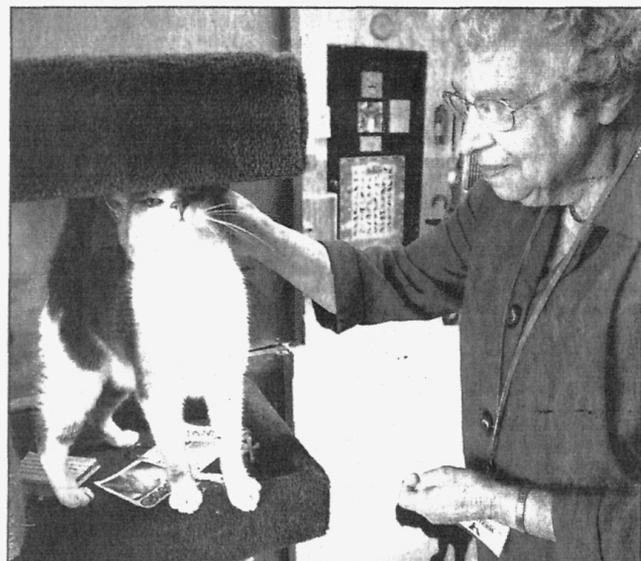
"We impressed on them how important the shelter is to us," Healy said. "Bigger is not necessarily better."



Healy said she is not opposed to a larger shelter that serves several more municipalities, but she is concerned that by expanding the euthanasia figures would increase.

"I don't condemn larger shelters, but I am fearful that it would wind up being a holding place for euthanasia," said Healy. "I don't want that."

The current animal shelter serves Bridgewater, Somerville and Manville. Healy said the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter has one of the lowest euthanasia figures in the state. In addition, the shelter does not charge a fee to residents



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Kathy Ringel, above, a volunteer at the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter in Bridgewater, pets Wiggles the cat at the shelter. Shelter officials are concerned about what the future holds. At left, a poster by nationally syndicated cartoonist Patrick McDonnell promoting National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week hangs inside the shelter. Ginger, top right, takes a break from playing, while Corina Colldewei, top left, holds a kitten.

who need animal removal services. In order to accommodate the needs of a larger shelter that would serve more municipalities, a new shelter would have to be at least four times of the current location on Commons Way. In addition, Healy said, more staff would also be needed.

According to Borough Councilman and Planning Board member Howard Norgalis, if a new regionalized shelter were constructed it could be built in Hillsborough on an available parcel there.

The township is very aware of the

local support for the shelter, Norgalis said.

"We have received 600 signatures in support of the shelter," said Norgalis. "We have received many requests for an expanded animal shelter that would support joint services."

The regional study is expected to be done by the end of the year, Healy said. But regardless of the final study's findings, it is likely that a new animal shelter serving at least Bridgewater will be constructed. No matter what the final outcome, Healy said, the area needs animal control services.

Somerville children trade classroom for pumpkin patch



VanDerveer preschooler Jeremy, 4, of Somerville, points to the pumpkins at Burjan's Farm in Flemington as teacher's assistant Ann Zielinski looks on during a recent class trip.

By TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writer

On a chilly day, a group of 4-year-old pupils at VanDerveer School in Somerville all got set to go on their first field trip of the school year.

Karen Palmer's pre-kindergarten class at VanDerveer School politely lined up outside the school for their trip to a real live pumpkin patch.

The trip started at 12:30 p.m. when pupils loaded the school bus that would take them to Burjan's Farm in Flemington. Once all the children's seatbelts were on, the bus was off to the farm. Excitement in anticipation of the first class trip of the year was buzzing throughout the bus. As the bus headed up Route 202, many of the pupils watched as they passed several landmark sites, like the favorite attraction of the day, Toys R Us.

"I've been there," yelled out one of the pupils.

As the bus continued up the hill, teachers pointed out the various attractions like the colors of the leaves as they change in autumn.

As the bus made its final turn into the farm, applause broke out among the youngsters. After getting off the bus, the first thing to do was board the tractor for a hayride.

Bales of hay served as the seats on the two open cabs that were pulled by the tractor.

"You're going to see pheasants

and pumpkins and lots of mud," teacher's assistant Ann Zielinski told the pupils.

On the hayride that spanned the entire 300 acres of the farm, pupils sang songs such as, "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Bingo". Pheasants, cornstalks and pumpkins all served as the backdrop to the hayride.

As the pumpkin patch was passed, pupils seemed in awe of the various sizes of the pumpkins.

"Oh no that one broke," said 4-year-old Zachary.

While most of the pumpkins remained in tact and on the vine, some were less fortunate and met with the fate of wild animals.

Once the hayride concluded, pupils were then treated to fun in a maze. Made of bales of hay, the maze featured two large toy castle play centers in the middle.

While most of the children tried to maneuver their way through the maze to get to the center, some were clever enough to simply jump over the hay bales in order to get to their destinations.

After playing in the maze, each pupil was treated to a bag with a small pumpkin, gourde and coloring set courtesy of Burjan's Farm.

Then it was back on the bus and back to school just in time to be picked up by parents.

"Bye by pumpkin patch," the pupils said while waving.

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Piscataway providing flu shots next week

PISCATAWAY — Flu shots are being offered to township residents and township employees, age 18 and older. The clinic is from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Senior Center, 700 Buena Vista Ave. Fee is \$3; checks or money orders payable to Piscataway Township are preferred. Proof of Piscataway residency is required. Registration is required; call (732) 562-1133.

Edison church opens Live Nativity to all

EDISON — The Community Presbyterian Church holds a live Nativity from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. This free program includes a petting zoo and a Christmas-related craft. No registration is necessary. For more information, call (732) 287-1666. The church is on Glenville Road near Edison High School.

South Plainfield has Western line dancing

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Cultural Arts Commission sponsors a country and Western line dance at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Dress in your country best for this free show. Georgeanne Vallis of the Colorado Café in Watchung provides instruction.

Dunellen church offers luncheon with Santa

DUNELLEN — The Dunellen United Methodist Church serves "Lunch with Santa" from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Religious Education Building, 316 Jackson Ave. Cost for the meal is \$4 at the door. Pictures with Santa are \$2.50 each. For more information, call Betty Hixon at (732) 752-7250.

Synagogue to auction off goods and services

METUCHEN — Congregation Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., holds its annual goods and services auction at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Merchandise up for bid includes vacations, hotel accommodations, theater tickets, sports tickets, flat-screen TV sets, gas grills, original art and retail-store gift cards. There also will be a silent auction, 50-50 drawing and raffles. Admission of \$7.50 includes coffee and dessert. For more information, call Martha Mack at (732) 548-2238, Ext. 17.

Dickens classic to be performed for free

EDISON — "A Christmas Carol" is being performed at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Edison Valley Playhouse, 2196 Oak Tree Road. This free performance is sponsored by the South

Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission. Reservations are required; call (908) 753-0327. Seating is limited.

The Edison Valley Playhouse is on the Edison-South Plainfield border where Oak Tree Road meets Woodland Avenue.

Edison orchestra to plan holiday concert

EDISON — The Edison Symphony Orchestra holds its holiday concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Performing Arts Center of Middlesex County College.

Judith Morse conducts the Edison Symphony in the Violin Concerto in D major of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky; the "Allegro Appassionata," by Camille Saint-Saens; the "Hallelujah Chorus," from the oratorio "Messiah" by George Frederic Handel; and other Christmas selections.

Soloists are Betty Zhou of Edison, violin, for the Tchaikovsky concerto and Kenneth Han-wei Kantzer, cello, for the "Allegro Appassionata."

The Edison High School a capella choir and John P. Stevens High School chorus perform the "Hallelujah Chorus" and holiday songs. The a capella choir is under the direction of Kenneth Brown and the JPS chorus is under the direction of Diane Wions.

Admission is \$35 for adults and \$20 for students. Group rates are available. For reservations, call the Edison Arts Society at (908) 753-2787.

Garden Club to hold holiday dinner Dec. 12

EDISON — The Edison Garden Club holds its annual holiday dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at the Main Branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. Hostesses will provide refreshments for an evening of fellowship and good cheer. In addition, club members will decorate the library's Main Branch for the holidays.

Christmas celebration coming to area church

PISCATAWAY — The North Stelton A.M.E. Church presents "Good News for the World — A Christmas Celebration" at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. This holiday concert features the church's Mass Choir, the Liturgical Dance Ministry, the Nsamee Players drama ministry, the children's Rainbow Choir and the Singing Pastors of Piscataway. Admission is free.

Vendor spaces are available; call (732) 287-5184. The concert is in the church at 123 Craig Ave., off Ethel Road near the Edison border.



Gene Huntington, seen above left, director of research and natural resources for Duke Farms, and Bill Gunther, a researcher at the property, are seen conducting a study on bird migration at the Hillsborough estate. A 33-acre parcel, known as Research Woods, has been dedicated as an area for ecological research, such as a project being undertaken by Shannon Galbraith-Kent, pictured below, a second year graduate student in ecology at Rutgers University. She is hoping to see how invasive and native plants interact with each other in different shrub and tree communities.

Science gives land a helping hand

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — The multi-colored flags dot the landscape in Research Woods at Duke Farms, each one representing a different research plot.

In one plot, researchers are studying how invasive and native plants compete for nutrients. In another, a graduate student studying ecology restoration is studying pollination patterns. A different area contains five plant species as part of a study that examines how different types of plants grow in environmentally-disturbed areas. These are just some of the many research projects being conducted on the massive estate which had once served as the home for millionaire J.B. Duke and his daughter, Doris. Over time, the 2,700-plus acre estate, home to 23 species, could resemble a landscape laboratory. Research Woods itself is a 33-acre site surrounded by high fences which keep deer out of the area.

"It's been deer free for three years," said Gene Huntington, director of research and natural resources at Duke Farms. "That allows researchers to study vegetation and seed banks and see if it's going to come back. It's a huge thing to be able to do that. This is the largest fenced in area in the state."

The estate is working with Rutgers University on the creation of an environmental steward training program. Participants enrolled in the program will take 20 classes and do volunteer work and research for the certificate. "We're the location for north

central New Jersey," Huntington said. "This is something that could really catch on."

In addition, sometime next month the estate is expected to announce a new partnership for the development of a landscape conservation partnership.

Over the past few years, the estate has permitted researchers to complete projects and studies on the grounds. Within the next few years, it hopes to become the area's premiere host for ecological research.

"We want to promote and market and set ourselves up to host research so if Rutgers or Princeton (University), or even other schools in the area, want to come in, they can do that," Huntington said.

But before the estate can get to that point, it needs to address several concerns.

"There's information we need to gather," he said. "What types of universities want to work with us that are within an hour from here? We need to see what type of research is really needed in the industry."

Already, the estate plays host to several research projects, mostly from the Center for Urban Restoration Ecology, a collaboration between Rutgers University and Brooklyn Botanic Garden, which studies threats and identify challenges associated with the restoration of urban landscapes.

Mikael Lytzaou Forup, a post-doctorate student in ecology restoration at Rutgers, has 60 meter-and-a-half plots in Research Woods. To study pollination patterns, he's his plots either contain one plant species or a variety of many plant



species. His goal is to discover which types of plots pollinators, like honeybees, prefer.

"They (pollinators) like diversity, but they seem to like the big plots of all the same plants," he said. "One week they'll pollinate one (plant) species and go to another the next."

The results of Forup's research will enable Duke and other properties with extensive landscaping to maximize the use of their open space to help the environment.

In her research, Amy Karpati, a township resident and a second-year graduate student in ecology at Rutgers, is monitor-

ing the recovery of the herbaceous layer — herbs, non-woody plants, grasses and wildflowers close to the ground.

"When the deer were here, there was very little diversity," said Karpati, who noted that her plots contain a mix of invasive and natural plant types. She planted this summer and plans to compare the growth and fruiting of the invasive plants to that of the native plants. Additionally, Karpati will look at her plot's seed bank to determine of the natural plants will reseed themselves "or if we have to go back and throw in the seeds after we take out the invasive plants."

Obituaries

George Stutz

MIDDLESEX — George H. Stutz, 67, died Nov. 18, 2005 at his home in Green Brook.

Born Jan. 9, 1938 in Plainfield, he was a son of the late William G. and Eleanor J. Heuett Stutz. Mr. Stutz graduated from Dunellen High School in 1956 and lived in Dunellen before moving to Middlesex in 1960. He had resided in Green Brook since 1972.

An insurance agent, he owned the Stutz Agency in Dunellen for 20 years and worked with

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. before that. Mr. Stutz was a past president of the Dunellen Green Brook Rotary Club.

The Marine Corps veteran was a member of the Dunellen Merchants Association and American Legion Post 119 in Dunellen.

His wife, Elva "Sis" Muldowney Stutz, died in 2002.

Surviving are a son, Robert E. and wife Tina of Piscataway; three daughters, Shirleen P. Koenig and husband Scott of

Lebanon Township, Bonni E. of Dunellen and Jennifer Lane of Baileyville, Maine; a stepson, James Oakley; two stepdaughters, Dorothy Oakley and Joanna Rodriguez; a sister, Nancy Galloway of West Portal; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and a close friend, Anne McAllister of Green Brook.

Services were held Tuesday at the Moody Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Edith Tomore

MIDDLESEX — Edith Partney Tomore, 83, died Nov. 15, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

She was born in Missouri and had lived for over 48 years in Middlesex.

Mrs. Tomore was a homemaker and a member of the Middlesex Senior Citizens Club.

Her husband of 50 years, James Sr., died in 1992.

Surviving are four sons, James Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla.,

Michael, Dennis and Robert, all of Middlesex; a daughter, Judith Bushinski of Center Barnstead, N.H.; a sister, Alpha Fuller of Kansas City, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 18 at the Middlesex Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Mausoleum at Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

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

Rose Guarino

BOUND BROOK — Rose Guarino, 89, died Nov. 16, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Mrs. Guarino was born in Newark and lived in Union before moving to Bound Brook in 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Nagel and husband William of Fairhope, Ala., and Carole Auletta and husband

Ben Sr., with whom Mrs. Guarino lived; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Hagan Chamberlain Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Hollywood Memorial Park mausoleum, Union.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on November 22, 2005.

OR. NO. 05-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-14 OF CHAPTER 100 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK (1967).

ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK
APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN
MAYOR

\$5.10 B256.1T.11/26/05

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on November 22, 2005.

OR. NO. 05-24 AN ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING, DISSOLVING AND ABOLISHING THE BOUND BROOK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK
APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN
MAYOR

\$5.44 B255.1T.11/26/05

NOTICE OF ABSENT DEFENDANTS
(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon SHAPIRO & DIAZ, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 406 Lippincott Drive, Suite J, Marlton, NJ 08053, an answer to the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any) filed in a civil action in which WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO SANDIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION is Plaintiff and NORMA FRANKLIN and LEIGH FRANKLIN are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, MIDDLESEX and bearing Docket # F-1727-05 within Thirty-five (35) days after the date of this publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 24 Market Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated July 1, 1992, made by NORMA FRANKLIN, UNMARRIED, AND LEIGH FRANKLIN, UNMARRIED, as Mortgagor(s), to FIRST TOWN MORTGAGE CORPORATION recorded on July 1, 1992, in Book 4257 of Mortgages for MIDDLESEX County, Page 513, and (2) to recover possession of the concerned premises commonly known as: 53 DAILEY STREET AKA 53 DAILY STREET, SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling (201) 249-5000 or you may also contact the lawyer referred to above of the County of Venue by calling 908-828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue by calling 908-866-0205.

You, VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you may have an interest in the subject property by reason of a lien, encumbrance, or otherwise which may be perfected against the property being foreclosed and for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgaged premises.

Dated: November 26, 2005

DONALD F. PHELAN
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

\$18.36 B256.1T.11/26/05

**ORDINANCE NO. 1673-05
BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(A) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 1503-00 OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2000 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.**

The Bond Ordinance published heretofore has been finally adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, by the recorded affirmative votes of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Governing Body on November 22, 2005 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, commenced as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the last publication of this statement.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring): AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: Section 3 (a) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1503-00 of the Borough of Middlesex finally adopted September 26, 2000 is hereby amended to include for the Department of Public Works the following:

Department of Public Works
Purchase of a Mechanics Service Utility Truck
Purchase of Street Signs
Purchase of a Vibratory Tandem Roller
Purchase of a Portable Diesel Engine Powered Generator Mounted on a Trailer
463 Skid Steer Loader

Section Two: The capital budget of the Borough of Middlesex is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section Three: This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication of this ordinance, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Kathleen Anello
Borough Clerk
B257.1T.11/26/05
\$17.00

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1674-05
AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF TAX COLLECTOR**

Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held on the 22nd day of November, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, State of New Jersey on November 22, 2005. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Borough of Middlesex, in the Borough on December 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of a Rack Body Truck with Lift Gate for the Department of Public Works in and by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Appropriating \$47,350 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$45,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof"

Purpose: The acquisition of a rack body truck with lift gate for the Department of Public Works, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

Kathleen Anello
Borough Clerk
B258.1T.11/26/05
\$12.58

**NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1675-05**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on November 22, 2005. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Borough of Middlesex, in the Borough on December 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of a Rack Body Truck with Lift Gate for the Department of Public Works in and by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Appropriating \$47,350 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$45,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof"

Purpose: The acquisition of a rack body truck with lift gate for the Department of Public Works, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

Kathleen Anello
Borough Clerk
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