

# Clowning around

Being a clown really is all fun and games for Barry Lubin, better known as "Grandma." The centerpiece of the Big Apple Circus, Lubin says he would be a fool to "retire" Grandma. "After 31 years, I'd be crazy to give it up," Lubin says. "I make a very decent living. I'm not going to become a multi-millionaire doing this, but I make a decent living. ... Now I buy my daughters dresses by wearing a dress. ... Somehow their father wears a dress, and is a clown for a living." Page B1.

# **Engineered** for women

EDISON - Middlesex County College is looking for participants to attend a free summer camp program for high school freshman girls. The day camp, TechXploration, is a four-week program in which teen girls design, develop and construct a working model of a fairgrounds ride, visit a theme park to better understand how amusement park rides work

They will also practice karate as part of the program.

and learn from female mentors who are working in engineering

There is no charge for the camp. The camp is intended for freshman girls about to enter their sophomore year of high school

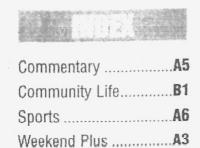
and will take place July 5 through It is being organized by the

National Center for Advanced Technological Education and it will be held at the state-of-the-art Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies on the Middlesex County College Edison campus.

"The goal is to inspire and empower young women with the knowledge, skills, confidence, academic preparation and interest that females need to aspire to engineering technology careers," said Karen Ford, project coordinator at NJCATE. "Any interested high school freshman girl should visit http://www.njcate.org/tech-xploration/ and fill out the online application. We are looking for students with a range of backgrounds and abilities. With TechXploration, interest and motivation are more important than grades."

This project is supported by the National Science Foundation to address the under-representation of women in the technical work-

For more information, contact Ford at Karen\_Ford@middlesexcc.edu or call (732) 906-7735.



Mary Pat Marcello, first vice president of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, left, and Nancy Byers, Fourth District vice president, right, chat with Sue Daniel, center, a member of the Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook, duringa tea that followed the 120th anniversary celebration of the club. The day also served as a celebration of the 110th anniversary of its membership in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs





# **BOUND BROOK**

# Literary club marks 120 years

Literary Club of Bound Brook celebrated the 120th anniversary of their organization and the 110th anniversary of its membership in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs at its regular meeting held recently at St Paul's Episcopal Church.

Helping them celebrate were Deen Melora, president of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club, members of the executive board of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and Presidents of other

women's clubs in the surrounding area. T. Ryan presented a plaque to Mary Patten, President of the Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook on behalf of Mayor Frank Ryan of Bound Brook. The plaque acknowledged the influence of the club on the communi-

BOUND BROOK - The Woman's ty, proclaimed the thanks of the government and citizens of Bound Brook for the work of the club and recognized the accomplishments of the club.

> An original program created by Jean Finlayson, titled "A Radio Show," was presented. This show was set in the decade from 1946 to 1955. It featured songs that were popular during this time as well as interviews of club members that brought out the activities of the woman's club during that time.

> Dee Sperduto was the radio announcer, Lynn Smith was the music director and Beverly Weber was the piano accompanist. Mary Lou Bak from Somerset was a soloist.

The theme of the event was Hats Off to Us!!, a celebration of the accomplishments of the club's service to the community over the years. After the

Rennell Hall where there was an assortment of home made cookies and tea sandwiches. Each guest received a hand made miniature hat to commemorate the event.

Cleone Dill and Pat Shive were cochairmen of the committee that planned the event. Members of the committee were Aileen Bendler, Gladys Chersack, Joane Maimone, Carmel Orlando, Mary Patten, Barbara Pyle, Marjorie Schindelar, Dee Sperduto, Barbara Van Voorhees and Diane Zepp. Barbara Corsini and Helen Politica were hostesses for the event.

The Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook is an organization providing over

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# **Middlesex** resident honored for help

Bernadette Connelly Colanduoni was among 50 borough residents to receive the Outstanding Citizen Award, certificate and medal from former Mayor Ronald Dobies during a ceremony held recently.

The award was given in recognition for her dedicated years of volunteering and services to residents of the borough. Colanduoni has served on the executive board of the Middlesex Board of Health for 10 years and has volunteered her services and countless hours for the past 30 years.

In addition, she has provided services to health fairs and flu shot clinics sponsored by the Board of Health and also by Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church.

As the school nurse at Von E. Mauger Middle School she volunteered her expertise in designing and carrying out simple Haz-Mat situations for Elks Day for student involvement. Colanduoni was aided by Kevin Sumner, the current health officer in Middlesex, and Peter Gange, who is now a science teacher at Middlesex High School. She retired after 27 years as the school nurse at Von E. Mauger Middle School.

Colanduoni is a former volunteer with the Bound Brook Area Chapter of Deborah, a former assistant leader of Girl Scout Troop 172 and a former member of the Middlesex High School Band Parents Association. To this day she participates in the

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Christie of Bedminster is an Angel Flight pilot and transports patients to specialty treatment cen-

# Bedminster man offers gift of flight

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

BEDMINSTER -- Every few weeks, Jim Christie gets an email from Angel Flight, and sees when patients across the Northeast need to get from one hospital to another. As often as he can, he hits "reply" and arranges to fly.

Christie gasses up his Piper Saratoga and takes off from Somerset Air Service, headed to pick up the patient and then fly to New York, Boston, or wherever the patient needs

"I got involved with them in 1999, and I'd heard of them through the AOP and I thought it was a wonderful thing." said the Bedminster resident. "The simple truth is, we help people in need."

Angel Flight NE handles flights for treatment in nine states and logs 50 missions each week. A network of 800 volunteer pilots flew over 5,000 patients last year, and Christie is one of them.

Often, patients live in more rural areas, and are flown to specialty treatment centers such as Shriners Hospital in Boston, where their care is provided free.

Christie has flown patients from Vermont, the Appalachians in New York, and to Boston, all on his own dime. Pilots pay for their own fuel, and patients fly free. The organization gives the pilots teddy bears and coloring books

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# County parks won't rest on laurels of past 50 years

"Committed to excellence in promoting stewardship of land and resources, providing outstanding recreation opportunities and leisure services, and fostering an environment which is service oriented and responsive to public needs."

By ROD HIRSCH Staff Writer

Spring is in the air - almost - and the celebration is about to begin in earnest for the Somerset County Park Commission, which is marking its 50th anniversary this year with a series of events at its broad network of parks and outdoor facilities.

From the deep woodlands of the Sourlands Preserve to the rose gardens in Franklin's Colonial Park, the Olympics-size pool in Warren Brook Park and the bridle paths at Lord Stirling Stable in Basking Ridge, the park commission is poised to welcome tens of thousands of visitors to its facilities this year.

The county park system consists of 22 park

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Golfers head out to begin play in last year's Somerset Patriots golf tournament held at Neshanic Valley Golf Course in Branchburg. The course is part of the Somerset County Park Commission's network of facilities. This year marks the 50th of the commission's existence.

preserves -

# **Parks**

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areas totaling 9,500 acres. There are seven general use area parks, offering both active and passive recreation facilities, including five golf courses; two special use area parks devoted to horticulture and fine arts; three developed natural area parks, one of which features an environmental education center and equestrian facility; and nine undeveloped natural areas. A sure sign that activity will pick it up a few notches was the official opening last

weekend of the county's five

public golf courses, including

Brown, director of the parks commission. "Think back to what it was in 1956 when we only had a

> Planning for the 50th anniversary events started in September last year

the popular Neshanic Valley

'Golf is the backbone of the

parks' revenue stream, but we

have the environmental edu-

cation center, the stable, the

3,600 acres of forested

uplands and trails - all are

equally appealing to a whole

cross section of our popula-

tion," explained Raymond A.

nothing but

We had the benefit of having planned for our 40th anniversary, but 50 is a big number and so much has happened over the years," Brown said. "We started thinking about the things we wanted to do and moved ahead.

"A lot of the things are events we've had before; rather than trying to create something new we thought that maybe a better solution was to take some of the major events, improve and enhance them in some way," Brown added. Somerset County residents value their parks, thanks in large part to the staff of 193 full-time workers and 300 seasonal workers who keep things green and clean year 'round. Last year, the park commission released its 20-year capital plan, an ambitious blueprint that targets facilities' improvement and land acquisition.

# Celebrate the parks 50th birthday

NORTH BRANCH - The County Somerset Commission is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a series of

- March - Trails Month -Celebrate Trails Month with a series of weekend events. Call (908) 766-2489.

April - Family Fun Day at Lord Stirling Stable, April 30. The stable is located at 256 South Maple Ave.; call (908) 766-5955. - April — Spring Plant Sale &

Earth Day Celebration, April 29 and 30. Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road in Far Hills. Being held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29 and noon to 5 p.m. Call (908) 234-2677, Ext. 21.

— May — The Art of Nature Show and Sale, May 6 and 7.

Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge, call (908) 766-2489. Being held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

— June — Rose Day, June 10 — 32nd Annual Rose Day Celebration, Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden on Mettlers Road in the East Millstone section of Franklin Township's Colonial Park, call (732) 873-

2459. Being held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June - Fishing Derby, June 3. Mettlers Pond in Colonial Park in East Millstone, Franklin Township. Call (908) 526-5650. Being held 10 a.m. to noon.

July - Fourth of July Family Festival, July 4. Begins at 5 p.m. at North Branch Park on Milltown Road in Bridgewater. Call (908) 722-1200, Ext. 221.

-- August -- Bayou Fest, Aug. 6. Concert begins at 5:30 p.m. at Duke Island Park, Old York Road, Bridgewater. Call (908)

722-1200, Ext. 221. — September — 47th Annual County Somerset Tournament, Sept. 9. Call (908)

369-1458. October — 1770's Festival, Oct. 1 — The 20th annual Lord 1770's Education Environmental Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road in Basking Ridge. Call (908) 766-2489. Being held 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- November — Turkey Trot, Nov. 11. Colonial Drive at Franklin Colonial Park, Township. Call (908) 722-1200. Ext. 226. Begins 9:30 a.m.

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# Literary club

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100 members from Bound Bridgewater, Piscataway, South Bound Brook and Middlesex area with opportunities for enrichment, enjoyment and friendship.

Arts Performing Department meets monthly during the club year and has programs in creative writing, poetry, drama, book discusdrama, bearing. The and singing. Affairs International Department presents programs on foreign countries, giving exposure to different cultures and countries. The Arts

bus trips to museums, sculpture gardens and talks. The Home Life Department offers lectures and craft workshops.

Aside from these activities, the club sponsors two girls at the Girl's Career Institute at Douglas College, awards scholarships to Bound Brook High School students, supports the Bound Brook and Middlesex the Libraries, Literacy Volunteers, the Girl Scouts, the Women's Resource Center, the Somerset Food Bank and

S.H.I.P. The club meets at 1 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Rennell Hall, St Paul's Church. For additional information about the Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook, Creative Department sponsors call (732) 469-9327.

# Flight

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for the young patients, but otherwise, pilots handle the costs.

Sometimes patients will offer money, but Christie said he tells them to spend it on other things. Other times, airport owners will give him a discount on fuel.

"One time, I flew in to pick up a little girl, and filled up the plane. The airport owner said, 'It's on me. Go, get out of here," Christie said.

Air traffic controllers at the major airports clear the runways when Angel Flight planes radio in.

"If you're Angel flight, it's like Moses parting the waters," Christie said, though in other circumstances, his single-engine plane wouldn't be too welcome at Logan International Airport. To raise the organization's profile, Christie, Far Hills resident John Rochelle, and former Bedminster Mayor Amey Mesko have put together a cocktail reception to be held on April 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fiddlers Elbow Country Club.

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gram at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. She also is a volunteer to the staff of Top-Off, a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and volunteered her services to participate in

other exercise programs for

bioterrorism preparedness. The former school nurse holds a master's degree in education from Trenton State College. Colanduoni received a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with certification as a school nurse and as a teacher, from Jersey City State College. She graduated from the St. Francis

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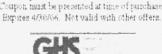
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# **Middlesex County News**

# Come and see 'Oz' for free

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Public Library presents Youth Stages' production of "Oz" as part of Family Week at the Theatre.

This free performance is at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 in the library on Mountain Avenue.

"Oz" is a two-person show set when L. Frank Baum is finishing "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." He finds himself acting out new story to Dot, a 10-year-old girl. Right before her eyes he builds the Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion using whatever is in his

Reservations are required; call (732) 356-6602. Children of all ages are welcome.

# Use hypnosis to lose weight, stop smoking

EDISON - Two workshops are scheduled on how to stop smoking and lose weight by using hypnosis

The workshops are on Monday, March 13 at Edison High School, 333 Blvd. of the Eagles. The stopsmoking workshop is at 6:30 p.m. and the weight-loss workshop follows at 7:30 p.m. Cost for each is

For registration, call (732) 452-

# Annual auction for garden club

PISCATAWAY --- The Piscataway Garden Club holds its annual auction at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, at the Senior Citizens Center, off Hoes Lane behind Kennedy Library.

Members are asked to bring garden implements along with anything that someone can put to good use. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Georgia DeBlon at (732) 885-5050. Families and friends are also invited. The Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department is signing up teams for a slow-pitch men's softball league.

All games are played in Sunday doubleheaders at Thomas Edison Park in Edison, off Mill Road near Middlesex County College. The season begins March 26 and continues into July depending on

rainouts and playoff schedules. Fee is \$230 per club, first come, first served. Up to five players on each team may come from outside the county. Rosters must be submitted by Friday, March 17. For more information, e-mail

Erin.Carroll@co.middlesex.nj.us

# or call (732) 745-4222. St. Patrick's party for Knights

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The Knights of Columbus hold their St. Patrick's party from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in their hall at 334 Hamilton Blvd.

Dinner is your choice of corned beef and cabbage or chicken breast. Potato soup, red potatoes, beverage and dessert are included. A DJ provides classic Irish music.

For reservations, call Robert Smith at (908) 755-4331. Takeout is available

### Breakfast buffet benefits scouts

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -Boy Scout Troop 42 holds its annual breakfast buffet at the Reformed Church of Bound Brook located at Main and Clinton streets

Servings are from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, March 19. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children under age 4.

Proceeds help send scouts in Troop 42 to summer camp.

# Have 'Taste of Kindness'

EDISON - Share "A Taste of Kindness" at a soup kitchen fundraiser, the only one of its type in the area. This event is at 6 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the Pines Manor, Route 27 and Talmadge Road, Soup from Central Jersey's finest restaurants is accompanied by bread and dessert. Door prizes and raffles will be awarded.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. For tickets, call (732) 937-9525. "A Taste of Kindness" is sponsored by Women Aware Inc., which provides shelter for battered women and their children in Middlesex County.

### School music and art featured

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The

37th annual All-District Music and Art Festival is on Thursday, March 23 at South Plainfield High

Music segments are in the auditorium with art on display in the

Orchestral music is at 6:25 p.m. with choral performances to follow at 7:25 p.m. Symphonic and jazz bands go on at 8:40 p.m. Each segment features ensembles from Grant School, South Plainfield Middle School and SPHS.

Tickets to each segment are \$2 before Friday, March 17 and \$5 after that date. A separate ticket is required for each segment. Tickets can be purchased in the Middle School office at 2201 Plainfield Ave. For more informaaveiss@spnet.k12.nj.us or call

# (908) 754-4620, Ext. 378. SBB auxiliary plans fish dinner

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -The Ladies Auxiliary to the South Bound Brook Fire Department holds its 14th annual fish dinner on Friday, March 24.

Lunchtime orders are from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$9 each. Dinner orders are from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 3-12 and free for children under age 3. Takeout is available; call (732) 627-9577 or fax (732) 627-0697

# Easter bunny brunch coming

SOUTH PLAINFIELD --- The

Columbiettes hold their annual "Brunch with the Easter Bunny" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 26 at Sacred Heart School, 149 South Plainfield Ave.

This all-you-can-eat meal includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, baked ham, potatoes, fruit salad, coffee cake, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea.

All boys and girls under age 10 receive a basket from the Easter bunny. Games and prizes are also planned.

Cost is \$10 per person; infants under 1 year old are free. Seating is limited.

For reservations, call Emma at (732) 287-2346 or Joann at (732) 572-9347. Give your youngsters' ages when you call.

### Sunday matinee in Broadway trip

PISCATAWAY --- The Recreation Department sponsors a Broadway trip on Sunday, March 26 for a matinee of "The Producers

Cost of \$110 includes orchestra seats. The bus leaves at noon from the Municipal Complex at 455 Hoes Lane. For reservations, call (732) 562-2382.

### Church 'oasis' for older folk

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Presbyterian Church has an Oasis, the "Older Adult Society in Our Savior.

Older adults are invited to this church program at 11:30 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Lunch, a hymn sing and a

Scripture reading are included. If you plan to attend, call (732) 469-4498. The church is adjacent to Middlesex Borough Hall at

1190 Mountain Ave. Six area students received awards in the 27th annual New Jersey High School Student Art

Show. This exhibition ran through March 3 at the du Cret School of Art, Plainfield, with judging by four du Cret instructors. Award winners are listed with their school, prize and category:

Yeon Jean Gahng, Wardlaw-Hartridge School (Edison), second prize, mixed media.

Du Young Yoon, Wardlaw-Hartridge School (Edison), second prize, acrylic.

Franz Ramirez, Piscataway High School, third prize, colored

pencil. Britain Hookham, Middlesex High School, honorable mention,

Thomas Marcusi, Piscataway

High School, honorable mention. colored pencil. Simone Sukhdeo, Piscataway High School, honorable mention, printmaking.

### Colon cancer screening kits

PISCATAWAY - Free colon cancer screening kits are available from the Health Department throughout March. These kits are provided to adults ages 40 and up who live in Piscataway. You can pick up the kits in the Health Department office at the Municipal Complex, 455 Hoes Lane. For more, call (732) 562-2323.

# **Campus Notes**

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

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

M. Waters of Ashley

Middlesex, who is majoring in finance and insurance.

William F. Hoffman of 40 New York Ave., Metuchen, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at the Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He is a senior majoring in biomedical engineering.

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Caldwell College in Caldwell. They are Dianne Colburn of South Plainfield, a continuing

education student; Michelle LaFleur of South Bound Brook, studying for an external degree; and Sara Neely of Middlesex, a senior.

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 iustice.

Amanda Lockshiss Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Jenna Greczek of Middlesex was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

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The Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District provides adults with an opportunity to return to school and earn a high school diploma. The Adult High School program is offered at the East Brunswick and Perth Amboy campuses. Call the Adult High School Principal to schedule an interview.

East Brunswick Campus, 112 Rues Lane, East Brunswick, 732-254-8700 ext. 1834 after 5:00 p.m. Perth Amboy Campus, 457 High Street, Perth Amboy, 732-376-6300 after 5:00 p.m.

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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.

Piscataway Campus: Building/Property Maintenance Mechanic, Dry Cleaning, Electrical Technology, Health Technology Prep. Health Unit Coordinator, HVAC, Industrial Packaging/Maintenance Technology, Pharmacy Technician, Plumbing Technology, Skin Care Specialist.

View the Schedule and Course Descriptions at www.mcvts.net OTHER FEES

\*Materials Fee-See Website . Out-of-County - Course Fee Plus \$30

SCHOOL LOCATIONS

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# In The Towns

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 at the Clara Barton firehouse, 849 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

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 township ID card.

For more information, call (732) 248-7278.

Diocese plans weekend seminar

EB/PI

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) 699-0396

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

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 three seminars.

Registration is required; call

(908) 754-7885 or visit the library at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

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

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.

For more information, call (732) 356-1372.

St. Patrick's

dinner planned DUNELLEN — St. Francis Episcopal Church at 400 New Market Fload 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 slowpitch 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 Library.

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.

# Grant helps students to take to the seas

NEW BRUNSWICK -Students at Greater Brunswick Charter School will trade a school desk for a sailing deck this spring, thanks to a grant from Toshiba America Foundation.

The \$9,900 grant will allow seventh- and eighth-graders at the school to learn sailing and celestial navigation as part of their physics curriculum.

Students will receive their sailing instruction this May on Raritan Bay under the guidance of New Brunswick Sea Scouts Ship 132, a group of Sea Scouts sponsored by the charter school.

"We believe that by combining the classroom study of physics, astronomy, and earth science with the incredible experience of sailing on the open water we will be setting our students on a path that makes science learning a part of their lives," said Rick Pressler, executive director of Greater Brunswick Charter School. "The lessons and projects we develop with these funds will become a permanent part of our curriculum for years to come.'

This is the second grant Toshiba America Foundation has given to the school.

Located at 492 Joyce Kilmer Ave., Greater Brunswick Charter School is a free, independent public school developed by area parents and educators in 1998, with 207 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Participating families come from New Brunswick, Highland Park and Edison, as well as from nine other school districts in Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties.

For more information, call Pressler at (732) 448-1052.

# 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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### **What's Happening** in MARCH at **North Stelton AME Church** Reverend Dr. Kenneth L. Bible Institute Sunday Campus (Church School) 8:30 a.m. Saunders, Sr. \*Worship Service 9:45 a.m. **Pastor** \* First Sundays: Holy Communion Service WEDNESDAYS Bread of Heaven Bible Study 12:00 noon Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. **THURSDAYS** Senior Citizens Bible Study 10:00 a.m. **SATURDAYS** Prayer Service 6:00 a.m.

Phone (732) 287-5184 Fax (732) 287-2221 123 Craig Ave.

Piscataway

FRIDAY, March 10 Singles' Ministry

SATURDAY, March 18 Men's & Women's Fellowship

Please call the church office for more information. Reverend Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders, Sr. - Pastor

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

# **Red Cross** is seeking donations

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers that provides relief to victims of disasters, is celebrating its 125th anniversary. In commemoration of the 125 years of disaster relief provided by the organization, and in celebration of Red Cross Month in March, the Tri-County Chapter has implemented Campaign 125.

Through this campaign the chapter is hoping to raise to raise \$125,000 to keep their exhaustive efforts going strong. In fact, the first 125 individuals to make a gift of \$125 or more by June 1 will receive a special edition anniversary T-shirt marking the event and be recognized in the chapter's Honor Roll of Donors. The person who makes the largest contribution during this campaign will receive a special award.

The Tri-County Chapter's territory includes Dunellen, South Plainfield and north Edison. Offices are in Plainfield and Elizabeth.

In the past 15 months alone the chapter continued its reputation for disaster assistance, aiding victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia and the hurricanes that devastated the southeastern part of the United States.

It is through the compassion, and giving, of the generous people of the community, that the Tri-County Chapter can help ease the suffering of those touched by disaster and provide a sense of calmness to individuals at such chaotic times of their lives.

# Students' efforts bolster supply line for troops

We're still three months away from our next scheduled packing day, but the stockpile of goods donated to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 continues to grow.

Since our last packing day in Manville Feb. 4, the bulk of the items have come from the Bayberry School in Watchung, the Ann Street School in Newark, and from the Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council headquarters in North Branch.

Tracee Sosinski's Bayberry School class collected everything on the OPSHBX shopping list - candy, gum, cereal bars, moist wipes, lip balm, soap and other items - packed them into shoeboxes, and delivered them to the drop-off at The Chronicle office in Somerville.

Fawnda Genovese-Garcia, a resident of Green Brook who teaches second grade at the elementary school in the Ironbound section of Newark, had invited us to visit her school, where we spoke to an assembly of 300 students Jan. 24 about the OPSHBX pro-

The students immediately went to work collecting items and writing letters.

Fawnda made three trips from Newark last week, and each time her SUV was packed, including the front seat. The students collected over 2,000 items, and wrote over 1,000 letters.

### Veterans sign up

We received a call last week from veteran Chet Trechock, a resident of the Canal Walk senior citizen complex in Franklin who is interested in having the veterans' club at the complex sponsor a supply drive for OPSHBX.

A veteran of the Korean War, Trechock is one of 15-20 members in the veterans club.

Trechock said the collection will be limited to residents of the 200-unit complex.

# On the Loose

Check out Cablevision Channel 22 for the most recent segment of "On The Loose," filmed by Steve Kaiser, featuring the Feb. 4 packing event that marked the first anniversary of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

The half-hour segment can be seen on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Kaiser, who has a film production company based in promotion which helps sup-Somerville, has helped chronicle the growth of OPSHBX

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Shoebox New Jersey 2005. since its inception, and has filmed other events, including packing days in Somerville.

The most recent segment, filmed at the Veterans of



Foreign Wars Post 2290 in Manville, features interviews with Iraqi war veterans, local Army recruiters Somerville, Mayor Angelo Corradino of Manville and dozens of OPSHBX volunteers who were on hand that day to help prepare and package 1,465 boxes for shipment to U.S. troops overseas.

His efforts have helped publicize the OPSHBX program, for which we are most grate-

### Buy a shamrock

Green shamrocks are decorating the walls of Mannion's Pub and Restaurant on West Main Street in Somerville, helping to promote a red, white and blue cause.

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

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 overseas.

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 two weeks.

The shamrocks will be available in the pub and restaurant downstairs, and at the sports bar in the clubhouse on the second floor. Mannion is sponsoring a contest among his staff - whoever sells the most shamrocks gets a free dinner for two.

Please stop in over the next few weeks, have a drink 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 with a portion of the profits from Monday nights donated

to the program. Make plans with family or diner March 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 help support OPSHBX. The promotion began the first week of February.

The diner is also a drop-off site for those wishing to donate a bag of groceries with items to be sent to U.S. troops overseas. Donations of loose change and dollar bills can also be deposited in a large jug at the cash register.

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

### 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.

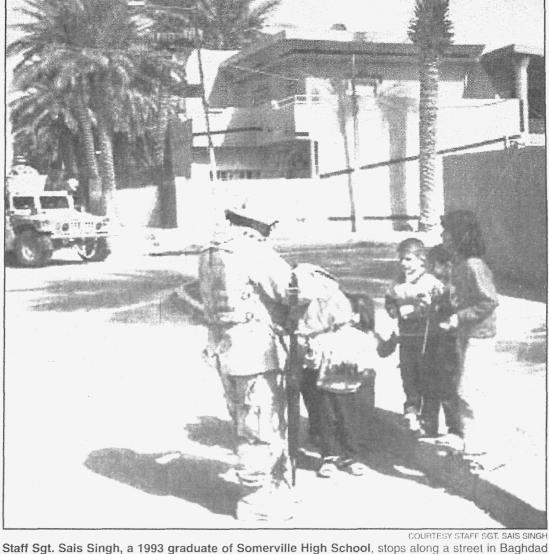
The Patriots have promised to host two packing events at the ballpark this year, in May and September.

To date, OPSHBX has shipped over 6,000 packages to U.S. troops in Iraq and the Mideast 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 1,465 packages were prepared for the troops.

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

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 nights throughout the season.

For more information call (908) 252-0700 or visit the



to share some food with young Iraqi children. Singh has been in Iraq since November.

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 bars, fleece blankets, microwaveable foods (can or box), hard candy/gum, writing materials, and batteries (any size).

# T-shirts for sale

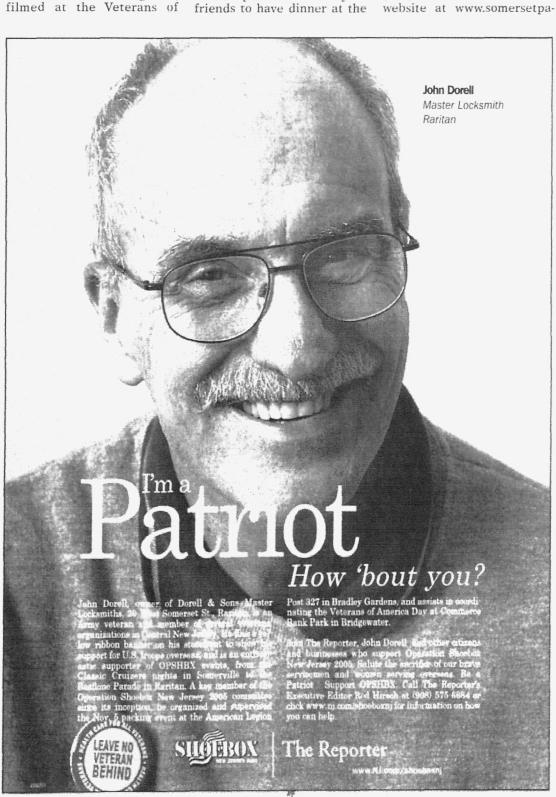
Quality t-shirts with the handsome Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster and logo are available for a donation of \$10.

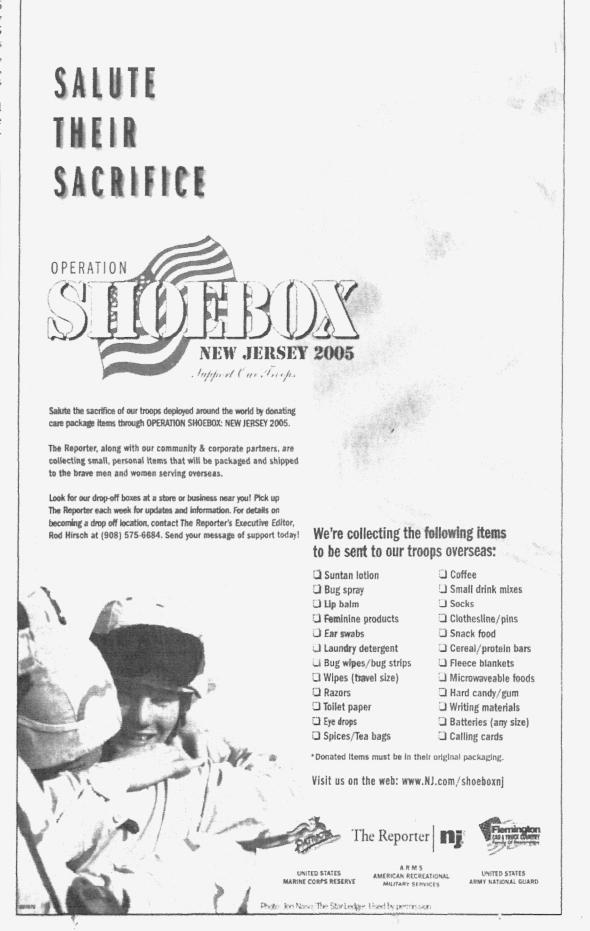
Several stores on Main Street in Somerville and Main Street in Metuchen are selling the shirts, which feature the distinctive red, white and blue Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo, and a full-color reproduction of the Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005

The shirts are also available at The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East. All proceeds from sale of the shirts directly benefit OPSHBX. Sizes available are medium, large and extra-

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.





Patrick Hunter, Billy Ashnault and Nick Dorey Billy this season but still earned captured titles as the South Plainfield High wrestling squad had a banner day by advancing nine to the state

last weekend. At Region 5, meanwhile, Bound Brook's outstanding tandem of Nick Murray and Jesse Harrington repeated championships and on's Mike Franco-Bandiero also won as four area performers moved on to this weekend's state tourney

tournament out of Region 3

in Atlantic City. South Plainfield sent eight to the Region 5 finals and came away with three championships as Hunter (39-0) copped the first gold, winning 5-0 at 103 pounds, while Ashnault (37-2) claimed the 119-pound top prize with a 9-2 decision and Dorey (35-5) took the honors at 140 with a

Jimmy Conroy (34-2) once again was unfortunate to run into Delbarton's Mike Grey, who is a three-time state champion and has never lost to a New Jersey opponent, in the final at 125 that Grey won 14-7.

13-7 decision.

Eddie McCray (33-1) went into the 145-pound final against Watchung Hills' Shane Riccio, who he beaten 13-1 in the District 12 final, but suffered a 4-2 setback for his first loss of the year.

Mike Jakubik, who finished third in the district, bounced back to reach the Region 3 final at 135, where he dropped a 9-2 verdict. while Bryan Hunt, who had upset the top seed in the quarter-finals, lost on a technical fall at 130 and Kevin Crilley fell 7-4 in the title bout at 189.

Mark Wagner also moved on to the states for the Tigers as he rebounded from his loss to three-time champion Alex Caruso in the semifinals to win twice in the wrestlebacks to gain third place.

Bound Brook's Murray (37 0) and Harrington (36-1) both had their way in rolling to their second titles as Murray repeated at 130 with a 13-4 major decision over Hamilton Cook of J.P. Stevens, while Harrington moved up from 140 to win at 145, logging a tech fall in the final.

Edison's J.C. Franco-Bandiero, second at 125 last year, settled for third at 130 his pass into the state tournament, which reaches a completion tomorrow in Atlantic City with consolations and finals.

Saturday, March 11, 2006

Legend: Bernards (B), Bishop Ahr (BA), Bound Brook (BB), Bridgewater-Raritan (BR), Carteret (C), Delaware Valley (DV), East Brunswick (EB), Edison (E), Ewing (Ew), Franklin (F), Highland Park (HP), Hillsborough (H), Hopewell Valley (HV), Hunterdon Central (HC), J.P. Stevens (JPS), John F. Kennedy (JFK), Lawrence (L), Manville (Ma), Metuchen (Me), Monroe (Mo), North Brunswick (NB), North Hunterdon (NH), Notre Dame (ND), Old Bridge (OB), Perth Amboy (PA), Pingry (Pi), Piscataway (P), Princeton (Pr), Ridge (R), Sayreville (Sa), Somerville (So), South Brunswick (SB), South River (SR), Spotswood (Sp), Voorhees (V), West Windsor-Plainsboro North (WWPN), Windsor-Plainsboro South (WWPS), Woodbridge (W)

CHAMPIONSHIPS

103 — Mike Franco-Bandiero (E) d. Anthony Lebbad (HV) 3-2 112 — Danny Kelly (DV) d. Billy Delfi (NB) 15-0 (technical fall at 2:42)

119 — Pat Strizki (HC) d. Steve Fallon — Kris Sigafoos (DV) d. Greg Hart (B) 1-0 130 - Nick Murray (BB) d. Hamilton

Cook (JPS) 13-4 135 — Hector Gonzalez (BA) d. Nick Lefebyre (DV) 3-1

140 - Pat Riley (B) d. Rich Bolomey 145 — Jesse Harrington (BB) d. Tom Danielson (Sa) 22-7 (TF at 5:47) 152 — John Mangini (H) d. C.J. Inglin

(DV) 11-7 160 - Frankie McLaughlin (H) d. Pete Simon (JFK) 11-8 171 — Tom Frantzen (Pr) d. Dan

Williams (L) 6-5 189 — Derek Shelcusky (SB) d. Drew Ives (BR)\_6-0 215 - Roy Dragon (BR) p. Zach Voice

HWT -- Drew Mackay (Sp) p. Derrick Williams (F) 1:42

CONSOLATIONS 103 — Tony Fusco (NH) d. Tom Hogan

112 - Jimmy Kirchner (S) p. Dan Kei9ser (JPS) 3:07 - Matt Freeborn (L) d. Greg Zannetti (JPS) 4-1 125 --- Eric Tsang (Sa) p. Adam Kull

130 - J.C Franco-Bandiero (E) d. Kevin Bussand (EB) 18-6 135 - Anthony Medina (PA) d. Ryan

Smith (SB) 3-2 140 — Andrew Goldman (OB) d. Brandon Swift (E) 6-1 145 - Kevin Alparone (HC) d. Chris

Cavanaugh (ND) 14-7 152 — Craig Batista (W) d. Wayne Hampton (BR) 4-3 4 OT 160 - Chase Badger (ND) d. Kyle

Wadiak (SB) 3-1 171 - Mike Velardi (Sa) d. Misha Esppov (WWPS) 9-5 189 - Joe Everingham (WWPS) p. Drew Gatewood (Pi) 2:26

215 — Brad Gelegonya (DV) p. Travis Gerdon (OB) 5:01 - Ben Grant (ND) d. Matt Galadyk (JFK) 2-1 3 OT SEMIFINALS

103 - Lebbad (HV) d. Don Smith (C) 10-3; Franco-Bandiero (E) d. Fusco 112 - Kelly (DV) d. Keiser (JPS) 16-6;

Belfi (NB) d. Kirchner (S) 17-2 (TF at

119 — Fallon (OB) won by forfeit over Rich Russoniello (B); Strizki (HC) d. Friedeborn (L) 8-3

125 — Sigafoos (DV) d. Kull (H) 7-3; Hart (B) p. Gary Griffin (W)\_3:59 130 — Murray (BB) d. A.J. Hrabar (P) 16-0 (TF at 4:19); Cook (JPS) d. Franco-

135 — Gonzalez (BA) d. Jake Piasecki (V) 6-3; Lefebvre (DV) d. Danny Liss

140 — Riley (B) d. Vince Spiezio (ND) 11-1; Bolomey (S) d. Mike Guenther

145 — Harrington (BB) p. Chris Suozzo (OB) :49; Danielson (Sa) p. Alparone (HC) 3:39

152 — Mangini (H) d. Justin DelPiano (SB) 22-7 (TF at 4:45); Inglin (DV) p. Kevin Honickel 2:47 160 — McLaughlin (H)n d. Badger (ND) 7-3; Simon (JFK) p. J.R. Nettuno (HC) 4:59

171 — Frantzen (Pr) d. Velardi (Sa) 2-1; Williams (L) d. Esipov (WWPS) 8-6 189 — Shelcusky (SB) p. Gatewood (Pi) 5:02; Ives (BR) d. Guamano (H) 5-0 215 — Dragon (BR) p. Gelegonya (EB) :09; Voyce (V) d. Dan Amnheim 4-1 HWT — Mackay (Sp) d. Galadyk (JFK) 4-0; Williams (F) d. Justin Lupo (Mo) 8-7

WRESTLEBACK SEMIFINALS 103 — Fusco (NH) p. Adam Mongelli (SR) 3:03; Hogan (JFK) d. Smith (C) 8-2 112 — Kirchner (S) d. Clemment Bommier (R) 12-5; Keiswer (JPS) d. C.J.

Adams (Pi) 5-3-119 — Friedeborn (L) d. Gabriel Roman (PA) 14-6; Zannetti (JPS) won by forfeit over Russoniello (B)

125 — Tsang (Sa) d. Griffin (W) 10-4; Kull (H) d. Brian Suozzo (OB) 4-3 130 — Franco-Bandiero (E) p. Adam Feriedman (BR) 1:57; Busund (EB) d. Hrabar (P) 8-2 OT 135 — Medina (PA) p. Liss (BR) 5:09;

Smith (SB) d. Piasecki (V) 6-1 Goldman (OB) d. Spiezio (ND) 4-3; Swift (E) d. Guenther (DV) 5-4 4 OT 145 -- Alparone (HC) d. Dave Brienes (DV) 11-3; Cavanaugh (ND) d. Suozzo (OB) 3-2

152 --- Batista (W) d. Ho0nickel (V) 12-2; Hampton (BR) won by injury default over DelPiano (SB) 2:30 160 — Wadiak (SB) d. Nettuno (HC) 1-0; Badger (ND) d. Eddie Ewebo (OB) 9-

171 - Esipov (WWPS) p. Isaias Rodriguez (JFK) 3:05; Velardi (Sa) d. Randy Jackson (F) 12-0 189 - Gatewood (Pi) d. Ross Santana (PA) 8-5; Everingham (WWPS) d.

Guaimano (H) 4-3 OT - Gerdon (OB) p. Amnheim (SB) 1:11; Gelegonya (DV) d. Vin Maglione (JFK) 18-16 - Grant (ND) p. Lupo (Mo) :22;

Galadyk (JFK) p. Hunter Murphy (HC) WRESTLEBACK QUARTERFINALS

103 - Mongelli (SR) d. Brendan Hoidel (Mo) 2-1; Hogan (JFK) d. Joe Stitley (S) 4-2 -Bommier (P.) d. Matt Valentino

(OB) 16-0 (TF at 5:10); Adams (Pi) d. Mike Moriarty (V) 16-6 119 - Roman (PA) d. Gabe Gleason (BB) 1'2-4; Zannetti (JPS) d. Al Rotundo

125 — Tsang (Sa) d. Eric Lobell (V) 14-13; Suozzo (OB) p. Mike Jachim (Me) 130 - Friedman (BR) p. Kevin Catullo

(NH) 5:18; Busund (EB) d. Anthony Palma (B) 14-6 135 — Medina (PA) d. A.J. Schaufler 10-4; Smith (SB) d. Jeff Rotella (WWPN)

140 - Goldman (OB) p. Scott Poore (Sa):55; Swift (E) d. Joe McCauley (BA) 145 - Brienes (DV) d. George Goddiness (H) 7-3; Cavanaugh (ND) d. Dustin Rudy (JFK) 8-3 - Batista (W) d. John Meyer (BA)

5-4 OT; Hampton (BR) p. Reggie Perry (BB) 1:47 160 — Wadiak (SB) d. Leon White (F)

6-3; Ebewo (OB) d. Sergio Garcia (EB)

171 — Rodriguez (JFK) p. Chris Orzechowski (OB) 1:14; Jackson (F) d. Shaun Lockwood (PA) 11-4 189 — Santana (PA) d. Konstantinos Travlos (NB) 7-4; Everingham (WWPS)

d. Mike Limuli (DV) 4-3 215 — Gerdon (OB) won by forfeit over Marc Szwast (Me); Maglione (JFK) won by forfeit over Eric O'Buck (PA) HWT — Grant (ND) p. Robert Borzerielli (Sa) 3:04; Murphy (HC) d. Sean Plaisted (NH) 3-0

QUARTERFINALS 103 - Lebbad (HV) d. Hodel (Mo) 12-3; Smith (C) d. Mongelli (SR) 7-4; Fusco (NH) d. Hogan (JFK) 7-4; Franco-

Bandiero (E) d. Stitley 11-5 112 — Kelly (DV) p. Valentino (OB) :55; Keiser (JPS) d. Bommier (R) 20-10; Kirchner (S) d. Adams (P) 10-2; Belfi (HC) d. Moriarty (V) 17-12 119 — Fallon (OB) d. Gleason (BB) 18-3 (TF at 6:00); Russoniello (B) d. Roman (PA) 3-2; Friedeborn (L) d. Rotundo (Mo) 9-1; Strizki (HC) d.

Zannetti (JPS) 5-3 125 -- Sigafoos (DV) d. Lobell (V) 7-2;

Hull (H) d. Tsang (Sa0 6-2; Griffin (W) p. Joachim (Me) 5:35; Hart (B) d. Suozzo 130 -- Murry (BB) p. Catullo (NH) 4:20; Hrabar (P) d. Friedman (BR) 4-1;

Franco-Bandiero (E) p. Palma (B) 2:33; Cook (JPS) d. Busund (EB) 11-2 135 — Gonzalez (BA) d. Medina (PA) 2-3 OT; Piasecki (V) d. Schaufler (B) 2-

1; Lefebvre (DV) s. Ryan Smith (SB) 12-6; Liss (BR) d. Rotella (NH) 6-4 140 — Bolomey (S) d. Goldman (OB) 6-4; Guenther (DV) d. Poore (Sa) 9-8; Spiezio (ND) d. Swift (E) 4-2 OT; Riley (B) d. McCauley (BA) 8-2

145 — Harrington (BB) p. Goddiness (H) 1:50; Suozzo (OB) d. Brienes (DV) 10-7; Alparone (HC) p. Rudy (JFK) 5:53; Danielson (Sa) d. Cavanaugh (ND) 5-0 152 — Mangini (H) p. Meyer (BA) 2:46; DelPiano (SB) d. Batista (PA) 6-4 OT; Honickle (V) d. Hampton (BR) 15-0 (TF at 5:23); Inglin (DV) d. Perry (BB) 17-2

160 - Badger (ND) d. White (F) 7-3; McLaughlin (H) d. Wadlak (SB) 6-4; Simon (JFK) d. Eebewo (OB) 5-4; Nettuno (HC) d. Garcia (EB) 5-3

(TF at 4:51)

5:17; Esipov (WWPS) d. Jackson (F) 15-0 (TF at 4:58); Williams (L) d. Lockwood

(PA) 16-0 (TF at 5:03) 189 — Ives (BR) p. Travios (NB) 5:35; Guaimano (H) d. Santana (PA) 5-4; Shelcusky (SB) d. Limuli (DV) 11-4; Gatewood (Pi) p. Everingham (WWPS)

- Dragon (BR) p. Szwast (Me)

215 — Dragon (BR) p. Szwast (Me)
1:08; Gelegonya (DV) p. Gerdon (OB)
5:13; Amnheim (SB) p. Maglione (JFK)
5:40; Voyve (V) p. O'Buck (PA) 1:48
HWT — Galadyk (JFK) p. Borzirielli
(Sa) 4:38; MacKay (Sp) d. Grant (ND) 8-6; Lupo (Mo) p. Plaisted (NH) :27;
Williams (F) d. Murphy (HC) 4-2 3 OT
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CHAMPIONSHIPS 103 - Patrick Hunter (SP) d. Ken Knapp (B) 5-0 - Frank Perrelli (D) d. Ricky

Chandler (Mi) 16-7 119 — Billy Ashnault (SP) d. Anthony Priore (J) 9-2

- Mike Grey (D) d. Jimmy Conroy (SP 14-7 130 - Trevor Meide (D) d. Bryan Hunt (SP) 23-8 (technical fall at 5:56)

Tyler Riccio (WH) d. Mike Jakubik (SP) 9-2 140 - Nick Dorey (SP) d. Pat Mineo

145 - Shane Riccio (WH) d. Eddie McCray (SP) 4-2 Darion Caldwell (R) d. Seth Podhoretz (Mi) 9-2

160 - Alex Caruso (WH) d. McPaul Ogbonna (P) 5-1 Pat Hogan (Cr) d. Kyle Kaufman (Ma) 6-0

189 - Tim Lutke (Ch) d. Kevin Crilley (SP) 7-4 Jesse Boyden (B) d. Ken Simms (PH) 12-3 HWT — Andre Neblett (R ) d. Bradley McLaren (Col) 7-2

CONSOLATIONS

Sarfati (NP) 4-2 OT 112 — Mohammed Abelard (Mo) d.

Rahman Furquan (E) 3-2 119 - Sal Gano (SPF) p. Tom Eidel 125 - Paul Gallipeau (PH) p. Michael

Williams (P) 3:07 130 — Dario Marcelli (HP) d. Michael Bacillary (NeP) 7-5 135 — Frankie Davis (M) p. Dan

Coppola (SH) 3:22 140 — Mike Trippler (Mo) d. Tom Conjuliano (PH) 7-6 - Andrew Schaffer (W) d. Larry Poetter (NeP) 8-4 152 - Matt Meyerkopf (HP) d. Matt Regan (B) 3-2 160 — Mark Wagner (SP) d. Eric

Bergman (SH) 6-3 171 — Sheddrick Goodridge (R) d. Brendan Ard (WH) 9-8 189 — Nick Gianci (SPF) d. Alec Kociski (Pa) 2-1 215 — Stas Zahllinsky (Co) p. Trevor

Maertin (NeP) 1:54 HWT — Thomas Weaver (I) d. Hafis Williams (E) 10-4 SEMIFINALS

103 — Hunter (SP) d. Colin Hayes (D) 18-3 (TF at 4:43); Knapp (B) d. Sarfati (NP) 1-0

(NP) 1-0 112 — Perrelli (D) p. Firquan (E) 2:18; Ricky Schandler (Mi) d. Abelard (Mo) 4-119 — Ashnault (SP) p. Tom Edel (SH)

5:15; Priore (J) d. Gano (SPF) 6-2 125 — Grey (D) p. Bryan Gomes (U) 1:10; Conroy (SP) d. Gallipeau (PH) 3-0 130 — Hunt (SP) d. Bacillary (NeP) 2-0 4 OT; Meide (D) p. Marcelli (HP) 1:34 135 — Riccio (WH) d. Ross Soares (RP 5-0; Jakkubík (SP) d. Rob Coughlin

(GL) 13-4 140 — Mineo (SPF) d. Erick Ogada (E) 10-4; Dorey (SP) d. Trippler (Mo) 11-4 145 — McCray (SP) p. Schaffer (W) 1:33; Riccio (WH) d. Doug Lines (Col)

152 — Caldwell (R) d. Meyerkopf (HP) 9-3; Podhoretz (Mi) d. Sam Martin (SP) 160 -- Caruso (WH) d. Wagner (SP)

15-6; Ogbonna (HP) d. McLaren (Col) 8-171 - Hogan (Cr) d. Ard (WH) 4-2; Kuafman (Ma) d. Goodridge (R) 7-2 189 - Crilley (SP) d. Kociski (Pa) 6-1; Lutke (Ch) d. Joe Bizzomo (M) 10-6 215 — Boyden (B) d. Preston Johnson (SP 8-6; Simms (PH) d. Kevin Hussey

HWT - Neblett (R) d. Tom Ottaino (HP) 3-2; McLaren (Col) d. Chris Brower

# Patriots, league to hold open tryouts

BRIDGEWATER - The should provide their career Somerset Patriots, who won statistics and must supply their third Atlantic League of Professional Baseball title last fall, and fellow league member Newark will hold a joint open tryout session 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at Commerce Bank Park.

There will be an administration fee of \$40 to try out, with proceeds going to the Patriots Charity Fund, which has been established for various chari-

ties supported by the Patriots. Candidates, who should report to the ballpark 8 a.m. for registration that day, must

be high school graduates and

at least 18 years old. Everyone

their own wooden bats and gloves. All participants will be required to sign a release form before trying out.

Coaches from the Patriots and Bears will be on hand to evaluate the candidates, as will managers Sparky Lyle and Chris Jones. Somerset has signed a player

from three past tryouts, including Immaculata High graduate Tony Gsell, who's been with the squad since 2003. The Bears recently signed pitcher Steve Crampton from an open tryout and he went on to become Newark's "Pitcher of the Year."

"Both teams want to provide players with the chance to prove themselves to us and show they can play at a high level." said Somerset President-General Manager Patrick McVerry. "The tryouts have been successful in the past at giving players a chance to be rediscovered and get back into professional ball.'

The Patriots have placed season tickets and group tickets on sale for the 2006 season, which begins April 28 against Atlantic City at CBP. For more information call (908) 252-0700 or visit the team's website at www.somersetpatriots.com.



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# Weekend Calendar

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

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

# 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

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

Entries must be received by Friday, March 24. For more information, e-mail edisonarts@aol.com or call (908) 753-ARTS. The show is scheduled to open on June 4.

### 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.

# Some serious clowning around

# Grandma takes center stage under the circus' big top

By JIM WHITE Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — When Barry Lubin's daughters act up he plays the clown card: He threatens to put on a dress and show up at their schools.

It does tend to get them in line," the 53-year-old father of two said Saturday, while inside his trailer in the parking lot of Commerce Bank Park prior to the start of the opening show of this year's Big Apple Circus.

Lubin, aka "Grandma," is the beloved clown star of the Big Apple Circus' 28th season, titled "Grandma Goes to Hollywood." Prior to the show - which incorporates reenactments of memorable movie moments into daring and silly circus acts -Lubin talked about what it is like to live a clown's



PHOTOS BY GEORGE PACCIELLO/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grandma — aka Barry Lubin — gets some air time as he portrays Mary Poppins, at right, during "Grandma Goes to Hollywood," the latest Big Apple Circus show, which is making its appearance at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater. Above, Lubin carries a film canister and a travel bag at the beginning of the show. His transformation from Lubin, who has been a professional clown since the 1970s, into Grandma, a character he created 31 years ago, takes place in the solitude of his dressing room.

"One of the joys of being a clown is you get to bring who you are to your work," said the Garwood resident as he applied Grandma's trademark makeup - red for the nose, black for the eyebrows and white around the mouth and eyes - and put

on her wig, knee-high socks, bloomers and dress.
"Grandma is one of many characters I started 31 years ago. The audience responded to her more than the others," he said. "I had a thought to be a little old man, but I didn't want the Arte Johnson comparison. So I tried a little old lady. It took a while to get laughs with the character. ... But if you're willing to put up with lots and lots of rain and rejection, you'll find laughs."

Lubin began tickling funny bones in the early 1970s, graduating from Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College in 1974. He spent five years with the Greatest Show on Earth and joined the Big Apple Circus in 1982. He is currently the circus' director of clowning and was recently inducted into the International Clown Hall of

He even earned a chuckle from screen legend Robert DeNiro during a past Big Apple Circus show at the Lincoln Center in New York

"Sometimes Robert DeNiro doesn't look like Robert DeNiro. Sometimes Robert DeNiro looks like a regular joe," said Lubin, recalling how the circus director picked DeNiro from the audience to be part of one of the comical acts, though he did not know it was the actor at the time.

"But I knew it was DeNiro. He's one of my heroes," Lubin said. "I then had to put a shower cap on his head. I said 'I'm really sorry.' He said

The clown said at this stage in his career he finds it fairly easy to connect with an audience.

"When I first started I used to concentrate right before I went out - then relax. Now, there's no difference between the backstage and the front stage," he said. "The best adlibs are the ones you work on for twelve hours. It's an illusion the audience can respond to. And when you improvise, sometimes really wonderful things can happen."

But Lubin did concede that there are days, like in any other job, when he just doesn't feel very

"It's like a plumber," he said. "You may not be in the mood to fix that sink, but you got to go in there and fix the sink. ... It's not about making yourself laugh. If they laugh, you're doing your job. You're fixing the sink.

During Saturday's show, Lubin, as Grandma, would swing from a wire in a Mary Poppins getup and defeat a gang of evil Jedi Knights with a Whoopi Cushion. Keeping with the silver screen theme, Grandma also found herself in scenes from "The Wizard of Oz," "The Matrix," "Titanic," "Saturday Night Fever," "Flash Dance" and "Grease."

'The basic concept is to use great themes from movies to inspire transitions as well as the acts and music," said Lubin, who credited circus director Steve Smith for the look and flow of the show.



The Big Apple Circus' "Grandma Goes to Hollywood" runs through March 26 at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater. Tickets range in price from \$19 to \$47 for Saturday and Sunday shows; \$15 to \$37 for weekday evenings, and \$12 to \$32 for 11 a.m. weekday matinees. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (212) 307-4100, ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets. They may also be purchased at the Community Box Office at Somerset Hills YMCA, 140 Mt. Airy Road, Basking Ridge. For more information, call (908) 766-7898, Ext. 160.

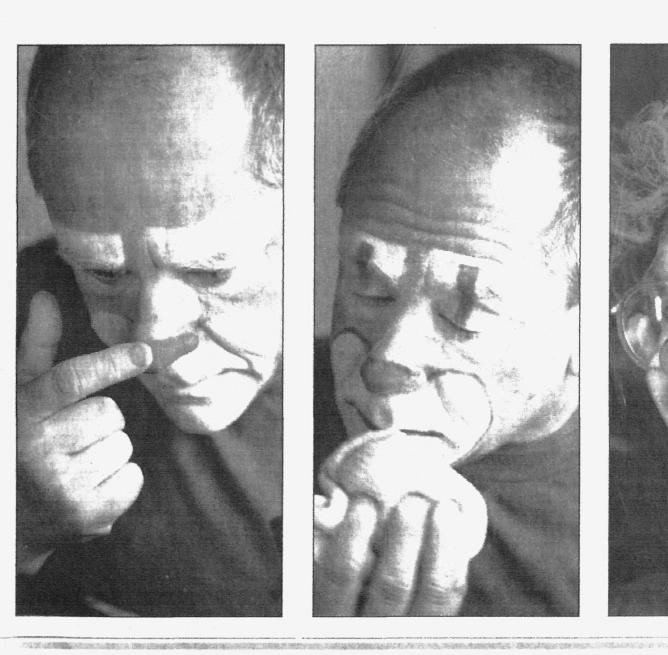
"There's a lot of whimsy to his work. ... It's a wonderful show. We try to do something different every year. I hope folks like it."

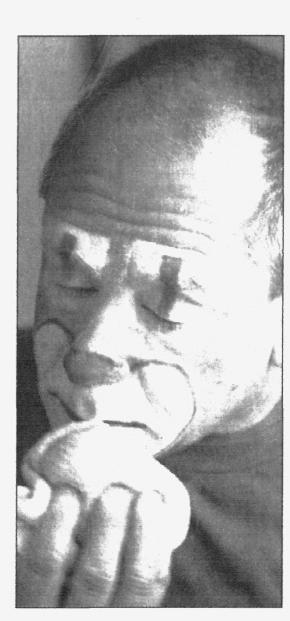
The Big Apple Circus, with performers from around the world, also features flying trapeze artists, acrobats, jugglers, a ventriloquist, and dog and horse acts. But it's Grandma and the slapstick comedy of clowns Karen and Greg DeSanto that bring the most laughs and relax the audience between some of the seemingly more breakneck performances. As for Lubin, he said he has no plans to stop providing that comical relief.

"After 31 years, I'd be crazy to give it up," he said. "I make a very decent living. I'm not going to become a multi-millionaire doing this, but I make a decent living. ... Now I buy my daughters dresses by wearing a dress. ... Somehow their father wears a dress, and is a clown for a living."

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> **Barry Lubin** "Grandma" Big Apple Circus







# **Middlesex County News**

# 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 pur-

Accompanying Barth on the

program is Doreen Lorenzetti. who drew the illustrations for "Bridgetender's Boy."

For registration, call (732) 968-4535 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

### **AAUW** branch offers scholarship

The Mid-Jersey Branch, American Association of University Women, is offering a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to a woman over 25 who is pursuing her first bachelor's degree at

a four-year college or university.

For an application, e-mail singerlac@aol.com or contact Mid-Jersey AAUW Scholarship Committee, c/o 21 O'Hara St., Edison, NJ 08837 before March

Completed applications must be received by April 1.

# County library system

adds Spanish interface The Somerset County Library System has launched a Spanish interface of its on-line catalog.

Spanish-speaking patrons are now able to search the Spanish version of the catalog from the library home page (www.somerset.lib.nj.us) by clicking on one icon. There is also an option available to patrons to have their library checkout receipts and overdue notices printed in Spanish.

The growing Hispanic population created the right opportunity

to begin offering this valuable service at the Somerset County Library System. This feature is not costing the SCLS any additional money and will address a growing need.

Although the SCLS does not foresee the need to offer the catalog in any other additional languages at this time, it is always monitoring the needs of the community in an effort to provide the best possible service to all library

The SCLS has local branches in Bound Brook and South Bound

### Learn to handle stress at eight-week series

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In order to teach individuals how to develop and apply effective coping strategies to deal with stresses of everyday life, the Somerset County on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency is offering a free eight-week program called "Bridge to Success." This program is held one night a week and offered at no cost. Dinner and incentives are provided. Transportation and child care can be arranged if necessary.

To qualify for the "Bridge to Success" you must live in Bound Brook, South Bound Brook, Manville, North Plainfield or Somerville. Applicants must be between 21 and 64 years old.

For full information and registration, call (908) 722-4900.

# Obituaries

# Omero 'Tate' Mastrini

BOUND BROOK - Omero "Tate" Mastrini, 83, died March 3, 2006 at the hospice of Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre

in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Born in Plains, Pa., he was a son of the late Joseph and Constance Giuli Mastrini. Mr. Mastrini lived

Somerville before moving to Bound Brook in 1960. He was an Army veteran of World War II and the longtime owner of Barber Shop in Tate's Somerville. Preceding him in death were

his wife, Mary Lutynski Mastrini; a brother, Louis; and a stepson, Robert Davis.

Surviving are a sister, Diane

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Zelinski, and a sister-in-law, Josephine, both of Plains; a stepdaughter-in-law, Davis of Champlin, Minn.; two step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday at St. Mary of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church, of which Mr. Mastrini was a member. Entombment was in the St. Bernard Mausoleum, Bridgewater.

Arrangements were by the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills, 12 Olcott Ave., Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

Doris C. Psak

BOUND BROOK - Doris C. Psak, 75, died March 1, 2006 at the Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Bayonne, she was a daughter of the late Leo I. and Mary Veronica Murphy Prusakowski.

Mrs. Psak lived in Bayonne, Middlesex and Bound Brook before moving to Bridgewater. She and her husband, George, moved the Bound Brook Diner from Cranford in 1957 and operated it on East Main Street until the diner was flooded by Hurricane Floyd in 1999. The Psaks were married for 55 years and also owned the Sunset Diner in Green Brook for over 26 years.

She served five terms as president of the Middlesex Area Woman's Club. A past president of the Richard S. Kain Unit Parliamentarians, Mrs. Psak was a scout leader in Middlesex and helped chronicle the history of the Bound Brook Memorial

Library. She was a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church Middlesex.

A sister, Florence Nevins, died one month ago.

In addition to her husband, surviving are two sons, George L. of Flemington and Paul of Bridgewater; three daughters, Deborah of Easton, Pa.. Janet Abbondante of Phillipsburg and Nancy of Netcong; seven



grandchildren, a niece and two nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, followservices at the Branchburg Funeral Home. Entombment was in the St. Mausoleum. Bernard

Bridgewater. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders at www.theinstituteforchildren.org or 121 Somerset St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901. To send a condolence, visit www.branchburgfuneralhome.com.



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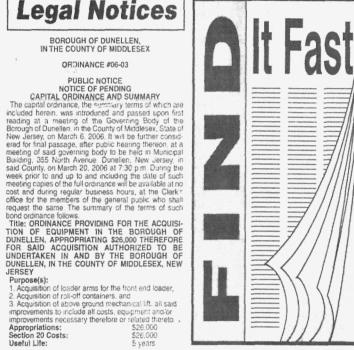
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