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Musical interlude

Kathy Halenda may not be a stranger to the stage — but life under the big top is a new experience for the talented performer whose role as the Big Apple Circus' singing hostess is a welcomed addition to the production.
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Taste returns on Monday

EDISON — Imagine a delightful night out sampling exquisite food and wine from some of the area's top restaurants and helping support education at the same time. Hundreds of people are expected to attend the 9th annual Taste of Middlesex, which is being organized by the Edison Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday at the Pines Manor, Route 27. Event sponsor, Metuchen Savings Bank will be welcoming area supporters to enjoy delicious food, wines and special prizes. "We encourage everyone to come and sample delicious dishes from some of Middlesex County's finest restaurants, and, at the same time, support Excellence in Education," said Gloria Dittman, president of the Edison Chamber of Commerce. "The chamber wants your work force to be the best skilled, most professional and forward-thinking work force in the world."

Proceeds will provide a full year scholarship and books for an Edison resident at Middlesex County College; math and reading tutors at the local middle schools, and art supplies for the Art Department at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Attendees are being asked to bring a bag filled with non-perishable foods which will be donated to the St. James and Community Presbyterian Churches in Edison. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. For tickets or more information, call the Edison Chamber of Commerce at (732) 738-9482 or visit www.edison-chamber.com.

Participants include: Akbar Restaurant, Allied Beverages, Calima Bakery, Cameo, Casa Marianna, Chick-fil-A, Christie's Steakhouse, Climax Brewing Company, Ecco Gelato Corp., Edison Job Corps Academy, Gallo Wines, Harvest Moon Brewery, Heavenly Ham, Hilton Garden Inn, Jade Dynasty, Java Moon Café, La Bella Dona, Merri-Makers Catering, Panera Bread, Panico's Italian Restaurant, Rodney Strong Vineyards, Starbucks Coffee, Thai Basil, Total Wines, The Pines Manor, William Grant & Sons Woodbridge Hilton and more.

The Edison Chamber is committed to serving business, industry and professions "At the Crossroads of New Jersey." The Chamber of Commerce takes a role in forwarding the interests of the entire township community with government leaders, community organizations and other influential elements of the township.

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Make your neighbors go green with envy

The Chronicle 'Field of Dreams' contest seeks ugliest lawn

By ROD HIRSCH
Staff Writer

You've thrown up your hands in disgust.

That pampered expanse of green outside your door — what had been your pride and joy — has morphed into a field of yellow dandelions, stubborn crab grass and clumps of unsightly chickweed.

Underfoot, the lawn seems more like a concrete slab than it does a soft carpet of natural turf, a sure sign that an army of grubs has been munching away non-stop down on the delicate root system that supports each blade of grass, now withered like a giant straw doormat.

Gazing out from the kitchen window, there are more patches of brown than green back to the fence line, and it looks even worse because the neighbors on either side of your home have well-tended lawns that rival the glitzy center spread of a home and garden magazine.

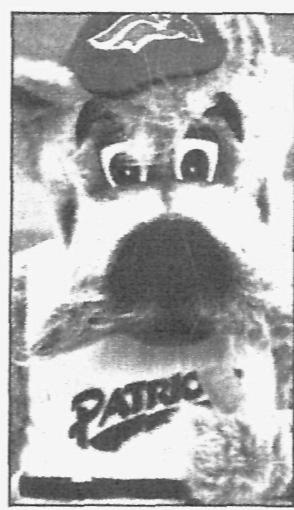
Forget the shovels, rakes and weed killer for now. The first thing you need is a camera. Take a picture of the lawn, and send it to *The Chronicle*.

We'll enter the photo in *The Chronicle* "Field of Dreams" contest drawing, and if you're the lucky winner, we'll send out the A-team for an all-out assault on the disaster area that used to be a respectable lawn.

Grand Prize is an on-site



PATRIOTS SEEK A FEW GOOD SINGERS.
FAN FEST IS READY TO ROLL.
FOR MORE, SEE PAGE A6.



assessment of your besieged lawn and lots of advice, the best advice available, from one of New Jersey's pre-eminent turf and lawn care specialists, a national award winner and green grass professional who is so busy during the summer that he hires a landscaper to take care of the lawn chores at his home.

These pearls of wisdom on lawn care will come to you free from the caretaker of the "Jewel of the Atlantic League."

Turf troubleshooter Ray Cipperly, head grounds keeper for the Somerset Patriots at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, assisted by Joe Zawodnick, assistant grounds keeper,

will come to your home, assess the problem areas, and offer advice on how to attack what's plaguing your turf.

These guys know what they're doing. For two years running, the grounds crew at Commerce Bank Ballpark has been selected as the "Grounds Crew of the Year" by league officials.

The Chronicle will be there too, and we'll come back to visit several times during the spring and summer, and report on the progress of the reclamation project.

There's more. Once your lawn has begun to once again resemble a lawn, the Patriots hope to host a

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Medical examiner readies for move

Middlesex County completed the purchase of the 17,990 square foot facility that houses its state-of-the-art Medical Examiner's offices.

The county entered into a 20-year lease in February 2005 for the building inside the ABB business complex at the base of Livingston Avenue in North Brunswick. The lease included an option for the county to buy the building during the first 10 years of the lease.

"It has been estimated that, by purchasing the building at this time, the county will be saving approximately \$2 million over what it would have spent during the first 10 years of the lease," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel. "The savings are, obviously, much greater over the full 20-year term of the lease."

The Board of Chosen Freeholders exercised its purchase option in December. Because the building is part of a larger commercial complex, subdivision approval from the North Brunswick Planning Board was required before the county could purchase the building.

The purchase price was \$4.5 million, which includes \$150,000 for an upgraded and specialized HVAC system installed by the landlord at the county's request.

Some 16,400 square feet of the building is dedicated to the Medical Examiner's facility. About 1,600 square feet will be used as garage space for the county Weights and Measures Department. The Medical Examiner's office and the Weights and Measures garage are completely separate and there is no access from one to the other.

The Medical Examiner's space brings under one roof all the operations performed by the office and replaces office and clinical spaces that were housed in four different locations. The Medical Examiner's office performs about 400

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Director,
Middlesex County
Board of Chosen
Freeholders

autopsies each year.

It became fully operational July 1.

"This new facility utilizes the most up-to-date technologies available and is a direct result of our continuing efforts to provide the most efficient and advanced tools for law enforcement," said Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano, chairman of the county Law and Public Safety Committee. "It will improve our technical capabilities as well as the quality of service we provide to our residents."

The new building provides space for offices, medical storage, autopsy rooms, fixed spec-

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Teen artists show off work at local college

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

BRANCHBURG — Most students had to have a permission slip signed in order to attend the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival, held at Raritan Valley Community College.

Not Meredith Young. Young, of Branchburg, is the only home-schooled student to be take part in this year's event, an annual event celebrating the work of student artists around the county. Artists submit their work, such as pieces of writing, dance and music performances, drawings, paintings, sculptures, and even videos, and receive a critique from professionals in their fields. An all-day event, the festival draws students from schools and municipalities around the county, where they also have the opportunity to learn during workshops held throughout the day.

For Young, it was a chance to show the artistic skills she's been developing since she was 6, when she began lessons at the Hunterdon Museum of Art in Clinton. Since then, the 14-year-old has been sketching whenever she has time, — even filling the margins of her notebooks with doodles — and spent last week putting the final touches on her piece for the festival.

"It's wildflowers out in the yard, and it's black and blue," she said, describing the acrylic painting she's prepared, though she noted that she prefers drawing over painting.

Young found out about the festival through her older sister,

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Meredith Young's artwork was on display Thursday at Raritan Valley Community College, which hosted the annual Somerset County Teen Arts Festival. The Branchburg girl is the only home-schooled student to take part in the event.



Representatives from ConocoPhillips presented a check for \$15,000 to the College to support the Process Technology program. Front row, left to right, Ray Wurtz, ConocoPhillips, Diane Trainor, chairperson of the Chemistry/Physics Department at Middlesex, Joann La Perla-Morales, president of the college, and Mary Phillips, ConocoPhillips. Back row, from left, Jose Monserrate, a Middlesex student in the program, Daniel Bedoya, an alumnus, and Wilson Arias, a student. Exxon Mobile presented \$500 scholarships to Monserrate and Arias.

College to offer new tech program

EDISON — A new academic program in Process Technology is being offered this spring at Middlesex County College. The program, started at the request of the Center for the Advancement of Process Technology, will train technicians for the chemical and petroleum industry.

Diane Trainor, chair of the Chemistry/Physics Department at Middlesex, said that several factors will contribute to a large number of jobs being available in the near future.

"First, the industry is looking at a large number of retirements over the next five to seven years," she said. "In addition, many of the companies are

also looking into training some of their incumbent workers so that they will have the same skills as the graduates of community colleges. Also, Dupont is constructing a new plant at the refinery in Linden and they are looking at us to do their training. Process Technology is a very exciting program and I think it will be very popular both with employers and students."

CAPT estimates that nationally the industry will be offering 40,000 new jobs.

The organization received a grant from the National Science Foundation about five years ago to meet the needs of the oil and gas industry to start training

process technicians. CAPT developed the curriculum and set up a network of community colleges around the country to offer the program.

Middlesex is part of the Greater New Jersey Process Technology Alliance (GNJPTA) which includes Conoco-Phillips, Infineum, Exxon/Mobil and the Co-Gen plant in Linden. Representatives from Conoco-Phillips presented a check for \$15,000 at the GNJPTA's January meeting to Dr. Trainor to support the program.

"They are all eager for us to get the program off the ground because they need qualified technicians," Trainor said.

Fields

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party at your house — complete with players and Sparklee the Mascot — for invited family and friends. The Patriots will provide the good refreshments.

Now through April 20, *The Chronicle* is accepting entries in its "Field of Dreams" contest. You'll find an entry coupon on Page A6 of today's newspaper; coupons can also be downloaded from *The Chronicle* Web site — nj.com/reporter — or from the Patriots Web site, somersetpatriots.com.

Entry blanks can also be picked up at *The Chronicle* office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville, or at the Patriots ticket window at Commerce Bank Park, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater.

Winners will be announced on April 28.

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Borough-based UNICO has membership drive

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States.

The Plainfields Chapter of UNICO National holds its annual membership drive at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 at the American Legion hall, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Anyone of Italian heritage is invited. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

For more information, call Carol Bednar at (908) 756-9320 or Anthony Bengivenga at (732) 968-9838.

Make a collage pin or pendant

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Ronda Wisniewski returns to the South Plainfield Public Library for more "Practical Crafting" at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 3.

She'll show you how to make a collage pin or pendant. Bring in shells and beads to add a personal touch. Fee is \$1. Registration is required; call

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

Amnesty Week at Edison Library

EDISON — The Edison Free Public Library has an Amnesty Week from Monday, April 3 to Saturday, April 8, which coincides with National Library Week.

Bring your overdue books to any Edison library branch between Monday, April 3 and Saturday, April 8. You will not be charged a fine for overdue books returned in that period. Overdue DVDs continue to accumulate fines as usual.

In addition, donations of canned food will be accepted for MC Foods.

Author will speak to local Women's Club

METUCHEN — The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club holds its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Middlesex and Oak avenues. Published author Feather

Schwartz Foster is the speaker. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. For membership information, call Diana at (732) 548-0925.

A trip is planned Sunday, April 9 to the Renault Winery and an Atlantic City casino. The bus leaves at 8:45 a.m. from the Edison Municipal Complex off Route 27. For details, call Cassie at (732) 985-7583. The public is invited.

The Women's Club plans to have a booth for the Townwide Garage Sale on Sunday, April 23.

'Animal Item Drive' being held in area

METUCHEN — A heads-up to all who love cats, rabbits, dogs and other animals: The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club is holding an "Animal Item Drive."

Dry cat food, moist cat food, cat box litter, rabbit food, dry dog food and canned dog food are desired. Old blankets, old towels, guinea pig bedding, paper towels, bleach, dish detergent and

laundry detergent are also wanted. Blankets and towels must be clean. Bring your donations to Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield; Donna's Hometown Deli at 1018 Amboy Ave., Edison; or the Metuchen Veterinary Hospital at 69 Pearl St. Donations will benefit the Plainfield Area Humane Society.

For more information, call Helena at (908) 754-0313 or Diana at (732) 548-0925.

Nursery school has flea market

DUNELLEN — A flea market is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Busy Bee Nursery School, 316 Jackson Ave. Breakfast, lunch and home-baked pastries also will be available. For more information, call Henry Cattle at (732) 752-8391.

Library coins are April exhibit and lecture

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Public Library has a month-long exhibit of coins in April to mark National Coin

Week. To tie in with the exhibit, the library raises the point that "A Penny Saved is History Learned" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 10. Presenter Gregory Heim covers the different designs of the U.S. 1-cent coin from the late 18th century to today. He'll also answer questions from the audience. For more information, visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or call (908) 754-7885. The library is adjacent to the Municipal Building at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

Good Friday fish dinner

DUNELLEN — The Knights of Columbus and Dunellen United Methodist Church sponsor a fish dinner on Good Friday, April 14.

Servings are from 5-7 p.m. in the church's religious education building at 316 Jackson Ave. The menu also includes potatoes, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, homemade dessert and beverage. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

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

Teen artists show off work at Raritan Valley

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who attended public high school and entered the festival through her school. Finding out about such events and opportunities is part of the challenge of home-schooling, said her mother, Dorothy Young.

"All the years previously, we had never heard of it, and it was being held right at the college," she said, noting that everyone she's worked with at the county has been very receptive to her daughter's participation in the event, and very helpful.

"As a parent or as a (home-

schooling) group, you have to go out and seek the things yourself."

Young's painting will hang alongside over 400 other works by students around the county, and hundreds more will perform at the event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, from small choral groups to full

music ensembles to individual monologues, dance groups, and screenings, which the public is invited to view.

While not in a performance or critique session, the artists will also be able to take part in workshops, where they can explore new elements of their crafts or learn about different

areas of expression, ranging from jazz improvisation to caricature to Afro-Brazilian dance.

With the paint on her festival entry barely dry, Young is thinking about the next challenge: a planned painting of the Wallace House for a statewide competition.

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men areas and meetings, plus a viewing area for families. The building, which sits inside a gated complex, is secure and provides ample employee and visitor parking.

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'Blooming Tea' is being served

METUCHEN — Come partake of a "Blooming Tea" at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the Brass Lantern, 335 Main St. This program shows how to make flowers in ribbon, yarn and paper. You'll also learn find out about floral needlepoint pillows and floral watercolors. For more information, call (732) 548-5442.

Edison dog show marks 20 years

EDISON — The Twin Brooks Kennel Club holds its 20th annual Winter All-Breed Dog Show on Sunday, March 26 at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, in Raritan Center.

Nearly 1,200 dogs are registered in over 150 different breeds are registered. The show begins at 8:30 a.m. with the Best in Show chosen in the late afternoon.

Admission to the public is \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$1 for children. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

For more information, call (908) 647-1357 or (973) 746-5986.

Take a 'Celtic Music Journey'

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Public Library presents a "Celtic Music Journey" with Heather Mulvey at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

She'll introduce each song with a brief history of how it was composed. Admission is free and the public is invited.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

Seats available for theater trip

PISCATAWAY — Seats are still open for a Recreation Department trip to a matinee of "The Producers" on Sunday, March 26.

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

Get a 'Taste of Middlesex'

EDISON — The ninth annual "Taste of Middlesex" features food and wine samples from some of Middlesex County's finest restaurants.

This fundraising event runs from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 27 at the Pines Manor, Route 27 and Talmadge Road.

Admission is \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door.

Proceeds go toward a full-year scholarship at Middlesex County College, tutors at Edison middle schools and art supplies at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

In addition, patrons are asked to bring a bag of nonperishable food to be donated to St. James Episcopal Church and the Community Presbyterian Church.

For tickets, visit www.edison-chamber.com or call (732) 738-9482. "Taste of Middlesex" is sponsored by the Edison Chamber of Commerce and co-sponsored in part by Metuchen Savings Bank.

'Speed of Life' parent seminar

PISCATAWAY — "Parenting at the Speed of Life" is the theme of a seminar sponsored by the Metuchen Diocese Office of Family Life.

The seminar is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane. Presenter Tom Everson has over 20 years experience as a counselor and youth minister.

Parents whose children are of preschool through high school age are welcome. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

For more information, visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call (732) 562-1990, Ext. 1624.

Parents auxiliary holds penny sale

PISCATAWAY — The Parents Auxiliary to the Air Force Junior ROTC at Piscataway High School holds a penny sale every year.

This year's penny sale is on Friday, March 31 in the Susan B. Anthony Building on the PHS campus. Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$5. Proceeds go toward scholarships for graduating Junior ROTC cadets.

For more information, call Rosalie Guether at (732) 463-8574.

Jewish artist coming to area

METUCHEN — Hadassah and the Sisterhood of Congregation Neve Shalom are sponsoring a lecture by Jewish artist Mordechai Rosenstein.

The program is at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the Edison home of Lenore and Roberto

Laracuent. Admission of \$18 includes dessert.

In addition, Rosenstein will have his art available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds to go toward the synagogue's fundraising efforts.

For reservations, call Susan Goldman at (732) 549-0195 or Michelle Stein at (732) 744-0803 by Sunday, March 26.

County college plans open house

EDISON — Middlesex County College is holding an open house for would-be students and their families.

The open house is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 2 in the College Center, located on the main MCC campus off Woodbridge Avenue. Officials of all academic departments are scheduled to be on hand. MCC students will conduct tours of the main campus.

For more information, visit www.middlesexcc.edu or call (732) 906-4243.

Order flowers for Passover

METUCHEN — The youth committee of Congregation Neve Shalom is selling floral centerpieces for Passover table.

Each centerpiece is \$18. For orders, call Nancy Kaswin at (732) 548-8738 or Jennine Shpigel at (908) 757-8143 by Monday, April 3.

Proceeds go toward children's programs at the Metuchen synagogue.

Liberal arts festival to be held at college

EDISON — Middlesex County College is holding a Liberal Arts Festival for students between April 3-13.

This year's festival offers programs in literature, language, psychology and culture. The

public is invited to the keynote address at 11 a.m. Friday, April 7 in the Performing Arts Center, on the main MCC campus off Woodbridge Avenue.

Diana Kendall speaks on "Framing Reality: How the Liberal Arts Help Us Make Sense of Our World."

She is a sociology professor at Baylor University and a published author as well. A reception follows her address.

19th century leaders are topic of lecture

MIDDLESEX — William and Sue Wills return to the Middlesex Public Library for another in their series on "Presidents and Their First Ladies, Dramatically Speaking."

The couple will speak at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2 about William Henry Harrison and John Tyler, American presidents in the 1840s. The program is part of National Library Week and a reception will follow.

For more information, call (732) 356-6602. The library is adjacent to the Municipal Building at 1300 Mountain Ave.

4-H sponsors clothing drive

The Middlesex County 4-H Teen Council sponsors a clothing drive to benefit needy families.

Used clothing, shoes, handbags and linens are wanted. Bring them in sturdy plastic trash bags to the 4-H Center in East Brunswick between 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 5.

Proceeds go toward Project Gift, a holiday shopping day for low-income families.

For more information, call (732) 398-5261. The 4-H Center is adjacent to the fairgrounds on Cranbury Road (County Road 535), 3 miles south of Route 18.

Campus Notes

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

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

David Charnuska of Bound Brook, who is majoring in business administration.

Katelyn M. Fiefer of Middlesex, who is majoring in English.

Robert M. Lugowe of Piscataway, who is majoring in physical therapy.

Ashley M. Waters of Middlesex, who is majoring in finance and insurance.

A total of 27 area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Rowan University in Glassboro. The students and their majors, where declared:

Stephen K. Allara of South Plainfield, health and exercise science with emphasis in teacher certification.

Brielle K. Anderson of South Plainfield, school psychology.

Shannon L. Bishop of South Plainfield, collaborative teaching.

Brian P. Boisier of Piscataway, communication with emphasis in journalism.

Kristen M. Brady of Piscataway, law and justice.

Larissa A. Cariello of Edison, business administration with emphasis in marketing.

Stephanie Carniglia of Metuchen, health and exercise science with emphasis in teacher certification.

Christopher M. Chariv of Piscataway, studio art.

Kerri L. Colletto of Edison, collaborative education.

Kaitlyn A. Disch of South Plainfield.

Christina M. Fitzgerald of Dunellen, communication with emphasis in radio-television-film.

Melanie B. Foscolo of South Plainfield.

Jonathan Fredericks of South Plainfield, law and justice.

Carrie Lander of Metuchen, art with emphasis in education.

Mary E. Lenti of Edison, political science.

Jeanette C. Lodato of Piscataway, art with emphasis in education.

Brian P. Lynch of Dunellen, theater with emphasis in theater arts.

Taryn E. McCormick of Edison, elementary education.

Chinasa A. Nworu of Piscataway.

Lauren J. O'Shea of Edison, education with emphasis in elementary education.

Amy M. Ovsiew of Piscataway, communication with emphasis in public relations.

David Penyak of South Plainfield, communication with emphasis in communication studies.

Robert Rose of Piscataway, law and justice.

Danielle M. Schweers of South Plainfield, teacher of the handicapped.

Meghan M. Seamster of Edison, education with emphasis in elementary education.

Jenna Stein of Metuchen, art with emphasis in education.

Jason L. Stewart of Metuchen, education with emphasis in elementary education.

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Opinion

Is the reaction to MySpace justified?

Google MySpace and you will find more than 26 pages of news items — most posted within the last two weeks. If you think the MySpace phenomenon is only hitting teens — some 10 million of its estimated 50 to 60 million registered users are under 17 — you're wrong, it's also become a hot issue for many people today — from police to parents and teachers.

There are countless articles defending MySpace as a place where people can express themselves and meet others and others chastising the Web site for allowing a way for sexual predators — and predators in general — to search for people.

The truth is MySpace is both. Created as a way to network, the success of MySpace — particularly among teens — is obvious after spending just a few minutes there. Users can ask to be "friends" with each other, creating a virtual community of relationships that can reach into the thousands. It also epitomizes freedom of expression by allowing users to post photos, add backgrounds, music and video, blogs, poetry, you name it. It is also in many ways anonymous — ironic for a site that allows a person to post their most inner personal thoughts. It is anonymous because it allows you to put your best face forward, or to announce your flaws, whichever you want. Instead of a mirror it is a snapshot of how you want others to think of you. It is also not anonymous because this information is out there for anyone to see.

In short, for a teenager, it is the ultimate personal statement. Teens value themselves on the numbers of friends they have, how they look, how they dress, how they act, what they listen to...basically how others perceive them. No wonder it is so addicting to them.

It can also be a place to complain about school

or parents, and in some cases to make threats. That's just a few of the many reasons why many schools are restricting access to MySpace from school computers.

Does it have its positives? Yes. For those who may be a fan of something not mainstream in America — such as badminton — it is a meeting place.

MySpace is also a place for many to promote themselves — unsigned bands, stand-up comics, new businesses and writers all have used the site to create a network of new clients, fans and readers.

Does it have its dark side? Yes. With a few well-placed clicks, a visitor to MySpace can find 15-year-old students from just about any high school in the area, including in some cases their e-mail address and favorite places to hang out. Although MySpace doesn't allow users to search users under the age of 18 by zip code — and prohibits those under the age of 14 from joining the site — with so many extended friends joining a person's site, it's not hard to find a teen's page.

For parents, the key to understanding MySpace is to understand that for most teens — and some pre-teens who are visiting the site — it's not just about the latest, hottest Web site — it's about being able to make a personal statement. Like anything else, clothes or music or movies, it's up to parents to help their kids make the right decisions. In short, once again, know what your kids are doing online. Talk to them about their MySpace profile, look at it, give them advice about what to put up there — and what not to post. Don't dismiss it outright, don't challenge it because you don't understand the appeal or fear the stalkers who do exist. Educate, participate, communicate. In short, parent.

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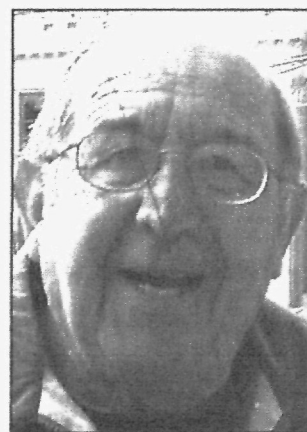
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Question of the week: After three years, how long should we stay in Iraq?



CINDY DUGAL
Bedminster

"We should have gone a long time ago."



HENRY PATULLO
Bound Brook

"No, we're not accomplishing anything. After three years, we should be done there."



AL SCHWEIKERT
High Bridge

"We should stay until the government can control its army and some civility can come back to its cities."



TIM WALKER
Franklin

"We should have left yesterday."

Letters to the Editor

Support was appreciated

To The Editor:

On behalf of the governing body, our Police Department and the residents of the borough of Watchung, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the governing bodies of the surrounding towns, their police departments and the Somerset County Sheriff's Department for the outstanding support they provided during our most difficult time of need in the tragic death of Officer Mathew Melchionda on March 8.

Unfortunately, the line of duty puts the life of an officer in danger at any given time, and no amount of training can prepare a department, a town or a family for

the aftermath of a heart-break such as this; but seeing everyone come together in the way they did for the borough was truly remarkable.

It is impossible to personally thank all who helped in ways large and small, but the support that was displayed was a bright light that shone through a dark time.

In addition to our Fire Department and Rescue Squad, I would like to thank the residents and local businesses who were so patient and accommodating with the heavy traffic and street closings.

ALBERT S. ELLIS
Mayor of Watchung

WHRHS school budget needs citizen's support

To The Editor:

The citizens of Warren, Watchung and Long Hill should support the proposed Watchung Hills Regional High School budget.

As a parent concerned about how my tax dollars are spent, I sought data at www.whrhs.org and discovered that the school is the lowest cost-per-student regional high school in its peer group.

I found that around 8 percent of the 12.3 percent requested increase is "fixed," dictated by contract and by increased utility costs. The remaining 4.3 percent is needed to house and educate the additional 6 percent of students who will arrive next fall, with a small amount required to occupy the new building. In essence, with 8 percent in mandatory increases and 4.3 percent to cover the 6 percent of the school's population who will be incoming students, a 12.3 percent increase is really a near-stand-still budget.

Since the school has the low-

est cost per student, if the budget does not pass, cutting the already low academic budget further would damage the educational process, something the Board of Education and administration have stated they would not do. The single largest budget item that can be cut without affecting academics is the \$1-plus million per year spent on sports, over 3 percent of the total school budget.

To keep the quality of education at the high school, to retain our excellent teachers, to support the 6 percent student population growth and to preserve the athletic and co-curricular programs, I urge you to get out and vote yes for the Watchung Hills Regional High School budget on April 18.

A yes vote also enhances our homes' and communities' values which are no longer determined by "location, location, location," but by "schools, schools, schools."

HOWARD GREENBAUM
Watchung

Candidate a good choice

To The Editor:

I strongly support Paul Seelig for the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education. I have known Paul since our children and his were students together at the Watchung schools. I have also known Paul as a leader on the Watchung school board and as a volunteer in our Little League. During these many years, it has been a privilege to observe this many contributions to Watchung and the Watchung schools.

Paul served on the Watchung school board for 12 years, three of which as president. His broad range of experience includes key committee work on construction, finance and negotiations. He brought a wealth of practical management experience to his tenure on the Watchung board, having served as an executive for a number of years in the pharmaceutical industry.

Paul will be an invaluable

asset to the board because of his strong skills in cost management. The high school is in the process of completing an extensive addition and renovation, funded in part by one-time state aid program. Because of cost overruns, additional local bonding has been required to fund the remainder of the project. Going forward, the board lacks a financial safety net since it is unlikely that area taxpayers will support additional bonding. Nor can the board look to Trenton for additional funding given the state's fiscal crisis. In short, the board needs skilled leaders like Paul Seelig to oversee the budget during this difficult period ahead. Paul will give taxpayers confidence in the fiscal health of while ensuring that its students receive an outstanding education.

ALAN G. PAGE
Watchung

Patriot needs to show Mets

To The Editor:

As a long-time Met fan I have recently come across extremely disappointing news: I will not be able to watch the vast majority of Mets games from this point on.

A new channel operated by Comcast, Time-Warner and in part by the Mets organization, titled Sports Net New York — or SNY — will be broadcasting the majority of

games from now on. Patriot Media has chosen not to carry this channel because of a "lack of viewer interest."

I urge any and all people to call Patriot Media at (866) PAT-1776 to express interest in this channel. Internet based MLB.TV is also not an option because of local broadcast black-out zones.

REID KIRBY
Union

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Somerset County Briefs

Applications sought for open space grants

SOMERVILLE — The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county Planning Board are seeking applications for the 2006 round of County/Municipal Open Space Partnership Grants.

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Saturday, March 25, 2006

From marquee lights to big top nights

"People in show business have to be somewhat mentally deranged. You go through so much hardship and frustration for a few minutes of applause. But it's like a drug. Nothing makes you happier. It's the only thing I could do. I can't type."

Kathy Halenda



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

Singing hostess brings new dimension to show

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — Kathy Halenda has performed in almost 200 theatre productions, has done hundreds of voiceovers, and has appeared in various television shows and films.

But about a year ago, she literally ran away to join the circus — the Big Apple Circus that is.

Halenda, who played Nancy in the national tour of "Oliver" and Mama Rose in "Gypsy" at the Harlequin Theatre, made her debut this year as the circus's first singing hostess.

"I worked with Steve Smith, who directs the show, at a comedy cabaret and we became good friends," Halenda said. "He called me up about two years ago and said the circus was looking for a female signing hostess and I said yes. To run away with the circus, who hasn't dreamed of that?"

With the circus' theme of "Grandma goes to Hollywood," Halenda gets to sing some of her favorite movie themes — and themes from Broadway shows that became films — including "My Heart Will Go On," from "Titanic," "Grease Lightning" and "All that Jazz," from Chicago.

Reminiscent of Bette Midler, with her dazzling robust voice, Halenda introduces each act with a song, belting out the familiar lyrics. In between acts, she often is part of the show, clowning around with the clowns.

"I love goofing around and interacting with the clowns," said Halenda, who confessed that during one performance, Grandma, played by Barry Lubin, made her break out of character. "I think there was this one time, Grandma spit water in my face and made me crack. I giggled for a moment, but got right back into it. That's the fun of the circus. You can laugh along with the audience."

Halenda, who grew up in Richmond, Virginia, began singing when she was 5 years old in a southern Baptist church and became a diva shortly after.

"My mother would always say, 'Quiet down Kathy,' so I reckon I was always very dramatic," she said with a southern drawl.

Halenda started acting in her high school plays and then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in theater from Virginia Tech. Since then, she's appeared in 11 national tours, 180 theater productions and two one-woman shows.

"People in show business have to be somewhat mentally deranged," she said. "You go through so much hardship and frustration for a few minutes of applause. But it's like a drug. Nothing makes you happier. It's the only thing I could do. I can't type."

Halenda, whose inspirations include Bette Midler, Ethel Merman and Meryl Streep, said she's liked each production she's been a part of and has always been fortunate to have work.

"I've loved all my roles," she said. "There's never been a production I didn't like."

Joining the circus gave Halenda the chance to expand her resume and learn some new skills. "I never even drove a truck before," she said. "But now I know how to drive a trailer and level a trailer."

Halenda said she had no worries or fears about joining the show. "I was excited," she said. "I think they (the circus performers) were more worried than I was. I think they thought I'd be a bit of a diva and not used to this. But they embraced me immediately."

Though living in a trailer for the better part of the year away from her husband can be a bit stressful, Halenda likes the community feeling of living in the same environment as her co-workers. While on the road, Halenda lives with her cat named Tramp, while her husband and dog live at home in Wilmington in North Carolina.

"We're all here on site in our own trailers," she said. "It's like its own neighborhood. In theater, you stay in hotels. In theater, you don't get dogs and kids and husbands."

One of the challenges Halenda has faced in joining the circus has been singing much earlier in the day than she's used to.

"I need to get up at nine to get my voice going because we have an eleven o'clock show," said Halenda, who applies her own sparkly makeup prior to each production. "At first I was like, 'You want me to sing before noon!'"

For Halenda, one of the best parts of working on a circus production is the variety it brings to her role and the ability to interact with the audience.

"Every show changes," she said. "Each one's a little bit different ... I love watching a member of the audience connect with what we're doing in the ring."



Nearly 200 appearances in theatre productions helped prepare Kathy Halenda for her debut as the Big Apple Circus' first singing hostess. The timing was perfect, as this year's production is titled "Grandma Goes to Hollywood." Above, Halenda sings in between acts. She can be seen above left talking in her dressing room before a performance. One of her favorite parts of the evening is getting the chance to work with the clowns, left and below. And the only person who has made her break out of character is Barry Lubin, who plays Grandma, and who spit water in her face as a goof. "I giggled for a moment, but got right back into it."

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Dated: MARCH 17, 2006
 DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk
 Superior Court of New Jersey
 B48 JT 3/25/06 \$17.34

Society Hill at Piscataway
 Invitation for Maintenance Contract Bids
 Society Hill at Piscataway Condominium Association, Inc., a 545 unit, 47 building, 43 acre community located in Piscataway, NJ, is inviting sealed bids from local contractors for its general maintenance contract. Responsibilities include: repair and maintenance of siding, trim, gutters and leaders, roofing and roofing components, building lighting, clubhouse interior and exterior, tennis courts, playground, dryer vents, and signage; wall-board repair; assistance with snow/ice control, maintenance of on-melt dispensers; grounds policing, breeze-way cleaning, and clubhouse cleaning; problem evaluation and troubleshooting; preventative and periodic maintenance; periodic inspections; administrative assistance Contractor to provide insurance, vehicle, and uniform. Work ticket and time tracking system to be followed. 40 hours per week, 8:00am to 4:30pm, except holidays. For full specifications, contact the property manager at 732-463-3434 or the Board of Trustees at 732-699-0091 or visit www.societyhillpiscataway.com. Mail sealed bids to: Society Hill at Piscataway Condominium Association Inc., Attn: Maintenance Contract Bids, 550 Chesterfield Drive, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Bids must be received by Monday, April 3, 2006, 4:30PM.
 B50 JT 3/25/06 \$28.56

Advisory committee of the Borough of Dunellen that there exists a need for specialized and qualitative services for the review of all actions taken thus far in the redevelopment process undertaken by the Borough of Dunellen; and Whereas, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 17:27-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contract for Professional Services without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised; and Whereas, by Resolution 02-06-2006; #21, a professional services contract was previously awarded for \$3,500.00; and Whereas, by Resolution 11-07-2005; #6, a further \$3,000.00 was awarded; and Whereas, by Resolution 02-06-2006; #5, a further \$3,357.89 was awarded; and Whereas, there is now need to award a further contract. Now therefore be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen as follows:

- The Mayor and Borough Council are authorizing an additional \$405.00. The total amount of all authorizations for this Professional Services Contract is \$17,800.56 and is not to exceed \$17,800.56.
- The funds for this contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
- The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to retain Beacon Planning and Consulting Services, 41 State Highway 34 South, Colts Neck, NJ, 07722.
- This resolution is awarded without competitive bidding to a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered are professional services of a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law, and is further awarded as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8.

Submitted by:
 William M. Robins, RMC
 Dunellen Municipal Clerk
 B52 JT 3/25/06 \$16.32

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
ORDINANCE #06-03
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
 The capital ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on March 20, 2006 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. 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. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

TITLE: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, APPROPRIATING \$25,000 THEREFOR FOR SAID ACQUISITION AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

Purpose(s):

- Acquisition of loader arms for the front end loader,
- Acquisition of roll-off containers, and
- Acquisition of above ground mechanical lift, all said improvements to include all costs, equipment and/or improvements necessary therefore or related thereto.

Appropriation: \$25,000
Section 20 Costs: \$26,000
Useful Life: 5 years

Submitted by: William M. Robins, RMC
 Dunellen Municipal Clerk
 B53 JT 3/25/06 \$14.02

Middlesex County News

Easter bunny brunch coming
 SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Columbiettes hold their annual "Brunch with the Easter Bunny" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 26 at Sacred Heart School, 149 South Plainfield Ave.
 This all-you-can-eat meal includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, baked ham, potatoes, fruit salad, coffee cake, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea.
 All boys and girls under age 10 receive a basket from the Easter bunny. Games and prizes are also planned.
 Cost is \$10 per person; infants under 1 year old are free. Seating is limited.
 For reservations, call Emma at (732) 287-2346 or Joann at (732) 572-9347. Give your youngsters' ages when you call.

Obituaries

Jane Richdale

BOUND BROOK — Jane Englesbe Richdale, 90, died March 5, 2006 in Orlando, Fla.
 Born Jan. 5, 1916 in Bound Brook, she was a daughter of the late Earl and Margaret Englesbe.
 Mrs. Richdale lived in Bound Brook before moving in 1968 to Jensen Beach, Fla. She served in 1951 as chairman of the residential division of the Somerville Community Chest, a predecessor to the United Way of Somerset County. She also was active with the Women's Auxiliary of Somerset Hospital in Somerville and in 1956-57 was the auxiliary's president.
 She and her late husband, Guy Jr., were retired propane distributors as the owners of Guy Richdale Essotane. The Richdales were members of the Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater.
 Mrs. Richdale attended Bound Brook High School and received a degree in home economics from the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass College of Rutgers University) in 1937.
 Also preceding her in death were a son, Thomas; and two brothers, Peter Englesbe and Philip Englesbe.
 Surviving are two daughters, Suzan Luftglass of Whitehouse and Janet Richdale Sigler and husband George of Orlando; two sons, Peter and wife Jody of Butler, Pa., and John and wife Linda of West Orange; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.
 A memorial Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. today at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville. Burial will be in New Cemetery, Somerville.
 Arrangements are by the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, P.O. Box 2987, Orlando, FL 32802.

Gerda Wagner

BOUND BROOK — Gerda Wagner, 78, died March 11, 2006 at Integrated Health Services of New Jersey at Somerset Valley, in Bridgewater.
 Born in Sandhausen, Germany, she came to the United States in 1954 and had lived for many years in Bound Brook.
 Mrs. Wagner retired in 1991 as a secretary with Vidiflex Video Repair in South Bound Brook. She earlier worked for T.E.S. in Bound Brook and the bricklayers union in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
 She was a member of the Leisure Club, the Bound Brook Senior Citizens Club and St. Mary of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church.
 Her husband, William J., and a daughter, Ute Giamella, died in 1991.
 Surviving are two sisters, Helena Kalfass and Lisa Lutz, both of Germany; and two granddaughters, Karin Giamella and Kristina Giamella, both of Bound Brook.
 Private arrangements were by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home.

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