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building starts to fall

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — After years of talking and planning, the former GAF factory's days are finally numbered.

Mayor Jo-Anne Schubert, along with the entire Borough Council, cut a ceremonial ribbon at Washington Street, near Canal Street, symbolizing the beginning of the borough's redevelopment plan for the site this past weekend. The ribbon cutting ceremony was followed with a momentous occasion — the demolition of the giant smoke stack at the center of the factory.

To mark this occasion, Gov. James E. McGreevey was invited to attend. Also scheduled to attend were member of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Somerset County Planning Board, Somerset County Engineering Department, many state Assembly and Senate members and representatives of the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Colin Driver, the borough's redevelopment coordinator, said the demolition of the smoke stack is just the beginning. Several of the site's

already declared safety hazards will be demolished at a later date.

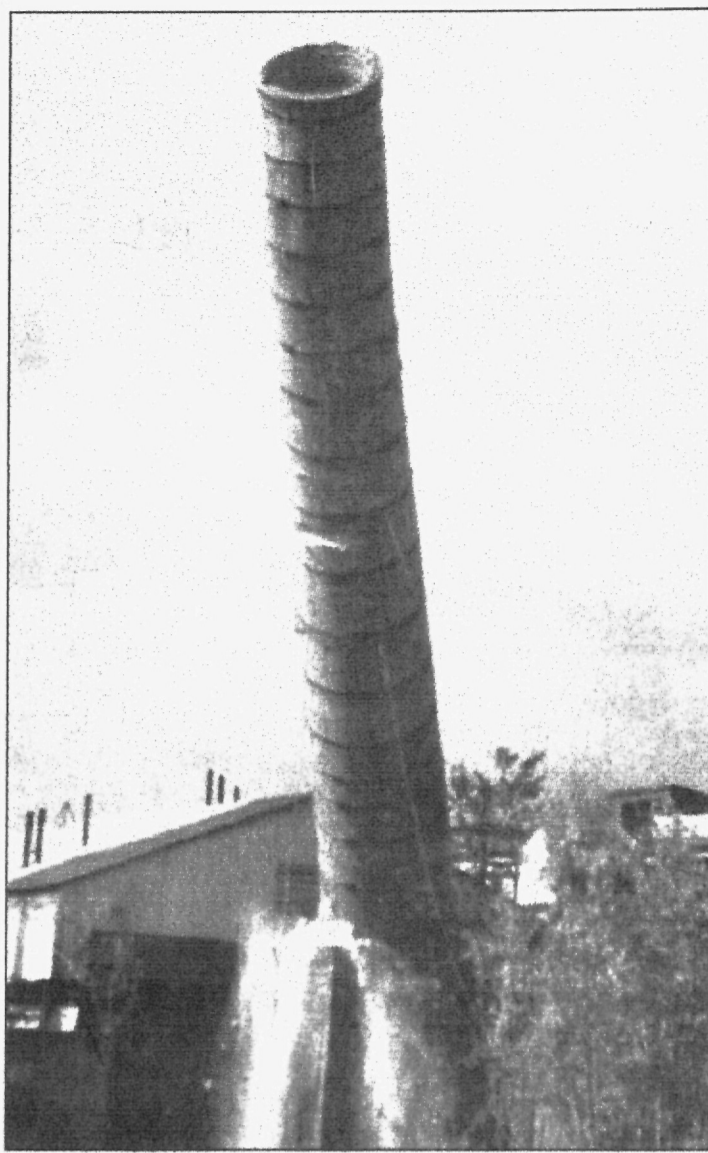
"The borough is officially taking over the site this week and is planning its clean up and redevelopment," Driver said. "We'll make sure that the site is clean of any industrial contaminants so redevelopment can begin next summer."

The smoke stack, about 130 ft high, was built during the turn of the last century when it was part of the Ruberiod Corporation, the predecessor of the GAF Corporation. The site was a thriving industrial sight, which manufactured tarpaper and other building supplies.

The borough, with the help developer, Matzel and Mumford of Hazlet, NJ, plan for the construction of 152 upscale townhouses and 35,000 square feet of commercial space. Driver added a new borough hall might also be constructed.

In addition, a pedestrian walkway is also on the drawing board. The proposed walkway will extend from Main Street and Canal Road, along

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The GAF smokestack in South Bound Brook came tumbling down last Sunday. The entire site is slated for redevelopment.

Trunk or Treat at OLMV next week

By G.W. JOHNSON
Correspondent

MIDDLESEX — Halloween is filled with lots of enthusiasm and excitement. The children all dressed as their favorite superhero, ghouls and ghost, racing from house to house as fast as they can to get their next treat.

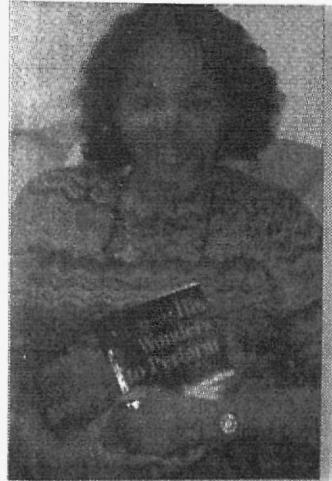
But many parents worry about letting their children go house to house, along streets throughout the borough. In Middlesex, one school has taken the trick or treating tradition, and put a new spin on it, to ensure safety.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Catholic School has a long-running event called Trunk or Treat that promotes safety and family fun on Halloween night. The event is promoted as a safe alternative to trick or treating. It is run by the parents of OLMV students and has a large volunteer base. It is offered only to those students attending OLMV and their families, not to the general public.

"We would be overrun," said Gretchen Mazellan, one of the chairpersons for this year's event, on opening it up to the public. "There are 200 students in the school, so it is quite an event, usually ending around 10 p.m. It's always a lot of fun."

At Trunk or Treat, parents drop off their children at the OLMV cafeteria, where they enjoy hotdogs, popcorn and juice. As the students enjoy refreshments, the parents all park their cars, vans and trucks in the fenced-in parking lot and convert the family vehicles into houses of horror.

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First book for longtime teacher

Piscataway resident and teacher B.J. Joseph's first novel is now available. For the full story, see page A-6.



Battle of the Bands last week

The South Plainfield High School Tournament of Bands Competition was held Oct. 18 and the 22nd annual Marching Band Festival was held Oct. 19. For the story, see page A-3.



'I Kissed a Girl' artist performing

Jill Solbule, known for her hit single "I Kissed a Girl," will be performing at a benefit concert in Metuchen. For the full story, see page C-2.

REMINDER

Last weekend for Farmers Market

This is the last weekend for the Bound Brook Farmers Market. Today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NJ Transit lot will be the last market for the season. From noon to 12:30 p.m., Bound Brook's own restaurants, three-star restaurant Spice of Life, Imperial Restaurant, Sandra's and OTC Restaurant present Hispanic cooking for beginners.

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10 charged in borough drug bust

BOUND BROOK — Ten suspects from Hunterdon and Somerset counties were arrested during a drug bust dubbed Operation Family Affair Thursday, Oct. 16.

Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne Forrest said that a mother and son, who live in Bound Brook, were believed to have been involved in selling high-grade rock cocaine from

their home.

After a two-month investigation by the Somerset County Organized Crime and Narcotics Task Force, the county had enough evidence to apprehend the family and several others who allegedly purchased the controlled dangerous substance (CDS).

Josephia Tejada, 57, and her son, Jose Marin, 35, of 318

Talmage Ave., were arrested on the charges of distribution of cocaine, distribution within 1,000 feet of a school, distribution within 500 feet of a public park and conspiracy to distribute within 5000 feet of a public park.

During the bust, the detectives seized more than an ounce of high-grade rock cocaine packaged in small

quantities for sale and \$164. The prosecutor said that the cocaine would have a street value of about \$3,000.

With the assistance of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, the Somerset County Sheriff's Department and the Bound

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School board member resigns over contract

By LIBBY BARKSY
Correspondent

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Before the Board of Education voted to approve a teachers' contract that increases teacher salaries by an average 13.9 percent over a three year period, board member Dawn Jeffreys resigned in protest.

"I can not agree to vote on this agreement without a clear picture of this district's financial status. I can't support a financial decision that may impact programs and ser-

vices that may compromise the quality of education to students," said Jeffreys to a room crowded with teachers anticipating the boards' formal approval.

Jeffreys explained since May she has been requesting reports on the district's financial state. She said she did not receive these reports until October.

Jeffreys said she also asked for a cost analysis of the new contract in August, when an agreement was signed by the board's negotiating committee

and the teachers' association. She said she did not receive it until 7 p.m. Oct. 17.

The analysis took into account that in the first year salaries will increase by 4.95 percent, in the second year by 4.5 percent and in year three by 4.45 percent, but at the same time the analysis did not reflect the cost of increases due to a change in policy — first year teachers will now receive full family health coverage instead being eligible for it when they attain tenure and 52 employees will receive

single health insurance in the third year of the contract, Jeffreys said. She also maintained the coaches and advisors stipends and their increases were also left out of the analysis.

Jeffreys said also not included was the pay increase for teaching a sixth period.

"We, as a board, have committed \$1.2 million to this year's budget. The auditors cannot answer my questions yet, due to the state of our finances," said Jeffreys. "It is because of this that I feel I

must submit my resignation from the South Plainfield Board of Education effective immediately. I do not believe I can effectively represent those I was elected to serve."

She then walked away from the table and left the building. After she left, the board voted to approve the contract.

"I'm deeply saddened by this because Dawn was and advocate for all children and their parents," said Deanna

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Piscataway may adopt athletic code ordinance

By CHERYL ORSON
Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — On the recommendation of the state General Attorney's Office, the township is making plans to adopt an athletic conduct code ordinance.

Township Attorney James Clarkin said the code will not only cover player conduct, it will also cover that of parents, coaches, officials and even those attending the games. The code will further cover both township recreation athletic activities and as well as those held by the board of education.

"Basically, we're looking for a sense of decorum," said Clarkin. "We're looking to encourage positive values and trying to avoid the use of profanity, taunting, physical abuse, fighting and scuffling."

Clarkin said there will be penalties for those not following the new code. The consequences will begin with the issuance of written and verbal warnings then advancing to

suspensions and even "outright bans" if necessary, depending on the offense. Clarkin said offenders could also be forced to attend anger management counseling.

"This is following almost verbatim the format from the Attorney General's office," said Clarkin, stating surrounding townships have already adopted ordinances accepting this same code.

Mayor Brian Wahler said parents of children participating in township recreation athletic events already sign an oath of conduct by which they and their children promise to abide, stating "we already have a mechanism" to cover behavior. However, by adopting this new ordinance Wahler said "this will be of the law" and enforceable, which it isn't the case right now.

"There's no enforcement mechanism currently," said Wahler.

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Hometown heroes



Kindergarten students from the Wardlaw-Hartridge School had a chance to meet EMT/firefighter Richard Ball and other firefighters from the New Dover Fire Station in Edison. During their field trip, the children from the independent pre-K to 12 college preparatory school got to try on some of the equipment, sit in the fire truck and take home coloring books and junior fire fighter badges.

Piscataway may adopt athletic code ordinance

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Council Vice President Millie Scott, leading her first meeting in Council President Steven Cahn's absence, said she thought the new ordinance was "very good," especially as it will cover by township and board of education activities.

"I endorse and support it," agreed Councilwoman Loretta Keimel, stating she believes this new ordinance "is a great thing to have."

Republican John Costello however, said he is concerned about this new code, stating he believes the township will be entering many "gray areas" regarding the First Amendment.

"I think you got to be very, very careful exactly what you're going to want to ban and what you're going to permit," said Costello, stating something offensive to one person might not be to another, leading to the need for careful wording of any

such document. "I don't want to see this becoming a test case in the legal system," he said.

Wahler assured Costello the state-recommended ordinance came directly from the attorney general's office and as such "was thoroughly looked at by the state."

"It wasn't like Piscataway just came out and did this," said Wahler.

Costello still urged the council to take a close look at the proposed ordinance

before voting on it stating "just because the state Attorney General thinks something is constitutional, does not make it so."

It is expected the this new code of conduct ordinance will be adopted on its introduction and first reading during the council's Oct. 21 regular public meeting. It will become law and enforceable after its expected second reading and anticipated official adoption in November.

School board member resigns over contract

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Fredericks during the public comment.

Board member Ken Freniere, chairman of the finance committee was also sorry to see her go. "She's an accountant. I needed her expertise. I urged her to stay on," he said.

Freniere, who was one of the members of board negotiating the contract, credits Jefferys for advising him to take the New Jersey School Boards class on negotiating. La Freniere noted that the difficulties in the Jefferys found in the financial statements were caused by incorrect accounting procedures that are now in the process of being "unraveled." "We have a new auditor that is absolutely outstanding and is working for this board," he said.

He also defended the contract.

"This is a well-deserved contract. It was arrived at in a very professional way" said LaFreniere. "The three

year increases come out to 4.6 percent for each year and is what the county average was when we began negotiations."

Other positive items in the contract that LaFreniere noted were: having a managed care package for new personnel the covers families instead of only the individual until tenure is attained; revising prescription insurance rates with Benecard Services, lowering them by 3 percent, permitting teachers to convert their personal days — which are lost if not used — to sick days that can accumulate and receive payment when individual leaves district and gaining an additional instructional day.

Jefferys was in the third year of her second term on the board. According to Board President Pio Pennisi, within 65 days a new board member will be selected to replace Jefferys after advertising, interviewing, making a recommendation and then voting to approve.

GAF building starts to fall

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the Delaware-Raritan Canal, all the way to Washington Street.

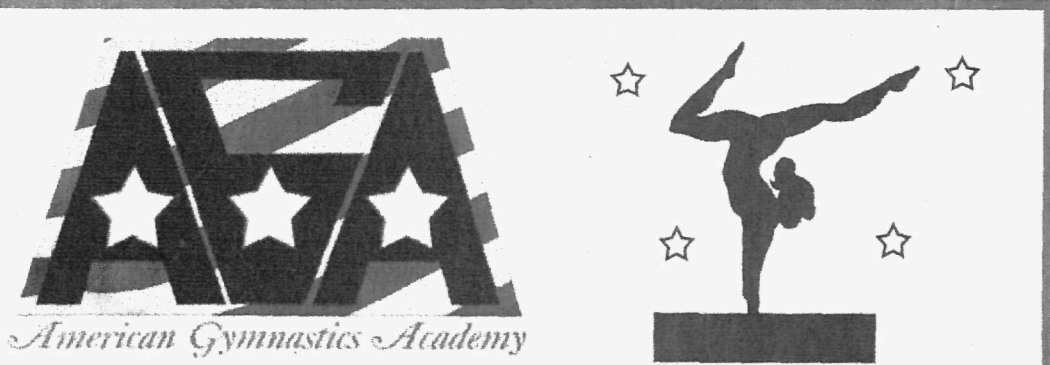
This type of redevelopment fits the States Smart Growth Initiative perfectly, through combining a mix of recreational space, commercial and residential units in a planned

environment that will help reenergize existing downtown areas.

Back in July, the borough appointed Matzel and Mumford to be the borough's new redevelopment partner. In August, Schubert helped the DEP create a brand new funding source, and \$640,000 was awarded to the borough to demolish several unsafe

structures that are in need of additional site remediation investigation. All that has come to fruition with the borough officially taking control of the 10.5-acre former GAF site this week. The borough will have ownership of the site just long enough to secure further clean-up monies that private firms cannot access. Driver said the state

Economic Development Agency, DEP and other state agencies provided support and guidance to the borough to create innovative funding to assist with the investigation and site assessment on how to remove the site's industrial contaminants. Matzel and Mumford will be in charge of the actual clean up.



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10 charged in drug bust

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Brook Police Department, warrants were issued and nine suspects, who allegedly purchased the cocaine during the investigation, were arrested.

This includes, Ron Lis, 40, Lambertville; Anne Onesko, 44, Bridgewater; Joseph Kirby, 43, Bridgewater; Patrick Fasono, 50, Manville; Cathleen DeWitt, 42, Bound Brook; Kenneth Forsthofer,

36, Middlesex; Clifford Giberson, 38, Basking Ridge; and Carl Easterday, 45, Warren, who were all charged with attempt to possess cocaine.

Two other suspects, a man and woman, are still being sought. The man will be charged with attempt to possess cocaine and the woman will be charged with a disorderly persons charge of loitering to obtain a controlled dangerous substance.

Trunk or Treat at OLMV next week

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In the past, Mazellan said, they have had castles, graveyards and a haunted house complete with Frankenstein

himself. Once the children come out, they move from vehicle to vehicle "trunk or treating."

The event was started 10 years ago, but Mazellan was unsure who actually started Trunk or Treat. But Mazellan, along with Blanca Castello, are glad to continue the tradition, she said.

"It's a lot of work, but it is worth it to provide a safe environment for the kids," said Mazellan.

There are raffles and prizes for the "best trunks" and the best costumes, in addition to the Trunk or Treating.

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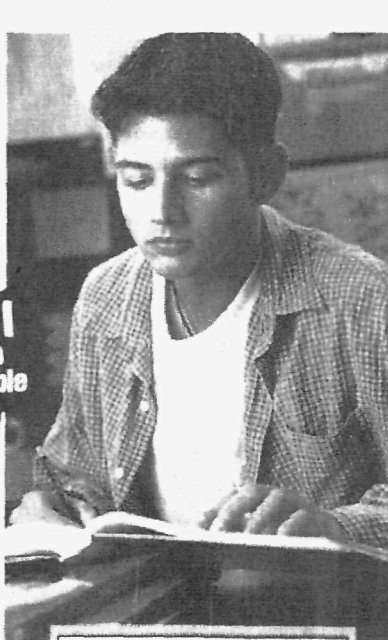
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South Plainfield High School Marching Band performs over the weekend.

Battle of the bands

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield High School Tournament of Bands Competition was held Oct. 18 and the 22nd annual Marching Band Festival was held Oct. 19.

The Tournament of Bands included marching bands from Groups I, II and III. The Group I bands that competed were Raritan, Gateway and Red Bank Catholic. Gateway High School placing first in Group I with a score of 81.45. The Group II bands included Matawan and Governor Livingston high schools, with Governor Livingston placing first with a score of 87.8. The Group III bands included Jefferson and West Essex high schools, with West Essex placing first with a score of 82.1. The South Plainfield High School Marching Band is in Group III and performed as a judged exhibition band with a score of 82.35.

The Marching Band Festival also included Group I, II and III marching bands.

The Group I bands that competed were Pompton Lakes, Saddlebrook and Dunellen high schools, with Dunellen placing first. The Group II bands included Hackettstown, Westwood Reg. Jr. Sr. and Warren Hills Regional high school, with Warren Hills Regional placing first. The Group III bands included J.F.K. and Nottingham high school, with Nottingham placing first and also awarded best overall band. The South Plainfield High School Marching Band performed as host band.

The South Plainfield Marching Band Director is Mark Tweed and Assistant Director is Kathy Petrocelli. Colorguard Advisors are Angela Green and Kara Georgio. Marching Advisors are Joe Borgese and Kevin Adams. Music Arranger is Brian Sleeper. Percussion Advisors are Bob Publik and Charlie Bubnick and Cymbals Advisor is Maggie Temple.

Somerville says 'no' to Bound Brook schools

SOMERVILLE — Bound Brook's quest to regionalize with a neighboring district was squashed by the Somerville Board of Education.

Somerville Superintendent Dr. Carolyn F. Leary said the district received a letter from Bound Brook requesting permission to explore regionalization with them, but the board declined, saying it was not in their best interests.

Since Bound Brook schools have received failing grades in state standardized tests and school taxes have had a sharp increase, the school board set up a committee to explore regionalization possibilities.

Leary said she doesn't know if Bound Brook has sent similar letters to other school districts.

Piscataway resident sentenced to life in prison

By **CHERYL ORSON**
Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — Former township resident Michael Tucker, 46, has been sentenced to life in prison for the June, 2000 stabbing death of his mother, Mary, 67, in their West Fourth Street house.

On Oct. 17, Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Deborah Venezia, presiding in New Brunswick, sentenced Tucker to 30 years in prison without the possibility of parole prior to this time. Venezia stated her decision was partially based on Tucker's "alarmingly jocular attitude" during court proceedings.

Smiling and maintaining his innocence during his sentencing, Tucker claimed he did not get a fair trial. Further, Tucker's defense attorney, Mark Anderl, promised to appeal the case.

"I did not do anything. I am not going to plead guilty to something I did not do," said Tucker prior to being sentenced, telling the judge to "just do what you are going to do."

Tucker's relatives however, said he should be put away for life and serve his time in isolation. Tucker's niece, Donna Menech, read into the record a victim's statement in the form of letter from her mother, Margaret Simmons, Tucker's sister. The letter stated Tucker "is a cold-blooded killer" without regard for human life, going on to state Mary Tucker didn't deserve to die the way she did. The letter, labeling Tucker a "monster" and a

"demon," went on to state as he killed his own mother "he would have no qualms about taking more lives," asking the judge to sentence him to lifelong solitary confinement.

"She (Mary Tucker) took care of you and this is the thanks she got," said Simmons, who at one point became involved in a courtroom shouting match with Tucker.

On July 29, Tucker was previously convicted of felony murder, murder while committing a robbery and possession of a knife for illegal purposes. After deliberating 16 hours however, the jury deadlocked on the charge of knowing and purposeful murder. This charge has since been dismissed, though Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Nicholas Ruggerio said the sentence for this charge is the same as the felony murder charge Tucker was already convicted of.

At 2 p.m. June 11, 2000, Mary Tucker was found stabbed 21 times in her West Fourth Street house after Tucker called police reporting he found his mother's blood-soaked body slumped over a living room chair. Tucker was later charged with her murder on Nov. 29 of that same year after investigators received matching DNA results on blood on a pair of shorts Tucker was seen wearing on the day of the murder.

SBB Halloween parade

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — The Recreation Committee holds its Halloween parade for borough youngsters Friday, Oct. 31.

The parade steps off 7 p.m. from Armstrong Street and Baldwin Avenue. The route is north on Armstrong to Edgewood Terrace, east on Edgewood to Main Street, north on Main to Canal Road, west on Canal to Madison Street and south on Madison to Robert Morris School. Anyone who lives in South Bound Brook may join the parade along the route.

A costume contest in the Robert Morris School gym follows the parade. Refreshments will be served. Prizes will be awarded for infant-age 1, ages 2-3, ages 4-5, ages 6-7, ages 8-10, ages 11-13, high school, adults and groups. Only South Bound Brook residents can receive prizes.

The line of march includes the South Bound Brook Fire Company; South Bound Brook Police Department; South Bound Brook-Franklin Township First Aid Squad; mayor and council.

Diocese of Metuchen to hold annual White Mass

METUCHEN — As a way to give thanks to those who serve in the ministry of healing and compassion, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen holds its annual White Mass at noon Sunday, Oct. 26 at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral.

The Mass honors all those involved in the health care profession, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, chaplains, administrators and volunteers.

Bishop Paul Bootkoski celebrates the White Mass. Rev. Michael Manning, coordinator of Respect Life Ministries for the Diocese of Trenton, delivers the sermon.

"With the health care environment become increasingly complex, with new technologies and economic pressures, physicians and health care professionals are faced with many challenges as they sacrifice and labor zealously in the pursuit of compassion and healing," Bootkoski said. "Perhaps now more than ever, those in health care need our prayers and support."

Manning was the director of emergency medical services at Staten Island University Hospital before studying to become a priest. In addition to his duties with the Trenton Diocese, he is the pastor of St. William the Abbot Church in Howell.

Halloween party at Middlesex Elks

MIDDLESEX — Enjoy a night of dinner and dancing at the Halloween party for Project Graduation of Middlesex High School.

The party is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 in the Elks lodge at 545 Bound Brook Road, Middlesex. There will be a buffet by Ellery's of Middlesex, music supplied by Santillo Productions and a cash bar.

Admission to the adults-only event is \$30. Costume is optional. For reservations, call Maureen at (732) 469-5557.

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Commentary

Letters to the Editor

Bound Brook needs Frank Ryan

To The Chronicle:

I am writing this letter in support of the Democratic candidates for the upcoming elections and I urge all the voters of Bound Brook to vote for them for the following reasons:

Mayor Ryan is a fulltime mayor; he has made some excellent connections on the county, state and federal levels of government — which is very useful to our town, especially pertaining to getting the grant monies that we apply for. He is well liked by politicians at these different levels and has obtained numerous grants that allow us to repave streets, streetscaping of downtown, fixing the East Bound Train Station, replacing storm drains and sewer lines and the grant received for our new DPW building that we will be sharing with Bridgewater and all this at no cost to our local taxes. Speaking of which, he and the Council have still been able to keep our Municipal tax rate at a level below what we were paying in 1994.

He has very, very few, if any, "special interest" encumbrances that he is beholden to and always does what he believes is best for this town.

He has kept Tom Brodbeck as borough clerk, a very wise move, as Mr. Brodbeck is very well versed in where to find the available grants and how to properly apply for them, along with the help of Sara Clark, Paul St. Onge and Scarlet Doyle. Once we are being considered for the grant, Mayor Ryan then goes out and lobbies the necessary politicians in order for these grants to be awarded to our town.

Whenever there is a town function, such as Monday Night Cruisin' downtown, you always see the mayor there. He is not afraid to go out and show his face and support whatever event is going on in town, I'm sure his attendance is not 100 percent, but I would

imagine that it is well over 75 percent. You have to remember that, even though he is mayor, he still is allowed to have a personal life; I would never expect a small town mayor to be able to attend every social affair in town.

A smart politician knows well enough to surround himself with capable people and the mayor's appointments to the various commissions in town have been excellent; in my opinion, he has put the right people in the right places.

When the School Budget was defeated, the mayor and council hired an independent auditor to go over the budget and the report they gave showed how our past board of education overspent the budget by at the bare minimum \$2.4 million. The report detailed the areas of overspending and admonished the board for their misuse of the surplus and showed the mismanagement of their use of their available and unavailable resources. The mayor and council then recommended a \$1.5 million cut in the budget and, since it was so well documented, when the board appealed to the state, the state only reinstated \$200,000 to the budget. This low amount of monies reinstated by the state is an exception, rather than the norm. Usually the state reinstates almost all monies asked for, when boards of Education appeal their budget cuts to them.

After the devastation of Floyd, Mayor Ryan was there day and night for the town's citizens and continues to this day to fight for more money from the state and federal governments to make up for the lost revenue from that disaster.

He was acceptable to the idea of Bound Brook applying to the state to become a Transit Village and last Sunday I read that we have been named as one of the towns the state has chosen, which will be a huge plus to

the redevelopment plans for Bound Brook. It would allow for less condemnation of homes and extra funds that we otherwise would not qualify for.

He was open to the idea of having the town apply to have the Bolmer Building named a brownfield site, yet again, opening up more possibilities of funds to our town.

He has kept an eye on the Greenbrook Flood Control Project that is currently going on and members of the council are working with various groups to make sure that parklands and ballfields are kept and new ones added, this is still in the planning stages and hopefully we will wind up with some nice new ballfields and a nice new soccer field when all is said and done. This won't happen overnight, but the process has begun and is continuing.

I'm sure there are other items that I have failed to mention, but as far as I am concerned, we need a person who can and will be a fulltime mayor and since this is such a pivotal time in Bound Brook's history, I feel that now is not the time for change. We need to have continuity and by reelecting Mayor Ryan, Councilman Gabrielski and also electing our newcomer to the political scene, Mr. Vasquez, to the council. Continuity can be preserved and all the items that I mentioned above can continue to be pursued without interruption and that will leave us with a mayor who already has his political connections in place, thus allowing Mayor Ryan to continue to get out there and lobby them for future grant money.

A vote for Ryan, Gabrielski and Vasquez will assure Bound Brook of uninterrupted progress in our quest to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Floyd and keep us moving forward into the 21st Century.

KENNETH A. SELLA
Bound Brook

Republicans focused on the future

To The Chronicle:

Since serving on council these last two years, and having served as a member of the finance committee this year, has been an eye opening experience to municipal government. I have a real interest in the budget, as a council member/taxpayer, I still live in town and pay taxes. In all of my 26 years as a resident, my taxes have never gone down! Municipal taxes represent 27 percent of your taxes, included is the cost of garbage pickup and sewerage tax, the remainder is school (59 percent) and county (14 percent).

The process of preparing a budget began in September 2002 and was voted on for approval sometime in July. If there were ways to reduce the

budget, this would give someone 10 months to make recommendation to do so. Mayor Dobies knows from prior experience (24 years) the understanding, controlling and reducing of expenditures that is why he didn't make any suggestions. Every step to reduce the budget had already been explored by the finance committee. Now during election time he has gone back on his word that the finance committee did a good job. The common goal is working together, for you the taxpayers, seniors on fixed incomes and young families just starting out? Working together, everyone benefits.

Let's not take two steps back. As a resident of Middlesex can you afford four more years, to

have someone in a leadership role that has not made any effort to keep current with the changing times? Electing Bruce Sadowski as mayor will keep Middlesex moving forward. Bruce has taken the time to improve his knowledge of local government, attending workshops, seminars and meeting with state officials. Focusing on the future of Middlesex Borough. Not only is Bruce Sadowski a lifelong resident, so are Laura Thomasey, Lou Curcio and Barbara Ferris, all concerned residents, just like you and I. They are willing to work hard with the present council to be the best municipal governing body, something Middlesex needs now.

JOSEPHINE LIANA
Middlesex

Make sure you have all the facts

To The Chronicle:

The Township Council has answered the call of the people. The council has agreed to

place a question on November's ballot allowing the voters to decide whether or not Edison should change to a

ward system of government.

They have also agreed to host meetings intended to allow information about the ward system to be presented and debated. This type of information exchange is something that has been lacking since the idea of wards was raised. The committee of petitioners has been quick to state all the supposed benefits of the ward system. But most of them, particularly Mr. Duffy, have seemed to be unwilling to listen to any point of view which does not agree with their own. They have repeatedly claimed to be willing to entertain debate, yet it is the Council, not the petition committee, who has actually arranged for such debate to take place.

This is an issue that could affect Edison for years to come and I feel the people should be fully informed before a choice is made. And it is important that this information be objective, not slanted in order to help someone's political ambitions.

Be sure to watch Edison, and be sure to have all the information before you cast your vote.

PULKIT PATEL
Edison

Tired of all the broken promises

To The Chronicle:

All we get are broken promises from the South Plainfield mayor and council. They promised Helen Street would be complete by the end of 2002. It's not even started. They promised to reconstruct

Hamilton Boulevard by the end of 2001 and they went back on their word. They promised open government and they gave us secret, closed-door meetings.

I'm tired of all the broken promises. I know the

Democrats will still be in charge no matter who gets elected this year, but I want to send them a message. I'm voting for Marge Reedy and Ray Rusnak. We need a change.

ED LYONS
South Plainfield

Vote for Mayor Dobies and Democrats

To The Chronicle:

The recent televised debate between the Middlesex Democrat and Republican candidates will be aired on the Piscataway channel. The debate attendance was limited to one guest of each candidate and their respective campaign managers and committee chairmen. One would expect decorum since there was a limited audience. Wrong — the Republican campaign manager was talking out loud to the Republican chairman, Councilwoman Liana, gesturing and laughing, but only when the Democrats spoke. I assume he thinks he's cute and witty when he is downright rude and obnoxious. Yes, you Councilman Hompesch.

The debate was the usual fare with backgrounds and issues. Although the Republicans indicated Mayor Ron Dobies has no vision and has done nothing in 24 years, they all indicated how great Middlesex is. Do they honestly believe the town developed that way without the foresight, hard work and dedication of Mayor Ron Dobies?

The Republican mayor candidate says he is a man of vision, but he has been a councilman for six years and has been totally unproductive. Can you think of anything he's done in those six years? Oh yes, the dog park that was quickly squashed due to the outrage of the Raritan Avenue residents. The dog park then was going to the back of Mountainview Park where it was safer and out of the residential area. Has anyone heard any mention of this lately?

Next is the bike path. A Democratic \$50,000 grant that will now cost \$114,000 of our taxpayers' money. Who is for the bike path? Not the residents, whose area it is going through nor those that don't want to see the 50-70 trees destroyed by a 10-foot-wide bike path through the woods near our nature trail. Yet these remarks go by unheard by the six-member Republican council.

Speaking in favor of the bike path were a Republican candidate, two Republican committeemen and the son of a Republican councilman. Oh yes, they presented a petition for the bike path as well. Signatures included residents from Bound Brook, Piscataway, South Bound Brook, South Plainfield, Green Brook, Morristown and would you believe South Carolina. Do you think these people care about a Middlesex bike path? With such vision the bike path is a go with total Republican council backing.

I'm sure most residents heard the fighting on Victor Crowell Park over the years. The Republicans used every imaginary complaint there was to bring things to a standstill. They yelled about a pipe in the dam that was an emergency and complained it wasn't done (the cost at the time to fix was \$5,000). The Republicans took control in 2002 and full control in 2003. Guess what? The pipe in the dam that was such an emergency has never been fixed and the cost now is more than \$100,000. Ron would like to have Victor Crowell Park opened but the Republican say no. With all their vision and two years of control the Republican council headed by Bruce Sadowski is going to cost the borough a lot of money as their recreational engineer suggested an additional \$1 million. The \$1 million grant the Democrats received from the county plus the dredging work done by the county cost us nothing and could have produced a beautiful park. Instead of the park being done in a timely manner at no cost to the residents, it has been stagnant for the Republicans two years of control. Do we need more of their neglect in the future? I think not.

Four years ago when Sadowski ran for mayor he put out a survey for the people in Middlesex to have their input on what they wanted for the town. He made it sound very official by having it sent

to the borough with the promise of publishing the results. Another promise broken because no results were published, probably they didn't agree with his political agenda. In case you forgot about the 1999 survey Bruce, I'll show you the one I kept.

Next time you hear about vision, listening to the citizens and fiscal responsibility from the Republican candidates mouths, just remember that as a group they wouldn't know the truth if it hit them on the backside.

Middlesex is a hard place due to a lot of hard work and dedication of many volunteers and staff. Mayor Ron Dobies and many council people over the past 24 years have devoted their time and energy in moving our town forward, but forward at affordable costs.

When you vote this year think about your choices. The Republican with their arrogant "I will do as I please, no matter what the cost" attitude or the Democrats, Mayor Dobies, Giancarlo Colitti, Jerry D'Angelo and Stephanie Quast who will listen and act in a cost conscious manner. Next time you hear about Republican vision and fiscal responsibility look at your tax bill for the last two years. Compare it to the previous 10 years under the control of Mayor Ron Dobies and concerned Democratic and Republican council people that worked for the town as a body and not for their own egos.

I agree with the Republicans that the time for change is now. Lets rid the governing body of the Republican spenders that don't listen to the voices of our citizens. Re-elect Mayor Ron Dobies and the Democratic team of Colitti, D'Angelo and Quast.

BLANCHE S. DOBIES
Middlesex
The writer is the wife of
Middlesex Mayor Ronald
Dobies.

Why can't mayor answer questions?

To The Chronicle:

Why can't Ron Dobies answer a few simple direct questions? On several occasions I have asked him to respond on behalf of the residents of Middlesex. All I have seen is a long tirade in The Chronicle (letter, Oct. 4) where he not attacked me but also a fellow resident and a borough employee. This hardly seems consistent from a man who constantly speaks about his respect for our residents and employees.

Once again, I will ask Mr. Dobies the same questions that he needs to answer for the residents of Middlesex:

Explain why during the last year of Democratic control the amount of new debt for the borough increased by over \$1 million while under Republican control it has been reduced this year?

Explain why during the last year of Democratic control Dobies' former borough auditor billed the borough for \$256,000 worth of business while under the Republicans we are being charged under \$50,000? Incidentally, that same year the largest municipality in Middlesex County was only

billed approximately \$80,000.

Where was Dobies during the budget process this year and why did he not provide any suggestions for reducing the budget? His statement that the budget was rushed through just doesn't make sense when he had seven months to give his input.

What does Dobies feel was an acceptable tax rate this year and what are the exact dollar amounts he would have cut from particular accounts? I ask once again that he not give a vague response but tell us exactly where he would have cut and what would have been eliminated. His statement that he would cut every department a percentage is irresponsible.

Dobies knows that the majority of the operating budgets have been frozen or reduced the last two years. Many cannot be cut further because they only contain money that is mandated or covers basic services. He also knows that the increases we have seen in taxes the last two years are not due to runaway spending but to sharp drops in revenues and increases in contracted costs. Dobies' reactionary

approach of saying "we just aren't going to spend money" reminds you of a company that is on its way to extinction. You can't allow everything to deteriorate to the point where you can't make improvements.

While we are making every effort to control expenses wherever possible, the real answer lies in the other side of our budget — revenues. Had Dobies addressed this in his 24 years as mayor we would not be in the dilemma we are in now. The flat rate base that exists under his direction has created a situation where you cannot make improvements without increasing taxes.

We are changing that by taking a proactive approach to economic revitalization in the borough. We can't afford to go back to the way things were. That is why I ask you to support our team of Sadowski for mayor and Thomasey, Curcio and Ferris for council. The time for change is now.

BRUCE SADOWSKI
President, Middlesex Borough
Council
The writer is the Republican
Party candidate for mayor of
Middlesex.

Give the Republicans their chance

To The Chronicle:

Although many people have their minds set on their view of teenagers, I am one of those unlikely few that has managed to receive a good education despite the curriculum set forth by the Edison Public Schools and who has also developed a strong sense of justice. Here in Edison, I may say, justice is not prevailing.

It's not astonishing to me to see that many of the bad things said about the town-

ship of Edison fail to reach the front page. I do not, however, wish to dedicate this precious time I have to defame our local officials. Instead, I would like to personally invite everyone to come out and vote this coming November.

As many readers know, the ward system has been a big issue as of late. What they don't know is how it's been held back for a long time and how our town council may offer a negative view on it to

preserve their offices. The ward system, as stated many a time, may be the closest to direct democracy that any body of citizens will ever get. I ask everybody within the voting district to come out in November and vote give the ward system and Edison Republicans a chance to turn us in the right direction: the direction of a bright future.

ANDREW POWERS
Edison

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Letters to the Editor

Pilato was good congressional staffer

To The Chronicle:

Apparently, there are those in Bound Brook who are questioning what experience Carey Pilato had while working for the United States House of Representatives. I am probably the best person to provide that information.

Carey Pilato came to my Congressional office as an intern. My chief of staff, legislative director and I were so impressed with his attention to details when researching legislation, his ability to work well with staff and his personable

manner when dealing with constituents, that we asked him to join my staff as a legislative assistant after he earned his bachelors degree from York College of Pennsylvania.

It was his responsibility to make sure I had all the factual information when dealing with issues pertaining to the federal budget, Social Security, Medicare, the Older Americans Act, economic growth and health care. Carey also worked with me to prepare legislation, amendments as well as responses to constituents in those

areas. It was also his responsibility to meet with borough and township officials, groups and organizations in Washington, D.C., as well as back in my Congressional district.

In the five years that we worked together, I know that Carey Pilato was a dedicated and committed staffer and served the needs of the residents of the 19th Congressional District in Pennsylvania very well.

BILL GOODING
Retired member, U.S. House of Representatives

Republicans make debate challenge

To The Chronicle:

On behalf of the Edison Republican candidates for council, I once again challenge the Democratic incumbents to a debate on the issues. Exactly one week ago, I issued our challenge for the first time. As yet, we have heard nothing from you in response to our challenge. I am forced to assume that you are ducking a debate and

would prefer that the voters not be informed on the issues. That is because our slate of candidates stands head and shoulders above your own on the issues. We stand with the people of Edison on wards, "pay to play" legislation, over-development and property taxes.

While I am certain that it is your belief that the power of incumbency will carry the

day for you on Election Day, do you not believe that the voters should hear from you on the issues?

I challenge you to a debate on or about Friday, October 31 at 7 p.m. at the Stelton Community Center. Any neutral third party would be acceptable to us as a moderator.

RIC MEDROW
Campaign Chairman

Vote Peter J. Barnes Jr. for assembly

To The Chronicle:

As a senior citizen living in Edison, I am concerned about escalating property taxes, violence against seniors, fraudulent telemarketers and expensive prescription drugs. Therefore, on Nov. 4, I am choosing to vote for a legislator who has shown compassion, concern and empathy for senior citizens during his legislative tenure — Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes Jr.

As an assemblyman for the past eight years, Peter Barnes has deeply committed to serving the needs of one of America's most vulnerable populations — senior citizens. For example, in an effort to offer tax relief to those living on fixed incomes, Peter Barnes called for a constitutional convention to discuss property tax reform. In an

attempt to reduce crimes committed against seniors, Peter Barnes supported legislation increasing criminal penalties for individuals who victimize a senior citizen or a person with a disability.

As a retired special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Peter Barnes has used his experiences to speak to senior citizen groups about the various fraud and scam schemes that overwhelmingly affect seniors. Also, realizing the mounting costs associated with prescription drugs, Peter Barnes supported legislation creating the New Jersey Fair Market Drug Pricing Act, which establishes a New Jersey Rx Card. Program to reduce prescription drug prices.

Peter Barnes understands the issues facing senior citizens and with his running

mates, Sen. Barbara Buono and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, he has worked hard to address these concerns. Therefore, on Nov. 4, I urge my fellow seniors to re-elect the experienced Democratic team of Buono, Barnes and Diegnan.

VIRGINIA COMITO
Edison

Time for change now, candidate says

To The Chronicle:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the residents of Middlesex Borough. My name is Louis J. Curcio Jr. and I am a fourth generation resident of this wonderful community. For those of you who don't know my great grandfather, Louis, donated to the Catholic Church the property where Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church stands today. My father Louis Sr. was past council president and tax assessor during the 1960s, and yes he was a democrat. This June my daughter Courtney will graduate from Middlesex High School joining my son Paul, wife Kathleen and myself as Middlesex High alumni. I share this information with you for one very important reason. This town is my home and I have a vested interest in seeing it exceed, grow and prosper. I have four generations worth of interest.

I was appointed to council this past Jan. and currently serving the remainder of Jean Tynan's term. I strongly believe my qualifications speak for themselves. As a newly appointed council member I have earned my baptism under fire, in tough economic times. While it has

been a tremendously rewarding experience I did you not in saying you must constantly approach the position with determination and an open mind. At times very difficult decisions must be made and one thing you learn very quickly is that you can't please all the people all the time. However decisions must be made in the best interest of the entire community.

I am a manager at the IEEE in Piscataway where I manage a staff of 15 people. I graduate from Trenton State College, in addition to obtaining ABA certification in paralegal studies from FDU. I am the former head football coach of Middlesex High School and Middlesex Pop Warner.

I am running for council because, to put it bluntly, over the last three decades the Democratic controlled govt. has stayed with a status quo mentality. They lack vision and the ability to think outside the box when it comes to issues such as economic development, the restoration of Victor Crowell Park, additional senior housing and a much needed Community Center. Lincoln Blvd., a major artery in our borough is an embarrass-

ment. Route 28 has become nothing more than an east-west extension of Route 22. The Democrats have no plan to attract new businesses to this town which would reduce the tax burden on our residents.

I am the chairman of the newly formed Economic Development Comm. Which consists of volunteer bipartisan borough residents. People who share an excitement and enthusiasm for taking a look at how other municipalities have changed for the betterment of their communities. Metuchen, Dunellen and Red Bank to name a few have partnered with businesses to improve the quality of life for their residents. Why can't we in Middlesex do the same? Well we can with a mayor and council who will work for the good of all the people. A governing body with vision, people who strongly believe in participatory government. We can't afford another four more years of stagnation, to quote the late great Beatle George Harrison "All things must pass" people of Middlesex the time for change is now!!!

LOU CURCIO
Middlesex

Ryan is the best mayor BB has had

To The Chronicle:

Mayor Ryan is the best mayor Bound Brook has had in a while. He has taken on his position as mayor and turned it into a full-time, unpaid job. For that we should all be grateful. Mayor Ryan understands and knows what is best for Bound Brook and works hard to insure that

the town moves forward. He is quickly able to respond with an answer to any question about the town a resident may ask. Mayor Ryan has accomplished quite a bit in his four year tenure and is on the brink of beginning the first three redevelopment

projects downtown. By electing Mayor Ryan for another term as mayor we can all rest assured that Bound Brook will move forward, not backward during the next four years.

CLYDE KENT
Bound Brook

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Township teacher writes first novel

By CHERYL ORSON
Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — Township resident, longtime teacher and first-time novelist B. J. Joseph may just prove the Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways in her debut book, "His Wonders to Perform."

"I like to tell stories and I've done a lot of traveling," said Joseph. Her deep belief that everything happens for a reason is the backbone of the first story she is telling.

The book, billed as a fictional/religious/romance/mystery novel, centers around three girls growing up in the fictitious Camelot-like Chicago suburb of Pineland, Ill. Though from different ethnic backgrounds, the three remain closer to each other than to their own siblings.

From post-World War II through the 1980s, the three friends share and bare their souls to each other as the country does its own intensive soul-searching during the volatile times of the Civil Rights movement.

Along the way, the three become involved in a religious/mystical/mystery experience, searching for the long-lost and now-grown child and heir of a faraway mid-Eastern-like king. After all their lifelong adventures together, the three come to learn all events, however seemingly random, are indeed connected and meant to be as they find themselves doing, as the book's title suggests, "His Wonders to Perform" in bringing about this unlikely and miraculous reunion between father and child.

The true intent of the

book, Joseph said, is to show though cultural and religious backgrounds may appear different on the surface, all are really somewhat alike with the same goals and purposes.

"Anything that is worshipped, the idea is for the good of the people, for the good of mankind," said Joseph, stating this is true of all major religions with the acknowledgement of some spirit "leading us all towards a higher purpose for the good of all."

Another intent of the book is to show people don't really know who they or their neighbors or other people around are and how we're all connected to and affect each other.

Already receiving rave reviews, being among the publisher's bestsellers, the final editorial review of "His

Wonders to Perform" describes the novel as "a teeming, sprawling flood of intrigue and passion, a grand soap opera."

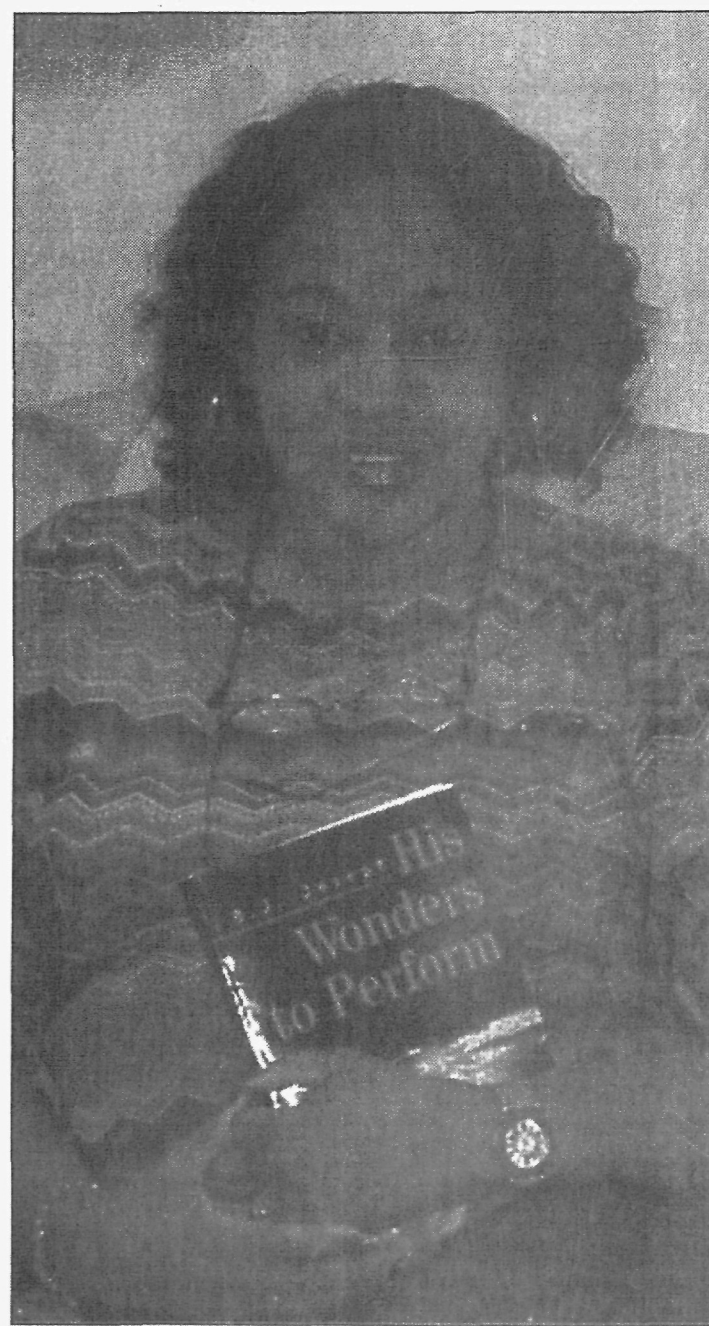
"Its abundant twists, turns, developments, and subplots have the addictive coziness of pure melodrama," the review states. "The book efficiently encompass politics, royalty, religion, racial issues, sexual issues, relationship issues, family drama, historical events, multiple continents and countless questions of identity — a very, very full meal, indeed, an epic narrative."

Readers agree, reviewing the work as "a fascinating interweaving of different lives and cultures" going on to state "it's unusual to see how neatly the story unfolds."

"The characters are introduced effectively — some in great detail, others merely formed. There's a good use of foreshadowing and neatly tying up different threads at appropriate times. The author demonstrates great skill in this area," wrote one reader.

"The settings are varied, but all are effective, especially in showing contrast. It's interesting to see how the author brings different backgrounds and cultures together in a single point, and can have the reader caring equally for them," wrote another reader.

Not resting on these accolades however, Joseph is already at work on her next book thus far entitled "Skylark," due for release in 2004, about scientific international man of mystery attempting to find out the truth about his father's alleged suicide. As with her debut novel, her latest epic also promises to be a soul-searching and fulfilling one.



Piscataway resident B.J. Joseph has written her first novel.

Those interested in reading the first two chapters of "His Wonders to Perform" can do so by going to iuniverse.com on the web. To learn more about Joseph herself, those interested can

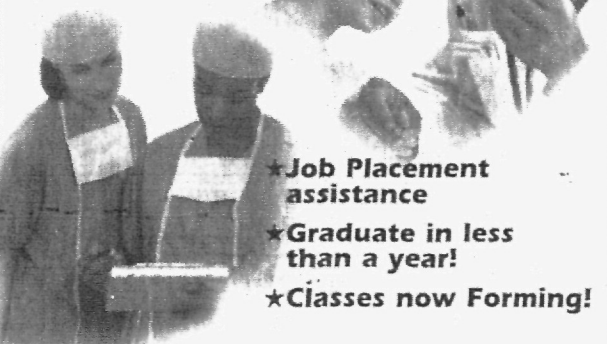
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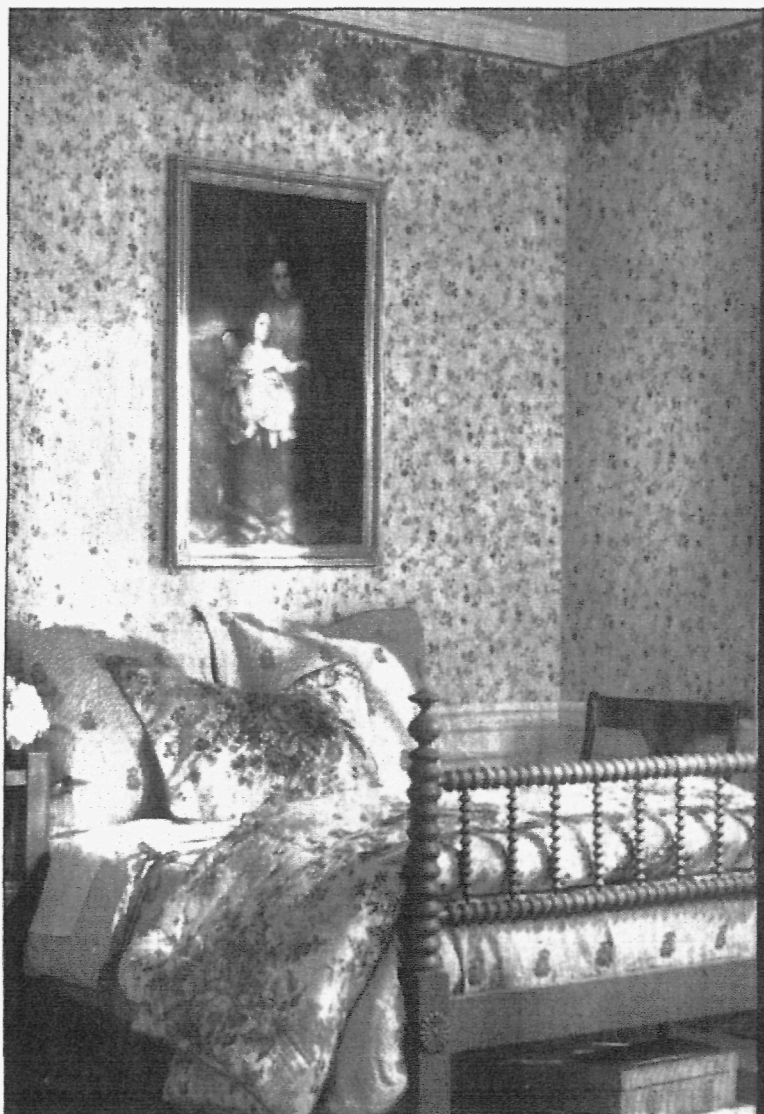
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BOUND BROOK — A Halloween cruise along Main Street runs 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes worn by drivers. Trophies will be awarded for the best decorated classic cars. Coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider and other Halloween treats also are offered.

For more information, call Phyllis at (732) 271-0880 or Tony at (732) 356-2492.

BB Halloween Parade and Contest

BOUND BROOK — A Halloween parade and costume contest begins 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 in the commuter parking lot on West Main Street.

Prizes will be awarded in all age groups. Cupcakes are courtesy of Bound Brook High School food classes. Music and refreshments are also provided.

The event is sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association and the Bound Brook Area Chamber of Commerce.

First ever Cappy Awards

By CHERYL ORSON
Correspondent

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — On Oct. 25 longtime borough resident Edward Niemczyk will be honored as first recipient of the newly-created Cappy Award.

The award, the idea of the members of the Recreation Department and Police Athletic League, is meant to honor longtime, dedicated borough volunteers like Tulio Caperelli, after which it is named. Councilman and Recreation Committee Chairman Raymond Petronko said this is a fitting way to honor Caperelli and those who emulate him.

"He (Caperelli) really started the tradition of giving 100-percent of himself to the borough as a volunteer," said Petronko.

Citing Niemczyk's accolades, Petronko said this first-ever Cappy honoree originally began volunteering his time to borough youth recreation activities back in 1954. This includes running the borough's first basketball leagues out of a school in Plainfield as at the time there was no space in the municipality to host such a program. Petronko said to this day many credit Niemczyk with having "taught the borough how to play the game of basketball."

Sticking with the program, Niemczyk has been a supervisor at the PAL Recreation Department since 1962. In fact, Niemczyk helped to actually fabricate the steel

used in the PAL building as he was employed for 45 years at Harris Steel Inc. located in the borough.

Besides being heavily involved in the establishment of sports leagues and the creation and fabrication of the PAL building itself, Petronko said Niemczyk also found the time to be a dedicated member of the Polish National Home for 33 years. During this time Niemczyk held most of the organization's top posts including serving as its director, vice president and president at various times.

Before even volunteering to serve the borough, however, Petronko said, Niemczyk, as a young man fresh out of high school, had already volunteered to serve his country and did so honorably in wartime as a naval officer. Upon his return he became a member of VFW Post 6763 in which he has been an outstanding member ever since.

Not overlooking Niemczyk's important contributions to the borough, he was the recipient of two major honors in the past. In 1990 Niemczyk was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year and in 1988 he was honored as the Grand Marshall of the borough's annual Labor Day Parade.

Showing as much dedication to his personal and family life as his borough volunteerism, Petronko said Niemczyk has been married to his wife, Gertrude, for 62 years. The two raised their

two children, Arlene and Ed, now long-grown with families of their own, in the borough and its schools.

"Ed can be proud of the legacy of commitment, devotion and volunteerism he has shown to the borough," said Petronko. "It is surely a better place because he lives here."

Council members and other residents agreed Niemczyk exemplifies Cappy's volunteer spirit and is a more than appropriate choice to be the first recipient of this honor.

"He is exceptionally well-deserving of this award. He's been a friend of my family for a long time. As a matter of fact I think I was a member of one of his teams when he was coaching still," said Councilman Charles Butrico.

"It's unusual to find people who are willing to make those kinds of sacrifices and Ed certainly deserves the award," said longtime borough resident Frank Mikorski.

Niemczyk will actually receive this award during a dinner at the Senior Citizen Center on Oct. 25. The event starts at 7 p.m. and includes dancing as well as dinner. Tickets are \$15 per person with proceeds going towards recreational programming. Those interested in purchasing tickets or getting more information about this award or event are asked to call the PAL Recreation Department at (908) 226-7714.



Michelle Chin of Piscataway participates in Bound Brook Library's Summer Reading sidewalk decorating activity.

Open Studio/Open Exhibition Oct. 26

HIGHLAND PARK — In the first annual Highland Park Open Studio/Open Exhibition, a wide variety of artists will open up their studios to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 26. A rain date is scheduled for Nov. 2.

"We plan on having at least a dozen artists," said Julio Nazario, a member of the Highland Park Arts Commission which is sponsoring the event. "We'll have world-class artists, such as Raphael Montanez Ortiz who has work in the Museum of Modern Art in New York, as well as novices."

A map of participating artist sites will be available

at Borough Hall, the Main Street Highland Park office, local businesses, and elsewhere. Homes of artists who're taking part in the event, which is free of charge, will be marked with a special flag and balloons. The public is invited to stroll from one artist's house to another, especially since the borough is only one square mile.

A sampling of the types of art on display include Zen ink and charcoal paintings, haiku chapbooks, photography, graphite drawings, acrylic and oil paintings, and sculpture. A hand-weaver will be providing a demonstration of her art, too.

"If all goes well, we're hoping to double the number of participating artists next year," said Arthur Factor, the chairman of the Arts Commission. "It's a way to let the community know about the wealth of talent living in our community and to bring people together."

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Teacher aide honored

PISCATAWAY — Catherine Ndirangu will be remembered at the Piscataway Regional Day School with the planting of a tree 2:45 p.m. Oct. 28.

Ndirangu, who served as an instructional aide at the school, died tragically in an automobile accident on the morning of the school's graduation ceremonies.

"We will remember

Catherine as a warm wonderful human being who cared deeply for the welfare of our students," said PRDS Principal Simon Hersh. "Her quiet patient way helped our medically fragile, multiply disabled students to dramatically improve their responses to individuals within their environment. She was loved and valued by everyone who knew her."

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Kathryn Ballard

EDISON — Kathryn L. Ballard, 47, died Oct. 20, 2003 at her home in Highland Park. A native of Newark, Miss Ballard lived in Edison before moving to Highland Park in 1973.

Surviving are her mother, Katherine; two brothers, William and Michael; and a sister, Ellen. Private arrangements were by the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home in Metuchen.

Anna Marie Mammarella

BOUND BROOK — Anna Marie Mammarella, 81, died Oct. 14, 2003 at the home of a daughter, Gloria Beidler of Douglasville, Pa.

Born June 2, 1922 in Bound Brook, she was a daughter of the late Alfredo and Annunziata Papa.

Mrs. Mammarella lived in Bound Brook and Birdsboro, Pa., before moving to Douglasville. She retired after 30 years as a seamstress with Duvid Inc.

She sang in the St. Theresa Choir at St. Mary of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church, where Mrs. Mammarella was a member of St. Mary's Sodality. She also was a member of the Bound Brook Women's Sewing Club.

A brother, Nazzareno Papa, died in May. A grandson, Jeffrey Jon, died in 1981. Also surviving are her hus-

band of 58 years, Joseph; a son, Raymond of Topton, Pa.; another daughter, Joann Tinnin of Douglasville; two brothers, Al Papa of Middlesex and Raymond Papa of Whitehouse Station; four sisters, Helen Testa of Trenton, Emma Papa of Hillsborough, Eva Terlizzi of Branchburg and Rita Lopa of Bound Brook; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 18 at Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Church, Birdsboro, of which Mrs. Mammarella was a parishioner. Burial was in that church's cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dengler Funeral Home in Birdsboro. Donations may be sent to Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, 4813 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

Ernest Fitz-Randolph

PISCATAWAY — Ernest E. Fitz-Randolph, 90, died Oct. 19, 2003 at Genesis ElderCare-The Woodlands Center in Plainfield.

He was born Aug. 11, 1913 in New Market and lived in Piscataway all his life.

Mr. Fitz-Randolph retired in 1981 as a welder with the Construction Services Co. in Middlesex. He attended school in New Market and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1932.

He was a member of the Thayandaga Rod & Gun Club; the Dawn Patrol

Motorcycle Club, in Bridgewater; and the First Baptist Church of New Market.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Harriet C. Curran Fitz-Randolph; two daughters, Susan M. O'Hoppe and husband Michael of Piscataway and Patricia of Nevada; a son, James M. of Long Beach Island; a granddaughter, Lorraine Cheeka and husband Paul of Middlesex; and three great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen.

Diane Lopresti

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Diane Manhattan Lopresti, 44, died Oct. 16, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Plainfield, she lived in North Plainfield and Westfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1988.

Mrs. Lopresti was a waitress the past 22 years at Sherban's Diner in South Plainfield. She was a co-founder of the Interstitial Cystitis Network.

Surviving are her husband,

Russ; her father, Clayton Manhattan of North Plainfield; her mother, Nancy Hall Manhattan of Clinton; a brother, Andrew Manhattan of Hong Kong, China; her twin sister, Elaine Fuchs of Jackson; and two other sisters, Kathleen Vinglas of San Antonio, Texas, and Wendy Theurer of Hampton.

A memorial service was held Sunday at the Theurer residence. Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

Mary Evanoff

MIDDLESEX — Mary DeVincentz Evanoff, 83, died Oct. 18, 2003 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Middlesex, she was a daughter of the late Dominick and Clorinda Persichitti DeVincentz.

Mrs. Evanoff lived in Middlesex before moving to Manville in 1945. She retired in 1985 after 16 years as an assembly worker with Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp.

She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Manville.

Her husband, Nicholas, died in 1980. Two brothers, Julius DeVincentz and Lawrence

DeVincentz, are deceased. Surviving are two sons, Dr. John N. and wife Christine Wogan Evanoff of Houston, Texas, and Thomas G. and wife Lynn Debicki Evanoff of San Francisco, Calif.; a granddaughter, Audrey, and a grandson, Gregory, both of San Francisco.

Services were held Wednesday at the Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, Manville, followed by a funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hillsborough.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Sacred Heart Building Fund.

Angelo Nittoli

PISCATAWAY — Angelo Nittoli, 90, died Oct. 17, 2003 at his home.

Born Jan. 9, 1913 in Lioni, Avellino province, Italy, he was a son of the late Antonio and Vittoria DiConza Nittoli.

Mr. Nittoli settled in Brooklyn when he came to the United States in 1930. He lived in Plainfield and North Plainfield before moving to Piscataway in 1990. He also had a winter home in Vero Beach, Fla.

He once was a co-owner of the Plainfield Casting Co. and retired in 1978 from the Jay R. Smith Manufacturing Co. At one time Mr. Nittoli was a taxi driver and, after coming to America, worked with his father in a Brooklyn laundry.

He was a member of Italian American clubs in North Plainfield and Vero Beach; the Piscataway Senior Citizens Club; and the Holy Name Society at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield. Mr. Nittoli was a parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church.

Deceased are a son-in-law, Preston Smith; two brothers, Rocco and Daniel; a sister, Antoinette Messano; and a

grandson, Joseph William Ginda.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Grace Pepe Nittoli; three daughters, Rosalie Ginda of Somerset, Carol Smith of Piscataway and Angela Reitemeyer and husband John of Piscataway; a son, Anthony of Raritan; a brother, Michael of Flushing, Queens; three granddaughters, Catherine of Glen Gardner, Theresa Logan and husband Ed of Berkeley Heights and Jennifer Shattle and husband Christopher of Middlesex; seven grandsons, Angelo of Point Pleasant, Anthony Jr. and wife Linda of New York state, David of Colorado, Ken Karl Jr. and wife Dana of Metuchen, Derek of Somerset, Thomas Reitemeyer and Michael Reitemeyer, both of Piscataway; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, Watchung, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Entombment was in the Resurrection Burial Park mausoleum. To send a condolence, visit www.higginsfuneralhome.com.

Alexander Goudie

EDISON — Alexander J. Goudie, 75, died Oct. 18, 2003 at JFK Medical Center.

He was born in Jersey City and had lived in Edison since 1951.

Dr. Goudie retired in 1990 after 37 years as an analytical research chemist with Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick. He held a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctorate in chemistry, all from Rutgers University.

He was a volunteer in Edison Township government and with the Finance Committee at the First Presbyterian Church in Metuchen. Dr. Goudie was a meteorologist with the Army Air Corps in Alaska after World War II.

His wife, Martha Jamieson

Goudie, died in 1994. A sister, Lora May, and a son-in-law, Bob Castles, are deceased.

Surviving are four daughters, Jean Walter of East Nelson, N.H., Ann Wittik of Ewing, Janet Liggett of Chester and Karen Castles of East Brunswick; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home in Metuchen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 or American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006.

Robert Perrucci Jr.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Robert J. Perrucci Jr., 55, died suddenly Oct. 16, 2003 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Plainfield, he lived in Westfield before moving to South Plainfield.

Mr. Perrucci owned ABS Enterprises in South Plainfield the past three years. He earlier was a purchasing director with the Frigidaire Co. in Edison, spending 28 years at its Edison plant until leaving in 2001.

He graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1966 and held an associate's degree in business management from Middlesex County College. A Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, Mr. Perrucci was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon and the Gallantry Cross.

His father, Robert J. Sr., died in 2001. A son, Steven J., died in 1998.

Surviving are his fiancée, Joan M. Buyachek of Piscataway; his mother, Rosemary Hoffman Perrucci, and a daughter, Andrea J., both of South Plainfield; a son, Robert N. and fiancée Bridget Talmadge of Port Jervis, N.Y.; a sister, Georgia Bartz of Vero Beach, Fla.; a brother, John C. and companion Glen Banta of Bayonne; a grandchild; and a close friend, Barbara Della Sala of South Plainfield.

Services were held Monday at the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to National Veterans Services Fund Inc., P.O. Box 2465, Darien, CT 06820-0465.

Antoinette Iannetti

MIDDLESEX — Antoinette Y. Iannetti, 74, died Oct. 14, 2003 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born April 6, 1929 in Bound Brook, she was a daughter of the late Vito and Susan Dalassandro Iannetti.

Miss Iannetti had lived in Middlesex since 1958. She retired in 1985 as a dressmaker with the L. Gidding Co. in Bound Brook.

She was a member of the Middlesex Senior Citizens Club and a parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church.

A brother, Victor S., died in 1999.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Barbara of Middlesex; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Services were held Oct. 16 at the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen. Donations may be sent to Middlesex Senior Citizens, 1200 Mountain Ave., Middlesex, NJ 08846.

Rose Pirone

BOUND BROOK — Rose Pirone, 81, died Oct. 11, 2003 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Italy, she settled in Bound Brook when she came to the United States at age 16. Miss Pirone retired in 1978 as a seamstress with the L. Gidding Co. in Middlesex.

Surviving are three cousins,

Lena Gentile of Middlesex, Louis Piantadosi of Virginia and Rose Marie Conover of Northfield.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 16 at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bridgewater.

Arrangements were by the Conroy Funeral Home.

Claire Petrone

METUCHEN — Claire E. Petrone, 74, died Oct. 16, 2003 at her home.

Mrs. Petrone was born in Newark and had lived in Metuchen since 1973.

Her husband, Angelo, died in 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Redmann and Cynthia Logan; two broth-

ers, Kenneth Littleton and Bruce Littleton; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Celia Scolnick

PISCATAWAY — Celia Kieves Scolnick, 77, died Oct. 17, 2003 at her home.

She was born in Brooklyn and lived in Carle Place, N.Y., before moving to Piscataway in 1958.

Mrs. Scolnick was a retired administrative assistant with the Schneider Electric Co. in South Plainfield. She was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Arbor Rescue Squad.

A birdwatcher and traveler, Mrs. Scolnick was a member of the Piscataway Senior Citizens Club and a former PTA member in the township.

Her husband, Edwin, died in

1998.

Surviving are three sons, Howard and wife Tammy of Piscataway, Dr. David and wife Dr. Ita of Denville and Robert of North Plainfield; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818 or Chabad of Northwest New Jersey, 1 Torah Way, Rockaway, NJ 07866.

Filomena Bottino

BOUND BROOK — Filomena Bottino, 75, died Oct. 16, 2003 at the Bridgewater Care Center in Bridgewater.

Born in West Virginia, Mrs. Bottino lived in Italy before moving to Bound Brook in 1951.

Her husband, John, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Hugo of Toms River; a daughter,

Carmen Rannells of Bridgewater; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church in South Bound Brook. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Conroy Funeral Home.

Mary Nichol

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Mary Nichol, 96, died Oct. 11, 2003 at the Orange Health Care Center in Orange, Conn.

Born in Germany, she lived in South Bound Brook for 50 years before moving to Connecticut in 1993.

Mrs. Nichol was a volunteer with Boy Scout Troop 42. She was a member of the South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Club and the Altar Rosary

Society at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son, Thomas of Milford, Conn.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 16 at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Parlin.

Arrangements were by the Conroy Funeral Home in Bound Brook.

Andrew Brandsberg

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Andrew Brandsberg, 90, died Oct. 14, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Norway, he settled in the United States when he came to the United States at age 16.

Mr. Brandsberg was a gardener and for over 35 years the caretaker of Longwood, the estate of the Steele family. He also was for 40 years an usher for services at the Hydwewood Park Baptist Church in North Plainfield.

He was an Army veteran in

Italy during World War II and awarded two Purple Hearts.

His wife, Elsie Goodwin Brandsberg, died in 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Timothy and wife Norma of Goode, Va., and Steven and wife Jeanne of Canyon Lake, Calif.; a daughter, Andrew and husband Jim of South Plainfield; three brothers, Thorlief, Birger and Reider, all of Norway; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Oct. 17 at the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Clara Schuster

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Clara Schuster, 76, died Oct. 15, 2003 at the Graecedale County Home in Nazareth, Pa.

Born Oct. 11, 1927 in Brooklyn, she was a daughter of the late John and Sarah Novotny.

Mrs. Schuster lived in South Bound Brook for 33 years before moving to Nazareth in 2000. She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Edward K., died in 1995.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. of South Bound Brook; two daughters, Agnes M. Dempsey of Easton, Pa., and Alice M.

Mikolajczyk of Bayville; a stepson, Edward V. Dubas of Trenton; four sisters, Lorraine Rugen of Long Island, N.Y., Mary Shafer of Queens, Betty Reiss of New York state and Edna Everly of Oregon; two brothers, John Novotny of Oregon and Raymond Novotny of Atlanta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday in Bound Brook under the direction of the Taggart-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Edith Dean Klotz

METUCHEN — Edith Dean Klotz, 91, died Oct. 8, 2003 at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Klotz was born in West Orange and lived in North Plainfield before moving to Metuchen in 1970. She had resided since May in Scappoose, Ore.

She and her husband, Carl, once owned the Klotz Florist in North Plainfield. Mrs. Klotz moved the flower shop to Metuchen after her husband died in 1968.

A member of the Pilot Club in Plainfield, Mrs. Klotz was a former member of the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield.

Two sons are deceased: Harold Allen in 1953 and Carl H. in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Vanita Hicks of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

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Obituaries

Peter John Parhiala

Peter John Parhiala died Oct. 11, 2003 at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. Parhiala was born in Methuen, Mass. He lived in Salem, N.H., before moving to Derry, N.H.

He was an attorney who specialized in estate planning, business law and bankruptcy. Licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, Mr. Parhiala maintained his law practice for the past eight years in Derry and Salem, N.H. He graduated from the Massachusetts School of Law.

He received a bachelor's degree in history, cum laude, from the University of New Hampshire. Mr. Parhiala was a Model UN delegate and Student Council member at Salem High School in Salem, N.H. He attended the United States Military Academy for two years before transferring to UNH.

The attorney was a member of the Rockingham County Bar Association and the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce, both in New Hampshire. Mr. Parhiala was a former member of the

church council at Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church in Salem, N.H.

His father, Dr. Everett W., is deceased. A son, Sean Matthew, died in 1992.

Surviving are his wife of 15 years, Kimberley Taylor Parhiala; his mother, Lorraine Rosholt Parhiala of Salem, N.H.; a son, Eric, and twin daughters, Kara and Kristy, all of Derry; two brothers, Everett W. Jr. and wife JoAnne of Lexington, Mass., and Thomas E. and wife Joyce of Salem, N.H.; two sisters, Susan L. of Methuen, Mass., and Lisa A. Miller and husband Perry of Haverhill, Mass.; and his mother-in-law, Muriel Taylor of Middlesex.

Services were held Oct. 17 at Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Salem, N.H.

Arrangements were by the Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home in Salem, N.H. Donations may be sent to Parhiala Fund, c/o Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, 171 Zion Hill Road, Salem, NH 03079 or Parhiala 529 Fund c/o Scott Hayward's Children.

Frank Addesa

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Frank A. Addesa, 82, died Oct. 20, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Newark and had lived in South Plainfield in 1960.

Mr. Addesa retired after 28 years as a librarian in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system. He also gave piano lessons from his home. He held a bachelor's degree in music from Montclair State College and a master of library science degree from the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

He was a tenor in the choir of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. An Army

veteran of World War II, Mr. Addesa was held as a prisoner of war and awarded a Purple Heart.

Two brothers, William and Jack, and a sister, Gloria, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Mary Krakowski Addesa; three brothers, Emil and wife Connie of West Caldwell, Nicholas and wife Guilda of Florida and Vincent of Morris Plains; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at Sacred Heart Church, following services at the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Entombment was in the Holy Redeemer Mausoleum.

'All New Stuff' at coming Edison Arts Society show

EDISON — The Edison Arts Society announces the opening reception of its third members-only art gallery exhibit 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Sheraton Edison Hotel at Raritan Center.

"All New Stuff" features 23 works by 19 visual artists from all over the state. Artists include Doris Borst of Somerset; Bill Giacalone and Myra Slava Stojko, both of Highland Park; Frank Gubernat of Colonia; Burton Longenbach of Clark; Olga Medvedev, Christianne Silla, Ray Skibinski and Patricia Woods of Edison; and Sandy

Mezinis of Metuchen. Juror for this show is Tony Zecca, owner of a Metuchen art gallery bearing his name.

"All New Stuff" can be seen from November until May 25. The public is invited to the reception, which includes refreshments and live entertainment.

For more information, call Nina Hand at (908) 753-ARTS or Linda LaStella at (732) 906-4137. The gallery is a joint venture of the Edison Arts Society and the Sheraton Edison Hotel at Raritan Center.

Harris sworn in as Piscataway's new police chief

By CHERYL ORSON
Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — Before a packed standing room only audience including dozens of his own officers, former Police Director Kevin Harris was officially sworn in as the department's new chief last Wednesday.

As a chief, Harris said he will have more powers than under his former title of director. A chief, as opposed to a director, is a sworn and certified police officer. As such, a chief meets certain set state standards, having undergone certified training and obtained extensive experience in multiple police functions, allowing a chief to do more than a director.

Specifically, a chief manages the day-to-day operations of the department, prescribes the duties and assignments of personnel, administers and enforces disciplinary rules and regulations, investigates crime and has the ultimate power to act in the case of emergencies. Further, a chief, as opposed to a director, has the power to carry a firearm, make an arrest, examine confidential police reports and can access confidential information involving terrorism and sex offender statuses including Megan's Law. A chief can also sign gun permits and issue temporary handicapped parking permits, things a director can't do.

Maintaining the title of chief also will have specific benefits for Harris himself

and the township he represents. The title of chief, again as opposed to a director, is a recognized rank in most state police associations, giving a chief more authority and access to information within these law enforcement organizations. To Harris's own benefit, a chief also retains tenure and is recognized by the state Division of Pensions.

Retaining some control and authority over township officers though, the mayor will retain the title of Director of Public Safety, able to make emergency decisions and oversee the department itself. As a safety measure in re-creating the chief's position however, the director's position will also be left on the books but vacant just in case there is some sort of

future need.

Harris, a longtime township resident, holds a degree in Business Administration and is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Va. Harris was a Second Lieutenant, Platoon Commander in the state's National Guard, 5/102nd. He later joined the Piscataway Police Department in 1982.

Along the way, Harris married his wife, Rita, with whom he had son, Michael. Harris is a member of both the state and national chapters of the FBI's National Academy Associates. He is also a member of the Middlesex County Association of Chiefs of Police, the Piscataway's PBA 93A and the state Traffic Officers Association. Within

the township's department, Harris held the titles of training officer, watch commander, detective sergeant, traffic supervisor, captain and superintendent and director of police.

Robert P. Zarelli

PISCATAWAY — Robert P. Zarelli, 77, died Oct. 14, 2003 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was born in the Bronx and had lived in Piscataway since 1952.

Mr. Zarelli retired in 1991 after 40 years as a design draftsman. He enjoyed painting, photography and cooking.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a parishioner of St. Frances Cabrini Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Rosemary; three sons, Robert M. and wife Lee of Branchburg, Thomas of

Franklin Park and Paul and wife Cookie of Brodheadsville, Pa.; a daughter, Rosemary Breznak and husband George of Piscataway; a brother, Michael of Green Brook; a sister, Elaine Zarrella and husband Michael of Arlington, Texas; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 17 at St. Frances Cabrini Church, following services at the Piscataway Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the charity of your choice.

Mary Weishaar

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Mary E. Weishaar, 77, died Oct. 12, 2003 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Denmark, S.C., she lived in New York City before moving to South Plainfield in 1970.

Mrs. Weishaar was a deaconess at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

Her husband, William, died in December.

Surviving are a sister, Miriam Walsh; a niece and a nephew.

Services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery at Samptown.

Arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Donations may be sent to First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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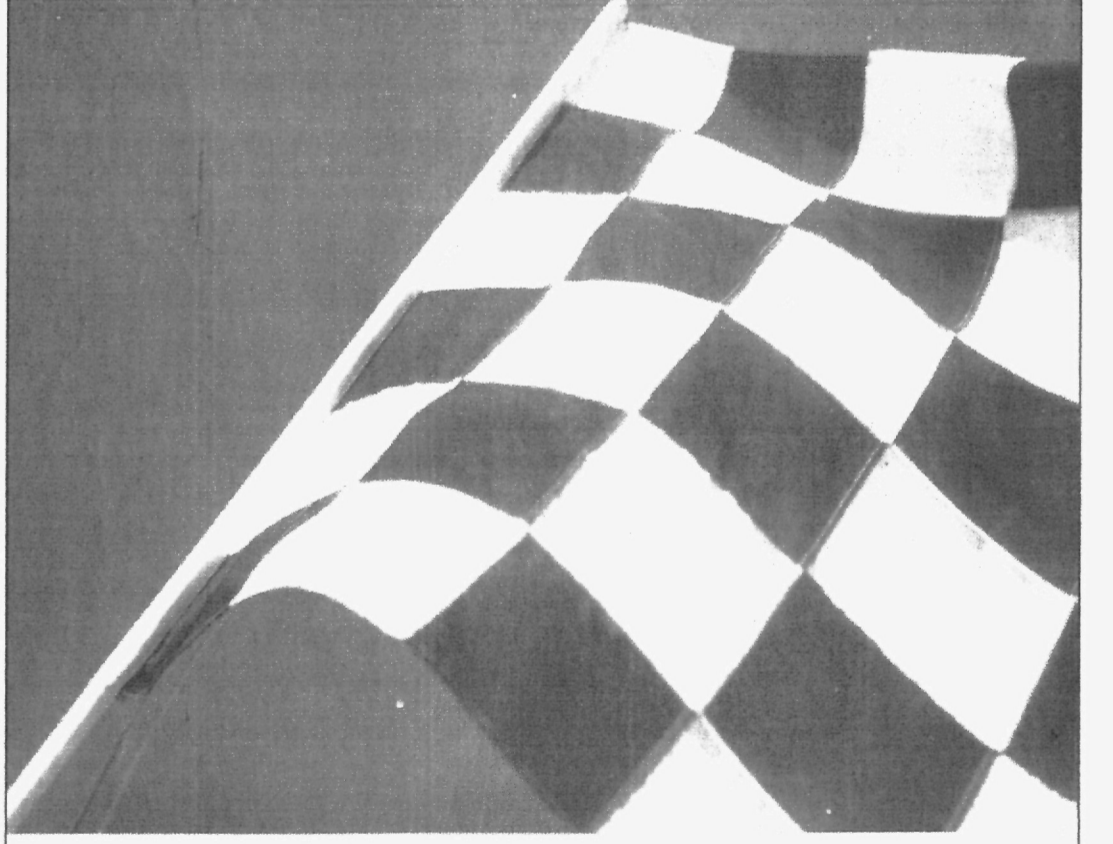
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Keep our Eyes On the Road The new law is a terrific start, but we must still keep our eyes on the road to make sure we reach the finish line. Regulations issued by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance implementing the new law play a critical role in restoring competition and choice.

Legislators also have to prevent special interest groups from destabilizing the auto market by resisting pressure to pass legislation like A-3531/S-2533, giving personal injury lawyers the ability to file more auto accident lawsuits, which would derail the recently passed reform law.

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Free rabies clinic at boro garage

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — The South Bound Brook Board of Health, together with the Middlebrook Regional Health Commission, is conducting a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats 9 to 10 a.m. Nov. 1 at the borough garage on Washington Street. No pre-registration is required. For more information, call (732) 356-0258, ext. 16.

Last day for grass pickups in boro

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Oct. 27 is the last grass collection day of 2003. It is the last day grass is collected in cans. After that date, all grass, leaves and lawn debris should be bagged and placed at the curb Sunday evenings. Collection begins Monday and continues throughout the

week during leaf collection season.

Holiday garbage pickup schedule

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — The holiday garbage collection schedule is as follows: Thanksgiving, Nov. 27 pickup will be postponed until Dec. 1; Christmas, Dec. 25 pickup will be postponed until Dec. 29.

Upcoming events at Reformed Church

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — The Reformed Church will host the following upcoming events: Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 27; Lunch with Santa, doors open 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6, lunch served at noon; and Christmas Program and Fellowship Luncheon, noon Dec. 14.

Briefs

75-minute swim and gym class at YMCA

METUCHEN — The Metuchen YMCA is offering a toddler 75-minute swim and gym class 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$94 with Y Preschool Membership or \$82 with Family Membership. Call (732) 548-2044 for more information.

Halloween Party at the YMCA

METUCHEN — The Metuchen YMCA is holding a Halloween party 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 26. Admission is \$7.50 per person, children younger than 1 get in free. Registration is required. Call (732) 548-2044.

South Avenue to close for road work

PISCATAWAY — The Department of Transportation will be replacing the rail crossing on South Avenue near Grant Avenue. South Avenue will be closed at this location beginning early morning Oct. 27 until late afternoon Oct. 29. Detour signs will be posted.

Library raffling handmade quilt

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Friends of the South

Plainfield Public Library are raffling off a beautiful handmade quilt.

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Halloween contest today at school

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway PBA Local 93 is sponsoring a Halloween Costume Contest for children 11 and younger 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Eisenhower Elementary School, 360 Stelton Road. There will be prizes and refreshments for all.

Party showcase at Edison temple

EDISON — Temple Emmanuel-El will hold its annual Party Showcase on 1 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 26. Vendors of all types will be present to serve your needs for any party or special event. Free admission, parking, refreshments and door prizes. Call (732) 549-4442 for information.

JFK memorabilia at local library

PISCATAWAY — John F. Kennedy memorabilia from the collection of Peggy Storey will be featured in the display cases at the John F. Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane, during November. A second display will be "A Celebration of Children's Book Week."

Rhyme Time at

local library

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway Public Library will host Rhyme Time, a fast-paced 20-minute story time for children 6-36 months 10:30 a.m. Oct. 29 at the J.W. Westergard Library, 20 Murray Ave. No registration required. For more information, call (732) 752-1166.

Holiday Craft and Vendor Show at school

EDISON — James Monroe School, 7 Sharp Road, is holding its second annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22. Crafters and vendors needed. For information, call Dawn Dunn at (732) 225-2803.

Girl Scouts sponsor car wash, bake sale

PISCATAWAY — Piscataway Girl Scouts are sponsoring a car wash and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at Schor Middle School. Cost is \$5 per car / vans, trucks \$7.

Octoberfest at St. Stephens church

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — St. Stephens Lutheran Church will hold its sixth annual Octoberfest Oct. 25. There will be two settings: 5 to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$13 for adults, \$6 for children 5-12 and \$11 for seniors. Tickets are available from the church office at (908) 757-4474. Reservations are recommended. Takeout is available. All proceeds go to charity.

The history of tea and tea-leaf reading

EDISON — The Friends of the Edison Public Library are hosting "The History of Tea

and Tea-leaf Reading" 7 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

Certified tea expert and food historian Judith Krall-Russo will explain the history of tea and tea-leaf reading.

Bring a white or light-colored china cup and saucer to use to read tea leaves.

Refreshments will be served. The program is free, but space is limited.

Call (732) 287-2298, ext. 1 for reservations.

Tickets for Broadway show available

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway Recreation Department has tickets available to "42nd Street" Oct. 26. The show is a 3 p.m. matinee at the Ford Theater for the Performing Arts, 213 West 42nd Street, New York City. Tickets are \$78 for orchestra seating.

For more information, call (732) 562-2382.

Domestic Violence Intervention Team

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team is available for counseling, information, resources and referrals. Call (732) 743-2517. All calls are confidential.

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4-H's sponsor Haunted House

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Eight named AP scholars at high school

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Eight students at South Plainfield High School have earned designation by the College Board as Advanced Placement scholars.

Christina Furka and Elaine Russell are AP scholars with honor. Each had an average grade of 3.25 or higher on all AP examinations with a grade of 3 or higher on at least four of those examinations.

Heather Barrett, Jenny Cai, Alexander Huynh, Lauren Kaczka, Kristina Ogonowski and John Rayho are AP scholars. Each had a grade of 3 or higher on at least three AP examinations.

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Sports

Defense sparkles as Tigers earn 3rd victory

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

WOODBIDGE — Getting a big effort from the defense, the Tigers showed sometimes just a little offense can be enough.

Scoring the first time it had the ball and then hunkering down on defense the rest of the way, the South Plainfield High football squad outlasted host Colonia 7-0 last Saturday in a GMC-White Division battle to even its record at 3-3.

"This was a big win for us," Head Coach Philp McGuane said. "The kids have been busting their tails. Coming out of the Carteret game

where they played hard but didn't get a payday, they stepped it up Saturday and beat a real, good physical Colonia football team.

"The defense was just outstanding. Defensive Coordinator Bill Hamilton put together a great game plan and the kids just executed it. (Charles) Baakel (20 carries for 65 yards) is a very good running back, and we just wanted to contain him down and not give him any big plays.

"We were able to make some third down stops and we got some turnovers in the second half that certainly helped as well. I was hoping for a defensive game. Colonia

has such a solid defense, and I thought a high-scoring game would be a problem for us."

Both defenses made sure of that. The Patriots (3-3) opened the game with a drive to the Tigers' 35 before surrendering the ball on downs. From there South Plainfield went the distance.

The big play was halfback pass from Shawn Brown to Pete DeAndrea that picked up 44 yards, while Marcellus Abrams carried six times for 39 yards. Zac Coppola capped the drive with a 1-yard sneak, while Chris Czaplinski's PAT placement made it 7-0.

"I didn't think one touchdown would be enough," McGuane said.

"The kids put together a nice drive to start the game, but give Colonia credit for making some adjustments and No. 2 we hurt ourselves with some penalties.

"You never feel comfortable with just one touchdown, not with a back like Baakel who can pop one at any time and all of a sudden it's a tie game."

After the touchdown Colonia — along with their own mistakes — the Tigers were unable to get anything going, but with the Patriots turning the ball over on all four of

its second-half possessions South Plainfield was able to hang on.

The Tigers, who have alternated a loss and a week through the first six weeks were hard-pressed to end that streak last night against North Brunswick (3-3 — one loss was a forfeit), which routed John F. Kennedy 48-0.

"North Brunswick is just an explosive team," McGuane said. "The last three games they've scored at least 40 points. We'll have our hands. Beating Colonia was a big win for us and the kids are excited. We're looking forward to the challenge."

South Plainfield maintains lead in GMC hockey

With sole possession of first place on the line the Tigers brought their A game once again and it proved to be enough to give them some added distance between themselves and East Brunswick.

The South Plainfield and East Brunswick field hockey squads entered Monday's GMC match separated by a half-game after Sayreville had beaten the Bears last Saturday to forge a tie for second place with 10-2 records behind South Plainfield's 10-1 mark, and when the dust had settled South Plainfield had a 3-1 victory and still had sole possession of first place.

Stephanie Miller, who leads the GMC in assists, notched her seventh and eight goals of the season — one on a penalty stroke — as the Tigers built a 3-0 halftime lead. Taryn Carlton added her league-high 20th goal, and Katie Kelliher stopped four shots in goal for the victory for the 13-2-1 Tigers.

Piscataway 3, Old Bridge 1 — Down 1-0 at halftime, the Chiefs used two second-half goals from Katie Clegg and one from Tramine Shaw, who also set up one of Clegg's tallies, to turn back Old Bridge (5-7-2) and move to within a victory of .500 at 6-7 Monday.

Metuchen 3, South Brunswick 0 — Ashley Bennett, who also logged an assist, Colleen Doherty and Marybeth Gazzale scored and Jessica Barkan needed to make only one save for the shutout as the Bulldogs improved to 5-9-2 with a victory over winless South Brunswick (0-14) Monday.

FOOTBALL

Despite a solid performance from its ground game, Bound Brook managed only a first-quarter touchdown and dropped a 13-7 verdict to host North Warren Oct. 17 in to slip to 2-4 for the season. North Warren won for the first time in five starts.

The Crusaders, who completed only one pass and that one was for minus 5 yards, totaled 203 yards on the ground with quarterback John Jannuzzi collecting 86 on 14 carries and Luis Londono adding 72 on 12

attempts. Bound Brook, however, got only a 1-yard touchdown run from Dave Shubick (16-43) in the opening period.

That TD along with Jannuzzi's PAT kick, were enough to allow the Crusaders to maintain a 7-7 lead at halftime, but the Patriots knotted the game in the third period and then pulled it on Eric Foley's 14-yard run in the final period. Foley led all runners with 95 yards on 19 carries.

South River 36, Middlesex 13 — Coming off losses to division powers Spotswood and New Brunswick, South River bounced back to easily handle the Blue Jays last Saturday in a GMC-Blue Division game.

Nick Schneider provided most of the offense for Middlesex, which slipped to 1-5, as he carried 12 times for 50 yards and both touchdowns, while he completed six of eight passes for 87 yards. The Rams' Montcell Dodd led all runners with 105 yards on 10 tries and he scored three times.

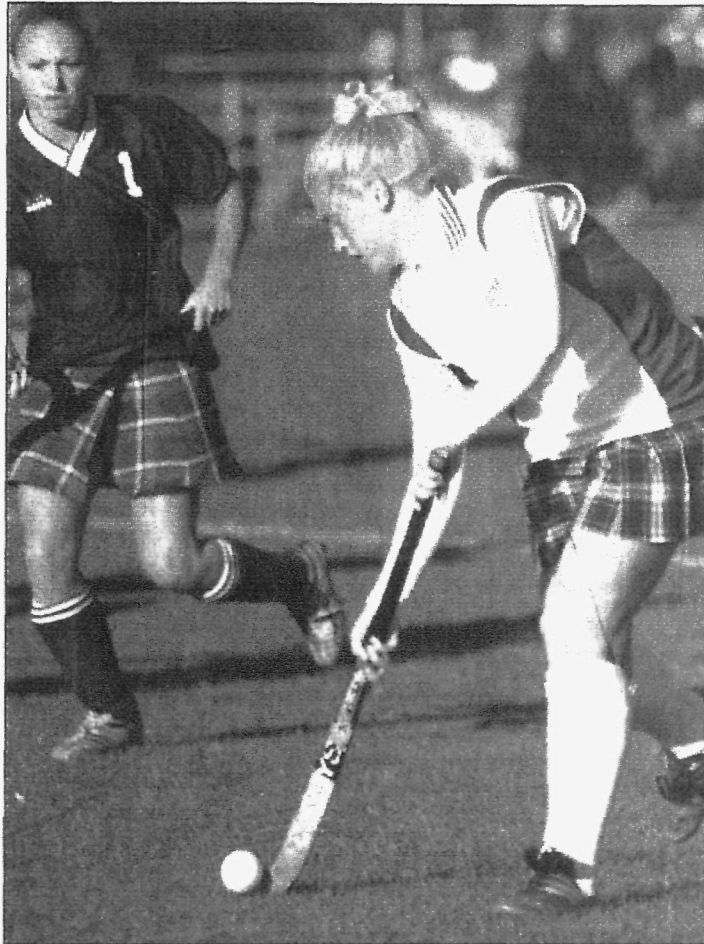
South River dominated the first half in building a 23-0 advantage before Middlesex got untracked following the break. Schneider put the Blue Jays on the board with an 11-yard run in the third period, and he added a 2-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter.

TENNIS

Bound Brook's bid for the Central Jersey Group I title ended with a tough 3-2 loss to Mountain Valley Conference rival Roselle Park Oct. 16 to fall to 12-3 fore the season.

Three of the five matches went to three sets and the Crusaders won two of them for their points. Christy Giamella rallied at third singles to win 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, and the second doubles tandem of Katie Kelly and Sara Flanagan came back to post a 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 7-5 triumph. At second singles Melanie Monaghan lost a 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 verdict.

In the state singles tournament's quarter-final round last Saturday J.P. Stevens sophomore Lucy Zhang saw her run end with 6-0, 6-1 loss to fourth-seeded Ana Mungo of Summit.



NICOLE DIMELLA STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
South Plainfield's Jessica Manning moves the ball up the field during the Tigers' 3-1 victory over East Brunswick Monday.

East Brunswick 3, J.P. Stevens 2 — East Brunswick (15-5) avenged an earlier loss to the Hawks to finish in a tie for first place in the GMC-Red Division Tuesday with Stevens (13-5) as the Bears captured a share of the division title after 11 straight outright crowns. Zhang took first singles 6-3, 6-3, while Jo-Ming Chiang and Nicole Kesselman earned a 6-4, 6-2 victory sat first doubles.

BOYS SOCCER

John Perez scored twice in the second half as Bound Brook overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit to edge Roselle Catholic (2-8-1) 2-1 Tuesday in Mountain Valley Conference play to improve to 7-4-1 for the season. Jon Gutierrez stopped seven shots for the victory in goal.

J.P. Stevens 7, Bishop Ahr 0 — In Jason Bonnell posted a hat trick and Steve Prince scored twice as the Hawks coasted past Bishop Ahr in inter-divisional play Monday. Bonnell and Matt Pennisi contributed two assists apiece as Stevens improved to 6-7 for the campaign.

GIRLS SOCCER

Middlesex moved to within a victory of clinching a share of the GMC-Gold Division title, although it wasn't easy as the Blue Jays needed overtime Monday to edge South Amboy 3-2 on Lauren Markakis's second goal of the match with two minutes elapsed in the extra session.

Trystin Figel set up the winner with a header off a throw-in from Quincy Auger, who assist-

ed on the first Blue Jay goals — Markarkis and Leslie Ferriera. Sara Flannelly finished with 15 saves for Middlesex, which held a 41-18 advantage in shots. The Blue Jays improved to 13-2 overall and 10-1 in the division.

Metuchen 3, New Brunswick 0 — Claire Maikowski, Shannon Ruegger and Katy Rosini connected for the goals, while keeper Allison Fitzpatrick stopped the only two shots against for her third shut as the Bulldogs spanked New Brunswick in GMC-Blue play Tuesday. The victory pushed the Metuchen record to 8-6-1 and locked up a spot in the Central Jersey Group I Tournament.

Old Bridge 2, Edison 2 — The Eagles gave Red Division-leading Old Bridge (11-1-1) a battle through two overtimes as Christine Murray's goal off a pass from Kayla Duncan six minutes before the end of regulation tied the match. Edison (9-3-3) could not prevent the Knights from clinching the Red title with the draw. Dale Moyle opened the scoring for the Eagles, who got 14 saves from Vicki Lanza.

Middlesex 2, Dunellen 0 — Markarkis snapped a scoreless deadlock with 10 minutes to play off a feed from Ferriera and then added an insurance tally with three minutes left to lift the Blue Jays past Dunellen in Gold play Monday. Flannelly stopped two shots for the shutout, while Katie Kime turned away 27 for the Destroyers.

Piscataway falls to Woodbridge as streak ends

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

WOODBIDGE — After following the script that had proven highly successful, the Chiefs improvised and it cost them their winning streak.

Having gotten off to strong starts in their previous four games and then holding off the opposition to stretch its undefeated run to 16 straight, the Piscataway High football squad squandered a 14-0 advantage against Woodbridge Oct. 17 and dropped a 17-14 verdict in overtime.

For the Chiefs the GMC-Red Division loss was their first following four victories to open the campaign, while Woodbridge improved to 3-2 as the Barrons rallied in the fourth quarter to win for the straight week.

In falling the Chiefs lost for the first time under Head Coach Dan Higgins, who admitted his club allowed one to get away.

"It was a very tough loss, very heart-breaking," he said. "We didn't capitalize on our opportunities, and we made too many mistakes. On the other side of the field was a team hungry for a victory and one that didn't quit. It's a game we're going to have to learn from."

Piscataway, coming off a bye week, got off to 14-0 lead in the opening period, but while the Chiefs threatened a couple of times they were never able to add another insurance touchdown and Woodbridge made them pay for it.

"It should have been worse than it was," Higgins said. "We completely dominated the first half, and then we came out hot in the third quarter but couldn't score. We had three quarters of domination and only had 14 points. I was thinking 'this isn't good.'"

The Chiefs put together a great looking drive to open the game as Brooklyn Smith scored from the 1 to cap a 70-yard drive. On the Barrons' ensuing possession, a bad snap rolled into the end zone where Dwayne Lamont recovered the ball for a touchdown. Matt

Voliva's second PAT kick made it 14-0.

That score stood at half-time and after three quarters despite a pair of threats by Piscataway in the third period. A penalty proved costly on the first one, while a fumble ended the second drive.

Woodbridge came back to narrow the gap to 14-6 early in the fourth period as it converted a fourth-down pass into a touchdown. The Barrons looked beaten when Kyle Wilson picked off a pass for the Chiefs at mid-field late in the game, but Piscataway fumbled it away immediately.

Once again scoring on fourth down, Woodbridge still needed to add the two-point conversion and did so with a pass to knot the game with 2:16 left in regulation.

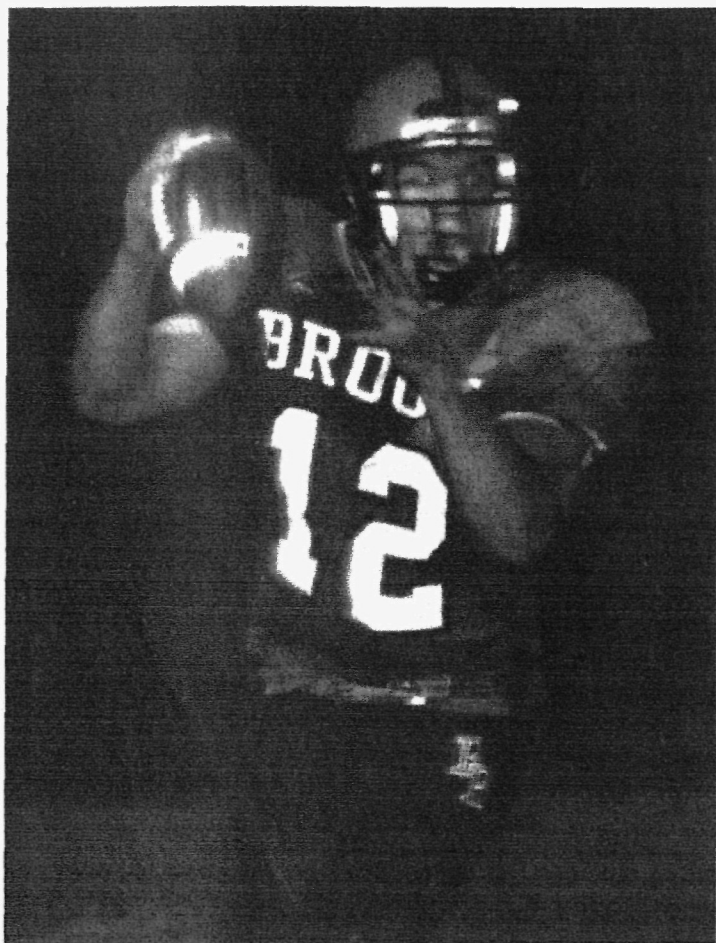
Piscataway got the ball first in overtime, but failed to get off a clean kick on a field goal try by Voliva. Woodbridge then got a 25-yard field from Ryan Mozolic after Piscataway was flagged for a late hit out of bounds on what Higgins considered a questionable call in a third-and-long situation.

"I didn't like the call because we pushed the kid out of bounds and a second later our guys hits him," the coach said. "Was it a penalty? Yeah, but you don't call it in that situation and those conditions (game-long light rain that left the field slick). It decided the game."

Smith finished with 65 yards on 12 carries, Wilson carried four times for 54 yards and Robert Rose connected on 8 of 16 passes for 95 yards. Overall the Chiefs turned the ball over three times.

Piscataway looked to bounce back last night when they hosted winless Edison (0-5) in another Red Division game.

"It's not about our opponent," Higgins said. "It's about focusing on what we need to do and minimizing our mistakes. I've said all along if we don't bring our A game anyone can beat us. If we play our best game we'll win."



NICOLE DIMELLA STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Quarterback John Jannuzzi and his Bound Brook High teammates dropped a 13-7 decision to North Warren Oct. 17.

Offense lifts Dunellen to second in row

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

METUCHEN — For the second straight week the Destroyers delivered a strong offensive showing that carried them to a victory.

After failing to score in its first three games and then managing just one in its fourth straight loss, the Dunellen High football team has won two straight GMC-Blue Division decisions with its 26-21 triumph last Saturday against Metuchen, which fell to 1-5.

"This was a big win for us. It's good for the future, and it's great for the seniors to have some success," Destroyer Head Coach Dave DeNapoli said. "We played a good game. The kids are doing a good job. They believe they're getting better, and they can see the improvement they're making from week to week."

"We've been a little fortunate the past couple of weeks because the other teams have played without their best backs. Metuchen didn't have (Stephon) Cooper,

and that certainly helped us."

Cooper, according to DeNapoli, missed the game with a broken jaw suffered against Spotswood, so Dunellen didn't have to contend with the junior standout. The Destroyers did have senior tailback Keon Campbell, and he had another big game as he carried 18 times for 125 yards.

"We've changed the offense," DeNapoli said. "We're not so much a spread offense now but we've gone back to the I. The more touches Keon gets the more dangerous he is. When he gets into the flow he's tough to stop. We're not throwing the ball as much but we're completing a higher percentage."

Sophomore quarterback Matt Ferreri had a big hand in the outcome as he scored the first touchdown on a 1-yard sneak, tossed a 7-yard TD pass to Drew Spock and then converted a third-and-25 situation into a 36-yard scoring run that gave his club a 27-14 lead 5:33 left in the game.

"That was a big play," DeNapoli said.

"It was the first time all game we went to the spread formation. It was pretty much a straight draw. We led out with a fake to Keon and Matt made a nice run. I just wanted to give them a changeup. Most times in a third-and-25 you get sacked or throw a pick."

Brett Augustine's 41-yard fumble return and Steve Pierkarski's PAT kick tied the game at 14-14 in the third period but only briefly as Matt Byrnes returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards to regain the lead for Dunellen. Bulldog QB Marquis Farris, who led his team with 103 yards rushing on 19 carries, scored on a 1-yard run with 3:39 to play to make it close at the end.

Metuchen, which held the advantage in total yards (342-273), missed an opportunity to tie the game before halftime but fumbled at the Destroyer 5 with 33 seconds left. After closing to within 26-21 the Bulldogs could not recover the on-side kick and got the ball back with not enough time to threaten again.

Entertainment

Saturday, October 25, 2003

Jill Sobule to perform in Metuchen

METUCHEN — Jill Sobule, lauded by the New York Times as one of the "stellar New York singer-songwriters of the last decade," will perform a benefit concert for Women Helping Women at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen.

This is the second in a series of "Women In Song" concerts to benefit the non-profit organization which provides affordable therapy and support services for women, young girls and teens in need.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

"She's topical, funny and more than a little poignant," wrote the New York Times about Sobule. People Magazine says Sobule is "vocally gifted and lyrically witty — a peerless satirist."

"Jill Sobule is one of those effervescent personalities that light up whichever room she finds herself standing," wrote Ron Mwangaguhunga of MAC Music. He added that "Jill Sobule is a born performer. The many fan sites online and the fierce loyalty they exhibit is testament to Jill's enduring appeal. Jill's song writing and delivery are the primary factors in her popularity. Often Sobule masks very deep social issues with a tongue-in-cheek style."

Sobule is one of those rare musicians who get inside your head before you even realize she's there. Clever



Recording artist Jill Sobule will perform at a benefit concert in Metuchen next Saturday.

lyrics are surrounded by leave you humming her songs for days. Sobule writes stories of life, the universe and

everything. You'll laugh and cry with her characters, sing in the shower and air guitar or drum along with this standout artist.

Debuting in 1990 with her album "Things Here are Different," she has gone on to produce a self-titled collection for the Atlantic Records subsidiary, Lava. Its sales were boosted by Sobule's hit single, "I Kissed a Girl." A second hit single, "Supermodel" was also included on the soundtrack to the highly-successful "Clueless" movie. Sobule's third and fourth releases, "Happy Town" and "Pink Pearl" included the sardonic gems "Rainy Day Parade," "Heros" and "One of These Days."

"My songs are short stories with sound tracks; most of them are based on real people or events, although I embellish because life isn't always that exciting," says Sobule.

"Sobule, the songwriter, finds fascination in odd places, but not without stunning lyrical results," wrote Paul Barnes of Ink Blot Magazine. "There is so much to like here — a truly accomplished assortment of styles."

Upcoming concerts include Ruthie Foster on January 10, Bet Williams on March 13 and Suzanne Buirgy on May 15. For more information or to order tickets for Jill Sobule on November 1, call Women Helping Women at (732) 549-6000.

Musical Hot Tricks benefit at Metlar-Bodine House

PISCATAWAY — The Metlar-Bodine House Museum is pleased to present soprano Janette Golene in "Musical Hot Tricks" — a benefit performance, for one night only, 8 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Franklin School House, 491 Middlesex Ave, Metuchen. The cabaret is a tribute to the triple crossover careers of Patrice Munsel, Kathryn Grayson and Anna Maria Albergheggi in the arenas of stage, screen and television, and their triple artistic endeavors of opera,

operetta and musical theater. Golene, too is a seasoned veteran of opera, operetta, musical theater and oratorio, and has performed continually throughout the tri-state area. Most recently, she performed "Musical Hat Tricks" twice in New York City at Danny's Starlight Lounge and at The Duplex Lounge. The carefully chosen musical selections that comprise the cabaret have been sung by each of the three stars during their prolific careers. The

audience will hear songs from "The Merry Widow," "LaBoheme," "LePerichole," "The Vagabond King," "Showboat," and "Carnival, to name a few.

Golene will be accompanied by Bill Lewis, renowned as a vocal coach, arranger and accompanist in New York City and throughout the United States. He currently coaches several Broadway musical theater stars and Metropolitan Opera singers, and for the past several years has been

Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan's accompanist. Late last month, he and Tynan completed a five-day engagement at Feinstein's at the Regency, located in the Regency Hotel, New York City.

The cost for "Musical Hat Tricks" is \$20 per person. Proceeds will go towards the museum's rebuilding fund. Reservations are necessary. Refreshments will follow the performance. For information and reservations, please call: (732) 463-8363.

A Day in the Life of Dunellen photography contest

DUNELLEN — Entries are now being accepted for the annual "A Day in the Life of Dunellen" photography contest sponsored by the Dunellen Public Library.

The contest is open only to

Dunellen residents. Each entrant may submit up to three photos representative of the contest theme. Photos should be submitted by 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 for judging which will take place Dec. 3.

Winners will be announced Dec. 8 at the Friends of the Dunellen Library holiday party with the winning entries put on display in the library showcase. Contest winners receive a gift certi-

cate for an area restaurant.

For rules and an entry form, visit the library on New Market Road off South Washington Avenue. For more information, call (732) 968-4585.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

Bound Brook

The Bound Brook Seniors meet 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave. Everyone welcome to join.

Upcoming
Oct. 29 — Oktoberfest at Mount Haven. Cost of \$45 includes bus, food and movies.

Nov. 19 — Thanksgiving dinner.
Nov. 30 — Las Vegas, 5 days and 4 nights. Cost is \$530 per person, double occupancy, with airfare and lodging included. Food is not included.

Dec. 7 — Christmas dinner dance at El Imperial.

For information, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Outsiders are welcome.
Atlantic City trips are the third Tuesday of each month, leaving 9:45 a.m. from El Imperial. Everyone welcome. Call Ed Kimmel at (732) 469-1263.

St. Mary's Leisure Club, Bound Brook club sponsors bus trip to Atlantic City Casino Taj Mahal every fourth Tuesday of each month. Cost \$19.

2003 meeting dates — Membership meeting will be held every second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Oct. 22 — Bus trip to Vanity Fair Shopping, Reading, Pa. Bus departs St. Mary's lot 8:30 a.m. Cost \$8. Call Lottie at (732) 356-8657 or Genieve at (732) 356-0315.

Nov. 10 — membership meeting. 1 p.m. school cafeteria.

Nov. 23 — Mass in memory of deceased members. 10:15 a.m. Light breakfast in cafeteria after Mass.

Dec. 1 — membership meeting. 1 p.m. school cafeteria.

For information, call Sal Barbati at (908) 725-5444.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 55 years and older. Every Friday meetings from 10 a.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall on South Avenue. Bus transportation is provided. Atlantic City - Third Tuesday every month. Bus leaves 9:45 a.m.

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

Middlesex

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

For information on any issue of interest to the senior population contact Sheila at (732) 356-0414.

Middlesex Borough Senior Citizens - Watchung Terrace at Middlesex

For information call Flo Wines (732) 271-0278.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors — Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the church hall.

Dec. 9 — Christmas Party at Spain Inn, 1707 7th Street, Piscataway. From noon to 4 p.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. No refunds. In lieu of gift exchange, monetary donations will be accepted for FISH. Tickets available through Marty at (732) 469-1722 or Ben at (732) 356-6093.

For information on trips call Ellie Procacci (732) 752-3093 or Mary Jane Stoddard at (732) 356-2093.

Middlesex Saturday Seniors Club — For more information, call Delia at (732) 356-7793.

South Bound Brook

The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Club, Inc. meet 2 p.m. each Wednesday at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall on High Street. Business meeting is conducted on the first Wednesday, and the following Wednesdays are Socials when games are played and refreshments are served.

This club is open to all seniors 55 years old and older in South Bound Brook and the surrounding area. For information/reservations call Catherine (732) 356-4080 or Emma (732) 356-4388.

Oct. 21 — Brownstone Octoberfest.

Nov. 11 — Dover Downs Casino.

Dec. 14 — Christmas Party/McAteer's.

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South Bound Brook Senior Citizen Center, 113 Clinton Ave., offers the following programs:

Monday and Wednesday — Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday — Bingo and cards, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday — Line dancing, 10 a.m.

4th Wednesday of month — Librarian, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday — Liquid embroidery, 10 a.m.—noon.

4th Wednesday of month — Mobile Post Office, 10:30 a.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tymecki.

Tymeckis celebrate 50 years

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Frank C. Tymecki and Lucille P. Russo Tymecki have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their family gave a surprise party for the couple Sept. 6 at McAteers in Somerset. Hosts were the Tymeckis' daughter, Lynn Saslo of Lake Ariel, Pa., and their sons, David of Harrisville, R.I., and Michael of San Antonio, Texas. The couple also has two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Tymecki were married Sept. 5, 1953 at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton and have lived in South Bound Brook for 50 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and retired in 1989 as a senior electrician with Union Carbide Corp. in Piscataway. She retired in 1988 as a business teacher at Manville High School.



Guadio-O'Brien.

Gaudio weds O'Brien

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Jill Marie Gaudio, daughter of Robert and Margaret Gaudio of South Bound Brook was married to James Henry O'Brien, son of James E. and Elaine O'Brien of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. They were married on June 21 at a Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church, South Bound Brook by the Rev. Dean Gaudio, brother of the bride. Melissa Lengua (vocal), Debra Kubeck (flute), Mary Horvath (flute), and Thomas Halpin (organ) provided musical accompaniment for the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Robert and Margaret Gaudio.

The bride wore a simple silk style gown, by Diamond Bride. She carried roses by American Florist. The Maid of Honor, Jennifer Gaudio of Boston, sister of the bride wore a simple gown and carried roses.

The bridesmaids were MaryLeigh O'Brien of East Stroudsburg, sister of the groom, Pascale Merisier of Atlanta, Georgia, Julie Hong, of New York City, Suzanne Domenici of Bound Brook and Asia Hayes of New Brunswick, all friends of the bride. They wore a garnet halter simple gown and carried roses. The flower girl was Kelsey Finn of East Stroudsburg, cousin of the groom who wore a white dress and carried a rose bun wrap.

The best man was Alex Lynn of Orlando, Florida, a friend of the bridegroom. Ushers were Frank Luciano of Mountain Lakes, cousin of the bridegroom, and Mike Mosier of East Stroudsburg, Tim Flynn of East Stroudsburg, Shawn Walsh of East Stroudsburg, and J.J. Jennings of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, brother-in-law of the groom. The page was Brian Jennings of Sapulpa, nephew of the bridegroom.

The bride graduated from Bound Brook High School 1997 and Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire with a BSN, 2001. She is employed as a nurse-traveler for Redlands Community Hospital. The bridegroom graduated from Hopatcong High School, 1991 and East Stroudsburg University, 1999 and is self-employed.

The couple met at catholicingles.com.

The reception was held at Snuffy's Pantagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains and their wedding trip was to Hawaii (Kauai and Molokai). Their future residence will be in Redlands, California.



Mr. and Mrs. Kendzulak.

Kendzulaks celebrate 45 years

BOUND BROOK — Stephen Kendzulak and Nancy Toman Kendzulak of Bound Brook celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary August 30 at a reception for immediate family held at Café Giardino in Warren.

Mr. Steve Kendzulak and the former Miss Nancy Toman were married August 30, 1958 in the Congregational Church of Bound Brook.

Mr. Kendzulak worked as a manager for AT&T and retired in 1997 after twenty years of service. Mrs. Kendzulak worked as an executive secretary and also retired in 1997 after 10 years of service.

They are very active members of the Congregational Church of Bound Brook. Serving in various ministries, Nancy is President of the Board of Trustees and Stephen is the Church Sexton.

Their children are Susan Jane Kendzulak of Teipei, Tiawan and Sharon Lee and husband Jeff O'Hara of Denville. They have two grandchildren, Michael and Kelly.

Dunellen Briefs

Register to vote deadline Nov. 10

DUNELLEN — The Board of Education will hold a referendum 2 to 9 p.m. Dec. 9. The deadline to register to vote in this referendum is Nov. 10. The borough clerk's office will be open until 9 p.m. Nov. 10. For more information, call Mary Blue, borough clerk, at (732) 968-3033.

Chinese auction at Dunellen church

DUNELLEN — Resurrection of Christ Church, 649 Bound Brook Road, will hold a Chinese auction Nov. 2. There will be a large variety of new items. Doors open at noon, calling begins at 2 p.m. There is a \$5 donation. There will be door prizes, cake, coffee and the kitchen will be open for purchase of food and beverages. Call (732) 873-1731 or (732) 752-5741.

Cub Scouts registering new members now

DUNELLEN — Dunellen Cub Scouts are registering new scouts. Any boy who lives in the borough and is in grades two to five can join. Contact Joann Kemple at (732) 424-2043.

Boy Scouts collecting food for FISH Inc.

DUNELLEN — The Boy Scouts are participating in a food drive for FISH Inc. They will be collecting and sorting food for deliver Nov. 15.

Thanksgiving pie sale by Project Graduation

DUNELLEN — The Dunellen High School Project Graduation Class of 2004 is holding a Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

Pies are 10-inch, deep-dish and fresh-baked in a variety of flavors, including apple, pumpkin and lemon meringue. Pies are supplied by Salson's Bakery in Metuchen. Price is \$12 per pie.

Orders must be placed by Nov. 3 for pickup on Nov. 25.

To order or for more information, call Barbara Ahmet Simon at (732) 752-8529.

All money raised supports Project Graduation, a drug- and alcohol-free celebration for the senior class.

Entertainment 2004 books available

DUNELLEN — The Dunellen United Methodist Church has entertainment 2004 books now available.

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FIX UP FOR FALL

Briefs

Silent auction at St. Paul's church

BOUND BROOK — There will be a silent auction at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Church and Franklin streets, Nov. 7. Preview begins at 6:30 p.m. and auction begins at 7:30 p.m. The \$6 entry fee includes one sheet of 25 tickets, one door prize ticket and refreshments. There will also be a raffle. Call Kim at (732) 356-7341 for information.

Crafters needed for church craft fair

BOUND BROOK — Crafters are wanted for a craft fair to be held 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 7 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Congregational Church. Spaces are \$25 each. Tables available for an additional \$5. Call (732) 356-1293 for more information.

Class of 1978 to hold 25th reunion

BOUND BROOK — The Bound Brook High School class of 1978 will hold its 25th reunion Nov. 29, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, Somerset, N.J. For more information, call Joanne Capalbo at (732) 356-2369.

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Saturday, Oct. 25
EDISON - New Jersey Fall RV Show, 15th annual edition. New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Raritan Center, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 26. Adults \$8; 12-17 \$5; under 12 free. (800) 332-EXPO or www.macevents.com.
EDISON - "Really Rosie," children's musical. Stephen J. Capestro Theater, Roosevelt Park, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 25, 26. Adults \$3; 12-under free. (732) 548-2884 or www.playsinthepark.com.
EDISON - Genealogy Lecture: "Researching Your Ancestors' Locality." Main branch, Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., 2 p.m. Free. Registration: (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1.
EDISON - Haunted Tours of Triple C Ranch, 206 Tyler Rd., 6-

10 p.m. (rain date Nov. 1). \$10; children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets: (732) 661-1660.
METUCHEN - "Musical Hat Tricks" with Janette Goleme, soprano. Borough Improvement League, 491 Middlesex Ave., 8 p.m. \$20. Tickets: (732) 463-8363.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Cappy Award dinner-dance honoring Edward Niemczyk. Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave., 7 p.m. \$15. (908) 226-7714.

Sunday, Oct. 26
EDISON - Open House of Triple C Ranch, 206 Tyler Rd., noon-4 p.m. (rain date Nov. 2). Free. (732) 661-1660 or www.edison-wetlands.org.
METUCHEN - Halloween Party at YMCA, 65 High St., 6-8 p.m. \$7.50; children under age 1 free. Reservations required: (732)

548-2044.
MIDDLESEX - Dedication for expansion of Middlesex Public Library, 1300 Mountain Ave., 3 p.m. (732) 356-6602.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD - "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party" with Judith Krall Russo. South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave., 2 p.m. Free; wear hats. (908) 754-7885.

Monday, Oct. 27
BOUND BROOK - Geology Lecture, "The Other Side of Oregon: The Dry High Desert" with Michael Pollock. Congregational Church, 214 Church St., 8 p.m. Free. (732) 356-2428.

Wednesday, Oct. 29
PISCATAWAY - Business Seminar, "Pricing: Is It Really an Issue?" Small Business Development Center, 120 New England Ave., 9 a.m. \$25. Registration: wbcasst@njawbo.org or (609) 581-2220.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Blood Drive at Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave., 3-8:30

p.m. Donor requirements: (908) 756-6414.
FRANKLIN TWP. - Halloween Party for Somerset Area MOMS Club. Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 John F. Kennedy Blvd., 10:45 a.m. Guests welcome. (732) 868-0703.

Friday, Oct. 31
EDISON - Harvest Festival, "Christian alternative" to Halloween. Community Presbyterian Church, 75 Glenville Rd., 6-8 p.m. Free. (732) 287-1666.

Saturday, Nov. 1
METUCHEN - Jill Sobule, singer-songwriter. First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave., 8 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets: (732) 549-6000.
MIDDLESEX - Halloween Dinner-Dance (adults only). Elks lodge, 545 Bound Brook Rd., 7:30 p.m. \$30. Reservations: (732) 469-5557.
PISCATAWAY - Fall Bazaar of Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Spaces \$20 with table, \$15 with-

out. Reservations: (732) 752-4212 or (732) 463-0190.

Sunday, Nov. 2
EDISON - "All New Stuff," reception for Edison Arts Society exhibit. Sheraton hotel, Raritan Center, 3-5 p.m. (908) 753-ARTS or (732) 906-4137.

In The Future
BOUND BROOK - Silent Auction at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 214 Church St., 7-9:30 p.m. Nov. 7. \$6. (732) 356-7341.
DUNELLEN - Widows and Widowers dance at Polish Falcons hall, 745 Bound Brook Rd., 7 p.m. Nov. 12, 23. (732) 985-5439.
EDISON - Immunization Clinic for adults 18-older. Jewish Community Center, 1775 Oak Tree Road, 1-3 p.m. Nov. 3. Flu shots \$15, pneumonia shots \$20; Medicare Part B accepted. (732) 494-3232.
EDISON - "Exotic Plants in the Canary Islands," lecture with Hank Snyder. Main branch, Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., 7 p.m. Nov. 10. (732) 549-3579.
EDISON - Business Card Exchange for Edison and Metuchen chambers of commerce. Law office of Kenneth Vercammen, 2053 Woodbridge Ave., 5:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Members \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; non-members \$30. Registration: (732) 738-9482.
EDISON - Household Hazardous Waste collection day. Middlesex County College, 2600 Woodbridge Ave., 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 16. Requirements: www.mciauth.com or (800) 488-

MCIA.
EDISON - Professional Development workshop for Institute of Management Consultants, New Jersey Chapter. Sheraton hotel, Raritan Center, 4 p.m. Nov. 17. \$45. Registration: www.imcnwjersey.org or (201) 784-6310.
EDISON - Dinner Meeting for Institute of Management Consultants, New Jersey Chapter. Sheraton hotel, Raritan Center, 6:45 p.m. Nov. 17. \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door. Reservations: www.imcnwjersey.org or (201) 784-6310.
EDISON - "CEO Toolbox," breakfast talk with David Levine. Clarion Hotel and Towers, Route 27, 8 a.m. Nov. 18. \$20. Registration: sbdc@tcnj.edu or (609) 989-5232.
EDISON - Evening of Giving, shopping event benefiting local charity. Menlo Park Mall, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 23. \$8. (732) 549-1900.
METUCHEN - Anniversary Service of New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., Metuchen, 4 p.m. Nov. 9. (732) 549-8941.
METUCHEN - Strong Girls workshop: "The Girl's Guide to Healthy Relationships." First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave., 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20. \$25. Registration: (732) 549-6000.
METUCHEN - Historical Lecture: Jeffrey Shandler on Jewish Polish youth of the 1930s. Temple Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., 8 p.m. Nov. 21. Related dinner 6:45 p.m.; adults \$14, children \$8. Dinner reservations: (732) 548-2238, Ext. 18.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
 In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), parents and guardians, teachers, children, and employees of the Dunellen Board of Education must be notified annually of the district's activities regarding asbestos found in the schools. In the past year, The Dunellen Board of Education has completed six-month surveillances and is maintaining compliance with the AHERA Regulations. The management plan can be found in the main office of each school and is available for your review during school hours.
 Dated: October 15, 2003
 Vincent J. Olivo
 Board Secretary
 B187-11-1025/03

Dunellen, New Jersey 07003. Approved Oct 20 2003
 Frank T. Bieniek
 Council Pres. of the Borough of Dunellen
 I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct abstract of a resolution regularly passed at a meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Dunellen, held 10-20-03 and in that respect a true and correct copy of its minutes.
 Mary G. Blue, RMC
 Clerk of the Borough of Dunellen
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Tai Chi classes for borough residents

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Borough Office on Aging will offer a Tai Chi classes for borough residents 55 and older beginning 10 a.m. Nov. 7 at the Recreation Center on Mountain Avenue.

The one-hour classes will run for eight weeks with a Thanksgiving break Nov. 28. Cost is \$25 payable by the first class. Pre-registration is required. Register at the Office on Aging at the Recreation Center 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday or by calling (732) 356-0414. Class size is limited.

Acme Customer Appreciation Day

MIDDLESEX — Acme Supermarkets Customer Appreciation Day is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Support area schools by bringing box tops, Campbells and Tyson A+ labels and receive a raffle ticket to win prizes.

The Boy Scouts will also hold a food drive to benefit local shelters and be selling candy bars for \$1 to raise money for Scout outings.

Flu/pneumonia clinic Nov. 1

MIDDLESEX — There will be a flu/pneumonia clinic 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Nov. 1 at Borough Hall Pharmacy, 565 Bound Brook Road.

Inoculations cost \$17 for flu and \$22 for pneumonia (tax deductible).

For more information, call (908) 725-9355.

Alphabet Kidz collect donations

MIDDLESEX — Alphabet Kidz, in support of the Plainfield Area Humane Society, is now soliciting donation for the non-

profit organization.

The Humane Society is in need of cash donations, dog food, supplies and fencing materials for a chain link fence.

If you can help, contact Alphabet Kidz at (732) 469-1133 and ask for Marion or Judy.

Meeting about new school regulations

MIDDLESEX — There will be a public meeting open to all parents, students and community members 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at the high school cafeteria about the No Child Left Behind federal legislation.

Learn how this new federal guidelines and standards will affect your schools.

Board of Health meeting Oct. 28

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Board of Health will hold a meeting 7 p.m. Oct. 28 at the municipal building about the proposed 2004 Board of Health budget.

Annual Halloween Parade Oct. 31

MIDDLESEX — The annual borough Halloween Parade will be held 6:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at Mountainview Park at the basketball courts.

Borough residents will be judged in the following categories for prizes: infant to pre-K, kindergarten and first grade, second and third grade, fourth and fifth grade, and sixth to eighth grade.

Goodie bags will be handed out.

The parade is sponsored by the Recreation Department, Middlesex Drug Alliance and the high school PRIDE group.

Call (732) 356-7966 for more information. No registration required.

Help build a play-

ground by buying a brick

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood Elementary School has launched its "Buy-a-Brick" campaign to raise funds for a new playground.

The existing playground does not meet the new state and federal guidelines.

The customized bricks/pavers can carry messages, logos or names of supporters. The four-by-eight brick is \$75; the eight-by-eight brick is \$125. Brick sizes go up to 24-by-24.

Forms available at the school office or by calling Barbara Lally at (732) 261-7050.

Middlesex and stars and stripes umbrellas

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood Elementary School will be selling Middlesex umbrellas and Stars and Stripes umbrellas for \$8.

Also show your Middlesex pride with a large golf-size umbrella with Middlesex printed on it. The Hazelwood PTO will be selling many other items such as tied-died T-shirts, Hazelwood Huskies coin holders, sports bottles and seat cushions.

All items are for sale Fridays after school or by contacting Hazelwood School PTO for more information by calling Laura Meixner at (732) 742-3679.

Library extension dedication Oct. 26

MIDDLESEX — The dedication of the Middlesex Library extension will take place 3 p.m. Oct. 26.

Afterwards, the Friends of the Library will host a gala reception.

For more information, call (732) 356-6602.

Music Boosters selling Sally Foster giftware

MIDDLESEX — Middlesex High School Music Boosters is selling Sally Foster giftware.

To see the items or make a purchase, go to SallyFoster.com and put in account number 0680462 to place an order.

Items will arrive at the end of November.

If you don't have a computer, call (732) 317-6000, ext. 21952 or ext. 21918 and leave a message.

Music Boosters selling entertainment books

MIDDLESEX — Middlesex High School Music Boosters are selling entertainment books.

Call (732) 317-6000, ext. 21952 or ext. 21918 and leave a message.

Music Boosters selling Kids Stuff books

MIDDLESEX — Middlesex High School Music Boosters are selling Kids Stuff books, which have a large variety of coupons to be used.

Call (732) 317-6000, ext. 21952 or ext. 21918 and leave a message.

Republican group meets second Wednesdays

MIDDLESEX — The Borough of Middlesex Republican Organization meets every second Wednesday of the Month at the Beechwood Fire House on Rt. 28, starting at 7:30 p.m.

All interested and concerned Middlesex Residents are invited to attend.

For more information and to learn more about what's happening on council log and campaign 2003 on to www.gopmiddlesex.com.

Bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City

MIDDLESEX — Lincoln Hose Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary is holding a bus trip to Atlantic City, Resorts Casino Nov. 2.

Bus leaves Lincoln Hose Firehouse, Mountain and Drake avenues, at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$22.

For reservations, call Pat at (732) 356-8317 or Gayle at (732) 469-1738.

Earn money for school with Verizon program

MIDDLESEX — If you have Verizon long distance, you can help earn Middlesex Borough Watchung Elementary School extra money for school supplies.

Just call 1-877-927-3348 and sign up for the Extra Credit for Schools. If you have any questions, please call Tracy Abate (732) 563-2258.

Shop at mall, help Watchung School

MIDDLESEX — Watchung Elementary School has been chosen to participate in the School Tools program sponsored by Bridgewater Commons.

The program runs Aug. 2003 to May 2004. Save your receipts and take them to the Premier Shoppers Lounge located on the lower level, Lord & Taylor wing and have them log your purchases for the Watchung Elementary School Tools program.

Box Top Booster Club gives school a hand

MIDDLESEX — Join the Box Tops for Education Booster Club for free at BoxTops4education.com and earn five extra bonus Box Tops for Watchung Elementary School when you join and confirm your membership by Jan. 30, 2004.

Box Tops will give the school an additional \$10, \$20 or \$30 depending on the number of new registrants that join the Booster Club and a chance to win 10,000 Box Tops.

Benefits for club members include: mealtime solutions, online coupons, Cheerios Reading Room, Pop Secret Movie Night and the Box Tops Marketplace. You will also be able to see the school's progress as it collects Box Tops and earns bonuses for the school.

For more information, call Lori Ciesla at (732) 563-4255.

School collecting

box tops and labels

MIDDLESEX — Watchung Elementary is continuing to collect box tops and soup labels throughout the year.

Turn trash into cash and help the school.

For more information, call Lori Ciesla at (732) 563-4255.

Items may be dropped at the school, 1 Fisher Ave.

GOP group selling home interior candles

MIDDLESEX — The Borough of Middlesex Republican Organization is selling home interior candles starting at \$7.

There are many new and exciting scents available as well as different sizes and accessories. Immediate pick-up is available or orders can be filled within two weeks.

Call Tracy Abate at (732) 563-2258.

Hazelwood School collecting soup labels

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood School is participating in Campbell's Labels for Education program by collecting soup labels.

The front of the label must be intact for the label to count.

Drop off labels in the giant soup can in the office of the school, 800 Hazelwood Ave.

Hazelwood School collecting box tops

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood School is collecting Box Tops for Education.

Drop off box tops in the front office of the school, 800 Hazelwood Ave.

Old cell phones and ink cartridges collection

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood Elementary is collecting Trash for Cash.

Old ink cartridges and old cell phones can be dropped off at the front office of the school, 800 Hazelwood Ave.

FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT

Combat high energy prices with new, energy saving windows this winter

(ARA) — U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has predicted tight supplies of natural gas and therefore higher energy prices well into 2004. This is news we've heard before, yet it still sends many Americans scrambling for new ways to conserve energy to help save on their utility bills.

The substantial increase in gas prices — more than double what they were last year — "has put significant segments of the North American gas-using industry in a weakened competitive position against industries overseas," according to Greenspan. Natural gas supplies have been categorized as extremely short.

Consumers concerned about energy costs don't have to simply hunker down and wait for their escalating utility bills to arrive in the mail. There are a variety of proactive steps one can take to conserve energy; it's up to the consumer to do some research, product comparisons and make adjustments in their home to realize any potential savings.

Utility companies have created incentives that will motivate people to take energy-saving steps to help reduce consumption, as well as cost. Standard rebates on new furnaces or air conditioners have become more inclusive by adding windows and doors to the list of items meeting rebate qualifications.

Replacing windows or doors leaking air or causing drafts can help improve the home's overall energy efficiency, and comfort level for the occupants. For maximum energy savings, it's critical to have a window that has a good design, fits tightly in its frame and has low air infiltration levels.

Here are some additional window and door energy saving ideas:

* Look for window and door products that meet or exceed the Department of Energy's Energy Star standards and have the Energy Star label.

* Carefully read the label provided on all windows by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) to evaluate a window's potential for energy efficiency.

* Solid wood construction offers superior insulating qualities — wood provides 1,100 times the insulating value of aluminum.

* Double and triple-paned glazing options on glass are available for maximum energy efficiency.

* Optional Low-E glass coatings help reduce heat and ultraviolet (UV) rays that can fade carpet, walls and furniture.

* Even weatherstripping impacts energy efficiency. Choose a quality product with a

backing that will retain its seal, even in extreme temperatures, and not degrade when exposed to sunlight. Choose one that is flexible enough so it's easy to use.

* Keep window blinds and shades closed during hot weather to conserve energy, and open on sunny days during cold months to allow in solar heat.

It all sounds good, but what is Energy Star? And why worry about an NFRC label and who can explain Low-E glass? These are valid questions consumers need to answer before making decisions about replacing windows and doors.

Energy Star is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. It was started by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1992 and began as a voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Energy Star label is now featured on energy-efficient windows, doors, major appliances, office equipment, lighting and home electronics. The EPA also has extended the program to include new homes and commercial and industrial buildings. Some windows feature Argon gas between panes of glass to help improve energy efficiency. Others are designed to earn the Energy Star rating without the need for added Argon gas.

An NFRC energy-performance label is designed to help consumers decide how well a product will perform in terms of keeping a building cool in the

summer and warm in the winter, and offering protection against wind and resist condensation. By using this information, builders and consumers can reliably compare one product against another and make educated decisions about product performance when buying windows, doors or skylights.

This glossary from the NFRC explains all the ratings listed on its label:

U-Factor: U-factor measures how well a product prevents heat from escaping. The rate of heat

loss is indicated in terms of the U-factor (U-value) of a window assembly. U-factor ratings are usually between 0.20 and 1.20. The lower the U-value, the better. A low U-factor means the greater a window's resistance to heat flow and the better its insulating value.

Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC): This measures how well a product blocks heat caused by sunlight. SHGC is expressed as a number between 0 and 1. The lower this level is for a window, the less solar heat it transmits.

Visible Transmittance (VT): VT measures how much light comes through a product. It is an optical property that indicates the amount of visible light transmitted. This rating is also between 0 and 1. The higher the VT rating the more light is transmitted.

Air Leakage* (AL): Air leakage is indicated by an air leakage rating expressed as the equivalent cubic feet of air passing through a square foot of a window area. Heat loss and gain occur by infiltration through cracks in the window assembly.

The lower the AL the less air will pass through cracks in the window assembly.

Condensation Resistance* (CR): This measures the ability of a product to resist the formation of condensation on the interior surface of that product. While the rating cannot predict condensation, it can provide a credible method of comparing the potential of various products for condensation formation. The higher the CR rating the better. CR is a rating between 0 and 100.

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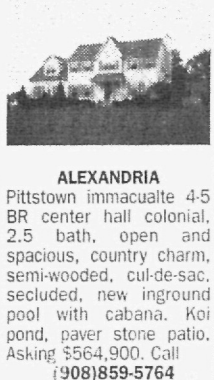
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