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Middlesex H.S. gets new computers

Recently, Customs & Border Protection participated in the Computers for Learning program by donating 67 computers to Middlesex High School.

Computers for Learning is an organization that assists local schools and educational non-profit organizations in procuring computers to prepare our children for the 21st century.

Since June 2005, Customs & Border Protection has donated of nearly 80 computers through Computers for Learning to local schools.

"CBP recognizes the need for computers in our local schools, and as we procure new technology, we are glad to pass on used computers to our local schools through the Computers for Learning Program," said Kathleen Haage, director of field operations for the New York/Newark Area of Customs & Border Protection. "It is also an environmentally safe method to excise technology that is no longer usable to the agency."

The federal agency has been get-

ting new equipment to run state of the art biometric software such as the United States Visitor Immigrant Status Indicator Technology at Newark Airport. The software has been instrumental in accomplishing the agency's mission of preventing terrorists from entering the United States.

The donated computers are fully operational, but had to be replaced in order to efficiently run the new software. The agency's Information Technology unit erased the drives of

the donated computers and prepared them for use by local schools and churches.

Joseph Mendicino, District Network Manager of Middlesex High School, expressed his appreciation on behalf of the school to both CBP and Computers for Learning.

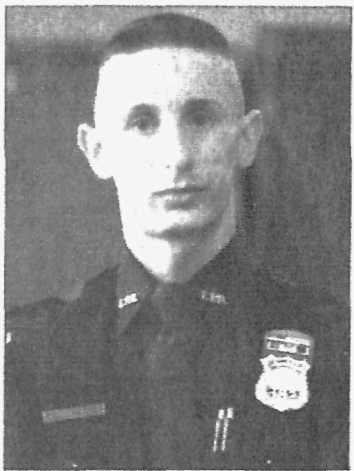
"Because of this donation we were able to outfit a writing lab, upgrade our programming lab, and create a

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Bound Brook places 2nd

Bound Brook High School placed second in the Somerset County Tournament championship last week, being bested only by the Watchung Hills High wrestling squad. Watching beat Bound Brook by a 50-point margin.



Edison man realizes goal

Joseph Kenney II, a recent graduate of the Somerset County Police Academy, will be joining his hometown force — the Edison Police Department — this month. Many in his family are also police officers. "It's a family business," he said. "I know it sounds cliché, but I've always been the kind of person who likes to help people. I like to see others succeed. I like helping others in any capacity that I can." Page B1.

Adults can learn to ride

BASKING RIDGE — The Somerset County Park Commission Lord Stirling Stable has announced that space remains available in the Adult Mini Workshop, scheduled to meet for five consecutive Saturdays beginning on Jan. 21. The workshop will meet 1-3 p.m. at the stable, 256 South Maple Ave. Each two-hour class will provide "hands-on" experience, focusing on grooming, cleaning hooves, and putting on tack. Additional topics will include discussion on diet, activities of the farrier and the veterinarian, what goes on in the mind of a horse and more. There is no riding, therefore previous experience is not required. The cost for the program is \$55 for Somerset County residents and \$92.50 for people living out of county. Payment is due at registration with cash, check, MasterCard, American Express, Visa or Discover. A driver's license, motor vehicle ID or local tax form is required as proof of Somerset County residence. Registration must be done in person or by an immediate family member and will continue as space in the program permits. For additional information, contact the stable at (908) 766-5955, or NJ Relay 711 for individuals with a hearing or speech impairment. Information on this event and other Somerset County Park Commission activities may be at www.somersetcountyparks.org.

"She'll give ... dogs a run for their money."

Local pooch has a need for speed

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

WARREN — Four-year-old Snap is no newcomer to the sport, but next week she will be the rookie in her first ever American Kennel Club National Agility Championship.

Snap is a lovable border collie, owned and trained by Warren resident Mary Lou Hanlon.

"She might be a rookie, but she'll give the other dogs a run for their money," said Hanlon, who owns PetMinders, a pet sitting and training business.

On Monday, she and Snap will drive to Tampa, Fla., where later that week they will compete against more than 700 of the top dog and handler agility teams in the country. Agility is a sport where dogs navigate through a series of obstacles, including jumps, running through tunnels, weaving through poles and balancing on beams and a seesaw.

"The purpose of AKC agility trials is to afford owners the opportunity to demonstrate a dog's willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions," according to the American Kennel Club's Web site. "The program begins with basic entry-level agility, and progresses to more complex levels that require dogs to demonstrate higher levels of training and interaction with their handlers."

The national competition will run from Jan. 13-15 and will be aired next month on Animal Planet. In the weave pole section, the dog must weave through a series of six to twelve poles in a zigzag manner. During the competition, the dogs will also jump over boards, parallel or ascending bars, and through tires.

"It's very fast," said Hanlon of each competition. "There could be 18 to 21 obstacles and depending on the course, it could take 27 to 40 seconds."

But the events aren't routine.

"They're set fourth by the judges and the handlers don't see them until the day of the event," said Hanlon, who noted that handlers are permitted to stand on the course and communicate with their dog throughout their run, but are prohibited from touching or blocking their dog.

During the first day of the competition, Hanlon and Snap will compete with other teams from the state. The top four dogs and handlers from each state will move on to the final round and compete during the last two days of the event.

Dogs must qualify to participate in the national championship by competing in various local competitions throughout the year.

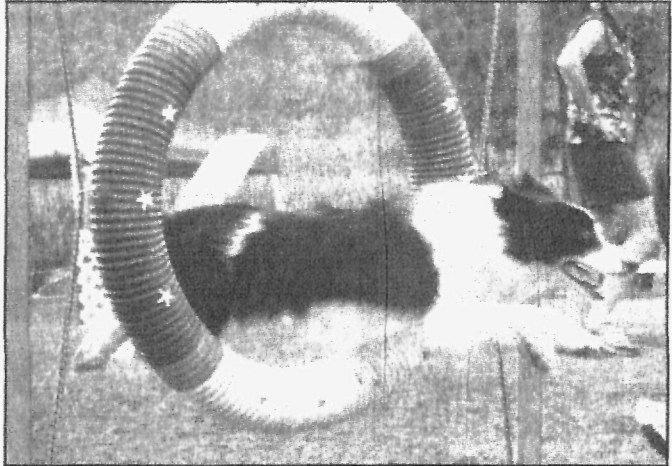
Though this will be Hanlon's first



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, photo above; COURTESY MARY LOU HANLON, photo below

Warren resident

Mary Lou Hanlon, above, and her border collie Snap will compete next week in the American Kennel Club National Agility Championship in Tampa, Fla. Below, Snap launches herself through a hoop similar to the ones at the competition.



national championship with Snap, she's been there before.

Hanlon's dog handling days started with Ginger, a golden retriever who's now 12 years old. Hanlon left a career as an executive in the retail apparel industry in the early 1990s. After purchasing Ginger, she took her to obedience classes. The trainer soon became Hanlon's mentor and friend and Hanlon and Ginger went on to appear and win many agility

competitions. The two even went on to compete in the final round at the National Agility Championship.

"We didn't win, because of one little dropped bar, but Ginger is quite celebrated as one of the top golden retrievers in the sport," Hanlon said. When the dog makes a mistake during a competition, Hanlon knows

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Goal of drug tests is to help, not hurt

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

With 30 years in the education business, Chris Steffner said she has attended numerous wakes and funerals for students who got caught up in drugs and alcohol. Yet, for those who survive their flirtations with both, what she often finds are students who are unable to go on and reach their full potential in life.

"We measure the problem in deaths and overdoses. What we don't measure is the lost opportunities," said Steffner, now in her fifth year as principal of Hackettstown High School in Warren County. "Just say no" doesn't work. It's great to think kids see the light, but they don't see the light. They need to feel the heat."

Steffner, of Bridgewater, turned up the heat at Hackettstown High School last year with the implementation of a random drug testing policy, and has since spoken to school districts and community groups around the country on behalf of the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Despite challenges by the American Civil Liberties Union, random drug testing in schools became legal following a 2002 Supreme Court ruling. In New Jersey, it is up to individual school districts whether to implement the practice, but all schools in the state have an under-suspicion drug test policy, where school officials can insist a student be tested if he or she appears to be under the influence.

"The beauty about random testing is, it's not punitive," said Steffner, adding Hackettstown's policy was formed with input from parents and students.

"We wanted it to be accepted and embraced by the community," she said. "We haven't had an unpleasant experience yet."

She said unlike under-suspicion tests, where students who test positive for drugs are suspended for one to two weeks and reported to the police, the random testing keeps children in school and the law out.

Under the random test policy, students who test positive are banned from any extracurricular activities for one week but are expected to attend classes. They also must attend two counseling sessions at the school, be cleared by a doctor before they participate in any other activities, enter an early interven-

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Somerset's first baby arrives early

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — Elan Patrick doesn't have too many New Year's resolutions. Instead, she hopes 2006 will bring a healthy and happy baby and family.

So far, her wish has come true, though plenty of rest will not be in the cards for 2006. Patrick's new year was marked by the first baby to arrive in Somerset County, Tysein Ahmad McNeil, who was welcomed into the world at 11:04 a.m. by the staff of Somerset Medical Center.

"I didn't think I was going to have the first baby of the new year, at 11:04," said Patrick, a resident of Plainfield. With a due date of Jan. 10, baby Tysein was a bit early, but came in quickly and easily. Patrick came into the hospital at about 9 a.m., and didn't even know she was having the first baby.

"Everything was happening so fast," she said. When she came in,

she didn't even think to ask if she was first. "I didn't realize it was such a big deal. I thought that was for the babies born at midnight."

Instead, Tysein slept in a bassinet with the words "I'm the new year's baby! 2006," on it, and Patrick received a basket of goodies from Babies 'R' Us, as well as visits from family, hospital staff, and media.

"When she came in, we thought, oh yes, we will have one," said Edie Sylvester, one of the nurses who aided in the delivery. "They know they're born on a special day."

"Last year, we had a few during the night," said nurse Sally Joseph, who was also present. This year, Tysein was one of three babies born at the hospital on New Year's Day.

Babies come when they choose, which means just about every holiday and birthday. Dr. Richard Stewart, who was on call for New

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ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Elan Patrick of Plainfield holds her new baby boy, Tysein Ahmad McNeil, inside Somerset Medical Center. Tysein was the first child to be born in Somerset County in 2006. Edie Sylvester, one of the nurses who aided in the delivery, is on the left.

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Local pooch has a need for speed

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not to let the disappointment show.

"I've done my job as a trainer if Snap never knows she made a mistake," Hanlon said. "If she made a mistake, it's because in my training I didn't communicate clearly what she needs to do. And during the event, while she's doing something, it's so fast that I need to explain what she's doing next. Once I convey disappointment, the dog will eventually slow down because they don't want to make another mistake, and while accuracy is important they sacrifice speed."

For Snap, training is always on going.

"They don't know the difference between formal and informal training," said Hanlon, who has her own training building in her back

yard. "Every time the dog is awake, it's like training them."

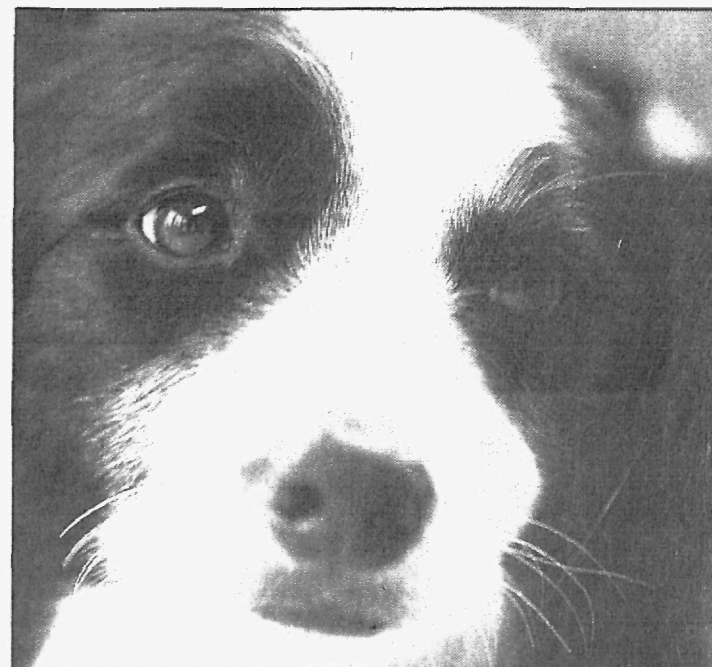
The formal training comes in short spurts. Hanlon might concentrate on a single skill for short periods of time each day. She'll only run her dog through a full course maybe once a week.

Now with over a decade of experience, Hanlon, has come to love the sport of agility.

"It really enhances the human-canine bond," she said. "It's similar to ballroom dancing where one another can read one another's mind. As an individual who likes to be active, it allows me to get out there and run with my dog."

Her dogs enjoy the sport as well.

"Snap's in it for the love," she said. "She would love nothing more than to be hugged and snuggled after the event. Ginger was in it for the cookies."



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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tion program at an area hospital or clinic and provide the school with a negative screening.

And only the student's parents, not the police, are notified.

"Now the parents know, and they can deal with it how they want to deal with it," said Steffner, who previously taught health and physical education for 24 years at Bound Brook High School, where she was also principal for more than a year before coming to Hackettstown.

At Hackettstown High School, a computer randomly selects four to five students a week who will have to submit to a urine screening. All athletes, club members and students who park on campus are subject to testing, as well as students who are volunteered by their parents -- constituting 750 of the school's 1,000-student population, Steffner said. In the 2004-2005 school year,

a total of 70 students were tested at the school. One student produced a positive screening for drugs.

A total of 175 students will be tested during the current 2005-2006 school year, but so far no one has tested positive, Steffner said.

"It's blind to any kind of stereotypes, personal prejudices or profiling. That's what I like about it," Steffner said of the random testing.

She said students who don't look like stereotypical drug users fly under the radar and can wind up going off the deep end when they get into college.

She said along with Hackettstown, other high schools in New Jersey with a similar policy include North Hunterdon and North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional in Annandale, and Hunterdon Central in Flemington. A total of 10 of the 700 students tested in the four schools last year tested positive.

The Somerset County School District does not have a ran-

dom testing policy.

Steffner said the drugs of choice among teens in the region are alcohol, marijuana and even heroin, which she said she has seen the ugly side of.

"My youngest son lost a friend," she said. "He died of a heroin overdose his senior year."

Steffner said she recently asked students at her school what kind of impact the random testing policy has had on their peers, and they reported less are using, and those who are using have become more discreet.

"In our minds it's working," she said. "They know every week five people are going to be tested."

Steffner said this gives the students a "refusal strategy."

"It's kind of using peer pressure in reverse," she said. "Now it's easier to go to parties. They don't feel weird because they're not using. They're not in a minority anymore. ... They know there is a

chance they will miss a soccer game by smoking a joint on the weekend. So they say 'no.'"

Steffner plans to speak about the policy at four summits around the country this year.

The American Civil Liberties Union opposes random drug testing in schools.

On Sept. 9, 2003, the New Jersey Supreme Court, in a 4-3 decision, upheld Hunterdon Central High School's random drug policy for students in extra-curricular activities and those who park on campus. The ACLU-NJ had challenged this policy, on behalf of parents and students, as a violation of privacy and the protection against unreasonable searches and seizures in the New Jersey Constitution.

Deborah Jacobs, executive director of ACLU-NJ, said such a policy undermines parents' authority, teaches students that they are guilty until proven innocent, and has shown no evidence that it deters drug use.

Computers

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new digital photography lab. I cannot say enough for CBP's generosity," Mendicino said.

Computers for Learning is an organization within the General Services Administration that provides schools and educational nonprofit organizations a place to request excised computer equipment. It also provides a quick and easy way for government agencies and the private sector to donate equipment to schools and educational nonprofit organizations.

The process is mutually ben-

eficial; schools obtain needed computers; businesses and agencies such as Customs & Border Protection save storage space, and the community is better served by acquiring a valuable learning tool.

To participate in Computers for Learning, any school — public, private, parochial or home school — serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students may register to receive computers.

Federal and state agencies, as well as private corporations, are welcome to donate surplus computers. Not only is it good for local schools, but it's also the environmentally responsible thing to do.

For more information, visit www.computers.fed.gov or call (866) 806-7767.



Everything Jersey

First baby

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Year's, said that he's even had a set of triplets on the first.

"I've delivered so many babies on New Year's that I don't even keep count," he said. "I've delivered a baby on every holiday."

A solo practitioner since 1992, Stewart has seen his share of holiday deliveries. This year, he and two other doctors divided up the day just in case.

"Rather than ruin everybody's New Years, we divvied it up. We all cover each other," he said. "The patients prefer their own doctor, but they understand. We're all very collegial."

According to Stewart, Tysein didn't make too much of a fuss on his way, and came quickly.

"It was an easy delivery, her doctor didn't have to come in. No epidural or anything, I think she pushed once," he said of Tysein, who weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches. "We have a really, really top-notch OB-GYN unit here. It's a really well-kept secret."

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Steak Dinner to be held today in boro

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Elks Lodge 2298 will be holding a Steak Dinner beginning at 4 p.m. today at the lodge located at 1254 New Market Ave. Dinners will be served until the steaks run out. For \$15 per person you will be served a steak, salad, potato, vegetable and dessert with a cash bar available. No reservations; pay at the door.

Garden Club meeting, video

EDISON — The Edison Garden Club holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Main Branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

Members will see a video of a Garden Club tea that benefited the children's collection at the library. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Mary Kobasz at (732) 549-3579.

Learn how to make a 'canned bracelet'

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Free Public Library offers "Practical Crafting" at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday.

Ronda Wisniewski shows you how to make a "canned bracelet" of polymer clay. When you finish the bracelet will be collected for firing and glazing. Finished bracelets can be picked up at the library after Friday, Jan. 13. Fee is \$2.

Registration is required; call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

Learn how to plan college finances

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Parents of high school pupils are invited to a seminar about "Making College Financial Planning Count."

This free presentation is at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the South Plainfield High School cafeteria at 200 Lake St.

"Making College Financial Planning Count" is designed to help parents gain an understanding of how the process works. Included are options to develop a college funding strategy; how to plan for all college costs and manage them; and different types

of financial aid.

Edison plans trip to see New Jersey Devils

EDISON — The Recreation Department sponsors a trip on Jan. 13 for the New Jersey Devils hockey game at Continental Airlines Arena against the Vancouver Canucks.

Cost of \$36 includes a game ticket and round-trip bus fare. The bus leaves at 6 p.m. from the Dorothy B. Drwal Stelton Community Center, 328 Plainfield Ave., with game time at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave., and the Dorothy B. Drwal Stelton Community Center. There is a limit of six tickets per person. Phone and mail orders will not be accepted.

All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call (732) 248-7313.

High school, Legion to hold night of doo-wop

NORTH BRANCH — The Dunellen American Legion Post 119, along with the Dunellen High School Class of 2008, are sponsoring "A Nite of Doo-Wop 2006".

The concert featuring Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge and The Dupress will be held 8

p.m. Feb. 4 at Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theatre.

For tickets or additional information, call (732) 968-0885, Ext. 104, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily or Bill Uhler at (732) 968-5381 nights and weekends.

Tickets are also available at the college Box Office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Call (908) 725-3420. Prices range from \$45- \$60.

Funds raised from the concert will be used by the Class of 2008 to help defray the cost of graduation programs and festivities in order for all students to be able to attend.

Post 119 has adopted a Platoon of 35 soldiers currently on duty in Iraq and will be using the money raised from the concert to send "care" packages to soldiers as well as to provide for Veterans at the Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home.

Learn to conquer clutter and chaos

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — "Conquer Clutter and Chaos for Good" with Jamie Novak from HGTV.

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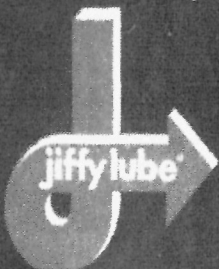
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Microsoft PowerPoint (9 wks-\$80) EB/PI Microsoft Word for Windows (9 wks-\$80) ALL
MOS Word 2003 Core Prep (9 wks-\$80) PA/PI MOS Excel 2003 Core Prep (9 wks-\$80) PI
Intro to Personal Tax Preparation (4 wks-\$50*) EB P.C. Fundamentals (9 wks-\$80) EB/PA
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Final Cut Pro Fundamentals Spring Final Cut Pro Advanced Spring
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Medical Billing and Coding (12 wks-\$220) PI Nutrition - Everyday Nutrition Spring
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12 wk Course - \$110
FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

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Saturday, January 7, 2006

Opinion

They will get their day in court

Soon, the families of 25 people will have their chance to face the man who profoundly — and painfully — changed their lives forever. They will be able to face this man and, for the first time, be able to tell him how his actions have affected them, how it is has left them with pain and a void — and will be able to do so free of censure.

Although a legal entanglement has delayed the sentencing of Charles Cullen, which was to have taken place today in Somerville, the former critical-care nurse, who plead guilty to 22 murders and three attempted murders in New Jersey, will at some point have to face the families of his victims.

For those who knew them, these were not just victims — they were people. They were mothers, fathers, children, aunts, uncles, co-workers, friends, neighbors. For many, this day has been years in coming. In their minds, they have rehearsed what they will say again and again. But nothing can prepare them for the day they will stare Cullen in the face, and tell him how he caused them so much pain.

Many of the victims have credited Richard Pompelio, the former head of the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, for helping to push to have Cullen appear in person for sentencing. Pompelio, who also founded the New Jersey Crime Victims Center in 1989, was recently cited for an ethics violation by the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards for filing briefs from both the state agency and the private center, asking the court to require Cullen to appear in court on sentencing day. Pompelio was accused of mingling a state and private organization together and resigned from the board as a result.

Ethics has been a buzz word for the better part of a year here in the Garden State. We need to have someone overseeing those who

hold a public position to ensure they are being ethical, but all too often it becomes a simple question of right versus wrong, rather than an examination of intentions.

Was Pompelio wrong for using his position in both agencies to help the victims of Charles Cullen? Yes. Was he justified in doing so? Yes. Did his actions yield something for himself or cause undue harm? No. But it is only the answer to the first question that counts.

All too often ethics in New Jersey is simply given lip service. The scandal that has rocked the University of Medicine and Dentistry — New Jersey and its hospitals shows how decades of unethical behavior can create a system of abuse and illegal activities.

Making scapegoats out of people like Pompelio does little to dissuade the unethical, other than to make those who fly the flag of ethical behavior feel better about themselves for having stopped yet another wrongdoer.

And what of the Department of Law and Public Safety itself? Next week the agency will bid farewell to its leader, Attorney General Peter C. Harvey, and all 9,600 of its employees have been invited. The shindig, to be held at The Pines Manor in Edison, costs \$50 per person, and will feature an A-list of celebrities, some of whom have been charged or convicted of crimes, including drug and gun possession.

What New Jersey's ethics commission needs is strong leadership that will tackle the bigger examples of ethics violations, rather than become lost in the minutiae of small violators, or those who did something they knew was "wrong" but for the right reasons. But, today, all that matters little for the victims of Charles Cullen. For them, all that matters is being able to face the murderer of their loved ones, and be able — once and for all — to speak their mind to him. Face to face.

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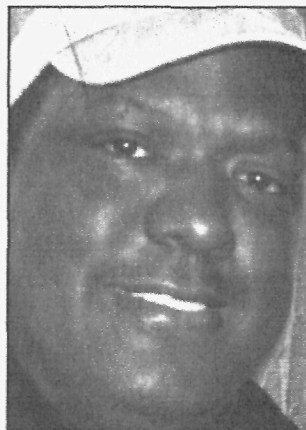
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Question of the week: Will you be successful in keeping your New Year's resolution?



GERARD MARZOCCA
Raritan

"I resolved to exercise and lose weight. I plan on keeping it."



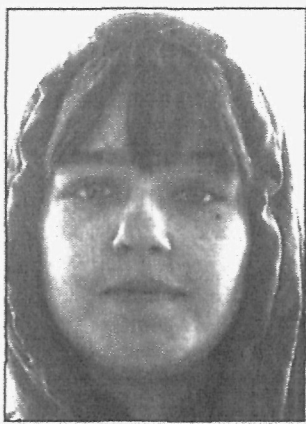
KYLE FOSTER
Bridgewater

"Yes. I resolved to be on time every where."



KERRY RAMIREZ
Somerville

"No. I gave up on (making New Year's resolutions)."



JAMIE HOPODOR
Raritan

"Yes. I resolved to get to New Mexico to visit my mother."

Quotable

"Everything was happening so fast. I didn't realize it was such a big deal. I thought that was for the babies born at midnight."

Elan Patrick



Letters to the Editor

Details needed for referendum

To The Editor:

When it comes to the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education, Joseph Cikalami's and Paul Michaelis' letters to the editor were right on.

The board does not have a clue on what the overruns and change orders were or their specific dollar costs. The theater was part of the original bond proposal. When questioned about the movable orchestra pit during one of his informational presentations, former superintendent Gary T. Reece said it would make it possible for the stage area to be used for additional classroom space.

I believe the state of the art theater was one of the reasons the bond issue was soundly defeated in two of the three sending districts.

Dec. 19, I received the WHRHS newsletter. Besides being filled with doomsday scare tactics on what will happen if the supplemental bond issue is defeated it carries the following quote: "Architects and construction manager estimate that 75 percent of the project is complete. An additional \$3,260,560 is needed to finish the undertaking." There is also a statement "original final eligible cost of the project is \$23,681,688." What is this figure? The original bond was for \$41.9 million. One does not have to be a math major to figure out that if \$41.9 million has been spent for 75 percent, then \$13,966,666 will be needed to complete the next 25 percent,

not \$3,260,500.

Board member Sondra Fechtner stated in a newspaper article, "they relied on paid professionals to keep the project on track." That works if the paid professionals are competed. Board President Barbara Vitarius said that some of the information was misleading and incomplete. If information was not complete you should insist on more information. These people work for you and if they are not doing their job they should be disciplined.

At the Dec. 5 WHRHS board meeting, Superintendent Fran Stromsland listed \$8 million went to consultants. How about some itemization?

Why could we not keep a business administrator? Did anyone on the board do a good exit interview to try and uncover the cause of the frequent turnover?

Interesting fact, the supplemental gym is complete but not the science labs. Where are the priorities?

These actions and statements emphasize the incompetence of this board and why we should not trust them, the architects, the managers or the administration with any more of the taxpayer's money. This group of well-meaning individuals has no understanding of the situation and does not deserve our support until they show us differently.

LYNDA GOLDSCHNEIN

Watchung

The writer is a former member of the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education.

A successful season

To The Editor:

With our Gifts of the Season Program coming to a close, Somerset County United Way would like to thank the organizations that have made this toy drive a huge success.

Through Gifts of the Season, a program which provides gifts to families and individuals in need, we were able to bring holiday cheer to more than 5,000 individuals across Somerset County.

Our special thanks go out to the hundreds of individuals from Somerset County and beyond who took the time to come out and volunteer as well as the companies who provided volunteers: Chubb & Son, ConvaTec/Bristol-Myers Squibb, Johnson & Johnson — Pharmaceutical Research & Development (PRD), Johnson & Johnson — PSGA, Johnson & Johnson — Health Care Systems, sanofi-aventis, Ortho McNeil Pharmaceutical, Schering-Plough, NIA Group, National Starch & Chemical Co., Phillips-Van Heusen, DeMuro Associates, MetLife, Pfizer, Thoroughbred Software International and the Middlesex High School Robotics Club.

We would also like to recognize the following groups for going above and beyond: Advance Realty Group for donating the huge warehouse space without which we could not do this program, FedEx for transporting the gifts for distribution at the Somerset/Franklin location, Ethicon for donating many, many boxes and PSGA for donating the huge boxes so necessary for the collection drive.

Special thanks also goes out to the following companies for their in-kind donations: sanofi-aventis, Verizon Wireless, Van Damme Confectionery Inc., Summit Technology, Somerset Self Storage and Orchard Hill.

The contributions of these organizations and the thousands of individuals who purchased gifts prove that the people of Somerset County understand how important it is to invest in what matters.

We encourage those who wish to be involved with us this year to give us a call at (908) 725-6640 or visit us at www.somersetonline.org.

JOHN GRAF, JR.

CEO/President
Somerset County United Way

Somerset County Briefs

Local Rotarians help literacy volunteers

The demand for literacy education has increased dramatically in Somerset County.

As the Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County, Doryce Wheeler knows this all too well.

"We have a long waiting list of adult learners who want to learn to read, write, speak

and understand English," Wheeler said. "Demand for our services far outpaces our ability to attract, recruit and train our volunteer tutors."

Now, the Somerville and Bridgewater Rotary Club is helping Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County to serve eager learners with a \$1,000 donation. The donation will be used to help train new tutors and keep the program running.

The volunteers currently

has approximately 150 active matches, either one-to-one with a tutor or in a small group. Before matching tutors with learners, volunteer tutors attend an orientation and five training sessions covering such topics as lesson planning, how to work with adult students, phonics, grammar, sight words, drills and more.

"Thanks to donations from the Rotary Club and others, we are able to keep doing this

important work," Wheeler said.

For information on how to become a Rotarian, call Marie Hughes at (908) 725-2299.

Recycling dates are incorrect in calendar

The Somerset County Recycling Center has announced that the dates for the First Saturday of the Month program are incorrect in the printed copies of the

2006 Recycling Schedules now being distributed to households.

The First Saturday of the Month program will begin today. The correct schedule for the 2006 program is Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 9 (second Saturday due to holiday), Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

The corrected version of the recycling schedule — which includes information about

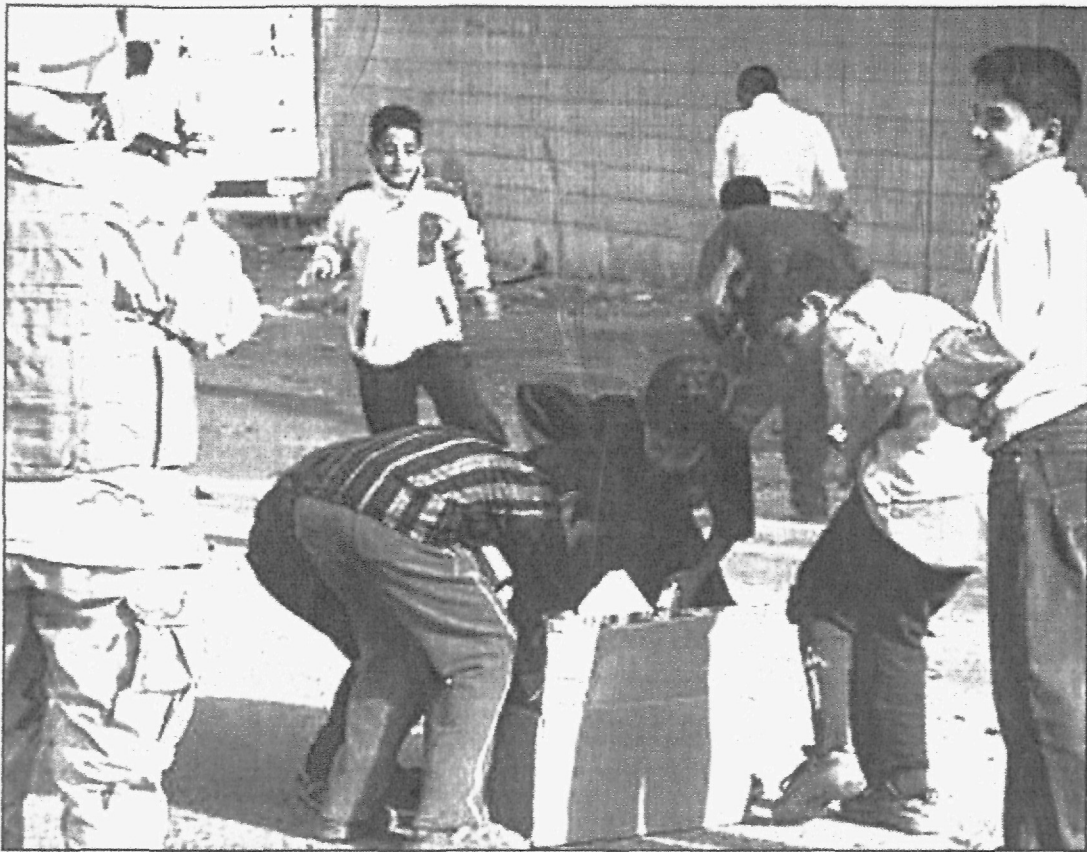
the county's First Saturday of the Month program — can be found on the county's Web site

at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.htm.

The Somerset County Recycling Center, located at 40 Polhemus Lane in Bridgewater, will be open on the dates listed above from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the recycling center at (732) 469-3363.

Iraqi children share gifts from U.S.



PHOTOS COURTESY STAFF SGT. SAIS SINGH

U.S. soldiers, at far left in photo at left, look on as Iraqi children outside a U.S. base in Baghdad break open a gift package sent to the soldiers from the United States. Photo at right shows one of the youths holding the box, at far right, while one of his friends has used his sweater as a pouch, center, to carry away some of the contents. These photos were provided by Army Staff Sgt. Sais Singh, now based in Iraq and a 1993 graduate of Somerville High School.

Branchburg students dedicate play to troops

Maranda and Joe DeStefano spent the days leading up to Christmas and Hanukkah painting scenery, revising scripts and putting their young troupe of 41 thespians through their paces in preparation for next week's performances of "I Love Lulu."

Produced and directed by the brother and sister and hosted by the Branchburg Recreation Department, there will be two performances of "Lulu" next weekend.

All their hard work is for the benefit of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

No admission will be charged - but nobody gets in for free.

In lieu of paid admissions, the recreation department is asking that members of the audience bring a bag of groceries filled with items requested by U.S. troops overseas.

Cash contributions will also be accepted in addition to the groceries and be donated to OPSHBX.

Whatever is collected will then be sorted by OPSHBX volunteers in preparation for the Feb. 4 OPSHBX packing and shipping day to be held at the Manville VFW Post. The goal that day is to send 1,000 boxes to the soldiers and Marines on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Since its inception last February, OPSHBX has raised over \$70,000 and shipped over 5,000 boxes to U.S. military personnel overseas.

This will be the second time the recreation department and the DeStefanos have stepped up in support of OPSHBX.

Last April, the DeStefanos and the recreation department presented "Darn Yanks," an adaptation of "Damn Yankees," featuring a cast of 42 Branchburg youngsters. Both shows were sell outs, with more than 1,000 people contributing thousands of grocery items ranging from sun block, lip balm and soap to chewing gum, hot cocoa and cereal bars.

The recreation department packed it all up in 20 boxes and delivered the donations to The Chronicle office, along with \$311 in bills and loose

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



change that had been dropped into a collection jar placed outside the auditorium.

Here's hoping that "Lulu" will be as successful as "Yanks."

"LuLu," written, produced and directed by the DeStefanos, is a story about the adventures of a young girl as she travels to deliver a basket of goodies to her grandmother - yes, that does sound a little bit like "Little Red Riding Hood, and yes, Lulu does take her lead from Red, Maranda DeStefano said.

A publicity flyer detailing the production and OPSHBX's year-long effort to deliver comfort items to U.S. troops will be distributed in the entire Branchburg school system this week.

Prior to the curtain rising, the audiences will hear from several U.S. soldiers and Marines from Central New Jersey who have returned from Iraq recently.

The show will be presented at the Whiton School on Whiton Road in Branchburg Friday at 7:30 p.m., and again Saturday at 7 p.m.

Further information is available by calling the Branchburg Recreation Department at (908) 526-1300, extension 187.

Letter from Iraq

The following letter arrived the day after Christmas, written by Army S/Sgt. Sais Singh, a 1993 graduate of Somerville High School who arrived in Baghdad one month ago. He also provided the photos that appear on this page:

Hey sir:

Things are going well. At least as well as they can be for a war zone. Unfortunately, we are still losing people daily, so I know that we still have work to do.

I have to say, that after speaking with probably a dozen or so Iraqi nationals (through an interpreter) that I was overwhelmed with how much support we have from them. On a weekly basis, I speak to local nationals working on the base that tell us they are very proud to work for the Americans. They want to support us in every way possible so they can provide a safe and fulfilling life for their families. Some of the locals speak the English language very well. It's not fluent, but they know enough to communicate with soldiers and express gratitude.

Thank you again for your support. Take care and keep in touch

Sais

Somerville Tribute

Somerville Mayor Brian Gallagher recognized and honored all active soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen from Somerville serving in the Mideast during the borough's annual Jan. 1 reorganization meeting.

Following are some of his comments, and a list of those from Somerville now serving, or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Somerville is proud to be called home for many of our brave soldiers currently and formerly serving in our military. It is our moral obligation and duty as a neighbor, as a community and as a nation to recognize the good these soldiers are doing for themselves, our community and our country.

"Few here have seen the ugliness of war, of what young men and women have endured to ensure our safety. . . veterans that have proudly served our nation in the past, and those currently serving in our armed forces. These truly are extraordinary men and women.

"These men and women have a quiet understanding that we will never know of the pain endured to ensure our safety. We need to ensure we remember, and that our children are taught, of the sacrifices people make to better all of our lives. And as a com-

munity we need to say a special prayer for those that did not and will not come home to their families, for it is these sacrifices that enable us all to live here in Somerville.

"It is very easy to demonstrate against issues, but it is far more important for all to demonstrate our support for those that carry out a conviction of purpose, that is our moral obligation. For it is these fine men and women that allow us to live in a society that enables that freedom of dissension . . . too often that is forgotten.

"God holds a special place in his heart for all veterans, both living and passed, active and fallen, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters. Today, we honor those brave men and women, sons and daughters from our Somerville community, who are actively serving in our military, and thank them and their families for their

strength and conviction of purpose, if there families are present here today, please stand as I read their name:

Andrew L. House, U.S. Marine, stationed in Iraq; **Rebecca Coccozza**, Quartermaster Second Class, U.S. Navy, stationed in the Persian Gulf; **Lt. Col. Neil Rivers**, pilot, U.S. Air Force, stationed in Iraq; **Staff Sgt. Sais Singh**, U.S. Army, stationed in Iraq; **Michael Syler**, U.S. Marine, served in Iraq; **Cpl. Robert Olejnek**, U.S. Marine; **Noah Fusco**, Spc.4, New Jersey National Guard, served in Iraq; **Lance Cpl. Jonathan Chang**, U.S. Marine, stationed in Iraq.

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. All proceeds from sale of the shirts directly benefit OPSHBX. Sizes available are medium, large and extra-large.

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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SALUTE THEIR SACRIFICE

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine products | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothesline/pins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ear swabs | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal/protein bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bug wipes/bug strips | <input type="checkbox"/> Fleece blankets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wipes (travel size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Microwaveable foods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Razors | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard candy/gum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing materials |
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Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 will mark its first anniversary Feb. 4 with a community-wide event in Manville that will include packing at least 1,000 boxes for shipment to U.S. troops overseas.

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James A. Wisor, Jr., president and Renny Dilks, commander, have promised the post will do everything to make the event a success. Mayor Angelo Corradino is also spreading the word throughout town, hoping to line up merchants and residents who will pitch in to

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Joseph M. Wojtach

DUNELLEN — Joseph Michael Wojtach, 64, died Jan. 2, 2006 at his home.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Newark and Flemington before moving to Dunellen 30 years ago.

Mr. Wojtach was a retired building manager with Prudential Insurance Co. in South Plainfield. For 30 years he was a teacher in the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools.

He was the treasurer of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society and a volunteer fireman with the Flemington Fire Department.

Surviving are his wife, Sue Schreiber Wojtach; two sons,

Joseph Jr. of Ashland, Va., and Brian of Kilmarnock, Va.; three daughters, Susan of Dunellen, Darlene Graziano of Gloucester, Va., and Mary Rose Ward of Hartfield, Va.; a brother, Peter of Columbia; four sisters, Joan Ricci and Paula Fredette, both of Toms River, Mary Bruey of Belleville and June of Gloucester; 16 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, of which Mr. Wojtach was a member.

Arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Donald J. Johnson

MIDDLESEX — Donald J. Johnson, 62, died Jan. 2, 2006 at his home.

Born in Mount Holly, he lived in Bound Brook and Dunellen before moving to Middlesex in 1982.

Mr. Johnson retired in 2004 after 18 years as an electrician in Piscataway with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He earlier spent 21 years in the Coast Guard and held the rank of master chief electrician's mate on his retirement from the military in 1981.

He was the current Middlesex County vice commander of the American Legion and a past commander of Post 306 in Middlesex.

Mr. Johnson also was a member of Elks Lodge 1488 in Middlesex and the Chief Petty Officers Association of New York City.

His father, Charles, died in 2003. Also preceding him in death was a sister, Jackie.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Constance Osgood Johnson; three daughters, Kelly of New York City, Dawn of Bridgewater and Kim Czernikowski and husband Joe of Bridgewater; three brothers, Charles Jr., Ronald and David; two sisters, Kandy Mengle and Debbie Emons; and a grandchild.

Private arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

Kathryn Schnitzspahn

MIDDLESEX — Kathryn Schnitzspahn, 88, died Dec. 30, 2005 at her home.

Born in Dover, Ga., she lived in Bridgewater before moving to Middlesex in 1940.

Mrs. Schnitzspahn retired in 1977 after 40 years as the owner of the Schnitzspahn Garden Center in Middlesex. She earlier was the manager of Henry Schnitzspahn Inc., wholesale florists in Middlesex.

She was a past president of the Bound Brook Woman's Club and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Bound Brook.

Her husband, Henry, died in 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Craig of Middlesex; three sons, Leon of Little Silver, Henry of Cordova, Tenn., and Russell of Flemington; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday at the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Alzheimer Research Foundation, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834.

Richard C. Carmen

BOUND BROOK — A memorial service will be held for Richard Calvin Carmen, 79, who died Dec. 28, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Bound Brook, he was a son of the late Ralph and Erma Hower Carmen.

Mr. Carmen had lived in Warren for many years and was the editor of the Bound Brook Chronicle until 1968, when he became the editor of American Banker. He retired in 1992.

He was a sergeant in the

Army Air Forces during World War II and graduated from Rutgers University in 1950.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Joyce Stein Carmen; two sons, Richard of Quakertown and Timothy of Basking Ridge; a daughter, Heather Boehme of Middlesex; three brothers, Lloyd of New Bern, N.C., David of Boise, Idaho, and Michael of Bound Brook; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home.

Maximiliano Delgado

DUNELLEN — Maximiliano Delgado, 86, died Dec. 28, 2005 at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Mr. Delgado was born in Cuba and lived in Piscataway before moving to Dunellen.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Francisca Ryder Delgado.

Surviving are two daughters, Lourdes Villaverde and husband Fernando of

Piscataway and Alina Clark and husband Alan of Dunellen; a brother, Paco of Miami, Fla.; a sister, Rita Maza of Long Island, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, Piscataway, of which Mr. Delgado was a member. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Piscataway Funeral Home.

Gertrude Tindal

MIDDLESEX — Gertrude D. Tindal, 81, died Dec. 26, 2005 at her home.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Metuchen and Green Brook before moving to Middlesex in 2004.

Mrs. Tindal retired in 1982 after 40 years with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., first as an operator in New Brunswick and later as an operations clerk. The 1942 alumna of Metuchen High School was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Her first husband, Kenneth E. Larson Sr., died in 1969 after 22 years of marriage. Her second hus-

band, Robert, died in 2005 after 31 years of marriage. Also preceding her in death was a brother, Louis Diering.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth E. Larson of Middlesex; two stepsons, Thomas of Hanover, Pa., and Brian of Argyle, N.Y.; two sisters, Florence Oliver of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Margaret Doeler of Manchester; a granddaughter, Erica Larson of Middlesex; two step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Middlesex Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Metuchen.

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Church will honor Martin Luther King

PISCATAWAY — The North Stelton A.M.E. Church holds a multicultural, interfaith service of songs, prayer and special presentations in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The service is at 4 p.m. Jan. 15 at the church, 123 Craig Ave., off Ethel Road. Carl Sharif is the guest speaker with area ministers and the New Jersey Orators also scheduled to participate. Music is by the church's choir with other choirs and soloists.

For more information, call (732) 287-5184. The public is invited.

Get tickets now for two matinees

PISCATAWAY — The Recreation Department has tickets for "Sweeney Todd," Feb. 26 at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre in Manhattan. Cost is \$110 for an orchestra seat to the Sunday matinee. The bus leaves at 11 a.m. from the Municipal Complex on Hoes Lane.

To purchase your tickets, call (732) 562-2382 or visit the Recreation Department at the Municipal Complex.

Dance for widows and widowers

MIDDLESEX — Somerset-Hunterdon WOWs holds a dance for widows and widowers at 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in the American Legion hall on Legion Place.

WOWs is an organization for those whose spouse has died. The Somerset-Hunterdon chapter is sponsored by the Family Life Services unit within the Diocese of Metuchen.

For more information, call (732) 985-5439.

Synagogue speaker is Rutgers professor

METUCHEN — The Adult Education Committee and the Hayat Speaker Series of Congregation Neve Shalom present Maurice Elias, professor of psychology and Jewish studies at Rutgers University and vice chairman of the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning.

He will speak as part of Sabbath-evening services 8 p.m. Jan. 20 in the synagogue at 250 Grove Ave. Elias' topic is "Raising Your Child or Grandchild to Be a Mensch in Times of War and

Terror." A discussion and refreshments follow.

For more information, e-mail can2r11@aol.com or call Sheldon Levin at (732) 548-2238, Ext. 14. The public is invited.

Synagogue plans Sisterhood service

METUCHEN — Congregation Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., holds its annual "Sisterhood Shabbat" at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 21.

A luncheon follows the service. For more information, call (732) 548-2238.

Geology museum has an open house

The Rutgers Geology Museum holds its 38th annual Open House from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 28.

This free event is on the Old Queens Campus in New Brunswick; enter via the iron gate at the corner of George and Somerset streets. Among the presentations in Scott Hall.

"Extinction in Geological Time" with George McGhee, a professor of geological sciences at Rutgers.

"Diving on the Titanic" with David Bright, president of the

Flemington-based Nautical Research Group.

The "African Rift Valley Great Lakes" with Andrew Cohen, a professor of geosciences at the University of Arizona.

"Born Among Giants," the story of the solar system's origins with Jeff Hester, professor of geological sciences at Arizona State University.

Bring your rocks and minerals to Geological Hall for identification. Minerals will be on sale at a separate desk in Scott Hall.

For more information, call William Selden at (732) 932-7243.

Special ceremony at religious school

METUCHEN — A consecration ceremony is scheduled at 9:40 a.m. Jan. 29 for the Aleph class in the religious school at Congregation Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave.

The program includes a special presentation to the pupils followed by their performance of the musical "The Promised Land." Parents, other relatives and the public are invited.

A workshop for parents at 9 a.m. precedes the program.

For more information, e-mail can2r11@aol.com or call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (732) 548-2238, Ext. 14.

'Learners Service' of area synagogue

METUCHEN — A "Learners Service" takes place at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 4 at Congregation Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave.

Rabbi Gerald Zelizer leads this special service geared to all who want to learn or review basics of a Sabbath service, such as donning a tallit; when to stand, bow or sit; how to follow a service; and the procedure for having an aliyah.

The main service will be conducted by Cantor Sheldon Levin at the same time.

For more information, call (732) 548-2238. The public is invited.

'Freedom Stairway' is coming to Edison

EDISON — Briz takes you onto the "Freedom Stairway" at 2 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Main Branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

He combines his songs with the story of the Underground Railroad and how slaves tried to make

their way to freedom. For registration, visit the circulation desk or call (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1.

"Freedom Stairway" is a Black History Month program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Discount tickets for five ski areas

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Recreation Department has discount tickets available for five ski resorts close by:

Shawnee — Weekend, \$38; midweek, \$32; night, \$25; "Skiers Choice" package, \$61.

Jack Frost/Big Boulder — Weekend/holiday, \$41; midweek, \$32; night, \$20; "Discovery Package," \$52.

Camelback — Weekend/holiday, \$48; midweek, \$34; night, \$25.

Blue Mountain — Weekend, \$42; weekday, \$35.

Mountain Creek — Weekend/holiday, \$46; weekday, \$36; twilight, \$35.

These tickets are available from the Recreation Department office in the Police Athletic League building at 1250 Maple Ave. For more information, call (908) 226-7713.



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Weekend Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 7

SOMERVILLE - Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs from the borough. West End Hose Company, 133 W. High St., 10 a.m.-noon. Free. (908) 725-2300. Ext. 1981.

WATCHUNG - Folk Music with Amy Speace, singer-songwriter. Watchung Arts Center, Watchung Circle, 8 p.m. Members, students \$12; others \$15. Reservations: (908) 753-0190.

BERNARDS TWP. - "Introduction to Cross Country Skiing" for ages 10-up. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 10 a.m. \$9. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

BERNARDS TWP. - The Green Team: community service project for ages 12-15. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 1 p.m. Free. Registration required: (908) 766-2489.

PLAINFIELD - Blood Drive at First Unitarian Society, 724 Park Ave., 8:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

Sunday, Jan. 8

BRIDGEWATER - Pancake-Sausage breakfast, all-you-can-eat meal of Findeme Reformed Church, 581 Bridgewater Ave., 8:30-11:30 a.m. Adults \$5; children \$3; blueberry, pecan pancakes \$1 extra. (908) 231-1928.

Monday, Jan. 9

BRIDGEWATER - Dragonflies! Mike Pollock on native plants that draw birds to his back yard. Somerset County Library, 1 Vogt Drive, 8 p.m. Free. (732) 356-2428.

WATCHUNG - Gathering for Men:

group discussion, reflection and prayer. Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, 1651 Route 22, 7:30 p.m. Donation. Registration: mshope@att.net or (908) 753-2091.

BERNARDS TWP. - Frozen Up: a "Pond in Winter" for ages 3-5. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 1 p.m. \$8 parent and child; \$4 each additional child. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

BEDMINSTER - Forgotten Flick: "Major Dundee" (U.S., 1965). Clarence Dillon Public Library, 2336 Lamington Road, 7 p.m. Free. Registration recommended: (908) 234-2325, Ext. 2.

BRIDGEWATER - Monthly Meeting of Bridgewater Woman's Club. Somerset County Library, 1 Vogt Drive, 10 a.m. (908) 685-1348.

BRIDGEWATER - Book Group discussing "The World is Flat" by Thomas Friedman. Somerset County Library, 1 Vogt Drive, 7:30 p.m. (908) 526-4016, Ext. 105.

WARREN - Book Group discussing "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom. Warren Township Library, 42 Mountain Blvd., 7:30 p.m. (908) 754-5554.

BERNARDS TWP. - Winter Wildlife: "Wandering Around Wallkill" River National Wildlife Refuge. Trip leaves Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 9 a.m. Adults \$40; students, seniors \$30. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

NORTH PLAINFIELD - Recruiting Seminar for students interested in Raritan Valley Community College. North Plainfield Memorial Library, 6 Rockview Ave., 5-7 p.m. (908) 253-6688.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

BRANCHBURG - Recruiting Seminar for students interested in Raritan Valley Community College, 5-7 p.m. (908) 253-6688.

BRANCHBURG - Open House for students interested in Health and Medical Sciences Academy. Raritan Valley Community College, 7 p.m. (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7243.

WATCHUNG - Personal Retreat: a "Sacred Time, Sacred Space" for all. Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, 1651 Route 22, 9:30 a.m. Donation. Registration: mshope@att.net or (908) 753-2091.

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

BERNARDS TWP. - Jurassic Winter: "Diggin' Dinosaurs" for ages 5-6. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 4 p.m. \$8. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

Thursday, Jan. 12

WARREN - "Business Doubler": how to multiply your sales twofold. Somerset Hills Hotel, 200 Liberty Corner Road, 8:15 a.m. \$30. Registration: www.scbp.org or (908) 218-4300.

BERNARDS TWP. - Thursday Thriller: movie on "Polar Places" for ages 7-10. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 5:30 p.m. \$8. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

For police recruit, job is like home

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

NORTH BRANCH — Joseph Kenney II wanted to be a police officer for as long as he can remember. After all, it's in his blood. His father has been a cop for 30 years, four of his uncles are cops, two of his cousins are state troopers, another cousin is a cop, his brother-in-law is a cop, and his dad's three sisters are all married to cops.

"It's a family business," joked Kenney, following his graduation from the Somerset County Police Academy. "I know it sounds cliché, but I've always been the kind of person who likes to help people. I like to see others succeed. I like helping others in any capacity that I can."

Now, at 25, Kenney's dream has come true. This month he will report for duty at his hometown police department in Edison.

"I'm looking forward to getting out there and giving back to the community that gave so much to me in my 25 years. There are people that sure made a difference in my life," he said.

To better prepare himself for a career on the beat, Kenney and the other 41 men and women of Basic Training Recruit Class 35-05 spent the previous 24 weeks at the academy receiving training in numerous aspects of law enforcement including law and criminal justice, firearms, self defense, traffic control, communications, vehicle operations and criminal investigation.

And Kenney excelled, earning himself the Hunterdon County Police Chiefs' Association Officer Ronnie M. Calhoun "Matter of PRIDE" Award, which he received at the Dec. 22 academy

commencement ceremony, held at Raritan Valley Community College. The award is presented to a recruit that displays, on a daily basis, perseverance, respect, integrity, dependability and enthusiasm.

"It's one of our most prestigious awards," said Lt. Peter Lubas, commanding officer at the academy. "He (Kenney) persevered in everything."

Lubas said he was particularly impressed with Kenney's ability to successfully complete all the

academy's physical challenges despite a condition he has that causes weakness in his left arm.

"Any task — he adapted, improvised and overcame. ... He is a positive reflection on his family, his agency (Edison) and us, and we appreciate that."

"I'm not any more unique than anyone else. Every recruit is unique in their own way," a humble Kenney said. "Everyone overcame the obstacles, their strengths and weaknesses. I was fortunate to go with a good group of people."

Following the graduation, Somerset County Wayne J. Forrest praised the class.

"They just completed six grueling months of training, both physically and academically," he said. "They did very, very well."

The Somerset County Police Academy is in its 18th year of providing law enforcement training. The class of 35-05, comprised of officers from agencies in Somerset, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Essex, Morris and Warren counties, as well as private citizens from Somerset, Hunterdon and Middlesex who entered through the academy's Alternate Route Program, was the 35th group to graduate since the academy was established.

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Joseph Kenney II was one of 42 men and women who made up Basic Training Recruit Class 35-05 at the Somerset County Police Academy. Kenney, who is joining the Edison Police Department, comes from a long line of police officers.

Police academy program takes training to street

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

MANVILLE — Veteran crossing guard Marge Szczepanski really didn't need the help, but she welcomed the morning company for two weeks back in October when dozens of recruits from the Somerset County Police Academy aided her in getting the children to Roosevelt Elementary School safe and sound.

"I just think it's great," she said of the academy's "Careful Crossing" program, which gives the recruits real law enforcement experience on the street. "Not only for the children, but some of the grownups are finally learning how to cross the street."

Detective Judith Polhill, a trainer at the academy, oversaw the recruits positioned along Brooks

Boulevard and in the parking lot of Roosevelt. The other half of the 41 recruits were sent to the borough's Weston Elementary School.

Polhill said the "Careful Crossing" program allows the recruits two weeks of traffic control and some interaction with the community.

"They make sure the children get to school safely and traffic flows efficiently," she said. "And the presence in town. The children see law enforcement officers when they hit the streets."

The "Careful Crossing" program began in 2000 after Manville parents expressed concern about their children walking to school. Manville is not a busing school district.

"We were approached to see if there was anything we could do

about the problem," said Lt. Peter Lubas, commanding officer at the academy.

Lubas said the program is basically a refresher course for parents, reminding them how to drop off their children in a smart and brisk manner by car and the proper way to cross the street at intersections and crosswalks.

He said other districts in the county have expressed interest in the program, but unfortunately the academy cannot accommodate them because the recruits' tight training schedule only allows them to do it two weeks a year.

Between escorting pupils and parents along the crosswalk that leads up the school sidewalk, 23-year-old recruit Dewitt Giles of Edison couldn't help but smile.

"It's awesome. I love it," he said.

"Communicating with the kids and getting to know them. It's just great talking to the kids."

Nine-year-old Alyssa Jankowski, a fourth-grader, said she felt safe walking to school.

"I think it's pretty nice," she said.

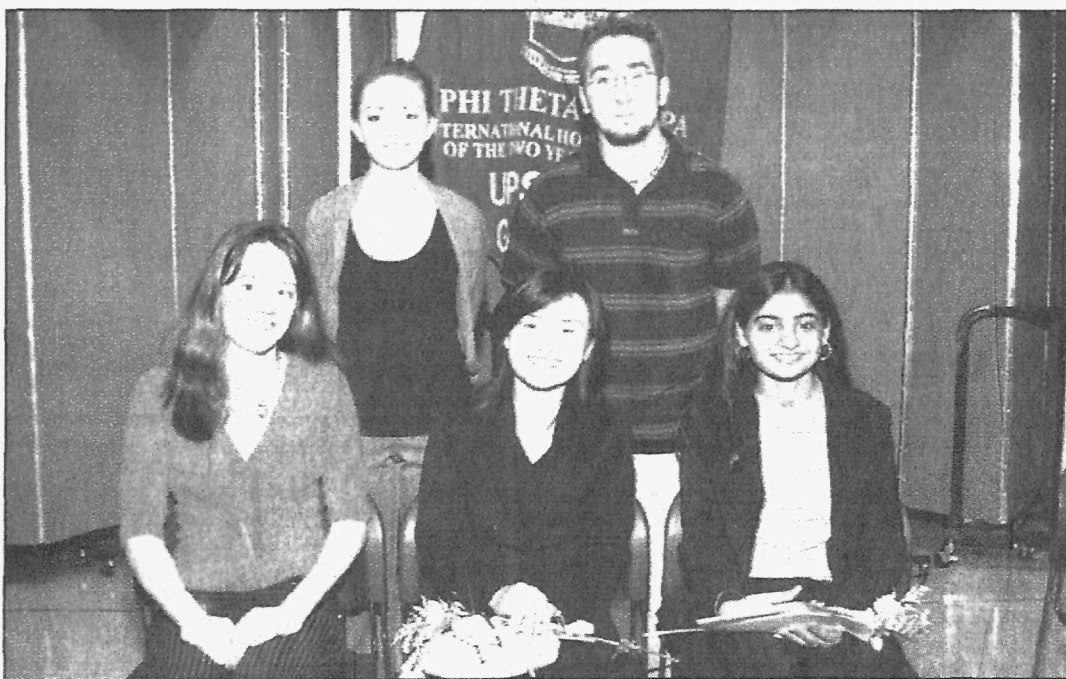
Her brother, Harry Bugal Jr., graduated from the academy in 2000 and is now a police officer in Clinton, said their mother, Alice Jankowski.

"It's harsh on them," she said of everything the recruits are put through to become police officers. "They have to get up early, they shave their heads. They go through some extensive training."

The class of 42 recruits graduated Dec. 22.

"I think they are all going to make good police officers," said crossing guard Szczepanski. "We're

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A group of 110 students at Middlesex County College were inducted in November into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. From Piscataway, pictured above, are, front row, Jennifer Wilkinson, left, Nayoung Kim, center, and Ratnesh Kaur, right. Pictured in the back row are Melanie Duzick, left, and George Olekson, right.



From Middlesex Borough, pictured at left, is Kelly Smith. From South Plainfield, pictured above from left to right, are Margaret Lay, Maria deLourdes Haase and Lisa Sniscak.

Government-issued ID is offered by county

NEW BRUNSWICK — Middlesex County residents age 60 and over who need to obtain a government-issued ID card for domestic travel and other uses may obtain one through the Middlesex County clerk's office.

County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn said the Golden Key ID Card has been a hit with senior citizens who need identification to fly domestically. It is used in place of a driver's license. "Today's strict security measures require people of all ages to carry valid, government-issued identification cards," Flynn said. "The ID card we offer requires the same documents necessary to receive a driver's license, so airlines and other agencies know the card carrier has met the strictest standards when applying for and then receiving the ID card."

Flynn said hundreds of seniors throughout the county have obtained cards this year. Individuals may go to the County Administration Building, 75 Bayard St., New Brunswick to obtain a card from 8:30 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday.

Clubs, adult communities and local senior centers may request county clerk staff to visit their sites so groups of seniors could obtain the cards. Cards are \$6 each and are valid for four years from date of issue. Applicants must provide the following documents to obtain a card:

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

- Certified birth certificate from Vital Statistics (if married, women must also present a marriage certificate)
- Valid U.S. passport
- Adoption papers
- Valid U.S. military active duty photo ID
- Certificate of naturalization
- Certificate of citizenship
- Permanent resident card (valid)
- Valid foreign passport with I-551 stamp and valid visa

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

- Social Security card
- Middlesex County voter registration card
- New Jersey driver's license with a Middlesex County address
- Municipal, county, state or federal government employee card
- DD-214 Military discharge record

PROOF OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENCY (ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

- Business mail issued within the last 90 days
- Property tax bill, statement or receipt within the last year
- Recent pay stub
- Valid driver's license

If a married woman requests an ID card containing a name that is different than the name appears on her documentation (Social Security card, voter registration card, driver's license, passport, etc.), she needs to have her name changed on those documents before an ID card can be issued.

The Middlesex County clerk's office also offers identification cards for those ages 13-59 and a Kids ID program for children ages 3-12. These cards are \$16 each. For more information, call (732) 745-5722.

Athletes' steroid-testing bill gets high-five

There will be complications, confusion, and inconvenience.

But this is very much a bottom-line issue, as Nick Serritella clearly indicated. "Let's face it — we don't know a lot of things our kids do," said the Watchung Hills High athletic director. "As a parent I would want to have my son or daughter tested. I personally think it's a great idea. This has been long overdue."

When acting Gov. Richard J. Codey last week signed an executive order legislating random steroid-testing for New Jersey high school athletes — making this the first state to do so — the general local reaction was hugely positive.

The testing will begin next fall, involving only athletes who've reached the state tournament championship round in any individual or team sport.

"If we can stop any kind of steroid abuse in high school

athletics, that would be tremendous," said Somerville football Head Coach Kevin Carry. "I don't think anyone should ever do that, and if testing eliminates or cuts down on steroids, it has to be a good thing."

Pierce Fraunheim, who's been Immaculata's athletic director and head football coach for over four decades, has always preached against any type of drug usage to his players. So he agrees with the principles behind the steroid-testing.

"It seems like it's becoming more of a problem every year — it seems to get bigger and bigger," he said. "I think it's very important. I've talked to my players for years and years and years about not only steroids but all drugs, even over-the-counter drugs that can be easily purchased. I don't think they should take anything to enhance their performance."

"So I've already been doing that. Whether it's successful all the time, has yet to be seen."

Bernards AD Mike Hoppe also concurs with the basic premise of ridding steroids from the scholastic athletic environment but would like to see the testing extended to other areas.

"I'm an advocate of random testing for steroids," he said. "But I also think if they test for that, they should test for everything. It's a big step — I'll believe it when I see it."

For the guys actually in the field of battle — at least the ones still adding bulk and strength through nutrition and spending considerable time in the weight room — the legislation is a no-brainer, a win-win situation.

"It's something that should be done," said Bridgewater-Raritan junior Roy Dragon III, an All-Skyland Conference foot-

ball lineman and among the state's top-rated wrestlers in the 215-pound class. "It'll put everyone on a level playing field."

Although certainly large himself by most standards, Dragon has often encountered football opponents who are much more immense, and have become so in a relatively short span of time. But he admits it's truly difficult to label someone as a definite suspect in regard to steroid abuse.

"I can never question someone's effort," he said, "because there are guys who work hard every day and do it the right way. And those people deserve to have an advantage over people who want to take shortcuts."

"I even think it would be good if the testing was mandatory for everyone, if that was possible."

No one wants to be caught doing something illegal and knowing they're going to be tested would really deter them

from using steroids."

Somerville's football lineup has actually been decreasing in overall height, especially along the front lines, the past few years, so Carry certainly doesn't suspect any problem with the Pioneers.

"I don't think you'd wonder too much about us," he said, "but some of these teams are just so big and strong and run you over. Let's check those guys first."

Carty's son Ryan, a junior reserve quarterback at the University of Delaware, isn't fully convinced steroid-testing is necessary, at least from his experience playing at Somerville. But it's also something that's difficult to view as anything but a positive step.

"It's a great idea," he said, "but if it's necessary, I don't know. I do know any drug testing at the high school level can't hurt if it's going to make games more fair. If that's what it takes, that's the way it should be done."

"I think if it definitely starts at a lower level, they should test for it," he added. "If that helps curb the temptation early, maybe people who won't rely on it in high school won't need it in college."

Ryan Carty's former Somerville teammate, Jesse Miller, is a 6-foot-7, 296-pound offensive tackle at Michigan State who's been a frequent visitor to the Pioneers' weight room during the semester break. Now subjected to random testing in college, as sanc-

tioned by the NCAA, he said he wouldn't have minded a similar situation in high school.

"I don't think they would've found any of our guys doing anything," he said, "and I know I wouldn't have cared. I never touched the stuff."

Carty, a record-breaking performer at SHS who hopes to earn the starting signal-calling assignment next fall at Delaware, pointed out he's been tested several times in college as part of the NCAA's ban on performance-enhancing drugs. But Delaware also has its own strict policies as well.

"I know if they just looked at me first, I'd never be tested for steroids," he said with a laugh. "In high school, I didn't suspect any kids on my team, but there were rumors about another team. And in college, from what I've seen, I don't see steroids being a problem at my level."

Serritella reiterated his stance that this can only be a huge leap forward for high school athletics.

"I think some people are worried it will look bad on someone's college application but, hey, you're talking about saving somebody's life here," he said.

"I don't know why this hasn't been mandatory before. We live in a day and age where you have to do things to protect young people. Now is the time to do it. Everyone has always wanted something done about this, and I think it's great Governor Codey has taken the bull by the horns and has done something."

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1682-05

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE SALARY RANGE OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

TITLE	Base	To
Borough Administrator	\$85,000	\$95,000
Borough Clerk	\$42,000	\$48,000
Deputy Borough Clerk	\$31,000	\$38,000
Tax Collector	\$40,000	\$60,000
Police Chief	\$85,000	\$120,000
DPW Superintendent	\$80,000	\$105,000
DPW Assistant Superintendent	\$60,000	\$80,000
Director - Office on Aging	\$30,000	\$45,000
Corporate Counsel	\$35,000	\$45,000
Assistant Corporate Counsel	\$5,000	\$8,000
Treasurer	\$40,000	\$60,000
Recruitment Director	\$42,000	\$58,000
Assistant Recruitment Director	\$7,000	\$12,000
Recreation Commission Secretary (Part Time)	\$3,000	\$11,500
Construction Official (Part Time)	\$33,000	\$40,000
Tax Assessor (Part Time)	\$24,000	\$35,000
Deputy Tax Assessor (Part Time)	\$10,000	\$18,000
Chief Finance Officer (Part Time)	\$3,000	\$9,000
Electrical Sub-Code Official (Part Time)	\$8,000	\$14,000
Shade Tree Secretary (Part Time)	\$1,800	\$2,700
Juvenile Conference Secretary (Part Time)	\$1,500	\$2,500
Uniform Fire Code Official		
Prevention Officer (Part Time)	\$14,000	\$20,000
Municipal Magistrate (Part Time)	\$25,000	\$35,000
Assistant Municipal Magistrate (Part Time)	\$20,000	\$30,000
Planning Sub-Code Official (Part Time)	\$10,000	\$15,000
Fire Sub-Code Official (Part Time)	\$7,000	\$12,000
Code Enforcement Officer (Part Time)	\$14,000	\$20,000
Swim Pool Secretary (Part Time)	\$5,000	\$9,000
Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds (Part Time)	\$3,000	\$7,000
Swim Pool Manager (In Season)	\$7,000	\$12,000
Swim Coach (In Season)	\$5,000	\$9,000
Hourly Employees	Per Hour	Per Hour
Fire Inspector (Part Time)	\$15.00	\$20.00
Building Subcode Official/Inspector (Part Time)	\$8.00	\$10.00
Pre-School Program Coordinator (Part Time)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Pre-School Program Instructor (Part Time)	\$8.00	\$10.00
Multi-Use Driver (Part Time)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Medical Transportation Driver (Part Time)	\$11.00	\$16.00
Administrative Assistant (Confidential)		
Employee (Part Time)	\$10.00	\$17.00
Rent Review Board Secretary (Part Time)	\$5.00	\$10.00
Clerk (Temporary) (Part Time)	\$10.00	\$13.00
Swim Pool Manager (Off Season)	\$3.00	\$4.50
Swim Coach (Off Season)	\$2.00	\$3.00
Life Guards	\$7.00	\$10.00
Front Desk Clerk	\$6.25	\$10.00
Strack Bar Attendant	\$6.25	\$10.00
Uniform Fire Code Official (Part Time)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Playground Supervisor (Seasonal)	\$12.00	\$15.00
Playground Supervisor (Seasonal)	\$9.00	\$12.00
Playground Supervisor (Seasonal)	\$6.75	\$10.00
Police Medic	\$12.00	\$15.00
Crossing Guard (Part Time)	\$12.00	\$16.00

SECTION 2

Rates of Compensation established above shall serve as a guide in employment and subsequent changes in rates of employees hired after passage of this ordinance.

SECTION 3

The Mayor and Council shall have the sole discretion in determining who shall be placed on Minimum, Maximum and on interim steps of the salary range and their determination shall be final and conclusive on all employees.

SECTION 4

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, approval and publication according to law.

ADOPTED December 27, 2005

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 27th day of December, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey:

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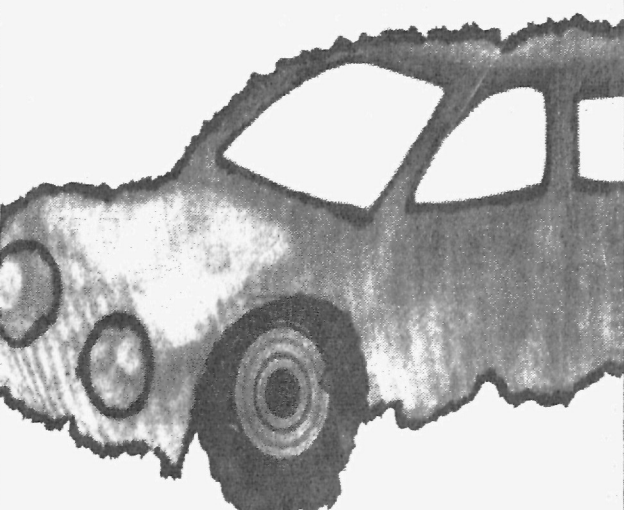
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