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Edison mayor says no tax hike



By TODD JACOBUS Correspondent

EDISON - Mayor George Spadoro's delivered his annual State of the Township address, highlighted by a proposal of no municipal tax increase in 2004. Spadoro also shed light on ambitious redevelopment plans for three of the township's marquee properties in his speech to nearly 200 local business leaders hosted by the Edison Chamber of Commerce Jan.

get, to be introduced this summer, I will, absent extraordinary circumstances, propose no increase in the municipal tax rate," said Spadoro, backing a proposal first made by the municipal council late in 2003. Edison property taxes rose .03 cents per \$100 of assessed value last year, a \$51 increase for the average homeowner.

While committing to pre-serve the 2,000 acres in the He proposed commercial,

Bringing in the Year of the Monkey

"I pledge to the residents of township's Open Space retail, office and entertain-Edison that in the 2004 bud- Acquisition Plan, Spadoro ment uses for the enticing said Edison would focus on redeveloping existing properties. The most notable of the sites earmarked by the mayor were the Ford plant on Route most desirable and mar-1, the Revlon facility on Route ketable property in the 27 and the waterfront area on the Raritan River.

The 104-acre Ford property "offers a unique opportunity for us to set the bar high for a visionary and unique mixedlocation.

"Believe me, from my discussions with state and county officials, this is certainly the Central New Jersey region if not the entire state," said Spadoro.

Plans for the 40-acre Revlon site include a main public library branch, performing arts center and pedestrian friendly Main Street.

"Route 1 and Route 27 are Edison's most visible arterials and they should be redeveloped into showcase corridors," said Spadoro, who aims to send the full details of both redevelopment proposals to the council within a month.

Longer-term plans were announced for the Raritan Riverfront, what the mayor likes to call "Edison's Gold Coast".

"I envision a seaport village

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Pinewood Derby traditions

A local Cub Scout Pack hosted its annual. Pinewood Derby last weekend. For more information, see page A-10.



What are they sitting on?

No, its not bags of garbage these Our Lady of Mount Virgin School students are sitting on and amongst. For more information, see page A-3.



Cub Scout pack does its part

A Dunellen Cub Scout pack was more than ready to help the needy. For more information, see page A-9.



Middlesex Presbyterian Preschool will hold an open house for families interested in enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year. The open house is 9-9:30 a.m. or 12:30-1 p.m. Feb. 2-6. The preschool has three different classes available: a fiveafternoon everyday pre-k, a three-day morning or afternoon traditional pre-k class and a two-day morning or afternoon nursery class. The pre-k classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The nursery classes meet Tuesday and Thursday.

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Edison celebrated the Chinese New Year Sunday with a parade down Route 27. Above, the parade begins with the traditional Chinese dragon display. Left, Nina Ngai, 15, waits inside a dragon to perform with the Chinese Community Center of New Jersey from River Edge during the parade. Below, Wendy Wang, 5, watches the parade head down Route 27. The Chinese New Year was Jan. 22 and marked the beginning of the Year of the Monkey, according to Asian astrology.



Bound Brook girls' basketball team carries on

By G.W. JOHNSON Correspondent

BOUND BROOK — If you didn't know any better, you would assume it was a basketball practice just like any other practice. Shooting drills, passing drills, running and conditioning drills. All common sights at normal basketball practices. But this was the Bound Brook girls' basketball team and their practices are anything but normal.

"It is hard to get the girls all the reps they need in practice when we only have two hoops to work with," said Assistant Coach Elena Buccino. "I have 12 guards to work with and all shooting at one basket. It can be difficult."

The team would normally be practicing in Bound Brook High School, but severe water damage has rendered the gym floor unusable. The team has made due, changing practice venues between South Bound Brook middle school and Somerset County Vo-Tech with practice times starting sometimes at 5 p.m. and sometimes at 7 p.m.

'It would be much easier to have practice right after school," said junior Monica Iturralde. "It is hard to be home for a few hours then have to go back out to practice. But we manage.'

Their record is 1-8 and they

are just about at the halfway point of the season. But the girls haven't used the lack of a home court as an excuse for

their losing record. "We really do work hard in practice, no matter where we have it," said junior Allison Slater. "We are disappointed and expected better, but we will keep trying."

Head Coach Kirchofner and Buccino have tight time constraints for practices. They are working within the schedules of the buses dropping the kids off at the varying school in which they practice and bringing them back to the high school, the boys' team coming in behind them and needing to get their work in as well. It is virtually impossible to pull the girls aside for 10 minutes after practice to discuss any-thing without missing their bus ride home or interfering with the boys' practice. Plus, there is no chance for weekend practices. It makes coaching just as difficult as playing.

'We certainly expected more of ourselves this year, and we are disappointed up to this point," said Iturralde. "But we will not stop trying and practicing hard."

Iturralde and Slater, though only juniors, lead practices both by example and voice. If

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Hundreds head to Saturday school program

By CHERYL ORSON Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — Saturday school is normally reserved for punishment, yet hundreds of middle school students are eagerly volunteering to attend the early morning ses-

"I believe it's helping me with my math skills. I don't use the calculator as much. I believe it's helping me with language, too. I do think my writing is getting better," said Schor eighth grader Kamahrea Ru-Amon, 13. "The teachers are really nice. I would recommend this program to anybody.

"I think it'll help me get a scholarship for college," said Conackamack eighth grader Ryan Petties, 13.

"It's teaching me stuff I didn't know before, like algebra," said Quibbletown eighth grader Dean Dewar, 13. Proud parents are also unusually thrilled, even get-

ting up early and going out of their way to drive their children to Saturday school. "It's excellent," said Cathy Hardish, parent of Schor eighth grader Karinlee, 13.

"It's wonderful and will help

"I'm impressed," said Eileen Kinney, Kinney, parent of Quibbletown eighth grader Melanie, 13. "She's enjoying

with college in the long run."

sure off about being prepared. She'll test better. I have high hopes long term.'

Curriculum Director Laura Morana explained these students and parents are raving about the district's new Middle School Saturday Academy, held each Saturday morning for 12 weeks from December through March at Schor Middle School on North Randolphville Road. The program was established with the goal of providing additional services to students. Specifically, Morana said the school provides a challenging and supportive environment for more than 140 middle school students to review and enhance their math, writing and test-taking skills in preparation for this year's state Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) exam.

Students from all three of the district's middle schools (Schor, Quibbletown and Conackamack) were invited to attend this special school, with a special emphasis on recruiting those students who scored 70 percent or less on their Terra Nova exams. Both students and parents must be motivated to take advantage of this opportunity as no busing is provided with carpool-

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dents.

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ing strongly encouraged. At the Academy, held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday morning, students are divided into separate 90minute long language arts and math classes, averaging around 20 students each. These classes are taught by five middle school teachers and five high school teachers who are co-operatively teamteaching together for the first time ever. As such, the teachers do all their own planning providing for what Morana said is a unique professional development opportunity with the teach-

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The entire cost, estimated to be \$15,000 for the 12week program, is made possible by funding provided by federal entitlements from the No Child Left Behind initiative. This includes the purchase of Measuring Up textbooks containing proven GEPA test-taking strategies as well as the cost of all staff involved in this program. No district taxpayer dollars are used to support the Academy.

ers getting as much out of the new Academy as the stu-

Should this program prove to be as successful as administrators expect it will be, there are already plans to create a Lower Middle School Saturday Academy for fourth- and fifth-grade students in preparing these students for their Terra Nova testing. There are also tentative plans to create a Summer Middle School Academy to serve both lower and upper middle school stu-

Already providing unexpected benefits, the Middle School Saturday Academy, as it is taught in-part by high school instructors, is making it easier for eighth grade students to transition themselves towards performing high school-level academics, with most already looking forward to these advanced classes and beyond.



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with a commuter ferry service, boardwalk, marina, science center and restaurants," said Spadoro, adding that a limited number of residential units and almost 1,000 acres of passive, open space would be part of the plan as well.

Safety will remain a top priority in 2004, as Spadoro plans to add six new police officers and eight new fire-

fighters by year's end. Intersection improvements, curb and sidewalk construction and repair, as well as traffic calming devices will also be implemented.

Spadoro also touched upon Edison's media outlets. Negotiations to renew the township's contract with Cablevision are expected to be finalized this year. An Edison-controlled AM radio station, for which the township has already obtained a federal license, is planned to launch in 2004. The station will "quickly disseminate real time information to our residents and businesses in times of emergency," said Spadoro.

The mayor also discussed improvement plans for six of Edison's 36 parks, and announced that the highly anticipated Oak Tree Pond Park is scheduled to open this summer.

The Oak Tree Park, on a portion of the site of the 1777 Battle of the Short Hills, will have a Revolutionary War theme. A Colonial-era cannon and historic marker detailing the battle will compliment a public green, butterfly garden and period benches

The State of the Township address has been a tradition in Edison for 13 years. This was Spadoro's 10th since initially being elected in 1993.

Bound Brook girls' basketball

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people aren't running when they are supposed to run, Slater or Iturralde will speak up. They hustle through their drills and show leadership their coaches must like to see especially for juniors.

"We work really hard, and it's unfortunate we have no

really come see us," said Slater. Traveling to Newark, Elizabeth and Dayton, among other places, makes it near impossible for many students, fans and most importantly parents to make the games. And events like Senior Appreciation night have to be all but forgotten.

It is an unfortunate situation

opportunity for our fans to these girls find themselves in. But this isn't about the damaged gym floor, its causes or who is to blame. This is about a team of 18 girls working hard to overcome the obstacles they have been faced. And regardless of record, these girls have been successful in other ways. They remain a team, they commit themselves to late practices and

had to rearrange their personal lives as well to keep this team together.

So what happens next year for these juniors? What if the gym floor is still unready for action for what will be their senior season?

"I don't even want to think about that," said Iturralde. "That would be terrible."

BB Briefs

Literacy Volunteers seek tutors for program

BOUND BROOK - The Literacy Volunteers of America-Bound Brook is seeking tutors for its English as a Second Language pro-

Training is provided and volunteers are asked to commit two hours per week. Volunteers do not have to speak a foreign language.

Orientation and registration will be 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Bound Brook Library. Training will be held for six consecutive weeks beginning 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24.

Time to license dogs in the borough

BOUND BROOK - January is dog registration month in the borough.

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Dunellen Briefs

FISH to hold its annual meeting

DUNELLEN — FISH Inc. Dunellen Area will hold its annual meeting 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the First Presbyterian Church, 218 Dunellen Ave.

Groundhog Day celebration

DUNELLEN Dunellen Public Library invites children 4 and older to a Groundhog Day celebration 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the library. There will be stories, activi-

To register or for more information, call (732) 968-

American Girls Club meets January

DUNELLEN Dunellen Public Library's

American Girls Club will meet 3:30 p.m. Feb. 5 for a Valentine's Day program.

New members are welcome. For more information, call (732) 968-4585.

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Equity Loans	26,086,295
Consumer Loans	244,543
Office Properties And Equipment	2,667,066
Other Assets	1,815,055
Total Assets	\$ 606,712,648
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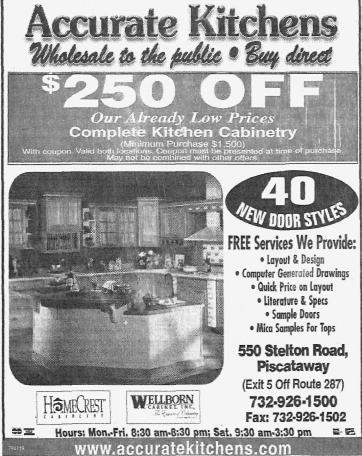
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Clothing drive pays off



Students from Our Lady of Mount Virgin School in Middlesex collected more than 10,000 pounds of clothing during their annual clothing drive. The clothes are donated to the needy. Another drive will take place during the spring.

Dunellen Board of Education beginning school budget process

By G.W. JOHNSON

DUNELLEN Dunellen Board Education, still basking in the successfully passed school referendum in December, has begun the painstaking process of preparing their budget for the upcoming 2004 year.

Recent economic times have impacted the board, just as they have impacted every household, and a means to make up the budgetary differences must be devised.

The board is required to meet certain state programs and mandates regardless of state assistance, and according to board Business Administrator Vincent Olivo, "these mandates must still be adhered to."

In 2001-2002 school year, the state aid increase was almost \$359,000. For the 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 the budgets will increase by \$900,000 overall, with the state only picking up about \$76,000 over the same period of time.

Discussions on how to

have begun. The board has as possible" on the residents good. And there is the dilemma - how to raise the budget to an operating level that will least impact the residents — while still managing to meet all their required mandates.

In New Jersey, the operating budget can be increased in three ways - local taxes, surplus and state aid. State aid looks like it could be a wash and surplus are below the 3 percent it should be at. The state will not allow budgeting from surplus if the surplus is less than 3 percent. That leaves local taxes.

The board has been reviewing the budget, looking for ways to ease the impact on residents. One idea is to sell three properties the board owns on Center Street and selling school bonds. This will give the budget a boost with a minimal imposition on the made. taxpayers of Dunellen. Board President Matt Kurzius "wants to find every and any way possible to increase the general fund make this increase as small

not yet received the state of Dunellen, who were so budget numbers, but are supportive of their referenrunning under the assump- dum. The topic of selling tion the news will not be these three properties always seems to spark controversy, with those opposed to the sale stating their worry about selling of assets they may need later down the road.

In other areas, a State Evaluation Team was sent in to evaluate all the schools. They passed on every element and were given a grade of "acceptable" on all counts. The state will be recommending to the commissioner that the schools be fully certified for seven years. Many schools only get certified for one year. This review of the schools included staff evaluation and relationships with parents and students and their current curriculum, of which Dunellen has been lauded for over the last year for the outstanding strides it has

Finally, the board also accepted the resignation of Faber School Principal Timothy Byrne, effective

Piscataway school district getting wired for new tech

By CHERYL ORSON Correspondent

PISCATAWAY - The district is getting wired - getting wired for new technology that is.

"The good new is that people are using technology. The bad news is that people are using technology," said Director of Technology Carolyn Kech, stating the current district network is 12 years old and obsolete.

Kech said the need for greater network bandwidth for both academic and administrative applications has become evident in the requests, needs and future strategic planning of the district. She further said immediate applications such as multimedia, centralizing servers, streaming broadcast quality video, district-wide telephony and a very large data file transfer capacity would be possible with a proposed dark fiber Wide Area Network (WAN) and financing of the proposed end-equipment.

Potential for an advanced district-wide security system, centralized maintenance building monitoring, a centralized public address system and video/audio broadcasting would exist with further investment and equipment, she said. She concluded her comments stating "we think the best solution is a leased fiber network."

Specs for bids for design, engineering, furnishing, installation and service of a WAN infrastructure were sent out to 30 vendors, said Nova Corp. Professional Services Practice Manager Stephen DiFrancesco, acting as a district consultant on this project. On Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. only two companies responded with bids, he said, these companies being Sunesys of Warrinton, Pa. and CLM Telcom LLC of East Hanover. To start, Sunesys bid \$40,000 for design and other non-recurring charges while CLM Telcom LLC bid \$18,900 for this same work.

For recurring charges over five years, though, Sunesys bid \$11,400 whereas CLM Telcom LLC bid almost \$30,000 for this same time period. For the next five years Sunesys bid \$600 in recurring monthly maintenance charges whereas CLM Telcom LLC bid \$15,076 for this same service during this time period.

In the end, DiFrancesco recommended the contract be awarded to Sunesys

reasonable bidder with the company considering this sioning the day when a parmore of a construction job rather than a telecommunications project. The Board of Education, during its Jan. 15 in this world of both vast meeting concurred with this decision voting 7-0, with two members absent, to award the contract to Sunesys.

The district will be staggered into this new WAN system over a period of three years starting with the high school, which will serve a telecommunications the administration building and the three upper middle schools. The next year the maintenance building and the two lower middle schools will be added into the network. The last year the elementary schools would be join the network. All wiring will be coordinated with school construction currently in progress. Kech said the current over-

loaded and obsolete 12-yearold T1 network is also getting expensive to support. She said with the new WAN system the district will see "significant savings" after the first five years of use. However, there will also be additional expenses in the purchase of what she termed "end equipment" including a \$160,000 video server, \$70,000 worth of teleconferencing equipment and software and \$14,000 for inschool broadcasting equipment and software.

District Superintendent Robert Copeland said he supports the wiring the district for digital technology stating "I think we have to effectively.

world we live in" and envient can tune into a classroom event via a computer. He also said for safety's sake uncertainty and instant communication, particularly when it comes to interacting with student transportation, this is a needed asset.

"Our capacity to get stuff through (the current) pipeline is limited," said Copeland, stating WAN is the way to go.

Board member Catherine Sucher Greeley, stating "we can only go so far with limited communication," said the WAN system will greatly enhance both the future arts and long-distance learning programs. She further said communication better between the district and outside is "really worthwhile," especially as an essential lifeline when needed.

"I'm just thrilled," said Greeley of the upcoming WAN system.

Board member Ed Eodice, expressing more practical concerns asked "Do we become handcuffed to this?" Kech vaguely replied "it will always do what it was meant to do." She said the district's outmoded phone system alone is expensive and will have to be upgrading with the WAN system providing for this.

"I think it's well thought out," said Kech with the staggered entry into the WAN system being "fundable" and able to be implemented efficiently and



Florida Seat Sale

From Newark

Shelter opened for fire victims

Edison has opened an emerthe Northridge Apartment shelter will be opened for a short-term duration while township officials work within the community to identify solutions for those left homeless by the fire.

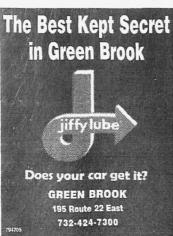
The emergency shelter will be located at the Edison Division of Senior Citizens at 2963 Woodbridge Avenue, near the New York Times

EDISON — The township of building. The township provided temporary shelter to gency shelter for victims of victims over the weekend, the fire that took place at and has extended this to those who need additional or (732) 248-7400 for assis-Complex last Friday. The assistance. The shelter will tance twenty four hours per open at 6 p.m.

Victims of the Northridge fire seeking assistance should contact (732) 248-7236 during business hours,









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Commentary

Letters to the Editor

The Salvation Army saves lives

To The Chronicle:

Recently the late Joan Kroc, the widow of McDonald's Ray bequeathed \$1.5 billion to the Salvation Army. This is one of the largest charitable donations in American history to a faith-based organization. The Salvation Army began in London, England in 1865 and came to America in 1880. Today they have 9,000 centers across America serving 43 million people a year with help from 3.2 million volunteers. All the money is to be used for only new operations, including 30 to 35 new community centers, which will provide recreational and educational facilities to the pub-

The Salvation Army is best known for feeding the home-

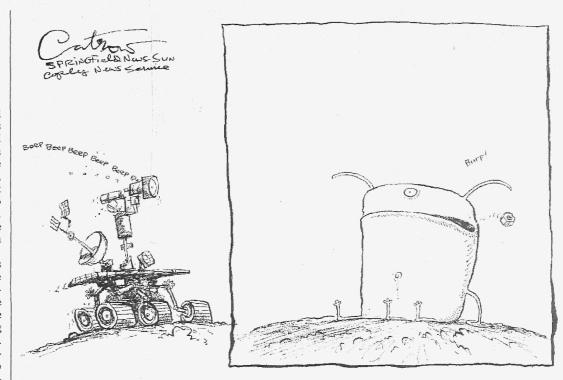
less and rehabilitating alcoholics and drug abusers. Each year my church sends volunteers to prepare and serve dinners to the homeless men in the Perth Amboy center. If you ever wonder how a man becomes homeless, I will never forget the story one man told me years ago.

He grew up in New Jersey but decided to leave family and friends and move to California to seek his fortune. For a few years all went well but then he lost his job. Money was running low, so he decided to hitchhike back to New Jersey. In New Mexico he was robbed of all his money, severely beaten and left alongside the road. He built a small fire to keep warm that night. A truck driver saw the fire and stopped to put it out.

When he saw this wounded young man, he took him in his truck to Texas. He bandaged his wounds and got him a hotel room. The next day he gave him some groceries, some money and a bus ticket to New Jersey as he had to leave to deliver another load. That is how he came to be homeless at the Salvation Army center.

I shared with him that his story reminded me of the story Jesus told in Luke 10:30-36, the Good Samaritan. He was very grateful to the Salvation Army for helping him put his life back together. I am grateful for all the volunteers and contributors to the Salvation Army, especially Mrs. Kroc.

MARTIN A. 'Skip' JESSEN Metuchen



The Bound Brook Memorial Super-sizing leading to obesity

To The Chronicle:

An apple which was once considered a healthy snack has transformed into a caramel-coated, nut-covered delight. An acceptable lunch of a ham and cheese sandwich on wheat bread with a 16ounce diet soda has quickly become the double quarterpound bacon cheeseburger and super-size French fries with a near pitcher-size soft drink. The change in our society's eating habits along with our increased sedentary lifestyles has contributed to Americans putting on excess weight creating an epidemic as well as jeopardizing our everyday lives.

Is all this just super-size rhetoric or does science prevail? Studies have proved that overweight and/or obese individuals are at higher risk for cancer, diabetes, asthma. sleep apnea, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, psychological disorders and many other health complications.

Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, says that recent estimates suggest that obesity is associated with 300,000 deaths annually and refers to the United obesity rate as a catastrophe.

The New England Journal of

American Cancer Society study in April which found that the current patterns of overweight and obesity in the United States could account for 14 percent of all deaths from cancer in men and 20 percent of those in women. With this study, it is clear that our state must take the appropriate measures to combat

The number of overweight and obese children continues to rise throughout the country as well. In the U.S. 30 percent of 6- to 11-year-old children are overweight while 15 percent are considered obese, reported the American Obesity Association. Children are being diagnosed with diabetes due to their weight. In fact, a decade ago Type 2 diabetes was virtually nonexistent in children and is now rampant throughout the juvenile population.

How many of us have to lose a few pounds? The National and Nutrition Examination Survey of 1999-2000 reported that nearly 59 million adults were obese and 64 percent of U.S. adults were either overweight or obese. Unfortunately, New Jersey is also growing larger 1991, 9 percent of New Jerseyans were obese. Only Medicine published an nine years later the obesity

rate doubled to 18 percent and continues to grow.

If health reasons don't justify the need for New Jersey to take further action, one may also want to look at the financial consequences. In 2000 the CDC reported that the total cost of obesity in the United States was estimated to be \$117 billion. Need more

New Jersey is taking the necessary steps to ensure the health of residents. Last spring the administration launched the "Healthy Choices, Healthy Kids" campaign to improve nutrition policies at schools and develop programs that address obesity. I am proud to be a primary sponsor of the legislation that will create the Obesity Jersey Prevention Task Force. This would evaluate and make recommendations to support and enhance obesity prevention among New Jerseyans, particularly children and adolescents. The legislation was signed into law by the governor on Jan. 14. With this law in place, I will continue to work with my colleagues and the administration to improve health for all resi-

> BARBARA BUONO Senator, 18th District

Library is full of surprise history

cleaned out a family attic has some idea of what librarians in Bound Brook are confronting as they undertake a total overhaul of their local history collection, an amazing and tantalizing assortment of almost anything.

The little locked room off Bound Brook's library's upper landing has been emptied completely of its contents to be given a thorough housecleaning and fresh coat of paint. Its books, papers, pictures, maps, etc., etc., etc. are piled high on long tables and ranged along the walls of the library's big meeting room awaiting a grand sorting through and reorganizing; a formidable and much needed undertaking.

Over many decades a succession of volunteers has lovingly collected Bound Brook materials at the library, each according to his own predilections. The result has been a wealth of historical resources, but great difficulty finding information when it is wanted. With so much to hunt through and no coherent arrangement, finding valuable historical nuggets has become virtually a hit-or-miss proposition.

The ultimate goal of this archives overhaul is to make information accessible by organizing materials so a methodical search will produce results, by no means an easy task. Local history collections are by their very nature idiosyncratic. Their contents defy stock definitions.

Library Director Hannah Kerwin is still in the process of assessing Bound Brook's vast collection. Every one of thou-

believe we live in disappoint-

ing times, I've reconciled

myself that most clerks in

stores won't put their private

lives on hold to provide cus-

tomer service. (There was a

time, perhaps a couple of

decades ago, when personal phone calls were discouraged

in the workplace. What cold,

brutal times they were! I

smirk sarcastically) That's an

adjustment in our standards

forced upon us by a culture's

radically lowered expecta-

But what I can't believe is

the pervasive ignorance about

the workings of government,

the school subject once

Most people don't seem to

realize the importance of elec-

tions. They believe that life

will be the same no matter

who occupies power in

Washington, Trenton or their

own hometowns. That thinking

is lazy cynicism. The swings in

our national policy over the

past three or four decades are

enough proof that our lives are

affected by who wins elec-

tions. It's our duty as voting

citizens to understand the

issues and then cast an

informed vote because it real-

Civics was important in

those halcyon days when the

primary goal of a public edu-

cation was to prepare an indi-

vidual to become a responsi-

ble participating member of a

democracy. But at a time when

voter turnout, even for a presi-

ly does make a difference.

quaintly called civics.

Hindsight

Jessie Havens

sands of items has to be identified before organizing decisions can be made. This is the part that can be fun because there are all sorts of unexpected finds. An autographed Ronald Reagan autobiography! A game by the name, "Bound Brook" in its original yellow box! Does anyone remember playing it?

Bound Brook library has not sought such donations, but they inevitably arrive because there is no other local repository such as a museum. Records from defunct businesses, a scrapbook from the Brook Hospital Bound Women's Auxiliary, Bound Brook High School "Echoes," souvenir programs of all sorts have found their way into the collection.

There is much here also which is of marginal local interest. Books having to do with New Jersey but not specifically about Bound Brook, might better be shelved with the general collection than kept locked up in the archives. Making the best use of very limited space is decidedly an issue, and Ms. Kerwin has some difficult decisions to make in this regard because Bound Brook is an elastic frame of refer-

Consider for example the enterprises not within the town itself which were thought of as being in Bound Brook: Bakelite and Calco, radio station WJZ, Pathe Films, Thomas Young orchid growers to name just a few. For that matter Middlesex Borough was for years known as East Bound Brook. And the Washington Camp Ground, of which Bound Brookers have been inordinately proud, is actually over the line in Bridgewater.

Shifting historical focus and names once familiar but now quite forgot will add to the complexities of sorting and sifting, but the challenge is well worth taking up because older libraries actually like Bound Brook hold in their collections gems not to be found anywhere else, researchers know it. They come from afar with exotic requests. Not long ago a Swedish researcher working on the history of Pathe was delighted to discover precisely what he wanted. Another researcher studying the history of the chemical industry seized upon a 1930's serial photograph. And, of course, there is a never-ending trickle of inquiries from people tracing their ancestors or wanting information about an old house they are trying to restore.

Keeping what has value and culling what does not, calls for extraordinary, well honed professional skills, hours and hours of work. The result should be far more user friendly and thereby much more valuable.

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Jersey Boy



dential election, is a national embarrassment and disgrace, it's not surprising civics does not play a major role in educa-

The reason for the decline of civics in public education is difficult to determine. Like most issues in public education, it boils down to a chickenor-egg question. Did the quality of civic knowledge fail because of the failure of the schools or because the schools were simply responding to the fickle standards of a public who want other subjects emphasized?

There is great apathy and cynicism these days about government and politicians. Part of the fault lies with a small minority of politicians who are dangerously out of touch; unfortunately, they create the most noise and hog the news. The overwhelming number of politicians are honest, hardworking individuals who really want to do what is best for their constituents. That's not sexy or newsworthy, but it's

the truth. Because of the unfair stigma

Time to return civics to the school classroom attached to politicians, it's now difficult to persuade people to become involved in politics at any level. Politics has always attracted its share of kooks, but a screening process usually eliminated these people from achieving responsible positions. But with less people wanting to become involved, the chances of a kook slipping through to a prominent position are increasing. We all know examples of that at every level of government.

I don't know whether a crash course in civics will restore the public's faith in politicians or eliminate the cynicism about politics. Apathy can weaken even a strong democracy, but that is something you never realize it until it's too late.

Just as we have lowered expectations about public behavior, so have we lowered our expectations about politicians and government. And that is silently damaging the strength of our democracy. For the first time in our nation's history turnout in this November's presidential election may fall below 50 percent. That's an embarrassment to the country which heralds its freedoms and the glories of its democratic practices. The less people who participate in an election increases the possibility that a special interest group can hijack the results; in a worst-case scenario, that could lead to an extremist coming to power. And those consequences are too horrible to imagine.

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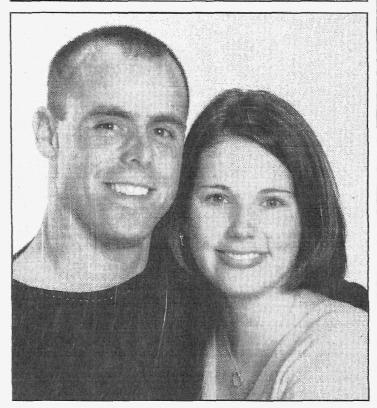
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Weddings & engagements



Katie Eileen Kavka and Paul James Panzarella

Kavka to wed Panzarella in September 2004 wedding

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Kathleen and Paul Kavka of 2043 Perry Street have announced the engagement of their daughter Katie Eileen Kavka to Paul James Panzarella of 335 Norwood Ave., the son of Susan and Paul John Panzarella, also in South Plainfield.

The bride-to-be graduated from South Plainfield High School (1999) and will graduate from the College of St. Elizabeth in May, 2004.

The bridegroom-to-be graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen (1994). He self-employed Panzarella Contracting, Inc. in South Plainfield.

The wedding is planned for September 18.

Semon weds Lee in candelighting ceremony

MIDDLESEX - Lillian R. an aunt by marriage. originally from Flushing, N.Y. was married to Edward R. Lee from Wilkes Barre, Pa. on October 12, 2003 in the Middlesex Presbyterian Church with a double ring, candlelighting ceremony that was officiated by Pastor Neal Presa.

The bride was given in marriage by her family in attendance, and her grandson Joshua Ramsey walked down the aisle with his grandmother. The matron of honor was Martha Long, from Middlesex, a close friend of the bride and

The best man was Robert E. Lee, of Atlanta, brother of the bridegroom. Linda Ralston, sister of the bridegroom read the scripture, and Jennifer Semone, daughter-in-law of the bride, sang during the ceremony. The reception was held immediately after the ceremony in the church hall for family and friends.

The couple honeymooned at Suites in the Embassy Piscataway and reside in both Pompano Beach, FL. and

Millers celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary

MIDDLESEX — Edward and and husband Tom of Dorothy Miller of Toms River, Lopatcong Township. They formerly of Middlesex, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at a party given by their children at the Chimney Rock Inn on Dec. 13. Edward and Dorothy (Petro)

Miller were married Dec. 26, 1948 in St. John's Church in Dunellen. They have four daughters; Diane Heitman and husband Rich of Westerville, Ohio; Mary Ellen Dean and husband Leo of Woodbridge, Jean Halloran and husband Tom of Bridgewater and Joan Maxcy

Marketing seminar

PISCATAWAY - Need tips on how to promote your small business? The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners offers "Marketing Magic" with Ellen Silverman, founder and owner of her own advertising

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Lopatcong Township. They also have nine grandchildren: Katharine, Kyle and Kerry Heitman; Lauren Hirsch, Kristen and Kelly Halloran and Thomas, Megan and Patrick Maxcy.

Edward retired from the Middlesex Post Office after 30 years of service and Dorothy retired from National Starch and Chemical Company in Bridgewater after 23 years of



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South Plainfield schools ban cellular phone use

By LIBBY BARSKY

Correspondent SOUTH PLAINFIELD -

The Board of Education approved a policy that limits the use of pagers and cell phones by students at its Jan. 20 meeting. Students will not be permit-

ted to bring a paging device on any school property at any time, even if it is to an afterschool event and school is not in session. This follows a state law that prohibits pagers. However, students who are

members of the volunteer fire company or rescue squad in good standing may bring a pager on school property if they are required to respond rary permission to bring the

to an emergency. A written statement from an executive officer of the volunteer rescue or fire department will allow the student to carry the pager at all times. When no longer is a member, the student must tell the superinten-

The Board's new policy also excludes students from using handheld organizers and cell phones during the school day. If cellular telephones are turned on while in the classroom they will be confiscated by the principal. If there is a situation where a cell phone is believed necessary, a request can be made to the superintendent for tempo-

cell phone on school property stating why the cell phone is needed. The superintendent will make a determination. Permission will only be granted for a limited amount of

"The reasoning for the policy is that while taking a test you could contact someone, and they could send you the answer," said board member Kenneth LaFreniere. "Any remote device can communicate. You are there to be a participant in class not to converse with friends out-

LaFreniere also wants to do away with the public pay phones that are installed in each school and at the athlet-

ic field house. Instead, LaFreniere wants to make a regular phone available to whoever needs to use it.

"It costs the district \$75 to provide for each public pay phone in the schools," said

LaFreniere. LaFreniere would replace the pay phone with a regular phone connected to the current phone system.

"I want to see the impact. Let's do a study and see what it costs us. We'll try it in one school and provide them with phone service. The goal is to phase out the pay phone. If it doesn't prove economical and doesn't provide the service that is required we won't do it," said LaFreniere.

Piscataway schools personnel director retiring

By CHERYL ORSON Correspondent

PISCATAWAY - Former Piscataway High School Principal John MacFadyen, currently the district's Director of Personnel, will be retiring as of this June.

MacFadyen, a graduate of Trenton State College from which he received his BA and Rutgers University from which he received his MA, began his career in the district as a math instructor at the high school on Sept. 1, 1966. Within his first decade teaching there, MacFadyen rose to the level of administrative assistant at the school in 1975. Some following this, MacFadyen was then was promoted to serve as one of the school's associate principals in January 1992.

Temporarily leaving the high school to advance in his administrative career, MacFadyen served as principal of Quibbletown Middle School from 1994 through 1997. After this however, he returned to the high school serving as its principal from September of 1997 through July 1, 2001. In July of 2001 MacFadyen

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promotion serving as Director of Personnel. Having served in this position for three years, MacFadyen has announced he is now ready for retire-

Throughout his 38-year district career, MacFadyen has remained a well-liked and respected teacher and administrator. Always known as a hands-on administrator, MacFadyen say district officials, took an active interest in every aspect of his district positions. Most importantly, state these same officials, MacFadyen, in all his positions throughout almost four decades of service, always put the students' best interests first.

"John (MacFadyen) is an administrator at the top of his game and will be missed by all staff and students who have known him throughout the years," said district Superintendent Robert Copeland in accepting Robert MacFadyen's resignation.

"He (MacFadyen) was always a guy interested that the students do well and succeed," said Assistant Principal Ralph Pennacchio who worked alongside received his final district MacFadyen for eight years.

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"He was the kind of guy you never felt you were working for but with," he said, stating MacFadyen was an asset to the district and will be

sorely missed. "His first priority was the students," said Interim students. Though stating he Assistant Principal Jerry Papariello, stating students respected him for this reamissed. It'll be a while before they find someone to retirement.

MacFadyen, for his part, said has always professed a "great love" in serving in his many positions and in doing so, helping to shape the lives of generations of district will miss being an active district member, MacFadyen said he will be active pursuson. "He certainly will be ing many other long-neglected personal interests in his

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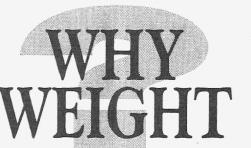
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ter, Elsie Stewart of Margate,

Fla.; a sister-in-law, Caroline

Siegelman of Plainfield; a

grandson, Jonathan Schwarz,

Jennifer Schwarz, both of

Hillsborough; her former hus-

band, Harry A. of New

Brunswick; and several

nieces, grandnephews and

Arrangements were by the

Cusick Funeral Home in

Somerville. In lieu of flowers,

donations may be sent to Rutgers Scarlet R Club, 7

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Washington College in 1942.

R. Irene Bode

DUNELLEN - R. Irene

Bode, 82, died Jan. 16, 2004 at

Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn.,

she was a daughter of the

late James and Elizabeth

Mrs. Bode lived in New

Brunswick and Edison before

moving to Dunellen in 1984. She worked 30 years on the

New Brunswick campus of

Rutgers University, retiring

in 1984 as the supervisor of

accounts receivable in the

Douglass College business

office. She worked for

Johnson & Johnson in New

Brunswick for 15 years before

She was a member of the

Scarlet R Club, Fan-ees Club,

Court Club and Cagers Club,

all for boosters of Rutgers

athletics. Mrs. Bode also was

a member of the Dunellen

Senior Citizens Club along

with the Women's Sewing

Circle at the First Reformed

joining the Rutgers staff.

Chuchka Lorincz.

Arlene Chanin

Chanin, 64, died Jan. 25, 2004 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in the U.S. Virgin Islands before moving to Middlesex in 1992.

Mrs. Chanin was an administrative assistant with Temple Har Shalom in

Surviving are her mother, Viola Bohanon; a son, Robert Clapp; a daughter, Sheree Cronin; a sister, Roberta Reed; and four grandchildren. Services were Wednesday at the Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in

Raritan. Donations may be

sent to American Cancer Society, 600 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869.

Gargiulo Karalis, 58, died Jan. 23, 2004 at St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital.

Lucille Karalis

Mrs. Karalis was born in Hoboken. She lived in Edison, Roselle, Cranford and Wayne before moving to Lincoln Park in 1999.

She was the pro shop manager at the Packanack Golf Club in Wayne, where Mrs. Karalis worked 25 years. She was a member of the Great Eastern Balloon Association. Surviving are her husband,

Ben; a daughter, Amy Smolinski; a son, Michael; a sister, Michelle Gargiulo; and a brother, Jeff Still.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, Wayne, following services at the Vander May Wayne Colonial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to American Cancer Society of New Jersey, 468 Parish Drive, Suite 6, Wayne, NJ 07470.

Teresa McVay

Coletta McVay, 80, died Jan. 22, 2004 at her home. She was born in Summit

and had lived in Middlesex since 1954. Mrs. McVay was a longtime

parishioner of Our Lady of Roman Virgin Catholic Church.

Her husband, Warren, died in 1985. A son, Edward, died Middlesex Rescue Squad.

Surviving are two sons, Tom and David; and a grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday at the Middlesex Funeral Home. Burial was in Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the

Jamie Lynn Murray PISCATAWAY - Jamie Lynn Murray, 20, died Jan. 18,

Ms. Murray was born in New Brunswick. She lived in Piscataway and Little River, S.C., before moving to Manville in 1998.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, John and Cindy of Manville; her mother, Christine Badalato of Little River, S.C.; a daughter, Alyssa Lynn of Manville; two sisters, Amber and Brittany; her

Edward Gill

his home.

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PISCATAWAY — Edward G.

Born Dec. 30, 1926 in

Plainfield, he was a son of the

late Percy E. and Kathryn A.

Mr. Gill graduated from Dunellen High School in 1945

and lived in Dunellen before

moving to Plainfield in 1979.

He had resided in Piscataway

He retired in 1987 after 21 years as the postmaster of the

Dunellen post office. Mr. Gill

earlier was a dispatcher for a

Dunellen taxi company and a

clerk in the law office of

Dunellen attorney Joseph C.

Mr. Gill also was the chair-

man of the board of the

Alliance for Disabled in

Action, based in Edison. He

Gill, 77, died Jan. 25, 2004 at

Robert and Connie of Piscataway; her maternal grandmother, Betty Badalato of Jacksonville, Fla.; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Monday at the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

In lieu of flowers, a trust fund will be established for Ms. Murray's daughter.

Monday Morning Advisory

Network in Middlesex County

and served on the advisory

council of the Middlesex

County Personal Assistance

He was a member of the

National Association of

Postmasters of the United

States and the Raritan Valley

Post-Polio Support Group. For

nearly 55 years Mr. Gill was a

member of the First Presbyterian Church in

Surviving are his wife of

nearly 25 years, Elizabeth

Shepard Gill; a brother, James

W. of Middlesex; a sister,

Helen Nitzsche of Columbus;

and several nieces and

A memorial service will be 2

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the

Mundy Funeral Home, 142

Service Program

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nephews.

Christopher DiCapua

Christopher Paul DiCapua, 8, died Jan. 23, 2004 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, He was born May 8, 1995 in

New Brunswick and lived in Middlesex for most of his life. Christopher attended the Specialized Hospital preschool and prima-

ry school in Fanwood. Surviving are his parents, Frederick and Peggy L. of Middlesex; a sister, Melissa at home; his paternal grandparents, Nicholas and Rose of Iselin; his maternal grandmother, Edith Dittemer of

South Plainfield; and his maternal grandfather, Howard Dittemer Inverness, Fla.

Services were held Monday at the Presbyterian Church, Brook, Bound Christopher attended. Burial Bound Brook was in Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home in Bound Brook. Donations may be sent to Batten Disease Support and Research Association, 120 Humphries Drive, Suite 2, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Gladys Dennison

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Gladys S. Snyder Dennison, 80, died Jan. 22, 2004 at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home in Bridgewater.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in South Plainfield for 52 years before moving to Bridgewater in 2003.

Mrs. Dennison retired in 1987 from the Piscataway campus of Rutgers University, where she was an office manager for the Graduate School of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering. She earlier worked for the Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey.

She enjoyed swimming as a member of the South Plainfield Community Pool. Mrs. Dennison also was a member of the Order of the

Howard Glock

Center

Born July 26, 1934 in

Plainfield, he was a son of

the late Robert and Edna

Eastern Star; Learning for Life, in Plainfield; and the Women's Circle at the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Elise of Plainfield and Jane Bauer of Englewood, Colo.; a son, William of Irvine, Calif.; a sister, Anna Trucks of Texas; and three grandchil-

Services were held Saturday at the Wesley United Methodist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601.

Riley School getting new playground

was a facilitator with the Dunellen Ave., Dunellen.

By CHERYL ORSON Correspondent

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Thanks to a lot of fund-raising activities and corporate and individual donations, Riley Elementary School will soon have a new playground.

Playground Committee Chairwoman Kelly Butrico explained three years ago, after a state inspection, it was discovered the school's original playground equipment was not in compliance with state and federal safety regulations. With the outdated equipment removed from school grounds, there was nothing left for the students to use during lunch recess periods.

There was also the cost of replacing the equipment to be considered with estimates ranging in the thousands of dollars. Riley School parents, however, remaining undaunted in facing this financial challenge, came together to form a Playground Committee to raise the necessary funds to

purchase new equipment. For two years, parents raised money through numerous creative fund-raiser activities including selling Kid Stuff coupon books and even serving up hand-shaved homemade Italian ices after school. Still, it wasn't enough. Meanwhile the school's grounds remained vacant with its students still having nothing on which to expend their

natural youthful energy. Not playing around any longer, Butrico gave up the kiddie campaigns and began sending out letters seeking donations from corporate entities, charitable groups and any other individuals whom she thought might take an interest in the project. Co-Chair Ann Schiavo helped with the fundraisers and letter campaign.

Having been disappointed with previous fund-raising efforts for years, they never expected the last-ditch effort would finally hit "play dirt."

Then the responses to the letters began coming in. Lehigh Utilities gave \$100, which was a start. The law firm of Johnston, Skok, Loughlin and Lane gave \$250, which was even better. Amersham Health donated \$300, raising hopes as well as playground possibilities. Prudential donated a sum of

Then something wonderful happened. Commerce Bank, recently having moved into the borough across from Municipal Hall on Plainfield Avenue and anxious to be a good neighbor, generously donated \$1,500, more than any other corporate entity had given. Even with this money in the back however, the parents were still short of the funds they needed to turn playground dreams into reality.

That's when the truly unexpected occurred. The local Elks lodge on New Market Road, upon receiving Butrico's letter and presenting it before committee, donated the outstanding amount of \$2,000 towards the playground, the largest single amount received from any donor.

"The next day we ordered the equipment," said Burtico, stating Riley School parents were both "surprised and very grateful" the Elks.

As soon as the weather improves and the ground thaws out, the new equipment will be installed. The new set, said Butrico, includes two separate units including two rock climbing walls, a roller slid, cliff climbers and "lots of other climbers." Now able to look towards the future, Butrico said the new equipment, bought with safety and durability in mind, should last the school for years and generations of students to come.

Golden Nuggets S E N I

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.

Feb. 16 and 17 — Dinner at Bill's II. Complete ham or chicken dinner. 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 per person.

March 15 and 16 - Dinner at Bill's II. Complete comed beef and cabbage dinner. 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 per person.

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For information, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Outsiders are welcome.

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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.

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

DunellenThe 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.

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

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

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South Bound Brook The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club, Inc. The club meets at 2 p.m. each

Wednesday at Our Lady of Mercy Church hall in South Bound Brook. Business meetings are conducted on the first Wednesday of the month and the following Wednesdays are socials when games are played and refreshments served. Blood pressure for members is ked on the second Wednesdays and boxes of pasta are donated to the BB/SBB Food Bank on a monthly basis. Membership is open to all seniors 55 years old and older residing in

South Bound Brook. For information call Catherine (732) 356-4080. Feb. 12 — Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - The Rainmaker (members only).

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For information, appointments or to register for programs, call the center at (732) 271-1646.

Local Arts Grants awarded to area towns

By CHERYL ORSON

The Middlesex County

Cultural and Heritage Commission has announced its 2004 Local Arts Grants recipients. The Commission has award-

ed funds to 48 arts groups, surpassing its previous record of 43 awards. The 2004 Local Arts Grants are funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Among the arts groups receiving awards are two from Piscataway. These are the Asian American Cultural Center which will receive \$1,900 and the Cantabile Choir of First Methodist Church receiving \$4,800.

Also among the selected arts groups are four from Edison. These include the Cleo Mack Dance Project, Inc. receiving \$1,900, the Edison Chinese Chorus receiving \$1,875, the Filipino Families and Friends of North Edison receiving \$1,500 and Huaxia Chinese School/Tai Chi Club of Edison receiving \$1,515. Three Metuchen arts groups

will also be receiving awards. The Forum Theater Company of Metuchen will receive \$2,100, the Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission will receive \$1,545 and the Metuchen Recreation Commission will receive \$2,010. Four Highland Park arts

groups will be receiving awards as well. These groups include the Highland Park Community Chorus receiving \$2,100, the Highland Park Department of Community Services receiving \$1,000, the Highland Park Recorder Society receiving \$4,100 and the Terra Firma Dance Theater will receive \$5,910.

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PISCATAWAY — Howard Weinzierl Glock. Glock, 69, died Jan. 21, 2004 at Muhlenberg Regional

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He was a retired security guard in the Plainfield area, most recently for Wackenhut Corp. Mr. Glock was in the Army in the mid-1950s and active in the Piscataway Little League.

He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

Surviving are a brother, Robert A. of Piscataway; three sisters, Dorothea A. Clemens of Meyersville, Nancy J. Fennimore of Basking Ridge and Joan A. Stalter and husband Wade of Hanover, Pa.; and 15

nieces and nephews. Services were Saturday at the Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was private.



Traditional tinsmithing program at Olde Towne

By CHERYL ORSON Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — On Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at East Jersey Olde Towne on River Road the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Folklife Program for New Jersey will Traditional hold Tinsmithing Presentation and Workshop.

The Traditional Tinsmithing Presentation and Workshop is designed to be a small handson demonstration suitable for ages 13 and up. Participants must register to attend the program as seating is limited. Registration requires two steps, including a phone call to the Commission and a nonrefundable materials payment of \$15 which must be received prior to the program to officially reserve the participant's place. The fee is

made out to the County of Middlesex/Cultural Heritage and may be sent via mail or hand-delivered to the Middlesex County Cultural

and Heritage Commission, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ, 08901

The event is the fourth workshop in the Carriers of Light series using workshops, lectures and other folk art events to celebrate the uses of light in many different cultures around the world. The project will span over the next two years and will culminate in 2005 with an exhibition at East Jersey Olde Towne Village

The series itself is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex Cultural

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payable by check or money Heritage Commission, New order only and should be Jersey State Council on the Arts, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. This particular presentation and workshop will be led by Master Tinsmither Walter Rissmeyer.

During the workshop, Rissmeyer will both demonstrate tinsmithing techniques and teach participants how to create their own tin votives using punch-design techniques. Workshop participants, having paid the required fee in advance, will receive a kit containing all materials necessary to create the tin votives including small sheets of metal, a punch to create the designs, a ball peen hammer to strike the height of tinsmithing's only) or 711 via the New serves popularity. Participants will learn to decorate and pierce the tin following the patterns and using the punch and ball peen hammer and then smoothing out the rough edges with emery paper, creating a beautiful votive that is theirs to take home and treasure along with the kit.

Potential participants are advised East Jersey Olde Towne is a fully accessible site. Further, an Assistive Listening System will be in use during the program. An American Sign Language interpreter can also be provided without charge upon a two-week advance request. For more information those interested can contact the Commission at (732) 745-4489. Individuals with hearthe punch and four punch ing impairments may call patterns used during 1800s, (732) 745-3888 (TTY users

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The Folklife Program for New Jersey was established by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission in 1990 to broaden the appreciation and availability of folk arts, folklore and folk life within Middlesex County. The program also identifies and pre-

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He will speak on the topic "Colonel Tye and the Black New Jersey Loyalists in the American Revolution" at 10 a.m. Feb. 7 at the First Baptist Church, Franklin Street, South Bound Brook. Members of the First Rhode Island Artillery Unit will act as Honor Guard and be on hand to answer questions and interact with the public.

Walling is president of The Friends of the Monmouth Battlefield, Inc. He has researched the Battle of Monmouth with a special interest in the ethnic and racial diversity of the Continental Army and is author of "Men of Color at the Battle of Monmouth."

Following Walling's presentation a lunch will be provided by The Women's Guild of South Bound Brook. Afterwards the public is invited to tour the historic Abraham Staats House, purchased by the borough of South Bound Brook in 1999. Staff will be on hand to discuss Black and local history, and provide details about the house as well as the slave and patriot, "Tory" Jack, a member of the Staats' household who spied on the British during the American Revolution. Exhibits of local American historian Joyce Smith will be on display at the house

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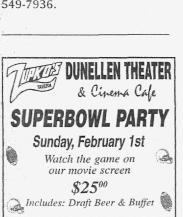
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Webraising is just one of dozens of volunteer efforts that some 5,000 students from The Art Institutes take part in each year, contributing more than a quarter million hours toward improving the communities in which they live and attend school.

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Multimedia and Web Design departments of The Art Institutes work closely with nonprofit organizations several weeks in advance, conducting research, learning about the organization and the population it serves, and the purpose of its Website. They then work for a period of 8 to 10 hours to meet the launch deadline date.

"Webraisings are a unique opportunity for Multimedia and Web Design students to put their skills to work creating a critical marketing and communication tool for these non-profit organizations that they otherwise might not have the resources to create for themselves," says Dr. Ameeta Jadav. She is coordinating the current effort underway.

In fact, many students who have participated in webraising events have continued to be involved with the organization as volunteers and Web site managers.

For Art Institute of Atlanta student Robert Horton, the experience of helping to raise a Web site for a local arts organization was overwhelmingly positive. "I liked the whole experience working with my team members and the organization representative," says Horton. "My participation means a lot to me; it says that I'm a part of something that's productive."

"While the goals of the event are to develop a strong partnership among students, schools and their communities, and provide our students with professional hands-on experience, perhaps most importantly, we hope to instill in them a life-long commitment to volunteerism," adds

Dr. Jaday. For more information on careers in Multimedia and Web Design and The Art Institutes, visit www.artinstitutes.edu/nz.

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Rutgers student claims self defense in 2002 fatal stabbing case

By CHERYL ORSON Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — Township resident and current Rutgers engineering student Alex Levine, 21, claimed self defense in the 2002 fatal stabbing of Bridgewater resident Angel Lopez, 19, for which he was charged with aggravated manslaughter.

During the beginning of his trial in Middlesex County Superior Court in New Brunswick, held before Superior Court Judge Bradley Ferencz, Levine, represented by defense attorneys Michael Lombardi of Edison and William Harth Jr. of Iselin, claimed he acted in selfdefense, drawing a knife and accidentally fatally stabbing Lopez after the victim and two other men allegedly attacked him outside a late night party held at the Rivercrest Apartment complex on the night of Oct. 6, 2002. Giving his account of the incident, Levine specifically said Lopez and two of his friends, Clayton Van Ness and Philip Geiger, allegedly attacked him, trying to rob him, knocking him down and repeatedly kicking him until he lay on the ground, gasping for breath.

Giving further details, Levine said after having had a dispute with Geiger earlier in the evening, he was leaving the party sometime before 3:30 a.m. when he and the trio met outside. Levine, stating he was trying to retreat, said he was scared and nervous as three men surrounded and threatened him. Levine said Lopez then grabbed him by the back of shirt and punched him in the face, while a punch thrown by Van Ness knocked him to the ground, where upon the three men began allegedly

Stating he never meant to hurt anyone, Levine said he drew the knife from his front shirt pocket, holding it over his years in prison.

head in an attempt to get the three to back off. In the ensuing struggle, Levine claimed Lopez fell on the knife, stabbing himself in the chest. Levine said he did remember stabbing Lopez in his neck or back, providing no explanation of how these wounds were sustained by the victim. Van Ness and Geiger deny any participa-tion in the fight between Lopez and Levine.

Countering Levine's account of that night, Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor Judson Hamlin said it is the prosecution's belief Levine instigated the fight during which he intentionally stabbed Lopez in the chest, neck and back, leaving him to die while Levine himself hid in the laundry room of the neighboring Mayflower Apartment complex for more than an hour, waiting for friends to pick him up. Upon arriving on the scene, medics rushed Lopez, a former Bridgewater-Raritan linebacker, to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, where he died about an hour later.

Hamlin also pointed out several inconsistencies between Levine's current testimony and a statement he had previously given to police on the night the incident occurred. Hamlin said Levine told police on the night of the incident that he pulled the knife from his right boot, not his front pocket as he was now claiming. Hamlin also said Levine curiously failed to mention the previous fight with Geiger in his police account. Lastly Hamlin wondered aloud if Lopez was the aggressor as Levine claims how he could have been stabbed in the back.

Attorneys said the trial is expected to be completed next week. If convicted of aggravated manslaughter Levine could face up to 30

Toy drive success



Dunellen Cub Scout Pack 26, with roughly 70 scouts, collected piles of brand new unwrapped toys for the Faber School Toys For Tots

Food historian to hold many February events

historian and tea specialist, will hold several programs this February.

Sunday, Feb. 1 will be "Caribbean Foods and Customs" at the Old Bridge Public Library, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge. Free to the public but pre-registration is a must. This is a very popular program there may be two programs on Sunday. Call (732) 721-5600, ext. 2313 for times and to regis-

Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. will be "Root Cellars and Ice Houses" — a lecture, cooking demo and tasting - at The Crane House, Orange Road, Montclair. Admission call (732) 826-5527

Judith Krall-Russo, food charged. For more information and reservations call (973) 744-1796.

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. will be "Blueberries: New Jersey's Wonder Fruit" at the Mendham Borough Library, 10 Hilltop Road, Mendham. Free to the public. For reservation call (973) 543-4152.

Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. will be "Food and Libations of Past Presidents" - a lecture, cooking demo and light refreshments - at the Proprietary House in conjunction with The Fellowship for Metlar House, 149 Kearny Street, Perth Amboy. Admission Fee. For reservations and more information

No street parking during snow storms

By CHERYL ORSON Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — An ordinance prohibiting parking on municipal streets during snow emergencies adopted by the Council.

The ordinance was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Councilman Hardenburg being the sole dissenting vote. Hardenburg said, though he thinks the ordinance is a good idea, he believes there will be problems with its implementa-

The law goes into effect in 20 days with the township to use PCTV, its newsletter, the news media and Reverse 911 to notify residents of the new legislation. Fines range from \$25 for a first offense to \$100 for repeated offens-

Hardenburg, representing the old Arbor district which has short, narrow driveways, said the notification process is faulty

"There are still questions out there I haven't seen an answer to," said Hardenburg, stating the township has taken something which is basically a good idea and using a heavy-handed approach as a solution.

Hardenburg said the current Reverse 911 system is too slow to notify residents of a snow emergency; taking several hours to call all 50,000 residents. He questioned the possibility of call-

ing residents at 2 a.m. waking them up to tell them move cars which had already been removed.

As for PCTV, Hardenburg said not everyone has cable TV. He said there are parts of the township where cable has simply never been strung as the cost would be prohibitive.

But those members of the public present said they are in favor of the ordinance, which they said has been way too long in coming.

"People who have too many cars should plan for this," said Ken Bietz. "If they can afford the cars they can afford garages or driveways.

"It's an ordinance which is dear to my heart," agreed resident Eric Leer. "It's no more than common sense and common courtesy to neighbors. I'm with it."

Council members and Mayor Brian Wahler also said they, too, believe the ordinance is a good one though possibly needing some tweaking in the future.

"We are educating the public (about the ordinance),' said Councilwoman Millie Scott, stating some residents may simply have to park on the grass.

"These days everyone is aware (of news and weathsaid Councilwoman Loretta Keimel. "It's going to take care of what safety issues now exist."

Black history displays

Americans of Character: Past, Present and Future Side-by-side exhibits of material from the private collection of Joyce Smith of South Bound Brook, which will reflect the national experience of African Americans, and memorabilia of local historic significance, courtesy of Heritage

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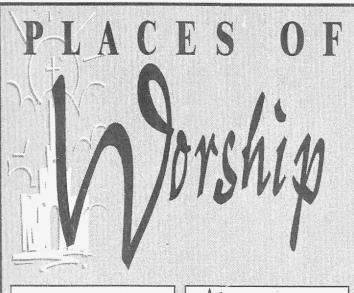
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Monday, Feb. 2

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Wednesday, Feb. 4

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Sunday, Feb. 8

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Lane, 1:30 p.m. (snow date Feb. 15). Free. (732) 752-5252 or (732) 463-8736.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Fundraiser Social for South Plainfield Historical Society. Police Athletic League, 1950 Maple Ave., 1-5 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. Tickets: (908) 755-3592 or (908) 753-6476.

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Area. First Presbyterian Church, 218 Dunellen Ave., 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9. (732) 356-0081

EDISON - Monthly Meeting of Raritan Bay Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals. Jade Dynasty, 925 Amboy Ave., 6:15 p.m. Feb. 10. \$20. Reservations: (732) 494-0500, EDISON - "Black History

Trivia" contest for Black

History Month. Edison Job Corps Academy, 500 Plainfield Ave., 7 p.m. Feb. 12. Free. (732) 549-7936.

EDISON - Electronic Violin with Caryn Lin Has. Main branch, Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., 2 p.m. Feb. 14. Reservations: (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1.

METUCHEN - AARP Trip for "The Rainmaker" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Bus leaves Borough Hall, 212 Durham Ave., 10 a.m. Feb. 26. \$55. Reservations: (732) 548-9395 by Feb. 12.

METUCHEN - Tricky Tray benefiting Home School Association of St. Francis Cathedral School. Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison, 8 p.m. March 5. \$30. Reservations: (732) 494-3499 or (732) 603-7303.

PISCATAWAY - "Marketing Magic" seminar for businesswomen. Small Business Development Center, 120 New England Ave., 9:30 a.m. Feb. 10. \$25. Registration: wbcnj@njawbo.org or (609) 581-2220.

PISCATAWAY - Clothing Drive benefiting Project Graduation of Piscataway High School, 100 Behmer Rd., 9 a.m.-noon March 20. (732) 463-7483.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Tea Bags, how to make them and fold them. South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave., 10:30 a.m. Feb. 9. Free; bring scissors, white glue. Registration required: (908) 754-7885.

Racing pinewood cars



Cub Scout James DeLello, 9, of Pack 30 Den 2 celebrates as his wooden car crosses the finish line during the annual Scout Pinewood Derby at Schor Middle School in Piscataway last weekend. And below, Tiger Cubs watch as their cars race for the finish line. The Pinewood Derby has become a Cub Scout institute since the first race in 1953 in California. More than 80 million car kits have been sold since that





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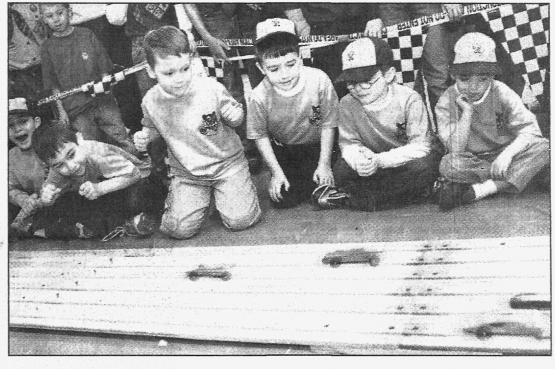
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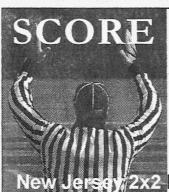
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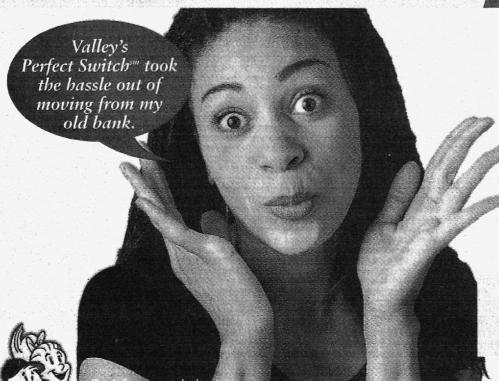
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Sports

Bound Brook, So. Plainfield, Stevens win

Facing a solid Jefferson team Monday, the Bound Brook High wrestling squad remained perfect for the season against New Jersey opponents as they led all the way in posting a 43-24 victory in a non-league match.

In improving to 9-3 for the year, Bound Brook won its fourth straight after dropping three close verdicts to Pennsylvania foes at the Zephyr Duals earlier this month.

Andrew Flanagan, who earned a 14-7 decision at the All-Star Invitational at Rider University Sunday, led the way with a 58-second fall, while the Crusaders also got pins from Jesse Harrington in 1:45 at 130 pounds and Steve Bradley in 5:32

Jose Abarca (112) won 9-0, Nick Murray (125) posted a 17-7 triumph, Jaime Martinez (140) claimed a 14-3 verdict and Rich Perry took the heavyweight bout 9-1 for major decisions for the Crusaders, who also got decision from John Jannuzzi (171) and a forfeit by Bryant Torres (215).

J.P. Stevens 35, Woodbridge 26 — Hamilton Cook recorded the only pin, while Rob Landico and Tom

Wilkinson logged technical falls as the J.P. Stevens High wrestling team won eight bouts to hand White Division-leading Woodbridge a setback in a GMC inter-divisional battle last Saturday.

In improving to 7-2, the Hawks used Cook's pin in 3:43 at 130 pounds along with Landico's 16-1 triumph at 103 in 4:45 and Wilkinson's 25-10 verdict at 189 in 5:03 to beat Woodbridge (5-3). Jeff Zannetti improved to 14-0 with a forfeit at

Anthony Maffucci contributed a 9-1 victory at 152 for a major decision, while Adam Choimoninsky (160), Pavel Stuchinsky (215) and heavyweight Steve Martini all won by decision for the Hawks.

South Plainfield 51, Bishop Ahr 13 - The Tigers easily rebounded from their first loss to hammer Bishop Ahr (5-4) Ahr last Saturday in a GMC inter-divisional battle that saw South Plainfield win all but three bouts including four by falls.

Viet Vo (112) in 2:44, Mike Jakubik (125) in 2:35, Kevin Crilley (215) in 1:59 and heavyweight Rob Maistickle in 1:22 recorded the pins

WRESTLING

for the Tigers, who also received a technical fall from Paul Ritchey (152), who won 16-1 in 4:59, and an 11-2 major decision from Pete DeAndrea (145).

Bound Brook 67, North Plainfield 12 - Allowing one fall while recording 10 of their own, the Crusaders won their third straight as they rolled to a Mountain Valley Conference victory over North Plainfield (6-5) last Saturday.

Jose Abarca (112) in 3:00, Nick Murray (125) in 1:32, Jamie Martinez (135) in 3:08, Steve Bradley (140) in 2:08, Andrew Flanagan (145) in 2:58, Chris Connor (160) in 2:40, John Jannuzzi (171) in 45 seconds, Steve Lawrence (189) in 4:40, Mike Roberts (215) in 25 seconds and heavyweight Bryant Torres in 38 seconds logged the falls for Bound

Middlesex 75, John F. Kennedy 6 -Registering 10 pins, including one in 12 seconds by Niko Kostolopulos at 103, one in 41 seconds by Dom

Nattoli (130), one in 45 seconds by Rob Wagner (171) and another in 59 seconds by Joe Bozzomo (160), the Blue Jays routed Kennedy last Saturday in a GMC inter-divisional

match to improve to 6-4.

Mike Hall (119) in 5:51, Nick
Desiato (125) in 3:40, Antoine
Thomas (140) in 5:07, Rob Ellery (152) in 3:32, Bryan Reilly (189) in 1:17 and heavyweight Chad LaSala in 2:32 also pinned fort Middlesex, which won all but one bout.

Piscataway 45, South Brunswick 21 - The Chiefs earned their first Red Division victory of the season and improved to 2-7 by blitzing South Brunswick (2-9) behind falls from Tim Lauria (130) in 5:38, George Williams (152) in 1:53, Kahlil McGrady (160) in 1:38 and Chris Jones (189) in 57 seconds.

Metuchen 61, Cardinal McCarrick 18 — John Nye registered a 30-second fall at 135, while Harry Peterson (145) in 1:05, James Alexander (152) in 3:16 Rich Nalepa (189) in 1:45 added falls as the Bulldogs topped Cardinal McCarrick (1-6) Jan. 23 in a Blue Division match. Dan Vinci (125) added a technical fall, winning 15-0 in 5:50, for Metuchen, which won 11 of 14 bouts, four of which were for-

Kittatinny 39, South Plainfield 23 - Facing highly regarded Kittatinny (11-1) in a battle of unbeatens Jan. 22, the Tigers took an early 11-0 lead as heavyweight Ryan Elliot decked his man in 1:07 and Jimmy Conroy followed with a technical fall (16-0 in 4:12), but managed two other victories the rest of the way.

In losing for the first time after eight triumphs, South Plainfield snapped an eight-bout losing skein when Guy Severini pinned in 1:10 at 160, while Kevin Crilley later needed only 16 seconds to flatten his opponent at 189 fort the Tigers' other win.

J.P. Stevens 55, Edison 12 — In the match for township bragging rights Jan. 22, the Hawks received falls from Anthony Howard (135) in 3:57, Will Miehe (145) in 2:46 and Steve Martini (215) in 4:35 and a technical fall from Jeff Zannetti, who earned his 100th career victory, to coast past Edison in a Red Division encounter. Mike Grogan (14) logged a 52-second fall for the Eagles.

Piscataway captures 4th straight victory

Facing a strong New Brunswick squad in GMC-interdivisional battle Monday night, the Piscataway High boys basketball stretched its winning streak to four and improved to 8-5 with a 56-49 triumph.

After taking a 32-23 halftime lead, the Chiefs surrendered the advantage on a 17-8 third-quarter surge by New Brunswick (9-3) that tied the game at 40-40, but Piscataway had an answer as it outscored the Zebras 16-9 during the final eight minutes to earn the victory.

New Brunswick actually took a 42-20 edge on a dunk by Dwayne Jarrett — one of six in the game for the Zebras before Piscataway got going behind Charles Johnson, who scored the first five points in a 10-1 that gave Piscataway command. Johnson also finished the fourth period with five rebounds.

Manny Perrotte turned in another strong all-around performance for the Chiefs as he dropped in a game-high 19 points while collecting eight rebounds and five assists. Brandon Beckford and Scott Miller chipped in with 11 points

Highland Park 40, Middlesex 34 — With an opportunity for their first GMC-Blue Division victory within their grasp, the Blue Jays could not protect a 26-22 lead entering the final period and lost to Highland Park, who won with an 18-8 fourthquarter surge, Monday night.

In falling to 2-10 overall and 0-10 in the division, Middlesex received 15 points from Albert Carter, but no one else had more than six and the Blue Jays' failure to contain Anthony Bey proved costly as Bey accounted for 22 points for the 3-10 Owls, who have beaten Middlesex

Brearley 86, Bound Brook 42 Anthony Persaud tossed in a career-high 21 points but he didn't get much support as Bound Brook dropped an MVC-Sky Division verdict to undefeated Brearley (10-0) to fall to 0-12 for the season. Steve Lobman had seven points for Bound Brook, which fell behind 36-16 by halftime and 60-26 after three peri-

South Plainfield

BOYS BASKETBALL

Yorkstown 39 - Following a slow start the Tigers went on a tear during the middle periods to outscoring visiting Yorkstown (6-6) of New York 38-14 in the middle periods for a non-league victory as unbeaten South Plainfield pushed its winning streak to 14 straight last Saturday.

Trailing 17-14 after eight minutes the Tigers got their act together during a 20-8 second quarter for a 34-25 halftime advantage. Darren Smith, who finished with 19 points, scored the first six points in a 14-2 run that finished the first half. Smith added six rebounds and

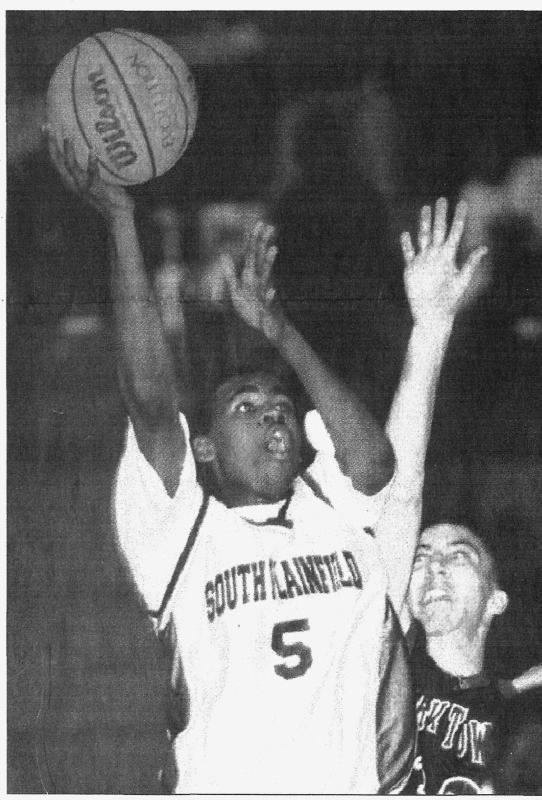
Marquis Jones and Ian Robinson followed with 12 points apiece with Jones adding seven rebounds and five steals, while Corey Gilmore collected 11 points and six steals.

J.P. Steens 43, East Brunswick 41 — After losing a 30-26 lead at the start of the fourth quarter the Hawks won this GMC-Red Division game in overtime when Jason Callender stole the ball and turned into a layup to give Stevens a victory over East Brunswick (5-7) last Saturday.

Naglis Gaitamaichivis tossed in a game-high 17 points for the Hawks, who improved to 4-8, while Callender finished with nine points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

South Plainfield 65, Carteret 36 - Opening a 32-14 lead at halftime following a pair of 16-7 quarters, the Tigers breezed past Carteret (2-10) Jan. 23 in White Division play behind 16 points from Darren Smith. Marquis Jones chipped in with 10 points, while Ian Robinson added eight for South Plainfield, which led 54-26 after three periods.

South Brunswick 58, Edison 34 — A 13-4 opening session left the Eagles in a hole early, and while they were still in the game at halftime at 20-14, they couldn't keep pace with powerful South Brunswick (12-1) in a GMC-Red Division loss Jan. 23. Kurt Gregory's seven points led the Edison offense.



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South Plainfield High's Darren Smith goes up for two of his 19 points during the Tigers' 62-39 victory over Yorkstown (N.Y.) last Saturday. It was the 14th straight triumph for the unbeaten Tigers.

Tigers take White lead; Hawks, Chiefs escape

Squaring off with a strong Colonia squad in an GMC inter-divisional game Monday night, the unbeaten Middlesex High girls basketball squad showed it can play with the bigger schools as it posted a 44-38 victory to move to 12-4 for the campaign.

Colonia (10-3), on the top White Division teams, gave the Blue Jays all they handle for quarters Middlesex broke away from a 32-32 stalemate with a 12-6 final quarter, which included a 12-3 game-closing run after the Patriots had taken a 35-32 edge. Middlesex converted six of seven free throws in the final period.

Dana Ferraro turned in a huge performance as the senior dominated the game with 19 points, 12 rebounds, eight steals and two blocks shots. Jessica Wells and Nicole Bizzomo contributed 11 and 10

points, respectively, for the Blue Division-leading Blue

J.P. Stevens 42, Union Catholic 37 - Facing a strong Union Catholic squad noted for its defense, the Hawks used a big third quarter to turn the tide in their favor and post a non-conference Monday night to improve to 12-1 for the campaign.

Stephanie Marciano scored seven points during a 16-10 third-quarter run by Stevens to put the Hawks in command, and the senior guard finished with a game-high 16 points and five assists. Tania Kennedy chipped with nine points and Ayanna Way added seven for Stevens.

Piscataway Brunswick 42 — Getting a bigger challenge than might have been expected, the Chiefs clawed their way back from a 19-11 first-quarter deficit to

GIRLS BASKETBALL

avoid the upset against New Brunswick (7-5) in a GMC crossover game Monday night. Lauren Guarneri, who led Piscataway with 16 points, scored five in the second period when the Chiefs rallied for a 28-25 halftime advantage. A 10-5 third quarter gave Piscataway a 38-30 cushion before the Zebras made it interesting. Nicole Lilenfeld and Vinesha May chipped in with eight points apiece for the

Highland Park 51, Edison 41 - Coing a pair of 1,000-point scorers in Corrie McIntyre and Christen Paras, the Eagles allowed 17 points to both Highland Park standouts and dropped a GMC interdivisional contest to the Owls (10-3)

Monday night to slip to 1-10 for the year. Heather Dauber's eight points led the Edison

South Plainfield 41, Perth Amboy 39 — In a showdown for first place in the GMC-White Division last Saturday, the Tigers had the final response in another battle with Perth Amboy (7-4) as South Plainfield won the game with a 13-6 fourth-quarter surge.

In avenging a loss to the Panthers in their holiday tournament final, South Plainfield improved to 10-1 for the season and 5-0 in White play. It was Perth Amboy's first division loss. Jessa Jones, Ngozi Okparaeke and Danielle Arndt each connected for 10 points to lead the Tigers. Free throws by Jones and Okparaeke provided the final margin.

Piscataway 49, Franklin 40 In a cross-river battle played last Saturday, the Chiefs needed overtime before shaking off pesky Franklin (3-9) in a non-conference battle as Asia Jenskins connected on six free throws during Piscataway's 13-4 burst in the extra session to lead the

Lauren Guarneri popped in 17 points for Piscataway to pace all scorers, while Jenkins finished with 13 and Nicole Lilenfeld added 10 for the

Chiefs. J.P. Stevens 74, East Brunswick 46 - Ayanna Way poured in 23 points to lead the way as the Hawks routed East Brunswick (6-8) in a Red Division game Jan. 23. Tania Kennedy followed with 14 points for Stevens, which used a 19-8 second quarter to open a 32-19 lead at halftime, while Stephanie Marciano and Kathryn Ruhno added nine points apiece.

TRACK & FIELD

Shaw is star as Chiefs get 2nd

Tremaine Shaw turned in an outstanding effort for the Chiefs, but in the end Old Bridge's depth in the distance events proved too much for Piscataway High girls indoor track & field squad last week at the GMC Championships.

After placing second in the high jump where she cleared 5-2 during the first night of the meet, Shawn came back in the next session to win the 55-meter hurdles in 8.39 seconds, the 400-meter run in 59.37 seconds and run a leg on the Chiefs' winning 1600-meter relay squad to help account 38 of the team's 70 points.

Old Bridge, however, was able to defend its championship by scoring 24 points in the 3200, 20 in the 1600 and 16 in the 800 for 60 of the Knights' 80 points. Edison finished fifth with 21 points. In the boys meet Old

Bridge easily outdistanced Sty. Joseph's 65-43 to claim honors, Piscataway's 15 points were the best among area schools and that was good for seventh play.

In addition to Shaw's big performance, Piscataway girls received a runnerup finish in the shot put from Shealon Blanchard (33-4), while Ayanna West, Collene Cumberbatch and Michelle Losey completed the 4 X 400 relay unit that won in 4:12.25.

Losey and Gonzalez placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 55-meter dash Piscataway, while Toni-ann Thompson was third in the 55 hurdles and fourth in the high jump, and Losey was fourth in the 400.

Edison's Oghogho Aifuwa collected a third place in the 1600 behind the Old Bridge tandem and had a fourth in the 800, while teammate Jen Farvale took third in the shout put, where Metuchen's Laura Kuchar finished fourth.

Ron Fialk of J.P. Stevens turned in the top effort on the boys side by winning the 800 in 2:02.3 to account for all of the Hawks' 10 points. Curtis Ford was the big contributor for Piscataway as he placed fourth in the 50, sixth in the 400 and helped the Chiefs taking second in the 1600 relay in 3:39.87 behind Old Bridge (3:37.68).

Barry James of Edison placed third in the high jump, while Plainfield's Alan Dummett matched that finish in the 55 hurdles.

Briefs

Tax assistance for senior citizens

MIDDLESEX The Middlesex Borough Office on Aging and the AARP Volunteer Tax Assistance Program will provide tax help for borough residents age 60 and older.

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Winter story times at borough library

MIDDLESEX — Registration is ongoing for winter story times at the Middlesex Public Library.

The story times are on alternative Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. for 2 and 3 year olds, and alternate Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. There will be a bedtime story time for 3-5 year olds every other Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The mother/daughter book discussion group has a few openings and meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8 p.m. Call (732) 356-6602 for more

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Lincoln Day Pilgrimage

Feb. 8 in borough MIDDLESEX — The annual Lincoln Day Pilgrimage will be held 1:15 p.m. Feb. 8.

The event has been a borough tradition for more than 40 years and is organized by the Scouts. Residents are invited to attend.

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meets on Thursdays MIDDLESEX The Middlesex Swim Pool Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Middlesex Public Library, with the exception of May, June, July, August, September and October, which

Shade Tree Commission meets on Thursdays

are held at the pool.

MIDDLESEX Middlesex Shade Tree Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the municipal building. No meetings will be held during July and August.

Bus trip to Atlantic City on April 18

MIDDLESEX — The H.C. Pierce Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City April 18. Cost is \$21 per person.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at 10 a.m. The bus leaves at 10:45 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m.

For reservations, call Stacie at (732) 560-7531.

Pool needs person -

to manage snack bar MIDDLESEX — Middlesex Community Pool are planning already for next summer.

They have an opening for a responsible and motivated adult to manage the snack bar. This person would be responsible for staff supervision and procurement of inventory.

Applications are available at borough hall at the clerk's

Help build a playground 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 fourby-eight brick is \$75; the eightby-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 for

The Hazelwood PTO will be selling many other items such 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-

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 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 mes-

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 invit-

ed to attend. For more information and to learn more about what's happening on council log and campaign 2003 on to www.gopmid-

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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.

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 Middlesex Republican Organization is selling home inte-

rior 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

Call Tracy Abate at (732) 563-2258.

Hazelwood School collecting soup labels

MIDDLESEX — Hazelwood School is participating in Campbells' 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 and Watchung elementary schools are collecting Trash for Cash.

Old ink cartridges and old cell phones can be dropped of at the front office of the schools.

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Acupuncture lecture at health club

PISCATAWAY Acupuncture and Natural Healing Center of New Jersey presents "Acupuncture: Not Just for Pain."

Learn about Oriental medicine theories and treatments. The lecture is free but space is

The lecture will be held 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at FITNESS By Design, 20 Centennial Ave.

To register, call (732) 885-1200.

Tickets for NYC show available

PISCATAWAY Recreation Department has tickets available for "Movin' Out" March 7.

Orchestra seats, tickets \$105 per person, for a 3 p.m. matinee at the Richard Rogers Theater, 226 West 46th St., New York City.

Tickets must be paid for one month prior to the trip. The bus leaves the municipal complex at noon.

Call (732) 562-2382 for more information.

Open house at nursery school

METUCHEN Community Nursery School of Metuchen invites parents and children to an open house 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. Feb.

Registration is now being accepted for the school year beginning in September. Programs include morning or afternoon sessions, two or three days a week and a fiveday afternoon pre-k.

Call (732) 549-5105 for more information.

Monthly meeting of women's club

METUCHEN Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly membership meeting 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave.

Garden club hands-on program Feb. 9

EDISON — The theme for the Feb. 9 meeting of the Edison Garden Club is "Flower Arranging," a hands-on program.

The club meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Main Branch of the Edison Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.

Bookmobile winter book club beginning

PISCATAWAY Piscataway Public Library Bookmobile is holding a Winter Reading Club beginning Feb. 2 and ending March

Children up to sixth grade are invited to join by visiting the Bookmobile.

Kids Create Craft Program at library

PISCATAWAY Registration begins Feb. 2 for Kids Create Craft Program at

the J.F. Kennedy Library. The program will be held 4

Registration may be made in person or by calling (732) 463-1633, ext. 1.

Fund-raiser Social at PAL Building

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Historical Society's Fund-raiser Social will be 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 8 at the

PAL Building, 1950 Maple Ave. There will be refreshments, door prizes, social dancing, line dancing and instruction. Come as a couple or as a sin-

gle. All are welcome. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door.

For information and tickets, call Betty Lou Hamilton at (908) 755-3592 or Linda Mackenzie at (908) 753-6476.

Register for spring adult ESL classes

EDISON - The Edison Township Adult School will hold in-person registration and testing for the spring semester daytime adult English as a Second Language classes 9:30 a.m. Feb. 3 at the Continuing Education Center, 10 Blvd. of

Registration for evening adult English as a Second Language classes will be 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at Edison High School. Call (732) 452-4574 for information.

February meetings of borough woman's club

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The

February meeting of the G.F.W.C. South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club will be held 1 p.m. Feb. 5 at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Road.

The program will feature Catherine Dixon Leigh, author of "Lost in the Flood."

Visitors and new members are always welcomed.

For further information concerning membership or attendance at the program, please call (908) 754-7410.

AARP monthly meeting at church

METUCHEN Metuchen Chapter of the AARP will hold its monthly meeting noon Feb. 9 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Two days to play Scrabble in Edison

EDISON - The Edison Scrabble Club will now offer two weekly games at the Minnie Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave.

In addition to the 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday games, the club will also meet 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Participants vary in age and skill level. Registration is unnecessary.

For more information, call Walt at (732) 721-9218 or Lois (732) 906-5496.

Ponytail Softball registration begins

SOUTH PLAINFIELD 2004 Ponytail Softball registration began Jan. 5 and ends March 5.

Open to all borough girls age 8-13. All games are played at Pitt Street Park.

Fee is \$35 per participant. No refunds. Birth certificate is required. Proof of residency required for new participants. Contact the Recreation Department for more informa-

Civil Rights Display

tion and forms.

at J.F. Kennedy Library

PISCATAWAY — A Civil Rights Display, provided by Helen Boone of the Piscataway Civil Rights Commission, will be featured in the display cases at the J.F. Kennedy Library during January and

Kindergarten orientation Feb. 5

METUCHEN — Parents of

borough children who will have reached the age of 5 by Oct. 1, 2004 are invited to a kindergarten orientation meeting Feb. 5 at Moss School on Simpson Place.

Classrooms will be open 7-7:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow in the all-purpose room. Curriculum and registration procedures will be discussed.

The meeting is for adults only, children will be invited to visit at a later date.

Get Up & Dance at Metuchen YMCA

METUCHEN Metuchen Branch YMCA is accepted registration for Get Up & Dance program for children. The program includes jazz,

ballet, modern and hip hop dance styles.

from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

600 North Avenue

(Garwood Border)

The program is on Thursdays

bers, \$40 for non-family members. For more information, call Julisa Fiumaro at (732) 548-2044.

HAWKS helping kids with their homework

METUCHEN — Helping Another Wonderful Kid Succeed (HAWKS) is a John P. Stevens High School club that volunteers its time during the week to help children enrolled in aftercare at the YMCA with their homework.

They meet Monday and Wednesday at the Metuchen YMCA, 65 High Street. Call Christine Tolley at (732) 548-2044 for more information.

Playgroups at B.R.A.T.Z.

METUCHEN — Baby Playgroup will be held each Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon,

regular playgroup will be held Cost is \$32 for family memeach Monday 10 a.m. to noon at

B.R.A.T.Z., 24 Jersey Ave. Family Friends is a non-profit parenting group. For more information, call (732) 828-6600.

Entertainment

books for sale

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling entertainment books for \$30.

Contact Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

75-minute swim and gym class at YMCA

METUCHEN — The Metuchen YMCA is offering a toddler 75minute 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.

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Ordinance # 04-02 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES be adopted on first reading and that a public hearing will be held Monday, February 2, 2004 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, Dunellen, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE #04.03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey, as rollows: SECTION 1. The salary and wage plan for the year SFY2004 for employees whose positions are listed below shall

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SECTION 2. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed. SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Robert J. Seader, Mayor

LEGAL NOTICE SOMERSET SAVINGS BANK

SOMERSET SAVINGS BANK
Notice of Annual Meeting
Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the
Members of Somerset Savings Bank, SLA, 220 West
Union Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ. 08805 on Wednesday,
February 18, 2004 at 4:00 pm o'clock for the sole purpose of the election of Directors and to receive a report
of the Bank
Resolution 03-287
Bulk Variance - Denied
Schenck The polls for the election of Directors will be open 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Members of record at the close of business on December 21, 2003 will be entitled to vote at the

Thank you,
MICHAEL J. WALSH Carol A. Rice
Secretary Planning Board Secretary
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\$10.88 TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

tollowing resolutions were approved at the Sound Brook Planning Board Meeting of October 3: Application 290 Certificate of Non-Conforming Use Resolution 03-290 Talnagi 206 Bathgate Avenue Block 10, Lot 3

Application 291
Resolution 03-291 Certificate of Non-Conforming Use \$4.76 171 Clinton Street Block 52, Lot 8

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1586-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE
ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE,
CHAPTER 54 SECTION 54-9(A)
Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was
adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of
Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held
on the 27th day of January, 2004 in the Municipal
Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey,
Kathleen Anello
Borough Clerk
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B26 1T 1/31/04 ning Board Secretary B22 1T 1/31/04 TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT: The following resolutions were approved at the South Bound Brook Planning Board Meeting of August 19,

ication 289 Certificate of Non-Conforming Use plution 03-285-A Expansion on Non-Conforming Use/Addition Cynthia Jimerson 86 High Street Block 47, Lot 20

Application 288 Certificate of Non-Conforming Use

Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, New Jersey, New Jersey, Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.

Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1598-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1523-01
ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, BIRTH CERTIFICATES
AND DEATH CERTIFICATES BY THE REGISTRAR
OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH
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Kathleen Anello

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1601-04
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTION A CODIFICATION AND
RENUMBERING OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF
MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE
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Kathleen Anelio
Borough Clerk

Borough Clerk B29 1T 1/31/04

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1602-04
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTION EDUCATION AND
RENUMBERING OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE;
REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL
CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED
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Schenck 26 Madison Avenue Block 32, Lot 3

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is nereby given that the browingh Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held on the 27th day of January, 2004 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey. Kathleen Anello Borough Clerk

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1597-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1560-02
REGULATING THE USE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK,
SETTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR USE

THEREOF, AND ALSO FOR REGULATING PARKING THEREIN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1604-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8-2 – BOARD
OF HEALTH COMPOSITION, TERM; VACANCIES
The above ordinance was introduced at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the Country of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on January 27, 2004 and will be truther considered for the final passage after a public hearing at a Public Meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, in said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, in said Borough on February 10, 2004 at 8:00 P.M.

Kathleen Anello Borough Clerk
B31.1T.1/3/104

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ENTITLED SHADE TREE COMMISSION,
CHAPTER 100
Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was

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NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE
AND SUMMARY
BOND ORDINANCE 1599-04
The Bond Ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on January 27, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Borough Hall, in the Borough of Middlesex on February 10, 2004 at 8 P.M. During the week prior and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours. Names and addresses of prospective point and with the lems of such bond ordinance follows:

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SIDEWALKS, CROSSWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATIONS 307,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$304,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTTHERE-OF
Purpose(s): The installation of new sidewalks, crosswalks and pedestrian signs at various locations throughout the

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and pedestrian signs at various locations throughout the Borough, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$307,000

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Section 20 Costs: \$57,0

THE COSTTHEREOF
Purpose(s): Improvements and/or the development of soccer fields, including irrigation, drainage and the acquisition of equipment, and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. Appropriation: \$272,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$270,000
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$240,000 Open Space Recreational Grant from the County of Middlesex
Section 20 Costs: \$32,000 Section 20 Costs: \$32,000 Useful Life: 15 Years

Useful Life: 15 Years

Kathleen Anello, Borough Clerk
This notice if published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.
\$13.60

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1594-04
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1455-99 - THE SWIM
POOL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH
OF MIDDLESEX

OF MIDDLESEX

The ordinance published herewith was introduced at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on January 27, 2004 and will be further considered for the final passage after a public hearing at a public meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, in said Borough on February 10, 2004 at 8:00 P.M.

Kathleen Anello

New Jersey Department of Transportation

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recognized profession, the practice of which is regulated Local Public Contracts Law requires that the Resolution authorizing the hiring of professional services without competitive bids be publicly advertised, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the BOROUGH COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of SOUTH BOUND BROOK, that it hereby ratify, confirm and approve the appointment of the following to perform professional services for the Borough of South Bound Brook during the year 2004:

Suplee, Clooney and Company
Mr. Franklin Whittlesey
Mr. William Cooper,III
Borough Attorney Mr. Henry Rzmieniewski \$1,080,118 Rogut & McCarthy, P.C. Borough Court Judge Bond Counsel

Mr. James R. Wronko Mr. Dennis Hudacko Borough Planner Resolution be published in the Chronicle, Bound Brook

Resolution be published in the after it's passage.

The forgoing resolution was passed by the governing body at it Regular Council meeting on held January 13, 2004.
BY ORDER OF THE Governing Body
Jo-Anne B, Schubert Mayor Attest:Donald E. Kazar

70,000 65,000 \$15.30 Borough Clerk B38 1T 1/31/04

BOROUGH OF SOUTH BOUND BROOK
ORDINANCE 04-02
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed
Ordinance was introduced and passed on a first reading
at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of
South Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of
New Jersey, held on the 13 Th day of January, 20-04 said
ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for
final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to
be held at its meeting room in the Borough Hall, South
Bound Brook, New Jersey, on the 10th day of February at
8:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be
reached, at which time and place all persons who may be
interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard
concerning the same. interested therein will be given an opportunity to be neard concerning the same.

During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available, at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall of the borough.

The summary of the ordinance is as follows The summary of the ordinance is as follows:

Title: An ordinance entitled: Amending a portion of Chapter IV of the revised General Ordinance in the Borough of South Bound Brook.

Purpose: To regulate Massagists and Massage establishments by requiring a license to engage in said practice within the Borough of South Bound Brook and pro-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on a first reading at a meeting of the Borough of South Bound Brook, and provided on the 26 Th day of January, 2004 said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Hall, South Bound Brook, New Jersey, neld on the 26 Th day of January, 2004 said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Hall, South Bound Brook, New Jersey, on the 10th day of February at 8:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available, at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall ordinance will be available, at no South Bound Brook, Council to a flort day of Petruary at size of New Jersey. The sortinance will sets for the Borough of South Bound Brook and provided the service of the full ordinance will be available, at no South Bound Brook, Council to be held at its meeting opies of the full ordinance will be available, at no South Bound Brook, Council to be held at its meeting opies of the full ordinance will be available, at no South Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey.

Purpose: This ordinance will sets forth regulations regarding low and moderate income housing units in the Borough of South Bound Brook and the Borough of South Bound Brook and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:39 et.seq as effective on June 6, 1994. These rules are pursuant to the Fair Housing Act of 1985 and the Borough of South Bound Brook and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:39 et.seq as effective on June 6, 1994. These rules are pursuant to th

Donald E. Kazar
Borough of South Bound Brook
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