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'Township with a Heart' raises \$66K

Families of 11 victims of Sept. 11 attacks will split money raised last Sunday

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

Some sat outside in the raw, damp air, answering the donated Voicestream cellular phones and recording pledge amounts.

Others set up a table inside the Old Bridge High School east campus cafeteria and sold commemorative T-shirts, also donated by a local business.

Still others lifted their voices in song. Then there were those who cooked and cleaned up after the masses who came and gave generously of their time, talents and money.

By the time the clock struck 6 p.m. on Sunday, "The Township with a Heart" — as road signs welcoming motorists to Old Bridge proclaim — had raised \$66,059 for the families of 11 residents killed or missing as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

To top that off, even after the lights in the school's television studio went dark and the cleanup began, donations continued to pour in via the telephone lines and walk-ins.

And proving those road signs correct again, this "volunteer community" responded en masse to the "One Family — Thousands of Hearts" telethon, which was jointly sponsored by the township and the Board of Education. The event was held at the east campus on Sunday and televised from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

on cable channels 70 and 71, courtesy of Comcast Cablevision.

According to Diane Amabile, mayoral assistant, more than 200 residents volunteered to perform jobs — from working telephones and recording donations, to selling T-shirts and pins, to cooking and serving food and cleaning up. In addition, church choirs, a folk group and other local musicians, including the soft rock group, Zanzibar, and the dance band, Swingtones, provided on-air entertainment free of charge.

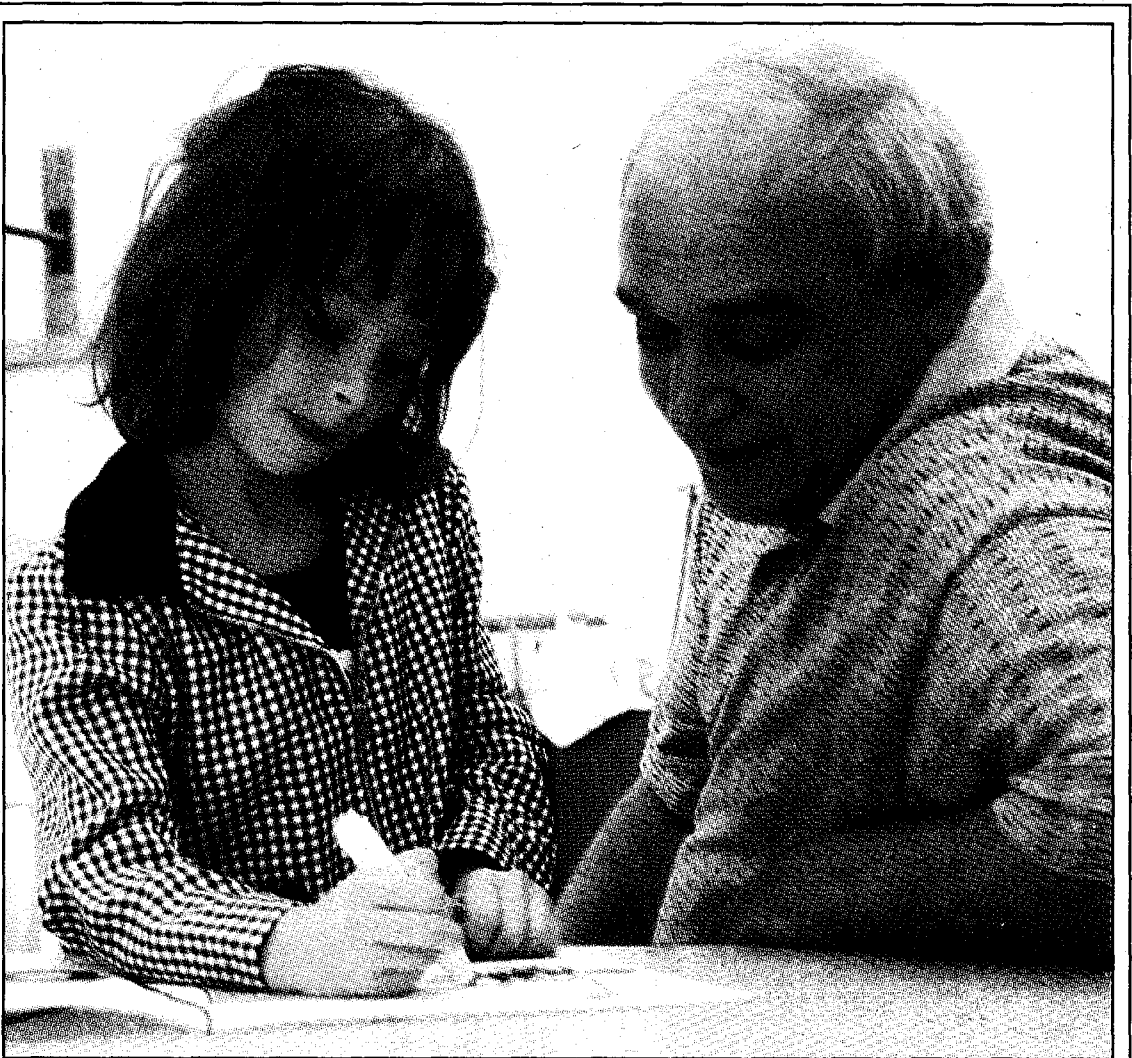
"There was a tremendous amount of community support. People were walking in off the street to volunteer," Amabile said Monday. As she spoke, township employees continued to turn in checks from area residents and businesses.

"The checks are still coming in," Amabile remarked in awe.

Most of the money, Amabile said, was raised via the phone banks, where volunteers dressed warmly and sat under a tent donated by the Police Department. Cellphone reception difficulties prevented the volunteers from answering calls inside the school building, so the phone banks were placed outside. Amabile, however, praised the volunteers for their perseverance and tenacity in spite of adverse weather.

More than \$20,000 was raised in the telethon's last two hours from phone pledges or walk-ins to the high school, Amabile said. Mayor Barbara Cannon confirmed that the latter part of the day brought the greatest number of pledges.

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Rhiannon Karpiak and her grandfather, Joe Canepa, make a drawing during Grandparents Day at the Grissom School in Old Bridge on Tuesday.

VERONICA YANKOWSKI

GOP: Dems violated sign ordinance

BY JENNIFER DOME
Staff Writer

Supporters of Democratic candidates running for Sayreville Borough Council reportedly displayed campaign signs a few days prior to the date allowed by borough ordinance, according to local Republican Party Chairman Ken Olchaskey.

A borough ordinance states that political signs are permitted to be displayed no more than 40 days prior to the election. Therefore, the official starting date was Sept. 27.

The ordinance, adopted in 1973, calls for a standard violation penalty of a fine of no more than \$1,000, 90 days in jail, or a period of community service for no more than 90 days.

The ordinance also states that the signs must be removed by midnight of the Saturday immediately following Election Day.

Olchaskey said he reported the signs in question to the borough clerk, who sent notices to both political parties reminding them of the ordinance.

Olchaskey and Republican candidate Robert Pinaha said the party has not yet decided if it will file a complaint with the court against the Democrats.

Pinaha's running mate is Joan Gotta.

The signs were in support of Democrats Thomas Marcinczyk and Thomas Pollando.

"I would like to think that both sides are above knowingly

breaking the law," Olchaskey said.

Democratic Party Chairman John Wisniewski, also a state assemblyman, said that the campaign signs for Marcinczyk and Pollando were given out at their campaign headquarters located on Main Street. Some signs were also dropped off at the homes of supporters, Wisniewski said. Everyone who received a sign was given instructions about the dates they were allowed to display them and when they had to be removed, he said.

"Obviously, there was no intent to violate the ordinance," Wisniewski said.

"Sometimes people, in their enthusiasm, forget or get the days

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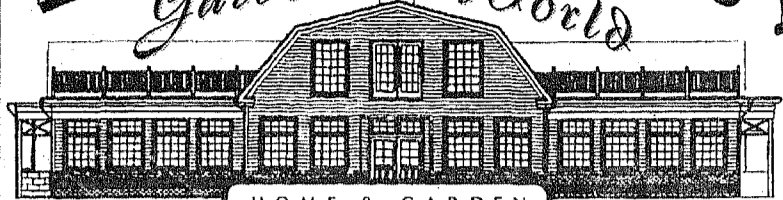
"I think we have to keep our patriotism no matter what happens. We have to keep faith in our country."

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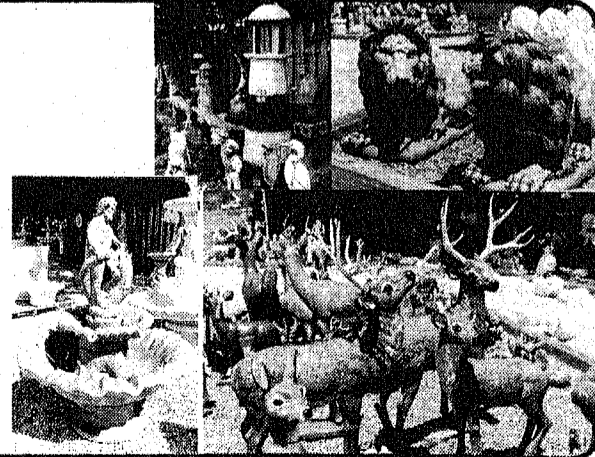
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Planned walkway eliminated

BY JENNIFER DOME
Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — Borough officials say they are moving closer to making planned improvements at the borough's Waterfront Park.

The project has been in the works since April 1999, but has been delayed due to concerns raised by the state and the Army Corps of Engineers who feared that the shadows from the dock and pilings may have an impact on the fish in the Raritan River, borough officials said in July. Borough Engineer Jay Cornell announced at a Sept. 17 Borough Council meeting that officials have decided to eliminate a planned 10-foot walkway that was to hang over the water in order to comply with state officials' concerns about the shadows.

Cornell also said the state has requested additional soil sampling and the installation of a water-purifying system. With the purifying system, water that is collected on the grounds of the park will be cleaned before it runs into the Raritan River.

The waterfront area along River Road comprises 3.4 acres, and is currently used by boaters.

The improvements to the area will be done in two phases.

The first phase will include renovating the existing boat ramps. The plans also call for the placement of floating docks and the building of an overlook promenade area with benches and railings, a waterfront pavilion and an overlook pavilion. The overlook promenade and pavilion are now expected to be scaled back to appease the concerns of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Improvements will also be made to the parking lot, to landscaping, and along River Road, borough officials said.

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders has given the borough \$500,000 for the project. Additional funds will come from the borough's capital improvement fund, and officials hope to receive state funding through a Community Development Block Grant and a Green Acres Grant.

O.B. plans children's Halloween activities

The Old Bridge Parks and Recreation Department invites children of all ages to participate in "Haunted Halloween Happenings," set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the township municipal complex courtyard, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

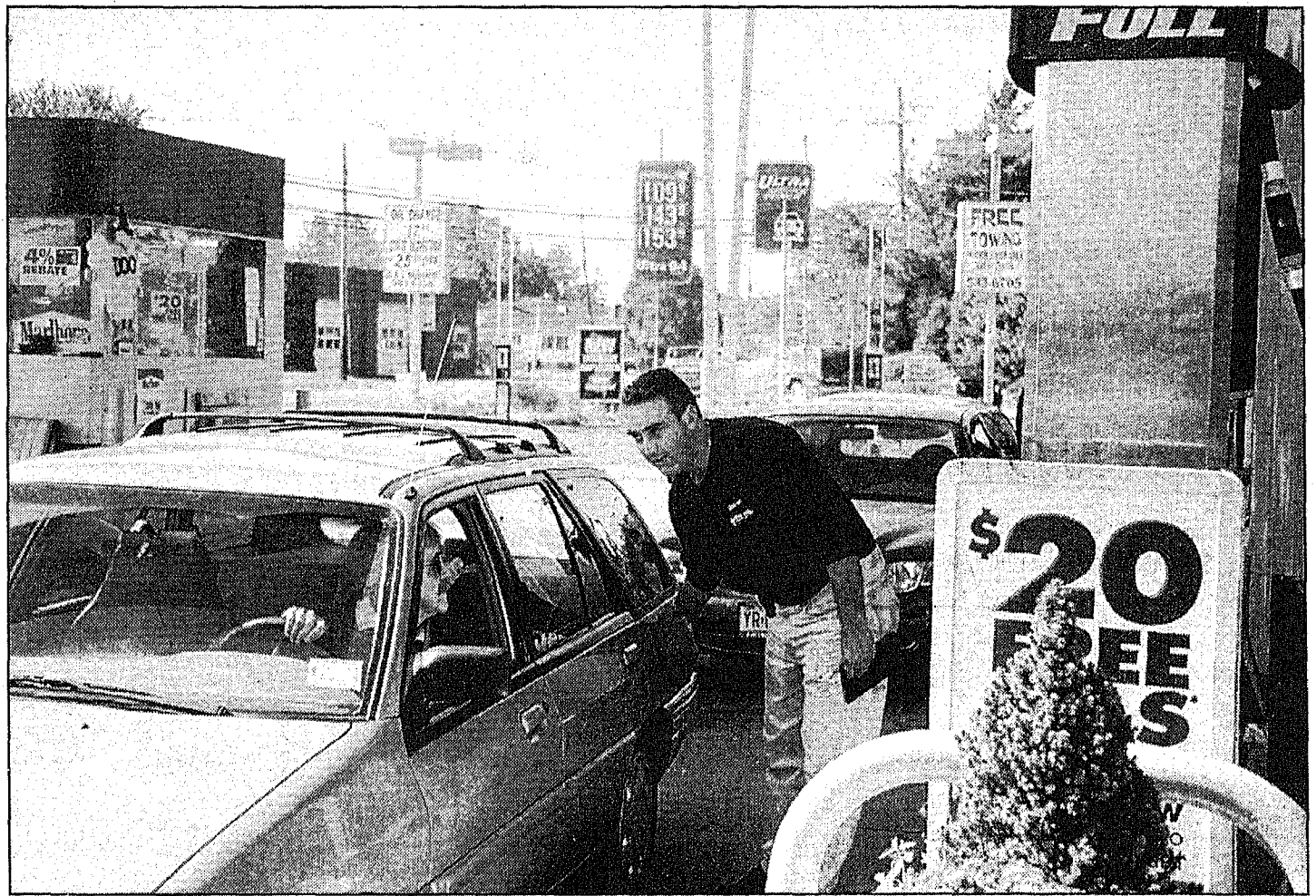
Highlights will include face painting, Halloween games, a "slimy" workshop and treats.

Prizes will be awarded in various costume categories. Goodie bags will be given to the first 200 children who attend.

Events are open to Old Bridge residents only.

Registration is not required.

For more information, call (732) 721-5600, ext. 4999.



DAWN MARIE SANWALDT

George Landi tends to a customer at his Sunoco station, Route 34 and Morristown Road in Old Bridge.

Gas prices drop as station competes with new Wawa

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — At George Landi's Sunoco service station on Route 34, you can get your oil changed, tires mounted and balanced, or have your car tuned up. If you don't want to sit in line at the motor vehicle station, Landi and his employees can perform the state-approved inspection.

Business has been brisk, and Landi claims a steady clientele for auto repairs.

Yet, when it comes to gas sales, Landi believes a new nearby competitor is giving him a run for his money.

Landi, who has franchised the Sunoco at Route 34 and Morristown Road for nearly four years, contends that a combined Wawa service station and convenience store a mile north of his location is threatening to put him out of business. For approximately a year, since the Pennsylvania-based Wawa opened on Route 34 and Steamboat Landing Road, Landi said he has had to constantly lower his gasoline prices to the point of barely making a profit in order to compete.

Yesterday, Landi said his posted price for a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline read \$1.09, the same price offered up the road at Wawa. Landi said, however, that he planned to lower his price to \$1.07 after 3 p.m. yesterday.

On some days, Landi said, Wawa beats his price. For example, last Friday, Landi sold regular unleaded for \$1.07 per gallon, while Wawa sold it for \$1.05.

Prior to Wawa's opening, Landi was able to sell regular unleaded gas for around \$1.35, he said.

"(\$1.07 per gallon) is the best I can do because that's all the support Sunoco will give me," said Landi, a Matawan resident,

referring to his regular unleaded price. "Sunoco tells me they can't go down on their profit margin any more."

Landi contends that the 24-hour, seven-days-a-week Wawa operation is hampering his ability to make a living while still paying rent to Piscataway-based Sunoco.

"Most of the rent is based on gas sales," Landi said, "but we all have to make a living."

At Wawa, while filling the gas tank, a customer can also purchase fresh deli sandwiches, snacks, drinks, newspapers and many other convenience items. There is also a surcharge-free ATM on the premises.

However, Wawa does not have bays for car repairs. Landi has three bays for repairing cars.

"I have a lot of steady customers for auto repairs," Landi said.

Numerous certificates of achievement and Automobile Service Excellence (ASE) awards are posted in Landi's tidy waiting area inside the station building. Also posted was a Better Business Bureau award. His facility is also AAA-approved.

Landi also offers free towing of disabled vehicles within five miles, and he offers free air.

"I'm the only one in this area who offers free air. I get a lot of compliments from the older gentlemen about that," Landi said.

On Oct. 20, Landi will celebrate his fourth anniversary at the location, which he estimates has physically existed at the busy intersection for at least 50 years. For that anniversary, Landi and his wife, Kimberly, will hold a kids' carnival on the premises, featuring a moonwalk, face painting and music. He will also give away pumpkins to any child who visits the carnival. Proceeds

will be donated to Camp ROBIN, an Old Bridge-based recreational program for learning-disabled children.

Landi said that he and his wife have in the past raised funds at the gas pumps for the camp, even raising \$1,000 one year for one learning-disabled child to attend the Special Olympics.

Landi sells gas at the station's six service islands from 8 a.m. till midnight Monday through Saturday.

On the premises of the Wawa complex, there was no shortage of parking, and attendants pumped gas from most of the 16 pumping stations.

Both businesses pride themselves on keeping clean bathrooms.

Norman Turiano, Wawa's fuel operations manager for New Jersey, said the company is not trying to take away Landi's business. He pointed out that there are several other gas stations within a mile radius of the Old Bridge location.

"There are a number of gas stations in that market other than Sunoco. Within a mile there are five to 10 other gas stations," Turiano said.

"Our pricing is relative to the entire market," he added.

Turiano denied that Wawa might be deliberately undercutting the market price of gas.

"We are not selling below cost because that would be against state law, and it wouldn't be profitable," he said.

In the meantime, Landi said he will continue to do what he can to stay in business. He hopes his regular customers will remain loyal and continue to patronize his station.

"Sometimes people like the small guy," he said.

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Old Bridge Day is Saturday

A parade, music, crafts and gift vendors, and food are all part of day's events

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — A parade, amusements, entertainment, vendors and, of course, food are all part of the sixth annual Old Bridge Day fair, to be held Saturday at the township's municipal complex, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

"It's just a way to celebrate our community and all that we have," said Diane Amabile, mayoral assistant and chief organizer of the fair. "It's also a way for families to get out and meet each other."

The fair kicks off at 9 a.m. with a parade starting at Drug Fair in the Browntown Shopping Center on Route 516. The parade will proceed down Gaub Road, turn onto Throckmorton Lane and end at the Old Bridge High School west campus.

Following the parade, the Jonas Salk Middle School Choir, under the direction of Chris Hilfman, will sing a program of patriotic songs beginning at 10 a.m. on stage at the municipal center lot.

At 11 a.m., fair visitors can kick up their heels and hustle to the rhythms of the 1970s disco band, On-Line Entertainment. Switching to rock and roll at 1 p.m., the Bruce Springsteen-themed B-Street Band will cover the Boss' distinctive rock anthems.

At 3 p.m. the Brooklyn-based group Joey Dee and the Starlighters, known for their 1960s hit, "Peppermint Twist," will take the stage. Area magician Lamont Samuel will also perform at the library in

the early afternoon.

At least 140 craft, clothing and gift vendors have already committed to selling their wares at the fair, according to Amabile. Fall and seasonal items will be available to those who wish to start their holiday shopping early.

Visitors can also vote for their favorite entries in the Cultural Arts Committee's scarecrow competition and display in the municipal complex courtyard. The homemade scarecrows, created by township residents, will be displayed at the township complex until Nov. 3.

Throughout the day, visitors can check out the moon bounce and other air-filled rides and visit information booths set up by various organizations. In particular, the Environmental Commission will ask residents to complete a short survey on their preferences for use of open space, while the Board of Education will try to involve more residents in the township's schools. Local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops will also be recruiting new members at their information tables.

Coming on the heels of Sunday's "One Family — Thousands of Hearts" telethon, which raised more than \$66,000 for 11 Old Bridge families who lost loved ones in the World Trade Center attacks, a few of the more popular telethon-related items will be available for purchase.

In response to customer demand, Ron Mazzola, owner of local designer Prestige Imaging, will have approximately 150 "Old Bridge Cares" T-shirts available for sale. During Sunday's telethon, the specially designed T-shirts, which also feature an American flag and the date "9-11-01,"

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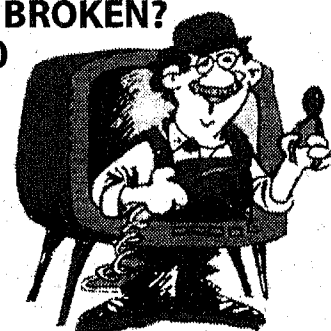
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 sold out within an hour after being placed on sale in the high school's east campus cafeteria.

Another telethon-related item, a distance photograph shot by local photographer John Kacz showing the twin towers with the Statue of Liberty to its left, will be available for purchase in two sizes, 8-by-12 and 16-by-24.

"I took the picture about eight or 10 years ago," Kacz said. He added that sales of the photograph at the telethon netted "about \$2,000" for the fund-raiser.

In addition, a pair of New York Ranger hockey game tickets previously purchased at the telethon for \$500 by Dr. Nicole Okun, the school district's superintendent for curriculum, will be auctioned off. After paying \$500 for the tickets on Sunday, Okun gave the tickets back to the telethon so they could be re-purchased by someone who could beat her donation. The tickets,

courtesy of Kevin Calogera, a Planning Board member, are for an Oct. 10 game.

Also, the Middlesex County SPCA will be selling hot dogs as a fund-raiser. Fifteen other vendors will offer various fast foods, desserts and drinks for purchase in the designated "food court."

Amabile emphasized that, due to the expected large attendance, parking will not be available at the municipal complex. Instead, shuttle buses will be run from all sections of the township. Parking is available at both high school campuses' parking lots with shuttle service available from the east campus. Bus schedules will be posted on local Cable Channel 70, and on the Web site www.oldbridge.com.

Event sponsors include the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, the Brunetti Organization, PBA Local 127, Amboy National Bank, Home Depot, JFK Rehabilitation Center, FOP Lodge 22 and Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Metuchen High School class of '52 sets reunion

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Demonstration to be held on Washington Road Sunday

BY JENNIFER DOME
 Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — The Our Lady of Victories Pro-Life Group is expected to host its annual Life Chain event along Washington Road Oct. 7.

The self-described peaceful demonstration, part of what organizers now refer to as "Respect Life Sunday," is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen and other dioceses throughout the country, according to the event chairman, Gene Crummy.

Janice K. O'Brien, chairwoman of the church's pro-life group and wife of Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, said the event is hosted by a different parish within the diocese each year. This will be the second time that the Life Chain has taken place in Sayreville.

The first time it was held locally, she said, the group of participants was large enough to stretch along Washington Road from Jernee Mill Road to Ernston Road, a distance of about two miles.

The number of participants usually ranges from about 600 to 800, Crummy said, but this year he expects that figure to be larger. He said he feels that awareness has been heightened due to the tragedies of Sept. 11. In honor of the fallen that day, the demonstrators will hold American flags and other patriotic memorabilia, Crummy said.

"This is a quiet, peaceful, prayerful, nondenominational yearly event," O'Brien said in a letter from the pro-life group.

The demonstration is expected to run from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus, on Washington Road, will distribute signs for those participants who wish to hold them, according to the announcement.

There will be no graphics, shouting or violence involved in the event, O'Brien said, adding that many people quietly pray or meditate.

In past years, participants in the Life Chain have spanned all ages, including students, parents with their babies in strollers, and older people, according to O'Brien.

The Life Chain is traditionally held the first Sunday of October, O'Brien said. Although the day used to be called "Pro-Life Sunday," it has now been changed to "Respect Life Sunday."

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Telephone registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 11 for "Loose Tooth," a youth program set for 4 p.m. on Oct. 18 at the Old Bridge Library Main Branch, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

Participants in the program, open to youngsters in kindergarten-fifth grades, will listen to funny stories about losing teeth and make a tooth bag to hold gifts from the Tooth Fairy.

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Proposed community center will be subject of resolution

OLD BRIDGE — Hoping to move forward with the construction and opening of a proposed community center, Township Council President Dennis Maher will present a resolution authorizing the township to begin negotiating with a local YMCA and to solicit an architect for siting and designing the structure.

In a press release issued Monday, Maher announced that the resolution will be presented at Monday's council meeting. Citing residential need for a YMCA-type center that the township now lacks, Maher praised the recreation committee for conducting 18 months of research into the feasibility of establishing the facility.

"I applaud the work efforts of the recreation committee supporting my vision with respect to providing Old Bridge children, families and seniors with a first-class facility for recreation, entertainment and community activities," Maher said.

The next step, Maher said, is to select an experienced architect to site and design the facility. At this time, no definite site or architect has been selected, he said.

Janet Phillips, a recreation committee member, said that through meetings with representatives of four area YMCAs, the committee learned of the Woodbridge Community Center that is now under construction on land owned by that township. Phillips, via a report addressed to recreation Chairman Joseph Criscuolo, told Maher about the Woodbridge facility and suggested that Old Bridge model its center upon that structure, which is being financed through the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA).

Phillips' report indicated that financing the construction of an Old Bridge Township community center is possible through the MCIA. Maher, in a phone interview, described preliminary discussions with the MCIA about financing the construction as "positive." However, he stressed that before approaching the MCIA to borrow funds, the council must first contract with an architect. In turn, the selected architect must choose a location, design the building and provide cost estimates to the council to be presented to the MCIA, he said.

"We need to know how much money we

need to borrow to finance the project," Maher said.

Maier emphasized that local property taxes will not be used to finance construction or operation of the center.

"Tax dollars will not be utilized in the construction or operation of the community center. The entire cost will be underwritten by corporate sponsors and advertisers, and by the revenue the facility will generate," Maher said.

"The center will truly be a facility for all generations with recreational opportunities that range from a playhouse for children to swimming lessons for seniors," he added.

Maier had initially revealed his vision for the recreational center last year during his State of the Township address. At that time he asked the recreation committee to explore the township's future recreational needs including day-care, meetings, activities and entertainment.

"During the past 18 months, members of the recreational (sic) committee have held focus group meetings with representatives of national, regional and local chapters of YMCA organizations," Maher said.

Maier said that in their meetings with the recreation committee, YMCA representatives indicated that a community center similar to the one under construction in Woodbridge could be completed in two years. Phillips pointed out that, while similar, the Woodbridge center will be larger than the one proposed for Old Bridge.

"Woodbridge is a much bigger facility than what we would have," she said.

Her committee's report estimates the size of the proposed Old Bridge facility at 40,000 to 45,000 square feet, built on six acres of township-owned land.

Maier's release indicated that, upon opening, the YMCA-managed facility would provide aquatics and fitness programs; services for disabled persons; programs for youth, teens, families and senior citizens; and childcare. The facility would also include a competition-sized swimming pool, a gymnasium with lockers, a wellness/fitness center and multipurpose rooms for day care and community activities.

— Sue M. Morgan

Ordinance

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mixed up," he said.

Olchaskey said there have been arrests for violations of the sign ordinance in the past.

"To have arbitrarily gone and violated this

law, doesn't send a good signal to anybody," Olchaskey said.

The four candidates are competing for the seats now held by Councilmen George Semoneit and Jeff Pawlowski. Both council members decided not to run for re-election.

Wisniewski said he feels there are more important issues facing the election than the political sign ordinance.

"It's much ado about nothing," he said.

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Special ceremony will mark Pop Warner anniversary

BY JENNIFER DOME
Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — The New York Giants and the New York Jets aren't the only football teams from the same city to challenge each other on nearby turf. Right here in the borough, two teams have been competing against each other for 40 years.

The Sayreville Leprechauns and the Parlin-Morgan Panthers, who were both formed 40 years ago in 1961, have played each other every year since, in the Mayor's Trophy Games. This year's games will be held at the borough's Veterans Field, located behind Borough Hall, Main Street.

The first game will kick off at 10 a.m. Oct. 7, followed by a ceremony and the remaining three games.

According to the Leprechauns' president, Charles "Chip" Blazas, approximately 250 children in the borough are involved in Pop Warner in Sayreville. Boys from 7 to 14 years old play football on four different teams, known as the Mighty Mites, the Junior PeeWees, the PeeWees and the Midgets. Girls are divided in the same way into different cheerleading teams.

All four teams will play at the Mayor's Trophy Games, Blazas said.

Blazas, who has been the Leprechauns' president for 10 years and coached football for eight years prior to that, is asking all past coaches from both teams to attend Sunday's game. There will be a special ceremony between the first and second games, around 11:15 a.m., to welcome and thank the previous football and cheerleading coaches, Blazas said.

As members of the 34-unit Pop Warner's Central New Jersey region, the Sayreville Leprechauns, as well as the Parlin-Morgan Panthers, fall under the rules regulated by Pop Warner National, according to Blazas. All children must maintain a C-grade average in school in order to continue playing in the Pop Warner league, he said. Children also help the teams with fund-raising, because they are a self-sufficient, private organization.

The Leprechauns raise funds by individual soliciting of funds locally, as well as by selling candy and hosting refreshment stands at games.

One of the Leprechauns' biggest fundraisers is the annual golf outing at the Bunker Hill golf course, off Route 1 in Somerset County. The event costs \$85 per person, and includes refreshments and prizes. Lucky golfers can win a new car for making a hole-in-one, Blazas said. A sit-down dinner is held at the South River Knight's Club after the golf event, as well.

Local businesses also sponsor holes and donate money to the Leprechaun scholarship fund. This scholarship is given to one cheerleader and one football player who were members of a Leprechaun team. Each student receives \$250 after writing an essay entitled "What Being a Sayreville Leprechaun Has Meant to Me," Blazas said.

Blazas recently used some money from the fund raising to purchase new cheerleading uniforms for the three older teams. The uniforms were all custom-made, he said, and cost about \$10,000. Blazas said that the Mighty Mites age group specifically is for training. The Mighty Mites football players do not hold playoff com-

petitions; the Mighty Mite cheerleaders do not compete either.

Blazas said he is hoping the returning coaches will be impressed by the improvements made within the Leprechaun teams and with the maintenance of the borough field. The field was renovated last year, he said, which cost the borough approximately \$130,000.

Blazas said previous coaches for the Parlin-Morgan team are also welcome to attend Sunday's game, and will be recognized with the Leprechaun coaches.

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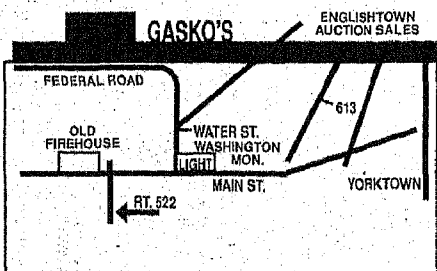
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In Brief

Art exhibition, auction slated at O.B. temple

Congregation Beth Ohr, 70 Route 516, Old Bridge, will host an art exhibition and auction beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 6. Preview is set for 8 p.m.

Wine and cheese, coffee and cake will be available.

Donation is \$4 per person in advance, \$5 at the door. Payment for advance tickets should be sent to Congregation Beth Ohr, 70 Route 516, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

A "Next Day Sale" is planned for 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 7.

For more information and to reserve, call (732) 257-1523; e-mail, bethohr@juno.com.

S.R. church to present Oct. 13 art show, sale

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 90 Leonardine Ave., South River, will sponsor a fine art show and sale from 7:30-10:30 p.m. on Oct. 13.

The show will feature original photography, sculpture, pen and ink drawings and watercolors by local artists. Works will be signed, matted, framed, reasonably priced and ready for display.

Admission is \$10 for adults. Tickets will be available at the door.

The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the church at (732) 254-1734 or Kimberly Desarno at (732) 257-0066.

Widows and Widowers schedule Oct. 7 social

The Widows and Widowers (WOWs) Chapter of Middlesex County West will hold a social from 7-11 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Belarussian American Center, Whitehead Avenue, South River. Socials are held on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

New members are welcome. Admission is \$7 for members and nonmembers. The nonprofit, nonsectarian organization is sponsored by the Family Life Bureau of the Diocese of Metuchen. The group plans a dinner-dance from 7-11 p.m. on Nov. 4. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more information and to reserve, call (732) 521-0732.

Theater group to stage 'Catch Me If You Can'

The Mighty Oak Players, the community theatre of Monroe Township, will present *Catch Me If You Can* at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25, 26 and 27 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the Richard P. Marasco Performing Arts Center, Monroe Township High School, Perrineville Road.

The Catskill Mountains mystery was written by Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert, former writers of the *Columbo* television series. Director is Jack Rosmarin.

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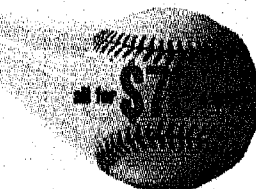
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Opinion

Our View

People of all ages find ways to help with relief efforts

The devastation of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States touched all Americans in some way. We've mourned. We've cried. We've become angry.

We've tried to regain a sense of security that in one morning was shattered. And we've anxiously waited for some sort of justice to be served, watching and hoping for the federal government to be successful in its investigation and apprehension of terrorists.

At the same time, something remarkable has happened. Millions of Americans have joined together for one purpose — to help in a way that the younger generations have never before seen.

Just as we've watched the streets in every neighborhood suddenly lined with American flags — and seemingly every other car that drives down those streets decorated with red, white and blue — for the first time in many of our lifetimes, we are seeing an astonishing, across-the-board effort by people of all ages, colors and backgrounds to assist in the Sept. 11 recovery effort.

Locally, countless civic organizations and private businesses have found some way to give to, or solicit donations for, The September 11 Fund, the American Red Cross, the New York City Firefighters Union, or to other groups, such as blood centers, that are helping those affected by the attacks.

We have also witnessed truly

amazing, never-before-seen efforts such as the Old Bridge telethon, which raised money last Sunday for 11 families in the township who were victimized Sept. 11.

Most notable is that so many ordinary people, particularly children, have demonstrated in their own creative ways that they too can lend a hand.

In Middlesex County, we have seen numerous, touching examples of children — whether individually or as part of a school project or neighborhood function — pitch in, selling something they made to raise money for relief efforts, or selflessly donating their own money to help.

At *Greater Media Newspapers*, we have received numerous phone calls and e-mails from people alerting us to these children's endeavors, and we will be publishing some of their accounts.

It's important for these children to understand that whether they've raised \$10 or \$100 or even more, they've made a difference. Perhaps their efforts will buy holiday presents for someone their age who lost a mother or father Sept. 11, or the money will help to pay the bills of a local family who lost someone and will be without a source of income.

It also says something about the way our society has pulled together since Sept. 11, that our children have been so inspired to lend a hand. And it's a tribute to our great country that as citizens we are all willing to help one another in times of need.

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All letters should be typed or neatly printed and must include a daytime telephone number at which the writer may be reached for verification. Letters should be as concise as possible.

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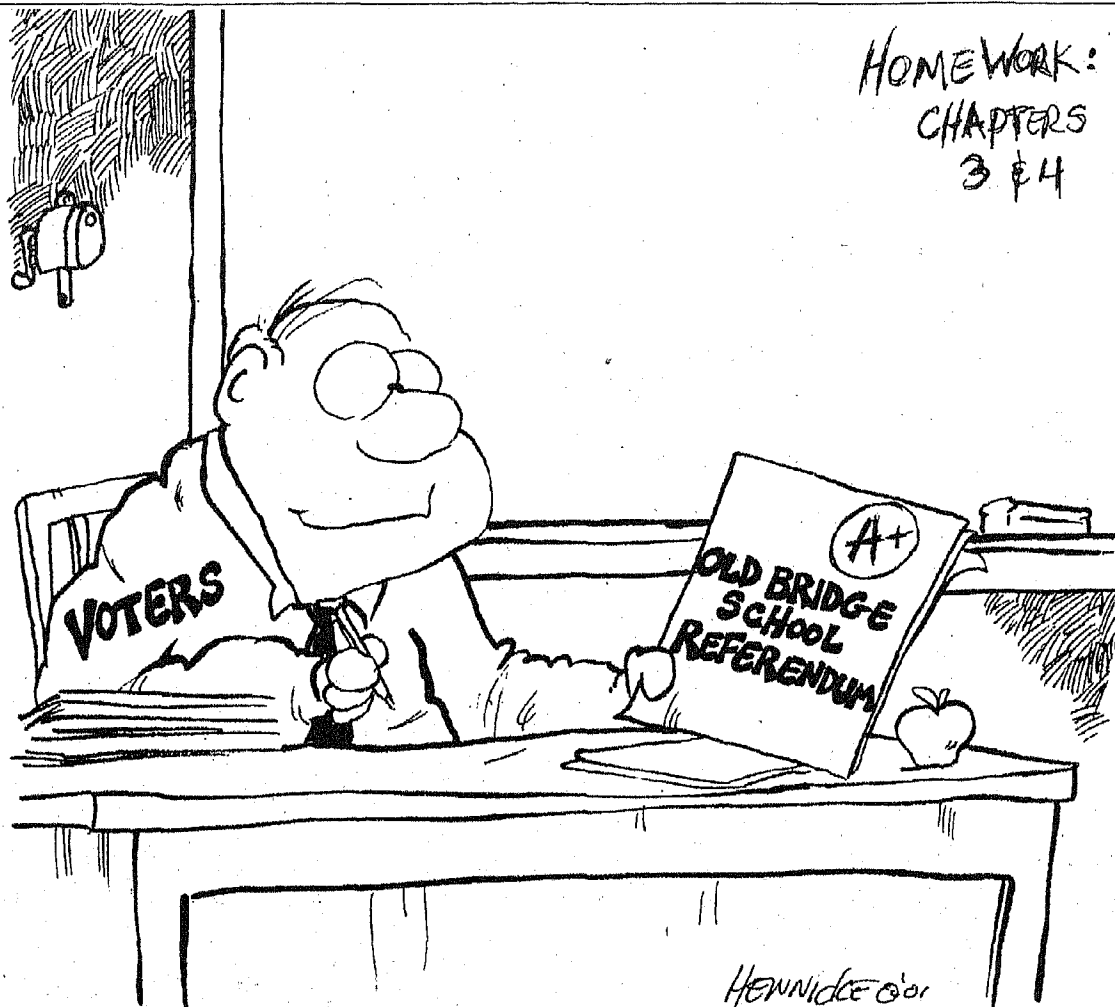
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Letters

E. Brunswick teen sees the importance of exercising right to vote

All young people will reach an important milestone in their lives on the day they turn 18 — they will be granted the privilege to vote in our local, state and national elections.

I consider myself extremely lucky this year because I turn 18 three days before Election Day, and I am, therefore, eligible to vote. I have already registered; for anyone who has not, the deadline is Oct. 9.

Having recently participated in an MTV Rock the Vote event at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, I realized the need to get more of my peers to participate in the political process. I spent the evening registering people to vote.

Anyone who is eligible and not currently registered in Middlesex County should contact the Board of Elections at 777 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901; telephone (732) 745-3471. If you are going to be away at college, you should also contact them to obtain an absentee ballot, so that you don't forfeit your right to participate in the election.

The importance of exercising our right to vote cannot be understated. It is the most direct way we can influence the quality of our lives for today and for our future. The most important thing we should know about our electoral process is that every vote is crucial.

I know my future is at stake. When casting my vote, I will choose candidates who can help to ensure the quality of life I want for my future — candidates who have demonstrated a caring for our environment and our safety within it. Some of my concerns are school and public safety, preserving open space and making college more affordable.

As for me, I'll be voting for Jim McGreevey for governor, Barbara Buono for state Senate and Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan for state Assembly.

Don't forget to register. Don't forget to vote.

Rachel Lowen
Age 17
East Brunswick

Candidate seeks to clarify stand on Cheesequake Dam

This letter is in response to your article titled "Republicans Discuss Ideas, Name O'Donnell for Ward 4" (*Suburban*, Sept. 10).

During my interview with your reporter, I made some comments about the future of Cheesequake Dam. Unfortunately, those comments were not fully printed in the article, and I think that some of your readers who are concerned about the dam have a right to know

where I stand on this issue.

What I propose is that Old Bridge Township simply match the \$75,000 that the state has agreed to give us to repair the dam. And if any Old Bridge resident thinks that this is a waste of our resources, let me point out that council Democrats recently wasted \$35,000 on a second feasibility study on the proposed Amboy Road golf course and about \$80,000 on court costs defending a development ordi-

nance that the Democrats knew was in violation of state law.

I think it is better to spend tax dollars on preserving a pleasant green space for our senior residents in Cheesequake Village than to stuff tax dollars into the pockets of lawyers and consultants.

Steve Brunell
Republican candidate
Ward 1
Old Bridge

Writer doesn't believe in flying an 'un-American' flag

As a proud citizen of this great country, I have been flying Old Glory ever since I can remember — not only in bad times, but in good times also, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Just this past Sunday while I was passing through a local mall, I came across a stand selling what I have come to term "un-

American" flags. While the price of these flags was absurd to begin with, the flags were not even made in the USA.

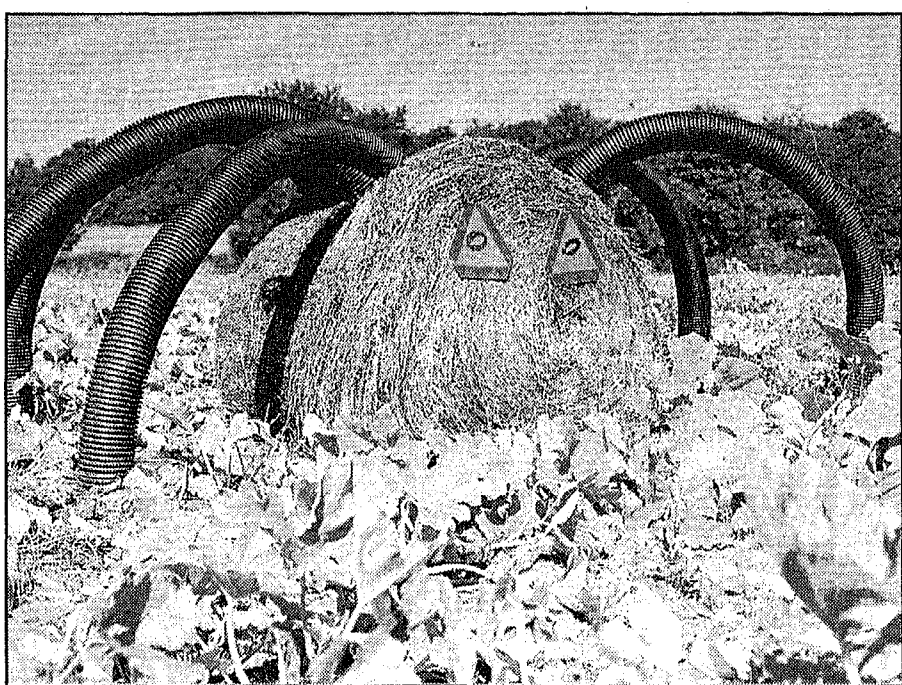
I believe we should all be flying our country's flag proudly. I do not, however, believe that flying an American flag made in another country is an American thing to do.

I know how eager a great

many of you are to fly an American flag these days. I only ask that you please be sure it is indeed a true American flag, made by Americans for Americans.

In closing, remember to fly your flag proudly through good times and bad times.

Brian Foran
South River



DAWN MARIE SANWALDT

A huge spider made of hay watches over the pumpkin patch in Bob O'Connell's field at Cheesequake Farms in Old Bridge.

In Brief

Chronic fatigue lecture slated for Oct. 11 in E.B.

The Wellness Education Foundation, East Brunswick, will sponsor a free lecture on chronic fatigue syndrome at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Borders Books and Music, MidState Mall, Route 18, East Brunswick. Matthew J. Speesler, M.D., will offer the latest information and drug-free options for

treatment. Topics will include symptoms such as headaches, short-term memory or concentration impairment, muscle and joint aches, low-grade temperature elevation and inability to handle stress, and/or depression. Seating is limited. Registration is suggested. Call (732) 238-2944.

Columbiettes to sponsor Nov. 10 outlet stores trip

The St. Bartholomew Columbiettes will sponsor a Nov. 10 trip to Reading, Pa., to shop in the downtown area and at the Vanity Fair Outlet Center. The bus will depart at 7:30 a.m. from the church parking lot, Ryders Lane, East

Brunswick. Return will be at approximately 8 p.m. A continental breakfast, snacks and discount coupons will be offered. Cost is \$23 per person. For more information and to reserve, call Joanne at (732) 583-3595.

Raritan Bay Cardiac Club to hold Oct. 15 meeting

The Cardiac Club of Raritan Bay Medical Center will meet from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 15 in Centennial Hall at the hospital's Perth Amboy division, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Topic will be "An Overview of

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Oct. 6

• **Spaghetti dinner**, sponsored by the junior and senior youth groups of Trinity United Methodist Church, seatings at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., at the church, 70 Manalapan Road, Spotswood. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for youngsters under age 12; children under age 3 admitted free of

charge. (732) 251-0815.

• **Scramble**, sponsored by the Spotswood Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, 6 p.m., at the Spotswood Fire Department, Main Street. Admission is \$5. Space is limited; adults only will be admitted. Coffee and cake will be served; other refreshments available for purchase. Call Lori at (732) 251-5738.

• **Flea market and bake sale**, sponsored by Messiah Lutheran Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the church, 3091 Bordentown Ave., Parlin section of Sayreville. Rain date: Oct. 13. Proceeds will benefit local ministries and the church's roof and renovation fund. (732) 721-8493.

• **Art exhibition and auction**, sponsored by Congregation Beth Ohr, 8:30 p.m., preview at 8 p.m., at the temple, 70 Route 516, Old Bridge. Wine and cheese,

coffee and cake available. Donation is \$4. per person in advance, \$5 at the door. Payment for advance tickets should be sent to Congregation Beth Ohr, 70 Route 516, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. A "Next Day Sale" set for 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 7. Call (732) 257-1523; e-mail, bethohr@juno.com.

• **Vendors Night**, sponsored by Corpus Christi School, 7 p.m., at the church hall, 100 James St., South River. Mary Kay, Home Interiors, Christmas Around the World, more. Call Rita at (732) 254-3332.

• **Craft show**, sponsored by the East Brunswick Senior Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the senior center, Jean Walling Civic Center. Handmade knit and quilted articles, holiday decorations, baked goods, etc. All proceeds will be donated to the World Trade Center Disaster Fund.

Tickets on sale for 'Evening of Giving'

The East Brunswick Friends of The Library will co-sponsor an "Evening of Giving" from 7-10 p.m. on Nov. 18 at Menlo Park Mall, Edison.

Tickets, which cost \$8 each, are now on sale at the library's circulation desk.

All mall stores will be open; many will feature special discounts. There will be door prizes, refreshments and entertainment.

Proceeds from the event will benefit local charities and nonprofit organizations, including the Friends and the Simon Youth Foundation.

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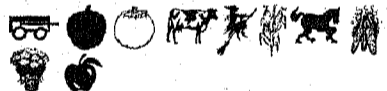
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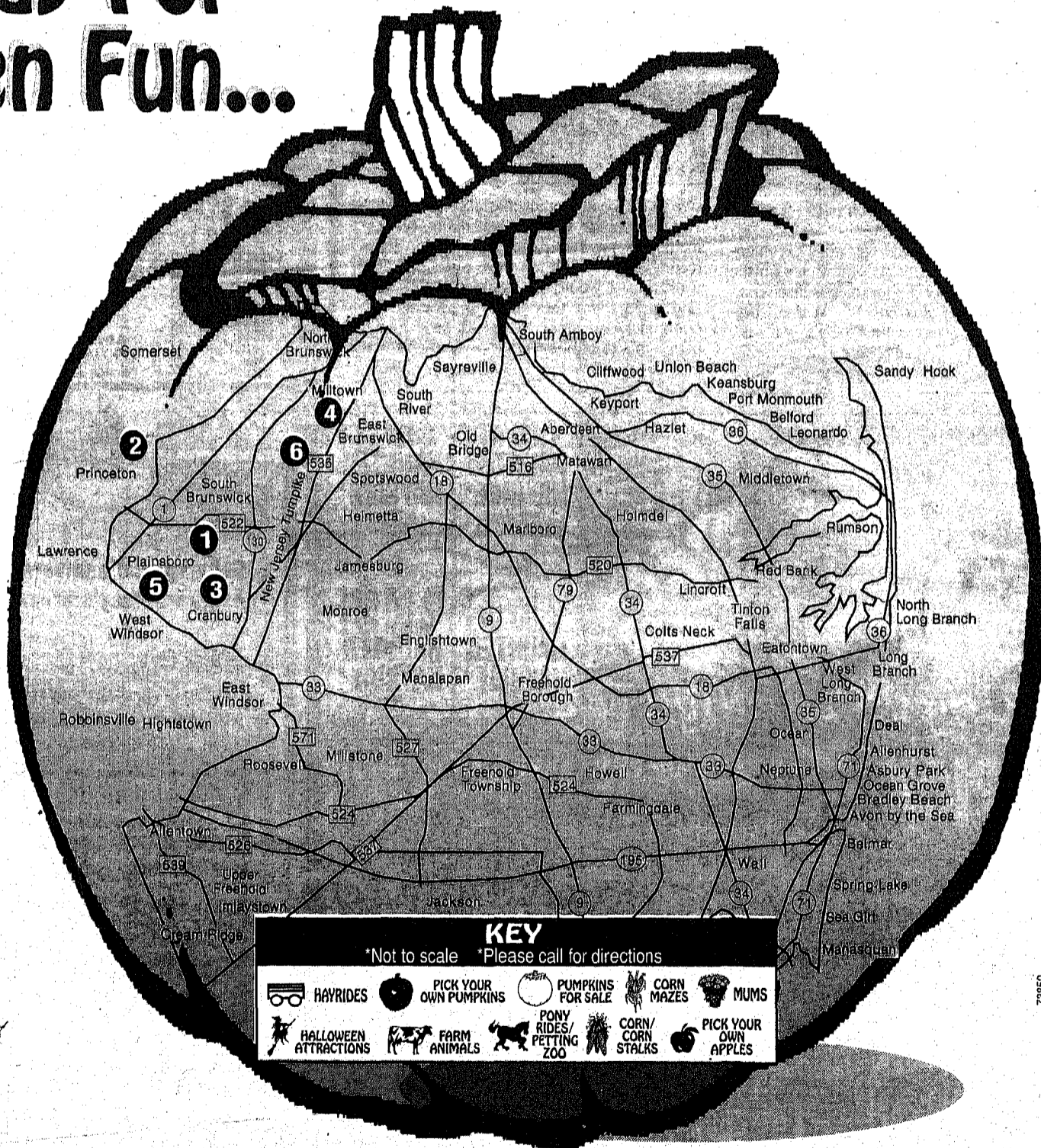
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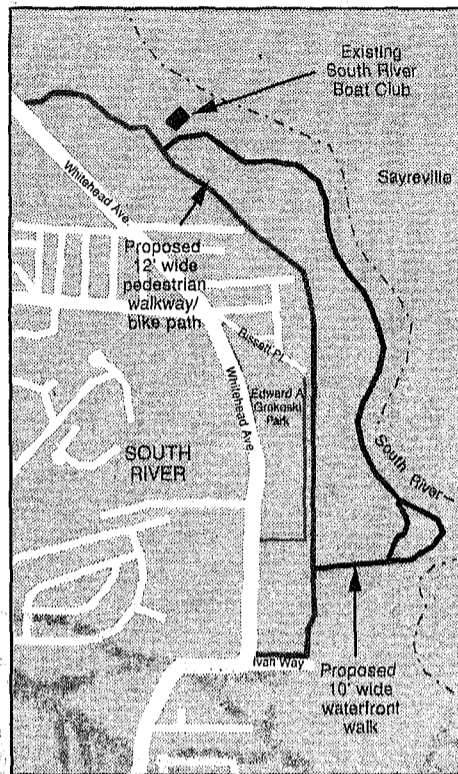
County will allow borough to use land for waterfront park

SOUTH RIVER — Middlesex County officials have agreed to lease several acres of the former Halocarbon properties on Whitehead Avenue to the borough, according to Borough Council President David Sliker.

The land will become part of South River's waterfront improvement project, which includes plans for a 1.3-mile river walk and a 1.4-mile bike path/pedestrian walkway, which will begin at Ivan Way and run north to Whitehead Avenue, opposite Yates Avenue. The river walk will connect to this trail near the existing South River Boat Club, and run south along the South River, connecting again with the bike path/pedestrian walkway near the borough's Department of Public Works building.

According to Sliker, the acres that the borough is leasing from the county are a portion of approximately 37 acres purchased by the county in 1999. The land is located between the Raritan River railroad tracks and the South River. The property will be leased to the borough for \$1 per year for 19 years, Sliker said. The borough already owns the land that is involved in the river-walk project, Sliker said. The council has applied for a grant through the state Department of Transportation as part of the state's Transportation Enhancement Act to aid in the cost of the river walk, which is estimated at \$3.5 million.

Szegeti said borough officials are planning to develop public playing fields on the waterfront property. The council is discussing the possibility of allowing Pop Warner football to develop the fields, the mayor said. Although Pop Warner would use them for practices and games, they wouldn't be exclu-



sive to the youth organization, Szegeti said. Other plans for the waterfront project include a passive park, where only light recreation — such as bird watching and walking — would be permitted. Officials said in July that they hope to have a boat ramp included along the waterfront, along with a mix of public and private projects.
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Brian Curatol, a first-grader at the Grissom School, Old Bridge, gets help drawing from his grandmother, Rose Clarke, during Grandparents Day at the school Tuesday.

Old Bridge library board to hold Oct. 10 meeting

The Old Bridge Library board of trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Old Bridge Main Library, Route 516 and

Cottrell Road.

The public is welcome. Formal action may be taken on agenda items or other matters which come before the board.

House decorating contest registration under way

The Sayreville Recreation Department is sponsoring a Halloween house decorating contest for Sayreville residents.

Telephone registration deadline is Oct. 11. Judging will take place on Oct. 16. To register, call (732) 390-7092.

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The organization is specifically looking for popular essentials such as tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, tomato sauce and tomato products, stews, canned meats, pasta and baby items including diapers and wipes.

"We're giving out twice as many food bags this year," said Dick Johnson of Christ Episcopal Church in New Brunswick, which supplies approximately 75 families every week.

Middlesex County residents may donate canned and nonperishable food items year-round at MCFOODS drop-off sites, which include the public libraries in Milltown, Monroe, North Brunswick, Plainsboro, South Brunswick, Woodbridge, Dunellen and Edison.

For more information or for the location of the nearest food pantry or drop-off site, call (732) 729-0880.

MCFOODS also encourages local corporations to sponsor annual food drives. The organization's goal is to have at least one corporate food drive each month in order to sustain the local food pantries. Company representatives should call (732) 729-0880 for more information.

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County gives 61 computers to district; more to come

Freeholders' Tech2000 program could get district up to 544 computers

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — In gratitude for bringing 61 new computers to the school district, a group of Carpenter School first-graders presented handmade "thank you" cards to a smiling Middlesex County Freeholder John Pulomena during an acceptance ceremony held at the school on Sept. 25.

"Thank you for the new computers," the first-graders enthusiastically told Pulomena.

"You're welcome. Have fun learning on them," Pulomena replied, promising to share their crayon-on-construction paper drawings with the other freeholders.

The county awarded the new Gateway computers to the district as a reward to teachers who have completed training that qualifies them to incorporate computer technology into their teaching routines. Old Bridge is among the first Middlesex County districts to receive the computers through the county's Tech2000 Program, according to JoAnn Agolia, the district's associate director of technology.

As an incentive to get more teachers involved in the program, the district is promising an individual classroom computer to any teacher who completes 20 credit hours in technology course work through contin-

uing education, in-service classes in the district, or college credits, Agolia said. She predicted that once the computers are up and running, more teachers will sign up for the prerequisite 20 credit-hour training programs offered by the district through either in-house workshops or through the county's Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC) in East Brunswick.

"As soon as these new computers hit the classroom, many more teachers will take advantage of the Middlesex County Tech2000 program," Agolia said. She added that the district will work closely with ETTC to coordinate training and ensure that the required course work is covered.

According to a district press release, the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders

has committed \$1 million per year for five years toward the Tech2000 program. The program is a partnership between the freeholders and the county's school districts.

"It is important and critical that the children have computers. That is why we are encouraging the 20-hour continuing education program," Pulomena said.

The district prequalified for the 61 computers based on the number of teachers who have completed the necessary training, Pulomena said. He added that the district's 16 schools could receive up to 544 computers through 2005 depending upon ongoing teacher involvement in technology training. In addition, he pointed out that the new computers will supplement — and not replace — those already in use at the schools.

"Once again our students are the real winners when technology comes closer to them. We are appreciative of all of the efforts of the freeholders to the benefit of our students," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Rodriguez, who accepted the individually packaged computers from Pulomena at the ceremony.

"Technology is the future," said Board of Education member Annette Hopman, who also attended the ceremony. "It's a wonderful thing that the county did. It's wonderful to see our employees use their profession to enhance the technology program and to better educate our children, which is what they do best."

Dr. Nicole Okun, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, joined Hopman in praising those teachers who have completed the training requirements.

"We are very proud of the achievements of our professional staff for their commitment to raising the academic bar for students in Old Bridge," Okun said.

According to a district press release, other program goals include the placement of a computer in every Middlesex County classroom, as well as providing school districts with the necessary hardware and software for connection to the county's Information Resource Management Commission's Long Distance Learning Initiative.



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Hospital to sponsor HIV support group meetings

The Raritan Bay Medical Center Immunology and Infectious Diseases Department will sponsor HIV support group meetings from 6-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29 in the second-floor Ford Conference Room at the hospital's Perth Amboy division, 530 New Brunswick Ave.

Individuals coping with or affected by HIV are welcome to attend. Registration is required.

For more information and to register call (732) 324-5082.

Students find many ways to show their patriotism

BY JENNIFER DOME
Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — On most weekdays, borough residents wouldn't see anything out of the ordinary while driving along Washington Avenue to Sayreville Middle School.

The usual lines of buses and cars picking up students after school are always present. And the crowd of athletes waiting for a bus to take them to a game is normal.

Lately, however, residents have encountered an unusual scene at the middle school.

Now, they are taking a second look when they notice the long strips of red, white and blue paper that line the windows of the fifth- and sixth-grade rooms. The words "All kinds, all ages, all together" appear in large letters, calling to mind that horrific day in September when America was challenged by acts of terrorism, forcing the nation to come together.

After Sept. 11, school officials promptly assembled a patriotism committee in order to help instill a sense of pride and patriotism in the students.

The largest project since that tragic day has been the construction of a 7-by-10-foot quilt, which includes a red or white square from each homeroom in the school. Each student and teacher signed their names on the square, along with the number of their homeroom. Meredith Kwitkoski, a math teacher at the middle school, then spent a weekend sewing the squares together to make an American flag quilt.

The flag hangs in the main lobby of the school, flanked on both sides by artificial evergreen trees covered in red, white and blue ribbons and surrounded by red and white mums, decorated with blue cloth.

"We figured it was a good way to get kids involved," Kwitkoski said.

Sept. 11 was a difficult day everywhere, and it was also a hectic day at the middle school, according to school Principal Dr. Frank Alfano, as about one-third of the students were removed from school that day by their parents. All other children were personally escorted to their front door if a parent did not pick them up or meet them at their bus stop.

"It was scary," sixth-grader Allison Lefton recalled. "Some kids started crying."

Teachers were told to turn their televisions off that day. Although they did explain to students what had happened at the World Trade Center, they did not go

into detail, eighth-grader Patrick Comey said.

Alfano said that students have written more than 1,000 letters to emergency personnel in New York during English classes. Some English classes have also written essays titled "What America Means to Me."

"We're showing [patriotism] more now than during the Fourth of July because the nation's in crisis," sixth-grade student Robert Clarke said.

Kathy Mazur, a teacher and public relations liaison at the middle school, said that altogether the school has made about 4,000 paper stars to hang on the walls and windows. Students have written phrases like "God bless America" and "United we stand" on some stars, as well as their names, and arranged them on walls to spell out patriotic messages, she said.

Students in art classes have also painted patriotic scenes on the windows of the school.

The students are selling American flags and ribbons during their lunch periods in an effort to raise funds for the organization Children Helping Children, Mazur said. A vote was taken by each homeroom to determine where students would like to donate money, and Children Helping Children won the vote, she said. Each homeroom also has a collection jar to add to the funds.

All proceeds earned by the annual Walk-a-Thon on Oct. 13 will be donated to the charity as well, said Katherine Jasontek, seventh-grade teacher and student council adviser. The event will take place between 9 a.m. and noon, starting at the middle school. The 3-mile walk goes around the high school and Kennedy Park. Anyone is welcome to join, Jasontek said. The cost is \$5 per person, and gift certificates from various local businesses will be given as prizes.

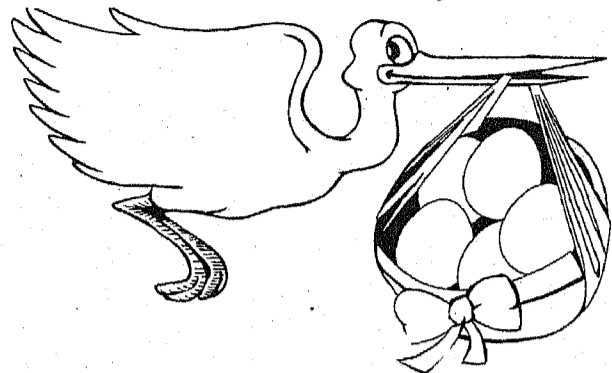
Also, money collected for the middle school dance on Oct. 19 will be given to charity.

In an effort to continue the spread of patriotism, the school band will be playing patriotic music during its winter concert, according to eighth-grade student Richard Gulick.

Students at the middle school are hoping that the expression of patriotism will not wane over time, and they are doing their part to keep the spirit alive.

"I think we have to keep our patriotism no matter what happens," Clarke said. "We have to keep faith in our country."

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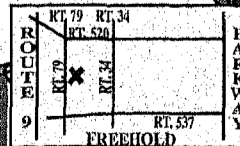
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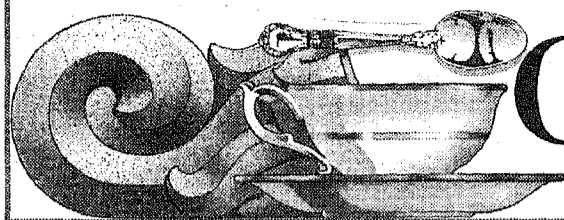
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Dine at The Hearth for enjoyable comfort food

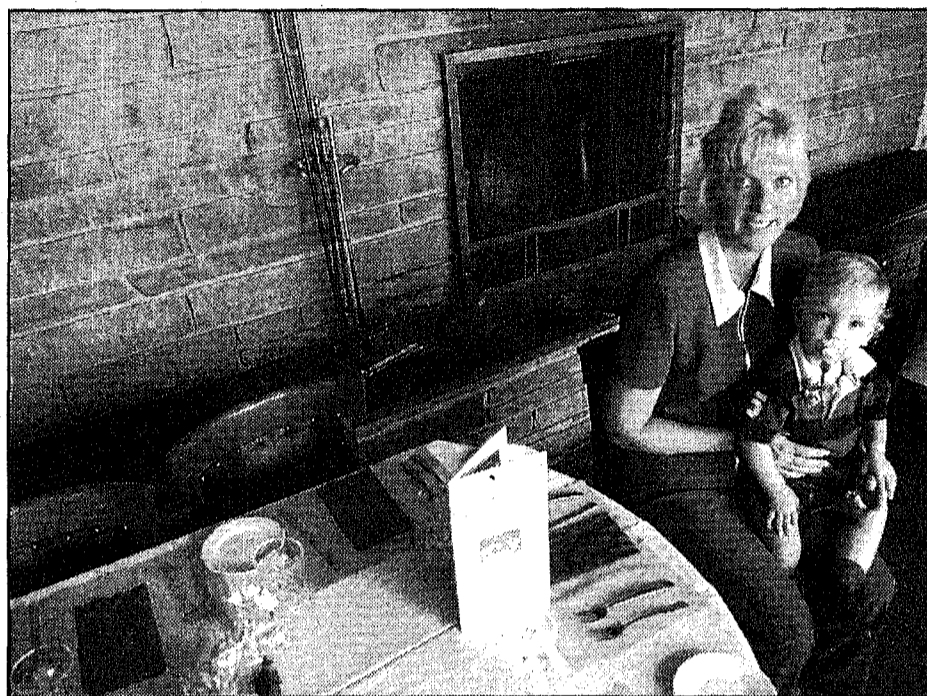
BY JO-ANN LAMON RECCOPPA
Correspondent

On brisk fall days and chilly autumn nights, there is no finer place to dine than The Hearth Restaurant, 2150 Route 130 in North Brunswick. For more than 30 years, the White family, who owns and operates The Hearth, has offered a special brand of hospitality to area residents.

The atmosphere is cozy and inviting, with a large, open hearth to warm both the body and the spirit. Servers are friendly and courteous, and the food is great. The cuisine can be considered mostly American, though there are plenty of Continental dishes listed on the regular menu that through the years have become American favorites.

Start your meal with one of The Hearth's tantalizing appetizers such as the artichoke hearts baked with crab imperial, or choose something light — broccoli bites served with a tasty honey mustard sauce. An excellent choice to drive the chill from your bones on those nippy autumn days is the luscious seafood bisque served piping hot.

Entrees are a good variety of preferred dishes such as tender filet



VERONICA YANKOWSKI
Robin White-DiMeglio, co-owner of The Hearth Restaurant in North Brunswick, sits by the cozy hearth with her 19-month-old son Nicholas.

mignon and New York strip steak that are cooked to order, though servers do tend to discourage "well-done" en-

thusiasts, strongly advising "medium" instead. The menu notes how to order beef, classifying "well-done" as charred,

dried, and shrunken. Even those who adore charred beef will find steak broiled medium far more palatable.

The rack of lamb is also a wonderful choice for fall dining, as are the seafood dishes, particularly the Maryland-style crab cakes, the crab imperial (jumbo crabmeat delicately seasoned and baked in an ornamental shell), and the poached Norwegian salmon with dill sauce.

Of course, autumn demands comfort food. This is where Continental cuisine flourishes. Veal and chicken dishes are mouth-watering, particularly the Sorrentino (sautéed and topped with ham, mozzarella, and mushroom wine sauce), and the parmigiana (the veal is thin and tender, lightly breaded and fried, and topped with zesty red sauce and lots of bubbly, fresh mozzarella — sensational).

Not to be forgotten are the scrumptious pasta dishes, including shrimp scampi and scallop scampi, which is served over al dente penne and tastes robust and magnificent on chilly nights.

There are nightly blackboard specials that your server will be pleased to

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Your goblins will give a hoot about these snacks

By Sally Siegrist

Ah, the pleasures of October — crisp, sunny days with impossibly blue skies and the glorious colors of autumn leaves are joined by a golden harvest moon lighting the chilly nights that are perfect for sleeping.

Pies, cider and apple sauce doughnuts made from local apples somehow taste best in October. Football games and hunt races are ideal excuses for extravagant tailgate picnics. And best of all, the last day of the month is Halloween!

Halloween has always been special to me. Ghosts and goblins, black cats and bats, witches and spider webs, and my favorite sport, trick or treating, are all rea-

sons to adore Halloween. It comes as no surprise to my family and friends that I find trick or treating so enthralling. What other occasion is there when I can go from door to door begging for sweets?

Of course trick or treating has changed quite a bit since I was a child growing up in Indiana. For example, I was only allowed to visit houses in my immediate neighborhood as my parents felt it unseemly of me to beg for candy from strangers. Also, in the early years I don't recall buying an elaborate Halloween costume. My attire was often something I made myself.

One year I decided to be Ichabod Crane for Halloween. Drawing on my limitless and somewhat quirky imagina-

tion, I drew a shirt front with two breast pockets on a cardboard box, cut holes in the box's sides for my arms, augured two more holes in the shirt's pockets where my eyes would be and made a cardboard "neck" complete with dripping blood to put on top of the box. My tattered stick horse was resurrected from the toy chest to become Ichabod's mount. I carried an orange plastic jack o'lantern in my hand that served the double purpose of being the Headless Horseman's severed head and the receptacle for my night's treasure of sweets. After that year's less than successful result, my mother happily bought me a Halloween costume rather than suffer the embarrassment of another one of my homemade creations!

Of course the treats that are given at Halloween have changed as well. Homemade goodies no longer fill our children's trick or treat bags. Packaged candies have taken the place of the popcorn balls my grandmother made and the cookies that made my mother's house the favorite stop for trick or treaters. I understand why this change has taken place, but I long for the days when homemade treats were the best ones of all.

This year I think I will make my mother's Hoot Owl Cookies for my family and friends. The recipe came from a contestant in the Pillsbury Bakeoff who won the second grand prize more years ago than I can remember. The cookies really do look like owls, and they taste so good that eating them may deter me from eating the packaged candies I have bought for the children who come to my house to play trick or treat.

Hoot Owl Cookies

- 2 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 1/2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- chocolate bits
- whole cashew nuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Cream butter; gradually add sugar, creaming well. Blend in egg and vanilla; beat well. Melt chocolate; cool. Add dry ingredients gradually to egg mixture; mix well.

Remove 2/3 of dough to floured board. Stir soda into chocolate and blend mixture into remaining dough. Chill dough.

Roll out half of light dough into a 10x4 inch strip. Shape half of dark dough into a roll 10 inches long; place on strip of light dough. Mold sides of light dough around dark; wrap in foil. Repeat with remaining dough.

Chill two hours.

Cut dough into 1/4 inch slices. Place two slices together on greased baking sheet to resemble an owl's head. Pinch each slice to form ears. Place chocolate bits in center of dark dough to form eyes. Press a cashew between slices for beak. Bake 10 minutes.

Remove from baking sheets at once and cool on wire racks.

Yield: four dozen cookies.

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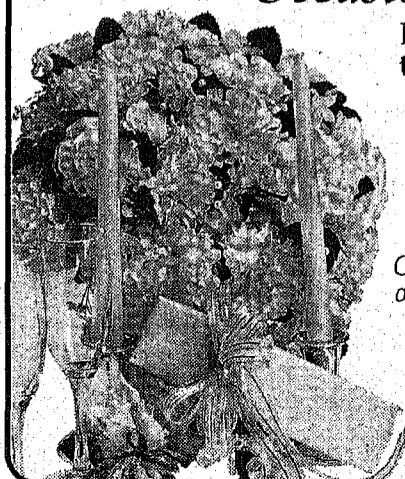
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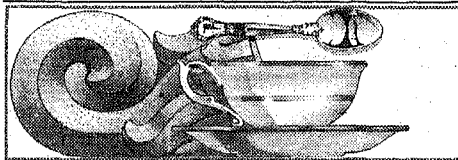
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Fresh salmon prepared with tomatoes, garlic, oil and basil is one of the dishes served at The Hearth Restaurant.

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describe for you, with dishes such as red snapper, roast pork, soft shell crabs, and swordfish, to name a few. These, too, can be prepared to your specifications, so don't be afraid to speak up. If you've been yearning for a particular dish not listed on the menu, simply ask. The staff is happy to accommodate requests as long as the items required to prepare the dish properly are available.

Dinners include a choice of salad, potato, and the vegetable of the day. There is also plenty of fresh, crusty bread to munch on while you wait for your cooked-to-order meal. Entree portions are generous, so plan on taking home about half of your order.

End your meal with one of The Hearth's delectable desserts. Choose a tempting Kahlua parfait or everyone's favorite, cheese cake, or consider ordering one of the specialty coffees — Irish coffee (flamed at the table), Jamaican coffee with Tia Maria, Keoke Coffee (Kahlua, Cream de Cacao, and brandy), espresso, or cappuccino.

The Hearth is open for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on weekdays. In addition to offering many entrees found on the dinner menu, there are also many satisfying hot sandwiches, as well as specialty salads served with warm rolls.

Though closed Sundays for general dining, The Hearth does make special arrangements for private parties, offering guests the same great food, service, and comfortable atmosphere to make your particular celebration a memorable one.

The Hearth is open six days a week and honors major credit cards. Call (732) 297-1211 for reservations, or be spontaneous. Drop in and enjoy the warm, friendly atmosphere and the delicious food that makes The Hearth a noteworthy place to dine.

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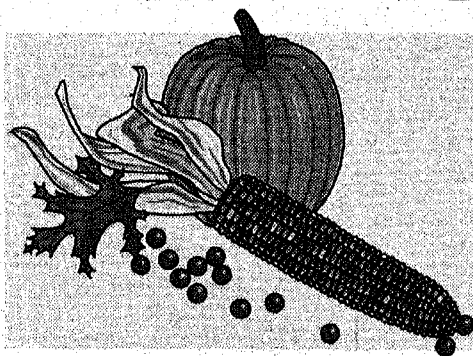
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Community mourning the loss of a local volunteer

Trade center victim, 31, was nicknamed 'mayor' for his local involvement

BY JENNIFER DOME
Staff Writer

SOUTH RIVER.— In the days following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, thousands of families mourned the losses of friends and relatives.

Many communities, such as South River, also suffered the loss of valuable residents, and among them was 31-year-old Christopher More Dincuff, who was born in the borough and became well-known for his bond with the community. In fact, he was nicknamed "The Mayor."

"His involvement with South River was really just a love of South River," said his mother, Joan Dincuff, of New Street.

Dincuff will be missed by his family; he is survived by his fiancée, Angela Gutermuth, who he planned to marry in September. He is also survived by his father, Frank, and his wife, Eileen, both of Piscataway, and his siblings, Beth, Amy and Ian.

Dincuff graduated from South River High School as the class salutatorian, class president and member of the National Honor Society. While at the school in the late 1980s, he earned varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He was also named the Middlesex County Scholar Athlete in 1988 for South River.

After graduation, Dincuff attended Villanova University, Pa., where he earned a bachelor's degree in business. Dincuff was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at Villanova, and was a big fan of the Wildcats basketball team.

After graduating from college, Dincuff began an internship with major league baseball for the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes during their first season in 1993. He was a life-long Yankees fan, so he thoroughly enjoyed his experience while interning, his mother said.

Dincuff's friends and family called him "The Mayor" of South River because of his involvement and love for the town. According to his obituary, he was often seen cheering on the South River High School



Christopher More Dincuff

Rams football team at Denny Stadium. He was also a member of the South River Lions Club, and served on the borough's Parks and Recreation Commission from 1995 to 1999.

At a meeting Tuesday, commission members unanimously approved naming a South River Junior Baseball League after Dincuff.

"Although one of the youngest members of the commission, everyone sought his advice, input and ideas," according to a statement from the commission.

"He lent an air of camaraderie and breathed fresh ideas into the commission," a member said.

In 1994, Dincuff began working as a commodities trader for Carr Futures, a global brokerage firm whose offices were located on the 92nd floor in the north tower of the World Trade Center. Carr Futures, whose headquarters are in Chicago, housed approximately 150 employees in the Manhattan office. Dincuff is among 69 employees who are missing from the firm.

Soon after the news arrived that Dincuff was among the missing on Sept. 11, an impromptu candlelight vigil was held with Dincuff's family and friends, his mother said. Among those in attendance were many friends from Villanova and South River. Joan Dincuff said she was happy to see that because of her son, everyone knew each other.

"He was the hinge that kept them all together," she said.

Mayor Robert Szegeti remembered meeting Dincuff during his service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

"He was a nice guy," Szegeti said. "He was always really energetic."

A memorial Mass was offered Saturday at St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Old Bridge, and was followed by a ceremony of life at the St. Thomas Pastoral Center. The family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Christopher M. Dincuff Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o 36 New St., South River, NJ 08882.

"He loved being a part of South River," his mother said.

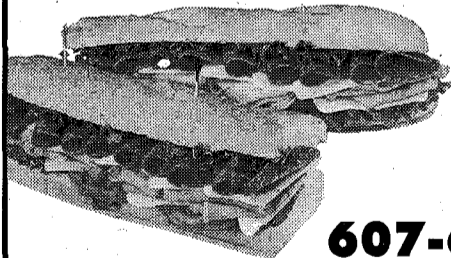
While many residents of South River may not have been aware of the extent of Dincuff's service to their town, they will experience his spirit in small ways each time they cheer the Rams on at Denny Stadium, or take advantage of any of the recreation commission's services or facilities.

"Being a small town, any loss is great," commission members said. "However, with Chris, a part of the future of our town and our country was lost. It is a void in the world that can never be filled; it is a hole in all our hearts."

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Amanda Rougeau, a first-grader at Grissom School in Old Bridge, gets a hug from her grandmother Barbara, during Grandparents Day on Tuesday.

Monroe Twp. to present patriotic musical tribute

Monroe Township will present a patriotic musical tribute at 2 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Monroe Township High School football field, Perrineville Road.

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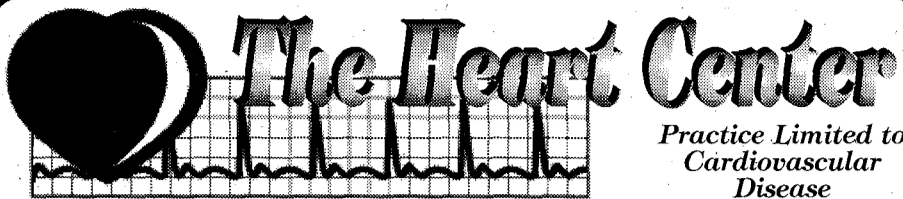
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Wheel-A-Thon set for Saturday

The second annual Rosie Price Memorial Wheel-A-Thon, held in memory of a Monroe Township youngster who died of spina bifida at the age of 3, will take place Oct. 6 at Dorbrook Park in Colts Neck, Monmouth County.

The date was printed incorrectly in a previous story.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. for the walk along the 2.2-mile paved trail. The money raised will be donated to the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri State Region. Spina bifida affects the formation of the spine. Many babies born with the disease, which sometimes occurs with birth defects of the brain, live well into adulthood, restricted only by the need for a wheelchair. Surgery is a key factor in improving survival rates, and procedures can start at a very young age, according to Anne Price, the organizer of Saturday's event.

Price's daughter, Rosemarie, underwent

nine procedures in the first three months of her life. She died in 1998 as the result of surgery to have her spine fused.

Anne Price and her husband, Douglas, then decided to hold a fund-raiser in her memory, raising awareness about the birth defect, and raising money for children and adults afflicted with it. Last year, participants walked, biked, skated and pushed baby strollers, raising close to \$4,000.

This year, hot-air balloon pilot David Fort has donated a balloon ride for two to be awarded to the participants who raise the most money. Anyone who collects a minimum of \$50 in donations will receive a free T-shirt, Price said.

To register for the Rosie Price Memorial Wheel-A-Thon, or to make a donation, call 1-877-722-8774, or write to the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri State Region at 84 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822.

'Shopping Spree' dinner, auction planned in E.B.

The Brunswick Women's Connection, affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries and Christian Women's Clubs, will hold a "Dinner and Shopping Spree" from 6:30-8 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the East Brunswick Chateau, Cranbury Road.

A variety of themed gift baskets will be offered during silent and live auctions.

Guest speaker Helen Briscoe, a real estate broker from North Carolina, will share strategies for attaining peace while on the road to success.

The public is welcome. Cost is \$16. For reservations and more information, call Camille at (732) 251-1465, or e-mail Brunswickwc@yahoo.com.

St. Thomas Knights to host Oct. 12 tricky tray

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council No. 4815 will hold a tricky tray on Oct. 12 at the council home, Pine Street, Old Bridge. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m.; number calling will begin at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$5 and includes one sheet of tickets, coffee and dessert. Prizes will include gift certificates and more.

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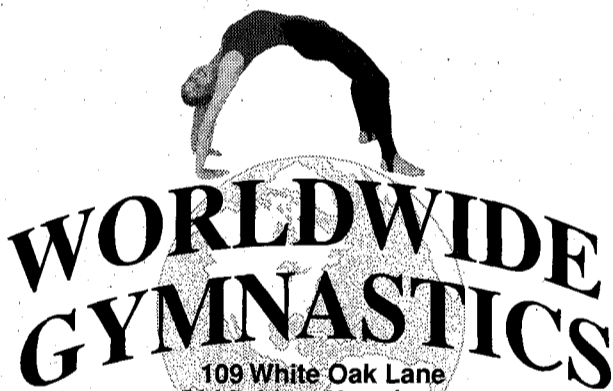
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Former tennis champ tells of making narrow escape

BY VINCENT TODARO
Staff Writer

EAST BRUNSWICK — All the sports training in the world couldn't have prepared him for this.

Robert Chess, 27, who as a student at East Brunswick High School was the state's first-singles tennis champion, was at the start of a normal business day at the World Trade Center Sept. 11, and was getting ready to leave tower one to trade at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

He wound up leaving much sooner than he had anticipated.

Chess, now a Jersey City resident, was on the 85th floor around 8:45 a.m. when a hijacked plane struck the tower a couple floors above his office.

An employee of S&W Trading, Chess would normally spend about a half-hour each morning at the company's World Trade Center offices. A natural gas options trader who spends most of his days at the New York Mercantile Exchange, he also paid afternoon visits to the towers, which served as his company's offices.

"I was just sitting there in the morning, just drinking coffee and going over morning analyzers," he said. "My boss had just remarked that he saw a plane coming in really low. He said he saw the plane make a turn near the Empire State Building and bear near our building. I didn't think much of it."

"The next thing, I heard him scream and he watched the plane just disappear over our heads."

Chess was with about 20 co-workers in the office when the plane struck. He, like many others, was not completely aware of what was happening, nor did he know that the crash was part of a terrorist attack. After hearing his boss, though, he did know a plane had struck — something many people did not know at the time.

"Obviously, there was a lot of damage done to the offices. The ceiling crumpled, and the walls did too. We just tried to get out as quickly as possible."

He and others from his office would soon discover, however, that the floor by the elevator bank had collapsed. The workers went scurrying for the stairwell, but it was pitch dark.

"The floor was on fire, pipes had burst, water was flowing all over the place, and there were fires in the walls. I grabbed a trading jacket to put over my mouth. It was pitch dark, but eventually we found the stairwell," Chess said.

It was probably best for the workers that they didn't realize the extent of the damage,

because it kept them fairly calm during their escape. In fact, it wasn't until Chess was about 30 floors down the stairs when the real panic set in.

"The first 30 floors (down), it wasn't bad," he said. "None of the floors above (the 85th floor) were getting out because there was no way down. That's why people were jumping out windows."

Older people were having a hard time getting down the stairs, and firefighters were busy racing up the stairwells with full gear, he said.

"A lot of people thought it was a bomb. We were some of the few who knew it was a plane because we saw it. We still didn't know it was a terrorist attack, though."

"It was more calm than you'd think. It was pretty civilized. No one was really panicking," he said.

About the time he reached the 50th floor, however, another hijacked plane struck the next tower, and they heard a loud explosion.

"We didn't know what the second plane was. We didn't know what anything was," he said.

He wasn't sure what was causing the destruction, but the thought of terrorism did cross his mind because of the 1993 attack.

"It felt more likely that it was an accident," he said.

He finally made it to the ground floor, which he and other survivors described a horrifying scene with body parts and pieces of the plane.

As he stood at the base of the building, the other twin tower collapsed.

"I sprinted as fast as I could, and ran down a subway station stairwell to take cover from the falling debris," he said.

He was alive, but not safe. A large cloud of soot hovered over the station, and there was no light and no clean air to breathe.

"There was no way to breathe. There was no air. It was just ash and soot," he said.

He ran back the way he had come into the station, but the stairwell was blocked by debris.

"It was pitch black. I sat in the corner and felt my way around the wall. Another stairwell was open, so I went that way."

After getting out of the station, he walked away from the towers. A policeman helped him into an ambulance, and he was taken to the hospital to have his lungs checked.

Chess was OK, and he was fortunate enough to make it home that evening. He has since returned to the mercantile exchange.

He said he would prefer to put the events of Sept. 11 in the past and forget about them, but just as for so many others, they represented a life-changing occurrence.



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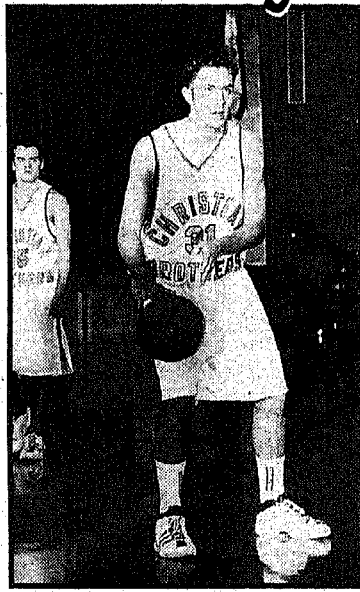
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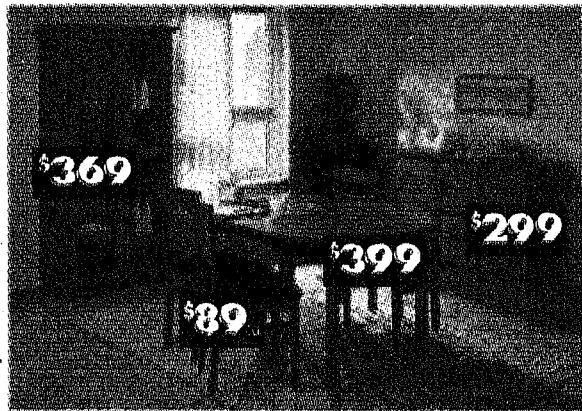
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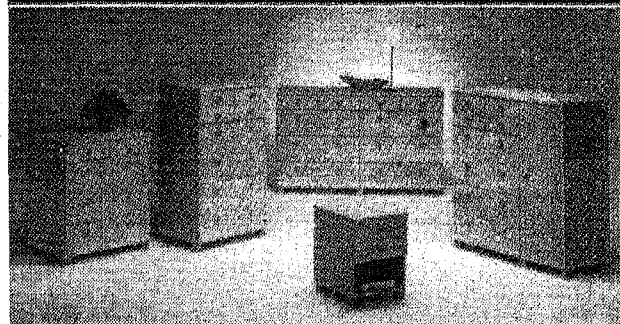
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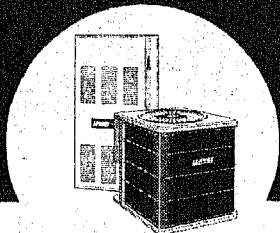
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"Later in the day we did tremendously well. Between 4:30 and 7:30 (p.m.), a lot more calls came in," Cannon said.

"People were just walking in (to the telethon) and bringing in checks for \$500," Amabile said.

Ron Mazzola, owner of Prestige Imaging, a local designer of T-shirts and other novelties, not only donated 150 specially designed T-shirts for the event, but served as one of the telethon's five emcees as well. The T-shirts, reading "Old Bridge Cares" in bold letters over a picture of the American flag and the date "9-11-01," sold for \$10 each. By 11 a.m., the T-shirts sold out.

"I guess it just hit home," Mazzola said of the T-shirt's design. He added that after selling out, he took an additional 150 orders for the shirts. Mazzola also expects to deliver about 300 of the T-shirts for sale at Old Bridge Day on Saturday.

Mazzola, who remained on the air for the telethon's duration, shared hosting duties with fellow residents Gene McLoughlin of Channel 70, Dr. Kenneth Alspach, Lance Hilfman of the township's Cultural Arts Committee and Dan Drobnis, a high school senior.

"I'm just doing my part," Mazzola said.

Hilfman, who is involved with theatrical groups and sports leagues within the township, expressed gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with the other emcees.

"For nine hours, this was the best team I ever worked on, including sports and theater (groups)," he said.

Behind the cameras, high school students under the guidance of television production teacher Walt Reed captured the telethon's varied musical performances, speeches by dignitaries, check presentations and some light-hearted moments all broadcast live courtesy of Comcast Cablevision.

In one such lighter moment, Mazzola introduced Lions Club member Joe Pagnato as "a local celebrity." Known within the township as "Joe Pagnato with 11 kids," Pagnato presented Mazzola with a personal check for \$100 and with a Lions Club check for \$500.

Choirs and musical groups from St. Ambrose, St. Bernadette's, Most Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic churches performed hymns. In a more secular vein, Zanzibar performed familiar soft-rock oldies and a set of Bruce Springsteen covers.

Speakers included Cannon, state Sen. Joseph M. Kyrillos Jr., and state Assemblymen Joseph Azzolina and Sam Thompson.

Receiving a warm welcome from the audience, members of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam presented a check for \$1,000 and offered a prayer for peace. Imtiaz Chaudhary, president of the South Street-based mosque, expressed the group's shock and dismay over the terrorist attacks of Sept.

11 and reiterated that the Muslim religion vehemently opposes such acts of violence against mankind.

Another significant donation came from the Moose Lodge who appeared on stage with its mascot and pledged \$2,000 in proceeds from a coin toss conducted in front of their building on Englishtown Road the previous day.

At 2 p.m., several representatives of the high school's peer leadership program presented Mazzola with a monetary donation collected from their membership. At 4:30 p.m., three of the group's members returned on stage, having collected an additional \$250 from merchants along Route 516, and presented the cash to Mazzola. "They just felt that they wanted to do more," Mazzola said.

Shortly after 5 p.m., the Raritan Bay Cougars Youth Football League, coached by resident John Barrett, presented a check for \$1,000, which had been collected through 50-50 drawings at football games played earlier that day. That donation raised the total collected to more than \$50,000 Amabile said. As his 6-year-old son, Ryan, handed the check to Mazzola and Alspach, Barrett said that, due to the rainy weather, game attendance, and consequently, 50-50 contributions had been lower than expected. Hearing of the Cougars' disappointment over collecting only \$500, one parent of a player in the Midget division, Cheryl Lambert, matched that contribution, bringing the league's total donation to \$1,000, Barrett recalled.

In true Jerry Lewis style, as the telethon's final hours ticked away, the emcees plugged away for viewers to call in with pledges. After hitting the \$50,000 mark, the emcees made emotional pleas for monetary help in reaching \$55,000. "We were driving for \$55,000 so that each of the 11 families would get \$5,000 each," Hilfman said.

The phones started ringing. The \$55,000 mark was reached. Then suddenly, Hilfman said, shortly after 6 p.m., the pledge counters announced that the telethon had raised more than \$66,000. "Within 45 minutes, we went from \$55,000 to \$66,000," Hilfman said.

"It was amazing. People must have been at home clicking channels, seeing us on TV and then picking up the phone," Alspach said.

Throughout the day, high school students typed up donor names and placed them on two large bulletin boards. Joining them was resident Chuck Phillips, who typed every donor's name onto an enormous list presented at the end of the event.

Hilfman credited Amabile for organizing the event with only 10 days' notice.

"Diane took the ball and ran with it. She did a fantastic job getting all the volunteers together," he said.

"It's indescribable how it all came together," Cannon said. "The kids were great. Everyone helped. It's phenomenal. It's Old Bridge at its best. We always say we're the township with a heart. This proves it."



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Fall Home

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BY THERESA A. BOSCHEN
Staff Writer

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Father and son Carmine Casola and Carmine Casola Jr. own the landscape and garden center and its nursery division, Triple C Nurseries, which is located on Route 79, one mile south of Route 18. There and in various other locations, the two members of this family known through generations for its history of farming have trees planted on 200 acres of land. On display are more than 5,000 flowering and shade trees ranging in size from 4 feet to 35 feet tall. Eighty to 90 percent of their materials are grown by themselves.

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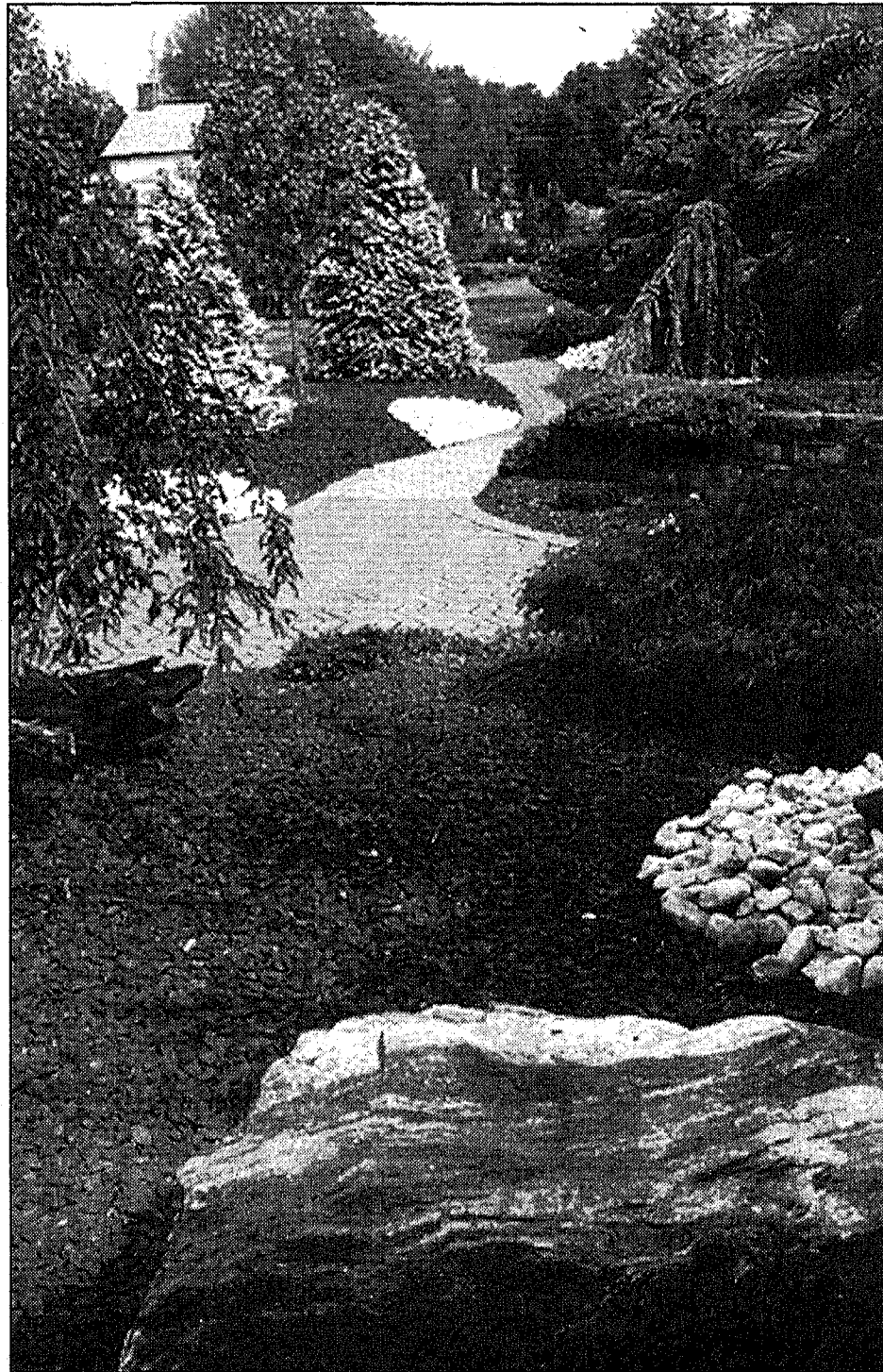
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Originally from Italy and then the Bronx, N.Y., the Casolas began farming in Holmdel in the early 1900s. They also have operated a farm produce stand for more than 40 years in Colts Neck at the corner of Laird Road and Route 34. "I just enjoy the outdoors," said Casola Jr. "[Farming] has just been in the family. It's just been carried on."

With the continually growing development which is occurring in the area, business is good, according to Casola Jr. "Even with the stock market as it is, people are taking a lot of money out and putting it into their house, and trees and landscaping," he pointed out. Spring and fall are naturally the business' most active time.

With more than 45 employees, Casola Jr. said he takes pride in the business' first-rate service, quality merchandise, excellent workmanship, experience and competitive prices.

Casola Jr. offers some gardening and planting tips for homeowners during the fall season. With fall almost here, people might think it's not the best time for planting; however, Casola Jr. points out, "It's still a great



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Various landscape designs are on display at C. Casola Farms Landscape and Garden Center in Marlboro.



time to plant." He said trees and shrubs can be planted "up until the first hard freeze in December."

The fall is a time when brush and dead branches can be gathered for disposal, and flower beds can be cleaned up, too.

In November and even into December, windburn on less hardy shrubs can be helped by wrapping the plants in burlap for protection through the winter.

During the third week of September, deer repellent should be applied to shrubs in four- to six-week intervals to keep the animals from eating the plants.

Aside from regular sales, at the grounds of the Route 79 nursery properties, later this month children can experience the thrills of the Halloween season, as the Casolas offer an animated Haunted Barn and "Hayride of Terror." These activities will be held every Friday through Sunday from 7-10 p.m. through October. Starting Sept. 29, hayrides to the pumpkin patch for pumpkin picking will take place every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. through October. Pumpkins are priced per pound.

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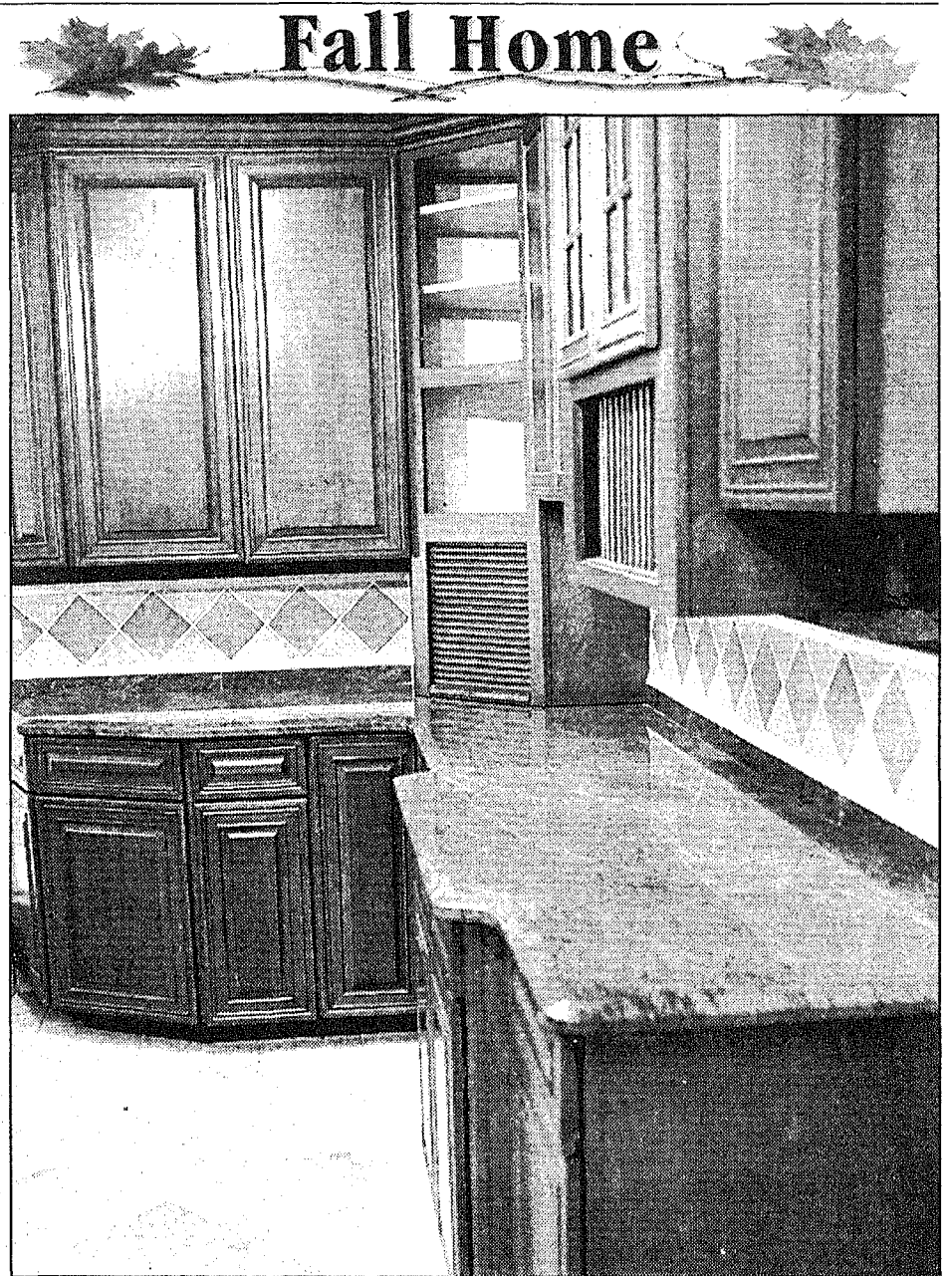
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The showroom of CR Kitchens and Rutherford Woodworking contains just a few of the eye-catching cabinets they can create.

Quality wood products for the home can be yours

Expert designs are available at CR Kitchens/ Rutherford Woodworking

BY ANITA STRATOS
Correspondent

If it's made of wood, we can build it." This is the motto of Craig Rutherford and Rob Uliano, owners of CR Kitchens and Rutherford Woodworking. If you've ever seen any of their masterfully crafted jobs, you'd know this was an understatement.

The high level of skill and care that Rutherford and Uliano put into every project is evident in the outcome. Recently they completed work in a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, refacing the fireplace wall with a 3-D, geometric wood mosaic that fits in perfectly with the architect's vision. Their high-end work of this type has brought them some celebrity attention; Maurie Povich and Connie Chung number among their more famous clients.

Both Rutherford and Uliano started woodworking from a young age, and by the time they became adults they were experienced in every aspect of residential building and custom woodworking. Their business began with Rutherford Woodworking, but so many people requested their expertise in designing

kitchen cabinets that they recently opened CR Kitchens.

CR Kitchens can design and install any style of custom-built cabinets to suit all tastes and budgets. Very popular in kitchen cabinets right now is white with chocolate glazing, but natural woods like maple, pickled maple, and rich cherry are also in demand. Any type of glazing, speckling or antiquing is also favored.

Their showroom contains just a few of the eye-catching cabinetry they create which includes, in addition to kitchen cabinets, bars, wall units, fireplace mantles, libraries and small entertainment centers. One particularly stunning entertainment center they built for a customer surrounds a big screen television, much like a fireplace surround. On closer inspection, however, there are hidden components built into the entertainment center that can be opened for storage. Among other things, 1,000 CDs and DVDs, as well as large and small videos, can be neatly tucked away from view.

Rutherford and Uliano also offer a large selection of exotic woods which add striking accents to any room. Purple heart is one such wood, which has a naturally purple color and becomes vibrant when brought to a high gloss. Cocobolo wood has a lovely streaking effect in various shades of browns, and zebra wood boasts bold black and white stripes.

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Improve the home with organization

Usually the most effective home improvement projects are the ones that are the most easy to execute. A change in paint color, a new piece of furniture or even just a new window treatment can change the look of a room.

Another simple adjustment that can transform your living space is organizing your closets and drawers to maximize the room you have, while making it appear neater and more peaceful. Find an easy, stress-free way to do this in the following tips provided by www.LearnFreeHome.com.

Closets

Closets are one of the first places to become overrun with clutter. After all, it's easy to hide your mess behind closed doors. Clothes should be arranged by season. Group suits, jackets, blouses,

trousers, dresses and tops together. Put clothes in order from light to dark colors, then prints. Keep all clothes and hangers facing the same direction. Unused hangers should have their own place, like in a basket beneath the clothes. Out-of-season clothes and shoes should be stored in labeled boxes. Use hooks for articles such as belts and bags.

Drawers

If you have trouble sliding your drawers shut, they're probably too cluttered. Think about when you use certain items and keep those items together (exercise

clothes, scarves, hats, gloves) Keep all clothes folded and facing up. Socks should be arranged by color and folded in half so they don't stretch. Keep jewelry and accessories together in one drawer or in a jewelry box on the top of the dresser.

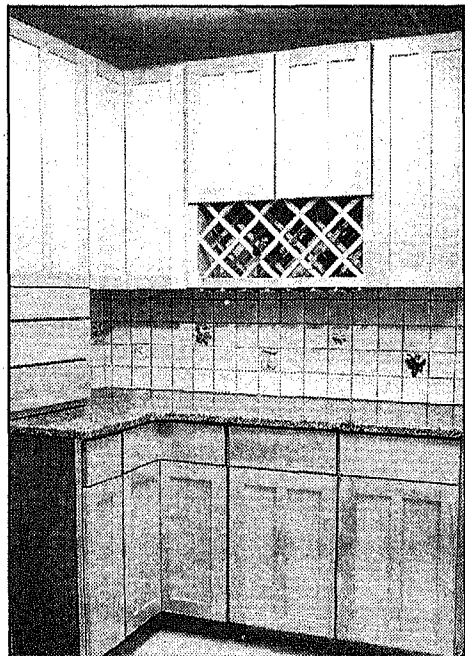
Cabinets

No one wants a messy kitchen, and cluttered cabinets can give the home a feeling of disorder. Tackle all kitchen cabinets at once to see how to better organize contents for your lifestyle. First, take everything out and start making cate-

gories. Clean the interior, shelves and handles. Once you sort the items, group them back together in the cabinets facing outward. In the bathroom medicine cabinet, group products by use (first aid, nail, makeup) Check expiration dates and discard old medicines and cosmetics.

Storage

In areas like the basement, attic or garage, keep the space as uncluttered as possible. Create sections for things like toys, tools and family items. Label all storage containers. Finally, designate space for items that need to be recycled.



SARAH McCOLGAN

CR Kitchens in Howell can design and install any style of kitchen cabinets to suit all tastes and budgets.

Quality wood

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These woods can be used anywhere and also make beautiful inlays on furniture and hardwood floors. If a client would like to see the wood before the piece is crafted, Rutherford and Uliano will take them to the lumber mill so they can select the exact pieces of wood they prefer for their project.

Rutherford Woodworking can match the unique molding designs found in older style homes like Victorians. They also craft reproductions of antique furniture at very reasonable prices. All of their work is done in the workshop on the premises using high-tech equipment that eliminates human error and allows their work to be extremely precise. Unlike most woodworking companies, the custom-made "cutters" used to create the shapes in the wood are always offered to the clients at the end of the job, should they want to have them for future work.

You can visit the showroom inside the Fuda Tile building at 808 Route 9 south in Howell. For information, call Rutherford Woodworking at (732) 367-2284 or CR Kitchens at (732) 294-4775.

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A computer center for your home can be customized at Heathwood Furniture in Long Branch.

Custom-made furnishings are yours at Heathwood Furniture

BY ANITA STRATOS
Correspondent

Your furniture, your way. Sound impossible? Then you haven't been to Heathwood Furniture in Long Branch where a customized furniture grouping costs the same as standard grouping on other showroom floors. Heathwood Furniture cuts out the extra cost of the middleman because when you deal with Heathwood, you're dealing directly with the furniture manufacturer.

All of Heathwood's furniture is handcrafted right on the premises. Owner J.R. Renard offers the public a showroom filled with dining sets, entertainment centers, computer centers, bedroom sets and much more, but each customer can mix and match pieces to suit their needs and tastes. Renard even goes a step further — if a customer likes a piece of furniture but would prefer a different fitting or leg, they can choose what they like and the piece will be crafted their way.

Most of the furniture you'll see on Heathwood's showroom floor is

unstained. That allows customers to order their furniture stained or painted in any color they'd like, or to buy the furniture unstained. Renard also employs an artist who can highlight any piece of furniture with accents such as flowers, or create a faux finish, antique look, two-toning, and more. A child's toy chest can be customized with the child's name and depictions of whimsical things like teddy bears, ribbons, cars and balloons.

Renard said that white and lighter natural wood tones are the popular trend today. French country furniture is the style of choice this fall, and Heathwood's French country dining set offers the more casual look people want, without having the look of a kitchen set. Heathwood's French country dining set can be made up to 12 feet long to seat 16 people and is so versatile that it can be used for everyday dining or dressed up for special dinners. Another French country/beach cottage design incorporates the look of wainscoting in a bedroom set, the newest

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A computer room viewer shows consumers "after" pictures of a room before a selection is made.

Redecorate in an instant with the help of the Web

A new Web site offers a room with a view to help homeowners decide on flooring.

The new Armstrong Web site, www.armstrong.com, features a "room viewer" that offers 1.5 million potential view combinations and can be navigated by brand, floor type or room.

Viewers can choose from a variety of flooring options, including four premier brands and more than 1,700 products: 700 styles of Bruce, Hartco and Robbins hardwood floors; 200 styles of Bruce and Armstrong laminate flooring products; 600 Armstrong vinyl sheet designs; and 200 Armstrong vinyl tile styles.

There are 22 rooms from which to choose — great rooms, kitchens, dining rooms, home offices, foyers, bedrooms and baths. With this feature, rooms can be instantly redecorated with a click to change colors of walls and/or cabinets.

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1,000 floors can be browsed — by brand, floor type, style, color family, pattern direction, or wood species, in the case of hardwoods and laminates.

"The viewer actually shows consumers 'after' pictures of a room before they make a final flooring selection. It's designed to take the guess work out of the purchase decision by letting consumers see an entire floor pattern as it would appear in a real room, rather than just one small sample piece," said Thomas H. Cook, Armstrong corporate creative director.

Other tools at the site include a material cost estimator and a function that lets registered members save selections in a portfolio for later viewing.

In addition, visitors can print out a product detail page that tells them everything they need to know about a particular item. An online service locator can tell visitors the location of the nearest store. For more information, visit the site at www.armstrong.com.

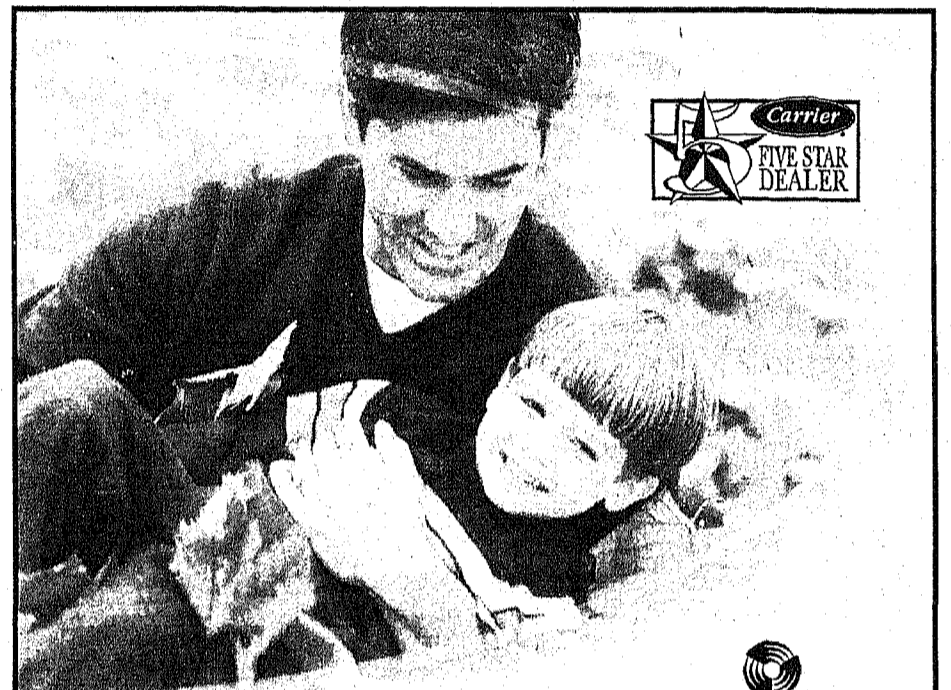
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The concept of merging practicality with classic styles appeals to everyone, but especially to those decorating smaller areas such as dorms, guest rooms, and basement or attic areas. These classic designs are enhanced with more practical embellishments, such as Heathwood's platform bed that combines the drawer space of a captain's bed, headboard shelf space, plus a deep "closet" area that runs under the length of the bed. A wide variety of wall unit styles include "cube bookcases," stackable wooden cubes that are available open, with doors, or with drawers and can be arranged to any

height, width or configuration. Pieces can also be added over time.

Heathwood goes beyond furniture — they also make custom kitchen cabinets that are available with 45 different door styles and an unlimited range of colors or wood stains. Renard's woodcrafters have also created fireplace surrounds and library bookcases. If a customer has furniture that they would like to match, including antique pieces, Heathwood can create a new piece incorporating an element from the existing furniture that will complement the décor already in place.

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Today's lighting trends: nothing short of elaborate

A vintage-inspired lamp with a shade of shantung silk is just one of the many options in lighting available this season. More than ever, fashion and function have come together to create decorative table lamps, floor lamps and chandeliers that do more than simply illuminate — they create ambiance.

Arhaus, a 19-store retailer of exclusive and unique home furnishings, knows that when it comes to lighting the more detailed and elaborate, the better.

Lighting, for the most part, has been accepted as a utilitarian must-have. However, new to the accessory runway are lamps with ornate hand-crafted bases made of cast iron, carved wood, hammered copper, brass, and elegant combinations of hand-blown glass, crystals and marble.

These icons of style are not just for reading anymore. According to Gary Babcock, vice president of fashion and merchandising at Arhaus, "Decorative lamps and chandeliers are a key accessory for your room. They can soften any setting making it more intimate and charming. Selecting the right lamp is just as important as selecting throw pillows or artwork for a room."

When making lighting choices, consider the following:

- Your lighting choice should complement the entire room setting. Match the lamp to your furniture style to help complete the look. For example, select a sophisticated lamp to use with furniture that is more refined.

- Buy lamps in pairs or in similar styles to create the mood in your room.

- Don't guess! Take a snapshot of your room to the store with you. A good salesperson should be able to offer you several appropriate choices of lighting.

Getting shady

Changing lampshades is an effective way to freshen or update a room's décor. Lampshade fashions this season are all about using beautiful materials and combining them with unique treatments. The fabric choices for shades are much more decorative and refined, such as shantung silks and crinkled, oiled papers.



Use decorative lamps and chandeliers to add an old-world feeling to your home.

Anything goes this season, as decorative trim on lampshades becomes more popular. Have fun selecting a lampshade dressed up with a row of glass beads, pearls, rhinestones, tassels or even feathers to complement a setting in your home. Selecting the right shade is an easy way to dress up an area of your home with functional accessories.

Chandeliers make a come-back

Chandeliers are back, and better than ever! Chandeliers are not just for hanging over the dining room table anymore. A beautiful, effective way to create a focal point, chandeliers can add ambiance to any room.

Made of solid, hand-crafted metals, new chandeliers are heavily adorned with hand-cut crystals and blown glass fruits, birds, beads and baubles. These

extra touches will add sparkle and interest to the style of your room or setting.

Chandeliers can be used in every room of the house — be creative! For example, hang one over an occasional table in the living room, or over each nightstand flanking your bed. Another ideal spot is over a foyer table, or hang a cluster of two or three in a corner of any room. Chandeliers can even be incorporated into the canopy of a bed.

If you choose to hang a chandelier over the dining table, try using more than one for a more dramatic look. Hang a group of small chandeliers together over a table clustered at the same or different heights. Hint: Hanging chandeliers 24 inches to 30 inches above the table will provide the best lighting and visual appeal. You can also bunch up a deco-

orative fabric chain cover for a more finished look.

Lighting: Function or fashion?

Much of home furnishing today reflects the need for homeowners to surround themselves with things that are functional. Lighting is a significant consideration when determining a room's functionality and should complement a homeowner's lifestyle. There are three basic types of lighting that work together to illuminate your home: general, task and accent.

General lighting provides overall illumination. Task lighting helps you perform specific tasks such as reading, cooking or doing paperwork, and accent lighting adds drama to a room by creating decorative interest. All three types of lighting can be found in table lamps, floor lamps and pendant fixtures.

Here are some hints:

- A good lighting plan combines all three types of lighting in an area or room. It often helps to draw a simple diagram when considering your needs.

- Consider using a combination of table lamps, floor lamps and pendant fixtures.

- For visual appeal, consider mixing sizes, shapes and styles of lamps in a room. If you have three lamps, you may want to invest in two similar lamps and a third lamp in a different, more ornate style. Try grouping two or three small chandeliers in a corner or hanging one over an end table for added drama.

- "Consider lighting as part of the next 'layer' in a room after the furniture is in place," says Gary Babcock of Arhaus.

- Try some of the newest lighting looks to add drama. Lamps are now more elaborate and beautiful than ever before. Unusual shade treatments and decorative trims are very important this season.

Decorative lighting can dramatically change the look of any room. As a result, more homeowners are enjoying the mood that only lighting can create. With today's options, there doesn't have to be a question of fashion or function — now, you can have both.

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Man arrested in his own back yard

BY VINCENT TODARO
Staff Writer

EAST BRUNSWICK — Police arrested a local man and charged him with numerous offenses after a foot chase ended in his own back yard.

Police arrested Bruce Lige, 38, of Whitehead Avenue, South River, and charged him with eluding police, resisting arrest, possession of stolen property, and possession of burglary tools. The arrest, which occurred around noon Sept. 26, came after a foot chase involving police officers from both East Brunswick and South River.

According to East Brunswick police, the incident began when Lige allegedly cut the security cables on six demonstration rechargeable drills and saws at Villagers Hardware, Route 18 and Racetrack Road in East Brunswick.

"He was shoplifting and someone saw him and called the police," said East Brunswick Police Sgt. Russell MacArthur. "He walked out the door with an obvious bulge in his stomach because he had six rechargeable tools [there]."

After taking the tools, police said Lige left the store and got into his vehicle, a maroon 1994 Dodge minivan.

East Brunswick officer Michael Knoll saw Lige's vehicle on Route 18 and tried to pull it over. The driver then allegedly made an abrupt, illegal turn over the center road barrier and onto Rues Lane, police said.

Knoll followed in pursuit on Rues Lane to the Old Bridge Turnpike and then to Gladstone Road. Lige then allegedly hit a curb while turning onto Buck Road and blew out a tire. Officer Sean Taulane joined the pursuit as it turned onto River Road and headed into the borough of South River, near Whitehead Avenue, police said.

Lige then turned onto Kathym Street, where he left the car and took off on foot.

"He was trying to make it to his own backyard on Whitehead Avenue," MacArthur said. "I guess he was in desperation and trying to get into his house. I can't guess what his plan was. I have no idea."

The two East Brunswick police officers were joined by two South River officers as they pursued Lige on foot. Lige was caught in his own back yard and arrested after a brief struggle, police said.

Police reportedly found the six rechargeable tools, valued at more than \$1,300, in Lige's vehicle.

Police said Lige was also wanted for child support, and had more than \$5,600 in traffic warrants, according to police. He was ticketed for driving with a suspended license, driving while uninsured and reckless driving.

Lige was held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center, North Brunswick, in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

O.B. plans children's Halloween activities

The Old Bridge Parks and Recreation Department invites children of all ages to participate in "Haunted Halloween Happenings," set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the township municipal complex courtyard, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

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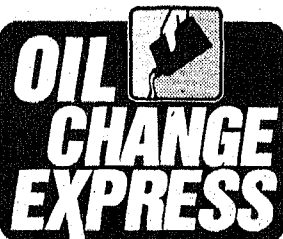
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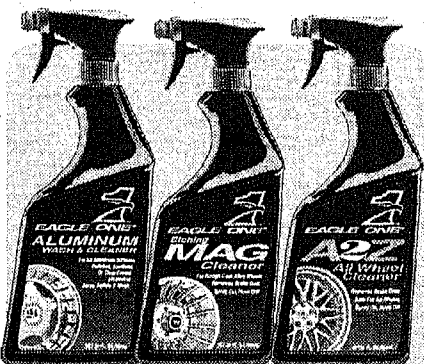


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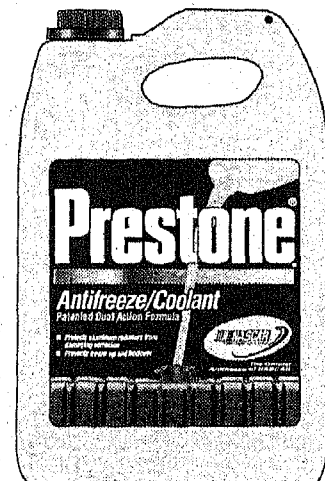


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 The driver of a vehicle involved in a two-car accident on Ryders Lane in Milltown Sept. 27 speaks with a local firefighter while rescue workers help the passenger from her car.

Crash results in minor injuries

MILLTOWN — An East Brunswick juvenile was taken to St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick last week after the vehicle he was driving hit a car driven by Anna Nestor, 78, of New Brunswick.

Police said Nestor was stopped in one of the two center lanes on the northbound side of Ryders Lane, Sept. 27, attempting to make a left turn onto Blueberry Drive. According to police, as Nestor was making the turn onto Blueberry Drive, the juvenile, who was driving his car on the southbound side of Ryders Lane, hit the passenger side of Nestor's car, causing it to be pushed into the parking lot of the

Ryders Lane Farmer's Market.

Rita Brennan, 74, of Milltown, who was sitting on the passenger side of Nestor's car, was trapped in the vehicle, police said. Borough fire and rescue personnel were able to pry open the door and extricate Brennan, who was taken to the hospital along with the juvenile driver of the other vehicle.

Both were treated and released, police said. Nestor, who appeared to have bruises, according to police, refused medical treatment.

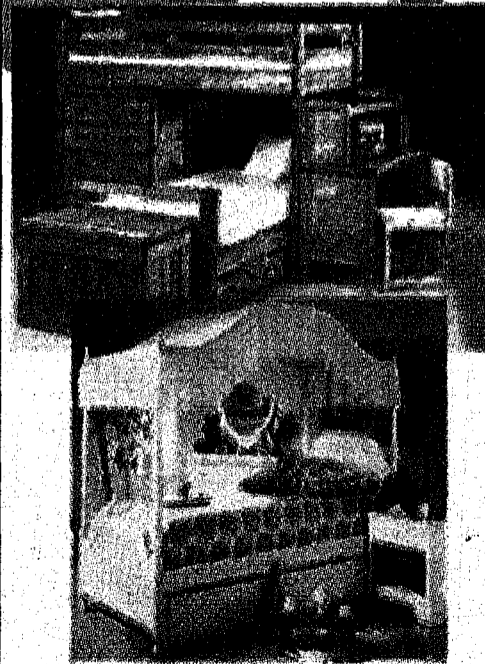
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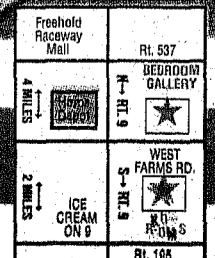


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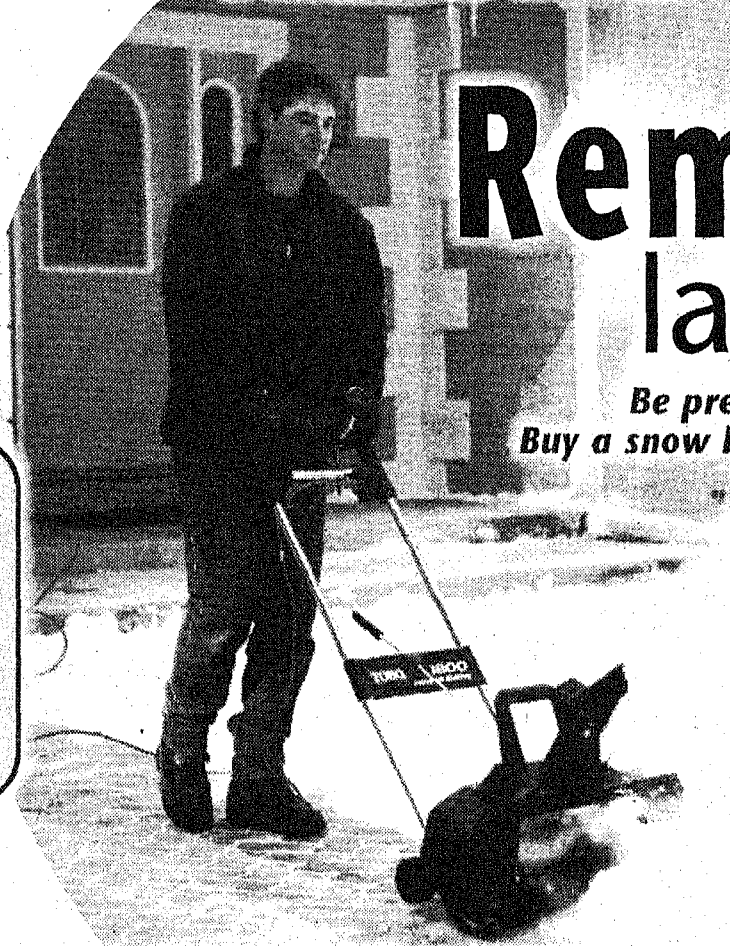
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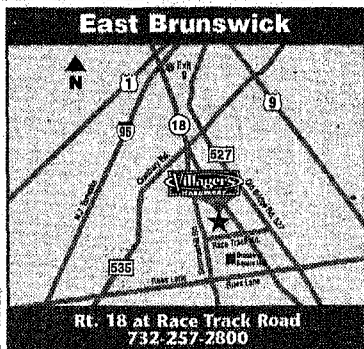
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Resident rallies for reform in Social Security tax issue

BY DAVE BENJAMIN
Staff Writer

Recipients of Social Security benefits are being taxed twice, according to one resident of Manalapan Township, Monmouth County.

Edwin N. Walley, a retired CPA, said he believes it is unfair that people are being taxed twice on the same income.

"Over the years I thought it was unfair that people would be taxed on the same income twice," he said. "If you're collecting Social Security and you created a little nest egg, you get taxed on your income and then in coming up with the calculation of how much Social Security should be taxed, that income is added back in there to come up with that computation. It's all in the cal-

culations."

Walley said that prior to the 1980s, Social Security benefits were not subject to federal income tax.

"In the early 1980s, Congress made Social Security benefits taxable for a maximum of 50 percent to certain recipients in the high income bracket," he said. "In 1993 this was increased to 85 percent. Recipients will pay tax on Social Security benefits if their income, including tax-exempt interest plus one half of their Social Security benefits, exceeds \$32,000 for a married couple filing jointly, or \$25,000 for a single individual."

Walley said he began to have his own tax forms prepared earlier this year and was told by a professional that it was time

to do something about the situation. He decided to start giving lectures on the topic in the Covered Bridge II adult community, where he resides.

He also began seeking support from his federal representatives. In a letter to Congressman Rush Holt, U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine and U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli, Walley wrote that individuals filing separately and couples filing joint federal income tax returns may be having the same income used twice in the calculation of their taxable income. Depending upon the amount of Social Security and other income, as much as 85 percent of the Social Security received could be taxable, he explained.

He wrote, "People work for many years

and attempt to save money so they can maintain a reasonable standard of living during their senior years. The federal government currently requires the income on these savings to be taxed twice if it exceeds the limits."

Responding to the letter from Walley, Holt wrote, "Social Security benefits are subject to taxation because Congress, at the request of President Ronald Reagan, made 50 percent of Social Security benefits subject to taxation in the early 1980s. Prior to this change, Social Security benefits did not count toward income for purposes of federal taxes. This policy was enacted in an attempt to raise money to combat ballooning budget deficits. The amount of Social Security benefits that are subject to taxation was increased to as high as 85 percent for some beneficiaries in 1993 by Congress at the request of the Clinton Administration."

Holt informed Walley that the House of Representatives tried to roll back the taxes on Social Security benefits to the pre-1993 level, but said the Senate didn't pick up on the bill and it never became law.

"Eventually I wound up having a meeting with Congressman Holt," said Walley. "He said he believes in this completely, but he wants to accumulate letters (from citizens) to show to other members of Congress."

Walley said he has already accumulated some letters requesting a change in the law. He has addressed residents in Manalapan, Englishtown and Holmdel, and has spoken at the Monmouth County Office on Aging, Freehold, in front of the directors of approximately 25 senior chapters. He said he will be speaking to other groups this fall.

"We have to get this into Congress," he said, "and I believe Congressman Holt is already talking with other congressional delegations."

Walley said he is hoping to receive some help from Corzine or Torricelli because any bill introduced on the federal level would have to pass both houses of Congress.

Anyone who is interested in becoming involved in this effort may contact Walley at (732) 972-0938.

Women's center to offer breast cancer discussion

The Center for Women at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge division, will sponsor a free, educational breast cancer program at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17 in the hospital's Medical Arts Building, off Ferry Road, between routes 9 and 18.

Guest speaker Noel D. Rosner will discuss "Every Woman's Concern: Moving Beyond the Fear of Breast Cancer."

Refreshments will be served. Participants are invited to tour the women's center immediately following the presentation.

The program is free, but space is limited. Well-lit, free parking will be available. For more information and to register, call (732) 324-6030, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. Thomas HSA sets craft show/bake sale

St. Thomas the Apostle HSA will sponsor a fall craft show and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 13 in the school auditorium, Route 18, Old Bridge.

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The Community YMCA plans branch expansion

The Community YMCA, Red Bank, board of directors plans to establish three new branches during the next 18-36 months, in addition to the 2001 revitalization of Camp Zehnder YMCA, Wall, currently under way.

"We are currently talking to several municipalities about possible sites," said Richard W. Pollock, president and CEO of the Y.

The Y is negotiating with several municipalities in the northern Monmouth/southern Middlesex county area. This would be the first project of the Y's expansion plan.

The second aspect involves working with Long Branch, Asbury Park and Neptune and school officials to collaborate on initiatives and programs in the coastal Monmouth area.

The third project of the expansion involves the return of the Y in Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, first established in 1901 to serve members of the military.

The Community Y plans to return to the existing building to again provide programs and services to the area. The program would be a summer program for older children and would encompass kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing, sailing, fishing, oceanography, marine science and environmental education.

The National Park Service's Fort Hancock is currently undergoing a historical rehabilitation, and representatives are working on a master lease with the developers, Sandy Hook Partners, to bring the buildings back to compliance under historic preservation guidelines.

The Sandy Hook Partners will lease space to corporate, nonprofit and educational tenants, including The Community YMCA, Brookdale Community College and Rutgers University, to serve employees, guests, visitors in the wider bayshore area. In cooperation with the Coast Guard and park service, the initiative would operate on a year-round basis, providing sports, fitness and recreation programs to area residents.

Capital expenses with funds to endow facilities for the future are estimated at \$12

Corpus Christi School to sponsor Vendors Night

Corpus Christi School, South River, will sponsor a Vendors Night at 7 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the church hall, 100 James St., South River.

Participating vendors will include Mary Kay, Home Interiors, Christmas Around the World and more.

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"The planned expansion of our Y is possible because we have so many skilled and experienced staff members. The promotion of some of our great people will enable us to proceed with our planned expansion to provide better service in our area," said Douglas P. Stives, chairman of The Community Y's board of directors.

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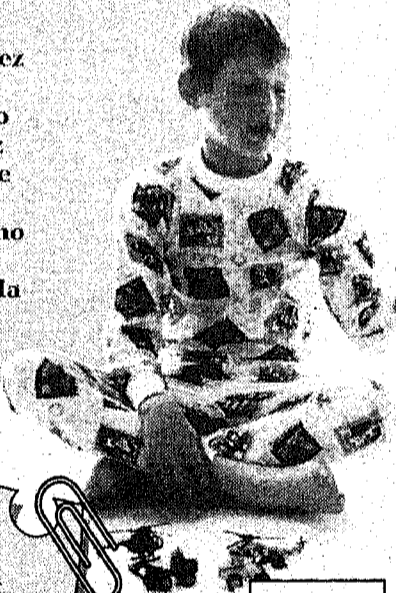
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Kids were asked to tell us the highlight of their summer vacation to receive a pair of kids Longjacks.

Here are some of the letters we received.

Blake Gregor, Age 5:
Told his mom... that the highlight of his summer vacation was riding his bicycle on the boardwalk of Seaside with his father. Additionally Blake said: "I like to walk on the beach with my older cousin, Jeff. My cousin said that walking with me (because I am so cute) makes him a 'chick magnet'. All of the girls stopped us on the beach to say how cut I was. We met a lot of girls for Jeff, just for being with me."

Ashley Lippin, Age 10:
What I did over my summer was I went to my shore house in Long Beach Island. When I was there I went to an ice cream place called Skipper Pippin's. They had the best ice cream. I had my favorite vanilla soft ice cream with rainbow sprinkles. I also went to the beach a lot with my family and I went mini golfing. I got second place, Today I am going to a football game, Giants vs. Jacksonville. This will be fun. I hope I get the stuff I sawn in the news-paper!

Shuan Pande, Age 10:
When we sent to New Hampshire we rented a good house. Our house had three floors! Our house was good because we had good stations on TV and the beds were very soft. We did a lot of things in New Hampshire. My favorite was the Lost River. Along the trail there were caves which you could go through. Also there were very cool. They had names like, The Lemon Squeezer, Silence Cave, Sun Altar, and Devil's Kitchen. My favorite cave was the Sun Altar. I loved the Sun Altar. It was so cool. The Sun Altar was the only cave where light was in.

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BY JANE MEGGITT
Correspondent

Stuart E. Alexander, Millstone, is a dentist with a practice in Cranbury. He also volunteers as a forensic dentist with the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams (DMORT), a branch of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Forensic dentistry is legal dentistry, primarily proving legally who someone is by matching remains with dental records. On Sept. 11, like so many others, Alexander was called upon to aid with the massive

Regional Interest

rescue and identification effort resulting from the attack on the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

Alexander first heard about the tragedy from a patient; he and others in his office got to a television just as the second plane hit the tower. He knew he would soon be contacted to help, and at 2 p.m. the call came. Alexander spent the next two weeks in New York City, identifying victims through dental records and, like others, doing whatever needed to be done.

DMORT is a federal level response team designed to provide mortuary assistance during mass fatalities. It has been in existence about eight years, and is divid-

ed into national regions.

DMORT grew out of the need to recover, identify and deliver to the next of kin the victims of any disaster which would overwhelm a local response team. It consists of forensic pathologists, dentists, anthropologists, coroners and medical examiners, morticians, mental health experts, computer specialists, investigative personnel, heavy equipment operators, administrators, and many others. Region 2, which covers New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, was the lead region to be mobilized in the World Trade Center disaster.

Alexander had no time to pack or say good-bye to his family before he went to the scene. As they arrived, volunteers were

dispersed to different places as needed: the funeral directors, for example, to family assistance, and the forensic dentists to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office. New York City has huge resources for emergency management, but integrating the federal system with a local system is not easy and was further hampered by the fact that the city's Office of Emergency Management had been located in the trade center.

While forensic dentists had no contact with missing persons' family members, other DMORT team members did. Families had to fill out a seven-page document and provide items such as photos, dental records, and personal effects from which DNA might be extracted.

These antemortem records were compiled and entered into a database, a difficult task as the records had been done by many different people and had to be deciphered or translated before being put into the system. Some records were illegible or out-of-date. Information of victims, identified in a postmortem, was entered into the database as well.

A mobile morgue was set up at LaGuardia Airport, Queens, N.Y. Triage teams went to the trade center site and the Fresh Kills landfill in Staten Island, N.Y., where debris was sent. If some part of dental remains were brought in, the forensic dentists could work with that. Preparations had been made for receiving a large number of victims, but as the world now knows, relatively few of the approximately 6,000 missing and presumed dead have been recovered.

When asked how he was doing psychologically and emotionally after the experience, Alexander said that, psychologically, it was too early to tell. So much has been going on, and he has tried to be as focused as possible. "You don't want to make a mistake," he said.

Emotionally, it has been very difficult. He and his wife, Lynn, knew several people missing and presumed dead. Alexander thinks probably everyone in the tristate area knows someone who was lost, if not personally, then through friends and relatives.

At the scene, he observed some people, whom he had expected to be stoic, breaking down. He recalls that the body of any fireman who was brought in to be identified was always accompanied by another fireman. The New York City Fire Department was devastated. The second, third, fourth, and fifth top officers of the department were killed, alongside more than 343 fellow firefighters.

Alexander cites construction workers who needed medical attention but wouldn't quit working even though hurt, and a police officer who was literally on his last day on the job that Tuesday. He had been scheduled to retire the following day, but had to be there to help.

Alexander remembers that people applauded, when they saw anyone connected with the relief effort, and gave out candy and left notes. He pinned a note he received that read "You make us strong — Thank you for your example" to his ID badge.

There was a tremendous bonding of people. They came from all over the country to help and to provide food, clothing, and other necessities for the workers. Alexander mentioned a little town in Pennsylvania that wanted to put together 50 care packages. By the time they were finished, the small community had amassed 2,500 and had to hire a U-Haul to deliver them to New York. Children put their notebooks in the packages, with their

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names crossed out, so workers would have paper to write home. The Red Cross and Salvation Army were instrumental in organizing food and donations.

Alexander went into Trinity Church in lower Manhattan and saw firefighters praying and lying there, trying to get peace. At a firehouse close to ground zero, the walls were filled with notes, and people wanted to shake hands with the firemen and wish them well.

He saw one of the four rescue dogs

"You look at these faces [in the photos]. There's no fear in their eyes; they're on vacation or with their kids. In a second, they're gone. We all take life for granted. This is a wake-up call."

Stuart Alexander
Forensic dentist

who died while searching for victims carried out, and said rescue workers at ground zero stopped working while the body went by. He also feels the heroes are those who brought 30,000 people out of the burning towers. While 6,000 were lost, it is obvious the terrorists wanted to kill everyone, he said.

Alexander is shaken by the thought of "what a vibrant community we've lost — young people in the prime of their life, who had no real fears or worries.

"You look at these faces [in the photos]. There's no fear in their eyes; they're on vacation or with their kids. In a second, they're gone. We all take life for granted. This is a wake-up call. For our national security and our internal security, we must accept the changes we will see in our daily lives," he said.

His wife, Lynn, added that she wasn't prepared for the phone call telling her that her husband had to leave. It was a beautiful day in Millstone, and the visual picture of her neighborhood contrasting with the horror happening an hour away was overwhelming.

She tried to carry on normally for their two young children, and she and her husband are grateful for the kindness and support of their neighbors during his absence. She wouldn't allow her children to watch the events on TV and explained to them

that daddy had gone there to help, that he was not a victim. Alexander was not able to go home for Rosh Hashana, and only his wife and two children were present on the first night of the holiday, when the house is normally filled with relatives.

Alexander expects to be recalled to the disaster site soon. "I hope I can help people get closure [by identifying their loved ones]. That is my role. If I can do this, I've done my job," he said.

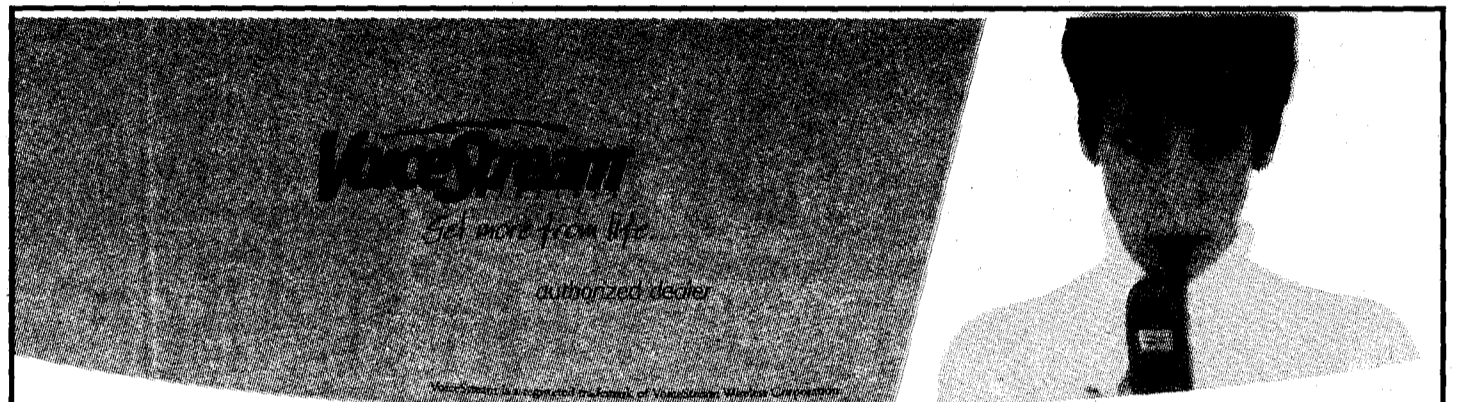
He also wants people to know, "The government cares a lot about these things, respect for the dead. [It] spends a lot of time and energy to ensure the public that their deceased will be taken care of correctly." He notes, "You can't be skeptical about human nature; everyone wants to help. We need people to go back to their way of life; otherwise, the terrorists will have succeeded."

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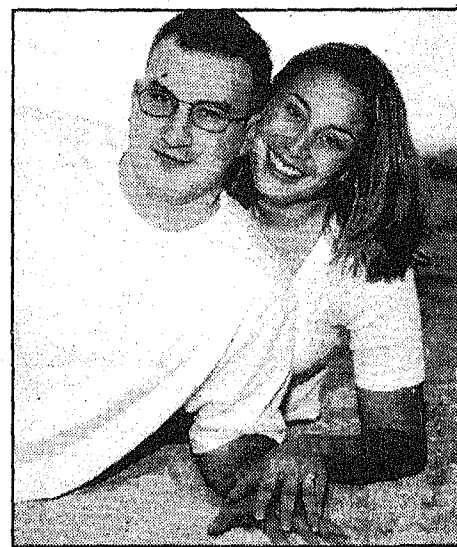
Grossmann-Augelli

Priscilla D. and John T. Grossmann of Old Bridge announce the engagement of their daughter, Milynn Beth Grossmann, to Matthew Andrew Augelli, son of Stephanie Augelli of Haddon Heights and the late Dennis Augelli.

The future bride is a graduate of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona section of Galloway, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in finance. She is employed by Bloomberg LP, New York City.

Her fiancé is a graduate of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He is employed by Iron Mountain, Freehold.

A May wedding is planned.



Matthew Augelli, Milynn Grossmann

Buckler-Marrero

Tracy Anne Buckler of East Brunswick, daughter of Linda Buckler of South Amboy, and Joseph Anthony Marrero Jr., son of Patricia and Joseph Marrero Sr. of Montrose, Pa., announce their engagement.

The couple plans to wed in November.



Tracy Buckler, Joseph Marrero Jr.

Moore-Cingari

Geraldine Parrish of the Toms River section of Dover and Dennis Moore of Little Egg Harbor Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Diana Lynn Moore, to Michael Leonard Cingari, son of Marian and Joseph Cingari of East Brunswick. Ms. Moore also is the stepdaughter of Dr. Richard Parrish of Toms River and Bernadette Moore of Little Egg Harbor.

The future bride is a graduate of Toms River North High School and Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is employed as an English teacher at East Brunswick High School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of East Brunswick High School and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, where he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. A network engineer at Verizon Communications, Cedar Knolls section of Hanover, he is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, Philadelphia.

A September 2002 wedding is planned.



Diana Moore, Michael Cingari

Stork Club

Susan and William Gabriel of South River announce the birth of their son, Stephen Andrew, Aug. 24 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Grandparents are Geraldine and Robert Quade of Lakeville, Pa. Great-grandparents are Elsie and Richard Gabriel Sr. of Spotswood. Godparents are Raina Gabriel of Spotswood and Ronald Quade of Boonton Township.

Sandi and Kevin Kelly of Jackson announce the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Ruth, July 17 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and joins her sisters, Nikole, 12, and Kayleigh Erin, 2. Grandparents are Joyce Dey of Jackson, Russell Dey of Bayville and Jacqueline and Timothy Kelly of Ocean Pines, Md. Godparents are Kerry Kelly of East Brunswick and Chris Kelly of Jackson.

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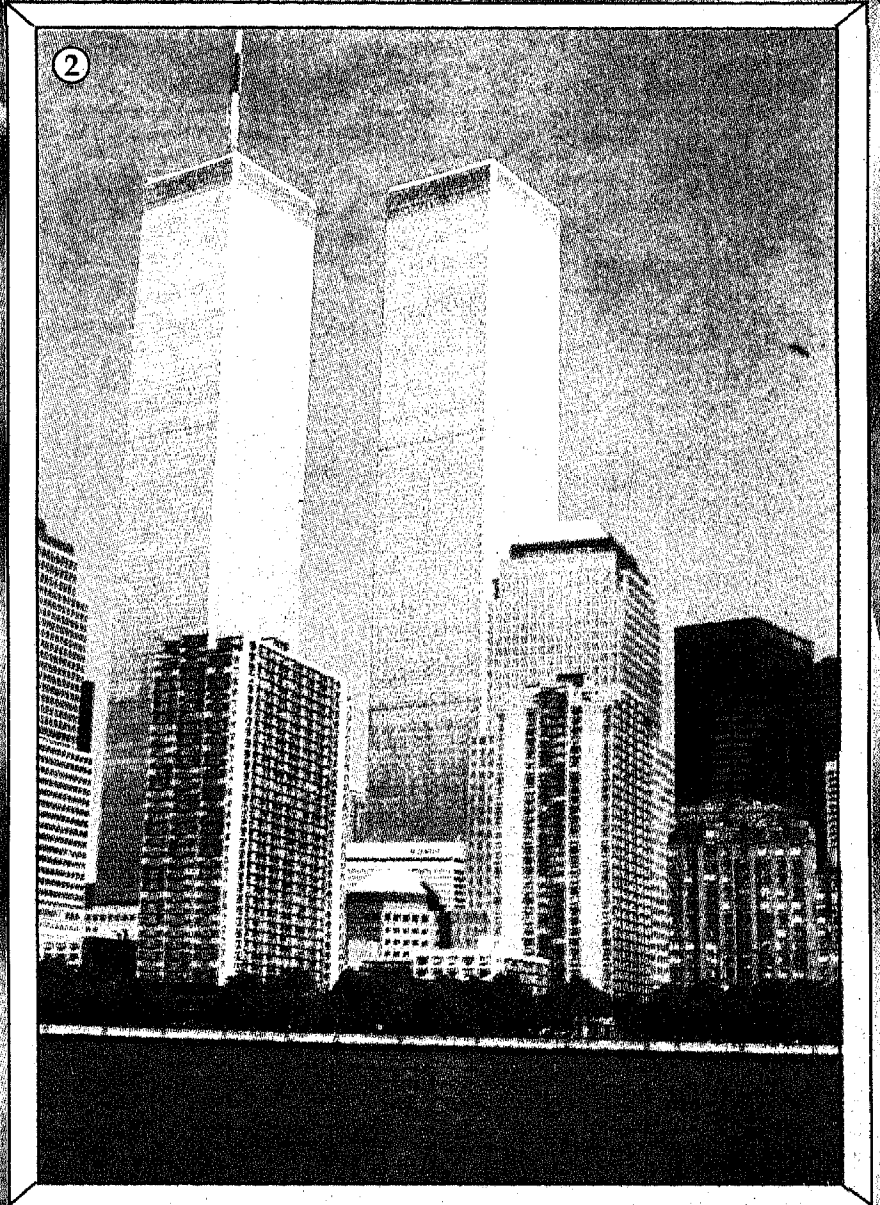


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OLD BRIDGE

A man from Brick, Ocean County, reported the theft of his 1982 Chevrolet pickup from the field parking lot of Raceway Park on Pension Road between noon and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The truck, which was stolen by unknown persons, is valued at \$4,500.

Police responded to reports of two burglaries and thefts on Victorian Drive in Laurence Harbor last weekend. In one incident, occurring between 5:45 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, police determined that unknown suspects entered the home through an open living room window.

Police said suspects ransacked drawers in the master bedroom and stole rolled coins, watches and a \$200 gift certificate to Serenity Spa in East Brunswick. Also stolen were the contents of two jewelry boxes and a pillowcase possibly used by suspects to carry the items. A police check of the interior and exterior of the home determined that the suspects left through the same point of entry. In the second Victorian Drive incident, occurring between 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:40 p.m. Sunday, unknown suspects accessed an upstairs bedroom window by using a ladder left in the back yard by the owner. Dresser drawers in three bedrooms were ransacked and assorted jewelry was removed from the drawers. Police believe the jewelry was placed in a pillowcase also missing from the master bedroom. A VHS recorder was also discovered to be missing. Police determined that the suspects

left through the same point of entry, climbed down the ladder, and went over a picket fence and out to Ferry Road, which runs behind the property. Police are investigating.

A Madison Avenue resident reported the theft of various work tools and \$460 in cash from the inside of his 1997 Ford Escort wagon, which was parked in his driveway, between 10 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Saturday. The victim also reported possible theft-related damage to the vehicle's driver-side front door. The stolen tools are valued at \$3,110.

A Matawan Road resident reported the theft of a 17-foot ladder from the side yard of his residence between 10 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday. The ladder is valued at \$250.

A Vermeer Drive resident reported the attempted theft of his wife's 2000 Honda Prelude from the parking lot of his residence sometime after 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The complainant told police that upon opening the car's door Thursday morning, he discovered the steering column and ignition switch broken. A police check of the vehicle driver-side door found a small scratch possibly from an object used to break the door lock. The complainant told police that he had locked the car's doors prior to the attempted theft. Police said they believe unknown suspects entered the car's trunk and engine compartment, as the lid to a fuse box was broken and a fuse pulled out. A pair of sunglasses valued at \$50 was also missing from the vehicle.

A Bronx, N.Y., man reported the theft of a backhoe valued at \$113,000 from the Matawan Road construction site of the CVS Pharmacy between 3 p.m. Wednesday and 6 a.m. Thursday.

The complainant reportedly parked the 2001 Honda Accord in front of the premises and later returned to find it missing. The keys were in the complainant's possession at the time of the report; there are no known suspects.

SOUTH RIVER

A theft was reported on Main Street last week after unknown suspect(s) reportedly stole a bio-sound EKG cart owned by Cardiology Partners of New Jersey between 11 p.m. on Sept. 20 and 10 a.m. on Sept. 21. The cart, with an estimated value of \$1,600, was left on the side of a building at 119 Main St. by mistake, police said. Police are investigating.

The hydraulic line on a waste management garbage truck broke Sept. 27, spilling fluid on the road near Sontag Street and Raritan Avenue. The truck was part of Matawan Waste Management and registered to an address in Trenton, police said. Police received the call at 11:45 a.m. and notified the South River Fire Department and the Hazardous Material Unit, which supervised the cleanup by the waste management crew. The scene was cleared at 12:30 a.m.

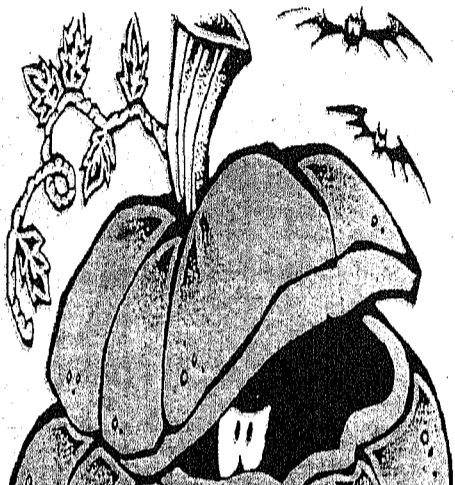
A stolen 1985 blue GMC truck was recovered on Icker Avenue at 9:12 a.m. on Saturday. A resident reported that the vehicle had been parked on the South River street for sometime without being moved. The truck had been reported stolen out of Fairview. The Fairview Police Department was contacted in order to reach the owner.

SPOTSWOOD

Police arrested James H. Tracey, 36, of East Brunswick and charged him with driving while intoxicated. According to a report filed by Patrolman William Desrosier, Tracey was observed Friday driving a blue Blazer on Hillsdale Road. Tracey's vehicle allegedly crossed the solid yellow line, forcing Desrosier to turn his own vehicle sharply to the right. The officer pulled Tracey over in his driveway and gave him a balance test, which he allegedly failed. Tracey was additionally cited for failure to maintain a lane.

EAST BRUNSWICK

Police arrested Cynthia Moore, 18, who has no known address, Ryan P. Nunez of New Brunswick, and Addisabeth Pryce, 18, of Perth Amboy, and charged them with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. The arrests were made Sept. 27 around 5:30 p.m. Each was lodged at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in lieu of \$20,000.



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SAYREVILLE

A theft reportedly occurred between noon Sept. 26 and 6 a.m. on Sept. 27 on MacArthur Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry through a small window to a shed located at the rear of the residence and pried the lock in order to remove a 1987 red and white Honda Quad TRX-250X. Fingerprints found on the window and other evidence were taken to police headquarters for further investigation. The complainant says the Quad is valued at an estimated \$2,000. Police are continuing the investigation.

A green 1999 Acura was reported stolen from a parking lot adjacent to Skytop Gardens between 5 p.m. on Sept. 16 and 1 p.m. on Sept. 24. The owner's wife reported the vehicle stolen after returning from traveling abroad.

A motor vehicle theft occurred at the Hunka Bunka Ballroom between 11:45 p.m. on Saturday and 1:20 a.m. Sunday.



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MARTIN CHODA-PODOLSKY, 65, of Old Bridge, died Sept. 25 at home. Surviving are a daughter, Maria Snell of Elizabeth; and two grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Forest Green Park Cemetery, Marlboro.

JOHN "JACK" GRAY, 72, of Old Bridge died Sept. 28 at home. Surviving are his wife, Louise Hawes Gray; his mother, Rose Murphy Gray of Lumberton; a brother, Bruce Conrad of Lumberton; two sons and one daughter, all of Pennsylvania; and 10 grandchildren. A Mass was offered at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. Interment was in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Hospice, 14 Commerce Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" GARVEY HUBAND, 81, of Sayreville died Sept. 28 in Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Her husband, Philip, died in 1989. Surviving are a daughter, Linda Brown of Sayreville; a sister, Estelle Coupe of Bayville; a brother, Andrew Garvey of Highland Lakes; and a grandson. Cremation was private.

HEDWIG WALAS SUMSKI, 95, of Sterling, Pa., formerly of Sayreville, died Sept. 25 in Julia Rabaldo Care Center, Lake Ariel, Pa. Her husband, Stanley A. Sumski, died in 1985. Surviving are a son, Joseph S. Sumski of South Amboy; a daughter, Dorothy Rech of Sterling; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter. A Mass was offered at St. Stanislaus Church, Sayreville. Interment was in the church cemetery.

RAYMOND M. TRAVINSKI, 70, of the Parlin section of Sayreville died Sept. 29 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. His wife, Dorothy Novak Travinski, died in 1994. Surviving are two sons, Raymond of Atlantic City and Martin of Old Bridge; three daughters, Diane Dominick of the Brick Town section of Brick, Linda Novak of Parlin and Dorothy Bressman of Brick; a brother, Daniel Travinski of Parlin; a sister, Gloria Dehnz of South Amboy; and 12 grandchildren. A Mass was offered at Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy. Interment was in Sacred Heart

Cemetery, Parlin.

CHRISTOPHER MORE DINCUFF, 31, of Jersey City, formerly of South River, died Sept. 11 in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, New York City. He was employed as a commodities trader by Carr Futures, New York City. Surviving are his mother, Joan Dincuff of South River; his father, Frank, and his stepmother, Eileen of Piscataway; two sisters, Beth of North Brunswick and Amy, at home; a brother, Ian of Piscataway; his grandmothers, Helen Rojek and Helen Dincuff, both of South River; his aunts, uncles and cousins; and by his fiancée, Angela Gutermuth, whom he planned to marry in September 2002. A memorial Mass was offered at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Old Bridge. A ceremony of life followed in the church pastoral center. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christopher M. Dincuff Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o 36 New St., South River, NJ 08882.

CHARLES G. COSTELLO JR., 46, of Old Bridge died Sept. 11 in the collapse of the World Trade Center, New York City. He was a member of International Union of Elevators Constructors Local No. 1, New York City. Surviving are his wife, Mary Norton Costello; a son, Charles G. Costello III of Old Bridge; three daughters, Amanda, Mary Kate and Theresa, all of Old Bridge; his father, Charles G. Costello Sr. of Old Bridge; a brother, Raymond Costello of Hazlet; two sisters, Kathy Birch of Brick and Patricia Ann Costello of Virginia Beach, Va. A memorial Mass was offered at St. Ambrose Church, Old Bridge. A remembrance followed at the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Old Bridge. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

ROBERT T. "BOBBY" HUGHES JR., 23, of Sayreville died Sept. 11 as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, New York City. He was employed as a margin clerk for the Bank of America. Prior to that, he delivered the *Suburban* newspaper for many years and worked for several local businesses including the Sayreville Bar, St. Cement's Catering, Manhattan Bagel and Circuit City. He was a graduate of Sayreville High School and Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. He volunteered at the camp for Sayreville Brain Injured Children. Surviving are his parents,

Louise and Robert Hughes; three sisters, Shanin, Leigha and Lyndsey; and his grandparents, Charlotte and Patrick Ambrosia of Old Bridge and Raymond Hughes of Sayreville. The family will receive friends and family from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 6 at Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home, Parlin section of Sayreville. A memorial celebration of life service will take place at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the local chapter of the Salvation Army to assist those in need due to the World Trade Center tragedy.

JUDITH BEVERLY SCHWARZSCHILD ATLAS, 54, of East Brunswick died Sept. 25 at home. Surviving are her husband, Melvyn Atlas; a son, Orin of New York City; two daughters, Laurie Nesser and Marnie Atlas, both of New York City; a sister, Joan Kastrinsky of Fair Lawn; and her mother-in-law, Bert Atlas of Cranbury. Interment was in Temple B'Neth Abraham Memorial Park Cemetery, Union. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany St., New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

EDWIN KAPUSTA, 84, of East Brunswick died Sept. 26 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Surviving are his wife, Stephanie Sciora Kapusta; three sons, Thomas Kapusta and Dennis Kapusta, both of East Brunswick, and Robert Kapusta of Helmetta; a daughter, Chris Reale of South River; a sister, Lydia Perednia of New York City; and three grandchildren. A Mass was offered at St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church, South River. Interment was private.

EDWARD B. MUNSON, 85, of Milltown died Sept. 26 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. A son, Edward B. Munson Jr., died in 1995. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Bauries Munson; a daughter, Deborah Hemmerle of the Avenel section of Woodbridge; a son, Edmund N. Munson of Oakhurst; a brother, Russell Munson of Connecticut; and three grandsons. Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's United Christ Church, 62 South Main St., Milltown, NJ 08850, or to the Milltown Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 308, Milltown, NJ 08850.

ADELINE M. DESSINGER CLARKE, 90, of East Brunswick died Sept. 30 in Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Her husband, Prescott L. Clarke, died in 1980. Surviving are two daughters, Gail M. Clarke of Milltown and Beverly J. Cardner of Howell; an "honorary" daughter, Kathleen Moorfoot of Milltown; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818-9972.

STANLEY DeGRAW, 68, of South River died Sept. 28 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. His wife, Lena Massonett DeGraw, died in 1998. Surviving are four sons, Donald and Steven, both of Old Bridge, William of Jamesburg and David of Rahway; two daughters, Natalie DeGraw and Deborah DeGraw, both of South River; four brothers, Robert, Harry, James Kelsey and Michael DeGraw; six sisters, Phyllis Rak, Ethel Kelly, Lorraine Baumann, Barbara Yurick, Aleta Hurley and Shirley Cook; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Cremation was private.

FRANCIS PATRICK DONELAN, 41, of Spotswood died Sept. 29 at home. Surviving are his parents, Rosemary and Francis Donelan of Spotswood; a brother, Michael Donelan of Spotswood; two sisters, Theresa Jomo of Old Bridge and Mary Dragan of the Stewartville section of Greenwich Township; his grandparents, Josephine and Stanley Mayewski of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three nephews; and two nieces. A Mass was offered at Immaculate Conception Church, Spotswood. Entombment was in Holy Cross Burial Park, South Brunswick.

DARREN MICHAEL GIORDANO, 32, of Helmetta, formerly of Old Bridge and Sayreville, died Sept. 25 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. Surviving are his wife, Lisa Bellesi Giordano; his father and stepmother, Robert and Clare Giordano of Pennsylvania; his stepfather, John Lydersen; a brother, Robert Giordano Jr. of the Parlin section of Sayreville; a stepbrother, Chris Wise of New York; two step-sisters, Paula Susi of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Kathy Lindsay of Pennsylvania. A Mass was offered at Immaculate Conception Church, Spotswood. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, East Brunswick.

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Sports

Bears well on their way to making it 22 in a row

BY GEORGE ALBANO
Staff Writer

It has become a fall ritual around these parts. As sure as the leaves turn, the clocks are moved back and a new season of The Simpsons begins, you can also count on the East Brunswick High School girls soccer team being among the best in the state every year.

This season, the Lady Bears have been the best, at least according to this week's state poll which has them ranked No. 1 in New Jersey, as they took a perfect 8-0 record into Wednesday's game against Peddie Prep.

But boasting an outstanding record and being at or near the top of the state poll is certainly nothing new for the EBHS girls soccer program. The Bears have been a perennial power almost from the day the program was born in 1978.

In fact, by its third season, 1980, East Brunswick won the Greater Middlesex Conference championship. That started a remarkable run by the Bears, who have won the GMC title 21 straight years to go along with 21 Red Division crowns in a row.

What's more, the Bears have captured seven state championships, claiming the title in 1986 and '87, 1989 and '90, and in 1992, '94 and '96.

Did someone say dynasty?

And if the above numbers aren't impressive enough, consider that the East Brunswick girls soccer program, now in its 24th season, has compiled an overall record of 446-48-24, an amazing .903 winning percentage.

So what exactly is the Bears' secret?

"It's called good kids," said head coach Lou Kosa, who began the program and has been the only head coach the Bears have ever had. "Our kids work hard, they believe in our system, and, of course, we have some great athletes."

Kosa is also quick to give a lot of credit to the successful youth program in town, the East Brunswick Soccer Club, which was established in the mid 1980s and has helped develop players for the high school team for the last 16 years.

But while the Lady Bears are enjoying another one of their stellar seasons, Kosa knew this year's team could be extra special with a number of veteran players back from last year's 20-3 club.

"We only graduated three starters from last year's team, so we figured this would be a good year for us," Kosa said. "If things pan out, we could cause some problems for other teams."

That's putting it rather mildly. East

Brunswick has already beaten two of their biggest rivals, Old Bridge 2-1 and Piscataway 6-0. And they've met every other challenge in their path so far, including a 3-1 win over local rival South Brunswick on Monday night.

"We're 8-0, but we've had some real good games," the low-keyed Kosa pointed out.

One of them did not take place last Saturday, however, as the Bears completely dominated Edison to the tune of 14-1. In that game, forward Heather O'Reilly scored five goals, including her 100th career goal. And she's only a junior.

"She's so fast it's unbelievable," Kosa said of the three-year starter who leads the team with 21 goals and is also a member of the under-19 Olympic team. "She has great movement, too. It's not just speed. And she's only going to get better."

That's a scary thought for opposing teams. But the Bears have other offensive weapons, like senior forward Elana Lidor, a two-year starter who recorded 14 goals last year and has five this season.

The Bears also have a solid group of half-backs, led by senior co-captain and outside halfback Ashley Stapleton.

"She's one of our team leaders," Kosa said of the three-year starter. "She works both ends of the field."

Senior center halfback Kari Devine is another three-year starter who Kosa calls "our hub."

"She gets the ball and distributes it well to the other players," he said. "She already has seven or eight assists."

The other outside halfback is junior Jenna Barbato, who's starting for the second year in a row.

"She's our hustler," the EBHS coach noted. "She goes up and down the field non-stop."

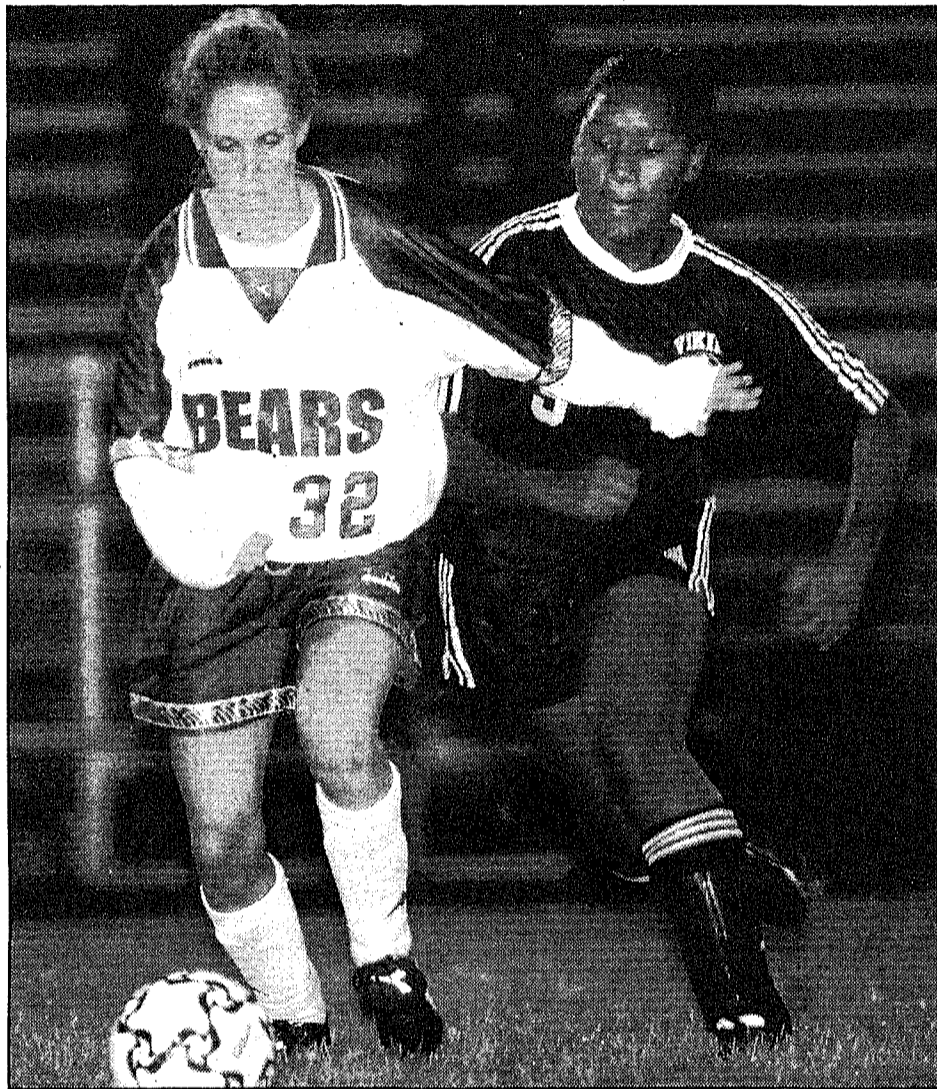
But there's no question the key to the Lady Bears' success this season has been their outstanding defense, which has given up only eight goals through the first eight games, and some of those were after a majority of the starters had been pulled.

"I can't say enough about our defense," Kosa said.

The veteran coach likes to play double stoppers and has gone with a pair of second-year starters in junior Justine Barbato, Jenna's twin sister, up front, and senior Chantal Hagen as the back stopper.

Meanwhile, Ilana Unger, the other senior co-captain and yet another three-year starter, plays one of the outside defender positions.

"She's probably our best defender back



VERONICA YANKOWSKI
East Brunswick's Kari Devine dribbles past South Brunswick's Cherise Johnson during their Red Division battle in East Brunswick on Monday.

there," Kosa said.

The other outside defender is senior Erin Kennedy, who was injured most of last season, but is healthy and back this season. Rounding out a talented quintet is junior sweeper Sylvia Majdanski, a two-year starter.

"She holds us together back there," Kosa said. The beneficiary of all that defense is goalkeeper Alissa Kacar, a senior starting her second season in the nets.

There's also no shortage of depth on the Bears. In fact, senior striker Jillian Nagy, who started two of the previous three seasons (she was injured as a sophomore), now comes off the bench, as does sophomore midfielder Lisa Chinn and junior defender Kaitlin Parke.

Add it all up and it's easy to see why East

Brunswick High is the team to beat again this season.

"These girls just love to play soccer," Kosa said. "They're very close-knit as a team." And very focused on the task at hand.

"Our goal this season is to do three things," the coach said. "First, we want to win the Red Division again, which would give us 22 in a row. Then we want to win the county tournament for the same reason. And third, we want to get back to the state championship. It's been five years since we've won it. We have a good chance, too, if things fall right."

About as good a chance as the leaves turning colors.

Bombers need some wins to qualify for state tourney

With seven matches remaining before the cutoff to qualify for the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group IV playoffs, Sayreville War Memorial High School field hockey coach Lynn Taylor believes her team can rebound from its 1-4-1 start.

That means the Bombers would need to go 5-2 in those seven matches, barring any ties, to be at .500 by the end of play on Oct. 19 to qualify for the state tourney. While that seems like a tall order, Taylor noted that her team has played better than its record indicates.

"We're strong defensively, particularly in

goal," the coach said. "We just haven't been scoring that many goals. If we can turn that around, we can make a run."

Taylor should be confident in the defense, led by netminder Lisa Oriolo. Sayreville is coming off a pair of 1-0 defeats at the hands of East Brunswick and Piscataway, respectively, but the Bombers' goalie was spectacular in both, making 39 saves in the East Brunswick game and another 28 saves against Piscataway.

Although the Bombers were badly out-shot in both games, Taylor noted that her full-backs, seniors Kaitlyn Farley, Stephanie Smetana and junior Patti Norek, did a good

job preventing opponents from getting to rebounds.

In the middle, Megan Bowden and Sarah Davidauskas, both seniors, and juniors Kristen Akins and Jamie Mazurowski have done a good job.

Sophomore Katelynn Crosby, a recent JV call-up, has been playing well in the middle and scored the game-winner in Sayreville's 3-2 win over Monroe.

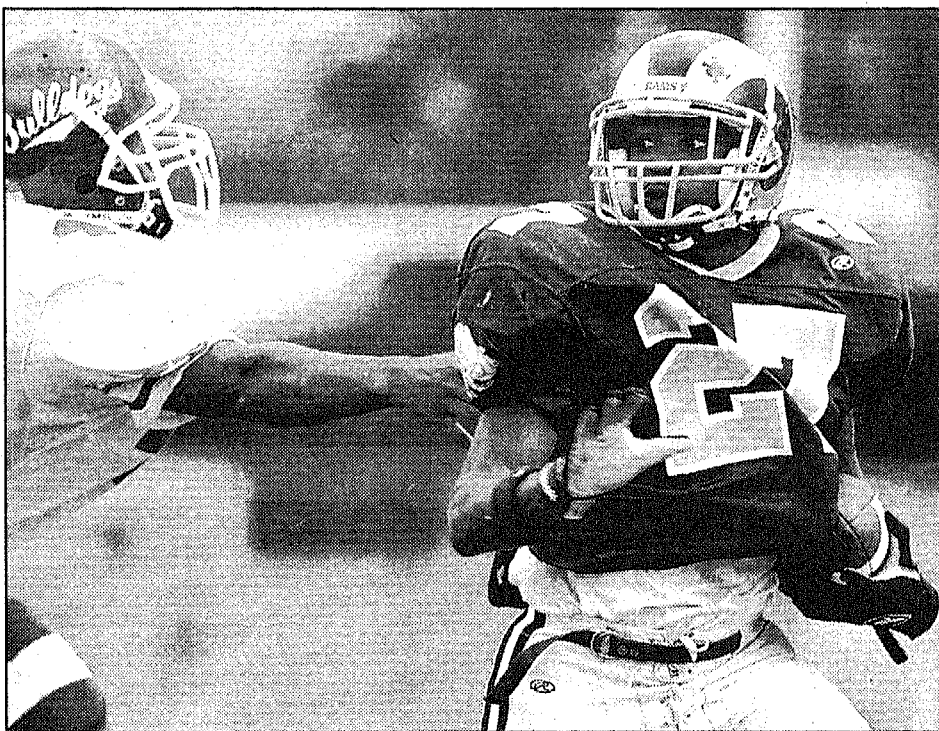
Junior Gabby Vargas also sees time in the middle. Taylor will be counting on them to help get the ball to forwards Laura Lasko (two goals) Kristen Dahl, Jamie Jarusiewicz, Heather Shedlock and Melanie Zaleski.

"I think our team has a lot of talent and we should be able to win some games," Taylor said. "The girls have struggled a bit, but we're looking ahead and I believe we can at least get to the .500 mark."

Sayreville was hoping to begin building some momentum on Wednesday when the Bombers visited Metuchen that they could carry into their home match against South Plainfield Friday afternoon.

From there, they will host Old Bridge on Tuesday and Monroe on Thursday. Their final two regular season games will include rematches at East Brunswick and Piscataway.

—Warren Rappleyea



South River's Zack Earvin escapes the grasps of Metuchen's Rashod Walters during the Rams' 28-7 win in South River on Saturday.

FARRAH MAFFAI

Division races beginning to come together at Week Five

Weekend's schedule includes games between division leaders

BY DOUG MCKENZIE
Staff Writer

As we reach the halfway point of the regular high school football season, the division races are beginning to take shape, with a number of surprising teams sitting atop their respective divisions.

In the Greater Middlesex Conference's Blue Division, it should come as a surprise to no one that the South River Rams are the team to beat, with a hefty 4-0 mark entering this week's match-up with Cardinal McCarrick.

The Rams, led by the brilliant play of tailback Zack Earvin and quarterback Mike Feaster, have been impressive in all four wins, and are yet to have even smelled the scent of defeat this year.

Last week, however, was not the Rams' finest performance. Although they posted a convincing 28-7 win over a gutty Metuchen team, the Rams needed two TDs in the final eight minutes to pull away and secure their perfect mark. Once again it was Earvin leading the way, rushing for 182 yards on just 18 carries, while finding the end zone three times (twice on rushes and once on a 95-yard interception return).

Earvin has been the conference's most dominant player to this point, and with college scouts watching his every move, his stock continues to rise.

As for Feaster, his solid play has given the Ram offense a dangerous look, and should keep opponents from keying on the elusive Earvin the rest of the way.

This Saturday's game against the 1-2 Cardinal McCarrick squad looks like another automatic "W" for the Rams, but as the division's top team, South River knows that everyone is gunning for them. Game time is 1 p.m.

The Spotswood Chargers are lurking behind the Rams at 3-1, hoping that a couple of South River slip-ups could land them the Blue Division title. The Chargers' only loss came at the hands of the Rams in a game that was never competitive.

Spotswood got its third win of the year

last week in impressive fashion, blanking Highland Park (1-2) 30-0, behind a career game from Kyle Harkins, who rushed 33 times for 265 yards and three touchdowns.

This weekend the Chargers will look to keep pace with South River when they host a 2-1 Dunellen squad that also maintains hope that a division title is within its grasp. Dunellen's Oct. 27 match-up with the Rams could decide the division title, but South River will be hosting the Destroyers on what will be the school's homecoming weekend, and will likely be geared up for this one.

This Saturday's game between Spotswood and Dunellen is set for 1 p.m. at Dunellen.

It comes as a surprise to most people that the team atop the GMC's Red Division is not the Sayreville Bombers. Entering the season, Sayreville was the popular choice to repeat as division champs, but after last weekend's 10-7 upset loss to Piscataway (3-0), the Bombers now find themselves looking up at a pair of teams in the standings.

Piscataway sits a step closer to the top, behind only the South Brunswick Vikings, who have jumped out to a 4-0 start in impressive fashion. The Vikings still have a number of difficult games remaining, including this weekend's game at Old Bridge and an Oct. 19 date at Piscataway, in a game that could decide the division title.

As for Sayreville, they'll look to get back on the winning track tomorrow when they travel to Perth Amboy to take on the 0-4 Panthers. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Old Bridge Knights have played better than their record indicates, and will look to notch their second win and give the Vikings their first loss tomorrow night. Game time is 7 p.m. in Old Bridge.

The remainder of the division includes a number of teams struggling to get wins. Among them are Edison (1-3), Woodbridge (1-2) and a couple of teams still looking to get that elusive first win, East Brunswick and Perth Amboy (both 0-4).

The Bears have been getting closer with each passing week and will look to get over the hump on Saturday when they host Woodbridge. Game time is 1 p.m.

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Knights dominate Stewart Invitational behind Harding

Old Bridge harriers are state's top-ranked team

BY TIM MORRIS
Staff Writer

Old Bridge's boys cross country lived up to its state No. 1 ranking with another pulverizing invitational victory Saturday.

One week after sweeping the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman division races at the Magee Invitational, the Knights were back at Warinanco Park in Elizabeth for the Stewart Invitational, where they romped to the A Division win with a low score of just 31. Runner-up Hunterdon Central was a distant second with 109, followed by East Brunswick, 118.

Dan Harding again paced the Knights with his third place over the looping 3.2-mile course that ends with a lap around the park's track. Harding clocked 16:46 and behind him was a sea of purple and black. Rich LaFergola (16:54.32) was fifth, Tim Paule, seventh (16:57), Eddie Jimenez, eighth (17:06.8), and Ryan Bennett, ninth (17:07.8), completing the Knights' total domination of the race.

The combined average time for the Knights' five scorers was 16:58.4, easily the fastest of the day. Red Bank Regional, the B Division winners, had the second best time, averaging 17:18.38, almost 20 seconds off the Knights' average.

The Knights were so strong that their sixth and seventh runners, Paul Burke (17:34) and Brett McNery (17:44) were 15th and 23rd overall.

Old Bridge was expected to have a head-to-head showdown with the team it replaced as No. 1 in the state, defending Meet of

Champions winner Christian Brothers Academy, but the Colts ran their B team. Although the Knights will be in the A Division and the Colts the B Division at Saturday's Shore Coaches Invitational at Holmdel Park, look for the two teams to be studying each other's results carefully and comparing times. It will be the first time that they will have raced at the same meet this year, and whoever is the best that day will be the odds-on favorite to win the MOC on Nov. 17 at Holmdel Park.

East Brunswick's third-place effort was led by Alex Shatskov. The junior posted a 17:10.83 and placed 10th in the race that went to Gary Reinhard of Morristown in 16:33. The week before, at the Battle of Monmouth Invitational in Manalapan, Shatskov won the Junior Division race and led the Bears to the team title there.

Cliff Gerber, also a junior, was 13th in 17:29 for the Bears and Mike O'Rourke, 22nd (167:44).

Over in the C Division, Spotswood's Kevin Thorpe was 16th (18:24) helping the Chargers to a sixth place (181). The Chargers also got solid runs from Ricky Pace (18:44) and Mike Moriarty (18:56), who finished 22nd and 25th respectively.

Oskar Nordenbring from Montclair-Kimberly was the individual winner (16:43), and St. Rose of Belmar was the team champion (53).

In the girls' A Division competition, Old Bridge's Stephanie Zottoli clocked 20:29.22 to place sixth. Courtney Epps of Columbia won the race in 19:50.67.

Old Bridge's girls were 10th (262) behind champion Middletown South (86).

East Brunswick's girls were ninth (239) and were led by Erinn Goldenberg (21:26).

Spotswood boys looking to make run at state tourney

BY WARREN RAPPLEVEA
Staff Writer

The road to .500 got a little harder for the Spotswood High School boys soccer team on Tuesday as the Chargers fell 1-0 to South River, but coach Chris Gozick is confident that his team will qualify for the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group I tournament.

After downing South River 5-2 at home on Friday, Spotswood visited the Rams Tuesday, needing a victory to even its record. Despite getting several good opportunities among its 15 shots on goal, the Chargers were shut out, dropping their record to 3-5.

"Our team has had some very good moments, but they haven't been consistent," Gozick said. "We're at the point where we need to begin getting some momentum going for the tournament. That means a minimum of touches and a lot of motion. When we do that, we've been successful."

Spotswood has relied heavily on a core group of players comprised of seniors Pete Forte, the team captain who has scored seven goals; Bhavish Patel, a midfielder; Joe Wogan, the stopper; and junior Chris Palumbo, a midfielder who occasionally switches positions with Wogan.

The intense, hard-working Forte is the Chargers' top scoring threat, while Patel augments the attack by winning a majority of head balls and getting good range on his

throw-ins.

Wogan and Palumbo are solid defenders. Both Patel and Wogan are four-year veterans who played on Spotswood's 1998 Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division champs.

Other members of the senior-laden team include forwards Joe Knarr and Kevin Hayes, who scored twice in Spotswood's victory over South River, and sophomore Tim Logan.

Reuben Gamodia, who has two goals to his credit, and Rick Drude are the outside midfielders, with Anthony Cheng providing back-up. Carl Allen and Sean Wiggins are the Chargers' marking backs, and junior Brian Kalendeck is the sweeper in front of goalie Greg Zohovetz. A.J. Taylor gives Spotswood depth on the backline.

"Our team has good experience throughout the lineup and a solid group of leaders," Gozick said. "I think we have the ability to turn things around and get into the state tournament."

Barring postponements, Spotswood has seven matches remaining before the Oct. 19 cutoff for the Group I sectional tourney. Teams must have at least a .500 record at the end of play that day to qualify.

"That means we have to go 5-2, but I think this team can do it," Gozick said. "Our guys have been very competitive in every game, and with just a little more consistency we'll reach our goal. Once you get in the tournament who knows what will happen."



Old Bridge's Stefanie Montalto tries to gain control of the ball during the Knights' 5-1 win over Matawan on Friday. JERRY WOLKOWITZ

Sport Shorts

The Old Bridge Little League will be holding registration for the 2002 season at the clubhouse on Route 516 on the following dates: Oct. 5 (7-9 p.m.), Oct. 6 (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Oct. 7 (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Prices are \$45 for cubs, \$55 for all other individual players and \$65 for families. A refundable work bond is required. There will be a significant fee for late registration (after Oct. 31). New registrants must bring birth certificates. For more information, call (732) 257-4252.

The Old Bridge Knights basketball team won the Freehold YMCA summer league. The players are Glenn Anderson, Kahill Bennett, Justin Conover, Marcus Crawford, Danny Dirscherl, Chris Donnelly, Jamar Figueroa, Akili Galloway, Freddy Giorlando, Justin Linkletter, Joe Lobue, Ray Reyes, Rafael Vasco and John Zimmerlink. The coaches are Pat Dineen, Rick Conover and Jim Dirscherl.

The Sayreville Leprechauns played the New Brunswick Raiders last weekend. The Mitey-Mites game ended in a 0-0 tie, thanks to the fine defensive play of Chris Drabik, Jason McMahon, Scott Jedrusiak, Tyler Tomasweski, Craig Switzer and Conor Brophy. The Junior PeeWees lost 14-7 despite strong games from Russ Quartz, Brandon Raphael, Pat Riley, Bob Spade,

Mike Spatz, James Domalewski, Matt Ferro and Corey Lynch. Tyler Danielson scored Sayreville's only TD. The PeeWees lost 20-6 despite strong games from Jensen Senat, Steve Goldstein, Michael Pirigy, Scott Komenciewkz and Jesse Jedrusiak. Kevin O'Connor scored the Leprechauns' only TD. The Midgets lost 24-12, despite strong games from Mozart Prudent, Jonah Paul, Chris Matagrano, Joe Cioci and Aaron Payne. Kofi Genfi and Devin Holmes scored the two TDs for Sayreville.

The Sayreville Storm, a U10 boys' travel team, defeated the Lacey Predators 7-0. Diogo Roque and Joe Janela scored two goals each. Matt Kosko, John Silva and Ryan Ruzanski scored the additional goals. Greg Oriolo and Dean Zonkowski had fabulous defensive games, and Jake Ryan and Joe Janela shared a shutout tending goal. The Storm also had a 3-2 victory over the Toms River Kixx. Matt Kosko scored two goals, while Ariel Martinez scored a goal and Ryan Ruzanski had an assist. Andrew Presnal also had a solid offensive game with numerous shots on goal. Unfortunately the Storm suffered a 6-1 loss against the Wall Raiders, despite the tremendous efforts of Dean Zonkowski, who played solidly in offense and defense. The one goal was scored by Matt Kosko.

Behind the top three teams are New Brunswick (2-2), Bishop Ahr (1-0), J.F. Kennedy (0-3), South Plainfield (0-4) and Monroe (0-4).

The Falcons are another team that has played better than its record indicates and could get its first win Saturday night in North Brunswick. It will be a tough task for Monroe, considering the game is the finale for the Raiders' homecoming festivities, but the Falcons could catch a break if the Raiders are caught looking ahead to their Oct. 19 meeting with Carteret. Game time on Saturday is 8 p.m.

Division races

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In the GMC's White Division, it's Colonia (4-0) and Carteret (3-0) sitting at the top, with the North Brunswick Raiders looming just behind them at 3-1. Tomorrow night's game at Carteret could be a deciding factor in this division's championship race, as the Patriots come to town to try to further separate themselves from the rest of the field.

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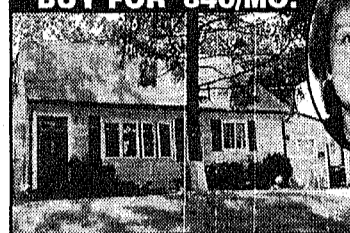

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MCRCC announces October event schedule

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- "Get the Pointers You Need to Close the Sale!" Oct. 4 from 8-10 a.m., Ramada Inn, Route 1, North Brunswick. Cost, which includes breakfast, is \$22 for members, \$28 at the door, and \$30 for nonmembers.

- "A Day in the Life of Middlesex County" general membership meeting Oct. 9 from 5-7:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers, and includes a buffet.

- Middlesex County Employer Legislative Committee program with Assembly Minority Leader Joseph Doria Jr. (D-31) Oct. 10 at 8 a.m. Admission, including breakfast, is \$20 for the event at the Sheraton Edison, 125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison.

- "Ignorance Is No Defense" human resource forum and dinner Oct. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters, One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick. Price is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

- "Fast Track Networking Group" meeting Oct. 19 at 8 a.m. at the Chamber at One Distribution Way, Monmouth Junction section of South Brunswick; free for members.

- A legislative reception Oct. 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Middlesex County Administration Building, JFK Square, New Brunswick. Program is free for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

- "Nonprofit Roundtable" Oct. 31 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the chamber office. There is no charge to attend the meeting.

Preregistration is required for all the above and may be done by calling the chamber at (732) 821-1700.

Fall RV show planned for Oct. 5-7 in Edison

The 13th annual Fall New Jersey RV (recreational vehicle) Show will take place from 1-10 p.m. on Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Oct. 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center, Edison.

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Business

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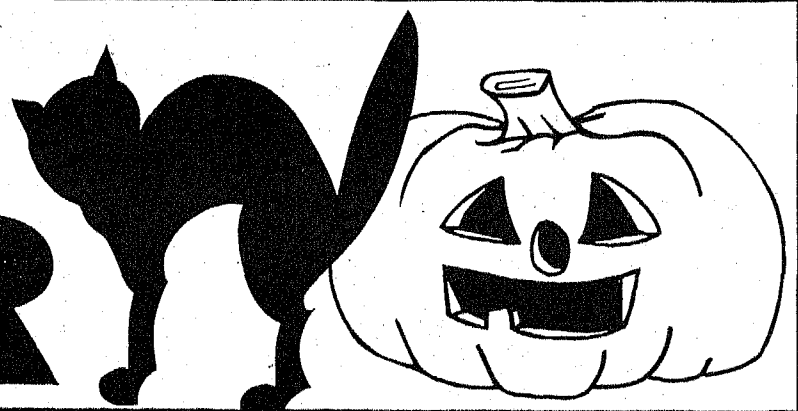
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| D Divorced | C Christian |
| H Hispanic | A Asian |
| W White | J Jewish |
| S Single | WW Widowed |
| P Professional | N/D Non-Drinker |
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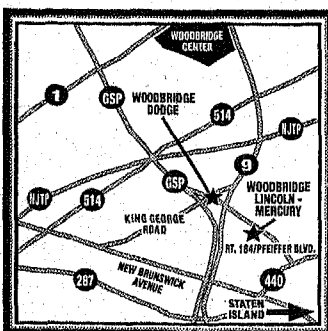
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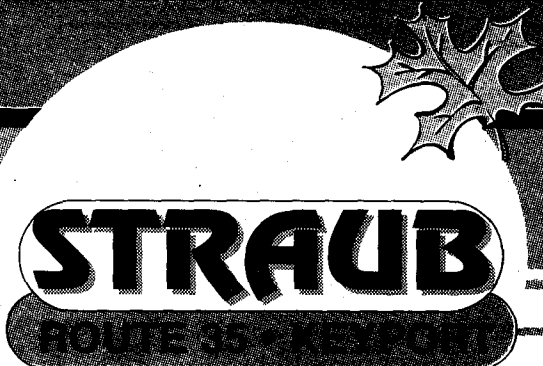
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