



# **Nothing but** winners

Bridgewater-Raritan High's tennis team captured the State Group 4 tournament championship last week --- the first group tennis title for the school district in more than two decades. Page A7.



# Remembering their sacrifice

Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas Cunningham, who has just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq, volunteered at a packing day held at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. The event was co-sponsored by the Somerset Patriots and **Operation Shoebox New Jersey** 2005. Over the weekend, thousands of Somerset County residents gathered to honor those who served in the Armed Forces. From Somerville to Warren, Raritan to Bedminster, those who serve and protect from volunteers in a rescue squad to an Army private ---were thanked, and their sacrifices recalled. Pages A4, A6.

### PISCATAWAY - Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Board of Chosen Freeholders jointly announced the opening of the permanent exhibition, "Tavern Life in the Raritan Valley" at the recently restored Indian Queen Tavern at East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Road.

An opening reception will be held 2 p.m. tomorrow. Those attending can tour the new exhibit and hear 18th century music provided by Glen May on an antique spinet. Light refreshments will be served.

This project is funded in part by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State. Through artifacts, images, and text, Tavern Life in the Raritan Valley" explores the history of the Indian Queen Tavern against the larger backdrop of the importance of taverns in central New Jersey. Many of the rooms in the tavern, including the barroom with its cage bar, have

facts and furniture.

The exhibit also explores other themes including the impact that stagecoach routes, steamboats and trains had on the business of keeping a tavern. The Indian Queen Tavern stood at the northwest corner of Albany and Water Streets in New Brunswick for over two hundred years, until it was purchased by the State of New Jersey during the Route 18 expansion and bridge construction in 1970.

During its tenure in New Brunswick

been recreated using historic arti- the Tavern served not only as a resting place for travelers en-route from Philadelphia to New York, but as a community gathering spot where town residents could meet to collect news of local and regional significance as well as share life's events. Taverns addressed social needs, as dignitaries and important guests were often entertained in taverns. Both George Washington and John Adams were guests at the Indian Queen, hosted by the generous citi-

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TOUR OF SOMERVILLE

**Cyclists** take the streets



# Campaign highlights needs for helmets

NEW BRUNSWICK - In an effort to reduce traumatic brain injury in children, Safe Kids Middlesex County of the Level One Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital has kicked off a four-month helmet safety campaign in several Middlesex County municipalities.

This helmet safety campaign will reward children who wear a helmet when participating in wheeled activities such as bicycling, skateboarding, rollerblading or riding a scooter. Police officers will give a "summons" to any child "caught" wearing their helmet between through Sept. 30. Each "summons" can be redeemed for free items and enters the child in a raffle drawing.

The helmet safety campaign titled Wheels Under Your Feet? Helmet On Your Head!" is part of a statewide education and awareness initiative to promote the espanded helmet requiring all children under 17 to wear a helmet. The prior law mandated children under 14 to wear helmets, but the new law took effect on March 1 as a way to reduce brain injuries in older children as well.

According to the U.S. Consumer foty Commission

# **Bicycles** collected

EDISON - The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management in conjunction with Pedals for Progress, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, is pleased to announce a bicycle collection event. Residents can bring unwanted adult and children's bicycles between 9 a.m.-noon today to Roosevelt Park near the ice skating rink. Bicycles must be in repairable condition. Disassembled bicycles and "bikes for parts" will not be accepted. Pedals for Progress collects over 11,000 bicycles annually and transfers this material wealth to those in need. Working portable sewing machines also will be accepted. Brochures about Pedals for Progress will be available. For more information, e-mail solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us or call (732) 745-4170.

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Riders taking part in the Kugler-Anderson Memorial Tour of Somerville are seen above racing down Main Street Monday. The feature race drew hundreds of professional cyclists from around the nation and world. At right, two women crashed on High Street during the race. For complete coverage of the Tour of Somerville, Page A7.

NICOLE DIMELLA/CORRESPONDENT (above); GEORGE PACCIELLO/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER (right)

# **Inventor lends a hand to** help those who save lives

#### By JENNIFER ROSENBAUM Correspondent

Imagine being able to lift 7,000 pounds using just your hands. Local inventor Ron Komorowski says it is possible, and hopes his Handi-Straps contraption will soon be used by police officers, firefighters and EMTs to save lives.

Komorowski, 41, of Raritan, who is a self-employed construction worker, began working on his invention in his garage following a construction accident that left him with a herniated disc in his back, limiting the time he could spend on his feet.

The invention works by "transferring the weight in your hands to your shoulders and back," Komorowski said.

Handi-Straps, a series of reinforced nylon straps, fits over the head so that rubberized straps rest comfortably on the shoulders. The straps on the back make an X, while a front band runs across the chest distributing the weight of what is being lifted onto the shoulders. Extensions of the straps run down to the palm of the hand reducing "hand and finger strain, as well as protecting the hand

from abrasives or sharper objects while maximizing grip ability.

The difference between lifting an object or person without the aid of Handi-Straps compared to using the apparatus is not only the ability to lift a greater weight mass, but also "the possibility of injury in the shoulders and back is nullified," Komorowski said.

Testimonials on Komorowski's Web site - www.handi-straps.com - support his claims.

"I have personally used Handi-Straps and in my opinion they are a must in EMS for prevention of back injuries and in being able to lift a tremendous amount of weight," says Capt. Fred Simko of Raritan's First Aid Squad.

Patrolman Fred Ryan of the Police Township Bernards Department had this to say: "I really could have used the Handi-Straps last week at work. We had two cops performing CPR on a large guy. When it came time to take him out of the house and to the stretcher which was outside, I had to carry him. I had

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mately 190,000 children sustain head injuries while participating in wheeled activities. Brain injuries often have lifelong effects, such as problems with thought processes, mobility and emotions. There is no cure for brain injury so prevention is extremely important. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that a properly worn helmet can reduce the risk of brain injury by as much as 90 percent. Unfortunately, less than 50 percent of children wear helmets regularly.

"The goal is to get children to wear their helmets whenever they put wheels under their feet," said Diana Doherty, coordinator of Safe Kids Middlesex County and the injury prevention coordinator for Robert

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GEORGE PACCIELLO:STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ron Komorowski, a Raritan resident and inventor of Handi-Straps, watches as Raritan Rescue Squad members Kristen Christiansen and Sam Verdadero lift squad Capt. Fred Simko using only their hands. Handi-Straps are designed to allow users to lift heavy loads using just the strength in their arms. Komorowski hopes fire departments and rescue squads will use them to rescue people

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# Inventor lends a hand to help those who save lives

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to stop along the way due to his weight. They were able to bring his heart back in the ambulance, but the straps would have helped a great deal. I know because I have used your samples in the past."

Following Komorowski's accident, he began an eightyear endeavor in creating what he believes to be "the next wave of technology" in improving how police and fire departments and EMT's rescue extremely overweight victims of strokes and heart attacks.

He said because he did not have enough money to pay for a chiropractor, he began "to study the physics of the back, and realized it would be possible to make an aid for lifting" large, heavy objects. It appears Komorowski may

be on to something. Over the last four months he has been

Tavern to 'open'

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working with ErgoMed Work Systems, a Colorado-based company that specializes in employee health and wellness.

"The preliminary testing indicates a significant decrease in the probability of low back disorders," he said, adding the product has proven itself worthy after being put through extensive testing, which is still ongoing. Komorowski also said a number of large companies and the military have expressed interest in his product. Houston-based Web Devices,

Inc., has begun production of Handi-Straps.

"I want the product flawless," said Komorowski, referring to the stitching in the hands of the straps that wears overtime if used when working with masonry or logs. The straps have since been modified and improved, creating a final product Komorowski said he is confident in. Komorowski now is waiting for the popularity of his invention to take off, and a pending worldwide patent. Currently, there are 100 people on his waiting list for the product, he said. He hopes to sell the Handi-Straps for approximately \$50 to \$60 each, depending on the quantity purchased. Either way, he said he "doesn't want these (Handi-Straps) hanging in the garage when they can be saving lives."



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zens of New Brunswick. Visitors can see a recreated scene on the first floor room of the Tavern showing Tavern owner, James Drake, setting up the furniture in the room for Washington's visit that took place on the evening of Dec. 9, 1783. The Indian Queen, like many taverns of the time, was also used as a meeting place for government and other official functions. In 1795, the New Brunswick Bridge Company meeting was held here, presided over by William

Paterson. The recently restored Indian Queen Tavern is also used as a workshop space, and offers student groups and other visitors a unique perspective on everyday life during the 18th and 19th centuries. The Tavern is the latest building at East Jersey Olde Town to be opened to the public for their enjoyment and education.

# Campaign highlights need for helmets

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Wood Johnson University Hospital. "The campaign is modeled after a successful program held in Cranbury for the past 10 years. The program has become so successful that it is estimated that approximately 90 percent of children age 14 and under wear their helmet on a regular basis." Last year Cranbury police

gave out 500 "summonses" and parents have begun wearing helmets as well after realizing the importance of helmet use.

"You would think we were the ice cream man," Cranbury Patrolman Greg Pfremmer said. "The children see a police car and if they aren't riding their bicycles already, they will run out and put on their helmets and ride their bikes in front of us."

Each "summons" awards a free scoop of ice cream, Italian ice or slice of pizza and small soda, depending on the town's sponsoring merchant. The "summons" also contains information about the new state helmet law as well as information about the correct way to wear a helmet. Every time a child receives a "summons" his name will be entered into a raffle for \$200 toward a new bike and helmet, and one winner from each town will be selected at the end of the campaign.

Cranbury's program, sponsored in part by the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey and the Level One Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, will join the Safe Kids Middlesex County campaign this summer along with Dunellen, Middlesex, South Plainfield, Metuchen, South River and Sayreville. Each participating town is required to hold an "All-Wheeled Sports Rodeo" where children showing up with wheels and a helmet can go through an obstacle course and receive a "license" upon completion of the course.

Each "rodeo" will also offer bicycle maintenance checks, town bike registrations, and opportunities for education and proper helmet fitting. For children in need, new helmets will be provided through the generous support of the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. In addition, participating towns are encouraged to spread the message about wheeledsports safety by providing educational programs in their schools.

"Next year we hope to expand the campaign by doubling the number of participating municipalities," Doherty said. "Our long-term goal is to implement this campaign throughout Middlesex County."

Anyone interested in learning more about this campaign or other safety programs should contact Safe Kids Middlesex County at (732) 418-8026.





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# Wellness Expo offers healthy living lessons

Learn about healthy living at the second annual Wellness and Fitness Expo presented by the East Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The expo is at Brunswick Square Mall, East Brunswick, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow. Vendors in the center court will have the latest health-related news. Free health screenings are offered as well.

For more information, visit www.ebnjchamber.org or call (732) 257-3009.

# NJ FamilyCare day being held today

NEW BRUNSWICK Families without health insurance are encouraged to attend a registration event today for NJ FamilyCare.

The event, hosted by UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, will be held in the Arlene and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard at RWJUH from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NJ FamilyCare provides quality, free or low-cost health insurance for uninsured children and teens 18 and younger. NJ FamilyCare covers just about every health care need, including doctor visits, hospitalizations, eyeglasses, mental health services, prescription drugs and more

During the event, bi-lingual representatives from both medical facilities will be on-hand to assist families through the registration process. Health insurance representatives also will be available to answer questions about the available plans. Refreshments and entertainment for children will be available.

The following documentation is required for registration: Proof of total monthly household income before taxes from wages (one pay stub per job) and all other sources of income. such as social security benefits or unemployment; immigration documents for non-citizens, such as a permanent resident card, a temporary I-551 stamp on a passport or Form I-94, proof of refugee or asylee sta-

tus, proof of parent's military service or other proof; social security number; and proof of any other health insurance or any notice that health insurance ended.

NJ FamilyCare is a federal and state funded health insurance program created to help New Jersey's uninsured children

# Go 'Pedaling for Prevention'

PISCATAWAY --- "Pedaling for Prevention" is a family fun day in Johnson Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Registration for all events begins at 8 a.m. in Grove 4. Proceeds benefit the Middlesex County Substance Abuse Coalition.

For more information, visit www.ncaddmiddlesex.com/biketour.htm or

call (732) 254-3344. The program is sponsored by

NCADD of Middlesex County and the Middlesex County Substance Abuse Coalition.

### Strawberry fest set for Friday

BOUND BROOK --- The Presbyterian Church holds its annual Strawberry Festival from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday

Large portions of strawberry shortcake, plus live entertainment, are offered in the church at 409 Mountain Ave. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-11 and free for children under age 3.

For more information, call (732) 356-3575. Proceeds go to the Deacons' Fund to benefit local outreach and relief programs

## Learn the basics of computers

DUNELLEN --- The Dunellen Public Library offers computer

training classes in June. "Beginner Basics" is offered at 10 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday all month long. Space is limited

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

# Patriotic music

# for Flag Day

PISCATAWAY --- The Linda Ipanema Quartet makes its Piscataway debut with a familyoriented program of patriotic music for Flag Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane.

Ipanema has been in show business all her life; she has appeared in stage musicals as well as in movies and TV. She currently devotes all her energy to singing Dixieland jazz and old-time songs.

For more information, call (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6.

# Stories let families 'Celebrate Dad!'

PISCATAWAY --- "Celebrate Dad!" at East Jersey Olde Towne Village with stories about fathers.

This free program begins at 2 n.m. Sunday June 11, Yvonne Ceasar brings her "Tales from a Different Drum," multicultural stories from around the world. These stories include "The Wooden Bowl" from Germany, "A Piece of the Wind" from western Africa, "How the Sons Built the Hut" from Russia and "How the Peasant Divided the Geese" from Russia. Registration is required; call (732) 745-3030. East Jersey Olde Towne Village is in the north end of Johnson Park at 1050 River Road.

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# It's 'Rhyme Time' for kids' bedtime

PISCATAWAY --- It's never too early to start reading to little ones!

"Bedtime Rhyme Time" is a fast-paced 20-minute story time for children ages 6-36 months old, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. The program is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 12 at Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes

Arrive early to play in the children's room. No registration is necessary.

# Learn to paint T-shirts at Piscataway library

PISCATAWAY - Learn "Tshirt Painting" at a practical crafting workshop for adults at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at Kennedy Library, 500 Hones. Bring in a clean white T-shirt that's freshly ironed. For registration, visit the library's reference desk or call (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6. Class size is limited.

# Edison serving 'Junior Tennis'

EDISON - Junior Tennis is a Recreation Department program for all players in kindergarten-Grade 12.

Sessions are at the Oak Tree tennis courts on Oak Tree Road and the Central Avenue tennis courts in Papaianni Park. The program begins Monday, June 26 and runs through Friday, Aug. 4.

Applications are available at www.edisonnj.org, any community center in Edison and all branches of the Edison Free Public Library. All applications must be received with payment by Friday, June 16.

For full information, call (732) 248-7310.

# Program offers insight into paying for college

SOUTH PLAINFIELD Nancy Ziering covers "The Art of Paying for College" at 7 p.m. Monday, June 19 at the South Plainfield Free Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave.

Her free program covers a number of related subjects, including admissions, registration, financial aid and the effect of tax law on tuition. Ziering is founder of the Education Funding Consultants Association in Chatham.

For more information, visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or call (908) 754-7885.

# Library program on Net security

EDISON - The Edison Free Public Library wants the public to know about "Understanding

# Reading support group for children PISCATAWAY --- The

In The Towns

Piscataway Public Library offers a reading support program for young children this summer. The program pairs teen volunteers with children who will enter Grades 1-3 in the fall. Sessions are at Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane, from July 17-Aug.

10. Interested parents can fill out an application at the adult reference desk of Westergard Library, 20 Murray Ave., or the adult reference desk of Kennedy Library.

For more information, call (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6. Police honor

# 15 with awards

PISCATAWAY - The Police Department held an awards ceremony May 25 at the Municipal Complex for policemen who performed outstanding service in the past two years.

Sgt. Arthur Randolph and Patrolman Philip Zmuda received the Chief's Achievement Award. Detective Dean Petrillo received the Medal of Merit. Patrolman Kevin Parmalee, Patrolman David Piro and Detective Michael Trojanowski received the Lifesaving Award. Patrolman Michael Nols received an Honorable Service Award. Awards were presented to officers who used the department defibrillator to save lives. Patrolman Albert Annuzzi was honored for saving two lives. Patrolmen Mark Portnoy, Thomas Slover, Michael Smith and Rodwick Solomon, along with Detective Lance Williams, were honored for each saving a life. Williams also received an Honorable Service Award.

In addition, David Locke and Patricia Schibanoff received the Civilian Service Award for providing services that may be deemed beneficial to the department or the township. Such service may include apprehending a criminal or responding to an emergency.

# County organization seeking volunteers

EDISON - The Jewish Family & Vocational Service is seeking those interested in being a "Chef for the Day.

Volunteers are needed to cook lunch for elderly members in a social adult day program. Those who are available at least one day a month and are interested can call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1940, Ext. 122.

# **Senior Citizens Calendar**

# Bound Brook

The Bound Brook Seniors meet at 7 p.m. the first

Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave. and the corner of Livingston. All seniors are welcome to join including nonresidents. Meetings include informative programs, refreshments, information about upcoming trips and bingo. Upcoming Trips and Events:

Atlantic City trips are held the third Tuesday of each month. Call Ed Kimmel at (732) 469-1263 for details

For more information about the planned trips, call Frank at (732) 356-6310.

For detailed information about the club, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Nonmembers are welcome on trips if space allows.

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

The Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of every month in the cafeteria of Holy Family Academy, 201 Vosseller Ave., Bound Brook, For further information, call President Sal Barbati at (908) 725-5444. June 12 - Membership Meeting

June 27 — Atlantic City Trip to Taj Mahal Casino

July 10 --- Membership Meeting and Luncheon

# Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. each Friday at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park. Bingo is played each Friday after the meeting. Bus transportation is provided. New members are welcome. Coffee and tea are provided; bring your own sandwiches.

# Edison

Edison Chapter of AARP #3346 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. (except July and August) at the Edison

Job Corps center, located at 500 Plainfield Ave. New applications are being accepted.

# Metuchen

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

For additional information about trips, call Miriam Dingle at (732) 548-9395

# **Middlesex** Borough

Bus transportation is available for borough seniors. Sign up by calling (732) 356-0414. Wednesdays are Senior Day at the club.

The Middlesex Borough Office on Aging is collecting old cell phones to distribute to the homebound for 911 use. If you have one to donate, call the office at (732) 356-0414. For information and to register for any of the above programs or issues of interest to the senior population in

Middlesex Borough, contact Sheila at (732) 356-0414.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors meet at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the church hall. Members are asked to bring pasta for F.I.S.H. Newly installed officers are President, Ben Orlando; VP, John Turick, Secretary, Angelo Porta; Treasurer, Tangee Natale Turick. A special cake was made to celebrate the clubs 23rd

anniversary. Upcoming events: June 21 - Atlantic City and family style lunch at the Renault Winery, 6 hours at casino \$41. per person. For information on trips call: Ellie Procacci at (732) 752-3093 or Mary Jane Stoddard at

(732) 356-2093.



and certain low-income parents and guardians to have affordable health coverage. It is not a welfare program.

NJ FamilyCare is for families who do not have available or affordable employer insurance, and cannot afford to pay the high cost of private health insurance. Eligibility is based on family size and income. Regardless of date of entry to the United States, most legal immigrants whose documents allow them to live here permanently may be eligible. Children born in the United States to undocumented immigrants may be eligible for coverage. Certain low-income parents also can apply. For more information about NJ

FamilyCare, call (732) 828-3000

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For registration, visit the circulation desk of the Main Branch or call (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1.

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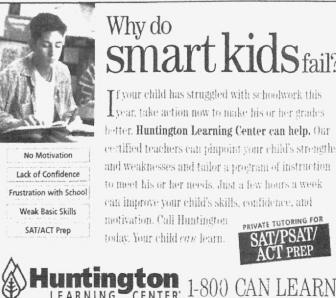
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# Commentary .



Saturday, June 3, 2006

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER U.S. Postal Service officials and recipients of The Purple Heart unveil the updated first class Purple Heart stamp during opening ceremonies Saturday at Commerce Bank Ballpark.



GEORGE PACCIELLO STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER "Operation Shoebox Station, Somerville NJ," above, as designated by a special sign and cancellation stamp was set up Saturday by the U.S. Postal Service at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater to handle the boxes that were packaged by volunteers.

# Volunteers step up to the plate

1,192 boxes packed at ballpark for U.S. troops

The U.S. Postal Service arrived at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater early Saturday morning to set up Operation Shoebox Station, a special sub-office that by day's end would handle 1,192 Priority Mail boxes packed by hundreds of volunteers destined for U.S. military personnel serving in the Mideast.

Crammed inside each box were letters and cards written by students, senior groups' veterans' organizations and others, as well as the customary snacks and toiletry items that OPSH-BX has been sending overseas since its inception in February, 2005.

The Chronicle and the Somerset Patriots, sponsors of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005, had planned the event for several months; Somerset Patriots' manager Sparky Lyle and several Patriots' players joined the volunteers, along with several veterans who have returned from serving in the Mideast.

The U.S. Postal Service unveiled the updated 39-cent first class Purple Heart stamp during the opening ceremonies, which included a flyover tribute by Joe Borin in his vintage WWII AT-13 trainer. Marine veteran and trumpet player Jim O'Reilly performed "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Postal Service designed a special postmark incorporating the Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo, and presented a commemorative cover and pen to all who participated.

Volunteers worked on the concourse of the ballpark, where they selected toiletry and snack items from marked bins to place in plastic bags which were sealed and placed into boxes for shipping.

During the past 16 months, OPSHBX has raised over \$90,000 and shipped 7,000 care packages to U.S. armed services personnel in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

To acknowledge the hard work of each volunteer, the Patriots provided a free ticket to the Saturday or Sunday game.

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This year's event will also feature several celebrities, including former "Saturday Night Live" comic Joe Piscopo, a strong OPSHBX supporter since its founding last year and actor Joe Lisi, who's appeared in The Sopranos, Law and Order, Third Watch and other TV series and movies. Lisi, who served in The Marines, is also hoping to bring other New York actors, all Army and Marine veterans.

The day includes a round of golf, cocktail hour and awards dinner.

The fee is \$200 per golfer; hole sponsorships are also available.

It's a great day for a noble cause.

Call "Champagne Tony" D'Angelo at (201)\*896-6251 for further information.

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GEORGE PACCIELLOISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Somerset Patriots manager Sparky Lyle (top photo) tapes shut a U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail box, similar to more than 1,000 that were packed by volunteers Saturday at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. Photo above shows some of the volunteers picking items from more than 40 bins that contained a variety of snacks and toiletry items.

#### Linda Glodek

Bridgewater Manager, Finance Training, Policies & Procedures sanofi-aventis

#### Linda Glodek, a Bridgewater resident, signed up in February as a volunteer with Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 to satisfy the public service portion of the degreerequirement from the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University. She graduated last month with a Master's degree in Business Administration, an was honored by Seton Hall with one of the Student Excellence Awards for her jolunteer efforts working on behalf of OPSHBX and U.S. military personnel overseas. She continues to be an active member of the vol-

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er organization. Her father is a Marine eran, having served in Vietnam in 1967-68.

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# In The Towns

# Firehouse has 'giant' yard sale

PISCATAWAY - A giant yard sale is planned for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the North Stelton Volunteer Fire Company, 70 Haines Ave.

Spaces are \$15 each. For reservations, call Margaret at (732) 985-0282, Ext. 6.

Rain date is Saturday, June 10. Self defense courses

# are offered in Edison

EDISON - The Edison Free Public Library offers "Training for Life," self-defense for everyday people.

This program is at 7 p.m. Monday in the library's Main Branch at 340 Plainfield Ave. Instructor Joel Levy runs a karate school in the area.

For registration, stop by the circulation desk or call (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1.

# Lions sponsor

June flea market

METUCHEN - The Metuchen Lions Club holds its 33rd semiannual flea market from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 10 in the New Street municipal parking lot.

Spaces are \$18 and measure 18-feet by 20-feet. For space reservations, call (732) 767-9136 or (732) 549-5826.

Rain date is Saturday, June 17. Proceeds benefit Lions Club charities and community activities.

# Book sale benefits library

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The South Plainfield Free Public Library holds a book sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Books, DVDs, videotapes and similar items will be available inside the library at 2484 Plainfield Ave. Tote bags and candy bars also will be available. Proceeds go toward the new library building and other library programs. For more information, visit

www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or call (908) 754-7885 Temple planning a

# breakfast with Rabbi

METUCHEN - The Sisterhood and the Men's Club of Temple Neve Shalom sponsor "Breakfast with the Rabbi" at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 11.

This meal is in the synagogue at 250 Grove Ave. Subject is "The Conservative Movement ----In Crisis? What Does It Mean for Neve Shalom?"

Admission is by a donation of nonperishable kosher food for a kosher food pantry. For more information, call (732) 548-2238.

### Meal honors temple service participants

METUCHEN - Temple Neve Shalom holds a luncheon in June to honor those who participated in services over the past year. The luncheon follows the 9:30 a.m. service on Saturday, June 24 in the synagogue at 250 Grove Ave. Torah readers and adult education instructors are among those who will be honored.

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

# Career Institute

delegates from boro BOUND BROOK - The Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook has selected its delegates to the Girls Career Institute. Liderma Harricharan and Amanda Mastrull were chosen delegates with Allyson Schmidt chosen as their alternate. All are juniors at Bound Brook High School

from June 19-22 at Douglass College, on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. Delegates get a taste of college life and meet career women from all over.

## Area drivers needed to deliver kosher meals

EDISON — Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County is looking for drivers to deliver Kosher Meals on Wheels.

regular drivers who are away. You must have a flexible schedule and be available on at least one hour's notice. If you are interested, call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1940.

Kosher Meals on Wheels are distributed five days a week in

Edison, Highland Park and elsewhere within Northern Middlesex County.

# Show off the garden during a summer tour

EDISON --- The Edison Arts Society holds its first "Art in the Gardens" tour on Saturday, Aug. 19. Five unique gardens will be featured, showing the variety of plantings created as an extension of the owners' homes.

"We are in search of beautiful gardens in the Metuchen-Edison area," said Linda LaStella, a trustee of the Arts Society and chairman of its Visual Arts Committee. For additional information or to showcase a garden, e-mail Claysongs@aol.com or call (732) 906-4137.

Newswire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their

scrap with 24 hour service and

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A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.





Xi-Jun Chen of Edison has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by the National Starch and Chemical Foundation to conduct research this summer at The College of New Jersey, in Ewing.

The daughter of Bao and Chun Chen is pursuing a major in chemistry, with a minor in criminology and justice, at the college.

Chen is using electron paramagnetic resonance and circular dichroism to determine what factors promote DNA aggregation. Her findings will help scientists understand how a cell packages long strands of DNA in the nucleus. Her adviser is Donald Hirsh of the college's chemistry department.

RUTGERS The Girls Career Institute runs Mason Gross School of the Arts at Municipal Pond across from The Library on **4TH ANNUAL** Ryders Lane in East Brunswick EAST BRUNSWICK ORIGINAL HANDMADE WORK BY **ARTISTS FROM NEW JERSEY** AND THE METRO AREA Painting Photography Sculpture Mixed Media Jewelry Graphics Drawings Pastels FREE Admission, Parking Kid's Activities Wheaton Village Glassblowers in all-day demo Sponsored by Twp. of E. Bruns., Div. of Recreation, Arts Commission, and

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Lisa Ambrosini of Middlesex was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at College in Providence Providence, R.I., where she is a senior.

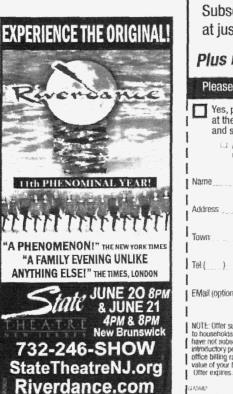
Grace Jennings of Middlesex achieved the dean's list with distinction in the fall 2005 semester at Grove City College in Grove City, Pa.

She is a freshman majoring in political science with a grade point average of 3.6-3.84 on a scale of 4.

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jennings is a 2005 graduate of Middlesex High School.

James R. Urbaniak of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Rutgers College, on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

The son of John and Francesca Urbaniak is a senior majoring in English and history in education.





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# **Traditions make Memorial Day**

# **County honors those who served**

# By JENNIFER ROSENBAUM eight to begin setting up for the barbeque fundraiser that

SOMERVILLE — The holiday weekend was spent in a variety of ways, but the tradition of Somerville's Memorial Day Parade remains the same.

For 50 years, Marge Hollod has sat in the same spot to watch the annual parade, held Monday to honor war veterans who served this country.

Hollod, a resident of Somerville, has "never missed a parade, even when the kids were younger."

The parade began at the corner of Main and Grove streets and ended in the New Somerville Cemetery on South Bridge Street where a memorial service followed.

Similar to past Memorial Day parades, honorable war veterans, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, representatives from the American Red Cross, Somerville Middle School and High School, Unique Steppers, and Somerville Rescue Squad members were some of the participants.

What does change from year to year, are the people who attend.

Linda Schmitt of Branchburg attended the parade for the first time this year because her two sons Andrew and Frederick marched with the the high school's robotics team.

Schmitt "honored those who gave their greatest gifts, their lives." She made sure she "stood and clapped for all the men in uniform, because it was the least (she) could do." But not everyone watched from the sidelines.

R.W. Lilbert D. Jones Jr. of Carteret arrived on Main Street around a quarter to the barbeque fundraiser that he and others ran to raise money for the Old Aldrage Benjamin Cooper Sr. Lodge 69 of Somerville. Jones said he prefers barbe-

Jones said he prefers barbequing as opposed to relaxing on the national holiday because "the barbeque sells, especially on a holiday where people would rather have us cook for them."

Jones spent the holiday cooking "barbeque pork ribs, kabobs, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs and brisket" among other items for parade goers and bike race enthusiasts who were on hand for the 63rd Tour of Somerville.

And while the parade, which was supposed to begin at 9 a.m., began 45 minutes late, regular attendees of the parade were not surprised.

Capaccione John Bridgewater, who has attended the parade since 1980, expect-ed the late start. "The parade is never, never on time. They start when they want," he said. In anticipation, many individuals began staking a claim to front row curb space and vacant park benches about a half hour prior to the scheduled step off time. The first police car finally drove by Alfonso's at 9:45 a.m. to initiate the roar of the marching bands and emergency sirens. Not all in attendance stuck around for the much talked

about bike race, and instead planned on spending the day with family and friends at barbeques. Hollod said she was going to go "to a picnic at her daughter's" and spend the rest of her day relaxing. Others like Schmitt began honoring the veterans a few days prior to the parade by watching "all of the memorial shows on television."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER (below left and above) LARRY MURPHY/CORRESPONDENT (below center and below right

Ruth Hoffman-Bauer, above, bows her head during Memorial Day services held Monday at the New Somerville Cemetery in Somerville. Luther Taylor, below left, commander of American Legion Post 2141, Somerville, marches in Somerville's Memorial Day Parade, held on Monday. Bagpiper Jim Hanley leads Saturday's Bedminster and Far Hills Memorial Day Parade, below center, while Kaleigh Reaves, below right, 2-and-a-half, watches the parade go by.





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# **Sports**

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# Haedo puts pedal to metal at right time

**Comes from** far behind to take Tour's feature event

#### By ALLAN CONOVER Sports Editor

SOMERVILLE - For most of the afternoon Juan Jose Haedo was lost in a sea of flashing, churning metal, furiously pumping legs and an array of tightly-bunched team colors.

Only he knew exactly where he was.

When it came time to determine a winner Monday, Haedo ultimately proved to be headand-shoulders above everyone else, bolting into the lead during the final 20 meters to capture the Kugler-Anderson Memorial men's 50-mile race for Professional/Category I competitors.

# **TOUR OF** SOMERVILLE

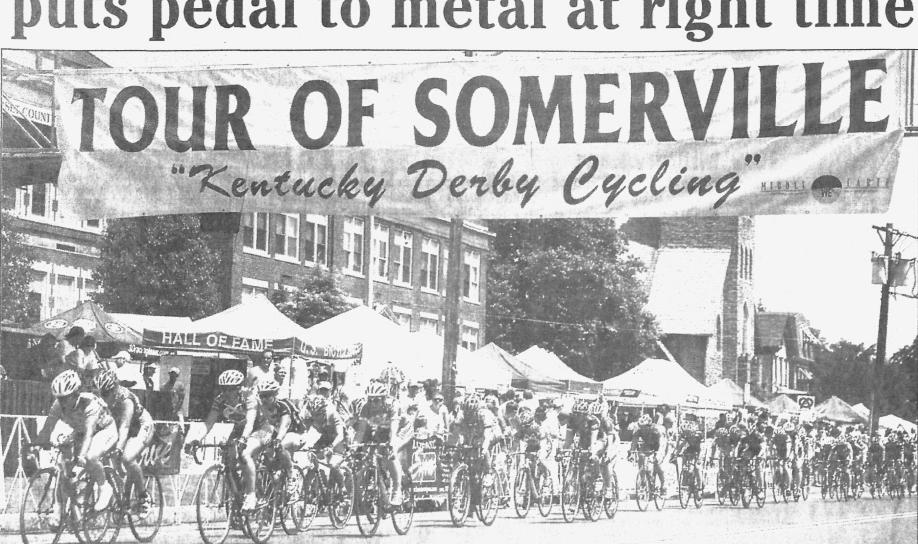
A 25-year-old native of Argentina, Haedo and another 140-or-so riders who endured the 90-degree heat spent most of the last half of the Tour of Somerville's feature event chasing a small break-away group, which lengthened its margin to about 150 meters over the huge field at one juncture.

But Haedo never doubted the end result could turn out to be radically different.

"You can only bet on one horse, and I was going to put my money on a field sprint at the end," he said, sitting on a folding chair under the shade of a tree following his one-hour, 46minute victory in the 63rd edition of The Tour. "Any time there's a field chase like this, I think I have a chance.

Kyle Wamsley, the 2005 winner, also liked his chances heading down the West High Street homestretch after getting a boost from Colavita teammate Mark McCormack. Wamsley actually even nosed ahead briefly before being overtaken by Haedo, who won by three meters.

"I was probably between six



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Some of the 186 cyclists who started the race jockey for position on West High Street Monday afternoon during the Tour of Somerville's Kugler-Anderson Memorial men's 50miler, which was won by Argentina's Juan Jose Haedo.

and 10 back coming through the last turn," said Wamsley, "and I was sitting on McCormack's wheel. He went pretty hard out of the corner and got me to about the third position and I got up with about 250 to go and thought I had it until JJ (Haedo) came blowing

"He was amazing," added Wamsley. "He didn't have any team here and free-lanced the whole thing, so he did a good job getting the win. The only thing I can do it try to get him in the next race."

Haedo, a Los Angeles resident during racing season, raised his arms triumphantly as he neared the finish line even though Wamsley and several others were still in hot pursuit. "When you come by that fast,

you can do whatever you want," said Wamsley. "Going across the line, he got me by a length or so, so that's OK. The only drawback is that you want to have your hands up like that, not him."

Wamsley was the one celebrating a stunningly easy victory only a year ago, cruising in 30 meters ahead of his closest rival.

"That was a different scenario," said the resident of Mertztown, Pa. "There weren't as many teams here with as many guys per team because it was the day before the big Lancaster race. So there was a different racing mentality today. This year, there's no racing tomorrow and every team had a big squad and everybody wanted to race as hard as they could. It was more likely to come down to a field sprint, so we waited and we had pretty good sprint legs.

But Wamsley, Toyota-United's Haedo and dozens of others were left far off the pace when seven cyclists, including a trio from the Navigators Insurance Team, initiated a breakaway with 23 laps remaining.

Several go-arounds later the lead group was down to five, and with six to go, just three cyclists -- the Navigators' Hilton Clarke (of Australia) and Mark Walters (Canada) and Team Colavita's Davide Frattini (Italy) - were in the front-running pack. A lap later, their advantage was perhaps 150 meters over the chase group and with just four laps left, the top threesome still held a whopping 22-second cushion over the chasers.

But the immense field gradually began to close the gap. With two laps remaining they were just 12 seconds behind, and on the bell lap, it was 0:09 and everyone was closing fast. And finally, coming off the North Bridge Street turn, a legion of frenzied cyclists filled West High from one side to the other. It was a classic field

sprint to the end. "We knew there were two or three guys out front," said Haedo, who was third in The 2004 Tour, "and me and Stefano (teammate Barberi) figured we'd just wait for the right moment and see what happens. I had a chance to sit in the whole day and that helped me a lot at the end. Today, I had the legs for a field sprint and I was thinking I can get them."

Wamsley's thinking was along similar lines.

"With three guys out there, it's hard for them to stay out there," he said. "So for the last several laps I told our guys not to do a whole lot of work because the field was just going to engulf them anyway.

"I wasn't too worried about the gap - I was more worried just about following my teammates around the field and staying on pace. But the boys were lined up and did a fantastic job leading me out and getting me through the last corner and part-way down the straightaway before I got into the field sprint."

While Wamsley, 26, just missed his bid for a second straight Tour title, Dan Schmatz of the Kodakgallery.com/Sierra Nevada squad was a shade behind and took third-place honors. As for Clarke, Walters and Frattini? Clarke finished 50th, Frattini 63rd and Walters was another two spots back.

# **B-R nets Group 4** tennis crown

A championship team in any sport needs to be able to deliver that little extra push just when it needs to.

That's exactly what Bridgewater-Raritan High, and especially Scott Van Dorn, displayed last week in the state tennis tournament.

The Panthers claimed State Group 4 honors, slipping past West Windsor-Plainsboro South 3-2 in the title match after edging Cherry Hill East by the same score earlier in the semifinals at Mercer County Park, West Windsor May 25.

The Panthers (27-2) then were seeded No. 2 for the State Tournament of Champions, which began earlier this week. Not since 1983, when Bridgewater-Raritan East claimed Group 3 laurels, had a Bridgewater-Raritan school district squad won a state group tennis championship.

"This is something we'd set our sights on at the beginning of the year," said Panthers Head Coach Curt Weaver, "and it's just about all Chris Wu (B-R's No. 1 player) had been talking about since our first team meeting. They just really matured into a great team that always found a way to beat whoever we were playing."

Van Dorn, a senior who was a doubles standout the past three seasons before securing the No. 2 singles slot this spring, finally overcame Steve Fernandez 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4 tiebreaker) to snap a 2-all dead-lock with Central Jersey champ WWPS (25-2), the defending group titlist.

Van Dorn, who rallied from a 4-2 third-set deficit, was hindered by leg cramps in the tie-



GEORGE PACCIELLO STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER No. 1 player Chris Wulled a singles sweep that carried Bridgewater-Raritan High to a 3-2 decision over West Windsor-Plainsboro South in the State Group 4 championship duel.

play, Scott seemed pretty focused," said Weaver. "He really showed a lot of heart."

to defeat Shintaro Mori, who

also was at the No. 1 position a

year ago, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 and

freshman Eric Hsu completed

the B-R singles sweep by

trouncing Leland Richardson 6-

three singles to win the whole thing," said Weaver. "West

Windsor had most of its team

back this year and they just

have so many good players over

there. I think a lot of people

The Mercer County team, which downed B-R 4-1 in last

year's Group 4 semifinal, took

both doubles encounters over

Ancesh Devi-Josh Lee (6-2, 6-4)

and Rob Cooperman-Anup

expected them to win again."

"I was surprised we won all

1, 6-4.

Wu finished in strong fashion

breaker and fell behind 3-1 Bhujle (2-6, 6-4, 7-5).

Van Dorn also delivered a before he was forced to take a huge 6-3, 6-0 victory when B-R 10-minute injury timeout. He ousted South Jersey champ Cherry Hill East (24-3) from then battled back to win the three-and-a-half-hour match. "After he went back out to the semis.

Devi-Lee prevailed 6-7 (7-9), 6.0, 6-4 and Cooperman-Bhujle romped 6.0, 6-1 at doubles for the other two Panther points.

CHE's Ravi Yegya-Raman trimmed Wu 6-0, 6-4 and Andrew Fleischman defeated Hsu 6-4, 6-4.

The Panthers had claimed their third straight North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 crown two days earlier by knocking off top-seeded Westfield 3-2, avenging an early-season 4-1 setback. Van Dorn, who'd lost to Ravi Netravali last month, this time dominated by a 6-2, 6-2 margin and Hsu (3,1) and Devi-Lee (6-1, 4-6, 6-2) provided secondseeded B-R with its other points. Kevin Shallcross, the top player for Westfield (22-3) stopped Wu 6-4, 6-3 and Lee Bernstein-Matt Gralla defeated Cooperman-Bhujle 6-2, 6-3.

# Somerville boys again capture sectional title

At this point in the season an important aspect of vying for a sectional championship is putting together peak performances on a team-wide basis. For the past six years nobody has done that better than the Somerville High boys.

While Mason Robinson delivered as expected by winning three events, the Pioneers also received gold medal-performances from Shaum Healey and Chris Roberts along with three runnerup finishes to rout the Central Jersey Group II field last weekend.

In North Jersey Section 2 Group IV the Bridgewater-Raritan girls edged Watchung Hills for fifth place 57-51.

Tom Reynolds, in his second season as the Somerville boys head coach, has been around the program long enough to know how it's supposed to happen this time of the year. But even he didn't anticipate the Pioneers' 99-61 victory over second-place Rahway, which was one of the pre-meet favorites.

"I can't say I expected to winby 40 points, but we went down there (Monmouth High) to win," he said. "We scored about 15 points more than I thought we would, but we had some very good performances and some other teams didn't do as well as expected. Rahway was favored ahead of us, but they didn't do what they had to do.

"When we go to these meets we know pretty much what we're going to do. I have confidence in my kids, and I expect them to exceed what they've been doing. That's how we plan things here. We want them to be peaking at this time of the vear."

It was Somerville's sixth consecutive sectional championship, but don't believe it's something that has become an expected routine.

# STATE TRACK SECTIONALS

cartwheels, but the kids enjoy winning this," Reynolds said. We don't take this for granted. We don't practice like we take it for granted. Nobody wants to be the team that loses (the title). That's the attitude we take around here.'

SHS got off to good start in he two-day competition as Robinson won twice and the Pioneers led Shore 42-28. Saturday, Somerville continued to get the job done for another crown that Reynolds didn't consider in jeopardy entering the day

'I was pretty confident after Friday that we were going to win," he said. "I knew what we were going to do and what everyone else had. I felt if we just did what we were supposed to do without even having a super-human effort, we'd win. We had some super-human efforts and some other teams didn't do as well as expected."

Robinson had a hand in 38 of Somerville's points, leading off the Pioneers' second-place 1600-meter relay squad that included Cesar Garcia, Brian Cashman and Dan Cuozzo while winning the 100, 200 and 400 sprints. That performance was pretty much anticipated.

Victories by Healey and Roberts, however, were not. Healey surpassed his previous best effort by 15 feet in the javelin, while Roberts conquered the field in the 110 high hurdles.

"Mason came through as we thought he would," Reynolds said. "It's nice to have those points in your pocket when you go down there. He's a team player, and he volunteered to run apected routine. the 400. Healey's performance "We don't run around doing would have to be the surprise of

the meet for us, and Roberts winning was a nice surprise, 100.

Whether the Pioneers can compete for the this weekend's state Group II crown - something they've won four of the past five seasons — remains to be seen, although Robinson's presence gives them a solid shot.

"I have no idea what anybody else has, so it's hard to say if we can win," Reynolds said. "It's not like we can move anybody around. We see what happens, but right now I'm going to take a couple of days to enjoy this victory."

Cashman advanced to the state Group II meet in two other events besides the relay as he earned the silver medal for getting second in the 400 intermediate hurdles and placing fourth in the 110 high hurdles. Gary Kline added SHS's other runnerup finish in the long jump.

Cuozzo, who was fifth in the 400, Anthony Appezzato (fifth in the long jump, sixth in the triple jump) and Steve DeFazio (fourth in the 1600, fifth in the 3200) each advanced to the group meet in two events.

Scoring the bulk of their points in the distance events, the B-R girls had a good weekend as eight different athletes earned spots in the state Group IV meet.

"I'm really pleased," Head Coach Rich Marton said, "I don't think we've ever done as well and advanced this many in Group Four. When you have teams like Piscataway and Franklin in the mix, fifth place for us is pretty good."

Kristin Cupido led the way by winning the 3200 and grabbing runnerup honors in the 1600. while Danica Krivanos (third in the 800 and 3200) and Margaret Bruno-Metzger (fourth in the 1600, fifth in the 800) moved on in two events as well.

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# **Obituaries** \_

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# **Donald M. Ridley**

in the open class.

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -Donald Meredith Ridley, 68, of Panorama City, Calif., died May 16, 2006 at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys, Calif.

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Born in South Bound Brook, he was a son of the late Anna and Simon Ridley.

A beautician, Mr. Ridley was a state wrestling champion at Bound Brook High School in his senior year of 1955. He later won a state AAU wrestling title at 123 pounds

After graduating from BBHS he joined the Army and, while stationed in Germany with the Third Armored Division, won Army boxing championships in the 135-pound class in 1959 and 1960. He also was a runner-up in a military boxing tournament in Europe. On his return to New Jersey he won the New Jersey Golden Gloves title at 135 pounds in 1961.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Kelly Jean; his twin

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brother, David; and another brother, Gilbert.

Surviving are four brothers, Francis and Milton, both of South Bound Brook, Rollon of Piscataway and Jerry Sr. of Plainfield; three sisters, Christine Williams of Bridgewater, Gloria Faso of Somerset and Alinder of Martinsville; and many nieces and nephews.

were Services held Wednesday at the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

MIDDLESEX - Emily Fetzko Wisniewski, 82, died May 26, 2006 at her home. She was born in Manville, a

daughter of the late George and Mary Fetzko, and lived in Hillsborough before moving to Middlesex in 1982. Mrs. Wisniewski briefly was

a production line worker with the Diehl Manufacturing Co. in Bridgewater. She was

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with the Manville Public She was a member of Our

Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church. Surviving are her husband

**Emily Wisniewski** 

active doing arts and crafts

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of 60 years, Zigmund; two daughters, Janet Amorosa of Toms River and Joyce Frank of Manville; a son, James of Londonderry, N.H.; five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, Manville, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hillsborough. To send a condolence, visit www.fucilloandwarrenfuneralhome.com.

# 'Walk for Hope'

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Registration is at 9 a.m. at the

place at the dinner. Tickets are \$85 each. Call the Edison Chamber of Commerce at (732) 738-9482 or visit www.edisonchamber.com.

# Dunellen church plans Strawberry festival

DUNELLEN - The Dunellen United Methodist Church holds its Strawberry Festival the first full week of June.

Servings are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday in the religious education building at 316 Jackson Ave. The menu includes a hot dog platter, choice of two sides, strawberry dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

For more information, call Betty Hixon at (732) 752-7250.

# Metuchen hosting

'June Magic' show METUCHEN --- Metuchen Youth Development holds its "June Magic" show for children at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Edgar Middle School on Brunswick Avenue. Admission is \$5. Children ages 12-under are free when accompa-

nied by an adult. Proceeds will be used to educate teens against substance abuse. For more information, call

Martha Phillips at (732) 251-8990. Edison girl taking part

# in state 4-H program

Rutgers University will be host to the 2006 State 4-H Public Presentations Program to be held on Saturday, June 10 at Hickman Hall on the Cook/Douglass

Campus in New Brunswick. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced public speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the

contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public speaking skills. Nearly 130-150 4-H members in New Jersey are scheduled to

attend, among them Sarah Rusk of Edison, a Somerset County 4-H member.

Judging will be done by educators and 4-H volunteers. Ribbons and Outstanding Presentation Awards will be given at the close of the program.

To qualify for this state 4-H event, members must be in Grade 8-up and have received an excellent rating in the county 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

# Don't cook ---

#### eat with Knights

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The Knights of Columbus hold their annual "Don't Cook on Friday" dinner June 16.

Servings are from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Knights' hall at 334 Hamilton Blvd. The menu includes pasta, sausage, meatballs, salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children under age 12.

For more information, call Bill Butrico at (908) 561-8128. Proceeds benefit the Knights' local charities fund.

## Police Youth Week

### planned in July

PISCATAWAY --- Police Youth Week has been scheduled for July 10-14.

This program is open to any student who will enter Grade 7 or 8 in September. Participants must live in Piscataway or go to school in the township.

Applications are available in the police station on Sidney Road or any middle school in Piscataway. All applications must be completed and returned by Friday, June 9. For more information, call Detective Calvin Laughlin at (732) 562-2349 or Detective Frank

#### Army Pvt. Robert J. Zegray Jr. has arrived for duty in Babenhausen, Germany. Zegray is a multiple launch rocket system operations/fire direction specialist assigned to the 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery. Zegray is the son of Lula A. Keeling of Dunellen and Bob Zegray of Metuchen.

Paul Lee graduated from the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Leader

Development and Assessment also known as Course, "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The 33 days of training provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of

logistical support. He is the son of Stephen K. and stepson of Xiaoping Lee of South Plainfield. Lee graduated in the year 2000 from South Plainfield High School and is currently attending Rutgers

University. \* \* \*

Navy Seaman Recruit Steve M. Harageones, son of James A. Harageones of Edison, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Harageones completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practi-

#### cal instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot

camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

Harageones is a 2004 graduate of Edison High School.

Army Pvt. Sean D. Thompson has graduated from basic training at Fort Benning, Ga.

He is the son of Diane Thompson of Front Street, Dunellen, and a 2000 alumnus of Bound Brook High School.

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Community Campus of Edison, 1775 Oak Tree Road. The Walk for Hope begins at 10 a.m. For pre-entry and full information, visit

www.cityofhope.org/WalkforHope. Proceeds benefit the City of Hope Cancer Center.

# Scout troop has strawberry fest

PISCATAWAY --- Boy Scout Troop 20 sponsors its third annual strawberry festival from noon-4 p.m. tomorrow at the American Legion hall, 840 S. Washington

Ave. Cost for adults is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Cost for children is \$3. There also will be door

prizes and a raffle drawing. For tickets in advance, contact Kim Roussey at (732) 968-4259 or any member of Troop 20.

# Edison chamber

honors local leaders EDISON - Local individuals and corporations are being honored by the Edison Chamber of Commerce for their commitment to the community.

The seventh annual awards dinner, which is open to the public, will be held 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Clarion Hotel on Route 27. The installation of officers and directors will also take

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Public notice is hereby given that I, Tonya Hubosky, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, will sell as public auction on June 6, 2006, at the Borough Hall, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey, at 10:00 am or al such time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner hereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with NJ.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq, as computed to the 6th day of June 2006. Industrial properties may be subject to spill compensation and control act (NJ.S.A. 58:10Ar. et seq) and the industrial site recovery act (NJ.S.A. 13:K-6 et seq.) Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check, money order, or prearanged wire transfer, or parcels will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of Middlesex at an interest rate of 18%. In addition, the municipally is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any purchaser who is or max be in any wark connected to the roir or owner or operator of the sale.

rospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money

The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

#### TAX SALE LIST

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	
7.D	2	Rossi, Stephanie M.	10 Lonanbe Dr.	Tax	
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40	31,32-34	Poltorak, Robt. J. & M. Poltorak	351 High St.	Tax	
54	4,5-6			Tax	
70.A	1	Prudente, Bambinella & Alfonso & Mayra	54 Greenbrook Rd	Tax	
79	23	VonSee John J & Hildenard K	68 Orchard Rd.	Tax	
86.H	1.01	Faccioonti Chades T	585 Union Ave.	Tax	
105	10	Ramsey, Prince & Cynthia Prudente, Bambinella & Allonso & Mayra VonSee, John J. & Hidegard K. Facciponti, Charles T. Sickle, Leona & John	186 Shepherd Ave	Tax	
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267	2	Union Foundry Co. Inc.	750 South Ave.	Tax	
279	14	Alberto J. Perez	827 Lincoln Blvd.	Sewer	
283	18,19	Shipley, Elaine, .	735 Drake Ave.	Tax	
283	20	Shipley, Gregory M.	Drake Ave.	Tax	
283	26,27	Caruso, Samuei L. & Mary Ann	751 Drake Ave.	Tax	
284	24,25,26	Easter Orear & Decompris	747 Voorhees Ave.	Tax	
291	43,44-49	Amherst Investment Group LLC	117-119 William St.	Tax	
314	25,26	Pamgar, Inc.	Lincoln Blvd	Tax	
314	27,28	Pamgar, Inc.	Lincoln Blvd	Tax	
314	29,30	Pangar, Inc.	655 Lincoin Blvd.	Tax	
	13,14-15	Mayer, Mike L.	215 Mountain Ave.	Tax	
321	45,46-47	Castaneda, Johnny & Corchado, Matilde		Tax	
336	4	Calandra, Francis & Marie	328 Seneca Ave.	Tax	
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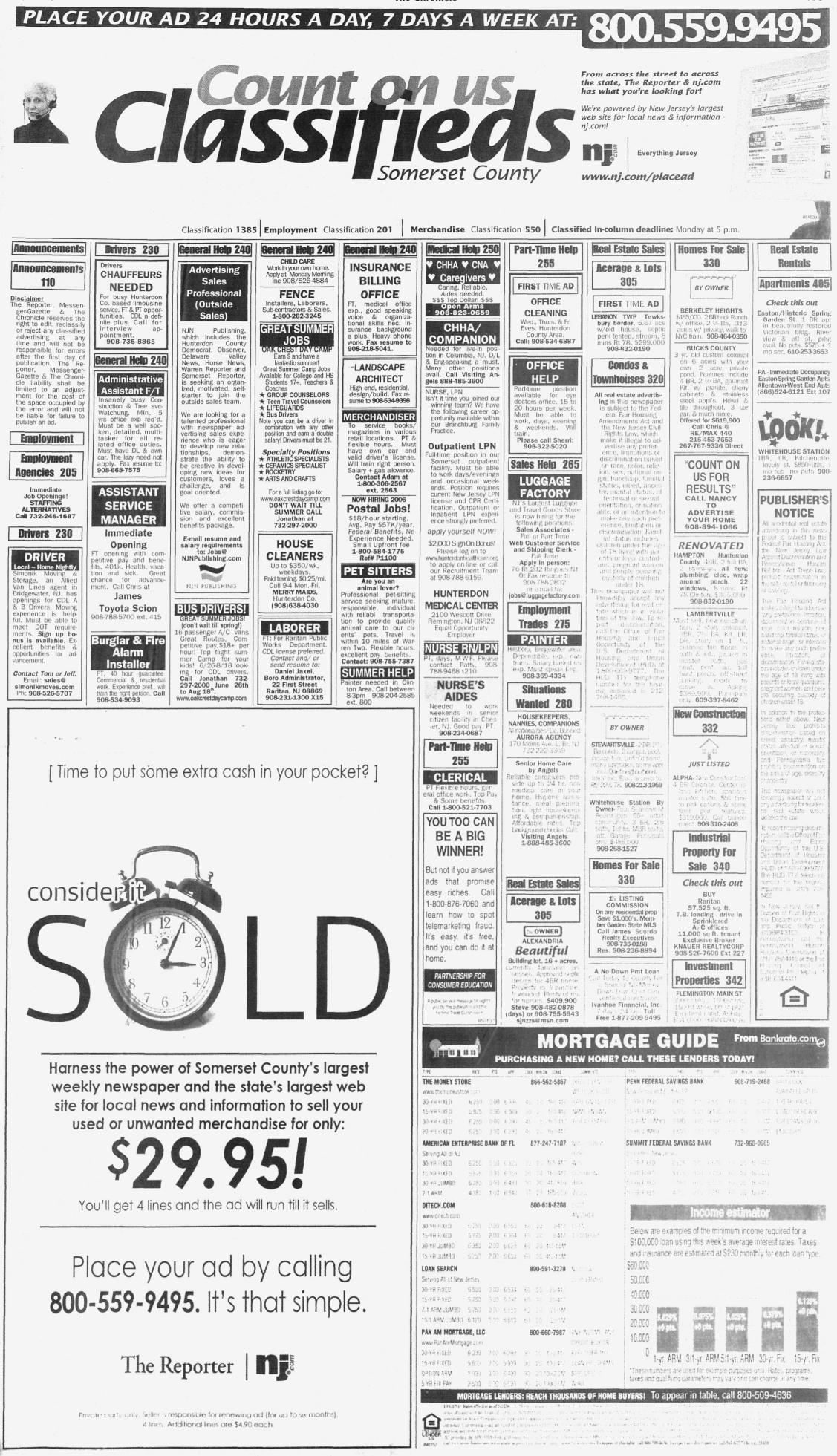
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