Work begins on cancer center

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

SOMERVILLE - Nearly a year after Somerset Medical Center first planned to begin construction of a stand-alone cancer treatment center, work is finally starting this week.

Construction on the freestanding cancer center, located on the corner of Rehill Avenue and Main Street, will begin with concrete footings for the building being laid, according to Kenneth Bateman, president and CEO of the hospital.

Construction was delayed because the hospital decided to build and own the center itself, rather than and the hospital have agreed to let ted to the Paul R. Nardoni Oncology

have a developer handle the project, emergency and law enforcement per- Pavilion, which opened recently. as was originally planned.

The announcement was made Tuesday as members of the Somerset Medical Center administration, local officials and neighbors of the hospital met to hear an update about ongoing expansion work at the hos-

"We felt it good to bring everybody together to facilitate communication," Mayor Brian Gallagher said after the meeting.

"It looks like the cancer center is back on track and moving forward," said Bateman, noting that the town

sonnel do demolition drills on houses that will be taken down to accommodate the construction.

The three-story, 63,000-square-foot outpatient cancer center will include out-patient treatment rooms, will house a research team, which can enroll patients in clinical trials offered through The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, the sanofi-aventis Breast Care Program, oncologists' offices and a chemotherapy pharma-

Those requiring hospitalization during their treatment will be admit-

During Tuesday's meeting, neighbors of the medical center gave their opinions about a variety of issues -

from traffic to the building's façade. Traffic and parking remain key concerns for residents, with some saying those visiting and working at the hospital are parking on residential streets, adding the hospital's current entrances and exits add traffic through residential streets.

Borough officials and the state Department of Transportation have

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More than two months after wrapping up a post-season berth, the Somerset Patriots will finally begin their quest for the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball playoff championship Tuesday when they take the field for the opener of the bestof-three South Division series. The Patriots are seeking their third league crown in the last five years. Page B1.



Making progress

The months of waiting are over. And the moment that so much of the old home is gone that it looks brand new is bittersweet. For Fawnda Genovese-Garcia and her husband, Felix Garcia. the construction process following a fire that destroyed their Green Brook home can be a confusing road with unexpected twists and turns. Page A8.

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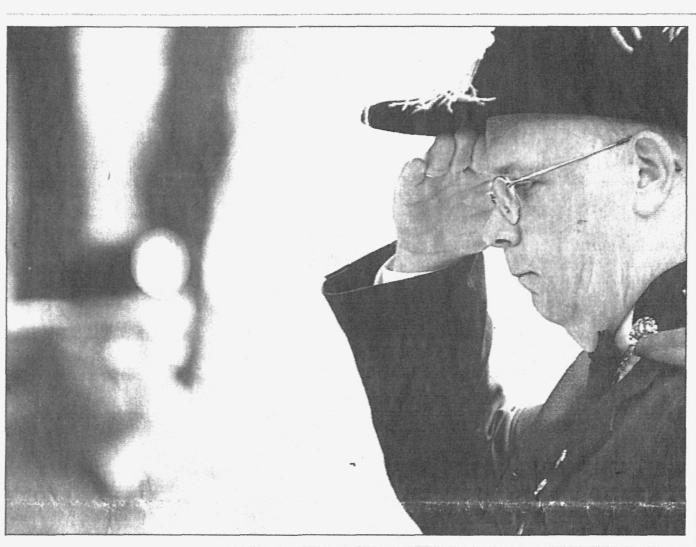
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Never to be forgotten

Pictured above, Al Miller, at left, of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233 joins in as Knights of Columbus member Larry Makoski of South Plainfield salutes after lighting a candle for POW/MIAStaff Sgt. James Kennedy of Pine Hill. A 24-hour vigil honoring those who are prisoners of war or remain listed as missing in action was held last weekend in Metuchen. At right, Betty Hixon lights a candle for POW/MIA Josen Puggi of Pleasantville.

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Seminars to explain drug plan

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Middlesex County Department on Aging will host four free seminars on the new prescription drug benefits under Medicare Part D to help inform county seniors about the choices they will need to make to enroll in the new program.

Specialists from the state Department of Health and Senior Services will conduct the seminars.

"We feel this is a very impor-tant issue and all beneficiaries should be as fully informed as possible before making their decisions," said Freeholder Blanquita B. Valenti, chairman of the county Human Services and Aging Committee. "Choosing a Medicare prescription drug plan is a personal choice and the decision should only be made after carefully reviewing all the options. We hope these four free information seminars will answer some questions people have about Part D."

The seminars will be held at these locations and times: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday -

Piscataway Senior Citizens Center, 700 Buena Vista Ave. - 10 a.m. Oct. 14 - East

Brunswick Senior Citizens Center, Jean Walling Civic Center Drive

- 12:30 p.m. Oct. 20 - South Brunswick Senior Citizens Center, 540 Ridge Rd.

- South 1 p.m. Oct. 24 Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Enrollment for the new drug benefit begins on Nov. 15 with the program going into effect on Jan. 1. If residents do not join a Medicare prescription drug plan by May 15, Medicare beneficiaries will pay a higher premium.

Anyone who has prescription drug coverage, such as that from an employer or union, may not need to enroll if her coverage is at least as good as the standard Medicare prescription drug cov-

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Rep. Frelinghuysen hosts town hall event

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

SOMERVILLE — Over 50 area residents attended a town hall meeting with Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen at the Somerset County Administration Building last Saturday, peppering the politician with questions about everything from environmental protection for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the decline of personal responsibility.

One of the youngest members in attendance, 11-year-old Scott Bieda, hopes to someday hold the same job.

"I liked when he talked about the Constitution. That was my favorite part in Social Studies," said Bieda, who will be traveling to Washington D.C. as part of the People to People volunteer program. "I wanted him to meet the local representative before he

went down to D.C.," said his mother, Carol Bieda. The Bridgewater student got a glimpse of the congressman

in action, responding to his constituents' concerns. "Things could have been done better, much better," said Frelinghuysen, discussing the Hurricane Katrina relief effort in New Orleans. "It made my blood boil to see all those school buses under water. As we rebuild, we need to examine the best course of action."

However, Frelinghuysen said that the congressional response was appropriate, given what he described as "the

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Members of the Port Authority Pipe and Drum Corp. begin the fourth annual Blue Mass held at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church in Middlesex on Tuesday. The Blue Mass honors all active and deceased local, county, and state law enforcement officials in the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties.

Work begins center

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been studying traffic signals to meter traffic into and out of the Rehill Avenue neighborhoods, according to council member Sean Decker, and the borough has limited the on-street parking on Grant Avenue to two hours before 2 p.m. That way, physicians can come in and do rounds, but day shift employees will not be able to park for their entire shifts.

Bateman offered to fund a traffic study after the lights are put into place to try to determine how to better manage traffic flow into and out of the main entrance, emergency room

center entrances as well as work to improve signage.

According to those living around the hospital, when the expansion first began they felt excluded from the process and felt the hospital was not addressing their

"It took you a year longer and cost you more money," said Tom Hahn, one of the original opponents, who said the residents had wanted a dialogue with the hospital. No one went home happy."

Now, through a series of meetings that began two years ago, the neighbors will be kept up to date on work at the hospital.

"We're keeping the neighbors informed so there are entrance, and the cancer no surprises," said Bateman.

Rep. Frelinghuysen hosts event

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devastation that has been wrought on Louisiana, Alabama, and Missouri."

"I thought it was imperative, as your representative, to act quickly," he said, noting that some of his colleagues from the area have told him there are places where no trees or houses are left.

Frelinghuysen also addressed the audience about the war in Iraq. "I think that they (U.S. troops) are

doing the work of freedom," he said. "The work they're doing over there, to my mind, is directly linked to our safety at home."

When asked how long troops would be serving in Iraq, he responded that the military would not advertise its departure. "We would like nothing better than it, but there's this notion that we can set a date," he said. "We will be out of there as soon as we get the Iraqi army and police on their feet."

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Forum to seek Hispanic input

Two public forums have been scheduled to solicit ideas from Hispanic residents from throughout Middlesex County on the creation of the Middlesex County Hispanic Affairs Commission.

Freeholder Blaquita B. Valenti, chair of the County's Human Services and Aging Committee, said a task force established by the Board of

Chosen Freeholders is attempting to seek input on the roles and responsibilities of the proposed commission.

The first forum was held on Sept. 20; the second forum is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Alexander Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St. (off Market Street), in Perth

"As a Hispanic leader in

Middlesex County I am requesting your assistance to make the public forum(s) a success," Valenti said. "Creating the Middlesex County Hispanic Affairs Commission is an exciting initiative and is an opportunity to highlight and take action

Hispanic community."

"We established the Hispanic Affairs Task Force to help us to

Hispanic community more effectively," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel. "These forums and the information we get from them will help us do that.'

Bilingual Rutgers University researchers will be present at the forums to record all information generated. For more information call (732) 247-4903.

Briefs

Methodist Women has planed rummage sale

BOUND BROOK - The United Methodist Women hold their fall rummage sale in Asbury Hall at the Bound United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave.

Sale hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 9 a.m.noon Saturday, Oct. 8. Clothing for men, women and children is offered along with all kinds of household goods.

In addition, there will be a "Paper or Plastic" sale Oct. 8 when you can fill up a paper shopping bag for \$3 or a plastic shopping bag for \$5.

Piscataway Township offers free martial arts

PISCATAWAY - Free martial arts classes for Piscataway residents begin the week of

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Knights of Columbus

plan weekend sale SOUTH PLAINFIELD -The Knights of Columbus continue their annual sale of mums this weekend at the South Plainfield Rescue

Squad building. Sale hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25. Proceeds go toward two scholarships sponsored by the Knights, one to graduating high school seniors and one to a Grade 8 student attending a Catholic high school.

The Rescue Squad building is on Plainfield Avenue adjacent to the Municipal Building.

Woman's club has membership drive

SOUTH PLAINFIELD The Suburban Woman's Club is recruiting new members.

Women interested in serving their community are welcome to join. The Woman's Club participates in civic and community activities in the area. In addition to contributing to national and local charities,

the club sponsors a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from South Plainfield High School.

on key issues affecting the

For membership, program and activity information, call Grace Farinella at (908) 753-

Charity fashion show held in Piscataway

South Plainfield Columbiettes hold their annual charity fashion show and luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Spain Inn, 1707 W. Seventh St., Piscataway.

Members will model fall fashions from Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman, both in South Plainfield. Cost is \$30 and includes an all-you-caneat buffet meal.

For reservations, call Mary at (732) 968-6766 by Saturday, Oct. 15. Proceeds benefit charities supported by Columbiettes.

Women's club holds monthly meeting

METUCHEN Metuchen-Edison Woman's Club holds its monthly membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, every month.

Middlesex and Oak avenues.

Sue Dreifus presents a fashion show with fashions by Clothes to You, located in Metuchen. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Diana at (732) 548-0925.

Woman's Club members will sell baked goods at the Metuchen Country Fair downtown from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Rain dates are the following Saturdays, Oct. 8, 15 and 22.

Edison Garden Club to discuss outdoor birds

EDISON - The Edison Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 at the Main Branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield

Colleen Snow speaks about "Attracting Birds to Your Backyard." She is the owner of Bird Country in Tano Mall.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Mary Kobasz at (732) 549-3579.

Garden Club meetings are held the second Monday of

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erage. Medicare beneficiaries should receive a notice from their current plan about this.

"In November, when the enrollment applications are sent out, the [county] Department on Aging will have Medicare counselors available to help beneficiaries

understand plan better options," said Executive Director Margaret Chester. "Our trained counselors provide non-biased information and assistance and do not sell, recommend or endorse any specific insurance product, agent or insurance company."

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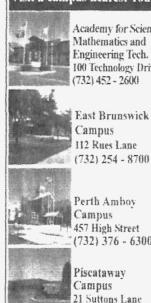
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Navy Airman Kevin J. Epps

Military Briefs

has returned from a threemonth training assignment in the Pacific. He is stationed aboard the USS Kitty Hawk, an aircraft carrier based at Yokosuka, Japan.

Epps graduated in 2002 from the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School in Piscataway.

Jennifer L. Kehres-Dolicker, a major in the Army Reserve, has been activated for U.S. Army duty in the Middle East. She has been in the reserves for 19 years and is a communications officer with the 78th Division based in Edison.

Kehres-Dolicker received a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary in 1986 and a master's degree from Seton Hall University in 1997. She is a 1982 graduate of John P. Stevens High School in Edison.

Alan H. Chen of Piscataway participated in the Summer Seminar of the United States Academy Annapolis, Md. The weeklong seminar is designed to give high school students a sample of life as a midshipman.

who attends Alan, Piscataway High School, is the son of Crystal P. and Brian Y. Chen.

Alan H. Chen, son of Crystal P. and Brian Y. Chen of Piscataway, recently participated in the U.S. Naval Academy's week-long summer seminar program in Annapolis, Md.

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Watchung school kicks-off fundraiser

MIDDLESEX Watchung Elementary School is kicking off its annual fundraiser of collecting empty computer printer cartridges - inkjet and laser and used cell phones.

All items donated to the school are recycled by the Watchung PTO, which earns cash for school programs and activities.

Drop off items to the Watchung School main office, 1 Fisher Ave. For more information, contact Kirsten Vogl at (732) 764-9733.

Knights of Columbus sponsoring soccer

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The Knights of Columbus #6203 are sponsoring a local level Soccer Challenge competition for all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 1 at the South Plainfield Soccer field, Kenneth Ave.

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Bound Brook church holds rummage sale

BOUND BROOK - The annual fall Rummage Sale of the Congregational Church, located at the corner of Church and High screets, and sponsored by the Women's Fellowship Group in the Education Building of the church, is being held Oct. 6-9.

The hours for the sale are 7.9 p.m. Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 and 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 8. Gn Oct. 8 there will be reduced

prices as well as "Fill a Bag." Call the church office at (732) 356-1293 for further details.

Tricky Tray event being held at school

MIDDLESEX - At 6 p.m. Oct. 14 the doors will open for the Watchung Elementary School Annual Tricky Tray event.

It will be held at the Mauger Middle School located on Fischer Ave.

The cost is \$5 per person and includes one sheet of tickets. The first call will be at 7:30 p.m.

Sandwiches and soft drinks will be available, complimentary coffee and desserts will be avail-

Dunellen church plans its anniversary dinner

DUNELLEN - St. Francis Episcopal Church, 400 New Market Rd., will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse of Green Brook at 6 p.m. Nov. 5.

There will be door prizes and entertainment.

Cost is \$18 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$6 for those under six years of age.

Call (732) 968-6781 or (732) 752-5608 for tickets and informa-

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Weekend Calendar

Monday, Sept. 26 PISCATAWAY - Alzheimer Program: 2 p.m. at F.E. Parker Home, 1421 River Road "An Overview of Alzheimer's Disease presented by Amy Matthews. Call (732) 545-3110 for details.

Saturday, Oct. 1

EDISON - Garden Club: Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will participate in Metuchen Country Fair with bouquets of dried materials, bird houses topiaries and more made by club members PISCATAWAY - Giant Yard Sale: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. North Stelton Vol. Fire Company, 70 Haines Ave. Spaces available for \$15. Call Margaret at (732) 985-0282 opt. 6 for details SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Soccer Challenge: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Plainfield Soccer Field, Kenneth Ave. Call John LoBosco at (908) 755-4914 for details.

IN THE FUTURE:

BOUND BROOK - Community Festival: Oct. 2 on Main Street from 1 to 5 p.m. Will bring entire community together with fun, food and entertainment to celebrate BOUND BROOK, sponsored by Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition. Contact Rich Reitman (908) 526-1390 or (908) 400-6061 for further details

BOUND BROOK - Annual Rummage Sale: Oct. 6, 7 and 8 at Congregational Church of Bound Brook, Church and High Street in Education Building. A large variety of items. Call church office (732) 356-1293 for

BOUND BROOK - Rummage Sale: Oct. 7 9:30a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 8 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Clothing and household items. Saturday, paper bag \$3, plastic bag \$5.

EDISON - Garden Club Meeting: Oct 10, 7 p.m. at the conference room at the main branch of the Edison Publich Library, 340 Plainfield Ave.featuring Colleen Snow on "Attracting Birds to your Backyard". Public is invited. Light refreshments will be served. Call Mary for details (732) 549-3579

MIDDLESEX - Watchung School Tricky Tray: Oct. 14 doors open at 6 p.m. at Mauger Middle School on Fischer Ave. \$5 per person. Light refreshments available, complimentary

coffee and desserts. MIDDLESEX - Craft Show: Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, 450 Drake Ave. wreaths, wood, fabric, American Girl Doll clothes, Christmas items and a lot more.

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The "it" is a referendum question that will appear on the ballot in November's general election asking if Somerset County residents would like a portion of the Open Space Trust Fund to be allocated toward improvements to existing

Right now the money is used to pur-chase "open space" — a broad term that includes everything from grassy meadows to farm fields to woody lots to land destined to become a baseball field.

The change would allow a portion of the money to be used to improve and maintain these spaces. The concept was discussed by some of its proponents during an editorial board meeting held last week at The Chronicle.

No more than 25 percent of the money put into the fund each year would be used this way, and, it was explained, in some years no money would be used at

The question comes on the heels of a Capital Improvement Study conducted on behalf of the county Parks and Recreation Commission, which concluded that some \$200 million should be spent over 20 years to keep up with the needs of county residents.

To help fund these improvements, the county would like to dip into the trust

There is no question that there is always a need to improve park facilities, and the county has been creative in ferreting out sources of funding from a variety of places. Come November, though, it will be up to voters to decide if dipping into the trust fund should be added to the list.

Letters to the Editor

School building needs work

On Sept. 27 the voters in Piscataway will have the opportunity to approve a referendum that will assure the construction of a new auditorium at Piscataway High School. I am writing to urge voters to

say "yes" to this initiative. The current auditorium in the Patton Building was designed for school assemblies at a time when enrollment was 500 students. In the past 50 years, the use of the

facility has changed dramati-

cally. Today, it serves as a per-

forming center for the school's outstanding band, orchestra and choral groups and supports the drama and public speaking programs. Fifty years ago there was no fine and performing arts requirement in the State curriculum, but there is today. The new auditorium is needed for these reasons.

The township does an excellent job in supporting recreation. Our outstanding Municipal Recreation Program receives significant support through the use of school athletic fields. We need to provide this same level of support to members of the community whose interest is in the performing arts, and a new auditorium will provide that support. In addition, the ability of township groups to use the new auditorium for organizational and community activities will help bring us all closer together.

PAUL A. HERMAN Piscataway Herman is a member of the Piscataway Board of Education

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Question of the week:

Are you still shopping around for gas?



AL SCHWEIKERT High Bridge "Yes, I still shop around for the best price available.



"I just go and get gas when I need it.



DAN FORTUNATO Princeton "Yes, I try to find the best rate I can — I've even passed stations that

seem to be too high."



JOHN HIGGINS "I go to my usual gas station and, fortunately, their prices are cheaper

than most."

Letters to the Editor

Fire department conducts drive

The Bound Brook Volunteer Fire Department will be conducting our annual Fund Drive in the month of September. Once again, we are requesting your financial support during this appeal.

Our solicitation for contributions is handled in two ways. The Fire Department volunteer firefighters will be seeking donations by going door-to-door to the residents of Bound Brook. This is supplemented with this mailing to the businesses, property owners, residents and friends who have donated so generously in the past.

For over 100 years, the Bound Brook Volunteer Fire Department has been ready to help 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Emergency

many duties the volunteer men and women perform when called upon. Our well-trained members provide fire prevention education and are always willing to assist in any emergency or non-emergency effort when requested.

Now we are seeking your support during this annual fund drive. All taxdeductible donations will be greatly appreciated. Please be as generous as possible.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

JAMES SUK

Chief, Bound Brook Fire Department BLAINE ALEXANDER Secretary/Fund Drive Chairman, Bound Brook Fire

Department

Auditorium hits golden years

To The Editor:

My wife Mary Ann and I are residents Piscataway. We graduated from Piscataway High School. My three children attended the Piscataway Schools and I am proud to teach business education at the same high school I attended.

Those of you who know me know that I tell it like it is. I am also frugal and like anyone else, do not want to pay unnecessary tax increases.

However, the school district's request for \$6.5 million to complete the new auditorium at Piscataway High School is absolutely necessary and I am urging all citizens to vote "yes" on Sept. 27. Approval of this request will cost less than \$25 per year for the average home-

The current auditorium is 50 years old It is too almost small to hold class meetings, educational assemblies, and choir or orchestra performances. It was built when our town had just 10,000 resi-

When the 11-12 building was constructed in the 1970s, there was no auditorium added for the increased student enrollment. Today, when Piscataway High School hosts Back-to-School Night or Open House for parents of eighth graders, people are lined outside in the hallways and they do not hear important information about the educational program.

Drama students cannot easily study lighting or stage design or theatre acoustics because the systems are so outdated. Our award-winning Notable Choir that has performed by invitation at Carnegie Hall, stages annual concerts at a township church where the acoustics are much

The time has come for us to provide Piscataway students with the necessities and this includes an auditorium Please go to the polls on Tuesday, Sept. 27, and vote "yes" to give our kids the school they deserve.

JERRY SZYMONOWICZ Piscutaway

Referendum deserves community support

To The Editor:

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, from noon to 9 p.m. the polls are open for you to vote "yes" on the Schools Building and Reconstruction Referendum.

U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine (D) said he would reform property taxes to be far fairer for property owners, especially those in hard hit, middleincome districts. His educational motto is to ensure that "Every Child Can Get Ahead" which means even more to each child's future than the federal motto, "No

Child Left Behind." For every Piscataway child

to get ahead, each one needs your "yes" vote. Whether a child you know is in a school desk, or in a bassinet, or coming soon to your family or a family near you, every child needs you to vote "yes" for this best investment of \$25 a year. Your investment in every child to get ahead is also a greater value investment in your home and prop-

> CATHERINE SUCHER GREELEY

Piscataway Sucher Greeley is a member of the Piscataway Township Board of Education

Open space funding question appears on ballot

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

Voters will be asked to decide this November about how to spend their money, specifically whether or not to add recreation to the list of things funded through the

Open Space Trust Fund. Currently, the Open Space Trust Fund is used to pay for land acquisition, farmland and agricultural preservation and historic preservation. Now that the county has reached its goal of 10,000 acres preserved, it is seeking to balance open space needs with growing demand for active recreation, such as playing fields, tennis courts, and playgrounds and pavilions, needs identified by a Capital Improvement Study

released last month. "We didn't have anything to

comprehensively look at the county. The population has grown immensely," Freeholder Director Rick Fontana said during an editorial board meeting held last week at The Chronicle.

The study included recommendations for \$200 million in capital improvements to parks and recreation around the county. "It's a staggering number when people hear \$200 million. But it's a 20-year plan," Fontana said.

To that end, the county will offer the voters the chance to decide whether or not money from the Open Space Trust Fund can be used for recreation projects. Currently, the tions and the ultimate deci-

fund can be used for land acquisitions, farmland and historic preservation. If the referendum is passed,

recreation would be added to the list, but not at the expense of open space purchases, which would remain a priority. The open space tax would

not increase, and no more than 25 percent of the funds collected in any given year could be used for recreation. If voters say no, however, the capital outlay for recreation

would come out of the general fund, as it does currently. The referendum will not change the way open space funding is allocated, however.

The county advisory boards

will still make recommenda-

sion about the way money from the trust fund is spent will still rest with the board of freeholders.

"The only backup there would be would be the taxpayers. We'd take it on year by year. In a perfect world, this would be a wish list," said Fontana, referring to the list of projects recommended by the study. "We can't build anything if we don't have the land. Open space is still the priori-

"To get open space there has to be willing sellers and willing buyers and timing," said Chris Daggett, director of the Open Space Planning

Committee. "This is making those funds available for development fields, lacrosse fields and

those opportunities don't come available. The money would not be

used for the maintenance and upkeep of parks and facilities, but could be used for needed repairs. Most of the funds would likely be used for building and improving facilities. Raymond Brown, secretary-

director of the Somerset County Park Commission, said he has heard much public support for the plan.

"They say, 'Go for the facilities," Brown said. "How soon can you do these things?"

Brown said the demand for park facilities is larger than he thought.

People want more soccer

because there are times when trails. For example, cricket is growing in popularity as demographics of the county change, he said.

The results of surveys for the 20-year open space and recreation plan, released in July, suggest that county residents would prefer a greater emphasis on recreational opportunities, such as playing fields and

A survey of 801 county residents revealed that the largest areas of need are for walking and biking trails, nature parks, and hiking trails, as well as tennis courts, skating rinks, and playgrounds. Indoor recreation spaces are also in short supply, especially for use by all

Army General salutes volunteers of OPSHBX

We received the following letter this week from a twostar Army general whose unit had been deployed to Iraq, thanking Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 for sending packages overseas that were received by the 98th Division, based in Rochester, N.Y.

We pass it on to all those who have supported our project, particularly those volunteers who week in and week out continue to make a difference:

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

THANK YOU! On behalf of the "Iroquois Warriors," their families and the 98th Division I extend sincere gratitude for your generosity and kindness during our support of Operation Iraqi

Over 750 of our Soldiers deployed, and your donations and support of our deployed Soldiers is greatly appreciated. Such charitable acts reinforce the dedication of our Soldiers to

selfless service to our Nation dur-

ing the Global War on Terrorism. Kindly extend our appreciation to everyone associated with this effort, as your sterling examples of generosity are for all to emulate. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Please accept this small token of appreciation.

Sincerely, Bruce Robinson Major General, USAR



Basilone Parade

OPSHBX volunteers will be in Raritan Sunday to participate in the 24th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade, which gets underway at 1 p.m. on Main Street, ending at the Basilone Memorial on the western edge of town.

The parade honors the borough's beloved World War II hero, a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, who was killed during the invasion of Iwo Jima Feb. 19, 1945, and who had earlier been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism during the Battle of Guadalcanal in

1942. Basilone received the

Navy Cross posthumously.

Parade chairman John Pacifico expects more than 150 units to participate in the parade - military groups, organizations, floats, cyclists, go-carts, twirlers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, ROTC units, military vehicles, fire companies, rescue squads

groups, including OPSHBX. The parade will begin at the Raritan railroad station on Thompson Street.

OPSHBX volunteers will be on hand at the staging area, passing out information sheets and collecting donations to help defray the costs of shipping packages to U.S. soldiers and Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Shopping Sprees

The next time you go food shopping, think of the soldiers and Marines overseas who can't get to the market.

Buy them a bag of goodies some chewing gum, a can of tuna, powdered drink mix, writing materials, batteries, shaving cream - items that are hard to come by in the desert where many of them now live.

We'll make it easy for you. OPSHBX is sponsoring three Soldiers' Shopping Sprees over the next several weeks. with more in the offing, at supermarkets in Raritan, Somerville and Bound Brook. Check the Calendar listing alongside this column for

Our volunteers will be out front handing out our shopping list of needed supplies, and collect them from shoppers as they exit the store. Donations will be collected and other civic and patriotic and dropped off at The so. We're pleased to see that

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> Lower Fredham Bruce E. Robinson Major General, USAR

Mr. Rod Hirsch Executive Falitor, The Reporter 44 Veterans Memorial Drive E

Somerville, NJ 08876

Maj. Gen. Bruce E. Robinson, commander of the Army National Guard 98th Division based in Rochester, N.Y. wrote this letter of thanks to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 to thank volunteers for their efforts in support of the unit during its deployment in Iraq.

Somerville, where volunteers will sort and prepare the sup-

plies for shipment on Nov. 5. We recognize that many of our longtime supporters have turned their attention backing Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, and we commend all of you for doing

in supplies and contributions for OPSHBX continue to arrive at The Chronicle.

We are thankful for your continued support.

Rod Hirsch is executive editor of The Chronicle. He can be reached at (908) 575-6684 or email rhirsch@njnpublishing.

Bloomingdale's employees support troops

By JIM WHITE

It's people like Erika Alli and her co-workers at Blooming dale's in Bridgewater Commons who make Operation: Shoebox

New Jersey 2005 tick.
Alli, 23, of Piscataway, stopped by the office of The Chronicle last week to drop off about 20 shoeboxes crammed with snacks and supplies she and her fellow employees collected over the summer.

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 is a joint effort of this newspaper and numerous businesses, organizations, families, veterans and volunteers to maintain a care-package supply line to U.S. soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq and the Mideast region.

"I just wanted to help," said Alli, who after learning about the cause from a friend and coworker, approached her superiors to see if Bloomingdale's could incorporate Operation: Shoebox into the stores Partners In Time program, which aids charitable organiza-

Bloomingdale's, Alli said about 100 employees at the store wanted to be involved, adding that the 20 boxes she dropped off are only the tip of the iceberg, and a lot more will find their way to The Chronicle in the coming weeks.

"We also raised money (about \$150) and bought stuff in bulk at Costco," she said. "It was a total employee effort."

Along with deodorant, razors, shampoo, toilet paper, writing

materials, batteries and sweets, A selling specialist at a number of the shoeboxes contained messages written inside the box lids.

"Thank you very much for all that you do. Bless you and all those by your side. We pray for your safe return," reads one box

Alli herself included her email address inside a box and asked that the soldier who receives it write back and let her know if there is anything specific he or she would like sent over.

"I have friends in the service. I have a friend in Fallujah (Iraq)," she said. "I get letters. I send his platoon letters asking them if there is a CD or book they want. I'll send them over."

Alli continued: "I can't fight over there, but I just want to help whoever I can. They're doing a job they have to do, that nobody really wants to do ... I don't support the war, but I support the troops. The bottom line is people are over there fighting, they're not home."

Calendar of **Events**

Sept. 24: Community Day, Dilt's Park, Route 604, Delaware Township. Crafts, childrens' activities, live entertainment, food. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect donations and supplies for U.S. troops.

Sept. 24: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Stop & Shop, Route 206, Raritan, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the

Sept. 25: 24th annual John Basilone Parade and ceremonies, Somerset Street. Raritan, 1 p.m. See www.basiloneparade.com. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers collect donations and supplies for U.S. troops, (908) 725-7336.

Sept. 25: Sort, pick, box and ship. Volunteers gather at the 42nd Infantry Armory, Hamilton Avenue, Franklin, to prepare packages for shipment to soldiers, 1-5 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Call (908) 575-6684 for further information.

Sept. 26: Clinton Station Diner, Route 173 & Bank Street, Clinton (off Route 78), a percentage of dinner receipts will be donated to Operation Shoebox. (908) 713-0012.

Sept. 29: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Stop & Shop, Route 28, Bound Brook, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the

Oct. 2: Community Festival at Bound Brook, Main Street adjacent to the NJ Transit train station, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A celebration of community, live entertainment, crafts, food, children's activities. Bring a donation for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and receive a free festival tshirt. (908) 369-4318. Sponsored by Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition

Oct. 15: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Pathmark Supermarket, Veteran's Memorial Drive West, Somerville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 Drop-off sites:

Somerset County

The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville

Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater The 250th Signal Battalion, 42nd Infantry Armory on Hamilton Street in Franklin

The Somerville U.S. Postal Service office at 39 Division St., Somerville Somerset County Sheriff's

Office, County Administration Building, Grove Street, Somerville Mannion's Pub &

Restaurant, 150 West Main St., Somerville Alfonso's Italian Restaurant, 99-101 West Main St.,

Somerville Lloyd's Furniture, 130 West Main St., Somerville Beneath It All. 72 West Main

St., Somerville Wachovia Bank, 1 West Main St., Somerville

Dr. William Moskowitz. 205 West Main St., third floor, Somerville

Somerville Center Antiques, 33 West Main St., Somerville Neshanic Station Country Café, 419 Olive St., Neshanic Station

Dorell & Sons Locksmith, 20 W. Somerset St., Raritan Scott's Florist, 75 W. Somerset St., Raritan Shop-Rite Supermarket, 611 West Union Ave., Bound Brook

Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council, 1171 Route 28, North

Nan Romano Fine Apparel/Distinctive Gifts, 432 Main St., Bedminster Somerset County Park Commission main office, North Branch Park, Milltown

Road, Bridgewater Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills

Warrenbrook Golf Course, Warrenville Road, Warren Spooky Brook Golf Course, Colonial Park, Amwell Road,

Franklin Raritan Valley Community College Theater and Student Activities office, Route 28, North Branch

Learning Express Toys, 315 Route 206. Hillsborough Test Sports Club, 1982 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville

US Bicycle Hall of Fame, Main Street, Bridgewater Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater

Felix #9 Diner, Route 22, Bridgewater

Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster Attic Treasures Antiques, Sansone Plaza. Route 22 East, Green Brook

Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green Brook Eclipse Fitness Sports &

Wellness, 17 King George Road, Green Brook Dr. Steven C. Balestracci, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater

Soprano's, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth

Ave., Somerset Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1595 Route 22 West,

Watchung AAA Vac, 1515 Route 22 West, Watchung Square Mall, Watchung

Borough Hall, Route 22 and Grove Street, Somerville Gladstone Cleaners, 258 Main St., Peapack-Gladstone North Branch Post Office,

Route 22, North Branch Somerset Medical Center main lobby, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville

Capelli Salon, 1171 Route 202 North, Branchburg Natural Medicine and Rehabilitation, 745 Routes 202/206 South, Bridgewater Sal's Talk of the Town, 1987 Washington Valley Road,

Martinsville Bucky's/The Closet, 45 So. Main St., Manville

Sherman & Son Jewelers, Bridgewater Commons Mall (second level), Bridgewater Sherman & Son Jewelers, Somerset Shopping Center, Route 202/206, Bridgewater Exercise Woman, Route 206

South, Raritan Eagle Fence and Supply, 3220 Route 22 West, Branchburg

Middlesex County

Dollar Planet Dollar Store,

Route 28, Middlesex Summit Federal Savings & Loan, Washington Avenue,

United Methodist Church, 150 Dunellen Ave., Dunellen Dunellen Public Library, New Market Road, Dunellen

Variety Village, 420 Main St., George's Dry Cleaning, 424 Main St., Metuchen

Boro Ace Hardware, 655 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen Metuchen Savings Bank, 429 Main St., Metuchen What's The Scoop, 410 Main St., Metuchen

Quick Sign, 3 Kellogg Ct., Unit 15, Edison Abbey Carpet, 501 Stelton Road, Piscataway

Hunterdon County

The Hunterdon County Democrat, 8 Minneakoning Road, Flemington Clinton Station Diner, Route 78 (exit 13), Clinton Colalillo Shop-Rite Supermarket, 272 Route

202/31 North, Flemington Sherman & Son Jewelers, Route 202, Flemington Hunterdon Lock & Safe, 41 Mine St., Flemington Tumble Time, 47 Maple

Ave., Flemington Perryville Wines & Liquors, 72 Route 173, Hampton Rudl Fence, 2020 Highway 31, Glen Gardner

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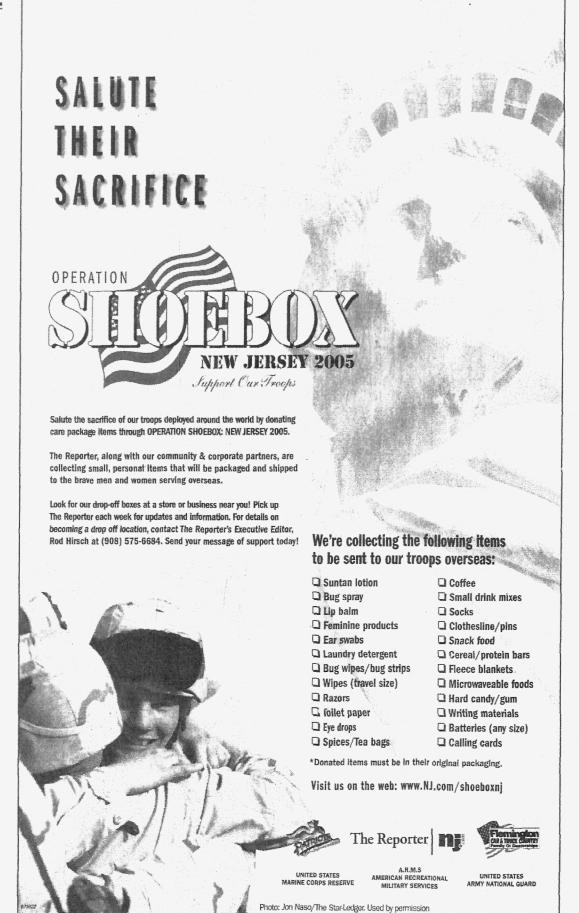
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Reporter, 106 E. Moore St., Hackettstown Hackettstown Trading Post Furniture Gallery, 155 Main St., Hackettstown

Star Gazette & Warren

Second Time Around, 124 Main St., Hackettstown Franky & Johnny's Island Park Bar & Grill, 261 Route 46 East (intersection of Routes 46 & 31), Buttzville Tramontin Harley Davidson, Exit 12, Route 80 Hope Interchange, Hope The Hearth Shoppe, 12

Market St., Belvidere



Haywood Woody Jones Jr., 70, of Edison, died Sept. 13, 2005 in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Mr. Jones was a guard for the Frigidaire Co. in Edison before retiring in 1980. Earlier, he was a supervisor at the American Can Co. in Jersey City.

Mr. Jones served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a former baseball

coach in Edison. Born in Raleigh, N.C., he moved to Edison 34 years

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; a daughter, Debra Varneckas, and a sister, Doris

A service was held Sept. 17 in the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, Metuchen.



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Josephine Luzi

Luzi, 86, died Sept. 18, 2005 at Southern Ocean County Hospital in Manahawkin.

Born in Newark, she lived in Middlesex and Hillsborough before moving to Bridgewater.

Mrs. Luzi was a bookkeeper and secretary with International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825 in Dayton. She later worked 20 years with Joy Auto Parts in Green Brook.

She was a founding member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Elks Lodge 2301 in Middlesex. Mrs. Luzi also was a member of the Young at Heart dance troupe in Warren, the Warren Township Senior Citizens Club, the

MIDDLESEX — Josephine Raritan Valley Senior Citizens Luzi, 86, died Sept. 18, 2005 at Club and the Red Hat Society. Her husband, John, died in 1971.

Obituaries

Surviving are a son, Joseph of Branchburg; a daughter, Mary Patricia Michlin Manahawkin; a brother, Angelo Sica of Toms River; two sisters, Joanne Pisano of Lakewood and Camille Hall of Livingston; four grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Middlesex Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Frances Falbo

DUNELLEN Bilotta Falbo, 84, died Sept. 15, 2005 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Galloway Township.

Born in Carbondale, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Salvatore and Mary Bilotta. Mrs. Falbo had lived in

Dunellen since 1950. A homemaker and self-employed seamstress, she was a member of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband,

Frances Ferdinand; two sons, Frederick and wife Mariel of Austin, Texas, and Francis and wife Lorna Jean of Somerset; two daughters, Federica Hawkinson and husband Bill of Oak Lawn, Ill., and Francine Daley and husband Daniel of Brigantine; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Legal Notices

Date: September 16, 2005
Re: Application submitted by:
Consolidated Rail Corporation
Regarding property at:
Lehigh Line Double Track
Middlesex Borough, South Plainfield Borough, Edison
Township, Piscataway Township Middlesex County
Bound Brook Borough, Somerset County
TAKE NOTICE that the above entity is applying to the
Land Use Regulation Program at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for a permit or
approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act
rules, N J.A.C. 7:7A. The permit or approval will either
establish the boundary of wellands on the above property, or will authorize the applicant to conduct regulated
activities on the property.
The approvalis) the application is requesting is (are):

activities on the property.

The approval(s) the applicant is requesting is (are):

X. Letter of interpretation (establishes the official boundary line and resource value of any freshwater wet-lands, open waters, or transition areas on the prop-

erry
The rules governing the above permits and approvals are found in the NJDEP's Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules at N J A C. 7:7A. You can view or download these rules on the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program website at www.state.nj.us.depflanduse, or you can find a copy of these rules in the county law library in your county courthouse.
The application requests approval of the following activities (applicant has checked all of those that apply):
X. No regulated activities, just establishing a wetlands boundary line.

boundary line application was approved as to sulf you would like to inspect a copy of the application, it is stance on August 25, 2005 and approved as to sulf flow would like to inspect a copy of the application, it is stance on August 25, 2005 and approved as to form on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office, or call the NJDEP at (609) 777-0456 to make an appointment to see the application at NJDEP offices in Trenton during normal

Ouestions about the application may be addressed to Consolidated Rail Corporation 1000 Howard Boulevard, Room 470

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Joseph Donofrio

MIDDLESEX — Joseph A. Donofrio, 87, died Sept. 20, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

He was born in Bound Brook and had lived in Middlesex since 1952.

Mr. Donofrio owned the Donofrio Insurance agency for 17 years until his retirement in 1980. He spent 25 years with Johns-Manville Corp. before becoming an insurance agent.

A clarinet player in the Mount Carmel Band, Mr. Donofrio was a charter member of Elks Lodge 2301 and a former commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Middlesex. He also was a member of American Legion Post 306, the Raritan Post War Club and the Traveling Seniors of North Plainfield.

He was a member of senior citizens groups at two Roman Catholic churches, Our Lady of Mount Virgin parish in Middlesex and St. Mary of Czestochowa parish in Bound Brook. Mr. Donofrio was a private first class in the Army during World War II and attended the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University after the war.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Mary Sian Donofrio; two daughters, Karen Gross of Wall and Elaine Greaney Glenmoore, Pa.; a son, Kenneth of Fremont, Calif.; a brother, John of Bound Brook; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Heart Association Middlesex Rescue Squad.

Salvatore Guadagnino

Guadagnino, 90, died Sept. 17, 2005 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Piscataway, he lived in Middlesex and Plainfield before moving to Edison in

Mr. Guadagnino retired in 1967 after 10 years as a leather cutter with the Lane Co. in Newark. He was a member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens Club in Piscataway and the Traveling Seniors of North Plainfield.

He was a former member of St. Bernard of Clairvaux neralhome.com.

Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife of 62 Mary Wood years, Guadagnino; a son, Salvatore and wife Rosemary Haness of Orange, N.H.; a daughter, Nancy of Pompton Plains; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, Watchung, with Rev. Frank Rose officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains. To send a condolence, visit www.higginsfu-

George Vickey

BOUND BROOK — George Vickey, 89, died Sept. 4, 2005 in Chula Vista, Calif.

He was born in Bound Brook and lived in the borough before moving to California in 1958.

Mr. Vickey was a retired chief petty officer in the Navy with service in World War II and the Korean War. A brother, Sam, died in

Surviving are two sisters, Cominsky of Evelyn Neptune and Mary Leonard of Bound Brook; a brother,

Daniel, and a sister-in-law, Bertha, both of Bound Brook; four nieces, Cheryl and Christine, both of Bound Brook, Mary Ann Vannella of Vineland and Sandra Scalera of Manville; a nephew, Dan Jr. of Monroe Township; three grandnieces and three grandnephews.

Graveside services were held Sept. 13 at Bound Brook Cemetery with arrangements by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the Leukemia Foundation.

Ruth Hussey Croll

DUNELLEN - Ruth C. Hussey Croll, 88, died Sept. 19, 2005 at Chandler Hall in Newtown, Pa.

Mrs. Croll was born May 10, 1917 in Jersey City and had lived for many years in Dunellen. For more than 25 years she divided her time between Lantana, Fla., and Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa. She moved to Newtown in February 2004.

A homemaker and Girl Scout leader, Mrs. Croll was active with the Dunellen Parent-Teacher Association. She was a member of the New Market-Dunellen Woman's

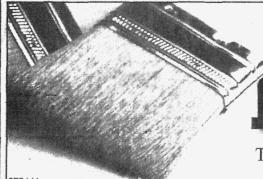
Episcopal Church

Dunellen. Her husband of 71 years, John H., died Nov. 5, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara L. Meier and husband Richard of Hillsborough and Jacqueline Oberlin of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; two sisters, Thelma Hamelin of Roselle and Loretta Mirabella of St. Petersburg, Fla.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Mundy Funeral Home. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to a Club and Holy Innocents charity of your choice.



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Superchiefs festival takes place Saturday

PISCATAWAY - The Superchief Band Parents Association will be sponsoring its 28th annual Superchief Band Festival 2:45 p.m. Saturday.

The festival was held at Piscataway High School on Behmer Road.

The competition is open to high school marching bands from the tri state region. There are approximately 27 bands scheduled to perform at the fes-

The festival will conclude with the debut performance of the Piscataway Superchief Marching Band's 2005 show, "Portrait of an American.'

The band will be under the direction of Mr. Ed Gornick and Dr. Christopher Sumner.

Admission is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. There will be food and various items for purchase. There will also be a raffle whose prizes total over \$3,000.

For more information, please call (732) 271-8886.

Edison Arts Society offers poetry reading

The Edison Arts Society is presenting the Harvest of Poetry, a free reception and reading celebrating the fourth issue of the Edison Literary Review, from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Sheraton Edison Hotel at Raritan Center,

125 Raritan Center Parkway. Contributors who will be reading at the Harvest of Poetry

include Svea Barrett, Laura Boss, Adele Bourne, Rachel Bunting, Anna Evans, Gail Gaspar, Kate Greenstreet, James Gwyn, Pat Hardigree. Vincent Larkin, Laura McCullough, Dorothy McLaughlin, Peter Murphy. Bruce Niedt, Robert Rosenbloom and Frank Wagenblast.

Copies of the Edison Literary Review may be purchased at the event for \$5. There will be a cash bar.

For more information, call (908) 753-2787.

Dunellen church to hold friendship dance

DUNELLEN - The Dunellen United Methodist Church holds its Fall Friendship Dance from 6-10 p.m. Saturday with music by DJ Floyd.

This family event is in the main church building at 316 Jackson Ave. Snacks and sweets will be available. Door prizes will be awarded. Child care is provided from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call (732) 968-4347.

Fall rummage sale coming to borough

BOUND BROOK - The Women's Fellowship Group of the Congregational Church, 209 Church St., holds their Fall

Rummage Sale in early October. Sale hours are from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7: and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 8. Used clothing for men, women and children will be available; all apparel is in good condition.

Dinnerware, toys, household goods and bric-a-brac also will be offered. Prices are reduced for the "Fill a Bag" special on Oct. 8.

For more information, call (732) 356-1293.

Bible's bad girls subject of production

PISCATAWAY - The Women's Fellowship and Liturgical Dance Ministry of the North Stelton A.M.E. Church presents "Bad Girls of the Bible

This breakfast and "choreodrama" is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 in the A.M.E. church at 123 Craig Ave. Cost is \$15 per adult couple, \$10 per single adult, \$7 for seniors and children under 18. For more information, call (732)

Piscataway to hold martial arts classes

287-5184.

PISCATAWAY - Free classes in martial arts are offered for township residents through the

Recreation Department.

All classes are in the Conackamack Middle School gym on Witherspoon Street. The schedule:

Teen class (ages 12-18) - 7-8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday beginning Oct. 4.

Adult class (ages 18-up) - 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Friday beginning Oct. 4.

Class size is limited. Instructors are certified and have gone through a background check. Registration in advance is rec-

ommended; call (732) 562-2382.

Literacy volunteers seeking instructors

EDISON - The Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex have scheduled tutor training workshops for instructors in basic literacy and English as a Second

Training is at the main branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., on Saturdays from Oct. 1-22. No teaching experience is necessary

When you complete tutor training, you'll be matched at a mutually convenient library with adults who have requested help. For more information, call (732)

Edison Arts Society schedules fall classes

EDISON - The Edison Arts Society has scheduled its adult art classes for the fall. All classes are held at the North Edison Branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 777

Grove Ave.

"Botanical Drawing" is taught from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday for six weeks beginning Sept. 29. This class is taught by Linda Trella, who has a background in fine arts and natural science. Fee

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Notes

Amanda Wormann Piscataway, a junior at Elizabethtown College majoring in health and occupation, has been named a College Scholar. A College Scholar is a full time student who, after 60 credits in consecutive semesters of full-time study, has achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Welton Chang of Edison has received a bachelor's degree in government, cum laude, from Dartmouth College in Hanover,

He is the son of I-Hsing and Lee Chang.

James R. Urbaniak of Piscataway has been elected to College, on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. He is a junior majoring in

English and history. The son of John and Francesca Urbaniak also was named to the Rutgers College dean's list for the spring 2005 semester.

Matthew J. Connors of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Rutgers College, on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

He is a freshman majoring in mathematics and chemistry.

The son of Dr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Connors was also named to the Rutgers College dean's list for the fall 2004 semester.



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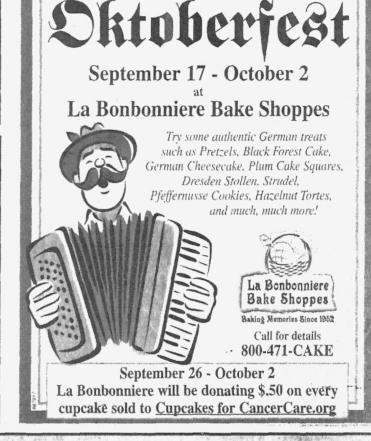
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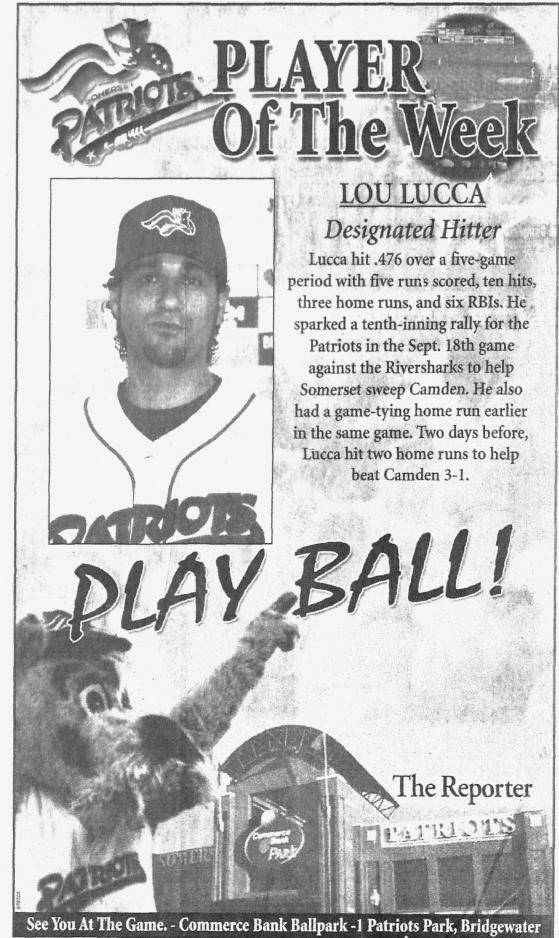
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Editor's note: This article is part of a continuing series that looks closely at how a family picks up the pieces, rebuilds and goes on with their life in the aftermath of a fire that destroyed their home. The first seven parts of the series were published in The Chronicle on

Saturdays between May and June, and resumed last week, Sept. 17.

Part VIII

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI

GREEN BROOK - When Fawnda Genovese-Garcia first arrived to inspect the work of the contractors hired to rebuild her fire-ravaged home, she was



visibly upset by what she saw. Things weren't going as she had expected.

"That's old wood. Look at it. It's all brown and smoky. Why isn't this new," she wondered out loud as the work crew carried new lumber and siding to the second floor and blended the joists and sheathing with soot-covered wood that had survived the fire and which had been used to build the house more than a half century ago.

Additionally, she was frustrated and had other concerns - the potential for a mold problem in the basement; some cracks on her back porch; the possibility of a crack in her chimney and doubts that her new roof would match the roof on the adjacent

But after a meeting with Jeff Schwartz, her public adjuster from M. Miller & Son and a talk with her contractors from Wertheimer & Sons, Inc, a Pine Brook-based company that specializes in restoration, Fawnda felt much better.

"I really rolled out my thoughts," she said. "They said if you have questions just to call them. Jeff said to let the contractors do their job. This is a process, but it's frustrating, because unless you've been through it before, you just don't know anything about it. You don't think about it. You don't want to think about it and why should you. Do you think about being flooded out before a flood, no.'

Schwartz and Wertheimers put Fawnda and her husband, Felix Garcia, at

They told her it looked a lot worse than it actually was much of the existing wood was not damaged by the March 26 fire and that it was structurally sound. The layer of soot cov-

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ering the wood, and the residual smoky smell will be permanently masked by a special sealant.

Jim Auricchio, president of the Branchburg franchise of Rainbow International, a cleaning and restoration company, said Fawnda's reaction is

"Most people don't know you can use the same wood," he said. "If it's charred, it has to go, but if it has a residue, that can be cleaned and sealed. Most people don't think you can get rid of that smell. I didn't know either when I had a fire over a year ago, but it's possible."

Additionally, the contractors will use ShockWave, an ammonium chloride concentrate approved

Protection Environmental Agency to tackle the mold problem in the basement.

Trust me, before you move in, there will be no mold," Andrew Wertheimer, a contractor with Wertheimer & Sons, told the couple.

That was music to her ears.

"When you're going through something like this, it's a process," she said. "It's one step at a time. Most people would say 'Don't worry about it. The insurance company is paying for it. Why do you

to be concerned. This is my house. The insurance company doesn't have to live here. I do.'

The house on Madison Avenue is starting, once again, to look like a home.

But it will still be a while before the Garcias can call it home.

The contractors estimate that it will still take five to six months before the couple can move back.

Last month they stood by and watched as their home was demolished in preparation for the reconstruction.

"It's hard to watch it come down," she said. "It was one thing to see it ruined by fire, but now they're taking it

Now, the couple is standing by watching the pieces of their house come back together.

Workers began to frame the house in late August and rebuilt the roof, installed new and larger windows and window frames, shingled the roof and installed siding earlier this month.

"I went to the house last week and, for the first time since the house burned, I'm actually excited," Fawnda said. "I can almost now picture walls and things in the house. The longer windows, they're just great. It just opened the house up."

Seeing progress has made Fawnda and Felix even more eager to get out of their temporary apartment at the Crystal Ridge Club in Watchung and back to their

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care?' But I have to care. I have house. The couple hopes to be back home by their first wedding anniversary Feb. 12.

However, when Fawnda realized that her initial claim with her insurance company would provide temporary housing funds for six months, she once

again grew concerned. "Six months!" she exclaimed at the time of the discovery. "That means I'd have to be out of here next month. The house is not ready yet. Where are we going to go?"

But after another conversation with Schwartz, Fawnda discovered that they would not have to move, nor would they have to pay rent.

"I'm not going to have to pay rent," she said. "We'll be staying here. I guess I have to ask questions before I get so worried like that. But you never know. I haven't been through something like this before. I have to talk about what I want and my questions.

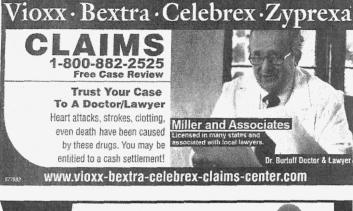
For now, Fawnda and Felix are glad that summer vacation

has come to a close. Felix, who was a bilingual teacher in Elizabeth, left that position at the end of the school year to pursue his attorney's license with hopes of opening his own law practice. Before moving to the United States in 2000, Felix was a civil rights attorney in Ecuador. He and Fawnda traveled to Ecuador this summer and met with regional and national dignitaries, hoping to speed the process. Back from his vacation, Felix is completing all the necessary paperwork to obtain his license.

Fawnda is glad to be back at work, teaching math to her sixth grade students at Ann Street School in Newark.

"It feels good to be back," she said. "Now I don't worry about every little thing. My daughter told me I needed to go back to work to get my mind off this. She was right."

Look for more updates on the progress of the Garcias rebuilding project in future editions of The Chronicle.





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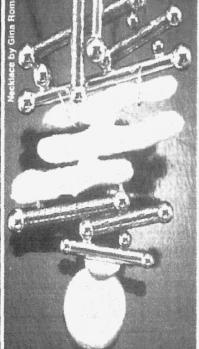
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Patriots on deck for playoff challenge

First-half champions begin division showdown Tuesday

By ALLAN CONOVER Sports Editor

BRIDGEWATER — This will be a long-awaited change of pace for

the Somerset Patriots This one really counts. Finally. After more than two months of playing in a relatively sedate, care-free atmosphere, the Patriots

step into the pressure-cooker of a best-of-three series Tuesday night when the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball playoffs

"In a best-of-three, you don't have too much room for error," said Somerset third baseman Jeff Nettles. "Whoever wins that first

Although nothing will be official until the regular season concludes this weekend, it appears Atlantic City will be the Patriots' likely opponent in the South Division series. Prior to Tuesday's action AC was comfortably atop the division second-half standings, leading runnerup Camden by five games.

Manager Sparky Lyle's Patriots have been in a rather enviable position since clinching the first-half season South Division crown July 9, which assured them a berth in the post-season playoffs. Still, they didn't allow the rest of the summer to become a day at the beach. They've generally played well and with intensity, overcoming seemingly-debilitating pitching staff defections along the

"In essence, we've had 70 games to prepare for the playoffs," said second baseman Emiliano Escandon prior to Saturday's contest with Camden at Commerce Bank Park. "It's kind of a nice lux-

He does have some perspective on that. The Pats' team captain was here two years ago when Somerset didn't even capture an ALPB playoff spot until the very final day of the season. Then, the

Patriots went on to win the championship, overcoming a 2-1 deficit to topple Nashua in the final round.

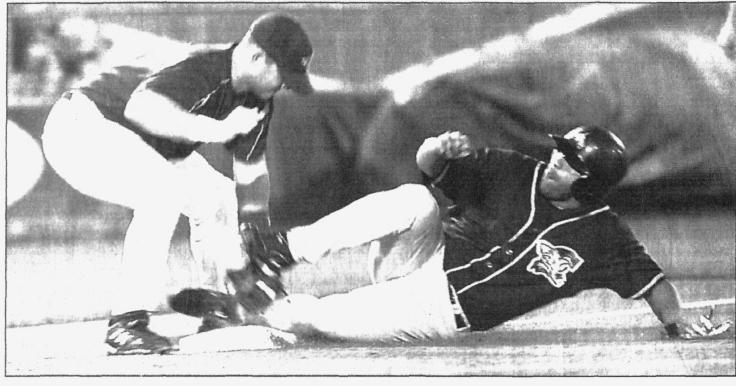
"In '03 we had to go all-out every day there at the end, and we had no time to prepare a pitching rotation or anything like that," he said. "We just had to play for each day, and yes, it was very rewarding to go on and win it all. But that's certainly not the way

you want to go about doing it.' They just hope they're going about it the right way this time, even if the route might be quite dissimilar.

Starting pitchers Derek Lee and Brian Tollberg, both among the ALPB's best, signed with major league organizations during the summer and Somerset lost another standout, Scott Sobkowiak, when he decided to leave for the Taiwan League. Ace relievers Dave Elder and Brad Clontz also exited for big-league affiliates.

Starting catcher Ryan Kellner abruptly retired June 23 and Brent Cordell and Fernando Lunar were signed to take over the

Like just about every other league squad at this juncture of the



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Third baseman Jeff Nettles, here slapping the tag on a Camden runner Saturday night, figures to be a key figure in the Somerset Patriots' quest for their third Atlantic League of Professional Baseball championship. The Patriots begin their best-of-three South Division series Tuesday night and return home Wednesday.

season, the Patriots have also had some injury issues but still have retained a sharp, competitive edge and are anxious to go after the franchise's third ALPB championship. Somerset claimed its first league title in 2001.

"The guys are starting to step it up a bit," said Escandon. "It's finally in sight. It's no longer a month away. Now it's down to single digits in days, so we're starting to get a little more focused, a little more intense. We're fine-tuning it right now. But no question, once that first pitch comes in for the playoff opener, we're going to be full-ready and it'll all click together at the right time.'

"The main thing," said Nettles, "is we're trying to get guys healthy coming down the stretch. We're trying to get some of our pitchers back to full strength and if we can do that by the time the playoffs start, we should be good. We're playing good as a team right now and hopefully we can get on a roll and rattle off some wins going into the playoffs."

Righthander Mark DiFelice, 7-3 with a 2.97 earned run average, will take the mound for Tuesday's playoff debut, which will be on the road, and Shane Heams (5-3, 2.80) will start the next night at Commerce Bank Park. If a third game is needed, it will be played Thursday evening at CBP with lefthander Tim Christman (2-3, 3.41) on the hill.

Weather permitting, the best-of-five ALPB championship series - pitting the South and North division winners against each other - will begin Friday, Sept. 30, also in Bridgewater if the Pats

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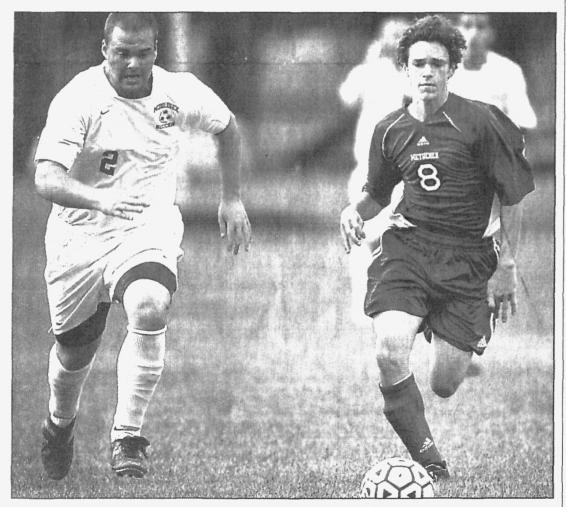
Jeff Scott, who came over from league foe Long Island to become the Pats' pitching coach last week after John Montefusco resigned, knows he has some talent on his newly-inherited staff but also realizes there's little depth to it.

"We're a little short because of tired bodies and aches and pains," he said Saturday. "Sparky tells me we've got this many pitchers for tonight and this many for tomorrow, that kind of

"Heams has pitched quite well, and so has DiFelice. Heams has been impressive just because he's been doggone near lights-out for five or six innings. DiFelice pitched twice against us (when he was with Long Island) but had to come out both times because of some aches and pains.

Despite the pitching staff attrition, Somerset entered the week with by far the league's best team ERA at 3.85 while Long Island

On the run



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Middlesex High's Steve Lore (left) runs with Adam Flocek as both try to chase down the ball during Middlesex's 5-1 victory Sept. 16. Lore collected a goal and an assist as the Blue Jays improved to 2-2.

Piscataway rolls in opener

PISCATAWAY — Wasting no time in picking up where they left off last fall the Chiefs opened their season in impressive fashion Sept. 16.

Hosting Woodbridge in a

Greater Middlesex Conference Red Division clash the Piscataway High football squad dominated the visitors from the start as the Chiefs bolted to a 17-0 advantage after one quarter and roared to a 33-6 tri-

For Piscataway, the defending Red Division champion and winners of three straight sectional titles, the victory was its 16th in a row, and it came with ease despite a complete overhaul in the skill position play-

Christening its new turf field, Piscataway has turned the leadback role to senior Kevin Woolfolk and Woolfolk showed he was up for the challenge against Woodbridge (0-2) as he

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carried 14 times for 191 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Bolstered by the return of its starting offensive line the Chiefs rolled up 270 yards on the ground to easily dispatch Woodridge, which didn't get on the scoreboard until Piscataway had opened a 33-0 lead in the third quarter, while the defense limited the Barrons to 140 yards and forced four turnovers.

Senior Marcus Wright started at quarterback and completed all three of his pass attempts for 40 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown toss to senior DuJuan Gratz that opened the

Marquis Salazar, a senior getting his first opportunity at place-kicker, showed that part of the game is in good hands, with a 40-yard field goal later in the opening period and a 39-yarder in the second quarter while converting all three of the extra-point placements he

Woolfolk, who broke off runs of 85 and 43 yards during the game, picked up his first TD on a 7-yard run to finish the firstquarter scoring, while Jermaine Scott scored on a 2-yard plunge to go with Salazar's second field goal as Piscataway built a 26-0 lead at halftime.

The Chiefs' final points of the game came in the third period when Woolfolk scored from the 3. Woodbridge broke up the shutout bid later in the session when Garrett Mozaolic, the Barrons' top runner who managed only 53 yards on 15 carries, went in from the 4.

Piscataway, which had a clash with unbeaten East Brunswick (2-0) last night, will host J.P. Stevens 7 p.m., Friday night in another Red Division game.

Campanella nets 4 TDs as Middlesex wins 2nd

After having limited touches in the Blue Jays' easy victory in their opener senior quarterback Matt Campanella took over in a big way to lead the way to a second straight triumph.

Visiting Cardinal McCarrick (0-2) in a Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division game Campanella ran for four touchdowns while totaling 136 yards on 14 carries as the Middlesex High football team coasted to a 26-0 verdict.

With the defense — which didn't allow a point for the second game - limiting McCarrick to 3 yards on the ground and 46 yards overall Middlesex had no trouble in getting its division season off to a good start as the Blue Jays scored all of their points in the first half.

Middlesex scored on four straight possessions after being held on downs at the Eagle 34 on its first possessions. Campanella scored on keepers to complete each drive, getting in on runs of 14, 27, 23

Campanella's 14-yarder gave the Blue Jays a 6-0 after one period, while he also scored twice in the final two minutes. His 23-yard run capped an 87vard drive that needed nine plays, while Campanella scored from the 5 came after the Jays took over with 28 seconds left following a bad snap o0n a McCarrick punt.

Dan Esposito contributed 58 yards on 11 carries, while Keenan Wilburn picked up 40 on four attempts as Middlesex totaled more than 280 yards in offense.

Middlesex, which squared off with Highland Park last night, will visit defending Blue Division champion John F. Kennedy next Saturday.

South Brunswick 42, J.P. Stevens 28 - While the Hawks' Tamar Robinson was very good in his team's opener South Brunswick's Vince Davidson was a whole lot better.

Robinson rushed 14 times for 156 yards and three touchdowns to pace the J.P. Stevens attack, but Davidson delivered an incredible performance with 360 yards and five TDs on 28 carries as the Vikings out-slugged the Hawks in GMC-Red Division play Sept. 16.

Both teams scored twice in an explosive first quarter that saw Davidson open the scoring with a 19-yard run and the Hawks' Omari Nelson respond with an 85-yard return on the ensuing kickoff. Robinson later bolted 48 yards to make it a 14-14

Davidson, however, scored four of the game's next five touchdowns, including a 3-yard run for the only points in the second period. Davidson went 63 yards for a TD in the third quarter before Robinson dashed 34 yards. Davidson put the game away with runs of 35 and 60 yards in the final period before Robinson sprinted 41 yards for the final six-pointer.

Stevens, which looked to rebound last night against winless Woodbridge, will face a stiff challenge Friday night when it visits Piscataway in Red Division play.

Bishop Ahr 31, Dunellen 21 - One week after opening its season with a second-half rally to win Dunellen wasted a halftime lead in dropping a verdict to Bishop Ahr (1-1) in GMC-Blue Division play Saturday at home.

With their running game contained by the Bishop Ahr defense, the Destroyers received a big

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effort from quarterback Matt Ferreri, who completed 10 of 15 passes for 226 yards and a pair of touchdowns, but it was not enough as the Trojans rallied from a 21-12 deficit at the half to win.

After Bishop Ahr took an early lead Dunellen came back when Mike Cassidy scored on a 5-yard run and John Schleppenbach grabbed a 27-yard scoring pass from Ferreri for a 14-6 advantage.

Bishop Ahr cut the deficit to 14-12 before Schleppenbach and Ferreri connected again, this time on an 80-yard TD bomb. The Trojans, however, blanked the home club in the second half and scored three times themselves to finish off the comeback.

Dunellen returns to the field 1 p.m. today to host John F. Kennedy, which topped South River 20-14 Saturday to even its record at 1-1.

Carteret 34, South Plainfield 12 - Falling behind 21-0 at halftime and 28-0 in the lead quarter South Plainfield (1-1) could not keep pace with powerful Carteret (2-0) and dropped a GMC-White Division decision Sept. 16.

Cedric Brown accounted for three of the Ramblers' first four touchdowns, scoring on runs of 5, 3 and 1 yards while picked up 129 of his 179 yards in the first half, as the Tiger defense could not stop the Carteret ground game.

South Plainfield finally broke through in the fourth when it converted a Rambler fumble into an 35-yard scoring pass from Derrick Eatman to Alan Maglaque, while another fumble a couple of minutes set up an 11-yard TD run by Opie Muse.

After visiting New Brunswick last night South Plainfield will host Colonia Friday night in a White Division test.

East Brunswick 42, Edison 19 - Edison continued to show an improved attack but the Eagles could not contain the East Brunswick offense and dropped a GMC-Red Division verdict Sept. 16 to slip to 0-2 with its 33rd straight loss.

Quarterback John Cirri connected on 10 of 22 passes for 226 yards and one touchdown - an 81yarder to Justin Thompson in the third quarter while Maurice Riley carried eight times for 61 yards as Edison totaled more than 350 yards in

Glen Scott notched the first points for the Eagles, cutting East Brunswick's 14-0 lead with a 16-yard run in the opening quarter, but the Bears (2-0) built a 21-7 lead at halftime on three touchdowns by Joe Peterson, who had 12 carries for 128 yards and scored on runs of 45, 41 and 10 yards. Edison looked to break its losing streak last

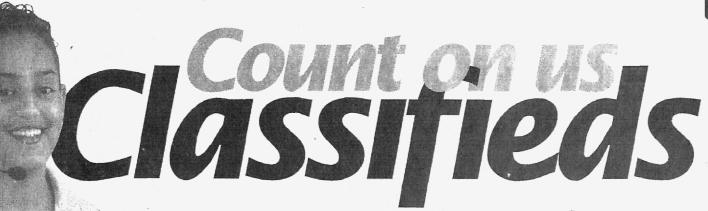
night against Old Bridge, and will host South Brunswick Friday night in Red Division play.

Roselle Park 14, Bound Brook 7 — Bound Brook took Roselle Park into the third quarter knotted at 7-7 before the visitors broke the deadlock in a Mountain Valley Conference game that opened the season for the Crusaders.

Trailing 7-0 at halftime Bound Brook tied the game when Erron Banks grabbed a 6-yard scoring pass from Chris Jeskie, who had a solid game throwing the ball as he completed 11 of 17 passes for 132 yards. Kevin Porras added the PAT kick.

Bound Brook, which received 72 yards rushing from Eduardo Rosario on 24 carries, will visit Princeton Day School today in a non-league encounter.

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