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'Tats' for the memories

He once was a king in the world of tattoos. Now "Tattoo Stiggy" is closing his North Plainfield parlor and just about everything inside — from carnival memorabilia to pages upon pages of tattoo artwork samples — is heading to the auction block.

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Drop-off day is scheduled

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management has announced its Spring Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.

The drop-off will be held at three locations on different days: March 18 at the Middlesex County Division of Highways, 750 Jernee Mill Road in Sayreville, April 15 at the Middlesex County Division of Highways on Apple Orchard Lane off of Rt. 130 in North Brunswick, and May 21 at the Middlesex County College of Edison near the Mill Road entrance.

All collection times are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Household hazardous wastes that are improperly disposed of are identified as a danger to children and animals, a potential cause of ground water and other environmental pollution and a potential threat to garbage collection crews. Acceptable materials which county residents can bring to the events for disposal include but are not limited to: pesticides-herbicides, flammable liquids, solvents, pool chemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, paints, car batteries, household batteries, anti-freeze, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs (no broken bulbs) and asbestos. Residents wishing to bring asbestos must pre-register by calling the division, and can only bring up to a maximum of 300 pounds.

Materials that residents must not bring and will not be accepted at the drop-off days are tires, electronics, explosives, and munitions, infectious waste, unknown materials and empty containers. Residents with tires and electronics can contact the division for information regarding separate recycling pro-

The drop-off days are sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and conducted in cooperation with the Middlesex County Department of Public Works, the Division of Highways, and Middlesex County College. The events are open to residents of Middlesex County only and are free of charge. Items should be brought in clearly marked con-

For further information, residents may contact the Division of Solid Waste Management by calling (732) 745-4170, by emailing solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us or by visiting the following web site: http://co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp.

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Freenoiders OK '06 county budget

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted the \$343.56 million 2006 county operating budget that reduces the equalized county property tax rate by 2.1 cents per \$100 of equalized value.

"This is the 13th consecutive year that the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reduced the equalized county property tax rate with no corresponding reduction in the quality or quantity of services offered," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel, chairman of the county Administration and Finance Committee.

He added that Middlesex County is probably the first county in the state to adopt its budget.

"The budget reflects the continuing goals of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders to maintain the very highest level of county services to our residents, while at the same time minimizing the impact on the property taxpayers of the county," Crabiel said. The 2006 budget was formally adopt-

The 2006 budget was formally adopted in a special meeting of the free-holders Feb. 15. This budget includes a net tax levy of \$239.228 million, which is \$23.896 million less than what would be permitted by the state's cap law.

Crabiel said the county continues to maintain a AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's and a Aa1 rating from Moody's Investors Service. through layoffs. "If we implem "we will fill evacancies occur."

In order to enhance its financial position, in addition to reducing the equalized county property tax rate, Middlesex County has also increased its level of retained surplus by \$522,418 to a historic high of \$15.083 million in 2006.

Crabiel said the county will continue its efforts to reduce the size of county government by eliminating non-essential positions, which become vacant during 2006, through attrition and not

through layoffs.

"If we implement this plan," he said,
"we will fill essential positions as

vacancies occur.

"The county will monitor each and every county position in a continuing effort to reduce the costs of the county workforce and to increase the resultant savings, which will be passed on to county property taxpayers.

"On a personal note, it is my personal goal to reduce the number of Middlesex County public employees by 50 or 2.38 percent," Crabiel said. "The employee workforce would drop from 2,097 to 2,047 by year's end."

Evening easy on eyes, palette



Enrique Ibanez of Ibanez Pleven Offerings, above, pours a glass of wine during Saturday's wine tasting event at the Somerset Art Association in Bedminster. At right, Nancy and Frank Vario of Bedminster view an oil painting by Joseph Sundwall titled "From Kathy's Garden."

Art association opens its gallery for wine tasting

By CAITY FODOR Correspondent

BEDMINSTER — For one night only, people didn't have to travel far and wide to sample some unique art and wine.

The Somerset Art Association held its third annual wine tasting event on Feb. 25 to benefit the nonprofit art association. Wine and art enthusiasts had the opportunity to walk around and sample over 80 different kinds of wines and peruse through the association's display of approximately 45 different art pieces.

tion's display of approximately 45 different art pieces. The event, titled "Bouquet," was a floral theme to represent the term used to describe the fragrance that develops in wine over time. Various techniques were represented in the art pieces, including watercolor, pastel, oil and photography. The artwork tied in with the theme of the event and had a floral theme.

Chris Cree, master of wine and owner of 56 Degree Wine in Bernardsville, said he felt that art and wine are a good combination.

"It's a nice match," he said. "Art and wine just sort of go together."

Guests were greeted by the sounds of piano, featuring Annette Tsang Hu and Ken Smith, owner of The Pianosmith in Somerville. They then spent the evening walking up and down the stairs, from one room to the next, with a glass in hand seeking out the next table of wine, being sure to check out the artwork on display on the way. The atmosphere was relaxed, with dim lights and candles on the scattered tables, and the Larry Adabo Jazz Duo entertained guests as they socialized.

Susanne Christie of Bedminster said it was a nice way to spend a Saturday evening, adding she didn't realize how many different kinds of wines exist.

"I'm an art layer and I happen to like wine" she

"I'm an art lover and I happen to like wine," she said. "And there's a lot of wine out there that I'll never get to taste because I'll never live long enough."

Cree has been in the wine industry for over 25 years and believes that the best wines reflect the soil, climate, people and traditions of the places where the grapes are grown. He said his business focuses on

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Gateway earns national praise

HIGHLAND PARK — The gateway into Highland Park on Raritan Avenue welcomes thousands of motorists every day.

Now an international magazine will be showcasing this entry from New Brunswick to millions of people by publishing renderings of the borough's new signage on its Web site.

The new signs are to be installed this spring in the borough's Centennial Park at the base of the Albany Street Bridge, which spans the Raritan River in Middlesex County. Communication Arts, a professional journal covering visual communications, selected the new Highland Park signage on its Exhibit On-line page, a special section of its Web site featuring cutting-edge concepts in advertising and design.

The design is available for viewing at www.commont.a.com/CA/e.ahDat/through early April. It will then be stored on the publication's archive page, which is located at www.commarts.com/CA/exhibit/archive.html.

"After culling through hundreds of projects, the editorial staff at Communication Arts chose the Highland Park identity as an example of creative excellence in graphic design," said Patrick Coyne, editor of Communication Arts, based in Menlo Park, Calif.

Mayor Meryl Frank said the magazine is recognizing the work of the many community members who came together to provide input on the new design. The effort was driven, in part, by a committee of Main Street Highland Park, which promotes and markets the downtown.

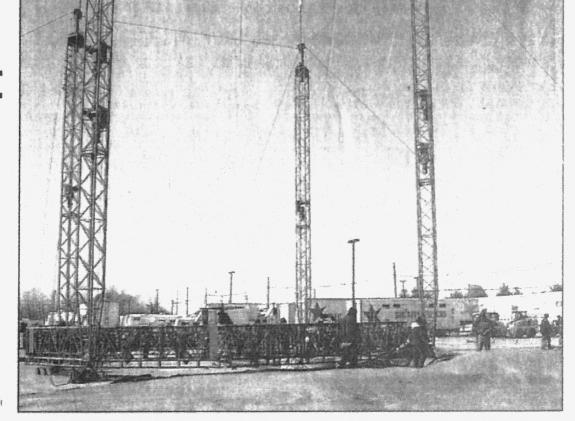
"It is an honor to have Highland Park's new identity, which we consider a work of art, posted for all the world to see," said Frank. "The layout and design of our borough's name is playful, like poetry; it will make people stop and think.

The Philadelphia-based design firm Cloud Gehshau Associates has arranged the words "Highland Park" into three lines. It depicts not only the borough's geographic location on the high land, but also the historic craftsman style of our older homes, with a contemporary flare,

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Raise that tent

Workers prepare to raise the tent at The Big Apple Circus on Wednesday. The circus' "Grandma Goes to Hollywood" begins its appearance at Commerce Bank Park, Bridgewater, this weekend. Inspired by the legendary town that produced silent films and the talkies, sweeping epics and musical extravaganzas, westerns, sci-fi fantasies, suspense thrillers, romances and — of course — comedies, Grandma Goes to Hollywood brings the celluloid dreams of the silver screen into the circus ring. The circus, now in its 28th season, is presented in association with the Somerset Hills YMCA, Somerset Patriots and Somerset County Park Commission, will be at the ballpark through March 26. For additional information, visit www.bigapplecircus.org. For further information or any questions about the YMCA's involvement, contact Dawn Knill at (908) 766-7898, Ext. 160.



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Christina Roll and Jeff Mahoney of Basking Ridge taste an offering of wine from Chris McGowan of Sussex Wine Merchants during Saturday's wine tasting event at the Somerset Art Association in

Art association opens its gallery for third annual wine tasting

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small, family owned wineries that are not as well-known.

'They're wines that are unique," he said. "They are typical of the place that they come

The event featured 10 tables with representatives from different wine distributors who supply 56 Degree Wine.

The representatives answered questions to help those in attendance learn more about the different kinds of wines that exist and which wines would suit them best.

Gary Podbielski, a representative for Winebow, said wine tastings are par for the course in his trade and looked forward to teaching people more about

"We like to turn novices into budding enthusiasts and enthusiasts into connoisseurs," Podbielski said.

Podbielski has the same type of philosophy about wine as Cree and represents small, family-owned estates that control all aspects of the wine process.

"We believe that when someone puts their name, heart and soul into the wine, it comes to life," Podbielski said. "It has character.'

Sylvia Le Vine of Woodcliff Lake said she attended the event to get a set of wines that she likes so that she doesn't have to take chances when ordering it.

"I didn't expect to see such a variety and breath of wines," Le

Cree said he had hoped the event would be an opportunity for guests to try a lot of wines they never knew about and to learn more about their palette and what they like and don't

"I would hope people can connect to the wines," Cree said

Cree's hopes came true, and most guests said they learned about what they liked and enjoyed tasting so many different kinds of wines.

I've definitely learned what like in terms of type," Jennifer Rector of Edison said. Mike Norton of Basking Ridge said 56 Degree Wine's

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philosophy on small, familyowned wineries gave him an opportunity to experience wines he may not otherwise experience. "Because of the store's emphasis on small boutique wineries, you get a chance to access wines you normally wouldn't be able to," Norton said.

In addition to the wine and artwork that were available for purchase, guests also had the opportunity to purchase tickets for a chance to win a gift basket that was raffled off.

The basket contained a bottle of wine, a weekend overnight stay and breakfast donated by the Bridgewater Marriot Hotel, two tickets to the 2007 wine tasting event, as well as other various wine-themed items.

Robin Tromeu of the Somerset Art Association said 30 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the association and 70 percent of the proceeds from the art pieces will go to the artists. The art association uses the donations for future exhibits, workshops and class-

Gateway earning national praise

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Frank said.

The logo will accompany a new set of symbols to capture the eclectic, creative, and friendly spirit of Highland

The gateway sign will welcome visitors both day and night; ground mounted lights will provide a soft glow after

dark. The sign will have a handcrafted appearance and feature artisan glass panels as well. The image will also appear on signs along Raritan Avenue and will be incorporated into other facets of the downtown streetscape project that is currently underway.

Peter Reed, a Cloud Gehshan designer with experience in identity, print communications, healthcare and retail signage systems, created the new signage and submitted it to Communication

"Humbly, Highland Park has a good identification mark that is now internationally recognized," Reed said. "We really hope the design will bring more visitors to the bor-

In The Towns

Scrapbooking seminars are set

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Scrapbooking has become a fun hobby and the South Plainfield Public Library is holding seminars on how to get you started.

These free seminars are at 7 p.m. Mondays, March 13 and April 24. Dayel Giammarino from Creative Memories, a leading scrapbooking company, leads each program.

Bring three of your favorite photos; all other materials will be provided. You can attend any or all

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

Celtic music is coming to the Edison Library

EDISON - Mary Kay Mann will present a program of Celtic music at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 4 at the Edison Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. Drawing on the rich musical heritage of Ireland, Scotland and America, she will sing and play the Celtic harp, flute and tin whis-

Friends of the Edison Public Library are sponsoring this program. Refreshments will be served.

To register, call the library at (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1, or sign up at the Circulation Desk

Blood drive set for March 5

PISCATAWAY --- A blood drive will be held from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5 at St. Frances Cabrini School, 2300 Cooper St.

To schedule an appointment, call Paul at (732) 885-0209.

Rabies clinics for dogs, cats

EDISON - The Division of Health has scheduled its rabies vaccination clinics for 2006.

Clinics are on Saturday, Jan. 21 at the H.K. firehouse on New Dover Road; Saturday, March 11 Amboy Ave.; Saturday, April 8 and June 3 at the Edison Animal Shelter, 125 Municipal Blvd. Each clinic runs from 10 a.m.-noon.

Each dog must be on a leash and accompanied by an adult. All cats must be in carriers or on leashes.

Dogs and cats that were vaccinated against rabies in 2003 are

due for a booster in 2006. Licenses for 2006 may also be purchased at each clinic. Dog licenses are \$8.20 if the dog is spayed or neutered, \$11.20 if not. Cat licenses are \$3 if the cat is spayed or neutered, \$5 if not. The license fee may be waived for senior citizens with a valid town-

ship ID card. For more information, call (732)

Diocese plans weekend seminar

PISCATAWAY --- "Life in the Spirit' is the theme of a seminar scheduled for the St. John Neumann Center, the Diocese of Metuchen chancery at 146 Metlars Lane.

The free seminar runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 11-12. Guest speakers include Rev. Robert Santa Barbara, Monsignor Ray Cole, Rev. Ed Abano, Doris Brennan, Rev. Bill Halbing and "prayer group sharers" from the four-county diocese.

As part of the seminar, Halbig and Rev. Tom Ganley will concelebrate a Mass at 3 p.m. March

Music will be provided by Celebrate; Rejoice, a music ministry; and other prayer group music ministries. Food will be available

For reservations, call (732) 699-

"Life in the Spirit" is sponsored by the diocese's Charismatic Renewal Steering Committee.

St. Patrick's dinner planned

DUNELLEN - St. Francis Episcopal Church at 400 New Market Road holds a St. Patrick's dinner from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

The traditional meal includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots and dessert. For reservations, call (732) 271-0136 or (732) 968-

Unlimited Arc softball league

SOUTH PLAINFIELD --- The Recreation Department has opened registration for its men's softball league.

An "Unlimited Arc" open slow-

pitch league plays on Monday night beginning April 24. Registration continues through March 31 or until eight teams are formed.

For a form and full details, call (908) 226-7713.

Veterans outreach forum is planned

PISCATAWAY --- Are you a veteran or part of a veteran's family? You may want to know about the benefits and services available to

The Middlesex County Veterans Advisory Council has scheduled a Veterans Outreach Forum with speakers from local, state and federal agencies. This free forum is at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at the Piscataway Senior Center, off Hoes Lane behind John F. Kennedy Library.

For more information, call (732) 745-4051.

Library collects food for FISH

DUNELLEN — Food donations for FISH Inc., Dunellen Area, are accepted at the Dunellen Public

All donations can be dropped off inside the New Market Road library during library hours. Food collected at the library goes to needy families in the area.

Free tax return help is now available SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Taxpayers can receive free help in filing their federal and state returns as part of a program at the South Plainfield Senior Center at 80 Maple Ave. NJ Volunteers will be available to aid taxpayers in preparing their reports and-or in reviewing reports done by the taxpayer. This service is sponsored by TCE (Tax Consulting for the Elderly) The IRS and the AARP.

Volunteers will be available at the Senior Center on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. through April 14. Participants should bring all their income reports (that is 1099's, W2's, bank statements and any other income) and any records of expenses it they think that they would be itemizing their deductions. They should being a copy of their last years report if it is available. For more information, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

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Winter and spring classes being held

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Community School has scheduled a number of courses in the winter and spring.

Except where indicated, courses are held at Middlesex High School on Bound Brook Road. The schedule:

- "Floral Design" with Heather Boehme, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 6. This class is at America's Florist, 227 W. Union Ave., Bound Brook. Fee is \$10 payable to the Community School plus \$25 payable to the instructor.

- "Excel" with Vi Valenti, 3:30 p.m. Monday for four weeks beginning March 13. An introduction to Microsoft Excel with emphasis on entering data, formatting, calculating basic formulas, editing and managing files.

Fee is \$95. - "Basket Weaving with Adele Hueston," 6 p.m. Monday for four weeks beginning March 13. Fee

"Decorative Painting and Design Craft Projects" with Ann Rothwell, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4 and June 1. Fee is \$20 payable to the Community School plus \$15 payable to the instructor.

You can register on-line at www.middlesex.k12.nj.us; look under "Community School" on the home page and click on "General Registration Form." For registration by phone, call (732) 317-6000, Ext. 20206.

Church schedules

activities for Lent PISCATAWAY -- Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane, has a number of activities related to Lent.

Midweek services in Lent are held at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12. A soup-and-sandwich lunch follows each service. Takeout is available.

For more information, call (732) 463-1517.

Donate movies, games to those bedridden

The Rutgers University American Medical Student Association is collecting movies, video games, video game systems and toys to be donated to local hospitals.

Drop your donations off at these locations on the dates indi-

Busch Campus Center, 604 Bartholomew Road, Piscataway, through March 3.

Douglass College Center, 100 George St., New Brunswick, March 6-10. Rutgers Student Center, 126

College Ave., New Brunswick, March 20-24. Donations can also be picked up by appointment; call Katerina Dukleska at (201) 349-7917 or

Historic lives revisited in South Plainfield

Michael Hayoun at (609) 287-

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The Historical Society of South Plainfield will hold a program 2 p.m. March 5 at the South Plainfield Library located on Plainfield Ave.

Kim Hanley, of the American Historical Theatre, will be presenting "Abigail Adams, Remember the Ladies.'

This program is offered free of charge.

Hanley uses the written words of Abigail and John Adams as the framework for her recounting of Abigail's extraordinary life. For further information, visit www.geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety or contact the library at (908) 754-7885.

Bereavement workshop held

EDISON - The Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County offers a bereavement workshop for middle-age adults who have lost a spouse.

This workshop is at 5 p.m. March 8 at the JFVS office at 515 Plainfield Ave. Fee for each session is \$15.

Registration is required; call (732) 777-1940.

Celtic stories come to borough

MIDDLESEX - David Emerson tells "Traditional Celtic Tales" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the Middlesex Public Library, 1300 Mountain Ave.

His program features stories from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Cornwall. For more information, call (732) 356-6602.

Dance lessons as church benefit

PISCATAWAY — Put your best foot forward for a good cause.

Area residents can support the many ministries of Christ United Methodist Church while sharpening their ballroom dancing skills. Bruce and Nancy Drake provide the instruction at 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 17 and 24 in the church at 485 Hoes Lane.

Cost is a minimum donation of \$50 per couple. Only couples will be accepted. For registration, call (732) 463-1517.

Campus Notes

Five area students were named to the dean's list for the 2005 semester Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. They are:

Katie R. Blais of Piscataway, an honors student majoring in criminal justice.

David Charnuska of Bound Brook, who is majoring in business administration. Katelyn M. Fiefer of

Middlesex, who is majoring in English. Robert M. Lugowe of

Piscataway; who is majoring in physical therapy. Ashley M. Waters of Middlesex, who is majoring in

finance and insurance.

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester on the Teaneck campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. They are Zoi Antoniou of Bound Brook, Connie Lau of Edison and Turek Wallace of Piscataway.

William N. Michel of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at American International College in Springfield, Mass.

He is a junior majoring in criminal justice.

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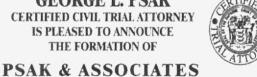
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Certificate Programs are designed for individuals interested in changing careers as well as those who are looking to change classifications or acquire new skills within the career area. An Information Session will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at the campus where the course is offered. Space in certificate programs is limited. You may register at the Information session for Certificate Programs that start in September.

East Brunswick Campus: Commercial Art/Graphic Design, Computer Applications for Business, Culinary Arts, Home Inspection, Manicuring.

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Finding a little faith

God, Buddha and Mohammad are all finding it a little harder to fit in here in Central Jersey

From stone and brick edifices of old, today's "new" houses of worship are taking on a different shape — from a farmhouse to a building in town to a temple surrounded by trees. Blending traditional visions of what a house of worship was and what it has become has, of late, become the task of lawyers and judges.

Let's face it: It costs a lot of money to start a new congregation. Particularly one not connected with faiths that have established in the United States for a long time. While there have been a few large Hindu temples built and Mosques established, in many communities the creation of a new Christian church or Buddhist temple takes place on a small scale. And, because many of these houses of worship quickly attract a large following, what begins in a rented store front or house often blossoms and pushes that space to the limit. And that's where the trouble comes in.

Take Church of the Hills in Bedminster. For many years the church and the township have battled over plans to expand the facility to meet the needs of a growing congregation. The

church filed suit over the township's denial of the plans, and on Friday a federal judge denied four out of five counts in Bedminster's motion to dismiss the church's lawsuit. At the heart of the matter is a municipality's place in having a say on how a religious center operates - and its impact on the community - and that congregation's rights to grow and prosper. It is a question that encompasses constitutional law, religious freedoms and the rights of those living nearby.

It's also a question that is difficult enough for those familiar with constitutional law to tackle, as seen in the judge's 24-page decision, and one that is nearly impossible for a zoning board or planning board to be burdened with. In the end, many times these boards can only go by land use law, which almost guarantees a court hearing. Costs mount as the case makes its way through the system — often to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it almost always ends in favor of the house of worship. A simpler system

could exist. The time has come for New Jersey to create new standards for those seeking to open or build a house of worship, one that answers many of these questions before the lawyers and

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Ariana Iacono Raritan "I think towns should have a say in anything, because the town is the administration. It doesn't matter if it's a religious institution or not."

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Question of the week:

Should towns be able to limit the expansion of religious institutions?



Pamela Howell Hillsborough "Yes. By zoning. it's pretty cut and dry, actually."

tion, etc.

That's the way the towns could control it. I think

for Stroll 'n Roll friends with spina bifida. One way I thought I could I was born with spina bifida, and I decided to raise money for our annual Stroll 'n Roll because my family and I know firsthand all the expenses that can arise for people with a disability.

Letters to the Editor

Support sought

There are many outstanding medical bills for things that are not covered by insurance including endless co-pays for the many doctors office visits and hospital visits that can occur often for people with spina bifida, also bills for home renovations that must be done, wheelchair repairs, transporta-

It's also important to raise money so we can continue to educate people on how impor-tant it is to take folic acid before becoming pregnant. The more people we can reach with this information, the better it will be for future generations.

I've come to learn that people with disabilities find it very hard to find a job. Many companies just don't understand that just because a person has a disability, doesn't mean they can't do a good job. I've been looking, but haven't had much success and I've heard the same story from most of my

make a difference was by doing fundraising for the Spina Bifida Association so that the people that are in most need living with spina bifida can get help. I raised over \$4,000 last year and while it was hard work, especially freezing outside of supermarkets, I had the best experience of my life while doing it. I met terrific people who understood how serious I was about doing this and encouraged me. I feel good doing this especially because I know exactly where this money is going and how it will be used.

If you can help me try to help others with spina bifida that would be great. You can send your check to me at 104 Mountain Parkway, Green Brook, NJ 08812. Please make your check out to the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region. You can find out more information about the Stroll 'n Roll or other information about spina bifida at www.sbatsr.org.

Thanks so much for helping

MICHAEL SAVERINO Jr.

Councilman ready to serve Raritan

To The Editor:

I would like to thank all the residents of Raritan who took the time to come out and vote for me on Feb. 16 and by absentee ballot.

Because of your support, I will have the honor of representing the residents of Raritan while serving as a councilman.

I would also like to thank the poll workers, volunteers and every other wonderful person that helped make this special election such a success. To the folks that let me post signs on their lawns, thank you. To the

people who made campaign calls for me, thank you. To every person who supported my bid for council, thank you.

In the future I will work hand in hand with both the mayor and the rest of the council to bring about positive changes for our beloved town. I will keep my campaign promise to be responsive. If any resident has a question or concern please feel free to contact me. Again thanks to

> VICTOR J. LAGGINI Jr. Member, Raritan Borough Council

Residents are urged to attend hearing

Two newspaper articles covering the controversy between residents and developers before the Bridgewater Board of Adjustment remind us of the pressures on the township to succumb to developers and of the costs to residents. The controversy is also reminiscent of past pressures and broken campaign promises to control development.

According to Steven Scharf, director of development, Briad Group, "We've crunched all of the numbers and decided this is where we want to be." The problem is that Briad not only wants the right to build in Bridgewater but also to dictate the terms. It is asking for permission to shoehorn two four-story hotels on a 13.4-acre property on Route 22 East, overriding existing zoning that is restricted to

office space and a three-story height limit.

Zoning decisions and restrictions in the Master Plan have already addressed the need to balance commercial demands and quality of life issues in Bridgewater. Those decisions and restrictions were put in the Master Plan by the Planning Board and supported in townshipwide open public meetings in the spring. The Board of Adjustment should hold the line against attempts to reinterpret those restrictions. Right now, neighborhood residents are leading the resistance. We urge all citizens to come to the next hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 28. Let your voices be heard.

PAUL D. AMITRANI Chairman, Bridgewater Democratic Municipal Committee

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Bedminster "No. I work for Immaculata High School. I see the benefit. It keeps the town involved. Religious institutions help the community stay together."

Somerset County News

Civilian orientation is held at police academy

Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest announced that the Somerset County Police Academy will be conducting an orientation for potential candidates in the Basic Police Recruit Alternate Route Program.

The program allows civilians to enter police recruit training on their own without first being employed by a municipal police department or Sheriff's Department.

Orientation is at 7 p.m. Monday at the Somerset County Police Academy, located at Raritan Valley Community College

In 1993, the Somerset County

Police Academy was the first academy in the state to offer such a program. The Somerset County Police Academy's Basic Police Alternate Route Program is certified by the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

Candidates who are selected are enrolled directly into the 24-week training cycle at the

Police Academy. During the training process, recruits are taught in over 120 subjects to include: Police Professionalism; Criminal Justice Systems; Criminal Law; Arrest, Search and Seizure; Communications; Emergency Driving; Emergency Medical Training; Firearms; Self-Defense; Patrol Practices; Motor Vehicle Law; Accident Investigation; Criminal Investigation; and Physical

Fitness. In addition, each graduate is certified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a Community Policing Officer. The Somerset County Police

Academy is the only academy in the nation to offer this certification during basic training.

Since its inception in 1987, the Somerset County Police Academy developed a reputation for providing quality training in all topical areas. Over 1,300 police recruits have been trained at the academy and over 22,000 individuals have been trained in a variety of law enforcement continuing education related topics. The Police Academy is operated by the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office in conjunction with Raritan Valley Community College and law enforcement authorities in Hunterdon,

Somerset and Warren counties. Scholarships are available for call (908) 526-1200, Ext. 8480. those individuals with economic need.

All candidates must be a Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex or Warren county resident upon the opening of the academy class in June, have at least 60 college credits from an accredited college or university, as recognized by Raritan Valley Community College, or have two years of full time active military duty or a combination of college and military that equals two years, no criminal record, be at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States, possess a valid New Jersey driver's license, have a good driving record and be in good physical

For more information, visit

Parks commission to hear from residents

The Somerset County Park Commission has launched an effort to hear from patrons of the park facilities through a survey designed to enhance the offerings and the level of ser-

"When you reach a milestone like our 50th anniversary, you have a natural tendency to look around and see what has been done right and what can be improved," said Commission Director Ray Brown. "We have done our staff review and now it's time to address the issue with the real experts, the people who use our parks."

The Park Commission Customer Satisfaction Survey has been developed to gain insight from the end users to help the Commission to continue to provide high quality facilities and programs to meet the needs of the people of Somerset County.

Available at all Park Commission facilities and at somersetcountyparks.org, the survey asks for the three highest use facilities and a personal assessment on the cleanliness, staff competency and customer

"The results of the survey will be very important to our planning as Somerset County grows," Brown said. "We have a very comprehensive capital plan in front of us and we need the people who use our parks to help us to prioritize."

Pub's shamrocks support red, white & blue

Red, white and blue signs have begun to crop up amidst the green shamrocks decorating the walls of Mannion's Pub and Restaurant on West Main Street in Somerville.

You'll see that the little green shamrocks are personalized with the names of those who come in, and if you're wondering why, read the patriotic signs, ask your server, or see the bartender.

They'll be happy to tell you that for \$1, \$5 or \$10, you can personalize your own shamrock to hang on the wall through St. Patrick's Day, with every penny spent on every shamrock donated to help support U.S. troops

Mannion, a generous supporter of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005, is confident his clientele will embrace the cause and spend a few dollars to decorate the walls over the next

three weeks. The shamrocks will be available in the pub and restaurant downstairs, and at the sports bar in the clubhouse on the second

Last year Mannion sponsored a fund-raising evening at the pub during an appearance by the Willie Lynch Trio which raised \$500.

He's also concocted a red, white and blue cocktail dubbed "Patriot's Salute" which sells for \$6, with \$1 from each drink donated to OPSHBX

"We wanted to do something again to help raise money for Operation Shoebox, and this just seemed like a good idea," Mannion explained.

Regardless of your heritage although everyone's an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day - please stop in over the next few weeks and pay tribute to the soldiers and Marines of the USA.

Diner extends promotion

Louka's Last American Diner on Route 22 in Branchburg has extended their Monday Night Special promotion which helps support the efforts of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

"You have to respect what the troops are doing over there," said co-owner Nikolaos Renieris. "Every little bit helps," he added. "We can't change the world, but we can help'do some-

The diner - its windows trimmed in American flags and "God Bless America" - will continue donating a portion of its profits from Monday nights during March to OPSHBX.

Make plans with family or friends to have dinner at the diner March 6 13, 20 and 27, beginning at 5 p.m., or stop in through midnight. Every dinner, cup of coffee, dessert or a late night snack that is served will troops in Iraq and the Mideast help support OPSHBX. The promotion began the first week of

The diner is also a drop-off site for those wishing to donate a



sent to U.S. troops overseas. Donations of loose change and dollar bills can also be deposited in a large jug at the cash regis-

Louka's Last American Diner is on the eastbound side of Route 22, directly across from Colonial Motors.

Mini student council

School principal Michele Gadaleta from the Taylor Street School in Warren County's Washington Borough called The Chronicle last week to tell us that the "mini" student council at her pre K-2nd grade school has adopted Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 as it service project for the month of March.

Gadaleta explained that members of the student council will make presentations in their classrooms to inform all 230 students about the goals of OPSH-

Letters will be sent home to parents soliciting their support for the purchase of supplies and donations, with the donated goods to be collected and sorted by month's end.

We wish them good luck!

Patriots wave the flag

The 2005 Atlantic League champion Somerset Patriots will begin selling single game tickets at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater March 11 and each fan who brings a bag of supplies to be shipped to U.S. troops serving in Iraq will receive a special Buy One Get One Free ticket good for any Patriots game Sunday through Thursday throughout the season.

Patriotic fans will also receive a 25 percent discount in the Patriots' Headquarters gift shop as part of the promotion.

"We are proud to have Operation Shoebox join with us for the opening day of ticket sales once again. This event is not only the start of our individual ticket sales, but also our commitment to be an even bigger part of Operation Shoebox for the upcoming season," McVerry said.

The Patriots have promised to host two packing events at the ballpark this year, in May and September.

To date, OPSHBX has shipped over 6,000 packages to U.S. region and raised \$75,000 to pay for shipping. Its most recent packing event was held Feb. 4 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2290 in Manville, at which

The ticket windows open at 9 a.m. March 11. Tickets for all 72 home games will be available. Somerset Patriots ticket prices are \$12 for executive field box seats; \$9.50 for field box seats; \$8.50 for upper box seats, and \$5 for turf club seating.

Game times for the 2006 season are 7:05 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:35 p.m. on Sundays. The Patriots will host 12 fireworks shows, different promotional nights, and a variety of theme throughout the season.

For more information call (908) 252-0700 or visit the website at www.somersetpatriots.

The following week, the Patriots will host National Anthem auditions at Menlo Park Mall in Edison, Saturday March 18th, from noon-4 p.m.

The event will take place in the Nordstrom wing on the lower level of the mall. In addition to the National Anthem auditions, the event will include a special collection event for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will be on hand to collect the following items: sun screen, foot powder, telephone calling cards, eye drops, beef jerky, mouth wash, bug spray, lip balm, feminine products, ear swabs, wipes (travel size), razors, toilet paper, tea bags, coffee, small drink mixes, socks, clothesline/pins, snack foods, cereal/protein fleece blankets, microwaveable foods (can or box), hard candy/gum, writing materials, and batteries (any

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.

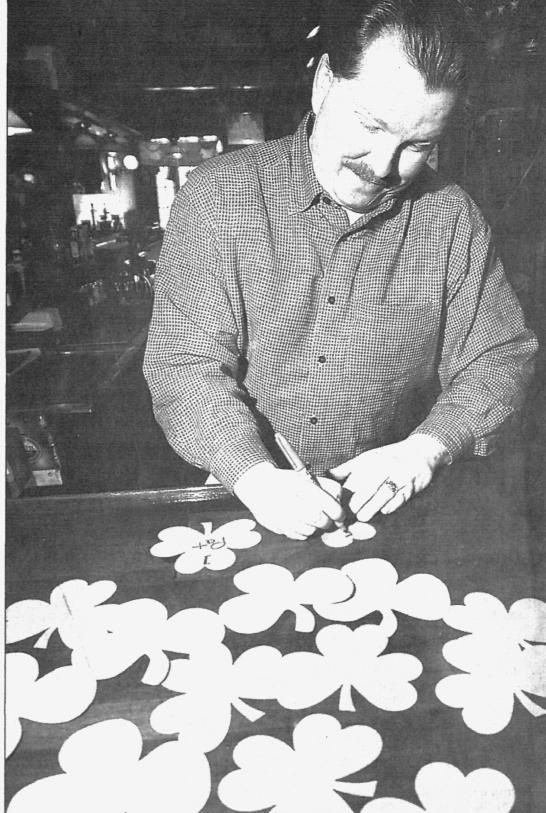
Several stores on Main Street in Somerville and Main Street in Metuchen are selling the shirts, which feature the distinctive red, white and blue Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo, and a full-color reproduction of the Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005

The shirts are also available at The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East. All proceeds from sale of the shirts directly benefit OPSH-BX. 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.

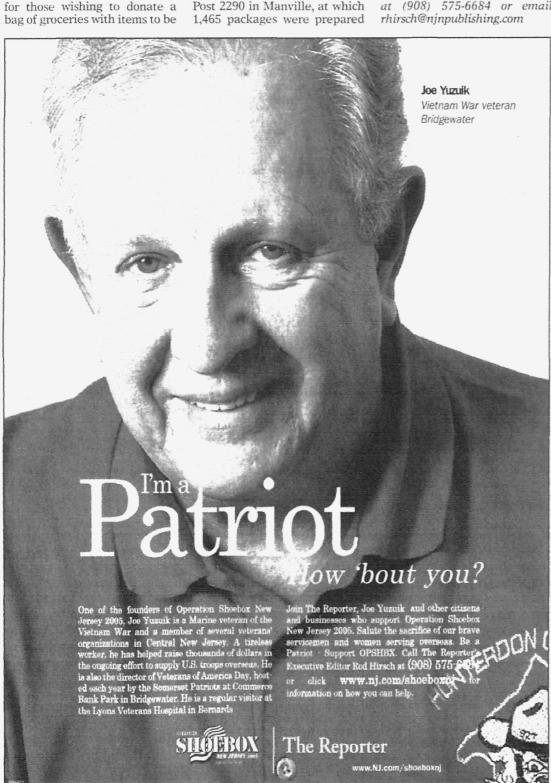
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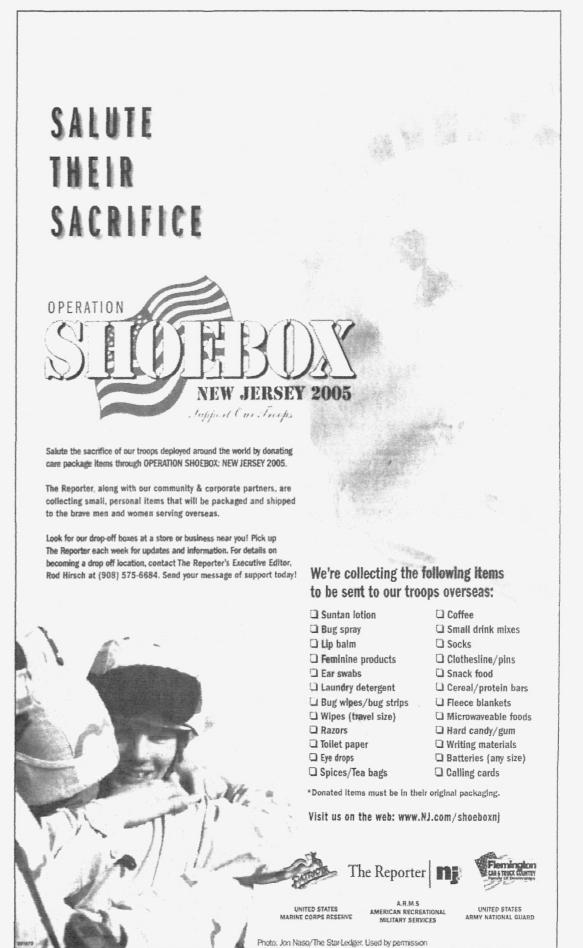
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GEORGE PACCIELLO:STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mannion's Pub and Restaurant owner Pat Mannion of Somerville fills out a five-dollar shamrock that he'll hang on the wall as part of a fund raiser he will run through St. Patrick's Day. Those who buy a shamrock for either a one- five- or ten-dollar donation will be donating the money to support U.S. troops overseas. Mannion hopes to fill the walls of his establishment with the shamrocks.





Dorothy Streepy

BOUND BROOK — Dorothy Streepy, 75, died Feb. 23, 2006 at her home in Somerville.

Mrs. Streepy was born in Swoyersville, Pa., and lived in Bound Brook before moving to Somerville in 1962. She also had a summer home in

She retired in 1989 from AT&T Corp. in Basking Ridge, where Mrs. Streepy was a manager for corporate education and training. She began her 30year AT&T career with the Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania and later worked for Bell Labs in Murray Hill.

Mrs. Streepy was a former

member of the Somerville First Aid and Rescue Squad auxiliary. She was a member of Conception Immaculate Roman Catholic Church in Somerville.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Donald; a daughter, Cindy, and a grandson, Keith Kavanaugh, both of Somerville.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at Immaculate Conception Church. Entombment was in the Resurrection Burial Park mausoleum, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville.

Evelyn Priestley

BOUND BROOK — Evelyn E. Priestley, 85, died Jan. 19, 2006 at her home.

Born Dec. 7, 1920 in Plainfield, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Carrona Antonio.

Mrs. Priestley lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Bound Brook in 1970. She retired in 1985 after 13 years with Ortho Diagnostics in Raritan. She earlier worked for RCA Corp. in Bridgewater. She was a member of St.

Roman Catholic

Her husband, James B., died

in 1951. A son, Joseph J., died in 1958. A sister, Helen Landisi, died in 1971.

Surviving are a son, James B. II of Oceanport and Edcouch, Texas; a daughter, Ruth Kinsella of Toms River; a sister, Mary Straub of Bound Brook; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a niece; two nephews; and several greatnieces and great-nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 24 at St. Joseph Church, following services at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Anna Mae Pepe

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Anna Mae Tozzi Pepe, 73, died 2006 at the 13, Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in South Plainfield and Somerville before moving to Green Brook 7 1/2 years ago. Mrs. Pepe retired in 1987

Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, where she was a medical transcriber in the pathology department. She played bingo at St. Joseph Church and St. Luke's Church in North Plainfield.

Her former husband, Frank, died in 2001.

Surviving are three daughers, Deborah Chalkley, Cynthia Dight and Ann Marie Zenone; two sisters, Audrey Waldron and Barbara Tozzi; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, Middlesex, following services at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung. To send a condolence, visit www.hig-ginsfuneralhome.com.

Bernard Apgar

DUNELLEN - Bernard J. Apgar, 72, died Feb. 15, 2006 at his home in Plainfield.

He was born in Jersey City, a son of the late Harvey and Stella Apgar, and lived in Dunellen before moving to Plainfield in 1961.

Mr. Apgar retired in the early 1990s as a machinist with R&D Circuits in Edison. More recently he was a driver with Sal's Auto Body in Green Brook and with Dunellen Auto Supply.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are many friends, including Judith E. Molesky, Kim Molesky and Kathy Howell.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home.

Leonard Pachasa

MIDDLESEX — Leonard H. Pachasa, 84, died Jan. 22, 2006 at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, N.Y.

Born Sept. 16, 1921 in Newark, he was a son of the late Joseph and Anna Nusbaum Pachasa.

Mr. Pachasa lived in Middlesex before moving in 1989 to Oxford, N.Y. He was the retired owner of Precision Leonard's Manufacturing Co. Dunellen.

He was a longtime member of American Legion Post 306 Middlesex and the

Dunellen United Methodist Church. Mr. Pachasa was an Army veteran of World War II. His wife, Irene E. Hosko Pachasa, died in 1981. A sister, Joan, died in 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia Shipley and Susan Wells, with whom Mr. Pachasa lived; a brother, Howard and wife Margaret of Piscataway; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 28 at the Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Howard Maxwell

PISCATAWAY — Howard W. Maxwell, 75, died Feb. 21, 2006 Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born Aug. 9, 1930 in Weehawken, he was a son of the late William J. and Agnes May Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell lived in Piscataway all his life and never married. An automobile upholsterer, he spent more than 50 years with the Atlas Auto Cover Manufacturing Co. Inc. in Plainfield and Edison. The Dunellen High School

alumnus grew vegetables, roses and other flowers in his garden. Mr. Maxwell was a member of Our Lady of Roman Catholic Fatima Church. He was a Marine Corps vet-

eran of the Korean War. Surviving are two brothers, Walter W. and Dennis M., both of Piscataway; a niece and a nephew.

Services were held Feb. 25 at the Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was in Lake Nelson Memorial Park.

Jeanette Soklaski

PISCATAWAY — Jeanette M. Soklaski, 62, died Feb. 7, 2006 at her home.

She was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Piscataway since 1974.

Mrs. Soklaski was a window clerk with the Edison and Menlo Park post offices until her retirement in 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Lizzy of Piscataway; two sons, Mike and wife Risa of Ringoes and Chris of Edison; four sisters, Ethel Alamo and Peggy Malfi, both of Florida, Joan Triplett and Helen LaChase, both of Virginia; a brother, Bobby Havener of New York state; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 11 at the McCriskin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, 846 Main St., Fords,

Mary Oscilowski

BOUND BROOK - Mary Tryniszewski Oscilowski, 85, died Jan. 27, 2006 at her home.

Born in Stamford, Conn., she was a daughter of the late Ludwik and Leokadia Laski Tryniszewski.

Mrs. Oscilowski lived in Irvington before moving to Bound Brook over 30 years ago. She was a homemaker who spent her time caring for her late husband, Frank.

Surviving are three sisters,

Sister Saletynia "Helena" Tryniszewski of Reading, Pa., Jadwiga Matusiak and Janina Nowak, both of Union.

A funeral Mass was held Feb. 1 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Manville, following services at the Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home in Manville, Burial was in Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery, Doylestown, Pa. To send a condolence, visit www.fucilloandwarrenfuneralhome.com

Charles Freuler

BOUND BROOK — Charles D. Freuler, 69, died Jan. 21, 2006 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born Jan. 26, 1936 in Somerville, he was a twin son of the late Mark and Veronica Ambrose Freuler.

Mr. Freuler attended Bound Brook public schools and lived in Bound Brook for most of his life. He worked more than 20 vears for Cusick Movers in Bound Brook.

He was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, where Mr. Freuler crossing guard employed by the borough of Bound Brook.

Preceding him in death were

a son, Jacob; and a sister, Audrey.

Surviving are a son, Peter of Stroudsburg, Pa.; two daughters, Rene Hinkle of Effort, Pa., and Deborah; his twin brother, John of Manville; another brother, Richard of Somerset; a sister, Claire Ritchie of Middlesex; eight grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and a close friend, May Losey of Bound Brook.

A memorial service was held at the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave. Arrangements are by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home.

Rena Chittenden

BOUND BROOK - Rena L. Chittenden, 89, died Jan. 21, 2006 at her home.

Born July 16, 1916 in Somerville, she was a daughter of the late George R. and Jessie Dolph Layton.

Mrs. Chittenden lived in Bedminster, Martinsville and Plainfield before moving to Bound Brook in 1952. She graduated from the nursing school at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, where she was a registered nurse in the 1930s.

She was a member of the Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook, a women's bridge club in Bound Brook the Congregational and

Her husband, Lloyd E., died in 1987. A son, Robert D., died in 1981. Three sisters are deceased, Suth L. Scarfe in 2005, Adele N. Wachter in 2000 and Mary L. Sweeney in 1997. A brother, George R. Layton Jr., died in 2003.

Surviving are a son, Richard E. of Bound Brook; a daughter, Susan Layton Sharp and husband Winslow of Livermore, Calif.; a sister, Eleanor L. Knutzen of Bellingham, Wash.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Layton Funeral Home in Bedminster. Burial was pri-

Raymond Yanotsky

DUNELLEN — Raymond E. Yanotsky, 72, died Jan. 18, 2006 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Edwardsville, Pa., and had lived in Dunellen since 1961. Mr. Yanotsky retired in 1994 after 30 years as a teacher with the Readington Township school system. He received a bachelor's degree in 1962 from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and a master's degree in guidarce in 1970

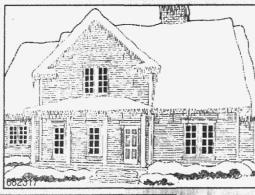
from Seton Hall University. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of Our Lady of Fatima Roman Church Catholic Piscataway.

Surviving are his wife, Louise Hahn Yanotsky; two daughters, Deborah Stines of Piscataway and Beth Ann Landon of Pennsylvania; a sister, Violet Rasmovicz; two grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, following services at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Entombment was at St. Catherine Cemetery, Moscow,



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Women's Club to hear surrogate

METUCHEN — The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club holds its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Middlesex and Oak avenues.

Middlesex County Surrogate Kevin Hoagland speaks about wills and estates. In addition, attorney Gary Hoagland speaks about last wills, trusts, living wills, advance directives and power of attorney.

Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending, call Diana at (732) 548-0925.

Library ready to go 'Back Into Nature'

DUNELLEN - The Dunellen Public Library goes "Back Into Nature" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13.

David Womer brings his creatures from the animal planet to the New Market Road library so you can touch them. Space is

Registration is required; call

(732) 968-4585.

Canal historian gives book talk

DUNELLEN - Linda Barth is a director of the Canal Society of New Jersey and, with her husband, has led tours of canals in the Northeast.

She has written a children's book about a "Bridgetender's Boy" who lived along the Delaware & Raritan Canal. Barth visits the Dunellen Public Library for a book talk and book signing at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20. Copies will be available for purchase.

Accompanying Barth on the program is Doreen Lorenzetti, who drew the illustrations for "Bridgetender's Boy."

For registration, call (732) 968-4585 or visit the library on New Market Road.

Scouts planning **Spring Camporee**

EAST BRUNSWICK - The Central New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America, will hold a Spring Camporee from April 28-30 at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds.

The theme is "Be Prepared -Scouting Salutes Our Emergency Services.'

Scouts will learn disaster relief from the people who provide those services in New Jersey. More than 4,000 scouts are expected to attend.

There will be displays from the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management, including emergency vehicles and mobile command buses. The State Police will be there with one of their helicopters, as well as Haz-Mat teams and a mobile emergency hospital.

Civil emergency response teams will conduct demonstrations. There will be displays from the Red Cross, which will conduct a blood drive. The Sharing Network will talk about organ donations.

Scouts can earn a number of merit badges, including Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Safety, Traffic Safety, Fire Safety, Crime Prevention, Fingerprinting, Public Health and Weather.

The Central New Jersey Council covers most of Middlesex County.

Legal Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 1687-06

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on February 28, 2006 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$1,358,900 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1.100.955 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Thereof."

<u>Purpose</u>	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
Collector of Taxes: Acquisition of a desktop folder inserter, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$11,025	\$10,473	5 years
b) Department of Public Works: Acquisition of various vehicles, including a dump truck for the Roads Division, a 4x4 utility truck with plow and lift gate for the Sewer Division, a 4x4 pickup truck with plow and lift gate and a turn mower or the Parks Division and a garbage truck for the Garbage Division, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$431,064	\$409,511	5 years
c) Department of Public Works (Parks Division): Replacement of fencing at various fields, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$55,123	\$52,367	15 years
d) <u>Department of Public Works</u> (<u>Roads Division</u>): Improvements to Orchard Road, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$330,740 (Includes the NJDOT Grant)	\$124,203	10 years
e) <u>Department of Public Works</u> : Improvements to the roof of the Borough's garage, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$7,001	\$6,651	15 years
Fire Department: Acquisition of a sports utility vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$66,148	\$62,841	5 years
g) <u>Fire Department</u> : Acquisition of various equipment, including pagers and compressor diesel exhausts, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$10,584	\$10,054	5 years
 h) Fire Department: Improvements to Fire Headquarters, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. 	\$330,740	\$314,203	15 years
Library: Acquisition of various equipment, including personal computers, a color laser printer and task chairs, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$8,434	\$8,012	5 years
Assessment: Acquisition of computers, including all related costs and expenditure incidental thereto.	\$2,205	\$2,095	5 years
k) Administration: Miscellaneous repairs as more specifically described and as set forth on a list on file in the Borough Clerk's office which is incorporated by reference and set forth at length herein and is hereby approved, including all work and	\$92,607	\$87,977	15 years

\$1.100,955 \$200,000 grant expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Trans

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY mortgaged premises Middlesex COUNTY Docket No F- 1719-06
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: Luz Bagley CLE

And Ronald L. Bagley, II. Study Bagley Study Bagley Study Bagley Study Bagley Study Bagley Bagley Bagley Study Bagley Bagley Bagley Bagley, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior sale, in accordance with R.S. 39 10A-1, at public aucton in which Key Bank, USA, NA, is Plaintiff and Luz Bagley, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior sale, in accordance with R.S. 39 10A-1, at public aucton. Bagley, et al, are Defendants, pending in the Superior court of New Jersey. Chancery Division, Middlesex on Wed March 15 2006 (9.30 am at 233 Plainfield Ave County, bearing Docket, No. F-1719-06, within thirty-five Edson NJ, the below described motor vehicles which days (35) after February 21, 2006 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex. CN-971. Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of fore-closing the mortgage dated October 24, 2002, and made by Luz Bagley and Ronald L. Bagley, II, to Champion Mortgage, a division Key Bank, USA, National Association recorded in the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, Book 7897, at Page 70, to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 1072 Thayer Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1649-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 407(B)(3), BUS STOPS DESIGNATED.

The above ordinance was introduced at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on February 28, 2006 and will be further considered for the final passage after a public hearing at a Public Meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, in said Borough on March 14, 2006 at 8 00 P.M. Kathleen Aneilo, RMC

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08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and
Procedure
This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1)
foreclosing a mortgage dated September 9, 1986, made
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Mortgagor(s), to BERKELEY FEDERAL SAVINGS AND
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BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
PLANNING BOARD

The Bound Brook Planning Board approved an application (#19-05), Emma Mendez, with respect to property
located at 18 Maiden Lane (Lot 8, Block 11). The property is located in the B/R zone. The relief sought was a
waiver of detailed site plan and review for conversion of
bather shop to use as a taxi office and retails of CDs,
crafts and similar items. The application was approved as
to substance on January 26, 2006 and approved as to
form on February 23, 2006.

The Bound Brook Planning Board approved an applica-tion (#09-05). Jolanta and Janusz Maziarz, with respect to property located at 305 East High Street (Lot 7, Block 51). The property is located in the O-B Zone. The relief sought was site plan approved to convert use of funeral parlor to professional office building with four office suites. The application was approved as to substance on January 26, 2006 and approved as to finm on February 23, 2006.

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Edison course for babysitters

EDISON — The Recreation Department sponsors "Adventures in Baby-Sitting" for Edison teens in Grades 6-

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Instruction begins at 7:30 p.m.
each day.

Instruction is from township Police Department, Fire Department and first aid squad members. Each teen receives a certificate on completing the course.

Registration is required in person at the course locations. For more information, call (732) 248-7310.

Women's health lecture at MCC

EDISON — Middlesex County College presents a lecture on "Women's Health and Wellness: Make It a Priority in Our Fast-Paced Lives"

The lecture is at 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8, in the
College Center, on the main
MCC campus off Woodbridge
Avenue. Speaker is Kathleen
Morgan, chairman of the
Family and Community Health

Sciences Department at Rutgers University.

Seating is limited. For reservations or more information, call Diane Gruskoski at (732) 906-2538.

Get public relations advice at dinner

"Public Relations Success Tips" is the topic of a dinner presentation sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County's Professional Networking Group.

The program is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick. Featured speaker Susan Young owns a public relations agency in the county. Cost is \$18.

Registration is recommended; call (732) 432-7711, Ext. 24. The event is open to the public.

All the pasta you can eat

BOUND BROOK — The Women's Group of the Congregational Church holds an all-you-can-eat pasta dinner this month.

Servings are from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 11 in the church social hall at 209 Church St. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under age 10. For more information, call (732) 356-1293.

Lincoln lecture in Middlesex

MIDDLESEX — Glenn LeBoeuf has been a historian for 30 years and is particularly fascinated with the life of Abraham Lincoln, U.S. president from 1861-65.

LeBoeuf speaks about "The Marriage of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Middlesex Public Library, 1300 Mountain Ave. For more information, call (732) 356-6602.

Tomato tips in workshop

Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension of Middlesex County sponsors a workshop with "Everything You Need to Know About Heirloom Tomatoes."

This gardening workshop is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Earth Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, South Brunswick. You'll learn how to grow heirloom tomatoes, save the seeds and keep your vegetable garden productive. Fee is \$15.

Registration is required; call (732) 398-5262 by Friday, March 17. Seating is limited.

Welcome spring with Irish music

PISCATAWAY — Heather Mulvey is a guitarist and New

Jersey native who features songs from her grandparents' home of Ireland.

She provides "A Celtic Music Journey" at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19 to those who attend the Spring Celebration at East Jersey Olde Towne Village.

Mulvey will introduce each song in her program with a brief history of that tune.
Admission is free.

Registration is required; call (732) 745-3030. East Jersey Olde Towne Village is at 1050 River Road, at the stop light with Hoes Lane West.

Arts Society seeks new entrees for show

EDISON — "With a Song in My Heart" is the theme of this summer's Edison Arts Society gallery exhibition.

The exhibit is open to New Jersey artists age 18 and up and art students age 16 and older.

This show encourages submissions that have a connection between music and visual arts.

Juror is Jeffrey Wechsler, senior curator of the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Entries must be received by Friday, March 24.
For more information, e-mail

(908) 753-ARTS. The show is scheduled to open on June 4.

edisonarts@aol.com or call

Polish Night in the Elks hall

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Elks Lodge 2298 sponsors a Polish Night from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

Home-cooked pierogis, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, babka, coffee and tea are on the bill of fare.

A polka dance is also planned. Cost is \$10 and there will be a cash bar.

This event is in the Elks hall at 1254 New Market Ave. For more information, call (908) 668-9750.

Metuchen businesses hosting spring events

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors these spring events:

Townwide Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23. This is being held for the eighth year and runs rain or shine. Entry forms are available at the Metuchen Savings Bank; the Metuchen Public Library; What's the Scoop; the Metuchen railroad station; and the chamber office at 323-B Main St.

Antique and Classic Car Cruise Nights on Wednesday, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6. Music and entertainment are provided.

Memorial Day parade, Monday, May 29. All scouts and youth groups are encouraged to participate. For more information, visit www.metuchenchamber.com or call (732) 548-2964.

Library adds Wi-Fi to list of services

BOUND BROOK — Router by router, byte by byte, the Somerset County Library System is equipping its

branches as Wi-Fi hotspots.
Wireless online access was installed in January at the Peapack-Gladstone Library and in February at the Bridgewater Library.

Plans are to have Wi-Fi installed in all SCLS member libraries by the end of this year.

This includes the Bound Brook Memorial Library on East High Street, which joined the SCLS on Jan. 1 and is closed for renovations through April.

"This service is something library patrons have been looking forward to and asking for," according to Kathleen Harris, director of the Bridgewater Library. "For example, parents visiting the library with their children can bring their personal laptops and do their Internet work in the Youth Services Department while children look at books, listen to music or attend programs."

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Methodist women plan rummage sale

BOUND BROOK — The United Methodist Women hold their spring rummage sale this month at the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave.



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Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 17 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18. Clothing for men, women and children of all ages will be available. Household goods, videos, CDs, books and toys are offered as well. On March 18 you can fill a paper bag for \$3 or a plastic bag for \$5.

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Military Honors

Madeleine O. Dahl has joined the Air Force under its "Delayed Entry" program, which gives recruits the opportunity to delay going on active duty for up to one year. She is scheduled to report for basic training in May at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Dahl is the daughter of Chris and Naomi Dahl of North Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, and a 2005 graduate of Highland Park High School.

Air Force Airman Russell J. Basile has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Karin Welsh of Flemington and the nephew of Ilona LaChina of Duclos Lane, Edison.

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Air Force Airman David R.
Zaleski has graduated from
basic military training at
Lackland Air Force Base, San
Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Zaleski studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

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He is the son of David and Christine Tuttle of Dunellen. Zaleski is a 2005 graduate of Dunellen High School.

Air Force Airman Vincent C. Calantoni has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San

Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Calantoni studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air

He is the nephew of Mary Nelson of Edison. Calantoni is a 2005 graduate of Edison High School.

Community Life

Briefs

Dunellen church to hold **Chinese Auction**

DUNELLEN -- The Resurrection of Christ Church, located at 649 Bound Brook Road (Route 28) in Dunellen will hold a Chinese Auction on Sunday. Doors open at noon with the drawings starting at 1:30 p.m. There will be a variety of items and gifts for all occasions, baskets, a grand prize and more. A \$5 donation is requested and coffee and cake is included. There will be food available as well. Call (732) 873-1731, (732) 752-5741 or (732) 968-1369 for further information and tickets. A snow date is scheduled for

Camp Middlesex holds open house Sunday

EDISON — The summer recreation program at Middlesex County College will be ushered in 1-4 p.m. Sunday when the Camp Middlesex Open House will be held at the Technical Services Center on the Edison

Children from 6 to 18, along with their families, are invited to sample some of the programs and activities that will be offered this summer. Once again, there will be a raffle for a \$100 reduction on camp tuition.

"We're showcasing the camps that have been the kids' favorites, and we've added many exciting new ones," said Lynn Lederer, director of Professional and Community Programs at the College. "We want everyone to come to the camp fair and see what we have in store."

"The Camp Fair offers a fun-filled day where kids can get a feel for what Camp Middlesex will be offering this summer," said Elaine Berlin, assistant director. "There will be face painting, balloons for kids, opportunities to decorate pretzels with chocolate and excerpts from the ever-popular theater camp. Snacks of donuts, pop corn and juice will be served, respecting the dietary traditions followed by all of our

Staff and administrations will be present to answer questions and many programs will be demonstrated.

Because so many camps fill before the summer season begins and many children miss out on their favorite programs, on-the-spot registration will be available at the Camp Fair. Parents must bring their children's immunization records in order to complete the

Reservations for the Camp Fair are not required. For additional information, or to request the complete Summer Fun brochure, contact the camp registration office at (732) 906-

NAACP to hold business forum

EDISON — The Metuchen-Edison Area Branch of the NAACP will host a forum entitled "The Status of Black Business" at the Edison Job Corps Academy, 500 Plainfield Avenue, Edison on Thursday at 7 p.m. The forum will provide an open discussion on the status and challenges of Black Businesses. What will they require now and in the future to become or remain competitive? The event is free.

Additional information is available by calling (732) 549-7936 or visiting website: www.naacpmeab.org.

Knights are offering Lenten fish dinners

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Knights of Columbus Council 6203 and Sacred Heart Church sponsor fish dinners every Friday night in Lent.

Servings are from 5-7 p.m. March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 at Sacred Heart School, 149 South Plainfield Ave. The menu includes fried fish. broiled fish, fish Parmigian, garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries, cole slaw, coffee, tea, soda and dessert. Pizza is available as well along with macaroni and cheese.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Takeout is available. In addition, Sacred Heart Church holds Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. each Friday in Lent.

Learn to make

a practical craft

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Learn "Practical Crafting" at the South Plainfield Public Library at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday. Ronda Wisniewski shows you how to make origami gift boxes using paper-folding techniques. Bring a ruler, a pencil and a glue stick.

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

Borough kindergarten holding registration

MIDDLESEX - Middlesex Public Schools have scheduled kindergarten registration for the 2006-07 school year. Registration is at Hazelwood School on Hazelwood Avenue, Parker School on South Lincoln Avenue and Watchung School on Fisher Avenue. Hours are 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 9-



"Tattoo Stiggy" as he was known was something of a celebrity during his 14-year reign as the Guinness poster boy for body art, making television appearances and working the radio circuit. A wall poster showing him in his prime in 1987 hung on the wall in the back room of the tattoo shop, his body covered by a complex convergence of curves, swirls, figures, gargoyles, snakes and other designs.

'Tattoo You'

Rolling stone ready to settle down

Body art earns 'Stiggy' place in Guinness Book of World Records

By ROD HIRSCH

He took a drag on his first Lucky Strike when he was 9, and sat for his first tattoo when he was 13.

Two heart attacks convinced him to quit smoking by the time he was 40, but he never quit sitting for tat-

He rattles off the names of the world's best tattoo artists like a fan reciting the names of his sports

The artists, Stiggy says, all wanted a piece of him.

There was plenty to go around arms, legs, back, chest, wrists, thighs, buttocks, calfs, ankles, insteps and toes - enough room for 5,555 tattoos and enough to earn him an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Now 68, and in failing health, it's been years since Walter Stiglitz has been jabbed or done the jabbing. A stroke last year really slowed him down; had that not happened, chances are he'd still be mixing inks and practicing his art form at his North Plainfield, N.J. tattoo par-

A legend in the world of tattoos and tattoo art, he was smoking five or six packs a day as a teenager, buying three cartons a week from wages earned as a painter and truck driver.

He also invested heavily in tat-

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The last tattoo — number 5,555 is on his derriere.

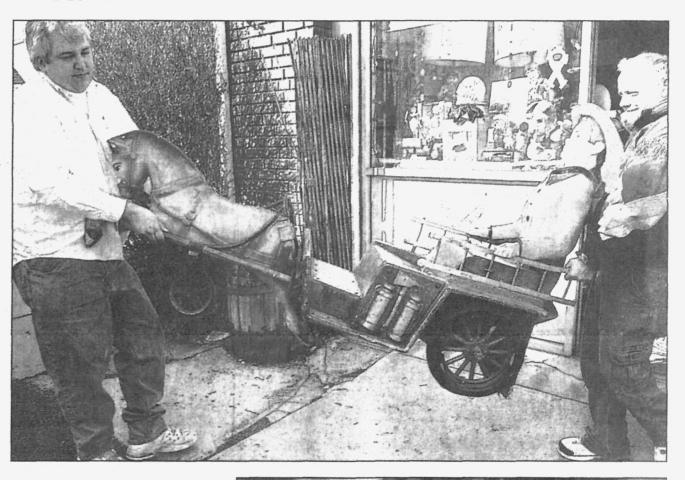
"You know, the end," he jokes. After the stroke last year, his daughter convinced him it was time to pack it in, and contacted Central Jersey auctioneer Joe Bodnar to see whether there'd be any interest in the contents of Stiggy's tattoo parlor. In particular, she mentioned a 1950s mechanical riding horse, and a 1960s fire engine mechanical amusement ride. That was enough for Bodnar to schedule a visit, but not before Stiggy emptied out a few items to take home to his apart-

Stiggy's collection of flea market finds, toys, carnival rides, tattoo art and other oddities will be sold by Bodnar next Thursday during his monthly auction at the Ukrainian

Cultural Center in Franklin. "Originally we were only going there for the mechanical horse and the carousel fire engine, but when we walked in and saw everything, I said to him 'We'll take it all,' Bodnar said. "I'm looking here, looking there, it was like walking into a carnival, like I was at Great Adventure or the boardwalk.'

The two rooms that make up Stiggy's tattoo parlor were crammed floor to ceiling with everything from a stuffed toy gorilla and disco floor dance ball to a Texas Longhorn skull - purchased in Mexico - 1950s pin-ups and a beat-up Koken barber chair that Stiggy sat in as a kid at a Newark barber shop to have his hair cut.

He bought the chair from the son's owner when the shop closed, and used it for his customers when he was working on their tattoos.



Joe Bodnar, a Central Jersey-based auctioneer, gets help from Jeffrey Santorelli while clearing out "Tattoo Stiggy's" North Plainfield shop. This piece was from a merry-go-round and for years sat in the tattoo parlor. Bodnar is seen at right taking inventory on the various items being auctioned off. "Stiggy," a.k.a. Walter Stiglitz, is closing shop, and offered much of his memorabilia to Bodnar to sell at auction.

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The fixtures in the shop were old school, some pretty rugged stuff

Stiggy mixed his own inks. In the front room were scores of three ring binders and books containing tens of thousands of tattoo art swatches and patches for customers to browse through.

All of the tattoo art will be sold, as will a WWII Civil Defense helmet worn by his father during air Bodnar unearthed a real prize in

the back room, a plastic Elvis Presley toy guitar still sealed in its original packing, dating from the The auctioneer expects at least

one bidder will make a strong play

for the toy guitar. "About a week before we went to the tattoo parlor, I had picked up another toy collection from a consignor, a big toy collector, and he actually told me that he had always wanted that Presley guitar," Bodnar explained. "He told me he had tried to buy one recently, but someone beat him to it, and there it is, a week later, a guitar just like the one he wanted. Stiggy's collection is just the beginning.

Bodnar has been accumulating a wide selection of toys the past 4 months, over 1,000 lots including battery-operated robots, cars and trucks; action figures, dolls and

There will be a selection of early country primitives from an Edison, N.J. estate and the contents of a Staten Island collectibles shop over 2,000 quality collector plates and a large selection of Hummels, Hummel Miniatures, Goebel fig-Precious Moments, Sebastian figurines, Red Skelton clowns, pewter items, steins, and Department 56 collectibles, enough to fill an 18-foot trailer.

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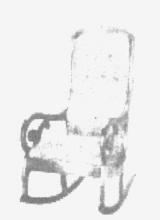
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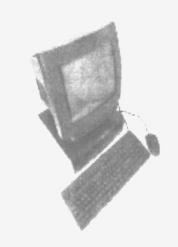
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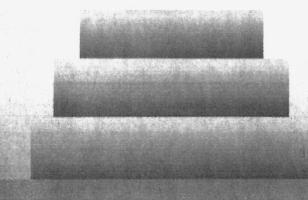
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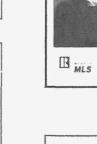


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