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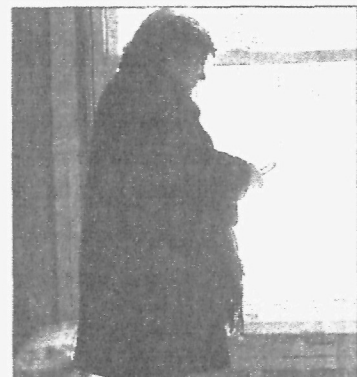
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Restaurateurs split on new smoking ban



Photography as an outlet

Photographer John Vochecowicz, left, with Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabel, center, and Venus Majeski, right, director of Development and Community Relations for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County. They were enjoying a reception at Middlesex County College for the photographers who were part of the SEE — Special Eyes on the Environment — program held late last year. It allows people with cerebral palsy to express their creativity as they take photographs of the environment — both landscapes and scenes of pollution. Their artwork was shown in the Edison Hall at the college during the fall.



A welcome homecoming

Fawnda Genovese-Garcia stands in what will soon be her newly renovated Green Brook home, which was heavily damaged in a fire last March. She and her husband, Felix Garcia, have spent nearly a year working with insurance companies and builders to get their home done. **Page A5.**

Film looks at conflict

HIGHLAND PARK — Jews and blacks were allies in the American civil rights movement, but in 1968 a struggle over community control of Brooklyn schools pitted minority residents against a largely Jewish teachers' union. The Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center screens "Brownsville: Black and White" at 8 p.m. Jan. 21. This documentary, directed by Richard Broadman, features those who lived through the conflict. The Brownsville Boys Club epitomized the spirit of cooperation that prevailed among Jews, blacks and Caribbean immigrants in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn in the 1940s. Then came post-World War II urban renewal, migration by Southern blacks and Puerto Ricans to the North, and the resulting white and black flight to the suburbs. Brownsville's famous "school war" marked the decline of the coalition of blacks and Jews that had become a hallmark of New York politics. A discussion follows the documentary. Admission is \$5. For more information, e-mail filmseries@hpcc.net or call Udi Shorr at (732) 819-9850. The Conservative Temple is at 201 S. Third Ave., near Benner Street.

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI, ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI and TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writers

This week, Terry Hickey will look into ordering several outdoor ashtrays.

Hickey, the manager of Rolf's Restaurant in Warren, joins others in the bar and restaurant industry dealing with the constraints of the newly approved smoking ban.

"My to-do list this week includes ordering a few more outside ashtrays," said Hickey, who noted that the ban might affect customers' attitudes. "I don't think it (the ban) will affect us business wise because it's universal throughout the state. It will affect the mood of our guests, not having the convenience of smoking where they are and having to go."

Officially called the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act, the ban was approved by the Assembly 64-12-2 after winning approval from the Senate on Dec. 15. The bill was heavily supported by Gov. Richard Codey, who expressed his intention to sign the bill even before its passage.

"A family trying to enjoy a nice meal, or a worker trying to make a living, should not have to be put in harm's way to do so," said Codey in a release. "With all of the facts we know today, we need to do whatever we can to protect our workers and patrons from being exposed to the dangers of second-hand smoke."

The bill requires public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars, to become smoke free 90 days after it is signed into law. Codey is expected to sign the bill into law before he leaves office Jan. 17. Casinos, cigar bars, and tobacco retail establishments are exempt under the regulations, which provide for fines of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second, and subsequent offenses, respectively.

Monte Van Allen, a Somerville resident and a smoker, doesn't feel the ban is too confining.

"I don't see why people can't smoke outdoors," he said.

Fernando Salinas, banquet manager at The Willows Restaurant in Greer Brook, said the ban will have dire effects on the restaurant.

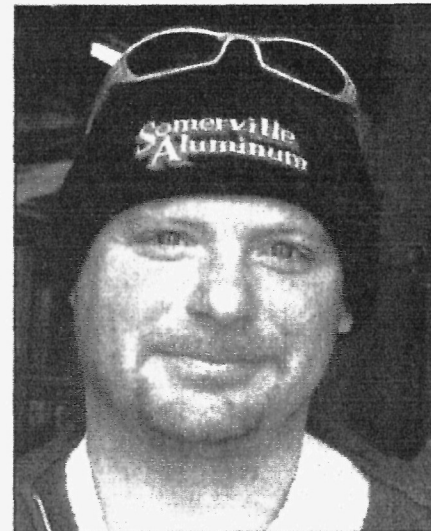
"We didn't even have a non-smoking section until a year ago," he said. "We had smoking everywhere because we had a lot of bands. All the people who come on Friday or Saturday nights come to drink and dance and have a good time. Maybe now, they'll stay at home. I think we'll lose 50 percent of our business on weekends."

Pat Mannion, owner of Mannion's Pub and Restaurant and the Clubhouse Sports Bar in downtown Somerville, is so against the new ban that he even wrote to state legislators to protest the action.

"Is it going to affect business? Yes," Mannion said. "Will it affect the restaurant business? No, because people already are used to not smoking in restaurants. It will affect the bar business, especially in the sports bar."

Mannion estimated that 90 percent of his bar customers smoke, and thought that it should be the business owner's decision. The choice of whether or not to go to a bar that

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AMY S. BOBROWSKI/THE REPORTER

Clay Kuhlman of Manville said he disagrees with legislation banning smoking in restaurants and bars. "After you eat, you just want to be able to relax and have a cigarette," he said. "You don't want to go outside a restaurant to smoke."

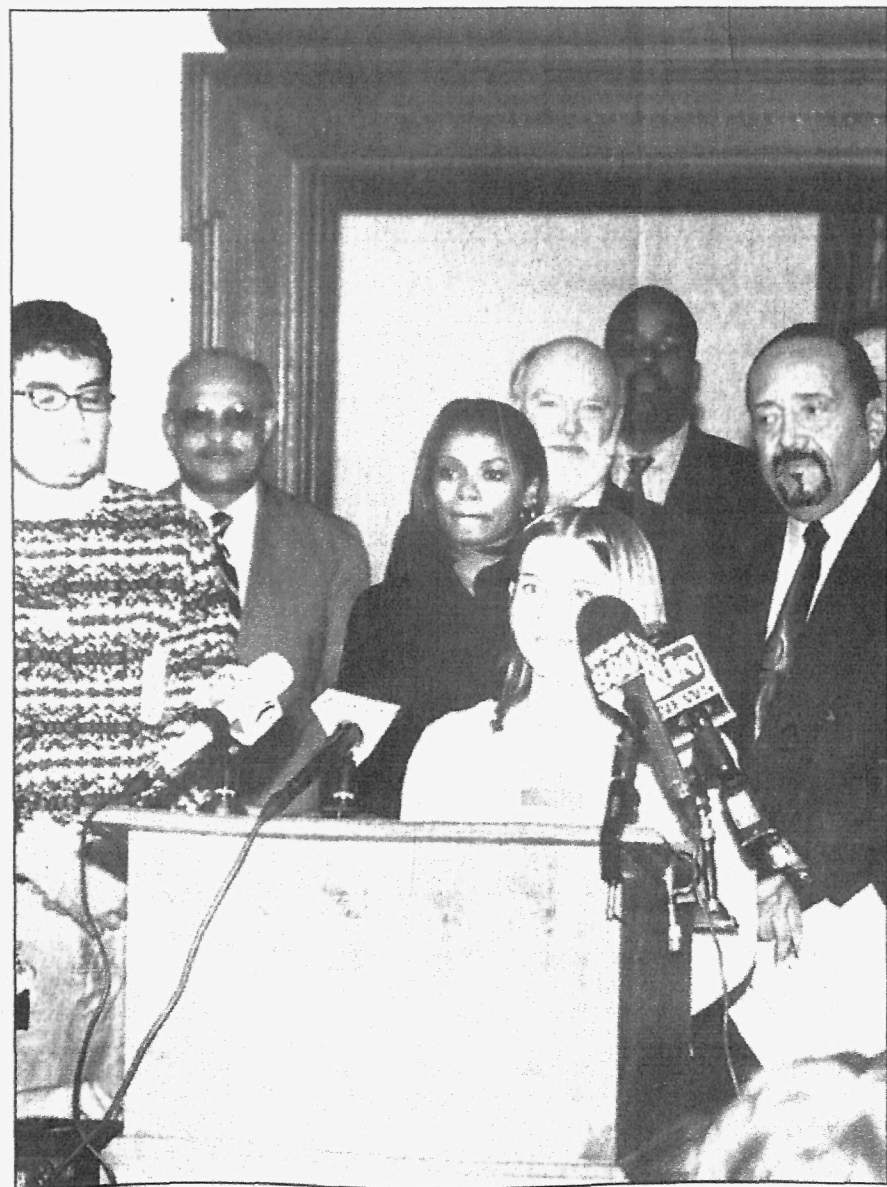
'I Love Lulu'



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Branchburg performers play host to OPSHBX

Alexandra Gunst, a fifth-grade pupil who will play a stewardess in "I Love Lulu," rehearses a scene from the show last week. She will be joined by 40 other youngsters in this weekend's production, sponsored by the Branchburg Recreation Department and held at Whiton School, located in the township. During the performances — the final one being held tonight — the audience is being asked to bring a bag of groceries that will be given to Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, an organization that supplies those serving in the military in the Mideast with needed items, from toothpaste to toilet paper. **For more, page A5.**



COURTESY MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

Lacey Plichta, a Middlesex County College student, speaks at the press conference to announce introduction of STARS II legislation in Trenton. Plichta, who is attending Middlesex on a STARS scholarship, lauded the possibility of continuing the program as she transfers to a four-year school next fall. State Sen. Wayne Bryant, D-5th, one of the principal sponsors of the legislation, can be seen at right.

Tuition assistance program may expand to 4-year schools

A Middlesex County College student was one of two college students who spoke at a news conference in Trenton in December as the legislation creating the STARS II program was introduced.

The original STARS program, passed in June of 2004, provides free tuition and fees for students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class and attend their community college full time. STARS II, which was proposed in December, continues the program for STARS students who graduate from the community college with a 3.0 grade point average and attend a participating public college in New Jersey. The bill was introduced by state Sen. Wayne Bryant, D-5th, who is chair of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and a member of the Senate Education Committee. Co-sponsors include Acting Governor and Senate President Richard Codey; the sponsor in the Assembly is Speaker Albio Sires. It was approved by the Senate Budget Committee last month.

Lacey Plichta, who was in the initial class of STARS students in 2004, spoke at the press conference and said she decided to attend Middlesex because STARS was an opportunity she could not pass up.

"My experiences at Middlesex have been nothing but wonderful," she said. "I am receiving two years of quality education at no charge. I have had excellent professors and made a lot of great new friends. My GPA is currently 3.95 and I have recently joined and became the secretary of our chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society."

"Becoming an NJ STAR has opened up so many doors for me and my future. Could it get any better than

Tax cuts, education lead 2006 initiatives

NEW BRUNSWICK — Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabel pledged that the county's equalized property tax rate will be cut, services will be enhanced and Middlesex County College will work to make even stronger its already leading-edge nursing programs this year.

In his address at the Board of Chosen Freeholders' annual reorganization meeting Jan. 6, Crabel also called on state legislators to convene a constitutional tax convention "where new ideas might possibly emerge to end what has become a taxation crisis in our state."

Crabel was selected freeholder director for an 11th year.

"I know all my colleagues and all of you share the great frustration that New Jersey continues with the most onerous property tax burden in the nation with nothing but rhetoric followed by more rhetoric from elected officials saying 'we have got to do something about it,'" he said. "My friends, it is, in fact, time to do something about it."

Crabel said the freeholder board

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Lacey Plichta
NJ STARS member,
Middlesex County College

that? I didn't think so until I heard about the possibility of STARS II. It would allow me to continue my education at one of New Jersey's excellent four-year schools and concentrate on academics. It would also benefit the state as a whole.

"NJ STARS II would keep high-achieving students in New Jersey, allow them to focus on their studies, and provide financial relief for their parents. Equally important, it would also motivate high school students to work hard and excel."

Bryant, who was also a sponsor of the original STARS legislation, said: "This measure is the next step in helping to reward New Jersey's exceptional students for their hard work. With this bill, we are pushing NJ STARS further, to help ensure that the state's best students are able to continue their educational careers and earn the necessary degrees to allow them to compete in tomorrow's workforce."

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Smoking ban

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allows smoking is the customer's, he said. There are many that don't allow smoking, which offers patrons a choice.

Falcone's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria in Martinsville doesn't have a smoking section, but Frank Falcone, the son of the restaurant's owner, said the ban will only create more problems.

"When it goes into effect, people are going to want to bring their drinks outside when they smoke," Falcone said. "They're going to have to close out their tab each time they want to leave to have a cigarette. It's going to hurt a lot of businesses because people will run out without paying their tab."

However, he said he supports banning smoking in restaurants.

"Who wants to sit down and have a nice \$20 meal and get smoke blown in their face," he said.

John Gambino, a Raritan resident, thinks smoking in public should be limited, but

not banned across the board. "They should limit it," he said. "Where there are children, there shouldn't be smoking. But in a restaurant or bar, maybe after a certain time (smoking could be permitted)," he said.

Andre Braxton, general manager of Houlihan's in Bridgewater said the new legislation might benefit business.

"It's going to affect us in the beginning," said Braxton, but he noted that with the ban, the smoking section will be freed up for all patrons and will allow him to accommodate customers faster. "With everything non-smoking it will increase the flow of the restaurant. It opens up a different area of the restaurant and allows for an easier rotation."

At Willie's Tavern in Bedminster, manager John Sweitzer doesn't think the ban will affect his restaurant. He noted the owners will be looking into how to get the sports bar part of it declared a cigar, bar or lounge, but until he learned more about the state regulations, he wasn't sure if it was a possibility.

His employees, however,

haven't complained about working the smoking section or serving patrons who smoke.

"We have a very small smoking section — most people smoke in the bar area — so the employees don't really mind," he said.

Alan Bauerle, general manager of the Colorado Café in Watchung, still isn't sure what to think about the ban. He's not sure if it will affect his business, which is part dance club and part restaurant.

"We're a unique place," said Bauerle, who noted there isn't another country music dance club nearby. "People don't have another place to go to around here that's like us, so maybe it won't hurt us that much."

About three months ago, he looked into purchasing air-filtration ventilators.

"I'm glad I didn't," he said. "They cost about \$2,000 each. I'd need ten of them for the club. That's \$20,000."

Bauerle and other restaurant and bar professionals are upset that the legislation affects them and not the casinos.

Tax cuts, education lead 2006 initiatives

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has done something about taxes in Middlesex County, cutting the amount to be raised by taxes in seven of the last 12 years. While he said initial budget figures show a reduced levy may not be possible for 2006, he pledged that the county's equalized property tax rate will decrease.

"This is good news for the property taxpayers of Middlesex County," he said.

"I confidently believe that the fact that my freeholder running mate, Camille Fericola, and I won some 61.4 percent of votes that were cast reflects the fact that the citizens of Middlesex County know we have done our best to hold down the cost of county government," Crabel said.

He added that in 2006, with the encouragement of

Freeholder John Pulomena, the county college will aggressively pursue relationships with area hospitals and health care facilities that will enhance its nursing program.

"The educational opportunities at Middlesex County College will ensure that qualified, talented students will meet the ever-increasing health care needs of our area residents," the freeholder director said. "Our goal is for our county college to become the premier nursing and health education facility in New Jersey."

Crabel also proposed the creation of a Middlesex County Conservation Corps to protect and preserve the lands and natural areas acquired by the Middlesex County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. "Led by a nucleus of trained environmental professionals, the corps' mission will be to protect and preserve our natural areas from misuse, polluters and the forces of nature," he said.

Crabel said he believes the county's open space preservation efforts will reach a zenith in 2006 and will continue in ensuing years.

To date the county has preserved more than 6,000 acres of open space and another 3,700 acres have been added to the county farmland preservation program.

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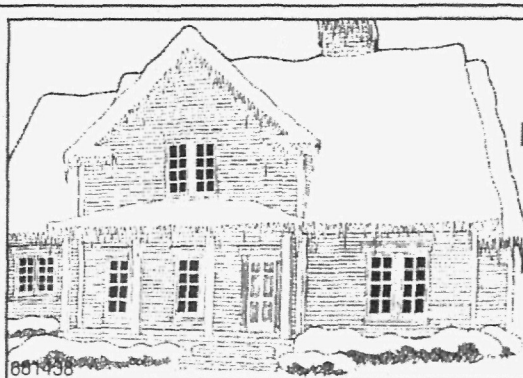
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Knights sponsor
free throw contest

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — All boys and girls ages 10-14 are welcome to enter the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local level of competition is at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the gym at Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. A birth certificate and written parental consent are required.

For more information, call John LoBosco at (908) 755-4914.

Church to 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. tomorrow 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. 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 tickets, call (732) 562-2382 or visit the Recreation Department.

Dance for widows
and widowers

MIDDLESEX — Somerset-Hunterdon WOWs holds a dance for widows and widow-

ers 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 Hiyat 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 through 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
of 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; mid-

week, \$32; night, \$20;

"Discovery Package," \$52.

Camelback — Weekend/holi-

day, \$48; midweek, \$34; night,

\$25.

Blue Mountain — Weekend,

\$42; weekday, \$35.

Mountain Creek —

Weekend/holiday, \$46; week-

day, \$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.

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 informational 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.

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 Barabati at (908) 723-5444.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. each

Friday at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park. Bingo is played each Friday after the meeting. Bus transportation is provided. New members are welcome. Coffee and tea are provided; bring your own sandwiches.

For information, call (732) 968-1285; President of Dunellen Senior Citizen Club, Ida Cihanowicz.

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 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 chapter is currently accepting new members; call Mary or John McCabe at (732) 603-3967 for information about joining the chapter.

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FOR THE

TALMAGE AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Thursday, January 26, 2006 - 7 PM to 9 PM

At the Somerset County Freeholder Meeting Room
20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ

TAKE NOTICE that a Public Information Meeting concerning the above referenced project will be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at the date, time and location so indicated. The purpose of the Public Information Meeting is to inform local residents, officials, and the business community of the USACE'S proposed plans to replace the Talmage Avenue Bridge. The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to view preliminary plans/exhibits for the proposed project and make comments. Plans will be on display beginning at 7:00 p.m., and a formal presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m., on January 26, 2006.

The Green Brook Flood Control Project encompasses providing flood protection for 13 municipalities in Middlesex, Somerset, and Union Counties. The current construction phase will provide flood protection for the Borough of Bound Brook. The replacement of the Talmage Avenue Bridge, which crosses the Middle Brook between Bridgewater Township and Bound Brook Borough, is an important element of the Bound Brook phase of the project.

Additional information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting Mr. John O'Connor, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 917-790-8213, Mr. Charles Defendorf, Supervising Engineer, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 609-292-2296, Mr. Carl Andreassen of Somerset County, 908-203-6026.

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Iraq war vets to thank cast of 'I Love Lulu'

Branchburg students perform benefit for soldiers & Marines

The cast of "I Love Lulu" will perform in front of some very special people Saturday night.

Army Staff Sgt. Melissa Cunningham and Sgt. Rich Crum, who have just returned from a tour of duty in the Mideast, will be on hand to enjoy the play, performed by a cast of 41 youngsters grades K-8 and sponsored by the Branchburg Recreation Department.

The cast has dedicated their performances, the final being held tonight at 7 p.m., to U.S. troops overseas, and in lieu of paid admissions, has asked that audience members please bring a bag of groceries which will be handed over to volunteers from Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

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

Cunningham and Crum will spend time with the cast backstage before the curtain goes up to say "thank you" on behalf of all the soldiers and Marines based in the Mideast for the students' support.

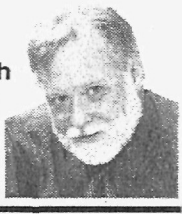
Both soldiers were members of a supply unit based in Kuwait that helped equip soldiers on their way to Iraq.

They are among thousands who continue to receive packages containing personal items shipped overseas by volunteers from OPSHBX since the organization's inception in February, 2005.

Since that time, OPSHBX has raised more than \$70,000 and collected tons of supplies, enough to ship 5,000 boxes overseas.

This will be the second

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



time the recreation department and the young actors have stepped up in support of OPSHBX.

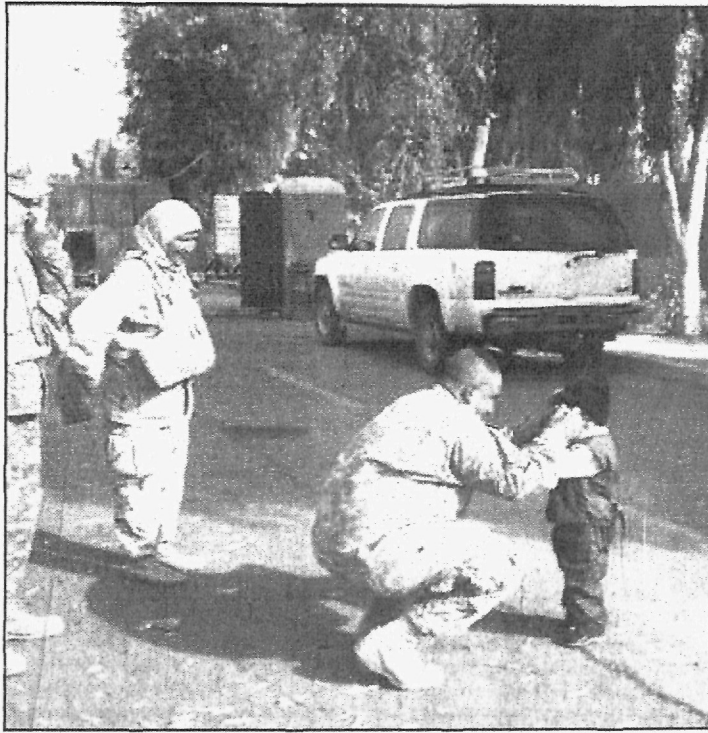
Last April, the recreation department presented "Damn Yankees," an adaptation of "Damn Yankees," featuring a cast of 42 Branchburg youngsters. Both shows were sell outs, with more than 1,000 people contributing thousands of grocery items ranging from sun block, lip balm and soap to chewing gum, hot cocoa 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 change that had been dropped into a collection jar placed outside the auditorium.

The show is written, produced and directed by sister-and-brother Maranda and Joe DeStefano.

Whatever is collected will 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.

A publicity flyer detailing the production and OPSHBX's year-long effort to deliver comfort items to



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Sais Singh squats down to talk to a young Iraqi boy outside a U.S. base in Baghdad. A 1993 graduate of Somerville High School, Singh arrived in Iraq in November.

U.S. troops was distributed throughout the Branchburg school system this week.

Mary Beth Ferris of the Branchburg Recreation Department has hung OPSHBX posters throughout the school, and will set up an information table where OPSHBX literature will be available, as well as a sign-up sheet for the Feb. 4 packing and shipping event.

Prior to the curtain rising, the audiences will also hear from Cunningham and Crum, who are eager to thank the Central New Jersey community for its support.

The show will be presented at the Whiton School on Whiton Road in Branchburg.

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

Volunteers needed Feb. 4

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.

Young carolers spread cheer to U.S. troops

We received the following letter last week, along with a check for \$40.50 from Brian and Nancy Douglas of Branchburg:

Dear Operation Shoebox:

On Friday, Dec. 23, my daughters and a number of their friends, about 25 children in total, went caroling around our Branchburg neighborhood in order to spread some holiday cheer. While caroling, many people gave them money as a reward.

The children, who ranged in age from 6 to 12 years old, all decided that they would like to donate the money to a worthwhile charity. Though not a lot, we would like to donate the money to Operation Shoebox. We know it will be put to good use. They collected \$20.25, which parents matched for a total contribution of \$40.50.

Contributing were: Rachel, Bridget and Meghan Douglas; Colleen Delaney; Kelly and JD Fitzpatrick; Kelly McCurry; Jenna Schwartz; Michaela Curzman; Briana Sanchez; Kayla Mercado; Stephanie Gallo; Marisa Sasso; Kristen Furnari; Carly and Zoe McCabe; Bryn Rolan; Jenna and Devon Dabrowski; Heather and Tina Kolatec; Drew Bramson; Amanda Curry; Emily Campeas; Melissa McCullum; Casey Richards.

575-6684.

Soldier expresses gratitude

The following letter was received from Spc. Jennifer Olson, who served as a transportation specialist guarding convoys in Iraq. She has since returned home to Minnesota.

"I know most soldiers do not have the time to say or write but I speak for all when I say we all appreciate all you do for us. There were many days I had no time to go to our PX and buy basic supplies and times when I did they would be out. There are some who do not have access to a PX on their base also.

And it is always such a great morale booster to get a package in the mail. It's so silly but it really makes your day, aside from the fact you get things you've been needing. I just wanted to take the time and say thank you from all of us.

Spc. Jennifer Olson
New Hope, Minn.
Operation Iraqi Freedom III

P.S. I am home now. I survived Iraq. Not a day goes by that I do not think of those who did not.

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.

Rod Hirsch is executive editor of The Chronicle. He can be reached at (908) 575-6684 or email rhirsch@njnpublishing.com

Operation: Shoebox Drop-Off Sites

The following are locations where items being donated to Operation: Shoebox New Jersey — 2005 can be dropped off:

SOMERSET COUNTY

- The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville
- Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater
- The 250th Signal Battalion, 42nd Infantry Armory on Hamilton Street in Franklin
- The Somerville U.S. Postal Service office at 39 Division St., Somerville
- Somerset County Sheriff's Office, County Administration Building, Grove Street, Somerville
- Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 West Main St., Somerville
- Alfonso's Italian Restaurant, 99-101 West Main St., Somerville
- Lloyd's Furniture, 130 West Main St., Somerville
- Beneath It All, 72 West Main St., Somerville
- Wachovia Bank, 1 West Main St., Somerville
- Dr. William Moskowitz, 205 West Main St., third floor, Somerville
- Somerville Center Antiques, 33 West Main St., Somerville
- Neshanic Station Country Café, 419 Olive St., Neshanic Station
- Dorell & Sons Locksmith, 20 W. Somerset St., Raritan
- Scott's Florist, 75 W. Somerset St., Raritan
- Shop-Rite Supermarket, 611 West Union Ave., Bound Brook
- Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council, 1171 Route 28, North Branch
- Nan Romano Fine Apparel/Distinctive Gifts, 432 Main St., Bedminster
- Somerset County Park Commission main office, North Branch Park, Milltown Road, Bridgewater
- Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge
- Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills
- Warrenbrook Golf Course, Warrenville Road, Warren
- Spooky Brook Golf Course, Colonial Park, Amwell Road, Franklin
- Raritan Valley Community College Theater and Student

- Activities office, Route 28, North Branch
- Learning Express Toys, 315 Route 206, Hillsborough
- Test Sports Club, 1982 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville
- US Bicycle Hall of Fame, Main Street, Bridgewater
- Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater
- Felix #9 Diner, Route 22, Bridgewater
- Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster
- Attic Treasures Antiques, Sansone Plaza, Route 22 East, Green Brook
- Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green Brook
- Eclipse Fitness Sports & Wellness, 17 King George Road, Green Brook
- Dr. Steven C. Balestracci, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater
- Soprano's, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater
- The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset
- Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1595 Route 22 West, Watchung
- AAA Vac, 1515 Route 22 West, Watchung Square Mall, Watchung
- Borough Hall, Route 22 and Grove Street, Somerville
- Gladstone Cleaners, 258 Main St., Peapack-Gladstone
- North Branch Post Office, Route 22, North Branch
- Somerset Medical Center main lobby, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville
- Capelli Salon, 1171 Route 202 North, Branchburg
- Natural Medicine and Rehabilitation, 745 Routes 202/206 South, Bridgewater
- Sal's Talk of the Town, 1987 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville
- Bucky's/The Closet, 45 So. Main St., Manville
- Sherman & Son Jewelers, Bridgewater Commons Mall (second level), Bridgewater
- Sherman & Son Jewelers, Somerset Shopping Center, Route 202/206, Bridgewater
- Exercise Woman, Route 206 South, Raritan

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

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

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

HUNTERDON COUNTY

- The Hunterdon County Democrat, 8 Minneakoning Road, Flemington
- Clinton Station Diner, Route 78 (exit 13), Clinton
- Colalillo Shop-Rite Supermarket, 272 Route 202/31 North, Flemington
- Sherman & Son Jewelers, Route 202, Flemington
- Hunterdon Lock & Safe, 41 Mine St., Flemington
- Tumble Time, 47 Maple Ave., Flemington
- Perryville Wines & Liquors, 72 Route 173, Hampton
- Rudl Fence, 2020 Highway 31, Glen Gardner
- Stanton General Store, Route 629, Stanton
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- The Male Room, 35 Stangl Road, Flemington

WARREN COUNTY

- Star Gazette & Warren Reporter, 106 E. Moore St., Hackettstown
- Hackettstown Trading Post Furniture Gallery, 155 Main St., Hackettstown
- Second Time Around, 124 Main St., Hackettstown
- Franky & Johnny's Island Park Bar & Grill, 261 Route 46 East (intersection of Routes 46 & 31), Buttzville
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- Norman Gale Pontiac, 1247 Route 10, Cedar Knolls
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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"/> 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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Saturday, January 14, 2006

Weekend Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 14

BRANCHBURG - Defensive Driving: day-long course for motorists of any age. Raritan Valley Community College, 9 a.m. \$82. Registration: www.raritanval.edu/cce or (908) 218-8871.

BRIDGEWATER - Blood Drive at Ethicon Inc., Wellness Center, Route 22 West, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

BRIDGEWATER - Volunteer Showcase of Somerset County organizations. Food court, Bridgewater Commons, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 14, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 15. (732) 752-5779 or www.leadershipsomerset.org.

BRIDGEWATER - "Benny" Goodman tribute concert with the Midiri Brothers Sextet. Somerset County Vo-Tech, Vogt Drive, 3 and 8 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets: (908) 725-6640.

RARITAN - Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs from the borough. Relief Hose Company No. 2, North Thompson St., 10 a.m.-noon. Free. (908) 725-2300, Ext. 1981.

SOMERVILLE - Anger Management: Kimberly-Ann Leatherdale on "Living in Harmony." Somerville Public Library, 35 West End Ave., 1 p.m. Free. Registration: (908) 725-1336, Ext. 10.

WARREN - "Dance, Dance, Dance!" introduction to the art form for ages 3-6. Warren Township Library, 42 Mountain Blvd., 1 p.m. Registration required: (908) 754-5554.

Sunday, Jan. 15

BRIDGEWATER - Blood Drive at St. Bernard Church, 500 Route 22 East, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

BRIDGEWATER - Plan Ahead: second annual Summer Camp Fair. Marriott hotel, 700 Commons Way, noon-4 p.m. Free. (877) 488-2267 or www.acanjsummerncampfairs.org.

WATCHUNG - Grief Recovery: learning a process to deal with grief. Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, 1651 Route 22, 1 p.m. \$45. Registration: msmhope@att.net or (908) 753-2091.

BERNARDS - "Wrap Up Your Scraps" of holiday leftovers. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 2 p.m. \$16. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

BERNARDSVILLE - Blood Drive at St. Elizabeth School, Seney Drive, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) 933-BLOOD.

Monday, Jan. 16

SOMERVILLE - Adult CPR course of American Red Cross, 14 W. Cliff St., 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16, Feb. 6. \$40. Registration required: (908) 725-2217.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

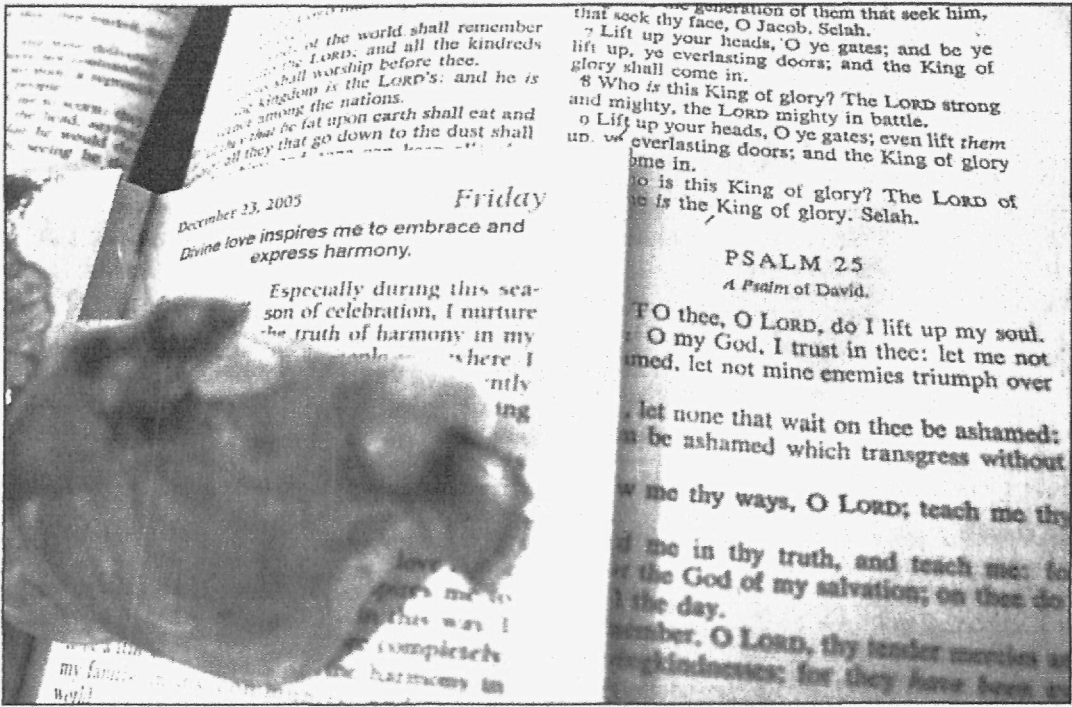
BEDMINSTER - Forgotten Flick: "The Awful Truth" (U.S., 1937). Clarence Dillon Public Library, 2336 Lamington Road, 7 p.m. Free. Registration recommended: (908) 234-2325, Ext. 2.

BRANCHBURG - Business Card exchange and social. Sierra Suites, 3141 Route 22 East, 5 p.m. \$25. Registration: www.scbp.org or (908) 218-4300.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE - Book Group discussing "The Glass Castle: A Memoir" by Jeannette Walls. Peapack-Gladstone Library, School St., 7 p.m. (908) 234-0598.

BERNARDS - "Swamp Tromp" for ages 4-6. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 4 p.m. \$8. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.

BERNARDS - In the Water: a "Whale of a Tale" for ages 7-9. Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, 4 p.m. \$8. Prepayment required: (908) 766-2489.



They are counting the days — while counting their blessings



Editor's note: This article is part of a continuing series that looks closely at how a family picks up the pieces, rebuilds and goes on with their life in the aftermath of a fire that destroyed their home. The first seven parts of the series were published in *The Chronicle* on Saturdays between May and June, and resumed in September. Part IX

GREEN BROOK — Two days after Christmas, Fawnda Genovese-Garcia wasn't at the mall taking advantage of big sales or returning items. These days, it's something she would not do.

Fawnda tried to get all of her holiday shopping done early last year, but her plan was foiled when a fire destroyed most of her Green Brook house and it's contents in March.

"I actually did all my Christmas shopping last January when it was all on sale," she said. "I got wrap, bows, little gifts and put them all up in the attic. They were ruined."

Instead of shopping, Fawnda met with Andrew Wertheimer of Wertheimer & Sons, Inc., the general contracting company hired for the rebuilding, to pick out cabinets, stain, flooring and molding.

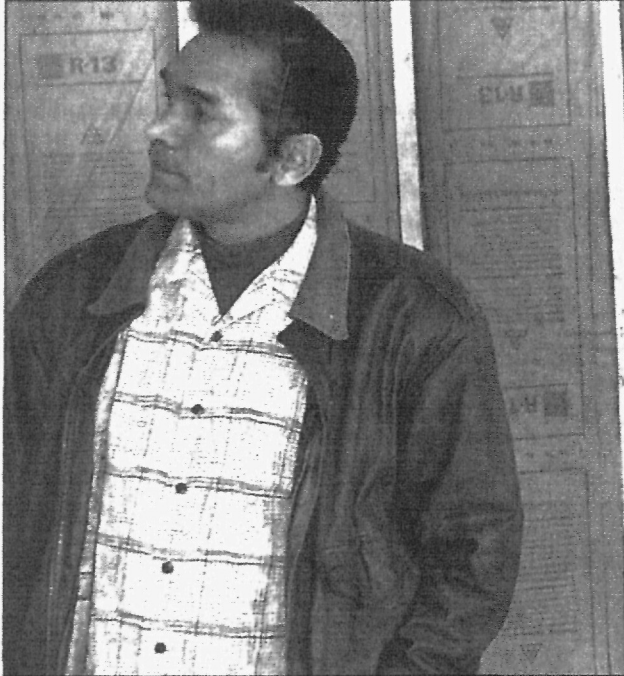
"She picked out custom-made cabinets," said Wertheimer. "We had our cabinet guy come out from New York. He's going to make her a custom stain. She liked the cherry, but wanted it a little browner. It's going to look like a brown walnut with a tinge of cherry. The cabinets will be custom. They'll be similar to a cathedral top with a square bottom."

For Fawnda and her husband, Felix Garcia, the million-dollar question is when they'll be able to move back home.

"We told her the end of March," said Wertheimer. "We're hoping sooner than that, but to be realistic, we think the end of March."

The meeting with Wertheimer gave the couple some hope, but didn't take away the frustration they feel about being out of their home. Since about two weeks after the fire, they've made an apartment in Watchung's Crystal Ridge Club their home. Though fully furnished and nicely decorated, it isn't the ideal home for them. In fact, with just two bedrooms and an open common area, Fawnda often feels cooped up in the apartment. The two tried to dress up the place for Christmas the best they could.

A small tree in the living area was



adorned with new and homemade ornaments, gold beads and twinkling lights. It was surrounded by mounds of gifts, most to Fawnda from her students. A big stack was reserved for Emma, Fawnda's new baby granddaughter, just born at the end of November. The dining room table was set with holiday wares and candy cane flavored candles were lit, bouncing flickers of light on the walls.

It was decorated for the holidays, but it was hard for the couple to get in the Christmas spirit in a place that didn't feel like home. For instance, they didn't have a stereo to play holiday music. Instead, Fawnda set the television to the cable program guide channel where intervals of Christmas carols were interrupted by infomercials or previews.

"This is the first Christmas that I haven't had a huge Christmas party," she said. "Everything, and I mean everything, in my house would be decorated."

But the two haven't dwelled on their less than ideal situation. They're looking forward to the future.

"Our only New Year's resolution is to move into the house," Fawnda said. "I'm getting crazier by the day here. I'm ready to be out of here. There's no room for each of us to have our own space."

But Fawnda and Felix know they'll have to put up with the apartment for just a few more months. After some delays, construction at the house is near completion. Mostly it is just aesthetic work that remains.

"All the compound is finished," Wertheimer said, explaining the dry wall itself had been hung; the compound seals joints and covers the nails. "All the walls are up. Everything in the house that's visible is left; the

molding, the trim, the cabinetry, the oak floors, paint, carpeting. The electrician and the plumber and the heating guy need to come back when that's all done to finish up their jobs and add fixtures. We need to stain the floors and coat them with polyurethane."

Over the course of the past two months, the mold in the basement has been remediated, a new forced air heating system has been installed, water to the house from a well has been restored, electric and plumbing work has been done, insulation has been installed and the sheetrock walls have been placed.

The couple originally expected to be back in the house before the end of 2005, but several unexpected obstacles arose. The project was first delayed when the builders had to wait about a month for initial rebuilding permits. Then, when Fawnda filed a separate claim to her insurance company for a new forced hot-air heating system, it took the company about a month to approve the claim.

"This was one of our biggest delays," Wertheimer said. "We couldn't install a heating system until we found out if it was approved. It's a whole brand new forced hot air (system). After it was approved, we needed to rip out all the plumbing and pipes and install all new ducts. She had an old radiator system. That took time. You can't put water in if you don't have heat because the pipes could freeze and burst. You can't do too much work at that point. You can't sheet rock because the compound won't dry this time of year without heat."

Workers ran into another problem when they realized the home's well pump was broken.

"We originally thought it was work-

On a desk in their apartment, Felix Garcia and Fawnda Genovese-Garcia have a Bible that is left open to Psalm 91, which carries a message of the Lord's protection and strength. The Bible has been open to that same page since Felix recovered it from the wreckage. Near the Bible, a prayer book called "The Daily Word" is also left open. "You read it every day," Felix said. "It's the first thing I do when I wake up at 6:15. Fawnda and I do it together unless she leaves earlier. It's wonderful for us to do together. You have to believe in God." The couple is seen below touring their Green Brook home, which was heavily damaged in a fire last March, to check the progress of renovations there, which are nearing completion.

Story by Amy S. Bobrowski

Photos by George Pacciello



ing," Wertheimer said. "We need water to do things on the job: To mix the compound, do masonry work, clean up. There's a river nearby (the Greenbrook) and there was a time where our guys had to use water from there. We were able to use the neighbors' water. You can do things, but it just takes extra time."

Additionally, all the custom products and finishes Fawnda requested added more time to the job.

"Most of the house is custom made," Wertheimer said. "It takes a little more labor time, but it's going to be beautiful. She's getting custom molding, custom floors, cabinets and stain. On about 50 percent of our other jobs, everything is just standard. The guys can knock those right out."

Wertheimer expects the materials for the floors, molding and cabinets to be delivered next week. Once that work is underway, he'll meet again with Fawnda to talk about paint carpeting and fixtures. After construction is complete, Fawnda will receive the rest of her insurance settlement to replace furnishings lost in the fire.

Fawnda, though, is already one step ahead. Her mind is brimming with ideas. It's these thoughts that keep her focused on the positive.

They keep her mind on the future and the possibilities rather than on the frustration and the sense of loss of dealing with a fire.

"I know what I want to do," she said. "For the family room, I want to do black and white. I want a black couch with big bright pillows — maybe tangerine or lime."

Look in future editions of *The Chronicle* for more on the rebuilding process.

Sports

Ives facing Mexico's finest with U.S.A. squad

BRIDGEWATER — In a very short time Travis Ives has gone from being one of the best players on his team to one of the best in his age group in the nation.

A goal-keeper by trade, the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School eighth-grader recently returned from Texas where he participated in an inter-regional event that was the final test for U.S. National Soccer Team members for next month's international competition in Mexico for the 14-and-under division.

A few days before Christmas, Ives learned he'll be making the trip to Guadalajara tomorrow through next Sunday for training and to play against Mexico's national squad.

"I'm pretty excited about getting the chance to go," he said last week. "It's an opportunity to compete against players from another country and see how I match up with them. I'm also looking forward to having fun. All I need is a passport."

A member of the 36-player national squad, Ives earned his spot after

allowing two goals in the four games he shared with another keeper during the November training camp. The national team has four goalies listed on its roster.

"I was pretty satisfied with how I played out there," he said. "I was nervous at first, but I was confident I knew my skill level and I knew I could play at that level. I got to start two of the games, and I split time with another goalie. I thought I played very good."

And while the importance of the trip Nov. 23-28 was for final evaluation, Ives admitted he got a lot more out of it than just continued exposure.

"I think the best part of going there was just having a good time," he said. "I got to hang out with people I knew, and got to meet new people. It was exciting being a round a lot of good kids. It was also good to compare myself with other goalies and challenge myself against them."

"At that level it's just a faster-paced game. Every kid out there has

a ton of talent. You have to have a quick reaction time, and you have to be at the top of your game at every moment. It was a lot of fun to be part of that."

To say Ives has traveled a long way in a short amount of time might be an understatement. While he's been playing goalie since he started playing soccer at the age of 5, it's been less than three years since he began making a full-time commitment to the sport.

When he was selected for the Olympic Development Team (ODT), Ives needed a coach, and New Jersey MetroStars goalie trainer Vadim Kirilov, who also doubles as the national 14U squad's goalie coach, became his teacher.

"When I started playing soccer, the coach noticed I was tall so he made me a goalie," said Ives, who'll soon celebrate his 14th birthday. "After that I liked it so much I just stayed with it. I like goalie because of the energy and the excitement of the position. Primarily it's up to you back

there, and I like that.

"A couple of years ago I decided I wanted to get better. I started going to a goalie trainer, and I started to put a lot of time into it. I also joined an elite club (Matchfit United and later Jersey Crew United). It was something I really wanted to do."

This past summer Ives went through the process along with hundreds of players on the ODT. First there were camps in July as players were picked for regional camps. From there the numbers were thinned down for the national evaluation camp held in Maine in August.

From that group came the 36-player national squad, and Ives learned he was a part of the squad.

"When I found out I was just thrilled," he said. "My heart was beating so fast. I was pretty happy. It was something I started thinking about a year-and-a-half ago when I realized I had a chance to be good if I put my mind into it and worked really hard."

Apparently the time and effort

have paid off for Ives, who carries a 3.8 grade-point average and is a member of the high honor roll/honor roll.

He's able to assess his strength on the field as well as areas in which he still needs work.

"I think I'm a leader. I think that's the best part of my game," he said. "I still need to get better at my crosses — on coming out and playing crossing passes. My goal kicks also have to get better."

Ives, who also plays basketball, plays soccer year-round with an eye on playing professionally some day. That, however, is a long way away. Next year he'll enter high school at Bridgewater-Raritan, which is coming off a state Group IV championship season.

"I'm hoping to make the varsity as a freshman," he said. "They're losing one goalie (Chris Derrico to graduation), but the other one (Sam Callari) is a junior. It's going to be a battle to see who starts, but I think it's going to be a lot of fun."

Obituaries

Anna Ostrowski

DUNELLEN — Anna M. Ostrowski, 80, died Dec. 31, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

She was born in Middlesex and lived in Dunellen for most of her life.

Mrs. Ostrowski retired in 1989 after 20 years as a private secretary to the late Ernest Day, owner of New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. in Green Brook. She earlier was a secretary with Mack Truck in Plainfield.

She was a past president of the Columbianettes in Dunellen and a past regent of Court Regina Coeli 940, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, also in Dunellen.

Preceding her in death was her father, Thomas Puskus.

Surviving are her husband, Henry; her mother, Anna Puskus of Flower Mound, Texas; two sons, Ronald and wife Deborah of Flower Mound and Thomas and wife Linda of Hillsborough; a brother, Frank Thomas and wife Betty of California; four grandchildren and two nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to St. John's Handicapped Access Fund.

Teresa Van Lierop

PISCATAWAY — Teresa Chomut Van Lierop, 47, died Jan. 5, 2006 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Carteret, she lived in Piscataway for 20 years before moving to Bridgewater in 1986.

Mrs. Van Lierop owned a child care center from her home for 10 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillsborough.

Her husband, Martin, died in 1996. Her father, Michael Chomut, died in 2005.

Surviving are her mother, Anna Zaichenko Chomut of

Ellenville, N.Y.; two sons, Aaron Tupin and David, both of Bridgewater; a sister, Olga Slobodin and husband Eugene of Branchburg; two brothers, Don Chomut of Ellenville and Dimitri Chomut and wife Marie of Asbury; her mother-in-law, Jean of Whiting; five nieces and a nephew.

A Divine Liturgy was held Tuesday at St. Michael's Church, following services at the Branchburg Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Andrew's Cemetery, South Bound Brook. To send a condolence, visit www.branchburgfuneralhome.com.

Residents offered police academy

PISCATAWAY — The township sponsors a Citizen Police Academy for those who want to be familiar with their local Police Department.

Applicants must be Piscataway residents over 21 and pass a criminal background check. The academy is conducted for 12 weeks in the police station at 555 Sidney Road, off Hoes Lane behind the Municipal Complex. Sessions begin Thursday, Feb. 16.

For an application, call Detective Frank Hackler at (732) 562-2368 or Detective Calvin Laughlin at (732) 562-2349. All applications must be returned by Friday, Feb. 3.

Metuchen YMCA offers child care

METUCHEN — Register now for child care offered at the Metuchen Branch YMCA.

Preschoolers can be enrolled in "Y Tots." Kindergarten pupils can be cared for before and after class. School-age children up to Grade 7 are eligible for child care before and after class.

For full information and fees, visit www.metuchen-edisonymca.org or call (732) 548-2044. The Metuchen Branch is a unit of the Metuchen-Edison YMCA.

Group for girls covers real life

METUCHEN — Females ages 11-14 are eager to find out about "Girls in Real-Life Situations."

This free club meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the last Sunday of the month at the Teen Center, 483 Middlesex Ave. Topics cover martial arts, self-defense, self-esteem, physical fitness, social issues and development. Registration is required at the Metuchen Branch YMCA, 65 High St.

For more information, e-mail mike.tonzola@metuchen-edisonymca.org or call (732) 548-2044, Ext. 210.

Monday night dance lessons

EDISON — Brandis Dance Theatre holds dance lessons for adults of all ages on Monday nights beginning Jan. 16.

Bachata dancing from the Dominican Republic is taught at 7 p.m. The Hustle is taught at 8 p.m. and salsa dancing is taught

at 9 p.m.

All lessons are in the VFW hall at 1970 Woodbridge Ave. Cost is \$8 for one class, \$12 for two or \$15 for all three. Couples and singles are welcome.

For more information, visit www.brandisdance.com or call (732) 388-4605.

The theatre also sponsors Friday-night dances and dance lessons at the VFW hall.

Lessons in January include merengue at 7 p.m. and samba at 8 p.m. Cost is \$8 for one or \$12 for both.

A dance party follows from 9 p.m.-midnight with ballroom, Latin and swing dancing. Admission of \$12 includes coffee, tea and other beverages.

Couples and singles are welcome at these events. For more information, visit www.brandisdance.com or call (732) 388-4605.

Heat up the night with salsa lessons

MIDDLESEX — Jorge Riba holds salsa dance lessons and socials every Thursday in January at Café Havana, 578 Union Ave.

Each program begins at 7 p.m. No experience is necessary and no partner is required. Cost is \$10; singles and couples are welcome.

For more information, call Riba at (732) 574-0482.

Alumni scholarships offered at Middlesex

EDISON — The Alumni Association of Middlesex County College is accepting applications for the Alumni Scholarship, which will be awarded in the spring semester.

The scholarship, for dependents of alumni, has a deadline of Feb. 15. Application forms are available on the website, www.middlesexcc.edu, or by calling the Alumni Office at 732-906-2566.

The scholarship will be one \$500 award.

The criteria for the scholarship are:

— The candidate must be a full-time or at least half-time student at Middlesex County College.

— He or she must be the dependent of a Middlesex County College alumnus. Dependents of the Alumni Board are ineligible for consideration.

— The scholarship will be awarded for the second or later year of study at Middlesex County College.

— The Alumni Board will

review applications and make the decision.

— The factors the board would use in selecting the recipient include community service, financial need, grade point average and a brief essay.

Meals on Wheels drivers needed

EDISON — The Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County urgently needs caring volunteers to 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.

Someone who is unable to drive can still make a meaningful contribution as a "jumper" — a navigator who works alongside the driver to deliver the meals. Also needed are substitute drivers and jumpers.

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

Woman's club has membership drive

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Suburban Woman's Club is recruiting new members.

Women interested in serving their community are welcome to join. The Woman's Club participates in civic and community activities in the area. In addition to contributing to national and local charities, the club sponsors a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from South Plainfield High School.

For membership, program and activity information, call Grace Farinella at (908) 753-5753.

Watching school kicks-off fundraiser

MIDDLESEX — Watchung Elementary School is kicking off its annual fundraiser of collecting empty computer printer cartridges — inkjet and laser — and used cell phones.

All items donated to the school are recycled by the Watchung PTO, which earns cash for school programs and activities.

Drop off items to the Watchung School main office, 1 Fisher Ave. For more information, contact Kirsten Vogl at (732) 764-9733.

Edison-based group offers special services

EDISON — Challenging Adult Minds and Energizing Ourselves is a social day care program tailored to the needs of adults who are physically disabled, but cognitive and alert.

Some of the activities designed for CAMEO are book reviews, exercise, day trips, painting discussions of current events, special interest groups, etc.

This service is provided by the Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County located at 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201.

Another service provided is Elderday Care (a social day-care program) for folks with memory loss and various degrees of dementia. Program includes meals, snacks, and activities all can easily participate in. A limited amount of openings are now available in both programs.

Transportation is provided by sliding scale fees. Call (732) 777-1940 for more details.

Congregation seeking donations for sale

METUCHEN — Congregation Neve Shalom is seeking donations for its goods and services auction to be held Dec. 10.

If you are interested, e-mail mjmack@aol.com or call Martha Mack at (732) 548-2585. You can also e-mail hotoje@aol.com or call Hope Seratelli at (732) 452-9211.

Elks lodge selling 2006 entertainment books

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Veterans Committee at Elks Lodge 2298 is selling Entertainment 2006 coupon books.

Cost for each book is \$25. To purchase a copy, call Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

Grant finances school 'challenge'

MIDDLESEX — Von E. Mauger Middle School has received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program to help fund the "100 Book Challenge."

This school program builds love for reading by providing books to match any child's interest. Pupils are encouraged to read strictly for pleasure. Each child receives a "step" for every 15 minutes read and a "reward" for every 20 "steps."

Akar V Automotive Co. applied for the grant on behalf of the school.

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'Books to Keep'

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Free Public Library will be participating in the "Books to Keep" program this holiday season.

"Books to Keep" is an outreach project of the Libraries of Middlesex and the Middlesex County College library. This program collects books for distribution during the holiday season to disadvantaged children throughout the county. Over 100,000 books have been distributed in this program since 1990.

New children's books, hardcover or softcover, may be dropped off until at the South Plainfield library at 2484 Plainfield Ave. Cash donations to go toward program expenses are also accepted; use the envelopes found next to the drop-off box of the main desk. For more information, visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.



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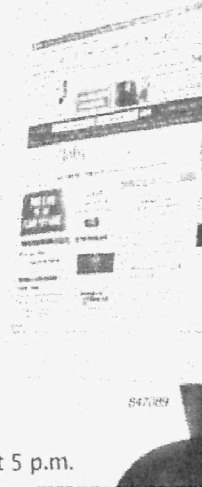
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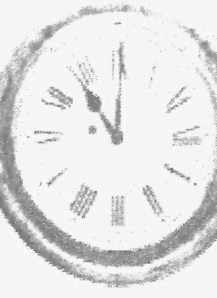
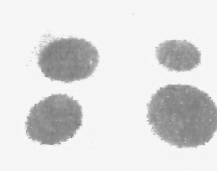
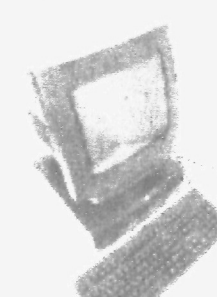
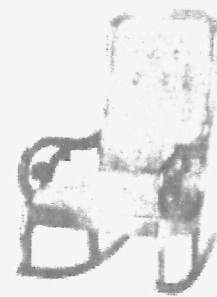


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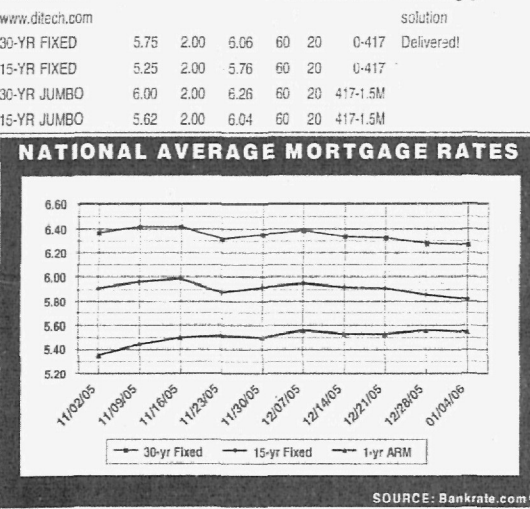
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TYPE	RATES	PTS	APR	LOCK	DWN	LOANS	COMMENTS
LOAN SEARCH							NJ's Low Jumbo Rates!
Serving All of New Jersey							
30-YR FIXED	5.88	0.00	5.91	45	20	0-417	
15-YR FIXED	5.38	0.00	5.44	60	20	0-417	
7/1 ARM JUMBO	5.38	0.00	6.27	60	20	0-500	
5/1 ARM JUMBO	5.00	0.00	6.32	60	20	0-500	
PAN AM MORTGAGE, LLC							ANY INCOME. ANY CREDIT. 120 + PROGRAMS. BUY OR REFI. \$395 OPTION ARM CREDIT W/ AD.
www.PanAmMortgage.com							
30-YR FIXED	5.63	2.00	5.81	30	20	100-417	
15-YR FIXED	5.13	2.00	5.43	30	20	100-417	
OPTION ARM	1.00	0.00	5.43	60	20	100-2.5M	
5-YR FIX PAY	2.20	0.00	5.59	60	20	100-2.5M	
PANTHER VALLEY MORTGAGE							Why not get your mortgage with a local mortgage Professional!
www.panthervalleymtg.com email:info@panthervalleymtg.com							
30-YR FIXED	6.00	0.00	6.06	30	20	150-417	
15-YR FIXED	5.75	0.00	5.86	30	20	150-417	
30-YR JUMBO	6.25	0.00	6.27	30	20	419-650	
5/1 ARM I/O	5.88	0.00	6.66	30	20	150-950	
SUMMIT FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK							Why not get your mortgage with a local mortgage Professional!
Dunellen, New Jersey							
30-YR FIXED	6.38	0.00	6.50	60	20	165-417	
15-YR FIXED	5.38	0.00	5.56	60	20	165-417	
10-YR FIXED	5.12	0.00	5.39	60	20	165-359	
10-YR FIXED	4.50	2.00	5.20	60	20	165-359	
AMERICAN FEDERAL MORTGAGE CORP							ALL RATES AND FEES GUARANTEED IN WRITING.
www.afm Mortgage.com							
30-YR FIXED	5.88	0.00	5.95	30	20	0-417	
15-YR FIXED	5.50	0.00	5.71	30	20	0-417	
5/1 ARM	5.38	0.00	5.42	60	20	0-500	
7/1 ARM	5.63	0.00	5.72	60	20	0-500	

NATIONAL AVERAGE MORTGAGE RATES



Purchasing A New home? Thinking Of Refinancing? CALL THESE LENDERS TODAY

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Professional Help 260

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Professional Help 260

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Condos & Townhouses

320

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Condos & Townhouses

320

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Homes For Sale 330

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Must sell, new construction, 2 story colonial, 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, kit, LR, DR, study on 1st fl., ceramic tile floors in bath & kit., jacuzzi in master bath, gas heat, central air, full front porch, off-street parking, ready to move in. Asking \$394,900. Principals only. 609-397-8462

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Industrial Property For Sale 340

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BRANCHBURG
For Sale or Lease
3000, 6000 sq. ft. warehouse
with small office
20 ft. ceiling
CALL KNAUER REALTY CORP
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Real Estate Rentals

Apartments 405

ANNANDALE - 1 BR, 2nd fl.
apt. Bright rms, full BA, lg
eatn kit, close to 78 and
train. \$795/mo + utls and
sec. No pets/smoking.
908-735-7495

CLINTON GARDENS - Spacious
1 BR apt, DW, AC, patio,
balcony, laundry, ample
parking. Junction of 22, 31
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Satellite TV, full kitchen,
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POHATCONG TWP Spacious
2BR, 2Brs, LR, BA, Large
Elk, office, storage, off
street parking. Avail Immed.
\$980/mo incl. heat & hot
water. 908-432-0487

Westfield New 1 - 3 bdrms
w/d, refrigerator, c/a,
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\$1300/mo. 908-785-2562,
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For Rent 410**

**Competitive
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Commerce St

Various Sizes

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Excellent. Concl. also avail
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Near Rt 78 & 22 exit
400 to 2200 sq ft.
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ing dock & freight lift
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1700 to 3800 s.f. avail.
Immed. occupancy. Contact
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Houses For Rent 430

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1BR, 1BA, secluded wooded
lot, 11200 + utls, 1 mo.
sec. reg., avail. 1/15.
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BRANCHBURG Rt 22, fully
furnished 4BR, partially fin.
bsmt, avail immed. Short
longterm lse. \$1975/mo.
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Cottage - 1 bdrm, recently
renovated, idyllic location,
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E. AMWELL Small Historic 2BR
house, furnished, Exc.
cond. Short term lease.
Pets considered. Avail
immed. \$1300/mo + sec.
& Ref's 609-203-0289

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2 BR, 2 BA, Jacuzzi,
gourmet ELK, short term.
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Lease neg. 908-537-2492

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Large historic farmhouse,
partially furnished, on 30
acres. "Cutter & lvs set-
ting" 4/5BR, Lrg. LR w/FP,
Den w/FP, DR w/wood burning
stove, Library w/FP, 2.5BA 3
car garage. Barn space
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Avail immed. 609-203-0289

Housing To Share 435

CLINTON - M/F, N/S, large
priv. BR, cable tv, dsl, W/D, all
utls incl. \$575. or \$650. Avail.
Immed. 908-310-7546

FLEMINGTON - Female to
Share 2 BR townhouse,
Living rm, kit, W/D, D/W,
C/A, No smoking. Avail.
immed. \$650 + 1/2 utls.
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**Industrial Property For
Lease 450**

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Raritan
16,500 sq. ft.
T.B. loading - clear span
large drive-in door
Exclusive Broker
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Rooms 460

BRANCHBURG Rt 22, fully
furnished, also 2BR mts.
bile homes, w/cable TV
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FANWOOD Border - Lg.
rm, cable TV hook-up,
shar. kitch/B.A. \$115/wk.
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**Townhouses/Condos
For Rent 475**

READINGTON TWP
4 rms, 1 1/2 bath, F/P, C/A.
Appliances, pool. No pets.
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mirror & 2 nite stands. New in
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\$175
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Dining table + chairs \$129.
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BOOTS - men's, 11.5, 12"
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newborn foals and high
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