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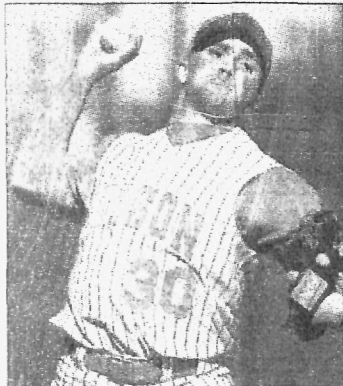
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Project Lifesaver comes to county



Shutout Ballgame

Edison High's Nick Reider pitched five innings of shutout ball when the Eagles blanked Perth Amboy last week. For a wrap-up of recent baseball games, see Page B1.



Vests Head Overseas

Facing inadequate protection inside their vehicles, members of the military serving overseas are getting some help from area law enforcement agencies. Page A2.

REMEMBER

Get In Line For Plants

The Master Gardeners of Middlesex County will host their annual plant sale as part of Cook College's Ag Field Day today. The plant sale takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the campus of Cook College in New Brunswick. Available at the sale will be dozens of varieties of tomatoes, including Rutgers and other heirloom varieties, rare herbs, Oritani and other bell peppers, plus new and exotic hot pepper varieties. For more information, call (732) 745-4394 or visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices.

How to Help OPSHBX

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, in partnership with American Recreational Military Services is seeking cash donations in support of their ongoing effort to supply American forces overseas with a steady supply of personal items, toiletries and snacks. ARMS is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service code. All contributions are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to ARMS, with the instructions "Operation: Shoebox NJ 2005" written on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to: Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, c/o The Reporter, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville, N.J. 08876. For more on Operation Shoebox, see Page A5.

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be offering the Project Lifesaver program to county residents.

"Earlier this year Barbara and Jay Sidrer wrote to board members requesting that Middlesex County implement (the) program," Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano said. "Project Lifesaver is a pro-

gram to assist the families and caregivers of residents afflicted with various forms of dementia, as well as Down's syndrome and autism, while at the same time protecting those residents from harm by providing a means of finding a resident who wanders from a secure environment.

"Project Lifesaver employs a system utilizing a personal-

ized battery-operated radio wrist transmitter that emits a unique tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. In the event that a resident enrolled in Project Lifesaver should wander from home or become lost, (they) can quickly be located by a specially trained search and rescue team in a tracing receiver."

Project Lifesaver is expect-

ed to be activated later this year.

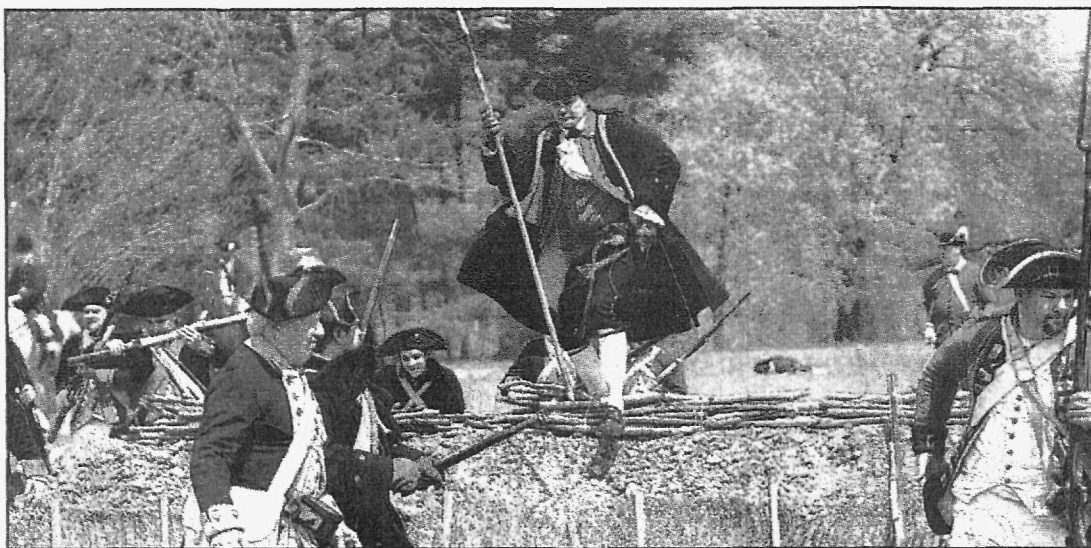
"In most counties Project Lifesaver is administered through the sheriff's department," Freeholder Blanquita Valenti said. "Sheriff (Joseph) Spicuzzo has enthusiastically agreed to coordinate the program here in Middlesex County. He will coordinate jurisdictional issues with the

municipal police departments and will provide the staff and vehicles to operate the equipment and implement the program.

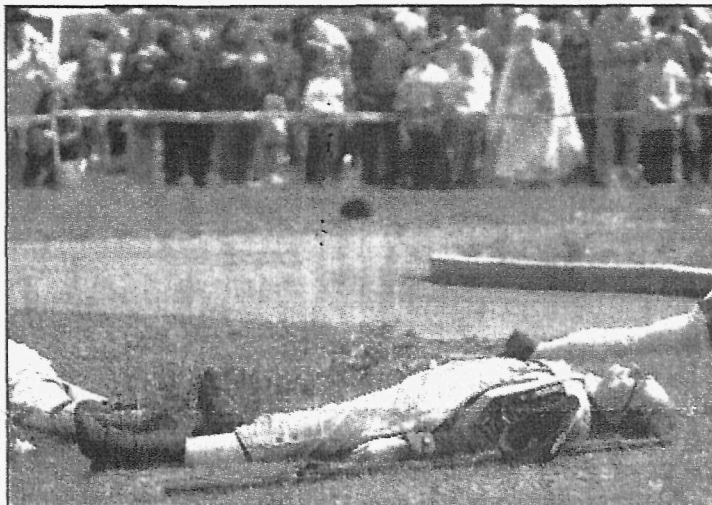
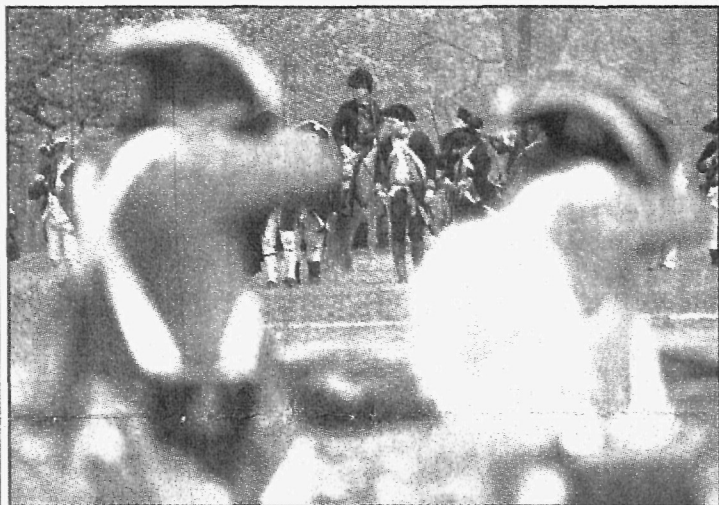
"It appears that Middlesex County can equip two search vehicles and train 15 individuals to operate the search equipment for slightly less

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Under attack



Battle of Bound Brook comes back to life



PHOTOS BY GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bound Brook, South Bound Brook and Franklin Township were overrun by Colonial and Crown forces over the weekend during the annual reenactment of the Battle of Bound Brook. On Palm Sunday, April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British Crown troops led by Lord Charles Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500 commanded by General Benjamin Lincoln and located in the town of Bound Brook. For additional information on the yearly reenactment, visit www.battleofboundbrook.com or www.staatshouse.com.

Walk to benefit March of Dimes

PISCATAWAY — For the 36th year, March of Dimes WalkAmerica will bring people from all neighborhoods and all walks of life together to help save babies.

On Sunday, over 3,000 families, teams and individuals will walk and raise much-needed research funds to fight premature births.

Every year, nearly half a million babies, or one in eight, are born too early and the rate is rising. Since 1981, the rate of premature birth in the U.S. has increased 29 percent. In half of these births, the cause is unknown. Prematurity is the leading cause of infant death in this country, and for those who survive, it could mean living with lifelong disabilities.

"Prematurity is a common, serious and costly problem that affects all of us," said Bob Grandjean, Middlesex County WalkAmerica Chair. "I am proud to support the March of Dimes efforts to fund research to find the causes of prematurity and what can be done to prevent it. This year we are urging people to walk for someone they love — a premature

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RVCC president will leave campus

STAFF REPORT

NORTH BRANCH — After five years at the helm, Raritan Valley Community College President G. Jeremiah Ryan will be leaving at the end of December.

The school's Board of Trustees did not extend his contract.

He said the board has been generous, granting him a paid, six-month sabbatical that starts next January.

"I'm going to be an aggressive, active president" for the duration, he said yesterday.

He is hoping to wrap up a bio-science project he has been working on with Kean University, and next year's budget, among other things.

He said an ongoing disagreement about tuition increases to fund the college was at the root of his and the board's decision to go their separate ways. The state, Somerset and Hunterdon counties and tuition are supposed to fund the college in equal thirds, but state aid has been decreasing.

"We had severe disagreements over tuition," said

Ryan. "The board has been consistent in wanting lower tuition ... We have two of the most affluent counties here. I've advocated ceaselessly for higher tuition. Last year's budget was very difficult. I'm most concerned about the quality in the classroom.

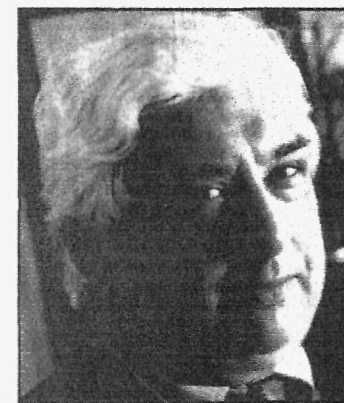
"This next year we'll have 10 empty fulltime faculty seats. That's of grave concern to me. I fear that's the beginning of an erosion of quality."

Former State Sen. Ray Bateman, chairman of the board of trustees said: "Jerry Ryan has done a very

good job as president of RVCC. His nearly six years have been very productive. He leaves the college in good shape.

"Jerry is the fourth president in my 25 years as chairman. Five or six years in one place seems to be about par for the course for county college presidents.

"He has had some differences with board members — that is not unusual. We jointly arrived at the conclusion that he is leaving — hopefully, for him, to a larger challenge."



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G. Jeremiah Ryan, president of Raritan Valley Community College, will be leaving his post in December after five years with the college.

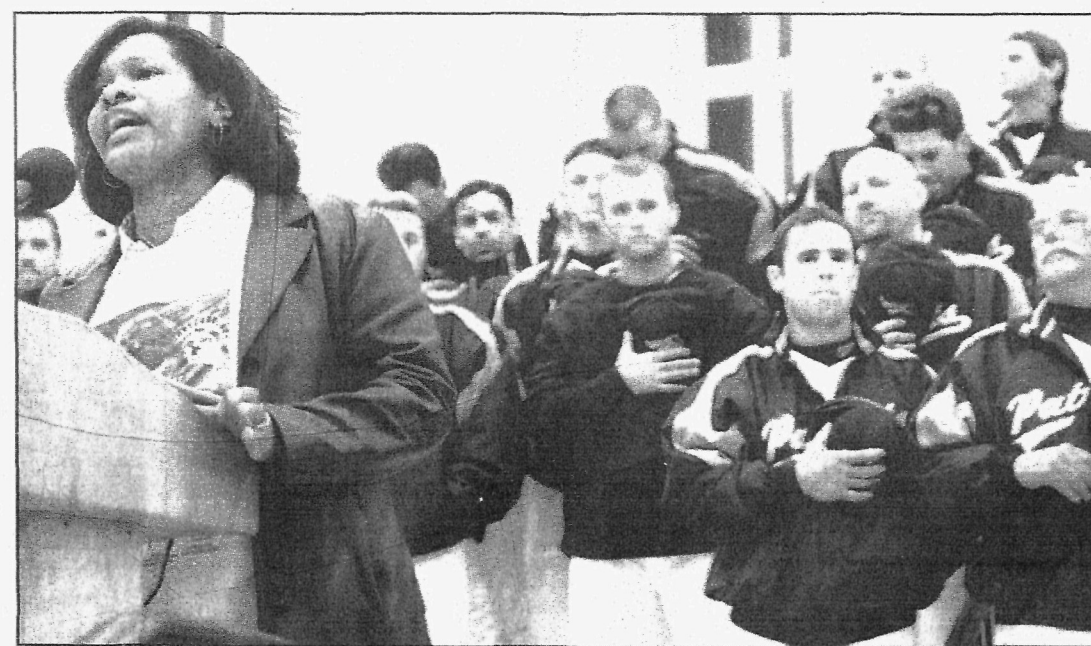
Patriots salute the real Patriots

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — Patriots' fever swept through downtown Monday, as fans turned out despite less-than-ideal weather to attend the Parade of Patriots.

Starting with an autograph session with the players and Sparkee the mascot at Borough Hall, kids of all ages shared the excitement of the season. Children and adults ran from player to player, collecting signatures on books, baseballs, and little league T-shirts.

As the parade kicked off down West Main Street, fans and families cheered and waved from the sidewalks.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Takesha Pettus, staff writer for The Chronicle newspaper, performs the National Anthem during ceremonies at the Somerset County Courthouse as the Somerset Patriots remove their caps.

"It was a great parade," said Pat Mannion, who stood outside his restaurant to enjoy the show.

"Considering the cold, cloudy weather, fans still came out to support the Patriots and Operation

Shoebbox."

While the crowd was smaller than at last year's parade, when the day dawned sunny and warm, Mannion wasn't the only one who came out to enjoy the parade.

The veterans' groups were

a prominent part of this year's celebration.

The Patriots will face off against the Lancaster Barnstormers tonight, starting at 7:05 at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater.

Shopper survey examined

HIGHLAND PARK — Main Street Highland Park will hold a public meeting to present the results of the recently conducted Shoppers Survey.

This local market research identifies consumer preferences relating to the downtown business district.

A presentation on the study will be held 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the Highland Park Library. The results of this study will interest existing retailers and restaurateurs in the area, as well as prospective business owners and residents. All are invited to attend.

The Shopper's Survey answers these key local marketing questions: "Who shops and dines in Highland Park? What are local retailers and restaurants doing well? What needs improvement? Why do shoppers spend elsewhere,

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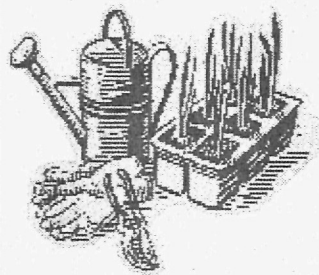
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Body armor gets new use in Iraq

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

Monmouth County Sheriff's Officer Marc Micciulla was concerned last year when one of his fellow officers, a New Jersey National Guardsman, was deployed to Iraq. And he found no comfort in media reports of U.S. casualties that could have been prevented if the vehicles they were traveling had been cloaked in adequate armor.

So the 24-year-old Red Bank man did something about it, and even acting Gov. Richard J. Codey like the idea.

"You try to do whatever you can to help out, especially when it's one of your own," said Micciulla, who helped begin a drive to collect bullet-proof vests that soldiers have since been using to line their Humvees with.

The vests are used to stop shrapnel from exploding roadside bombs. Many soldiers who ride in Humvees sit or stand on the vests. They cover their doors and windows with vests.

Micciulla said another fellow sheriff's officer, Gilroy Parks,

35, of East Brunswick, initially came up with the idea after a fellow officer, Gilroy Parks, of Long Branch, a reservist in the National Guard 42nd Discom, was sent over. Parks, too, has since been deployed to the war.

"I said 'Sure, we can get vests,'" recalled Micciulla, who then began soliciting his own office and a number of police departments.

"It was mostly word of mouth, nothing special, but it's gotten bigger than we thought it would be," he said.

Micciulla said so far he has collected about 85 vests from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and Woodbridge, North Plainfield and Clifton police departments, along with 150 from Pennsylvania police departments.

The number is greater statewide following Gov. Richard J. Codey endorsement of the program back in January.

"He heard about us doing it, loved the idea and pushed it along," Micciulla said.



U.S. Army Spc. Omar Ruego of Ewing, left, and U.S. Army Pfc. Oscar Dumas of Newark unload donated bullet-proof vests at the Franklin Armory.

With the endorsement, the governor said: "These brave men and women are risking their lives in the name of freedom. This is one way we can demonstrate our support and appreciation for the sacrifices they are making on behalf of our nation."

Micciulla said the drive has been going very well, and even a bit overwhelming, but luckily for him patriotism runs in his family.

"Thank God for the volunteers helping out with the shipping and handling," he said, referring to American Recreational Military Services, a non-profit volunteer organization that supports the families of New Jersey National Guardsmen, where his mother,

Ronnie, is the executive director.

ARMS volunteers pack the vests at the Somerset Armory in Franklin and ship them to Iraq.

Micciulla said police departments replace bulletproof vests, on average, every four or five years.

John A. Hales, coordinator for the Somerset Armory Family Assistance Center, said there are more than 3,000 New Jersey National Guard troops in Iraq. The vests will go to them and active Army components most susceptible to encountering roadside bombs.

Any organization interested in donating bulletproof vests can contact Marc Micciulla at (732) 489-2498.

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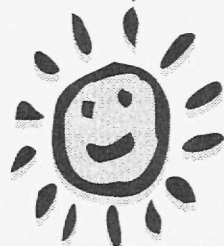
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than \$6,000. Each wrist transmitter unit can be acquired at a cost of \$276.15 and maintained for monthly at an average cost of approximately \$8. Batteries in the bracelet must be changed every 30-45 days. Estimated annual costs in 2005 to implement a pilot program for 30 participants beginning in the fall of this year will be \$15,360. Funds are available to implement the program in 2005. No new staff will be required for this program."

March of Dimes

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child or a healthy child — so that all babies will have the chance to be born healthy and full-term."

Registration information for WalkAmerica is available on-line at walkamerica.org by calling (800) BIG-WALK.

The 5-mile WalkAmerica route begins and ends at the Rutgers Athletic Center in Piscataway and is followed by refreshments. Magic 98.3 FM will be providing music and entertainment.

Shopper survey

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and on what? What new stores and restaurants do our shoppers want?"

The "intercept survey" involved interviews with over 300 shoppers in the downtown business district. The questionnaire was designed by a team of local volunteers, including Cliff Zukin, a political pollster at the Eagleton Institute at Rutgers University.

This research was conducted recently by Main Street Highland Park and the Business Improvement District, in support of our local businesses.

Main Street Highland Park is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and revitalization of Highland Park's thriving downtown business district. For additional information, call (732) 828-8444.

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PISCATAWAY — Celebrate fine foods, wines, and beer offered by local restaurants, caterers, and liquor dealers at the fifth annual Taste of Piscataway for the benefit of the humanitarian efforts of the Piscataway Rotary Club.

The event will be held 6-9:30 p.m. Monday at Embassy Suites Hotel on Centennial Avenue. Tickets cost \$30 per person and include endless food tasting from a variety of local establishments, wine and beer tasting, silent auction, music and door prizes.

This fundraiser supports Piscataway Rotary Community Service projects, which include: High School scholarships, Rotary Youth

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Leadership Awards, the Piscataway Little League Challenger Team and the F.I.S.H. food bank. It also supports international projects such as ROTOPLAST, which funds teams of physicians and

nurses that perform cleft palate/cleft lip operations in South America.

Participating local restaurants and businesses include: Applebee's, Cricket Hill Brewing Co., Crimson

Caterers, Edison Job Corp Academy, Ellington's, Grand Buffet, LA Food Services, Red Lobster, Spain Inn, Township Liquors, Silk Road and Wegmans. The list of participating local businesses continues to grow; so join the fun and celebrate 100 years of Rotary as you enjoy delicious food and drink and socialize with friends and neighbors.

Help support Rotary service to both local and international communities as you sample tasty bites from the area's most popular restaurants.

To purchase tickets, contact Gary Hunsinger at (732) 980-2215 or order tickets online at www.piscatawayrotary.org.

★★★ Police News ★★★

MIDDLESEX BOROUGH

Police received numerous calls reporting that a pedestrian was struck by a motor vehicle at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Bound Brook Road 5:19 p.m. April 21.

Mary Salib, 47, of Middlesex was crossing Mountain Avenue when she was struck by a 1995 Nissan Altima driven by Jorge R. Marina, 44, of Middlesex. Marina was traveling north on Mountain Avenue and was attempting to make a right turn onto Bound Brook Road when he collided with Salib, who was in the crosswalk. Salib sustained an injury to her left ankle she was transported to Muhlenberg hospital and later released. Marina was issued a motor-vehicle summons for careless driving.

Briefs

Local preschool camp is holding open house

PISCATAWAY — The Minnow Pond pre-school at Christ United Methodist Church in Piscataway will host an Open House Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applications are now being accepted for children 2-and-a-half to 5 for summer camp and fall classes. For additional information, call (732) 463-1517.

Community Health Fair is being held on May 7

PISCATAWAY — Dr. Lisa Herbert of Piscataway Medical Group will host a Community Health Fair May 7 at the River Road Rescue Squad, 101 Shirley Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year all women and their families are invited to join in on this Mother's Day weekend for a day of health. The theme is "The Heart of a Woman."

Free blood pressure screening, blood sugar screening, and cholesterol testing will be offered. There will also be a presentation by Dr. Mark Leventhal, cardiologist of Cardiology Associates in Somerville.

For directions or more details, call (732) 885-1800.

Passport Service will visit police building

PISCATAWAY — On Monday, the Middlesex County Mobile Passport Service will visit Piscataway and residents may apply for passports.

The passport service will be available in the Municipal Court located in the Police Building, 505 Sidney Road, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Instructions and applications for new passports can be picked up in advance in the township clerk's office in the Municipal Building.

Family Day spring library book sale

EDISON — The Friends of the Edison Public Library will hold its spring book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7 at Edison Family Day, NJ Convention and Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Ave.

Browse through thousands of gently used books, paperback and hardcover, fiction and non fiction, a wide variety of categories. There will be lots of books for children and young adults, most books costing 50 cents to \$1.50.

May Friendship Day for area women

METUCHEN — Come, join the women of the Church Women United 12:30 p.m. May 6 as they celebrate May Friendship Day, with the theme of "Living in the Light: True friends are Salt and Light."

The celebration will be hosted by the women of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, 270 Woodbridge Ave.

A luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$6, with the program following. The Reformed Church of Metuchen will present the program.

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Commentary

Commuter solutions take a joint effort

As gas prices are creep up, the future outlook for Central Jersey's roadways can be summed up in one word: gridlock.

No matter where you turn these days, traffic and the price of gas seems to be two things everyone is talking about.

Such is the need to control gas prices that this week President Bush met with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah asking for that nation's help in keeping gas prices in check. Recently, Saudi Arabia released a plan to increase production capacity to 12.5 million barrels a day by 2009. Right now there is a limit of 11 million barrels a day.

A Rutgers University report released last week, "A Transportation-Driven World-Class Economy: New Jersey at Risk," says that slow-downs in improvements to the state's transportation and highway systems — particularly if the state's Transportation Trust Fund really does run out of money next June — could have a direct affect on the health of the state's economy.

According to James Hughes, dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, who was one of the report's authors, some companies could leave the Garden State if it continues to have gridlocked highways.

It's no secret that many people living in Somerset County commute toward New York City, and that many who live here, particularly those looking to move into a larger home or buy a home, have to look west or north to find anything affordable, causing Routes 78, 287 and 80 to become even more clogged, as another study predicts will happen over the next five years.

The problems are many; but what about the

solutions.

RideWise, a Somerset County-based agency that advocates alternatives to getting in the car and driving, is touting Bike to Work Day, set to take place May 20. The premise is good — make people aware of the need to find alternatives to commuting in a car by taking a bicycle ride to work.

The reality? Few people live close enough to where they work to make biking there both economical and safe. Imagine dozens of bikers hitting Route 202 or Route 206 in time for the morning rush.

It's hard for groups like RideWise to develop everyday life solutions in such a suburban landscape. Attempts by them to create a shuttle bus service has been met with limited success, and although Bike to Work Day will certainly make people think more seriously about the need to finding an alternative, biking isn't a sustainable solution.

Carpooling has been another much-advocated solution; but in this non-9-to-5 environment, it has become more difficult to foster. As well, so many people who work together no longer live near each other that carpooling has lost its communal appeal. If you have to drive 10 to 20 miles out of your way to pick-up fellow employees, what is the savings?

What is needed is more planning on the local and regional level — planning to develop a new transportation infrastructure that includes improved highways, more railways and new opportunities for commuters. It is groups like RideWise that will be integral to helping make those plans into reality.

The groundwork has been started, now it is time for the construction to begin.

Mental health issues get boost from governor

By GEORGE CASTRO II

Mental health issues are as old as the world itself.

In the 4th century BCE, Socrates referred to depression when he famously cautioned, "Remember that there is nothing stable in human affairs; therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity."

Unfortunately for those who have suffered from mental illness, whether it be depression, bi-polar disorder, or schizophrenia, society has been slow to recognize their illness in the same fashion as they would a physical one and has generally made the whole issue taboo.

As a result, the pain, isolation, and alienation felt by those who suffer from mental illness has been compounded.

Last amidst the noise and hoopla surrounding the upcoming New Jersey gubernatorial election has been an analysis of the administration of acting Gov. Richard Codey. All governors are remembered for a signature event or piece of legislation, and although the Codey administration is only a blip in the long and storied history of New Jersey government, its impact will be lasting.

On his first day in office, Codey set about fundamentally changing the way the state of New Jersey cares for the mentally ill. With the signing of an executive order establishing the Task Force on Mental Health, Codey created an advisory body charged with recommending ways to help the mentally ill lead normal lives.

As the governor himself said: "The road to personal recovery is long and winding. The same can be said for the recovery of our mental health system. It has been neglected for the last 40 years. Together we can make a lasting difference."

Acting aggressively and deliberately to implement the 50-plus recommendations of the Task Force on Mental Health, Codey proposed a variety of measures and programs designed to improve the care and lifestyle of the mentally ill.

In response to the dearth of affordable housing and mental health care facilities in the state of New Jersey, Codey, in his State of the State address, proposed borrowing \$200 million to build affordable housing for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled.

In addition, Codey proposed that another \$40 million be earmarked for a variety of outpatient services for the mentally ill.

In his quest to ease the burdens that fall upon the shoulders of the mentally ill, especially those that lack the financial wherewithal to adequately deal with

their illness, Codey signed legislation that wiped out existing liens for individuals that have been hospitalized at a state or county psychiatric institution.

As a result of the legislation, mentally ill patients will now be able to focus on conquering their illness instead of worrying about how they are going to pay for their treatment.

In order to provide quality mental health care, hospitals, clinics, and other health providers must have a qualified pool of applicants from which to hire.

Unfortunately, a decreasing number of college graduates have chosen to enter the social service industry because of its relatively low starting salary.

Saddled by student loans, college graduates have ruled out working in the mental health field which has left the industry in crisis. Currently, out of a total workforce of 11,000 statewide jobs, there are an astounding 1,000 vacancies.

To address this human resource crisis, Codey introduced legislation establishing a plan to forgive up to \$20,000 in student loans for new college graduates that enter the social service field. With this tantalizing incentive, future college graduates will take a longer look at making a career in this highly rewarding profession.

It is well-documented that Codey has had to confront mental health issues in his family life. This, however, should in no way diminish the credit he deserves for his advocacy on behalf of the mentally ill. In fact, that he has been willing to make his family's struggle public in order to heighten public awareness of mental illness makes his leadership on the issue even more heroic and courageous.

Some politicians spend a lifetime attempting to establish a transcendent legacy that they never realize.

Codey has accomplished the feat in a mere 18 months. He has used the inherent power of the governorship to change the lives of millions of people today, and countless more in the future.

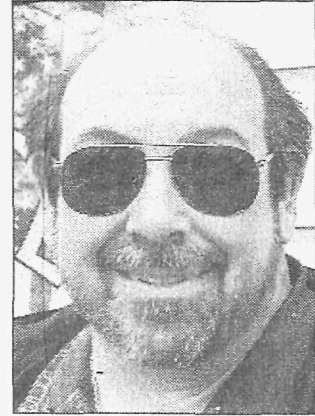
While New Jersey will soon have another governor in Trenton, the image of Dick Codey as the voice and advocate for the mentally ill will last forever.

George A. Castro II is the chairman of the Hispanic American Political Action Committee and is the first Hispanic American in the state to serve as a commissioner on the New Jersey Investment Council. He was also appointed to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority by former Gov. James McGreevey.

Professionally, Castro is president and CEO of Century 21 Atlantic Realtors.

Question of the week:

How will your driving habits change if gas reaches \$3 a gallon?



TONY MIGNELLA
Bridgewater

"It will probably prevent me from going on long trips and vacations. But, for work, we're stuck with the high prices."



DONNA WALTER
Somerville

"It won't change too much for me as I live and work here in town."



ANNA MINT
Green Brook

"We still have to go to work and shop, so we'll be stuck paying. It's a necessity we can't live without."



KATHY DALTON
Warren

"I work for an agency that supports individuals with disabilities, and they might have to curtail certain activities, like recreation and mall shopping. We'll have to support necessities only, like doctor visits. It would have a great impact on their lives."



KATHERINE OMOIFO
Somerville

"I probably won't drive just anywhere. I'd carpool with friends to go out."

Letters to the Editor

Park deserving of resident's praise

To The Editor:

I recently attended my son's baseball game at the new Columbia Park in Dunellen. As I walked around this beautiful, professionally planned and designed park, I was appalled by comments that I overheard from borough residents. Complaints regarding the parking. Complaints about the ball fields. Complaints about — you name it.

Apparently these residents have very short memories of the "old" Columbia Park — the one everyone was embarrassed to have our football and baseball games at because of the condition and safety concerns of the fields. And the less said about the old field house, the better.

The mayor and Borough Council are to be thanked for all the time and effort that was

given to this project, so that Dunellen residents could have a park they could be proud of at no expense to them.

Our children now have a safe park to play in. Our high school teams now have beautiful fields to compete on. Our seniors now have a building of their own with all the extras. Take a look at the track and field area — it's great.

To all you nay-sayers — take a look at the faces of our kids enjoying this park and then look around. Maybe you, too, can start to enjoy and appreciate what a wonderful asset to Dunellen the new Columbia Park is.

Hats off to the mayor and council for a job well done. Thank you for all your hard work. It shows.

JIM WEAVER
Dunellen

School violence needs attention

To The Editor:

Six years after the mass murder of the Columbine students we are faced with yet another school shooting committed by a troubled 16 year old boy from Minnesota. In the wake of Columbine, school shootings by teens have occurred in nearly 14 states. Violence is part of a culture that can include drugs, guns, gangs and anti-social behavior. We need to start paying more attention to our young people and redouble our efforts to promote safe schools.

While our state has not experienced such a tragedy, we must not become complacent, believing it can't happen here. According to the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office, gangs have ties all over the county and are recruiting children. Some children who are as young as 8 years of age have been arrested. In October of last year a Sayreville football game was postponed because of potential gang violence. It may be difficult to accept that gangs have infiltrated our communities and are attempting to recruit children from within our schools.

In a nationwide survey sited by the Centers for Disease Control, 17 percent of students reported carrying a gun or knife. The State Department of Education released a report which found that the number of incidents involving guns and knives in New Jersey's public schools have increased. These statistics clearly show that we need to take a proactive approach in protecting children from physical violence.

I applaud acting Gov. Richard Codey for spearheading a plan to improve and enhance school security. The governor's worthy plan includes developing a standardized security checklist which will provide specific guidelines to ensure safety, training for security guards and school staff. It also envisions convening a School Security Summit at Rutgers University this spring where top experts in this field will meet to share their insights with representatives of New Jersey school districts and the law enforcement

community.

Some schools have already developed their own security programs with the installation of metal detectors, cameras and identification cards. These are important measures, but not enough to deter an individual who is determined to commit a violent act. The Minnesota teen who killed 10 people with a .22 caliber gun entered the school through a doorway with a metal detector and shot a security guard to death before proceeding into the school.

Unless we begin to address the root causes that drive individuals to commit brutal acts no amount of metal detectors, security guards or cameras will discourage such homicidal behavior.

Working alongside the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies I have proposed legislation, "The Safe Schools and Communities Violence Prevention and Response Plan." This bill is unique in that it embodies a preventive and proactive, rather than a crisis-oriented and reactive approach to keeping our children safe.

Under this plan each county superintendent of schools would employ a violence prevention specialist, whose job would be to develop a safe schools and violence prevention response plan. This plan would be developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, guidance counselors and child-study teams, community-mental health providers and most importantly — parents and students.

In a joint effort they would help to identify students at risk of violent behavior and provide the needed support to stop youths from acting out violently at school.

This proposal would also include the formation of an early intervention task force team comprised of three to four mental health specialists charged with training and assisting schools with the implementation of the violence prevention program.

BARBARA BUONO
Senator, R-18th District

Awareness first step in preventing abuse

To The Editor:

What should I do when my baby will not stop crying? How can I discipline my child without getting physical? Challenges like this face parents in Somerset County each day. Children can be challenging; for all the joy they bring, their behavior can interrupt a family outing, shopping trip and daily life.

Without assistance, a parent might shake a crying baby or strike an adolescent, potentially causing irreparable physical or emotional harm. However are available to assist parents in their role of caregiver. The Division of Youth and Family Services received 2,132 referrals for

intervention and services in Somerset County during 2002, the most recent year for which statistics are available. This is simply not acceptable.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, symbolized by the blue ribbon. This month I wear a blue ribbon to display my support for New Jersey's children. I hope that my fellow readers will do the same. To obtain a blue ribbon or information about Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey, please call (800) CHILDREN or e-mail info@preventchildabuse.org.

NORMAN R. AGRAN
Warren

The writer is the immediate past president of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey.

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Golfers hit the greens for troops in Iraq desert

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

Want to tee off for the troops? This year's Champagne Open Golf Event, scheduled for June 7, will benefit Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

"It's close to me. ... It's a worthy cause," said Hillsborough resident Anthony D'Angelo, one of the event's organizers.

D'Angelo said his 20-year-old son, Bill, is in the Army and scheduled to go to Iraq in the fall.

"I believe right now our soldiers over there need all the support they can possibly get, for morale. A lot of people may not support the war right now, but we should always support our soldiers," he said.

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 is a joint effort between The Chronicle, American Recreational Military Services, the Somerset Patriots, nj.com, Flemington Car and Truck Country and numerous families, veterans and volunteers to maintain a supply line to U.S. troops serving overseas.

The cost to play is \$200 per

player. D'Angelo said \$50 from each player will go to OPSH-BX. That money will go toward the costs of shipping the supplies to the troops.

The golf outing begins at 1 p.m. at the Beaver Brook Country Club, 25 Country Club Drive, in Annandale.

For \$200, players are entitled to a golf cart, a light lunch, a traditional champagne toast, buffet dinner, open bar, and prizes, including a hole-in-one contest for an automobile.

Interested golfers should make checks payable to Anthony D'Angelo, and mail them to Anthony D'Angelo, P.O. Box 262 Madison, NJ 07940-08880. The deadline is May 6.

D'Angelo is also seeking individuals and corporations to donate gifts and prizes, as well as hole sponsors.

Interested players can e-mail him at tonyd@champagneopen.com.

He also can be reached by phone at (973) 514-5219.

More information about the event is available at www.champagneopen.com.



Members of the 42nd Infantry, N.J. National Guard based at the army in Franklin Township marched in and were honored during Monday's Parade of Patriots in downtown Somerville. Members of the unit recently returned from their deployment in Iraq.

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Darn Yanks! Students perform for troops

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

BRANCHBURG — It's 1961, the Anytown Aardvarks are the worst team in Little League history, and their scrawniest player, Joey, wants nothing more than to impress Jilly, the prettiest little girl in town.

In fact, he might just sell his soul to the devilish Mr. Kipling to do it.

This sets the scene for the comedy "Darn Yanks!," presented by the Branchburg Recreation Department's Creative Theater Program. The play will run 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and 7 p.m. Saturday at the Whiton Elementary School on Whiton Road in Branchburg.

"It is a creative outlet for the youth of Branchburg," Miranda DeStefano, theater director, said of the program.

"Darn Yanks!" stars more than 40 children in grades one through eight, including sixth-grader Conor McGrath as "Joey," fourth-grader Caitlin Cimino as "Jilly" and eighth-grader Justin Cimino as the sneaky "Mr. Kipling." High school students make up the stage crew.

Will "Joey" lead his team to the championship with the help of "Mr. Kipling?" Come and see.

For admission, the theater is asking for donations of everyday household items to this newspaper's Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 program. Attendees are asked to bring any of the following items: Sun screen, foot powder, calling cards, eye drops, beef jerky, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, writing materials, snacks, batteries, mouth wash, razors, bug spray, feminine products, Q-Tips, small packets of laundry detergent, bug wipes and bug strips, tea bags, coffee, drink mixes, socks, gum, cereal, protein bars, fleece blankets and microwavable food.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at (908) 526-1300, Ext. 187.

Calendar of Events

May 2: Clinton Station Diner, Route 173 & Bank Street, Clinton (off Route 78), 15 percent of the dinner receipts from 4-9 p.m. will be donated to Operation Shoebox. (908) 713-0012.

May 9: Association of Independent Competitive Eaters sponsors hamburger-eating contest at Clinton Station Diner, Route 173 & Bank Street, Clinton (off Route 78). Teams of three will attack and consume 7-pound "Zeus" hamburgers - the world's largest hamburger - in a timed event. Entry fees, sponsor

fees to be donated to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. Teams and sponsors needed. For further information, see www.competitiveeaters.com on the Internet or call (908) 575-6684; (516) 632-9794 or (908) 713-0012.

May 12: Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, Somerset Patriots vs. Newark Bears, 7:05 p.m., fans bringing items for the soldiers will be given a voucher good for one free ticket to a game during the season. (908) 252-0700.

Contestants relish big burger

Members of the Association of Independent Competitive Eaters are two weeks away from one of their biggest challenges - a 12.5 pound monster hamburger with all the trimmings.

The Clinton Station Diner off Route 78 in Clinton concocted the "Zeus" burger to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the diner a few months ago, and soon after, owner Mike Zambas joined with the volunteers of Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, donating 15 percent of his Monday night dinner receipts every other week to the all-volunteer effort which collects items to be sent to U.S. soldiers and Marines in Iraq and the

Mideast. Arnie Chapman, president of AICE, heard about "Zeus" and called Zambas and asked whether he'd be interested in promoting a contest at the diner to benefit OPSH-BX.

"America's Biggest Burger Eating Competition" already has five teams of three persons each lined up for the 1 p.m. event May 9 at the diner. It will be a timed event, with one "Zeus" served to each team. The team which cleans its plate first will be declared the winner.

These are "professional" eaters, men and women like Chapman who relish the opportunity to sink their teeth into quantities of burg-

ers, hot wings, Tostitos, pastriami sandwiches and other foods just to see how much they can eat in a measured period of time.

Chapman is encouraging "amateurs" as well to get involved. The entry fee for each contestant is \$30; sponsors are being sought for each new team that enters. Sponsor fees are \$100. The event is open to spectators as well. OPSH-BX volunteers will be on hand to collect donated items and accept contributions.

Find out more about the contest at the AICE website, competitiveeaters.com, or by calling Zambas at (908) 713-0012 or Chapman at (516) 632-9794.

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Elizabeth M. Clark

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Born May 22, 1915 in Jersey City, she was a daughter of the late Charles A. and Ruth Doll Lincks.

Mrs. Clark lived in New Market and for 50 years in Arbor before moving to Lebanon Township. She was for many years a saleswoman at The Variety Store in Dunellen.

She had been since 1927 a member of the First Baptist Church of New Market.

Her husband, George S. III, died in 1995. Two sisters,

Harriet Sinclair and Esther Dziuba, are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith E. Newton and husband Clinton of Washington; two sons, Dr. George S. and wife Helga of Easton, Md., and Charles A. and wife Margaret of North Plainfield; two sisters, Ruth Loveless of Maine and Barbara Bohl of New Hampshire; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

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

Melvin Weaver

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Melvin F. Weaver, 56, died April 3, 2005 at his home.

Born May 2, 1948 in Somerville, he was a son of the late Melvin F. and Anna Repetz Weaver.

Mr. Weaver lived in South Bound Brook all his life. A graduate of Bound Brook High School, he was a mechanic with Sav-A-Tree in Mountainside until he was recently disabled.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7856 in Flemington and Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Weaver spent two

tours of duty with a Navy construction battalion in the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife, Hedwig R. "Annette"; a son, Daniel of Melba, Va.; a sister, Lois Zoldi of Sugarloaf, Pa.; and two nieces, Hope and Heather, both of Drums, Pa.

Services were held April 7 at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Burial was in the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown.

Catherine Berger

MIDDLESEX — Catherine M. Berger, 79, died April 14, 2005 at her home in Bedford, Pa.

Born June 18, 1925 in New Jersey, she was a daughter of the late William E. and Anna Mary Simpers Berger.

Miss Berger retired in 1985 after 15 years as a guidance counselor at Middlesex High School. She held a master's degree in Christian education from the Kentucky Theological Seminary plus a master's degree in personnel and guidance from Columbia University.

After earning her bachelor's degree from Glassboro State College she taught three years in New Jersey and in a one-room school in Morris Fork, Ky., while sharing missionary work.

Miss Berger was a teacher to missionary children in Africa; consultant to the Christian education program of the African Conference of Churches; and church education director for the Presbyterian Church of Kenya. She was active in the Pioneer Historical Society of Bedford County and the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Bedford.

Surviving are three brothers, Jay William of Sequim, Wash., Robert A. and wife Jean of Bedford and Charles P. and wife Zona of Millville; and a sister, Marion A. of Bedford.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 9391 Lincoln Highway, Bedford.

Arrangements are by the Timothy A. Berkebile Funeral Home in Bedford. Donations may be sent to Pioneer Historical Society of Bedford County, 242 E. John St., Bedford, PA 15522.

Lewis Darling

PISCATAWAY — Lewis E. Darling, 71, died April 22, 2005 at his home in Albrightsville, Pa.

Born Feb. 8, 1934 in New Haven, Conn., he was a son of the late George and Mae Swain Darling.

Mr. Darling lived in Piscataway before moving to Albrightsville in 1995. He retired in 1976 as an iron worker with Local 483 in Paterson.

He was a member of the American Legion in Piscataway; the Central Jersey Aristocrats CB Club; and Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Blakeslee, Pa. Mr.

Darling was a decorated Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Theresa Zamowski Darling; two sons, Mark of Albrightsville and Randy and wife Barbara of Albrightsville; and three grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held Monday at Christ the King Church. Burial will be private.

Arrangements are by the Donald N. Gower Funeral Home in Gilbert, Pa. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Christ the King Catholic Church, P.O. Box 171, Blakeslee, PA 18610-0171.

Rosario Cammarata

BOUND BROOK — Rosario Cammarata, 80, died April 19, 2005 at his home.

Born Sept. 14, 1924 in Dunmore, Pa., Mr. Cammarata was a tailor with Epstein's department store in Morristown until his retirement in 1999. He was a member of Bound Brook Moose Lodge 988, the Mount Carmel Society in Bound Brook, the Somerset County Democratic Committee and St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church.

His father, Charles, and a brother, Nicholas, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Joanne; his mother, Carmela Mazzucca Cammarata of Somerville; a son, Charles of West Paterson; a daughter, Carmela Warne of Bridgewater; a brother, Salvatore of Readington; a sister, Gertrude Bonaduce of Somerville; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. Joseph Church, following services at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

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Bernard J Kassick Sr

MANVILLE — Bernard J. Kassick Sr., 77, died April 24 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville with his loving and supportive family by his side.

Born in Tresckow, PA to his late parents John & Anna (Horwath) Kassick, he was raised in West Hazleton before settling in Manville 51 years ago.

Bernard faithfully served his country in the United States Air Force during WWII where he was honorably discharged as an Airman 1st Class. For over 37 years, Mr. Kassick was employed by Johns-Manville Corp. as a clerk. He also worked for Somerset County in the Recycling Department.

He was a faithful communicant of Christ the King Church in Manville.

Mr. Kassick was a member of the Civil Defense and was a Special Police Officer in Manville. He was a member of

the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post #2290.

Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by his dear siblings Eleanor Pogar, John and Joseph Kassick.

Surviving is his wife of 53 years, Agnes T. (Borhi) Kassick and children, Margaret Archer of Northampton, PA, Bernard Kassick Jr. and Stephen J. and wife Sandra (Apfel) Kassick, all of Manville.

He leaves behind, Al Kassick of Claremore, OK; Martha Santilli of Manville; Edward Kassick of Cape May; Marie Swett, Rita Liene and Alice Buehler, all of Hazleton, PA; Michael Kassick of Manville, and Richard Kassick of Millstone.

He leaves behind four grandchildren, Justine Kassick, Crystal, Dylan and Bruce Archer, Jr., along with many nieces and nephews.

DUNELLEN — Donna Maria Scalzo, 53, died April 26, 2005 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

She was born in Brooklyn and lived in its Bay Ridge section before moving to Dunellen in 1991.

Mrs. Scalzo and her husband, John, owned American Carpet Care in Dunellen.

A daughter, Beth Ann, died in 2002.

Also surviving are her parents, Salvatore and Antonette Marino of Brooklyn; four sons, Christopher and wife Heather of Greenville, S.C., Nicholas of Franklin Park, Benjamin of New Brunswick and John III of Dunellen; three brothers, Rocco Marino of Las Vegas, Nev., Joseph

Marino and Frank Marino, both of Brooklyn; a sister, Gerri Marino of Brooklyn; and a grandchild.

Services were held yesterday at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home.

Sherman A. Schneider

PISCATAWAY — Sherman Archibald Schneider, 88, died April 22, 2005 at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook.

Born in Bayonne, he lived in Cranford and Elizabeth before moving to Piscataway in 2003.

Mr. Schneider was the retired owner of Schneider Plumbing &

Heating in Elizabeth and a past president of the New Jersey Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors. He also was an instructor in plumbing and heating at Rutgers University and a member of the New Jersey Licensing Committee of Plumbers.

He was with the Army in the Philippines during World War II.

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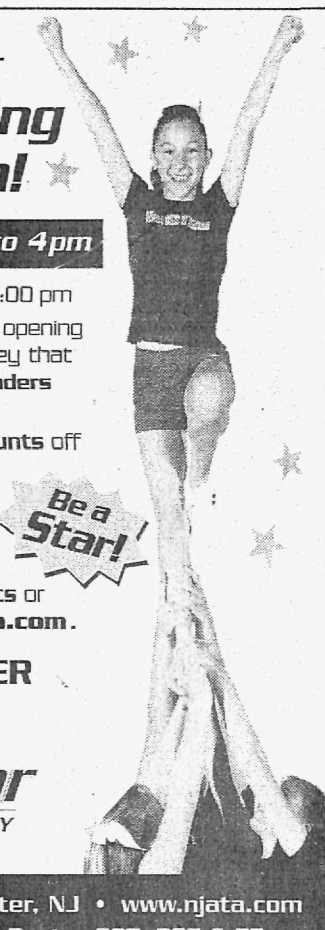
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ORDINANCE NO. 1643-05 NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on April 26, 2005. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, in the Borough on May 10, 2005 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Capital Improvements of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$1,305,100 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,138,950 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Down Payment	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) Office on Aging: Acquisition of a senior citizen vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$35,000	\$1,750	\$33,250	5 years
b) Department of Public Works: Acquisition of various vehicles, including two 1-ton dump trucks with plows and salt spreaders and a single axle 10-ton dump truck with plow for the Roads division, a combination sewer cleaner for the Sewer division and a new engine for a garbage truck for the Garbage division, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$325,000 (Includes a \$90,000 grant expected to be received from NJUCA.)	\$11,500	\$313,500	5 years
c) Police: Acquisition of evidence tracking hardware and software, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$17,000	\$850	\$16,150	5 years
d) Recreation: Acquisition of playground equipment for the Hazelwood School and Parker School, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$15,000	\$750	\$14,250	15 years
e) Office of Emergency Management: Acquisition of personal alert pagers and the replacement of computers in EOC and Command Post, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$11,000	\$550	\$10,450	5 years
f) Fire Department: Acquisition of various equipment, including the continued replacement of turn out gear, fire hose replacement, adaptors and wrenches, first responders equipment, 307 hydrant markers, computerized fire testing equipment, generators and Scott air packs, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$250,000 (Includes a \$136,444 Assistance to Firefighter Grant expected to be received.)	\$12,500	\$237,500	15 years
g) Municipal Court: Acquisition of a videoconferencing system, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$5,100	\$250	\$4,850	10 years
h) Buildings and Grounds: Various improvements and the acquisition of various equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$647,000 (Includes a \$24,000 Federal Homeland Security Grant expected to be received and a \$200,000 grant expected to be received from NJDOT and a \$97,556 grant received from the County. The Federal and County grants are appropriated herein, but are not being funded by bonds or notes since both grants have been received.)	\$16,500	\$509,000	10 years
TOTALS	\$1,305,100	\$44,650	\$1,138,950	

Appropriation: \$1,305,100
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,138,950
Grants Appropriated: \$200,000 grant to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, a \$95,000 grant to be received from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, a \$136,444 Assistance to Firefighters Grant expected to be received, a \$24,000 Federal Homeland Security Grant and a \$97,556 grant received from the County of Middlesex.
Section 20 Costs: \$180,540
Useful Life: 9.46 years

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Kathleen Anello, Clerk
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on the 26th day of April, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.
Kathleen Anello
Borough Clerk
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NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

ORDINANCE NO. 1644-05
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on April 26, 2005 and the 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 are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Amending Bond and Capital Ordinances #1482-95, #1474-99, #1524-00 and #1545-01 of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Finally Adopted April 13, 1999, July 13, 1999, May 8, 2001 and November 20, 2001 in Order to Increase the Section 20 Costs."
Purpose: To amend bond and capital ordinances #1482-95, #1474-99, #1524-00 and #1545-01 of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, to increase the aggregate amount for such purposes to an amount not exceeding \$218,000.
Appropriation: \$0
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$0
Useful Life: N/A

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NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1645-05
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on April 26, 2005 and the 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 are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Amending Bond and Capital Ordinances #1482-95, #1474-99, #1524-00 and #1545-01 of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Finally Adopted April 13, 1999, July 13, 1999, May 8, 2001 and November 20, 2001 in Order to Increase the Section 20 Costs."
Purpose: To amend bond and capital ordinances #1482-95, #1474-99, #1524-00 and #1545-01 of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, to increase the aggregate amount for such purposes to an amount not exceeding \$218,000.
Appropriation: \$0
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$0
Useful Life: N/A

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of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: "Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance #1599-04 of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Finally Adopted February 10, 2004 in Order to Increase the Section 20 Costs."
Purpose: To amend bond ordinance #1599-04 of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey finally adopted February 10, 2004 in order to increase the aggregate amount of the Section 20 costs to \$82,000.
Appropriation: \$0
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: N/A
Useful Life: N/A

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
ORDINANCE NO. 2005-03
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held on the 26th day of April 2005, in the Borough Hall, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Borough Hall, 230 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook, N.J. on the 10th day of May 2005 at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place all persons interested therein may be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. A copy of this notice has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall of the Borough, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the Borough who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk in said Borough Hall in Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Donna Marie Godleski, RMC
Borough Clerk
ORDINANCE NO. 05-04
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER IX, ENTITLED "LICENSING TAXICABS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK (1967)".
BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:
SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER IX
Chapter IX of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook (1967)" is amended as herein provided:
A. Section 9-4.6 is amended to increase the fee from fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year to one hundred (\$100.00) per year.
B. Section 9-4.7 is amended to read as follows:
"Restrictions. The number of taxicab owner's licenses outstanding at any one time shall not exceed six (6), and no person shall control more than one (1) taxicab owner's license at any one time. A licensee shall be authorized to operate no more than three (3) taxicabs."
C. Subsection 9-5.1(i) is amended to read as follows:

"The applicant shall be fingerprinted and the fingerprints immediately processed for classification and identification."
D. Section 9-5.6 is amended to increase the fee from five (\$5.00) to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
E. Section 9-7.2 is amended to read as follows:
"An application for a driver's license may be denied and an issued license may be suspended or revoked for any of the following reasons:
a. Revocation or suspension of the applicant's or licensee's New Jersey Motor Vehicle Operator's License.
b. Contravention by the applicant or licensee of a communicable or contagious disease.
c. Operating a taxicab in a reckless or grossly negligent manner, or habitually operating a taxicab in a negligent manner.
d. Misrepresenting any fact on an application for a license.
e. A conviction for violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-50 during the immediately preceding five (5) year period.
f. A conviction for violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-40 during the immediately preceding two (2) year period.
g. A conviction for violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-96 or N.J.S.A. 39:4-97 during the immediately preceding one (1) year period.
h. A conviction for any criminal offense during the immediately preceding two (2) year period."
SECTION II. CONSTRUCTION
Where consistent with the context in which used in this ordinance, words importing the singular shall include the plural; words importing the plural shall include the singular; and, words importing one gender shall include all other genders.
SECTION III. INCONSISTENCY
Should any provision of this ordinance be inconsistent with the provisions of any prior ordinances, the inconsistent provisions of said prior ordinances are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistencies.
SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY
In the event that any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this ordinance which may be given effect, and to realize this intent, the provisions and applications of this ordinance are declared to be severable.
SECTION V. PURPOSE OF CAPTIONS
Captions contained in this ordinance have been inserted only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections, and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.
SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE
This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final adoption, approval and publication in accordance with law.
ATTEST:
Donna Marie Godleski, Clerk
Frank J. Ryan, Mayor
Introduced:
Final Passage:
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish various amended criteria for the regulation of taxicab owners and drivers.
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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Michael McGowan
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUICH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number (973) 333-9300, an answer to the Complaint and Amendment(s) to Plaintiff, if any, filed in a civil action, in which: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2003-3 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-3 is Plaintiff and MARY DERWIN, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, MIDDLESEX County and bearing Docket No. F-2862-05 within thirty-five (35) days after 04/23/05 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.
This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated March 26, 2003 made by MARY DERWIN and as mortgagors to OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION recorded on June 12, 2003, in Book 8537 of Mortgages for MIDDLESEX County, Page 497, et seq, which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and conserve premises commonly known as 85 GOULD AVE., SOUTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08852.
If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of MIDDLESEX COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL:
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YOU, Michael McGowan are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment lien mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amendment to Plaintiff, if any, will be supplied to you for participation.
Dated: April 20, 2005

DONALD F. PHELAN
Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey
894.1T 4/30/05

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
Notice is hereby provided that the following Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading by the Borough Council on April 28, 2005.
CALENDAR YEAR 2005
OR 05-01-ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
ATTEST: DONNA MARIE GODLESKI, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED: FRANK J. RYAN, MAYOR

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARIES
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey on April 26, 2005 and the 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 are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements In, By And For The Borough Of Bound Brook, In The County Of Somerset, State Of New Jersey, To Approximate The Sum Of \$425,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.
Purpose(s): Reconstruction of Hamilton Street and Windsor Street
Appropriation: \$425,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$418,750
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$6,250 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation
Section 20 Costs: \$125,000
Useful Life: 20 Years
Donna Godleski, Clerk
886.1T 4/30/05

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

ORDINANCE NO. 1646-05
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on April 26, 2005. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on May 10, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$32,000 for Streetscape Improvements on the Route 28 Business Corridor in and by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$30,400 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing Part of the Appropriation."
Purpose: Streetscape improvements on the Route 28 Business Corridor, as more fully described in bond ord-

nance #1623-04 of the Borough finally adopted October 26, 2004, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$32,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$30,400
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$1,600
Useful Life: 15 years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.
887.1T 4/30/05

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1647-05
AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH MUNICIPAL COURT AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS TO CHARGE FEES FOR COPIES OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE OPRA LAW
The above ordinance was introduced at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on April 26, 2005 and will be further considered for the final passage after a public hearing at a Public Meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, in said Borough on May 10, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.
Kathleen Anello, RMC
Borough Clerk
888.1T 4/30/05

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1650-05
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 1565 AND 1635-05 REGULATING MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS
This Ordinance is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held on the 26th day of April, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.
Kathleen Anello
Borough Clerk
899.1T 4/30/05

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1651-05
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WILLIAM STREET FROM SHERMAN AVENUE TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET WEST OF MOUNTAIN AVENUE
Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted at a Public Meeting of the Borough Council of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey held

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Saturday, April 30, 2005

Sports

Patriots' pitching staff set for challenge

BRIDGEWATER — Sparky Lyle looked as ready as anyone else on his team.

He stood behind the third-base line and smacked one grounder after another to both sides of the infield before dropping the bat and pulling on a catcher's glove, crouching behind home plate to take a few tosses from the batting practice pitcher.

Then the Somerset Patriots' 60-year-old manager took a brief break in the dugout, surveying the activity in front of him as gray clouds skidded across the sky above Commerce Bank Park.

"I like this group — it's a well-rounded team," said Lyle Monday afternoon during his squad's first home-field workout of the year. "We're not going to hit 200 home runs or anything like that, but we have some guys with some pop and a big key is if Billy Hall can get on base."

Hall, back for a second tenure with Somerset, was going to start trying to do

exactly that Wednesday night when Somerset launched its Atlantic League of Professional Baseball season in Newark by facing the Bears.

The Patriots arrived in Bridgewater Sunday following their week-long spring training stint in Florida, which turned out to be disappointingly unproductive in many regards because of the hideously decrepit conditions at the Homestead Sports Complex.

Both available fields were in incredibly poor shape, and one had an infield covered with all varieties of uneven, clumped grass seen more often in pastures — or on Sunday-morning slow-pitch softball fields.

"Believe me, this is a real baseball field," said Lyle looking out onto the meticulously-maintained surface at CBP. "Down there, we didn't have a batter's eye and you couldn't hit the guys ground balls, so this is actually the first infield we've had in 10 days. That's

how terrible it was.

"The batting cages were so dark, you couldn't get any work there," he added. "We didn't hit the ball real well down there but I think that's because we didn't have too many swings. I don't think any of the teams hit the ball well down there. It was so bad, I was more concerned with somebody getting hurt. That's all I said every day, just let's get out of here without anybody getting hurt. So we're going to do the best we can now."

What Lyle and Pats' pitching coach John Montefusco were able to discern in Florida is that Somerset appears to have a wealth of talent among its dozen hurlers, with a sterling five-man starting rotation and plenty of potent arms ready to go in the bullpen.

"This is probably the best

pitching staff we've had since I've been here," said Montefusco, beginning his sixth campaign as chief of the

Patriots' mound corps. "With our starting group and our middle- and long-relievers and closers, we're strong everywhere from top to bottom.

"I think we have the strongest one-through-five starting rotation in the whole league right now, and our No. 5 guy (Greg Modica) is the best fifth guy in the league. With the relievers, I think we can kind of mix and match anywhere."

Lyle, the American League Cy Young Award-winner in 1977 as the New York Yankees' closer, wasn't about to disagree.

"Everyone threw very well — I was very happy with that," he said. "If they can throw five

innings or not, I don't know yet. They have to have an easy inning to go five right now."

Somerset's scheduled starting pitcher last night was Brian Tollberg, a 6-foot-3 righthander who had major surgery three years ago after tearing an elbow ligament while playing for the San Diego Padres. Tollberg, 32, pitched 58 games for San Diego but has been in the minor leagues since his injury, throwing for Triple-A Colorado Springs last year.

Brett Jodie, also back in action after missing all of last year with an injury, is expected to be on the hill tonight against Lancaster.

Jodie, a Patriots standout during their 2003 ALPB championship run, signed with the Boston Red Sox following that season but suffered a torn labrum in a first-base collision during a spring intra-squad game and underwent surgery for the second time in three years. After being released by the Bosox, he's back with the

Pats.

"He looked a lot stronger in spring training than I expected," said Montefusco. "He actually throws a lot harder now than he did two years ago. I was very surprised with how strong he looks."

Modica, highly impressive during two September starts for the Pats last year, also looked sharp in Homestead.

"It just looked like a continuation from what he did for us late last year," said Montefusco. "The kid is just fearless — he just blew them away down there. He's not going to go out there and nibble away. He just comes right at you."

Rounding out the starting rotation are 6-foot-5, 230-pound Scott Sobkowiak (probably the Pats' hardest thrower) and 6-4 Derek Lee, one of two lefthanders on the staff. Lee, 30, was a late addition to the roster who spent the 2004 season with the Toronto Blue Jays' New Hampshire Double-A squad.

Stevens blasts Piscataway with nine-run first

Exploding for nine runs in the top of the first inning the J.P. Stevens High baseball squad was never headed in handing Piscataway a 15-6 setback in Greater Middlesex Conference Red Division play Monday.

Despite being out-hit 10-7 for the game the Hawks improved to 7-6 on the strength of its big first inning and a 3-for-five, three-RBI performance by Jason Callender, who had a triple. James Zinno had an RBI double for Stevens, while Garry Turner worked the first six innings for the victory.

Russ Hopkins paced the Piscataway attack with a home run and two singles in four trips and Bobby Abreu had a triple and a single while scoring twice. The loss dropped the Chiefs' record to 6-6.

Middlesex 7, South Amboy 5 — Meeting South Amboy in a GMC crossover game Monday the Blue Jays built leads of 6-0 and 7-1 but had to hold on for the victory that pushed their record to 5-4 for the year.

Robby Tolomeo pitched 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings before tiring in the seventh when the Governors (9-2) scored four times. Matt Campanella, however, ended the game with a strikeout for the save.

Bobby Cleveland and Jose Perez notched two hits and two RBI apiece to pace the winners' nine-inning attack, while Tolomeo (2-0) helped himself with a two-run double. Middlesex used a four-run fifth inning to open their 6-0 advantage.

South Brunswick 17, Edison 9 — In a game that saw both teams collected 14 hits South Brunswick (9-2), which iced the game with a six-run sixth for a 16-6 lead, took better advantage of theirs to earn a

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GMC-Red Division victory Monday and drop the Eagles to 7-7 for the season.

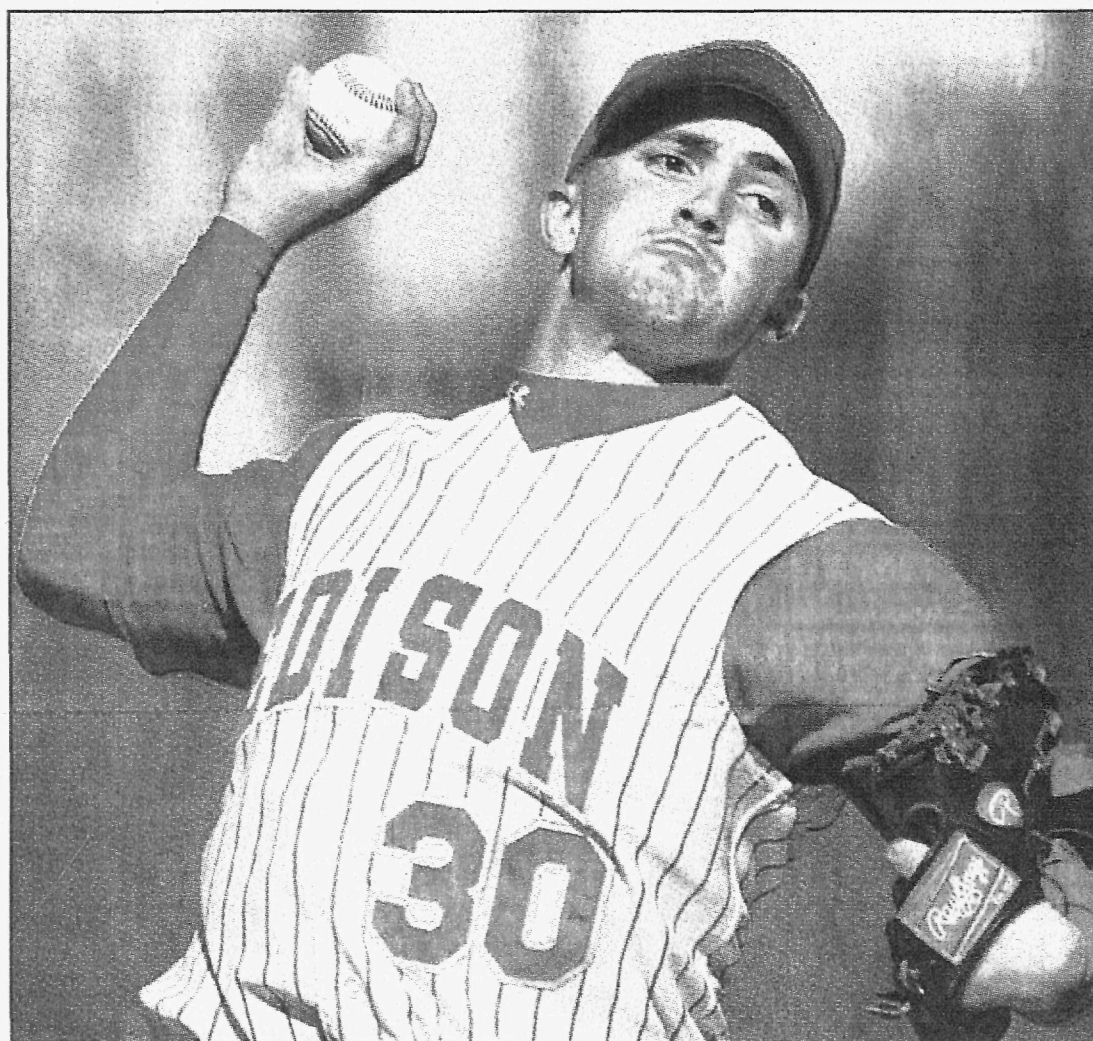
Cal Costanza paced the Edison offense with a 3-for-3, 3-RBI day, while Bryan Elvina and Phil Okner collected two hits apiece with Elvina knocking in three runs and Okner driving in a pair. Julian Lagunas tripled for the Eagles' only extra-base hit.

Monroe 7, South Plainfield 4 — Committing four errors that led the way to five unearned runs the Tigers wasted a solid effort by Mike Downes (2-2) as the Tigers fell to Monroe (6-6) Monday in a GMC-White Division game that dropped South Plainfield to 8-4 for the year.

The Tigers managed only four hits against the Falcons' Marc Pavlosky (3-) with Downes collecting a double and two RBI and Nick Cesare contributing a two-base hit.

South Plainfield 7, Lawrenceville Prep 5 — Mike Stallone drove in four runs with a two-run double and a two-run suicide squeeze bunt as the Tigers tripped Lawrenceville Prep (4-8-1) in non-conference play Saturday for their eighth victory. Bill Merkler snapped a 4-4 tie in the bottom of the fifth with a solo homer, while Chris Bakazan (1-1) earned his first mound triumph of the season for South Plainfield (8-3).

Montgomery 12, Edison 9 — Facing one of Somerset County's top teams Saturday in a non-league clash the Eagles fell behind 12-4 before scoring five times in the bottom of the seventh when they



Edison High's Nick Reider, seen here earlier in the season, pitched five innings of shutout ball as the Eagles whipped Perth Amboy in GMC Red Division play April 21. Edison slipped to 7-7 Monday when it dropped a 17-9 decision to South Brunswick.

left the bases loaded. Byran Elvina had a pair of hits, while Kevin Ryan delivered a two-run single. Mike Shymanski and Cal Costanza chipped in with doubles for Edison, which slipped to 7-6.

South River 9, Dunellen 6 — Playing up a division in GMC

crossover play Saturday the Destroyers opened a 5-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning but could not hold the lead against 6-5 South River, which won the game with a five-run sixth. Matt Grasso belted a two-run and Mike Bartolotti stroked an RBI double to help

stake Dunellen to the early advantage.

Piscataway 5, Westfield 2 — Allan Hudson (1-0) allowed one hit and one unearned run in five innings of relief, striking out six, as the Chiefs topped Westfield (6-4) April 22 in a non-conference meet-

Bound Brook wins to advance to second round in SCT

Christy Giamella scored the winning run and picked up the pitching victory as the Bound Brook High softball squad advanced to the second round of the Somerset County Tournament with a 5-4 decision over North Plainfield Monday.

The 10th seeded Crusaders needed to come from behind to earn the victory and advance to today's second round as they scored once in the sixth and twice in the seventh to force extra innings. In the 10th Ashley Long tripled to deliver Giamella with the decisive run.

Giamella scattered nine hits while fanning 12 as Bound Brook improved to 7-3. Caitlin Shubick and Mariel Slater, who finished with two RBI apiece, both had a run-scoring single when the Crusaders knotted the game in the seventh. North Plainfield, the 15th seed, had scored four times in the top of the sixth to take a 4-1 lead.

Middlesex 4, Metuchen 2 — In one of their toughest games during an 8-0 start the Blue Jays held off Metuchen in the seventh inning to post a Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division triumph Monday.

Erica Lordi pitched a seven-hitter, but had to work out of a jam in the final inning when the Bulldogs (5-5) loaded the bases and scored both of their runs. Megan Reilly had two of the Blue Jays' five hits against Lauren Rush and scored twice.

South Plainfield 2, Colonia 1 —

Jessica Senz tossed a three-hitter, fanning eight without allowing a walk, and the Tiger offense scored twice in the top of the fourth inning as South Plainfield edged Monroe (8-5) Monday in a GMC-White Division clash.

The Tigers, who improved to 10-3 for the campaign, managed only one hit in the game but it proved to be a big one as Jessica Miller drove home Lauren Fry with the second run of the fourth with a single after Fry's squeeze bunt had plated Lacey Santone. Brittany Salvadore was the hard-luck loser for Monroe.

J.P. Stevens 1, Piscataway 0 — Becky Garibotto out-dueled Piscataway's Sherry Kestenbaum with a two-hit, 10-strikeout performance as the Hawks improved to 11-2 with a GMC-Red Division victory Monday.

Brittany Lobell, whose double was the game's only extra-base hit, scored the only run in the fourth inning on a ground ball. Caitlyn Seamster had two of the five hits allowed by Kestenbaum, but the 1-10 Chiefs failed to move a runner past first base against Garibotto (11-2).

Edison 5, South Brunswick 1 — Getting substantial help from the South Brunswick defense, which committed five errors that led to five unearned runs the Eagles moved to 9-6 for the season with a GMC-Red Division triumph over South Brunswick (6-4) Monday. Nicole Steiner led the winners'

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eight-hit attack with a double, single, two RBI and two runs scored, while Rachel Ruch drove in two runs and Lyndsey Balinskas added a double. Carrie Mokar improved to 3-1 with the pitching decision, tossing a five-hitter.

South River 4, Dunellen 3 — The Destroyers held a 3-2 edge entering the seventh inning but South River (4-5) rallied for a pair of runs to pull out the decision in the GMC crossover battle Saturday. Erica Mugnano tripled in a run for Dunellen, which slipped to 7-2, and Cassie Shotwell was losing pitcher despite a five-hitter.

John F. Kennedy 6, Edison 4 — Kennedy (6-5) received a pair of two-run homers from Ashley Jaye, who won the game in the top of the seventh, to stun the Eagles (8-6) in a GMC interdivision battle Saturday. Rachel Ruch paced Edison's eight-hit attack with a 3-for-4 effort that included a double and two runs scored, and Lyndsey Balinskas added a two-base hit.

Middlesex 16, Piscataway 2 — Erica Lordi scattered seven hits while fanning 15 batters for the pitching victory and sparked a 17-hit assault with four hits, including two doubles, and three RBI as the Blue Jays rolled past Middlesex in

GMC crossover play April 22 for their seventh victory. Heather Delgado contributed a two-run homer and a triple for Middlesex, which also got a home run from Danielle Veilleux.

J.P. Stevens 2, Westfield 0 — Becky Garibotto fired a three-hitter, striking out four and walking one, as the Hawks edged Westfield (8-4) in a non-league test April 22. Brittany Lobell delivered the game's biggest hit when she belted a two-out two-run home run in the top of the fourth inning.

Dunellen 10, Spotswood 8 — Cassie Shotwell paced 14-hit attack with a 4-for-4 performance that included two doubles, three runs scored and an RBI and also struck out 12 to earn the victory as the Destroyers outlasted Spotswood (2-9) in a GMC crossover game April 22. Megan Kreyling finished 3-for-5 with an RBI.

Ridge 6, Bound Brook 3 — Falling behind 3-0 after an inning the Crusaders could not recover in dropping a non-conference verdict to Ridge (3-8) April 22 to fall to 6-3 on the year. Mariel Slater had a single for one of three Bound Brook hits and scored a run.

Bishop Ahr 11, Edison 1 — Locked in a tight GMC crossover game the Eagles watched as Bishop Ahr pushed across eight runs in the top of the seventh to break things open April 22. Edison managed only one hit against the Trojans' Ashley

Brewer, who struck out seven and walked three.

Monroe 12, Metuchen 2 — The Bulldogs fell 11-0 after one inning and failed to score until the top of the fifth as Monroe (7-4) coasted to a GMC interdivision triumph April 22. Metuchen managed only four singles in the setback.

J.P. Stevens 3, East Brunswick 1 — Scoring twice in the top of the seventh, including the go-ahead run when Iris Delgado (2-for-3) avoided the tag in a rundown, the Hawks shaded East Brunswick April 21 in a battle of Red Division squads. Becky Garibotto pitched a five-hitter with nine strikeouts and no walks for the victory.

Edison 5, Perth Amboy 1 — Kelly Karp tossed a five-hitter, fanned 12 and walked none to gain the pitching triumph and had two hits and one RBI at the plate to lead the Eagles to a Red Division triumph over Perth Amboy April 21. Rachel Ruch belted a two-run homer to spark the offense.

Colonia 4, South Plainfield 1 — In a key White Division showdown April 21 Colonia (9-1) remained perfect at 7-0 in division play and handed the Tigers their second loss by parlaying a small-attack into the victory. Lacey Santone was 2-for-3 with an RBI for South Plainfield, while Jessica Senz allowed nine hits — six of which never left the infield — while striking out five without allowing a walk.

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Senior Citizens Calendar

Bound Brook

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

Upcoming Trips and Events:
For information, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Non members are welcome.

Atlantic City trips are the third Tuesday of each month, leaving 9:45 a.m. from El Imperial. Call Ed Kimmel at (732) 469-1263.

May 11 — Larison's Turkey Inn; play "I Do, I Do" \$49

May 31 — June 2 — The Hamptons - \$375 (non-members welcome), Call Frank (732) 356-6310 for details.

Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's Bound Brook club sponsors bus trips to Atlantic City Casino Taj Mahal every fourth Tuesday of each month. Bus departs from St. Mary's Church Parking Lot at 10:15 a.m.

The Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's meets at 1 p.m. every second Monday in the cafeteria of Holy Family Academy School located at 201 Voesseller Ave. in Bound Brook. For further information, call club president Sal Barbatì (908) 725-5444.

Event Schedule:
May 9 — Membership meeting - 1 p.m. school cafeteria.

May 22 — Spring Social, 4 p.m. school cafeteria.

Middlesex Borough

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors meet the second Tuesday of the month, at 1 p.m. in the church hall. Members are asked to bring boxes of pasta for F.I.S.H. For information on trips call Ellie Procacci (732) 752-3093 or Mary Jane Stoddard (732) 356-2093.

Trips and Events:
May 27 — Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. "Best of Branson" (bus is filled)

South Bound Brook

The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club meets at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. Bingo is played every Wednesday and refreshments are served. A box of pasta per member will be collected at the meeting for the food bank. The club is open to all seniors, 55 years and older residing in South Bound Brook. For information or reservations, call Catherine (732) 356-4080.

Events and Trips
May 20 — Duke Gardens and Larison's Restaurant.

Calendar

Thursday, May 5

EDISON - Job Seeker Workshop: at 10 a.m. at Jewish Family and Vocational Service, 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201. Current job opportunities, bring your resume, presented by recruiting managers at Amper, Poltznier and Mattia, CPA's. Call (732) 777-1940 to register.

IN THE FUTURE:

EDISON - Trash and Treasure Sale: May 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oak Tree Presbyterian Church, 445 Plainfield Road: Household goods, toys, books, baby items plus baked goods will be available. Call (732) 549-4178 for details.

MIDDLESEX - Stem Cell Research Talk: May 19 at 7 p.m. at Middlesex Library Community Room sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call library at (732) 356-6602 for details.

HIGHLAND PARK - Street Fair and Craft Show: May 22 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Exhibitors sought. Call (908) 654-1400 for booth information and costs.

MIDDLESEX - Decorative Painting and Design Class: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 26 at Middlesex H.S. Art Room \$20 per class, plus \$15 materials fee. Call (732) 317-6000 ext. 20206 for more information.

EDISON - Memorial Day Parade: 2 p.m. May 29 in Stelton section of town. Interested in participating, Call Evelyn at (732) 548-4648 for details.

PISCATAWAY - Giant Yard Sale: June 4, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Stelton Vol. Fire Company firehouse, 70 Haines Ave., Spaces available for \$15. For space info. Call Margaret at (732) 985-0282, opt 6.

MIDDLESEX - Decorative Painting and Design Class: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 9 at Middlesex H.S. Art Room \$20 per class, plus \$15 materials fee. Call (732) 317-6000 ext. 20206 for more information.

DUNELLEN - Shea Stadium: June 10, \$45 per ticket. Deadline for tickets, April 17. Sponsored by St. John's the Evangelist Church. Depart 4 p.m. for 7:10 p.m. game. Mets vs. L.A. Angels. Only 49 tickets available. Call Clem at (732)2439 or Peter (732) 752-7545.

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