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Quote of the week:

"Sometimes it's simply the ability to listen that matters. We might be the first person to listen to them."

— Lori Olsen
Domestic Violence Response Team
Sayreville
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Keith Tier, 9, of Old Bridge, sails down the hill at Cheesequake State Park Jan. 28 after the region was blanketed with more snow.

Residents continue to battle cell tower plan

SERA willing to discuss alternative site with Verizon

BY JOLENE HART
Staff Writer

Residents' opposition to a cell tower proposed near their homes remained decisive during the company's Jan. 28 appearance before the Sayreville Zoning Board.

The board, which stayed in session for four hours to field public concerns and statements from officials, will hear further testimony on the Verizon Wireless proposal at its Feb. 25 meeting.

Verizon's proposal calls for a cellular tower to be constructed at the corner of Main Street and Schmitt Street as an addition to the existing Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L) utilities tower on the property. The tower would provide improved cellular service to the surrounding area of nearly a mile and a half, according to Verizon.

The applicant has come before the Zoning Board seeking variances for the tower's height and location and to use a site that is located in a residential zone. The tower would rise to a height of almost 128 feet, just inches above the maximum permitted height.

For residents who have taken issue with the tower's proximity to houses, however, height specifications are less of a concern.

"This town has an ordinance that you can't put a cell tower in a residential zone, and there's a reason for that," said Dawn Pucciarello, a Schmitt Street resident.

The meeting was attended by more than a dozen residents, many of whom reside on Schmitt, Main and Virginia streets.

The most common issues

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Rt. 35 redevelopment area will be discussed

Sr. housing, marina have been proposed for Sayreville site

BY JOLENE HART
Staff Writer

The public is invited to participate in a workshop next week on plans to redevelop the site of the Krome nightclub and a vacant former restaurant lot.

The Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency (SERA) will hold the public meeting at the Morgan Firehouse, Route 35, at 7 p.m. Feb. 12. A senior housing development has already been proposed for the current site of the Krome nightclub, which is adjacent to the firehouse.

According to SERA Executive Director Randy Corman, the group will hold the meeting at the firehouse for the convenience of the redevelopment area's neighbors. SERA's commissioners hope the neighbors will attend the meeting to voice questions and concerns about the proposed senior housing and the general idea of redevelopment in the Morgan section along Route 35.

According to Corman, SERA is nearing completion of a study on the entire redevelopment area, which includes the former site of the Robert E. Lee restaurant and the Krome property. SERA hopes to complete the assessment soon, at which time it will draw up a recommendation for use of the land.

"We will include the comments when we make our recommendation to the mayor and council," Corman said.

If the recommendation is approved, the proposals could go directly to the Planning Board for further approval, he said.

The senior housing plan, presented by Continental

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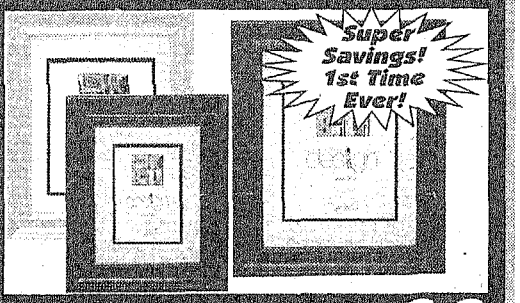
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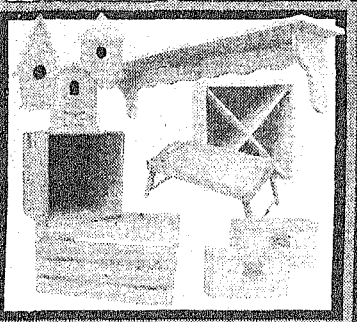
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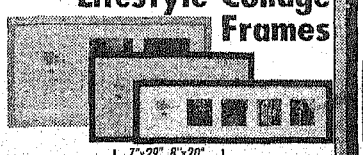
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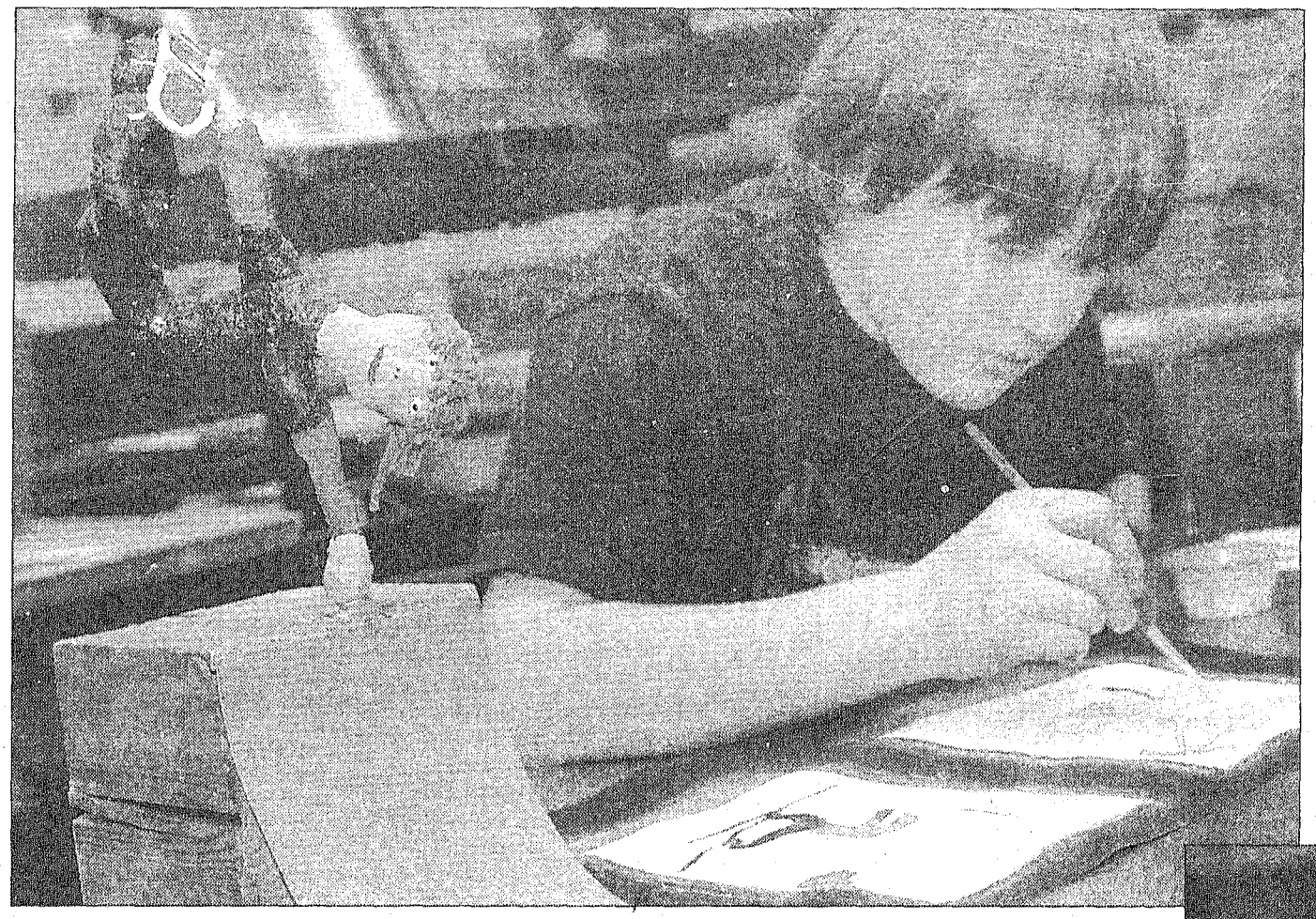
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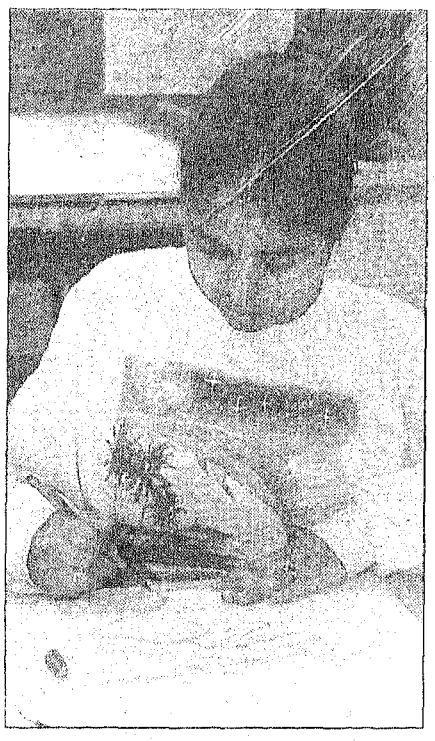
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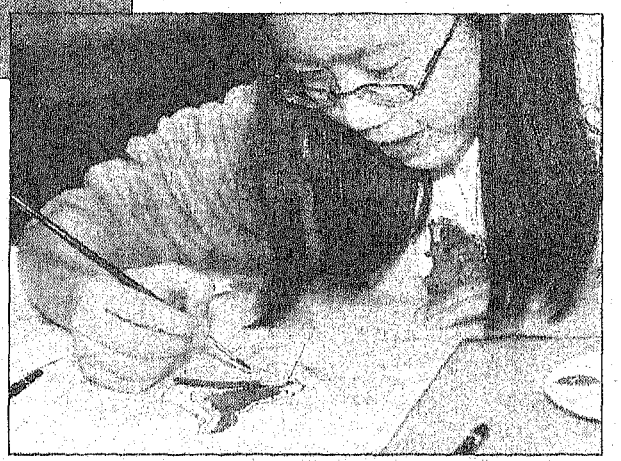


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Above, Tulsi Nehta, 12, works on a drawing last week at the Sandburg School. Left, Daniel Antonis, 14, works on a new project.

Young artists' works on display

Community dazzled by exhibit from students at Sandburg School



Kimberly Lin, 12, one of the artists whose pieces are on permanent display.

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — When Vicki Grasso, a Carl Sandburg Middle School art teacher, saw the works created by students in the school's Y-Art Club, she knew they had to be displayed prominently.

Grasso was aware her sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in the extracurricular club were skilled in various media including watercolor, pastels, acrylics, ink and pencil. She simply had not realized until then just how much artistic talent they had developed.



"Jazz Man" by Vik Singh



"Lusitania" by Patrick Garvey Mitchell

"I knew the work was too good not to be put up. I didn't expect the work to be as good as it was," Grasso said. "I knew it would be a disservice to keep it in my room."

Wanting to show other teachers, school administrators and the community at large the talents of her young students, Grasso began planning an exhibit to showcase the 40-plus paintings and drawings in the school's library.

Last spring, Grasso applied to the Old Bridge Educational Foundation for a $400 grant to pay for the framing of her students' two- and three-dimensional works. She received her total grant request. Supplemental funding came through the school PTA and other sources. Some of Grasso's colleagues at Sandburg donated frames.

"It was a collective effort," Grasso said. "The framing alone would have cost me over $400."

When school began in September, Grasso told the Y-Art Club members that their works, if aesthetically pleasing, could be chosen for a display before the winter holiday break. All fall, the art club students painted, drew and sketched for a chance at the wide recognition.

Meanwhile, Grasso and her colleagues in Sandburg's Related Arts Department, headed by Harry Brennan, pulled together the elements of an elegant gallery, even if the venue really was the school library.

Woodshop students, under the direction of teacher Doug Braunsdorf, made easels measuring 5 to 6 feet in height to display each piece. Draperies to cover each piece prior to its unveiling were created by students in Patti Kieffer's sewing class.

Tony Iorlano, who teaches mechanical drawing, handcrafted wooden frames to fit individual canvas pieces. Computer technology classes taught by Dorothy Tomaszewicz designed invitations on ivory stationery to be sent out to guests, including other art students, parents, faculty, board members and administrators.

Hors d'oeuvres and desserts, as promised on the invitation, were prepared by Georgia Silber's cooking classes.

When the exhibit opened on Dec. 11, visitors were also treated to the performance of a chamber music ensemble, courtesy of music teachers Alan Meeker and Lisa Nanton.

The visitors, especially Superintendent of Schools Nicole Okun, were dazzled. Like Grasso, she believed the works were too impressive, considering the age of the artists, to simply hang in a classroom.

"I was thrilled, as was the entire board and as were the children's parents and the community," Okun said.

Okun asked Grasso if any of the students would mind if the district put the work on permanent display in the hallways of the Daniel A. Torre Administration Building.

"I was amazed when Ms. Grasso called back and said 18 of her students wanted to contribute," Okun said.

Standing in one of the Torre building's hallways on Friday, Okun proudly pointed out the wall-mounted works, which number 19 in all. Some students have two or three works on display.

"It just adds so much to the entire building," Okun said.

Most of those works were created by seventh- and eighth-graders, though some belong to sixth-graders.

"It's a fair representation of the students," Grasso said.

The artists, who range in age from 11 to 14, were honored for their works and for participating in the December exhibit at a Jan. 20 Board of Education meeting. Each student spoke briefly about his or her work and was presented with a certificate of accomplishment from Okun and the board.

Grasso expects that her students now and in the future will be able to display their works in a gallery format in years to come. She is hoping to get another foundation grant later this year to put on a similar display at the school next December.

"My one hope is that it will grow in terms of quantity and attract more people," Grasso said.

"The foundation has been very generous," she noted.

Okun looks forward to another exhibit as well. While keeping the current gallery on the administration walls, she hopes to provide more space in the Torre building for other student artists to display their work on a rotating basis.

"The students were promised that their work would be on permanent display," she said. "We intend to honor that commitment."

Once the students are older, Okun hopes they will return to the Torre building, perhaps with their own children, to again view their middle school works.

"I really feel that Ms. Grasso, her students and her colleagues and the Old Bridge Educational Foundation should be commended for their creative and wonderful endeavor," Okun said.

The Old Bridge Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization that distributes grants for programs and equipment to teachers in the township's schools.

The students who participated in the gallery are Vik Singh, Karan Patel, Stephanie Hsu, Tulsi Mehta, Candice Liao, Kimberly Lin, Kelly Lee, Kristina Gonzalez, Tom Shek, Jeff Haberman, Patrick Garvey Mitchell, Andrew Somma, Sally Cantorino, Megan Daly and Daniel Antonis.

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Township man injured in rush-hour accident

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — A township man is recovering from injuries he sustained in an accident on Route 9 during Monday morning's rush hour.

The accident victim had to be extricated from his 2001 Ford Explorer after the sport utility vehicle (SUV) ran off the highway and hit a sign and a tree along the side of the road.

Police reports indicate that a 1996 Chrysler driven by Todd M. Smith, 37, of Woodview Drive, Old Bridge, and the Explorer driven by Ronald Valavor, 52, of Dumas Road, were headed north on Route 9 near Phillips Drive at about 6 a.m. Monday.

The two vehicles collided when both attempted to enter the three-lane highway's center lane at the same point and time, police reported.

The impact caused Valavor's vehicle to leave the highway and hit a street sign on the side of the road, police said. After striking the sign, the Explorer continued on its path and stopped when it hit a tree on the lawn of the Verizon office building located near the intersection.

Valavor was later extricated from his vehicle by members of the Cheesequake Volunteer Fire Co. He was transported by Rural Metro Ambulance Service to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. At press time, Valavor was reported to be in fair condition, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

No charges were filed against either driver in the collision, which remains under investigation, according to Lt. Robert Weiss and Sgt. Eugene Regan of the Old Bridge police.

'Happy Presidents Day' planned at O.B. Library

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 12 for "Happy Presidents Day," a youth program set for 4 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Old Bridge Public Library Main Branch, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

Participants in the program, which is open to youngsters in kindergarten-third grade, will learn interesting facts about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, make a log cabin craft that will include a shiny Lincoln penny and listen to a story that explains why Lincoln grew a beard.

Library card number will be required at registration. For more information, call (732) 721-5600, ext. 5028.

Education panel seeks show crafters, vendors

The Milltown Education Foundation is seeking crafters and vendors for a craft show planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 24 at Joyce Kilmer School, 21 W. Church St., Milltown. For more information and to reserve, call Kathy at (732) 828-8169. Application deadline is April 9.

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State investigation involves township employees

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — The state attorney general has subpoenaed more than five years' worth of paperwork for five employees in the township's Engineering and Construction departments.

While the action appears to be part of an investigation into the activities of those offices, spokesmen for both the attorney general's Division of Criminal Justice and the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA) yesterday refused to disclose the reasons for the action.

John Hagerty, a spokesman for the state attorney general's Division of Criminal Justice, said his division would "neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation" in Old Bridge.

However, a copy of the subpoena, dated Jan. 28 and signed by Assistant Attorney General Andrew L. Rossner, demanded that the township clerk's office submit documents — including department correspondence, canceled payroll checks and records of any gifts or in-kind donations given to any township employee — to a state grand jury in Trenton on Feb. 24.

The subpoena document, as obtained yesterday from the township clerk's office by the Suburban, asks for all records dating back to Jan. 1, 1999, and relative to Township Engineer John Vincente, Construction Official Ronald Concannon, building sub-code officials John D. Amabile and Barry C. Bowers, and Engineering Department Secretary Mary Chin.

Specifically, the subpoena requests records "relating in any way to contracts or agreements for construction, including but not limited to bidders' lists, bid tabulation or summary sheets, change order requests, change orders, and advertisements or solicitations for bids."

The state attorney general is also seeking the five employees' records of any communication, contacts, meetings and correspondence with any construction contractor or subcontractor.

In addition, the subpoena asks for copies of each of the five employees' original "application for employment, payroll and salary documents, electronic transfer or direct-deposit banking information, canceled payroll checks, job assignment and duties, grievance files and disciplinary proceedings."

Finally, records relating in any way to a "gift, payment, benefit or thing of value of any kind provided directly or indirectly to any Old Bridge Township employee" are also to be released by the township clerk's office to the attorney general.

E.J. Miranda, a spokesman for the DCA, would not disclose if his office had any role in the issuance of the subpoena. Miranda would also not comment as to whether the investigation would focus on one or more of the five employees. He referred those questions to the state attorney general's office.

In 1999, the DCA fined Concannon $1,800 after the construction officer reportedly issued building permits to construction firms owned by his son and brother, Miranda confirmed. Concannon appealed the DCA penalty, but later paid it after it was upheld by an administrative law judge, Miranda added.

The subpoena itself was received in the township clerk's office Friday afternoon, according to Old Bridge Mayor Jim Phillips, who learned of the attorney general's order himself the same day.

Phillips said the township will cooperate with state investigators in every way possible.

"We will make sure that the state gets every document that they want and leaves no stone unturned," Phillips said.

Having only been mayor since Jan. 1, Phillips indicated that he was unaware that the state was probing the activities of the township's Engineering and Construction departments.

Once the mayor learned of the state investigation last Friday, he asked Township Attorney William Ruggierio to brief the Township Council on the matter. Ruggierio, in turn, advised the council during the closed session of Monday night's agenda meeting, Phillips noted.

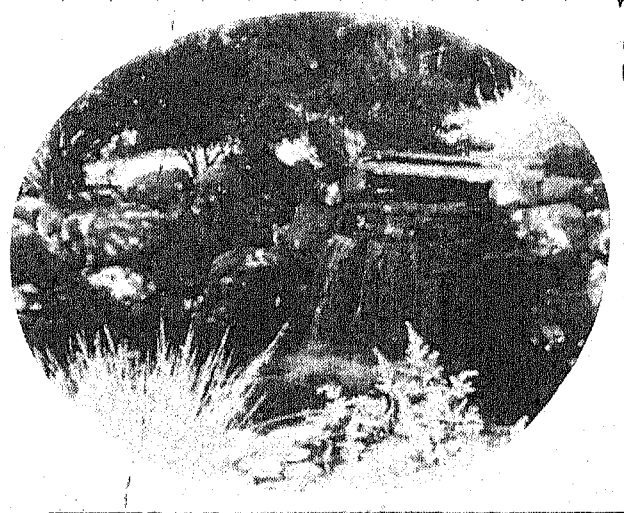
A reporter's calls to the township offices of Vincente, Concannon and Amabile seeking comment were not returned at press time yesterday.

Some of the requested information predates Vincente's tenure with the municipality. Vincente was hired as township engineer on Jan. 1, 2002.

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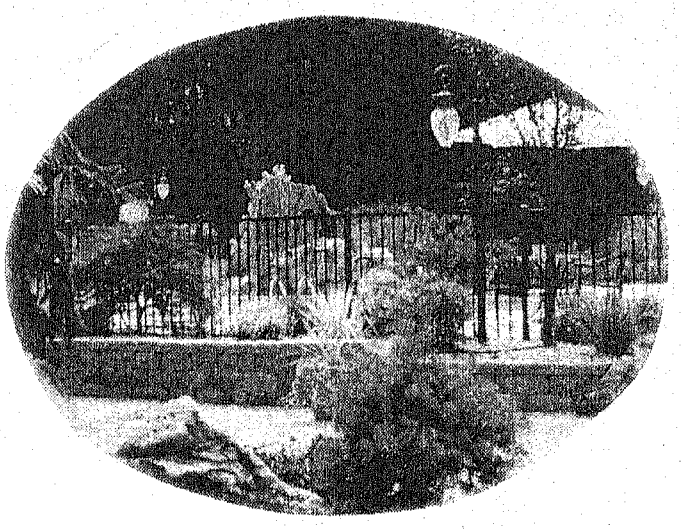


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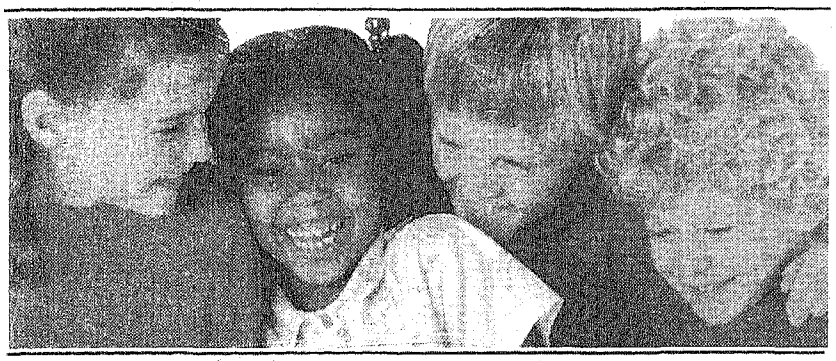
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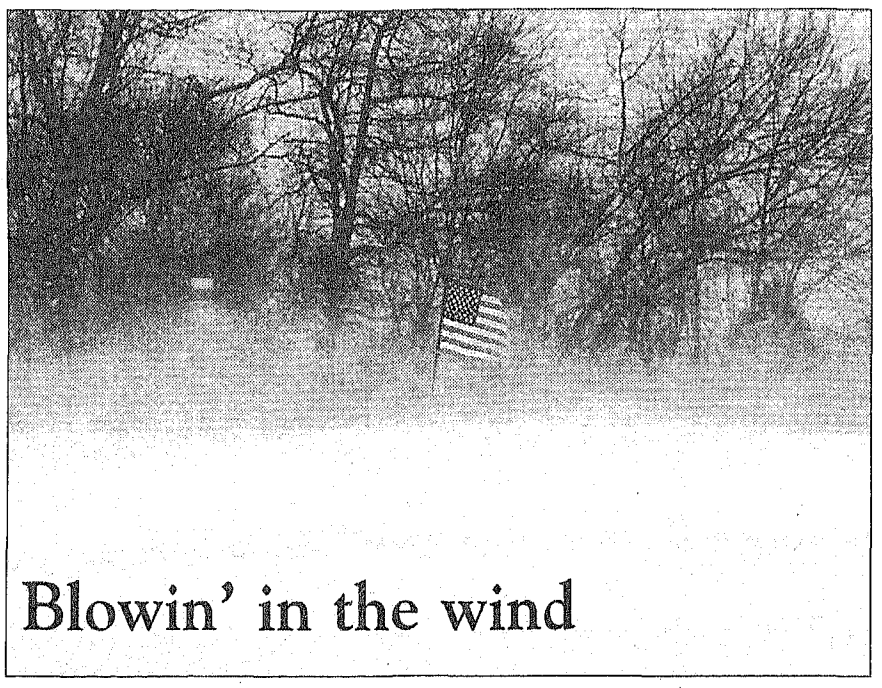
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Community Bulletin Board

Valentine card youth program set at library

The Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, will host a "Homemade Valentine's Day Card" program, open to children age 5 and up, at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 12.

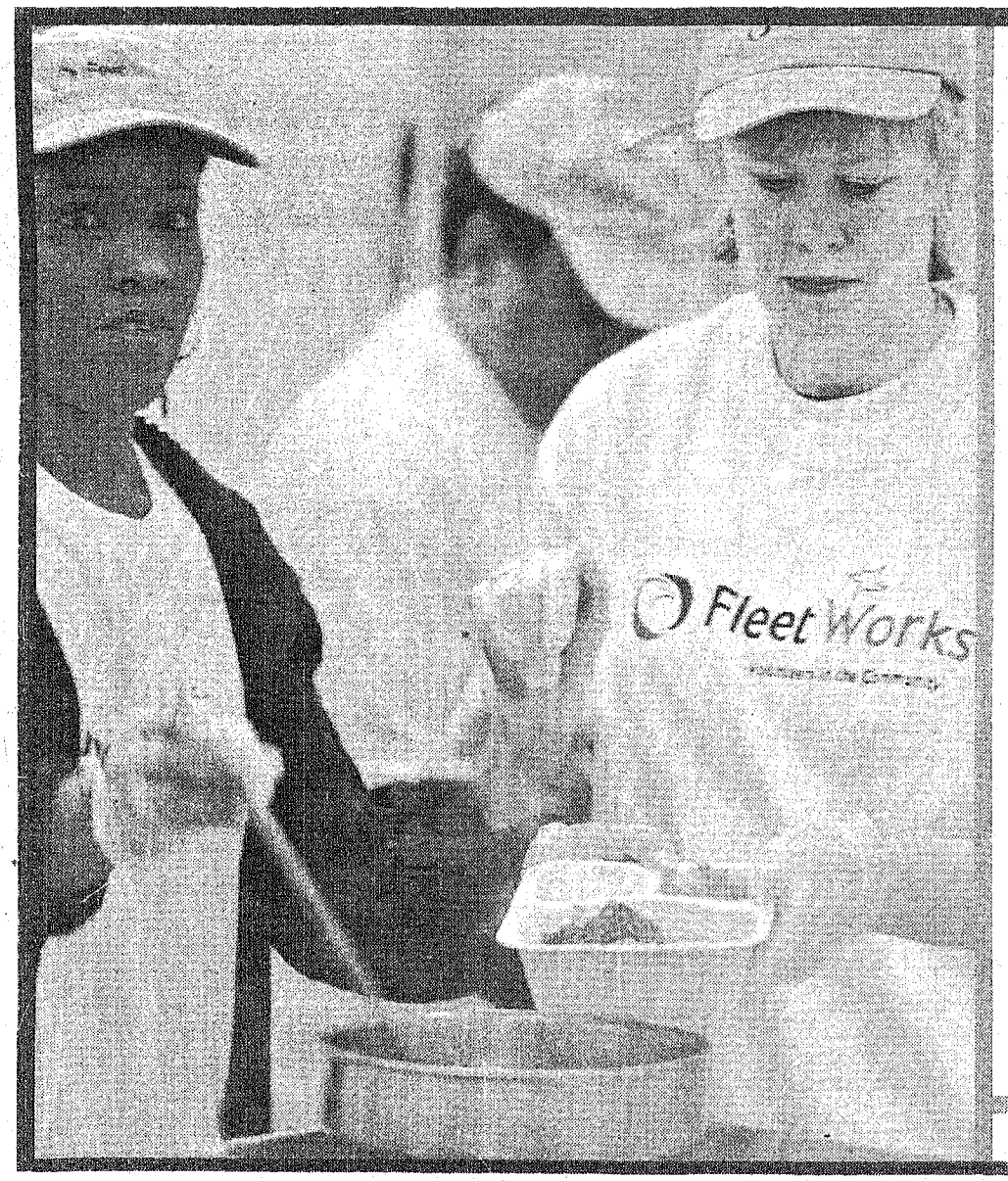
To participate, parents or caregivers must bring their Sayreville Library card. Admission will be on a first-come basis. A maximum of 25 children will be admitted to the program.

For more information, call the library at (732) 727-0212, ext. 5.

O.B. Library trustees plan Feb. 11 meeting

The Old Bridge Library board of trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 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 that come before the board.



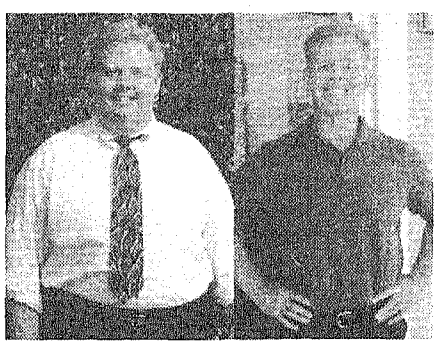
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Amy Cleff-Holic kicked her smoking habit last year. "I had tried patches, gum, hypnosis seminars, and acupuncture. Nothing worked. I always started smoking again." After being hypnotized with the Positive Changes method, Cleff-Holic has different story to tell. "I didn't have any urge or desire to smoke after the first day. Positive Changes is the only thing that worked."



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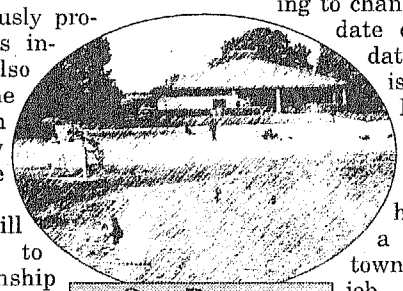
Council votes to allow attorney outside work

Councilwoman: Action undermines voters' decision in '98 election

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — A new in-house attorney, when hired by the township, will now be allowed to maintain a limited private practice separate from municipal government.

By an 8-1 decision last week, the Township Council voted to amend an ordinance that previously prohibited the township's in-house attorney, also called the director of the legal department, from practicing privately outside of Old Bridge government.


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The amendment will allow the successor to departing Township Attorney William Ruggierio to serve a small base of clients, providing that those clients have no business dealings with Old Bridge Township.

Ruggierio, township attorney since 1992, announced last week that he will leave his post in Old Bridge on March 3 to become business administrator in Mount Olive, Morris County.

Mayor Jim Phillips, who took office Jan. 1, had asked the council to change the existing ordinance as a means of encouraging qualified attorneys in private practice to apply for the township job. Some prospective candidates might hesitate to seek the township job, he said, given the terms of the older ordinance.

"If this ordinance is changed, it would allow the township attorney to have other sources of income other than the Township of Old Bridge," Phillips said before the vote Jan. 26.

However, Ward 6 Councilwoman Lucille Panos, who would cast the sole dissenting vote, accused Phillips of trying to change the law to accommodate one prospective candidate, Jerome Convery, who is attorney for the Old Bridge Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Phillips has publicly stated that he favors hiring Convery, who has a private practice in the township, for the in-house job.

"You're limiting this [search] to one person," Panos told Phillips. She called the amendment "tailor-made" to suit Convery.

Phillips stood his ground, defending Convery's previous experience as township attorney under former Mayor Russell Azzarello, the last Democratic mayor before Phillips. Convery has also served as an assistant Middlesex County prosecutor and has been recognized as an expert in land use law, Phillips added.

Convery is also the Planning Board attorney in neighboring Monroe Township.

Panos' Republican colleague, Ward 5 Councilman Richard Greene, indicated that he would support the change so long as the new attorney would be accessible to council members and work full-time for the township.

"I want an attorney that I can contact during the day and get an answer," Greene said. "I will not support a situation where we don't have a full-time attorney."

The new attorney should also be prohibited from conducting any business related to an outside practice on township time, Greene said.

Phillips has maintained that he will not resort to using an outside law firm due to the possible expenses associated with that practice.

The previous ordinance requiring an in-house attorney with the township as the sole client was crafted under the administration of former Mayor Barbara Cannon. Cannon, a Republican, hired Ruggierio and established the in-house attorney's office to hold the line on the township's then-soaring legal expenses.

In 1998, voters elected to retain the in-house attorney in a public ballot question, despite the efforts of a Democrat-controlled council to abolish that office. Panos has pointed to that referendum and previously argued that the new amendment will undermine the will of the voters who supported that referendum.

Phillips said this week he can appoint a new attorney as soon as 20 days after the Jan. 26 date on which the ordinance was adopted. The Township Council will have to approve the appointment.

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Attempt for deeper ban on 'pay-to-play' denied

Council votes 5-3 against ordinance proposed by GOP

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — A Republican councilman's attempt to resurrect a pay-to-play law left hanging by the previous Township Council has failed to win favor with the current Democratic majority.

With eight members present at Monday night's agenda session, the council voted 5-3 against putting the ordinance up for a first reading at the next public meeting.

Asking his fellow council members to help make Old Bridge a noteworthy example for other New Jersey communities, Ward 5 Councilman Richard Greene recommended that the ordinance be placed on the list of action items for this Monday's public meeting.

However, two Democratic councilmen who cast opposing votes maintained that such campaign finance reform should begin at the state, rather than the local level. One of those officials, Councilman Edward Testino, warned that approving such an ordinance could create difficulties for the township in finding qualified contractors to perform municipal work.

The proposed ordinance, which the previous council had tabled in April 2003, limits campaign contributions to municipal and county political organizations by private sector contractors seeking to do business in Old Bridge to a maximum of $500 per calendar year.

If the council were to approve such an ordinance, any "professional business entity" that contributed more than $500 to any municipal or county political committee would be prohibited from receiving contract work in the township.

Prompted in part by an executive order issued on Jan. 6 by Democratic Mayor Jim Phillips that revised parts of the township's existing pay-to-play regulations, Greene focused on the need to rein in private-sector campaign money to county political committees.


Richard Greene

Phillips effectively revised a portion of the original executive order that prohibited any contractor who had contributed more than $500 to any county or state party committee from doing business in Old Bridge.

That portion and the balance of the original executive order banning pay-to-play was issued by Phillips' Republican predecessor, Mayor Barbara Cannon, in June.

In contrast, Cannon's executive order had prohibited the awarding of township contracts to any business that had given

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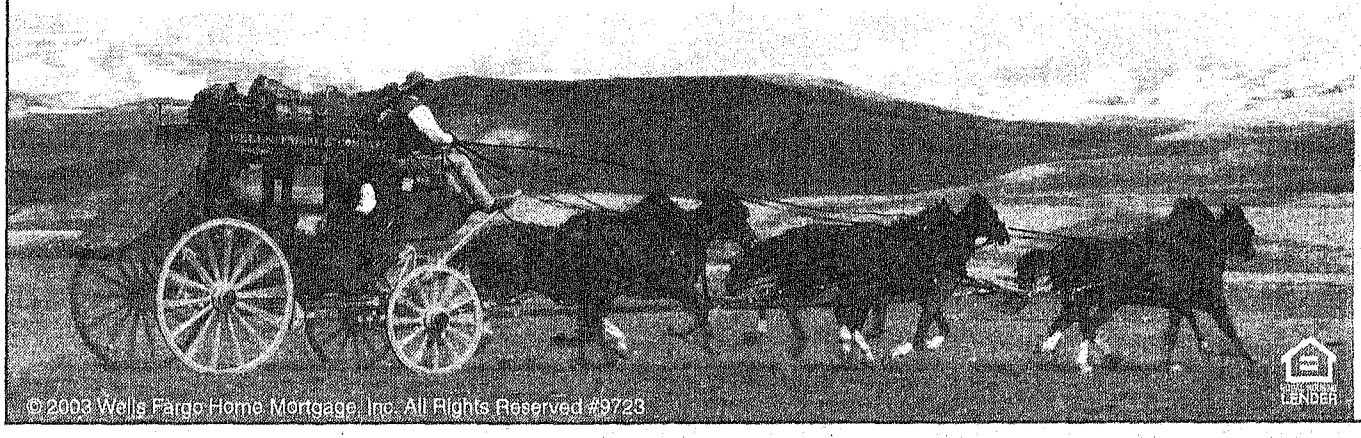
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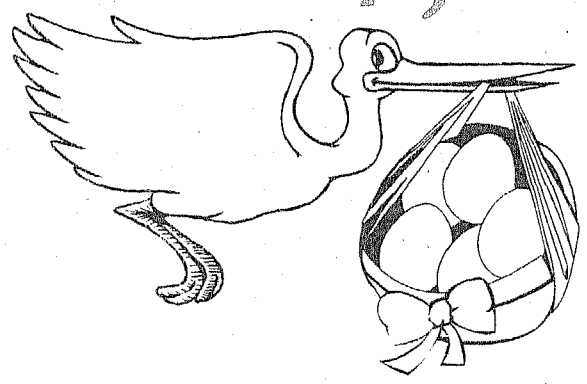
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Redevelopment

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Properties in October, is one possible renewed use for the 29-acre site that is now home to Krome.

Under the $75 million construction proposal from Continental Properties, the property would hold a housing complex, named Marina Bayview, with one- and two-bedroom units. A marina with 50 slips available for rent by residents, who would be age 55 and over, would also be available in the complex.

Each unit would be 1,600 square feet and could cost approximately $250,000.

The housing complex would be situated on a descending tract of land that lies lower than the adjacent Route 35. The site is currently zoned for commercial and marina use.

A restaurant, marina or ferry slip have been discussed for the Robert E. Lee site, which contains 7 acres of waterfront property.

Cell tower

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broached during the public portion of the meeting dealt with the personal safety of residents. Many were concerned with the possibility of health complications resulting from the location of the tower.

"It would be less than four car lengths from the nearest residence," Pucciarello said.

With the criticism mounting, representatives for Verizon have tried to develop more flexible, less intrusive options for the tower.

One alternate site, atop a borough water tower, was deemed impractical because it would interfere with existing service. Another option was the installation of the tower on a utilities tower in a nonresidential area across Main Street from the site originally proposed. This location is set back at a distance from the residential zone, in a clay pit that is owned by the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency (SERA), said Randy Corman, executive director of the agency.

Verizon's attorney, Richard Stanzione, told the Zoning Board that this option was rejected because SERA requested $25,000 from JCP&L for use of the property, a deal that Verizon found to be unreasonable.

According to Corman, SERA has had no contact with Verizon concerning the use of the property.

"Verizon has never, ever dealt directly with SERA," he said.

Corman explained that all discussions have been with JCP&L, a division of First Energy Corp., which operates a utilities tower on SERA's land.

Mention of a cell tower on the property originated in March 2001, when First Energy, then called GPU, approached SERA with Sprint's interest in the site. GPU offered SERA a one-time payment of $4,000, said Corman. The offers had increased to an annual payment of $6,000 by December 2002, though the negotiations were terminated by GPU later that month.

JCP&L has an easement to service its tower but does not own the land and, therefore, would not receive compensation for use of the site, Corman said. He felt that in dealing with Verizon, JCP&L might be hoping for a portion of the funds.

"The use of the JCP&L tower is restricted to a narrow purpose — transmitting electricity," said Corman.

"We checked into it and found that a typical cell tower contract is $25,000," he said, explaining SERA's price quote.

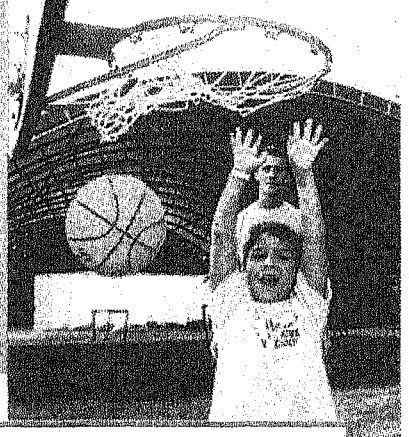
"If Verizon wants to deal directly with SERA, I'm sure that our commissioners would be willing to discuss this," said Corman.

The applicant also mentioned additional towers that may be proposed for other locations within the borough and on land that borders South River, according to Pucciarello.

The Main Street proposal will remain on hold until the Zoning Board reconvenes the hearing on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

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Burglary may be linked to attempted break-in

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — Police are looking for possible links between an overnight burglary of an Englishtown Road pizzeria and the attempted burglary of a delicatessen located in the same shopping center.

The pizzeria and deli, both located at the Patriot's Plaza shopping center, Englishtown Road, appear to have been targeted within the same time frame, according to Lt. Robert Weiss of the Old Bridge Police Department.

"We're investigating whether or not these incidents are possibly related," Weiss said on Tuesday.

Police first responded to reports of the attempted burglary at the Pick-It-Deli at 12:44 a.m. Saturday. Upon arrival, police spoke with the store owner, who reported seeing a light-colored vehicle pull up next to her business. The witness told police that a male had then exited the vehicle, stood on its hood and tried to push a window air-conditioning unit into the delicatessen in an apparent attempt to gain entry.

Seemingly unable to push the air conditioner inside, the suspect reportedly then walked to the back of the shopping plaza and tried unsuccessfully to open the rear door of the deli.

The suspect also covered a visible surveillance camera with the black wool cap he was wearing before he tried to open the rear door, the witness reportedly told police. Police investigating the scene found the wool cap covering the camera.

The suspect went back to the vehicle and drove off toward Englishtown Road northbound.

The store owner was also unable to further describe the suspect, and the surveillance camera was not operating at the time of the incident, police reported.

On Saturday morning, police investigated reports that a suspect had entered Giovanni's Pizza overnight and removed more than 50 packs of cigarettes, with a total value of over $500, from a store display case.

Police reports indicate that the break-in at the pizzeria occurred sometime between 11 p.m. on Friday and 9:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Assorted coins left inside an open cash register prior to the pizzeria's closing were also reported missing by the store owner.

Police investigating the pizzeria's interior found that several coolers and refrigerators appeared to have been opened and rummaged through. A deadbolt lock on the store's rear door was also broken, according to police.

The Police Department's Juvenile Bureau has been advised of the incidents, since the pizzeria owner reportedly told police he had seen four juveniles standing behind the shopping center at about 11 p.m. on Friday when he was leaving his business for the night.

Both cases remain under investigation, Weiss said.



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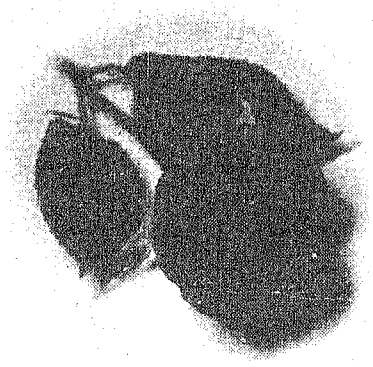
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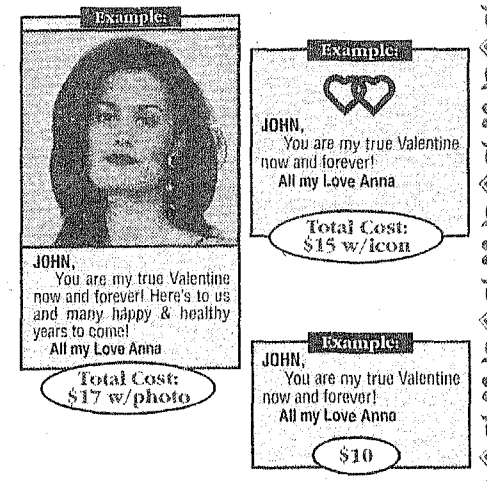


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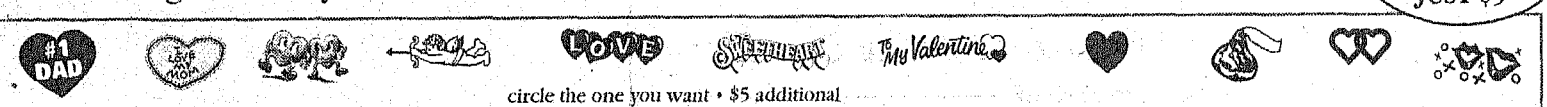
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Wisniewski takes on new leadership role

Sayreville resident will also chair transportation panel

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Wisniewski, a Democrat representing the 19th Legislative District, has also been reappointed as chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

"Under the leadership of Speaker Albio Sires, the Assembly Democratic Caucus has tackled a variety of problems including auto insurance reform, a comprehensive overhaul of the state's motor vehicle licensing agency and a merger of the state's two largest toll roads," Wisniewski said in a press release. "It will be an honor to serve as deputy speaker and work with the Assembly leadership to put forth a legislative agenda that will continue to improve the quality of life for working families."

Speaker Albio Sires (D-Hudson) praised Wisniewski for his knowledge regarding transportation issues and challenges facing New Jersey, saying he "has been a leading voice on transportation policy for Assembly Democrats during his tenure in the state Legislature."

Throughout the spring of 2002, Wisniewski chaired extensive hearings regarding oversight breakdowns on the E-ZPass electronic toll-collection system.

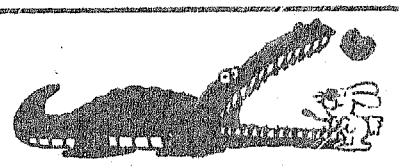
The Transportation Committee also is responsible for monitoring all segments of state transportation, including bridge and highway construction, motor vehicle inspections, expansion of light-rail train systems, and management of the toll road authorities.

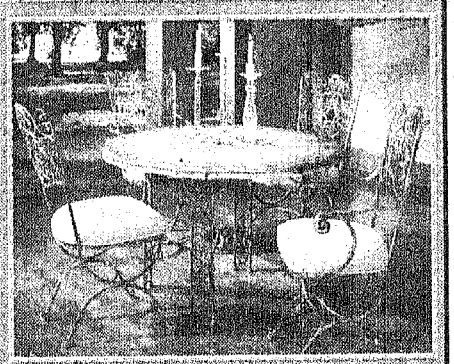
"New Jersey is the most congested state in the country, and this presents enormous challenges in terms of constructing transportation policy," Wisniewski said. "In addition to the highways that need to be repaved and the bridges that need to be rebuilt, we need to renew our commitment to mass transportation in our state."

Wisniewski will additionally serve on the new Assembly Federal Relations Committee.

"There is an inescapable correlation between actions taken on the federal level and our ability to provide services and programs for residents," the assemblyman said. "More importantly, we need to make certain that we receive our fair share from Washington to ensure that our state's economy is not negatively impacted by national policy."

Wisniewski, who is also chairman of Sayreville's Democratic Party, was first elected to represent the 19th District in 1995 and is serving his fifth term in the Assembly. He is also a partner in Ronan, Tuzzio and Gianonne, a law firm with offices in Tinton Falls and Sayreville.

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OPINION

Residents unnecessarily forced into battle mode

Are there long-term health risks for people who live near cell towers? That's the question residents often ask when they find out a cell tower has been proposed near their home.

Of course, the only one answering that question at hearings before a land use board is usually the cell phone company. Representatives seeking a tower will testify that there is no evidence of health risks. And they also remind the board that fear of health risks is not a permitted reason for rejecting a cell tower application.

Residents, if unwilling either to resign themselves to their new monopole neighbor or to pick up their family and move, in some cases will fight — at times with success — to stop a cell tower application or see that the tower is located elsewhere.

A group of Old Bridge residents are currently battling a tower proposal on Route 34, several hundred feet from their homes. The neighbors have done plenty of research in gearing up for the ongoing battle before the township's Zoning Board of Adjustment. The group plans to present the results of its research at an upcoming hearing. The residents will cite research they believe shows that radio frequency radiation emanating from a cell tower can cause potentially deadly diseases and chronic conditions. Effects, according to the evidence they plan to present, can range from cancer to sleep disturbances.

Representatives of the cell companies will have their chance to respond to such evidence, but it is a shame that anyone would have to fight for what they fear is their own health, and their children's health, all for the sake of filling gaps in cell phone service, especially when several towers already exist and can be shared.

If only because they have not been around long enough for us to have seen what, if any, long-term effects exist, cell towers should always be located away from residential areas, and they should be built on public lands, so that the community retains not only some control over the cell tower but also benefits from rent paid by the cellular companies.

In Sayreville, residents are fighting a proposal for a cell tower at Main and Schmitt streets, a site that is less than 100 feet from some residences. The group of residents is disturbed that a tower has been proposed for a site that is zoned for residential use. There must be a better alternative site, they figure, and they're probably right.

One possible alternative is on land owned by the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency (SERA). There have reportedly been discussions about placing a tower on SERA-owned property not far from Main Street, away from a residential zone, but negotiations failed.

According to a SERA official, the current cell tower applicant, Verizon Wireless, has never approached the redevelopment agency directly on the issue of building a tower, but can do so at any time. We recommend that Verizon pursue that path — the alternative is not exactly being embraced in this community.

Who could blame residents for wanting to keep out something that they fear; something that they never would have guessed would be proposed nearby, especially on a site zoned as residential?

Perhaps it's time for our local officials to become more proactive in this process by working with cell phone companies to guide them toward locations that are more amenable and even mutually beneficial.



For the Record

Robert Goscinski, 22, who was involved in a car accident on Bordentown Avenue in Sayreville Jan. 18, was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Ileana Deleon. Goscinski was the only passenger in that vehicle, which was struck by a car whose driver was charged with drunken driving. The information about the car in which Goscinski was a passenger was incorrect in a Jan. 22 article.

Baseball fields located on property known as the Runyon Watershed, Route 516 in Old Bridge, are used by the Old Bridge Little League, and not by the Sayrewood South Little League, as was reported in a story in the Jan. 22 issue of the Suburban.

Letters

Survivor urges others 'Go Red for Women' Feb. 6

Did you know a woman is 10 times as likely to die from heart disease as from breast cancer? Cardiovascular diseases kill more than 505,000 American females every year — more than cancer, chronic lung disease, pneumonia, diabetes, accidents and AIDS combined.

As a Middlesex County resident, county clerk of Middlesex County, an American Heart Association volunteer and survivor of three heart surgeries, I urge all women, businesses, towns, and people from all walks of life to "Go Red for Women" Feb. 6. The American Heart Association has declared Feb. 6 as National Wear Red Day for Women to bring attention to heart disease and stroke in women. Nearly 15,500 N.J. females die annually from heart disease and stroke — the No. 1 and No. 3 killers of N.J. females.

The American Heart Association's new "Go Red for Women" campaign will be officially unveiled during February, American Heart Month, and will invite women to take charge of their heart health, make it a top priority and live a stronger, longer life. The bold color red will be the American Heart Association's color for women and heart disease, and Feb. 6 women and people from all walks of life and cities across the nation will "Go Red for Women."

My first heart surgery took place at age 20 when I had surgery to repair a hole in my heart. At age 33, I had another heart surgery procedure, and finally in June 1999, I had a third heart surgery to replace a heart valve with an artificial valve.

As a New Jersey survivor and American Heart Association "Go Red for Women" spokeswoman, I encourage everyone, but especially women, to wear something red — a red dress, shirt, scarf, jacket, hat or other item — Feb. 6 in support of all women who have been touched by heart disease or stroke.

It is time for New Jersey women to take charge of their cardiovascular health by becoming more knowledgeable. Help fight the No. 1 killer of women age 25 and older by going red Feb. 6. Learn more about the American Heart Association's campaign by calling the association at 1-888-694-3278.

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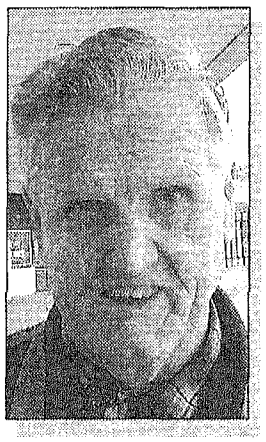
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Word on the Street

Who do you favor as the candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination?



John Kerry. The way he talks, I agree with what he says.

— Charles Dzielinski
South River



I'm Republican, so I really don't care right now.

— Benjamin Alicea
Monroe

No one. I haven't been following it because it's a circus, and I don't feel like participating. When it filters down, then I'll make my choice.

— David Zimel
Oakhurst



I don't like any of the candidates because all the Democrats are pro-abortion.

— Rosanda Grau
Sayreville



Letters

Defibrillators are needed in schools, health clubs

As a certified athletic trainer at East Brunswick High School, licensed by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, I have worked for the past two years to obtain three automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for the high school building.

I am a concerned health care provider who has thousands of people, both young and old, attend athletic events on school grounds throughout the year. There are also hundreds of teachers and students in my building every day.

As chairman of the East Brunswick Township mayor's committee to advance the use of AEDs, I am trying to persuade individuals and businesses in the township to also provide AEDs in their workplaces.

Approximately 350,000 adults and 7,000 young people suffer sudden cardiac arrests each year in this country. Everywhere there are large gatherings of people, there should be public phones, fire extinguishers and AEDs.

As a state, we are sorely lacking in public access defibrillation programs. There is currently a bill (S1106) in the New Jersey Senate Health Committee requiring health clubs to have an AED and trained staff on the premises whenever they open their doors to the public.

Two of the nation's largest exercise facility giants are in East Brunswick. I belong to one of them. As I work out, I look at people around me and think "possible victim — possible victim, most definitely," and I review my cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training in my head.

You can't put a price on someone's life, and we shouldn't allow lawyers and health club executives to make this decision. Lawsuits accounting for millions of dollars have already been settled nationwide against health clubs for failing to provide emergency care following tragic incidences. It is inexcusable for any profit-making company to open its doors, provide the equipment for people to exercise (and tax their unexamined cardiac systems) without providing lifesaving steps to react in the event of tragic sudden cardiac arrests.

The national average for emergency medical service (EMS) arrival is 8-12 minutes. Unfortunately, every minute past the first four minutes lowers the victim's chance of surviving by 10 percent. Do the math. An 8-minute arrival time means this person has already lost 40 percent of the chance to go home after his or her workout at the gym.

I urge everyone to contact their local state senator's office and tell him or her that S1106 should be pushed through committee, onto the floor for a vote and onto Gov. James McGreevey's desk for his signature.

Phil Hossler
East Brunswick

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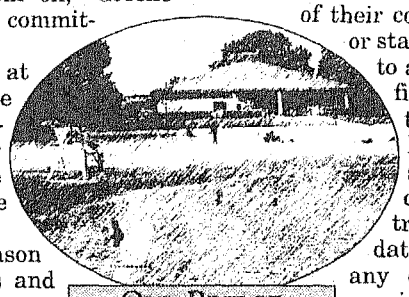
Pay to play

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more than $500 to any municipal, county or state party committee within one calendar year.

Not limiting the amounts that contractors could give to a county political party sets up a situation where contractor funds can be legally funneled to municipal campaigns, Greene said. He said such an arrangement creates an uneven playing field between candidates vying for office when one county political party can end up with more contractor funding than an opposing party.

"You have a situation where you have a bagman collecting donations for a candidate and passing them on," Greene said of county political committees.



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Allowing pay-to-play at any level, as well as the awarding of no-bid contracts, results in higher property taxes and more overdevelopment in the long run, Greene said.

"Pay-to-play is the reason why we pay more taxes and [for] what is happening in our towns with development," Greene said.

Developers who contribute to a candidate expect to be awarded with no-bid contracts once a candidate wins election and gets in office, he explained.

"[Pay-to-play] is costing the residents of this township money," said Greene, who lost November's mayoral election to Phillips.

Ward 6 Councilwoman Lucille Panos, Greene's sole Republican colleague on the council, described the revived ordinance as a "compromise" between the executive orders issued by the two mayors. Rejection of pay-to-play legislation at the state level should not prevent Old Bridge from taking the initiative, Panos said.

"We can start at home," Panos said.

Ward 4 Councilman G. Kevin Calogera, a Democrat, voted with Greene and Panos to move the issue forward despite a desire to explore its long-term ramifications.

Ideally, action would come at the state level, Calogera agreed, but noted his support of regulating contributions from contractors working in Old Bridge.

"I would like to take a little more time to deal with this," Calogera said. "But I will vote to move this up."

Testino, however, cited the difficulties reported last month by Acting Business Administrator Himanshu Shah in trying to recruit a bond counsel that would qualify under the pay-to-play regulations issued by Cannon.

The suggested ordinance could create similar difficulties leading to a need to modify the law, he said.

"Every time we run into a situation, we're going to need to change this," Testino said.

Councilman Dennis Maher also advised the council to see how the state or federal government moves to reform campaign financing before trying to act on it at the local level. State and federal government should set the standard for local governments, he noted.

"I applaud Rich Greene's effort to make Old Bridge a trendsetter," he said, "but it has to be done from the top down, not from the bottom up."

Allowing the township to award contracts to businesses despite the amount of their contributions to county or state parties is necessary to attract the most qualified candidates for contract work, Phillips has said. Old Bridge should not have to consider what a contractor gave to a candidate running for office in any of the state's other municipalities, he stressed.

"My only concern is what people have contributed to candidates in Old Bridge," Phillips said Tuesday.

Until pay-to-play reforms are enacted at the state level, Old Bridge will deal with contributions to its own mayoral and council elections, the mayor said.

"Until that happens, the people of Old Bridge should be assured that we have very tough pay-to-play regulations," Phillips said.

Both Cannon's and Phillips' executive orders restrict monetary contributions to any mayoral or council candidate in Old Bridge by any "professional business entity" to $400 annually.

Phillips' order also limits a contractor's yearly contributions to any municipal political party to $400 as well, a $100 decrease from the $500 allowed under Cannon's order.

Pay-to-play refers to the practice exercised by some contractors, including engineering, accounting, legal and other professional firms, who contribute large sums of money to a political candidate or party in exchange for lucrative no-bid contracts.

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Prizes will include gift baskets, sporting goods, collectibles, toys, jewelry and more. There will be a musical performance by the Sayreville Singers.

Admission is $5 and includes one card, coffee, tea and dessert. Additional cards will be available at the door. Children under age 14 will not be admitted. Space is limited. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Snow date is Feb. 27.

For more information and tickets, call Rose Rapach at (732) 390-4595.

Cheesequake to offer Feb. 8 Big Tree Hike

A Big Tree Hike will begin at 1 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Cheesequake State Park Interpretive Center, 300 Gordon Road, Old Bridge.

Participants in the 90-minute hike will learn about the trees that flourish in Cheesequake. There will be a stop to see the largest white oak tree in the park. The program is open to ages 10 and up.

For more information, call James Faczak at (732) 566-3208.

Christopher Dean Band will appear in concert

The Christopher Dean Band, a regional blues/soul band based in the Central New Jersey area, will appear in concert at 1 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Old Bridge Public Library Main Branch, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

Dean, the singer and guitar player who fronts the group, has recorded two albums, "All the Way Back" in 1997 and "Roots Stew" in 2000, with Big Jack Johnsan.

For more information, call (721) 721-5600, ext. 2313 or e-mail timnil@lmxac.org.

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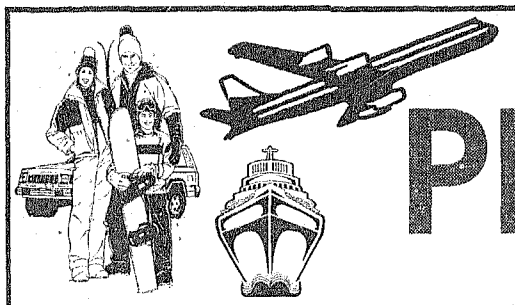
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OLV Columbiettes to honor past president

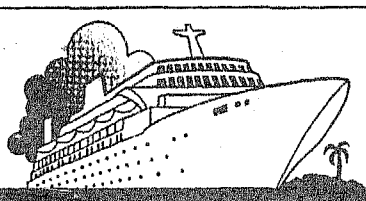
Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Knights of Columbus Council No. 2061 Columbiettes will hold a Past President Dinner-Dance beginning at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Victorian Hall, Washington Road, Parlin section of Sayreville.

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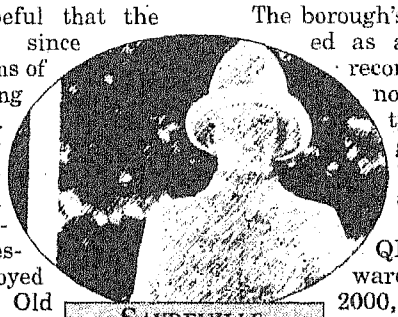
Boro will save money by sharing with O.B.

BY JOLENE HART
Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — The borough is working on an interlocal agreement with Old Bridge to allow the towns to share technology services.

"The agreement is about to be signed; we're just making adjustments on the wording," Borough Business Administrator Jeff Bertrand said on Monday.

Officials are hopeful that the agreement, delayed since August due to the terms of the contract, will bring benefits to both towns.


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Under the new agreement, the borough will pay one-fifth of the salary of a technology service professional, currently employed by the Township of Old Bridge, in exchange for one day of service each week.

The borough previously used an outside agency to complete local area network services, according to Bertrand. Under the old plan, a private computer technician serviced the borough's computer system once every other week at an annual cost of $25,000 to the borough.

"We will see a $14,000 savings," Bertrand said of the new plan.

With the interlocal agreement, Old Bridge gains funding to offset the cost of the employee's salary, and Sayreville receives weekly labor from a technology service professional at a lower cost.

The employee will update and maintain the borough's police operating system, called the QED, and the computer systems that are used daily in the borough's administrative offices, in addition to providing technical assistance.

"Old Bridge has QED now," said Bertrand, speaking of the benefits of contracting for an employee who is familiar with that system.

The borough's QED system, intended as a database for police records and 911 calls, has not been used to capacity. One of the borough's goals is to get the QED "up and moving," according to Bertrand.

Officers now use QED, a $200,000 software system installed in 2000, to complete reports, according to police. When QED is fully functional, it will provide police with a map of the origin of a 911 call, instantly create a record of the call, and reference past records.

Officials hope that the agreement will enable them to move toward a solution to complications with the QED, in addition to bringing the borough savings.

The agreement follows Gov. James E. McGreevey's call for regionalization of services in order to bring lower taxes, which he stressed in his recent State of the State address.

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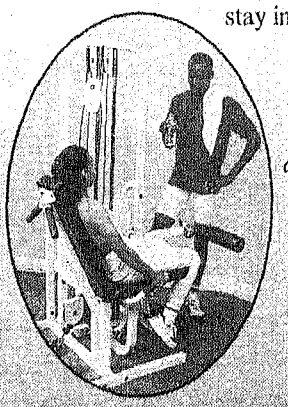
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Domestic violence team always on call for boro

Team recently presented P.D. with $1,000 camera for use in investigations

BY JOLENE HART
Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — The 16 women who serve on the local Domestic Violence Response Team volunteer their time, and their hearts, to offer 24-hour support for victims of domestic violence in the borough.

Team members, ranging from their mid-20s to senior citizens, are on call for two 12-hour shifts each week, when they must be ready to respond to incidents of domestic violence.

A member of the team acts as a counselor and sits with a domestic violence victim after he or she is brought to Sayreville police headquarters, according to team Coordinator Lori Olsen.

Apart from the comfort and reassurance that the counselors provide at an emotional moment for victims, they discuss resources and legal options, and explain court processes and the steps that are necessary to acquire a restraining order. Discussing services offered by temporary shelters and organizations like Women Aware, a response group with a coalition in each county, is a meaningful part of the response.

"Sometimes it's simply the ability to listen that matters. We might be the first person to listen to them," Olsen said of domestic violence victims. "They don't think that people care," she said, describing the "isolation factor" that is apparent in most domestic violence cases.

Although the counselors act anonymously and only for a brief time, the police have received many follow-up letters and calls thanking the team for their comfort and support at a difficult time.

"They play a vital role in the Borough of Sayreville," said Sayreville Police Sgt. John Zebrowski, who works with the Domestic Violence Response Team.

According to Zebrowski, local officers respond to an average of one domestic violence call each day, which amounts to the bulk of their cases.

The team is now trying to broaden its outreach to local schools, working with the Sayreville Alliance for Family Education (SAFE) and DARE programs. In addition to offering support and information about dating violence, the group hopes to make students aware that domestic violence is not a rare phenomenon.

"It's an ongoing process," Olsen said of the outreach education.

The group recently purchased a highly-specialized Polaroid camera for the police to use in domestic violence and crime cases. The camera, which uses film specific for skin tone, is critical in preserving evidence that aids testimony in court cases, according to police.

Funds for the camera were awarded to team member Cas Zambrzycki by her employer, Bristol-Meyers Squibb.

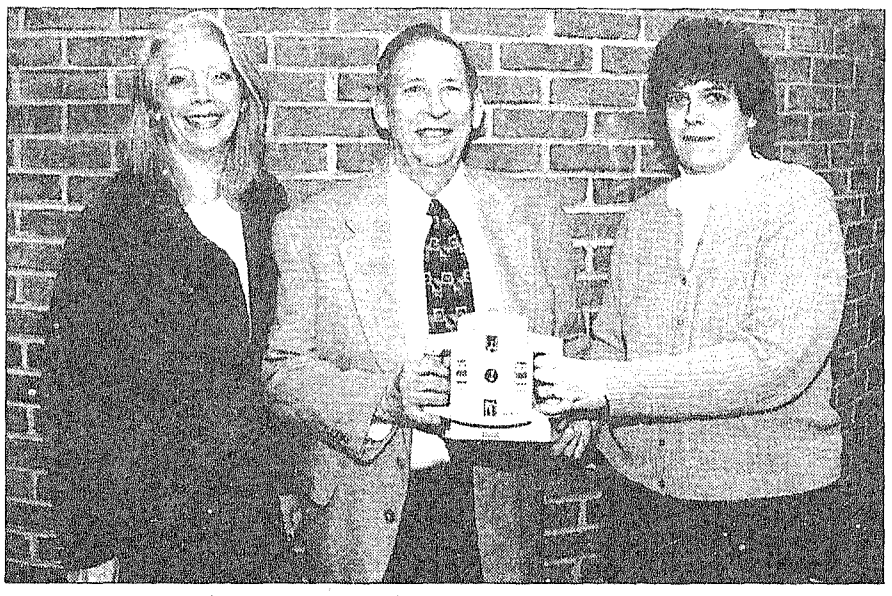
"There were many people nominated for the award, but I was lucky enough to win. They felt that a volunteer organization was a worthy cause," said Zambrzycki, a Sayreville resident and member of the team since it was formed in 1998.

Bristol-Meyers Squibb contributed the $1,000 community service award to the team, which purchased the camera for the Sayreville Police Department. The camera was given to Chief of Police John Garbowski, who turned it over to the detective bureau for use in crime scene investigations.

"It's so precise that it will take a

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Mary Ellen Wrede (l) and Lori Olsen of the domestic violence team present Sayreville Police Chief John Garbowski with the $1,000 camera.

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hair, and it can show bruises really well," said Detective Mathew Bandurski. The detective bureau has already put the camera to use in several of its cases.

As for the Domestic Violence Response Team, which is always searching for new members, fund-raising continues so that the team can expand its services and outreach.

The group just completed a successful fund-raising Comedy Night at the Starland Ballroom. Funds collected will be donated to shelters or used to purchase basic supplies and informational materials to continue work in the community.

"The domestic violence team provides information that goes to the core of what prevention can be," Zebrowski said.

Community Bulletin Board

Youngsters invited to 'Library Babies' event

A "Library Babies" program for children ages 12-24 months and their parent or caregiver is set for 11 a.m. on Feb. 13 and 27 at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road.

To participate, parents or caregivers must bring their Sayreville Library card. Admission will be on a first-come basis. A maximum of 10 children will be admitted to the program.

For more information, call the library at (732) 727-0212, ext. 5.

AARP to sponsor trip to Tenement Museum

AARP Chapter No. 4854, Old Bridge and Matawan, will sponsor a trip to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum on March 18. The tour of the 1863 building presents and interprets a variety of immigrant experiences.

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Edward Mendlowitz likes to keep things short and to the point. He knows brevity can be the key to holding interest.

And that is the essence behind a venture he's undertaken for four and a half years and counting.

Each week since July 1999, Mendlowitz, a certified public accountant by day, has been researching, writing and e-mailing out summaries or explanations of issues from that week's Torah reading at Congregation Beth Ohr in Old Bridge. The e-mails are short — very short.

"I believe it takes about a minute to read," he said.

Hence the title, "One Minute Dvar Torah," which now goes out to some 400 readers each week. While some recipients are congregants of the Old Bridge temple, most are not, but requested to be included when they heard about or saw the e-mails.

On a weekly basis, the idea, Mendlowitz said, is to pique the interest of others and possibly entice them to come to the services, or just to shed more light on what is written in the Torah.

"Perhaps it creates an interest where there was no interest before," he said.

It has been time-consuming — he sets aside one night per week to study the Torah and compile that week's one-minute version. He will spend hours on a given night poring through what is now a collection of nearly 1,000 books with Dvar Torah, or the words of Torah. It's a lot of effort in order to come up with a summary that, as he put it, "looks like it's effortless."

"I try to find something that makes it interesting," he said. "The parts with stories are easier for me. The parts without, I've got to work harder at it."

Those interested in receiving the e-mails can make a request to him at DvarTorah613@aol.com, and they can even get the first four years in his newly published book available for $29.95 at www.amazon.com or through the Men's Club at Congregation Beth Ohr, 70 Route 516, Old Bridge 08857.

Mendlowitz is not new to the publishing world, having authored 11 books on accounting and taxes since 1980. His best-selling book was part of the J.K. Lasser series, titled "How to Profit From the New Tax Law — 1988." His most recent effort, "Introducing Tax Clients to Additional Services," was published in November.

In 2002, Mendlowitz received the prestigious Journal of Accountancy Annual Literary Award in association with the American Institute of CPAs for his article "Nine Ways to Make Your Firm More Exciting."

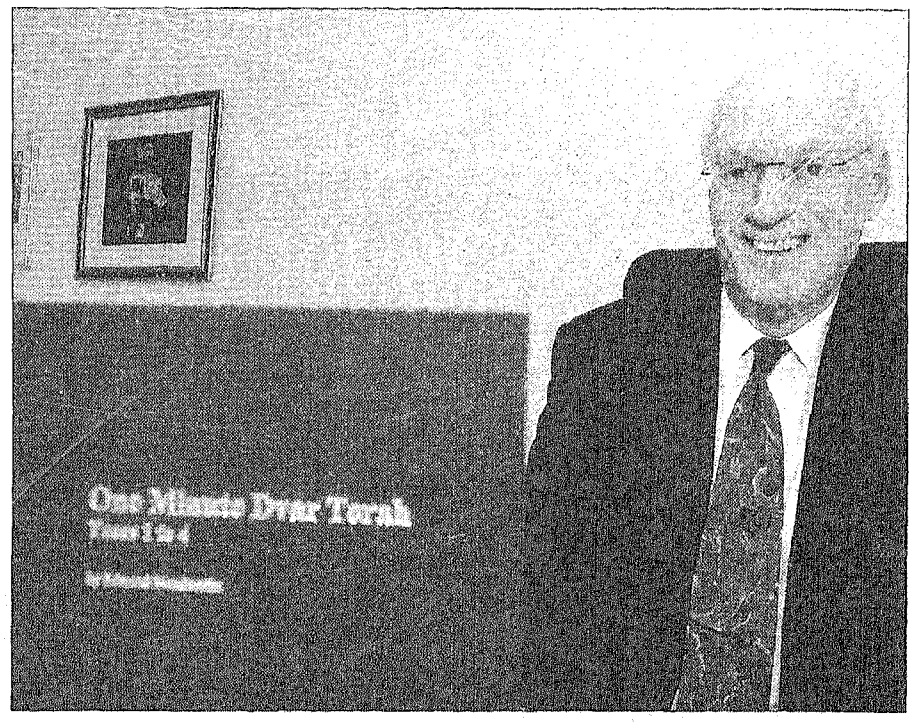
His day job is as a CPA and partner with Mendlowitz Weitsen LLP, on Brier Hill Court in East Brunswick, the firm he began with Peter A. Weitsen 15 years ago. The two remain partners, along with Frank Boutilette.

But his interests do not lie solely with numbers.

Mendlowitz, 61, a self-described "staunch Yankees fan" who grew up in the Bronx and spent 15 years in Old Bridge before moving to East Brunswick, has a wife Ronnie and two grown sons, Andrew and Richard.

He never thought his brief Dvar Torahs would become a regular endeavor, having started out "just to see what would happen" when he first became president of the temple's Men's Club. But he began to enjoy it, he said, and with each passing year he would realize that his outlook had changed on something he had read previously and thought he'd understood.

"It's very spiritual. What's awesome to me is that a lot of the things we're reading were really said or written over 3,000 years ago, but they're still applicable today. The relevance of it is totally mind-boggling," he said.



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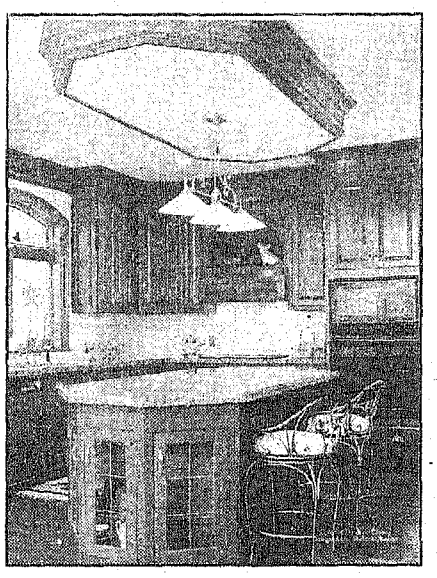


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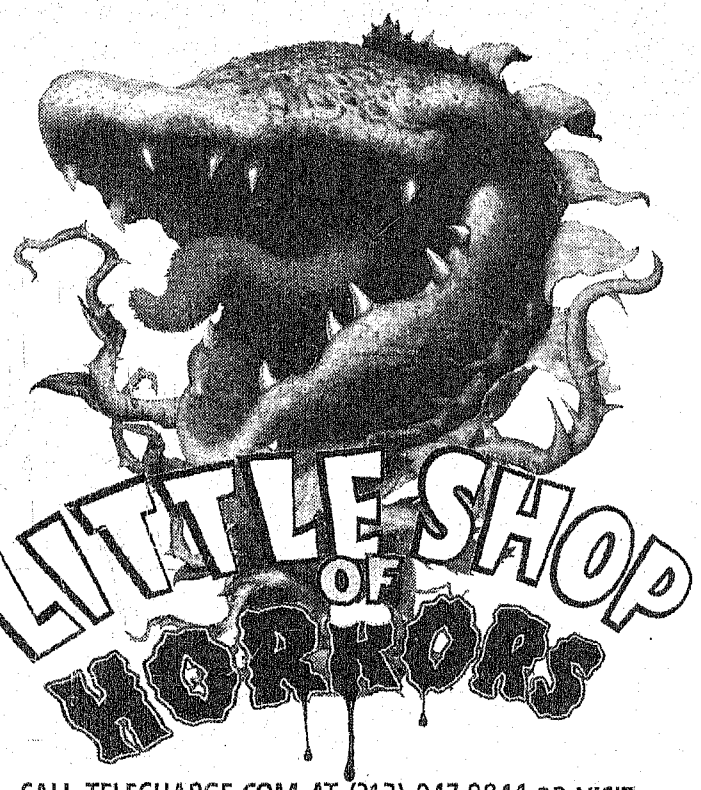


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S.R. church to sponsor Valentine's Day gala

St. Euphrosynia Belarusian Greek Orthodox Church, South River, will hold a Valentine's Day dinner-dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Belarusian American Center, 284 Whitehead Ave., South River.

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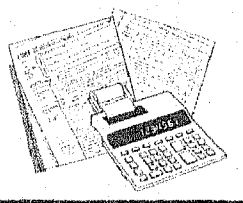
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At left, Caitlin, 10, and Patrick Borruso, 8, slide down the hill at Cheesequake State Park in Old Bridge with their aunt, Michelle Egan, of Colts Neck, after last week's snowfall. Below, Lisa Ryfa, of the Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge, pulls her son, Anthony, 3, up the hill for another ride at Cheesequake Jan. 28.



Community Bulletin Board

Headache sufferers workshop set in E.B.

The Wellness Education Foundation, East Brunswick, will sponsor a free community headache sufferers workshop at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Borders Books and Music, MidState Mall, Route 18, East Brunswick. James M. Lynch Jr., M.D., will discuss the latest research, symptoms, causes and drug-free treatments for headaches. Registration is required. Seats are limited to the first 25 callers. For more information and to reserve, call (732) 238-2944.

Methodist Women will offer Soup Buffet

The United Methodist Women of Simpson United Methodist Church, Route 516 and Owens Road, Old Bridge, will sponsor a Soup Buffet from 5-7 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the church.

A variety of soups will be available. Bread, beverages and dessert also will be offered.

Tickets cost $6 for adults, $3 for children ages 4-12; youngsters age 3 and under will be admitted free of charge.

Snow date is Feb. 27.

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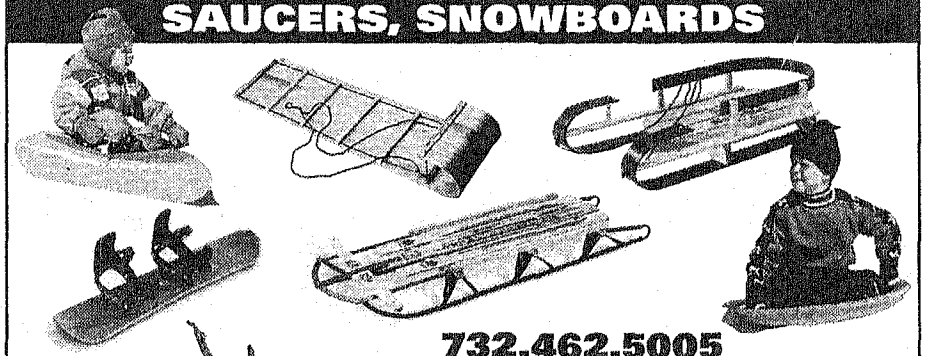
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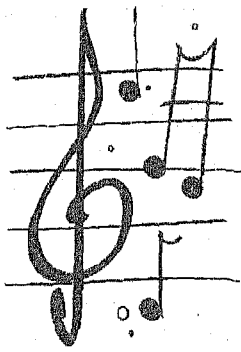
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Signal at Inverness Dr., Rte. 9 up and running

Park-and-ride lot construction expected in near future

BY SUE M. MORGAN
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE – A long-awaited traffic signal is now up and running at Route 9 and Inverness Drive.

Meanwhile, a commuter parking facility planned alongside the T-shaped intersection could be under construction sometime this spring, according to a township official.

After a test period of about two weeks, the state Department of Transportation (DOT) switched the standard traffic signal from a flashing amber light to a fully functioning light last Friday.

As expected, the signal will show green to motorists traveling north and south on Route 9, according to Township Engineer John Vincente. The signal will turn amber, then to red when activated by the pushing of a button mounted on a pole stationed at the commuter pick-up and drop-off points on both sides of the highway, Vincente said.

"It will be green the majority of the time," Vincente said during the Jan. 26 Township Council meeting. "It will cycle to red when people are at the bus stop."

When showing red to Route 9 motorists, pedestrians will be able to cross the six-lane highway to either side, he noted.

Generally, those pedestrians will be NJ Transit bus commuters who have parked their vehicles alongside Inverness Drive. The residential street is located off Route 9 northbound.

The new signal, located about halfway between the intersections of Cindy Street and Ferry Road, fulfills the wishes of the commuters who use the Inverness Drive bus stop. Many township officials, including former Mayor Barbara Cannon, had repeatedly asked the DOT over several years to install the signal.

Commuters had been taking a risk when trying to cross Route 9, particularly in the dark during evening rush hours, Cannon and other officials had told both DOT and NJ Transit.

The DOT granted the township's request in September 2002.

Ward 4 Councilman G. Kevin Calogera, who had joined Cannon and other township and state officials in lobbying for the light, was pleased to hear that the signal was up and running.

"I'm happy," said Calogera, whose constituency includes the Route 9 and Inverness Drive intersection.

Plans to begin construction of the proposed park-and-ride facility at the intersection are moving ahead, weather permitting, Calogera said.

"The work will start as soon as the weather breaks," the councilman said. "It's a little behind schedule."

Once the park-and-ride is open, commuters will be required to park their vehicles inside the lot.

Parking on the sides of Inverness Drive, although permitted now, will be prohibited at that point, Calogera said.

"I'm looking very much forward to having [the park-and-ride]," Calogera said. "It'll make for a much safer situation for our residents, particularly in Inverness, Oakwoode, Deep Run and Heatherwood."

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Brookdale College to hold 9/11 benefit concert

Southside Johnny among the performers

MIDDLETOWN — Survivors and families of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, along with New Jersey's police officers, will say thank you to the community for its support on Valentine's Day.

A Feb. 14 concert is planned at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, by the three groups to show appreciation of the support the Monmouth County community showed in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. Scheduled to perform at the event are Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, Vini "Maddog" Lopez with Steel Mill Retro, and the Glen Burtnick Band.

Lopez, who was the drummer on Bruce Springsteen's albums "Greetings from Asbury Park, NJ" and "The Wild, the Innocent and the E Street Shuffle," both released in 1973, will perform unreleased Springsteen material at the event with his band Steel Mill Retro. Lopez also played on Springsteen's music collections "The Essential Bruce Springsteen," "18 Tracks," and "Tracks."

"Steel Mill is a band me and Springsteen had together in the '60s and early '70s," said Lopez, of Jackson.

The band Steel Mill, which broke up in the '70s, was based out of Ocean Township.

Lopez, who is now the band's lead vocalist and drummer, recently received the rights by Springsteen to play all of Steel Mill's music.

"We try to play those songs basically the way it went in those days," Lopez said.

Lopez is always excited to relive the old days through music, he said.

"Now it's the year 2004 and just the newer equipment is so sophisticated and it's just fun for us to play the music," he said.

Lopez said his band has written its own material, but is concentrating mostly on playing the songs Springsteen wrote while a member of Steel Mill.

"It's previously unreleased Bruce Springsteen music," Lopez said. "Whoever picks us up is going to be real happy with us because we're all professionals and its not going to take much to get us off the ground."

A surprise appearance by old Jersey musical legends, such as Springsteen or Jon Bon Jovi, is a possibility at the show, but it's always hard to tell who will find their way to the stage before the show takes place, Lopez said.

"When you've got the conglomerate we're going to have there, anything can happen," Lopez said.

"It's an honor to just be involved in this event," said Middletown police Lt. Michael Cerame, who serves on the Special Olympics's committee. "You have to be honored that the community at large says that you are worthy of receiving a donation and we will live up to that."

Soon after Sept. 11, Middletown residents worked hard to aid the victims of the attacks and their families, he said.

A group of five Middletown housewives got together to create Friends Assisting Victims of Terror to help women who lost their husbands in the Sept. 11 attacks, Middletown police Detective Sgt. Joe Capriotti said. The group raised money and found contractors who would donate their time to help with landscaping, plumbing and car repairs, he said.

In Christmas 2001, the group, along with Capriotti and Middletown Police Chief John Pollinger, dropped off gift baskets to every township family directly affected by Sept. 11.

The concert is a chance for the victim's to give back by donating its proceeds to area charities, Cerame said.

Proceeds will go to the Special Olympics of New Jersey, Kathe B. Stapleton Memorial Scholarship, Brookdale 9/11 Relief Fund and the Emmanuel Cancer Fund.

"Words can't express what these people are doing," he said. "They are putting their own trials and tribulations aside to reach out to someone else."

Community Bulletin Board

Celiac disease group will meet on Feb. 19

The Central New Jersey chapter of Raising Our Celiac Kids (ROCK) will hold a support group meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, Symmes Road, Manalapan.

ROCK is a national support group that assists families of children on a gluten-free diet. Celiac disease is a common, yet underdiagnosed, digestive disorder that requires lifelong adherence to gluten-free eating. Members of ROCK also include families of autistic children, as evidence suggests that autistic youngsters who observe a gluten-free/casein-free diet often show marked improvement.

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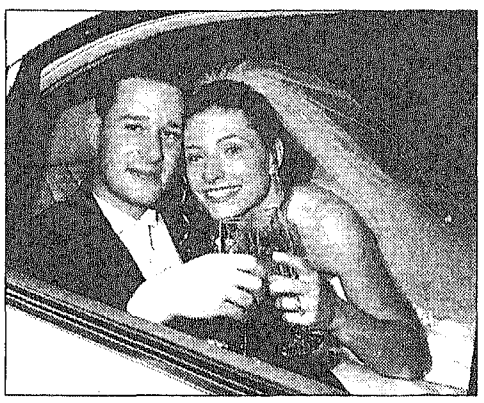
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Brown–Ducsai



Sean and Jacklyn Brown

Jacklyn Marie Ducsai, daughter of Judith and Albert Ducsai of Spotswood, was married Sept. 20 to Sean Aaron Brown, son of Alicia Brown of Milltown and Andrew Brown of Livingston.

The Rev. Joseph Curry performed the ceremony at St. Peter the Apostle Church, New Brunswick, where the bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was Diann Surowiec of East Brunswick, aunt of the bride. Bridesmaids were Christina Surowiec of East Brunswick and Laura Zubrzycki of Spotswood, both cousins of the bride.

Best man was Andrew Brown of Livingston, father of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Seth Brown of Cedarhurst, N.Y., and Austin Brown of Greenbrae, Calif., both cousins of the bridegroom. Ring bearers were Benjamin Brown of Livingston, brother of the bridegroom, and Joseph Surowiec of East Brunswick, cousin of the bride.

After a reception at The Channel Club, Monmouth Beach, the couple left for a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is a graduate of Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in literature. She is a teacher at St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Sayreville.

Her husband is a graduate of the Chubb Institute, Parsippany, where he earned a certificate as a computer specialist. He is a coordinator at Atlantic Health System, Morris Plains.

The couple resides in Old Bridge.

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Feinstein–Friedman



Lauren and Joshua Feinstein

Lauren Denise Friedman, daughter of Candy and Michael Friedman of West Long Branch, was married July 13 to Joshua David Feinstein, son of Marcia Feinstein of the Morganville section of Marlboro, and the late Hal Feinstein.

Rabbi Jacob Friedman, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Torah, performed the ceremony at the Westin Hotel, Morristown, where the bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Wendy Miller of Robbinsville. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Amy Silverberg of Marlboro; the groom's sister-in-law, Denise Feinstein of Clifton; Stephanie Nichols of Oceanport; Alyson Rosenberg of New York City; McKenzie Clifton of Matawan; Jennifer Paul of Howell; and Jennifer Langley of Weymouth, Mass.

Best man was the groom's brother, Erik Feinstein of Clifton. Ushers were the groom's brother-in-law, David Silverberg of Marlboro; the bride's brother-in-law, Jay Miller of Robbinsville; the groom's cousin, Tom Feinstein of Rockville Center, N.Y.; David Freundel and Evan Wolff, both of Hoboken; Matt Wolff of Florida; Aaron Rosenberg and Jonathan Halitsky, both of New York City; and Brian Paul and Bryan Siegel, both of Howell.

Ring bearer was the groom's nephew, Austin Silverberg of Marlboro.

Following a reception at the Westin Hotel, the couple left for a wedding trip to Hawaii.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in human development and family studies; and Monmouth University, West Long Branch, where she received a master of social work degree.

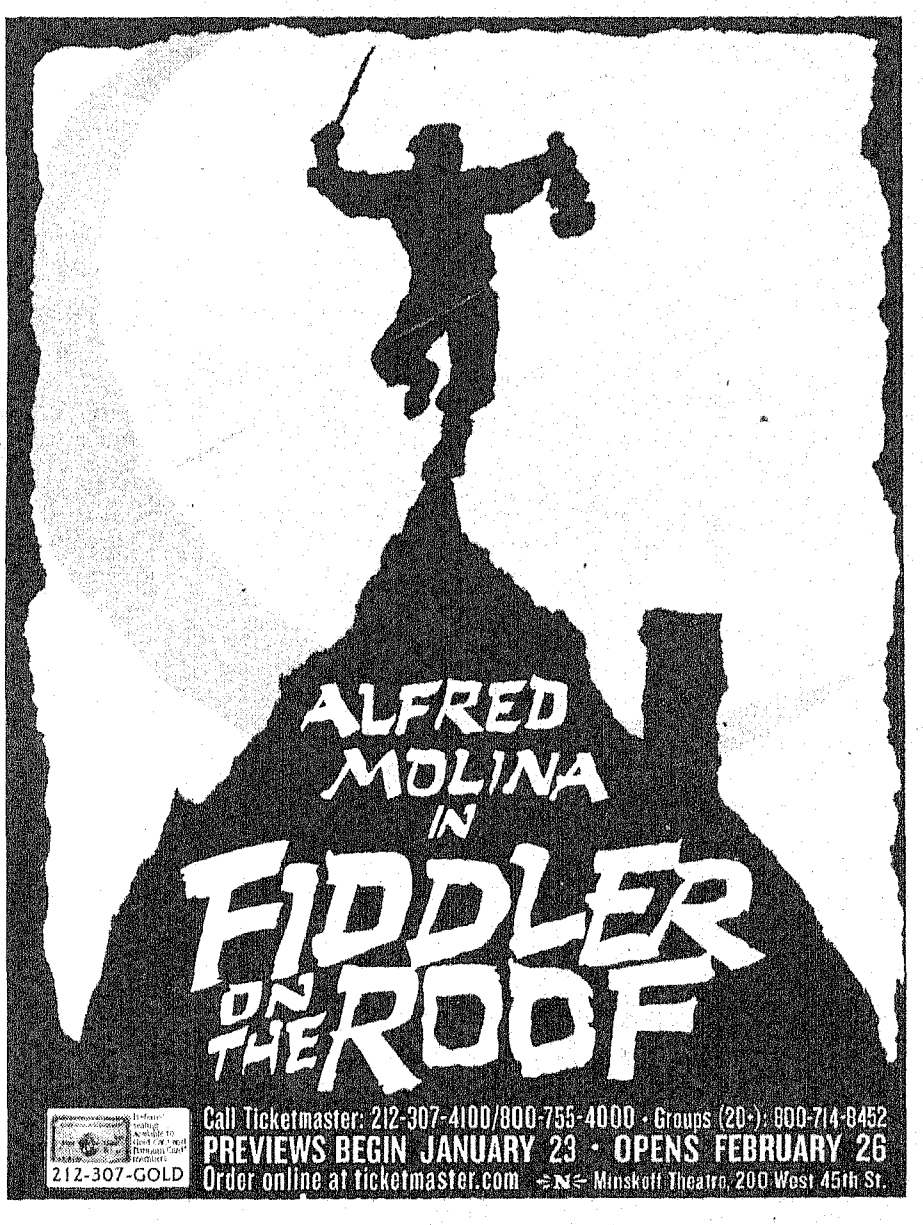
She is a social worker for Keansburg Public Schools.

Her husband is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism. He is employed by Modell's Sporting Goods, New York City, as a merchandise controller.

The couple resides in Old Bridge.

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Obituaries

Paul William Johnson

Mr. Johnson, 71, of Old Bridge died Jan. 29 in Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune. Surviving are two sons, Thomas Johnson of Howell and Paul Johnson of Brick; a daughter, Kathleen Shortlidge-Toth of Old Bridge; two brothers, Arthur Johnson of North Carolina and Gordon Johnson of Huntsville, Ala.; and three grandchildren. Services were held at Rezem Funeral Home, East Brunswick.

Rita Jean Carver Peterson

Mrs. Peterson, 62, of Old Bridge died Jan. 29 in CentraState Medical Center, Freehold Township. She worked as a certified substitute teacher for the Old Bridge Township Board of Education, teaching computer and science courses in the middle schools and high school and working with the Cooperative Satellite Learning Project (CSLP). She served as a trustee of the Old Bridge Public Library for nine years and as funding trustee and secretary/treasurer of the Old Bridge Education Foundation. Surviving are her husband, Craig A.; a son, Matthew Adam of Old Bridge; and a sister, Catherine Carver of Spring Lake Heights. A memorial Mass was offered at St. Gabriel's Church, Marlboro. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Old Bridge Public Library.

Frank Nita

Mr. Nita, 88, of Sayreville died Jan. 27 in Old Bridge Manor. Prior to his retirement, he was employed in receiving at E.I. DuPont, Parlin section of Sayreville, where he worked for 40 years. Surviving are a nephew, Joe J. Nita of North Brunswick; a great-nephew, Michael Nita of the Annandale section of Clinton; a great-niece, Ellen Nita of the Monmouth Junction section of South Brunswick; and a great-great-niece. A Mass was offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Sayreville. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Josephine Anne Lockman

Mrs. Lockman, 68, of Middletown died Jan. 30 in Union Beach. Prior to her retirement in 2000, she was a nurse's aide for 28 years at Arnold Walter Nursing Home, Holmdel. Surviving are her husband, Joseph Lockman; two daughters, Debbie Reed of Union Beach and Donna McGovern of Middletown; a sister, Helen Anecki of Irvington; a brother, Edward Anecki of the Parlin section of Sayreville; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of John F. Pfleger Funeral Home, Middletown. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Middletown.

Domenick Mastroianni

Mr. Mastroianni, 91, of Old Bridge died Jan. 27 in Bayshore Health Center, Holmdel. His wife, Josephine Mastroianni, died in 1996, and a son, Joseph Mastroianni, died in 1998. Surviving are a daughter, Cecilia Schmidt of the Brick Town section of Brick; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. A Mass was offered at St. Joseph's Church, Keyport. Entombment was in Woodbridge Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 27106, New York, NY 10087-7106.

Clarence Dietsch

Mr. Dietsch, 83, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of Sayreville, died Jan. 23 in St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by the Monmouth County Workshop, Red Bank, where he trained the developmentally disabled for employment. Surviving are his wife, Virginia George Dietsch; two sons, Carl Dietsch of the Parlin section of Sayreville and John of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, Howard Dietsch of Barnegat; and two grandchildren. Services were held at Gundrum Service Home for Funerals, South Amboy. Interment was in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy.

Clara Baialardo Tolve

Mrs. Tolve, 87, of Spotswood died Feb. 2 in Old Bridge Manor. Surviving are her husband, Joseph Tolve; a daughter, Carol Apen; three grandchildren, Jacqueline Widom, Gregory Apen Jr., and Kenneth Apen; and two great-grandchildren. A Mass is planned for 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 5 at St. Bartholomew's Church, East Brunswick. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Burial Park, South Brunswick.

George Sulikowski

Mr. Sulikowski, 65, of Perth Amboy died Jan. 29 at home. Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Bialecki of Manahawkin, Stacey Sulikowski of Tampa, Fla., and Sandra Lorentzen of Tuckerton; his mother, Aleksandra Sulikowski of Manalapan; three sisters, Honorata Sakowski of Jackson, Genevieve Klajn of Sayreville and Hedi Horvath of Manalapan; a brother, William of Manalapan; and six grandchildren. Services were held at Maliszewski Memorial Home, Sayreville. Cremation was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, c/o Development Office, 141 Bodman Place, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

Frances O'Such Pesetsky

Mrs. Pesetsky, 78, of Sayreville died Jan. 28 at home. Prior to her retirement in 1983, she was a seamstress with Wilshire Fashion, South River, where she worked for 45 years. Prior to that, she was employed at Hercules Inc., Parlin section of Sayreville. Her husband, Paul, died in 2002. Surviving are a sister, Stella Bifulco of the Monmouth Junction section of South Brunswick; four nieces, Virginia Vogel of Ephrata, Pa., Arlene Andolpho of Middletown, Joyce Bengyel of Matawan and Leone Barrick of Florida; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Services were held at Maliszewski Memorial Home, Sayreville. Entombment was in Holy Cross Burial Park, South Brunswick.

Mary M. Ferren Beattie

Mrs. Beattie of Freehold, formerly of the Parlin section of Sayreville, died Jan. 31 at home. Surviving is her husband, Robert H. Beattie. A Mass was offered at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. Interment was in New Calvary Cemetery, Parlin. Arrangements were under the direction of Gundrum Service Home for Funerals, South Amboy.

Gaia Dugan Calabrese

Mrs. Calabrese, 51, of Old Bridge died Jan. 27 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was a teacher at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Old Bridge. Surviving are her husband, Anthony Calabrese; a son, Anthony Calabrese of Old Bridge; two daughters, Lisa Rulli of the Port Monmouth section of Middletown and Patricia Calabrese of Old Bridge; and her father, Charles Dugan of Old Bridge. A Mass was offered at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Old Bridge. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Joseph W. Banaciski

Mrs. Banaciski, 69, of South River died Jan. 28 at home. Prior to his retirement in 2000, he was employed as a chemical supervisor with CPS Chemical, Old Bridge, where he worked for 25 years. Surviving are his wife, Nancy McGlynn Banaciski; a daughter, Diane Fabiyan of the Brick Town section of Brick; three sons, Joseph of Hillsboro, Robert of Barnegat and James of South River; a brother, Michael Komorowski of Florida; and six grandchildren. A Mass was offered at Corpus Christi Church, South River. Cremation was private.

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Jewish-Muslim panel to offer presentation

The next installment in the Congregation Beth Ohr Adult Education Bagel Talk series will take place at 10 a.m. on Feb. 22 at the temple, 70 Route 516, Old Bridge.

Speakers from the American Jewish-Muslim Alliance will present a program titled "Finding Common Ground: Similarities Between Islam and Judaism."

All are welcome. For more information, call the temple at (732) 257-1523.



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Old Bridge

Police arrested and charged Gregory Thompson, 26, of the Belford section of Middletown, with driving while intoxicated on Jan. 29 at 11:54 p.m. during a motor vehicle stop on Parkwood Drive in the Parlin section of the township.

Police arrested and charged Ronald Renter, 24, of Cindy Street, with driving while intoxicated at 3:40 a.m. Jan. 31. Reports indicate that an officer observed the subject driving in an erratic manner near Route 516 and Old Matawan Road. Renter was stopped on Route 516 near Route 18 north.

A resident of Wilson Avenue, Laurence Harbor section, reported that someone stole his 1999 Ford Ranger while it was parked outside his home at 6:20 a.m. Feb. 1. The victim told police that he had started the vehicle to warm it up and then went inside his home for 15 to 20 minutes. When he returned, the vehicle was missing, he told police.

Sayreville

A South Amboy woman was arrested following an accident on Raritan Street at 9:13 p.m. on Jan. 29. According to the police report, the vehicle responsible for the accident, driven by Jadwiga Binder, 50, left the scene and continued on Washington Avenue after the accident. While making a left turn, a front wheel of Binder's vehicle broke away, police said. She was located and charged with driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to a breath test analysis, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident and failure to report a motor vehicle accident.

Officers on patrol at 1:24 a.m. on Jan. 30 noticed a tan Acura driving on Fielek Terrace at a high rate of speed. Police reportedly observed the driver of the vehicle, Mark Zelazowski, 20, of Parlin, pull into an unidentified residence after police followed the car. Officers charged Zelazowski with driving while intoxicated under the age of 21 and driving with a suspended license. Police said there was also a warrant for Zelazowski out of Woodbridge for failure to appear in court.

A burglary was reported at Quick Dairy and Grocery, Bordentown Avenue, at 1:02 a.m. on Jan. 31. After police responded to an alarm there, the owner of the store was called. It was found that the register had been ransacked, grocery items were spilled onto the floor, and the store's surveillance camera had been knocked from its place. Police are investigating.

Police arrested and charged Ronald S. Balint, 44, with leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident on Dane Street at 8:55 p.m. on Sunday. Police said Balint was driving his 1990 Ford F-150 pickup truck and struck a parked vehicle. The accident was reported by the vehicle's owner, who reportedly gave police a description of the suspect's vehicle. Balint was additionally charged with driving while intoxicated, driving with an expired registration, failure to exhibit a driver's license and failure to report a motor vehicle accident.

The manager of a Kennedy Drive business reported that a truck, which did not belong to the company, had been backed up and connected to a trailer in the company's loading dock between 8:20 and 10:22 p.m. on Feb. 2. The manager reported the attempted theft of the trailer, which was abandoned along with the truck when it became stuck on ice. Police found that the truck had been stolen out of Rahway and was owned by Atlas Van Lines of Evansville, Ind. The truck was towed to police headquarters and the incident is under investigation.

Aberdeen man killed in Texas Rd. accident

BY TARA PETERSEN
Staff Writer

MONROE — A 48-year-old man was killed Tuesday afternoon when his car spun around into oncoming traffic on Texas Road.

Christopher Marshall, a resident of Aberdeen, Monmouth County, was killed as the result of injuries sustained in the accident, which took place at 3:41 p.m.

Marshall had been driving a 1994 Plymouth Voyager west on Texas Road when he lost control of his vehicle and entered the eastbound lane near Centennial Court, according to police.

His van was then struck broadside on the passenger-side sliding door by a 2000 Ford Expedition being driven east on Texas Road.

The driver of the Expedition was 45-year-old Marlboro resident Kathleen G. Sokolowsky.

"The Plymouth Voyager had spun out in the roadway, and had crossed the double-yellow line," Monroe Police Sgt. Kenneth Gross said yesterday. "The passenger side was pushed into the driver's side. [Marshall] was pronounced dead at the scene."

Sokolowsky was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, where she was treated for head and chest injuries, and released.

Police are still trying to determine whether the rainy weather conditions played a role in the accident.

"It was raining awfully hard," Gross said. "We're still investigating to find out if the weather conditions — puddles on the roadway and rain — or speed, or a combination of both caused the car to spin out."

The accident is being investigated by the police department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Accident Unit, Gross added.

There were no passengers in either vehicle.

Gross also said that Sokolowsky was wearing her seat belt, and that "it appeared [Marshall] was not."

Senior Chai schedules meeting for Feb. 10

The next meeting of Senior Chai, a program of Jewish Family Service (JFS) of Southern Middlesex County, will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the Jewish Congregation of Concordia, 20 Concordia Shopping Center, Monroe.

Participants will make mug charms in a bead-making class. Dessert will be served. Cost is $5.

Senior Chai is designed for active senior adults who are widowed, single or caregivers of a spouse.

For more information, call Jennifer at (609) 395-7979, Tuesdays-Thursdays.

O.B. native's photos are on display at library

The black-and-white photography of Old Bridge native Paul Glines are featured during the month of February at the Old Bridge Public Library Main Branch, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

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SPORTS

Lady Knights enjoy another solid indoor season

BY WARREN RAPPLEYEA
Staff Writer

The Old Bridge High School girls winter track team meets J.P. Stevens this afternoon as the Lady Knights, who have placed four runners in the Meet of Champions, seek to defend their Greater Middlesex Conference Red Division crown.

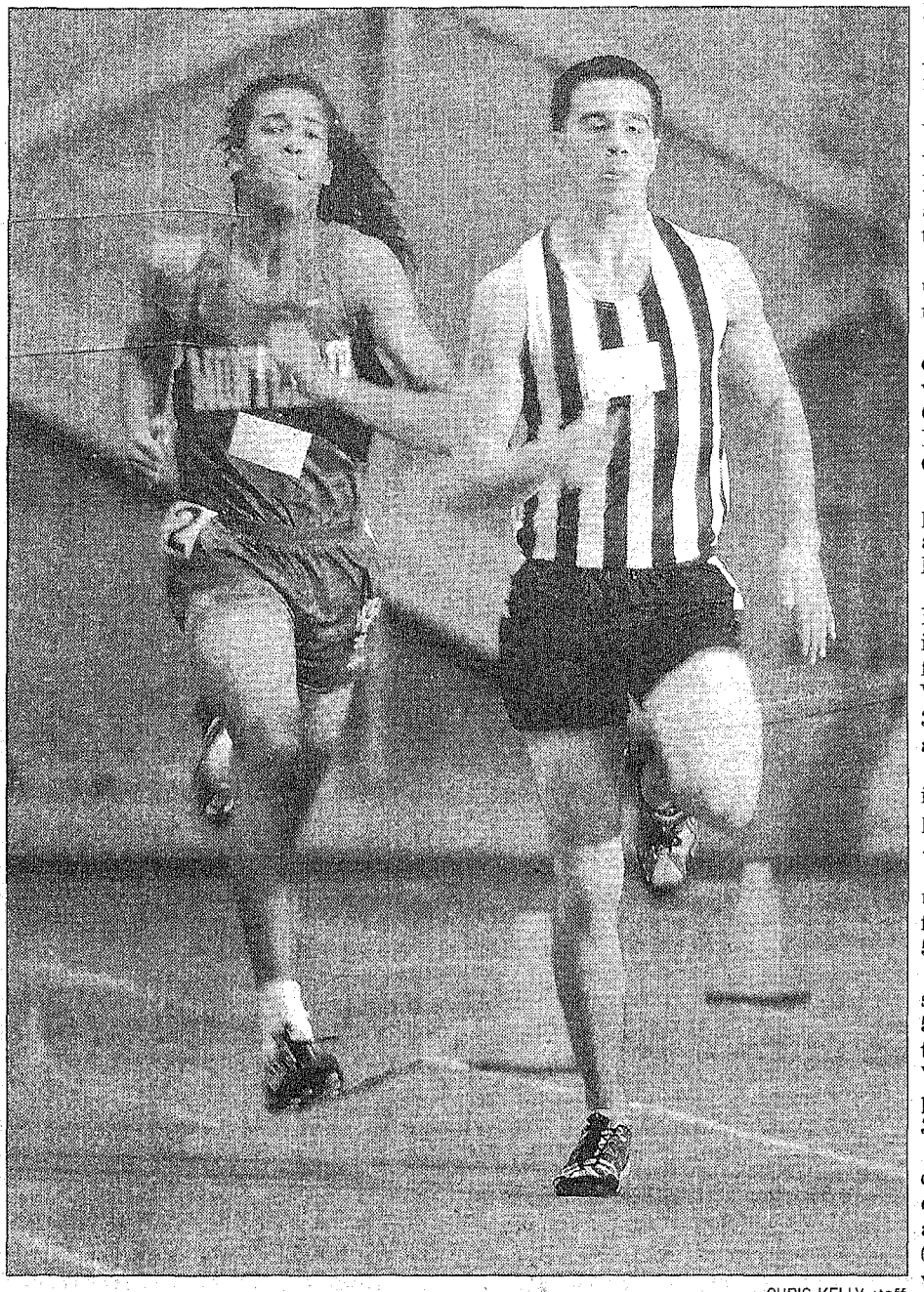
Because of persistent inclement weather, Old Bridge has participated in just one dual meet, a triumph over Piscataway. So coach Mark Willems said his team would be busy over the next several weeks working to get its divisional meets in.

In the meantime, the Lady Knights took second place in the GMC Relays and finished first in the GMC Individuals. Junior Kaitlyn Regan and sophomores Ashley Gonzalez, Cristine Marquez and Stephanie Lafergola all qualified for the MOC.

At the GMC Individuals, Regan won at 3,200 meters and also finished second at 1,600 meters to qualify for the MOC, while Lafergola took first at 3,200 meters and second at 1,600 meters to also qualify in both events. Marquez took first at 800 meters and second at 400, and Gonzalez, an up-and-coming sprinter, finished fourth at 55 meters. Marquez also took fifth and sixth place, respectively, at 800 and 400 meters, in the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group IV individuals. At the same meet, Gonzalez reached the finals in at 55 meters.

"Those four girls have been scoring points for us all year," Willems said. "They've worked hard and they're getting better and better. And the best thing is that we'll have all of them back next season."

Other key members of the team include seniors Rachel Cruz, who competes at 800 meters; junior Mara McInerny, who runs at both 1,600 and 3,200 meters; and freshman Farah Root, a promising middle-distance runner who has been competing at 800 meters.



CHRIS KELLY staff
Old Bridge's Kevin DePalma competes in the 400-meter dash at the Group IV championships at Princeton University on Sunday.

In addition, senior shot-putters Amanda Benson and Tiffany Veitch regularly throw between 28-29 feet.

Besides its regular season meets, Willems said his team will compete in the Eastern States Championships in New York City later this month, as well as in a meet at Princeton at the end of the month.

Notes... The Old Bridge boys continue to put together an impressive season this winter.

Fresh off their win at the GMC championships, the Knights came away with a strong second-place finish at the Group IV championships, held at Princeton University's Jadwin Gymnasium on Sunday.

The Knights finished with 24 team points, just four point behind Vineland, and two points ahead of rival Christian Brothers Academy, of Middletown.

Dave DePalma led the way for the Knights, capturing a second-place finish in the 400 (50.96), and anchoring the fourth-place 4x400 team (3:30.86). Vineland won that event with a time of 3:38.06, essentially sealing up the overall championship.

Ron Green added a second-place finish for the Knights in the 55 hurdles, posting a time of 7.78, which was just .02 behind Jackson's Eric Dufresne.

Rob Allen also contributed some team points for Old Bridge by taking fourth in the shot put with a distance of 50-3.

East Brunswick's James Correa was second in the shot put with a distance of 51-5 to lead the Bears to a 13th-place team finish with nine points. Ryan Williams accounted for the rest of the points with a sixth-place finish in the 3,200 (9:48.46).

Meanwhile, at the Group I championships, also held at Princeton on Sunday, Spotswood's Kevin Thorpe raced to a second-place finish in the 1,600 (4:34.68), less than a second behind the winner. Thorpe's effort keyed an 11th-place finish for the Chargers, one point behind South River.

Spotswood girls reload and earn playoff berth

Handful of local hoops teams heading to state playoffs

BY RICHARD JEROME
Staff Writer

This was a year to retool for the Spotswood High School girls' basketball team, which lost four senior starters and has an 8-8 record after consecutive 20-6 and 19-6 campaigns.

"We're recovering from those losses," said coach Graham Peabody. "The girls are working hard to be consistent"

The Chargers, who beat Metuchen, 42-34 on Tuesday night, have a make-or-break game with Dunellen tomorrow, which will determine whether they make the state tournament.

Peabody is going with six starters. Senior Kelly Fecskovics, a 5-8 guard has a fine shooting touch along with an average of 7 points a game.

"She has a beautiful shot, but we'd like to see her take more of them," said the coach, who is assisted by jayvee head Kevin Brady, frosh coach Tony Lecorchick and eighth-grade coach Emily Knight.

Junior guard Jill Dickinson, also 5-8, is the point guard as well as the leading scorer on the squad with just under a 16 ppg. mark.

Another guard, Tara Mundorff, a 5-3 sophomore, is adroit at ball control and has been training to take over the point guard slot someday. She's scoring at a 5 ppg. clip.

As for the other front-liners, the Chargers have two junior forwards in Raina Gabriel (5-8) and 5-10 Lori Gross, both of whom have contributed under the boards. Another guard is 5-5 senior Kelly Christian.

Peabody is high on two of his subs, seniors Casey O'Brien (5-4) and Jackie Salato (5-5).

"They're great kids, working hard in every game and every practice," he said.

Notes... With Saturday's state playoff deadline approaching, only one local hoops teams is on the bubble, needing to secure a .500 records by week's end to earn a postseason berth.

The East Brunswick girls team needs one more win to get in. The Bears improved to 8-8 on Monday with a clutch 49-35 win over Bishop Ahr. Laura Petriello scored 15 and Megan Mayo added 12 to lead the Bears, who need to beat a struggling Edison team tomorrow night to secure a berth in the CJ Group IV tournament.

Also on the girls side, Old Bridge is in at 9-5, while South River will get in regardless of the outcome of last night's game with JFK-Iselin. The Rams fell to 9-8 with a 68-59 loss to Carteret on Monday, but clinched a berth with a 47-42 win over Mother Seton on Saturday. Christine Mongelli led the way with 16 points in the win, while teammate Christina DeCorso added 10.

On the boys side, Spotswood (11-6), Sayreville (10-3) and South River (9-6) are in.

St. Joe's boys knock off another national power

BY SHAWN LAYTON
Staff Writer

METUCHEN — The St. Joseph High School boys swimming team defeated national powerhouse Greenwich High School 86-84 in Greenwich, Conn.

For Greenwich it was their first loss, while St. Joseph improved its record to 10-0.

"We beat them by the same score two years ago," head coach Steve Whittington said. "It seems that if we are going to beat them we will squeak it out."

The Falcons got the meet off on the right track winning the first event, the medley relay in a time of 1:39.35. Junior Stephon Rosales and seniors Eric Swenson, Brian Gartner, and Dan Cahillane took the honors.

In the 200 freestyle, senior Bobby Savulich took first in 1:44.74.

In the final event prior to break, senior Mike MacDonald swam a time of 22:42 to take first in the 50 freestyle.

"Mike was going a full second slower last year," Whittington said. "A whole second improvement is huge in a sprinter's event like this one."

At the break the Falcons were trailing Greenwich 32-30 before things heated up. Gartner won the 100 freestyle in 52.86 and freshman Phil Luzmy finished third in 55.27. Luzmy's time was half of a second off the school's freshman record. Perhaps even more important was sophomore Calvin deBries finishing in 57.22 to capture fourth place. As a result, the Falcons won the event 11-5 and the tables were turned.

Next came the event everyone was waiting for. The two best swimmers would finally swim head-to-head, as Savulich and Greenwich's Andrew Trepp met in the 100 freestyle. Savulich finished in 47.07 to take first and Trepp finished second in 47.78.

"Bobby had to work for this one," Whittington said. "When you swim against someone like Bobby he makes it difficult to win. With his win we built up a nice 50-44 lead."

The Falcons increased their lead after taking second, third and fourth in the 500 freestyle to 59-51. Junior Greg Goldin finished in 504.77 followed by sophomore Bobby Besmer at 510.12 and junior Billy Swenson at 510.43.

"It was great to have enough depth in the event to outscore them," Whittington said.

The 200 freestyle was next and things got interesting. Greenwich took the early lead, but the Falcons came from behind to capture the win. However, Savulich hit the wall before the pad and the win went to Greenwich by 0.03 seconds.

"Even though Bobby hit the pad late, he swam a 20.79," Whittington said. "That is the fastest split I have ever seen for a 50 freestyle from a high school swimmer."

Greenwich won the event with a time of 1:28.70 to break the old pool record of 1:29.42. St. Joseph finished in 1:28.73.

"After the event we were still up 63-61, but all of a sudden the score was a lot closer," Whittington said.

Gartner would follow things up with a win in the 100 backstroke in a time of 53.75. He was a second off the school record set by coach Whittington. Rosales finished third in 56.62. After Swenson, Cahillane, and Ryan Tihe finished first, fourth and fifth in the 100 breaststroke, the team took an 82-74 lead and needed to finish second to capture the win.

In the day's final event, Greenwich set another pool record finishing in 3:15.35 in the 400 freestyle relay while the Falcons cruised into second place and the victory in a time of 3:18.54.

This weekend the Falcons will look to win their 26th consecutive GMC Championships when the championship takes place at 4 p.m. on Saturday at North Brunswick High School. After that it is on to the states at the end of February.

"We are trying to stay focused," Whittington said. "We have had a lot of big meets in a row and it is going to be good to get some rest and hopefully produce some good times."

With three returning All-Americans, fast times are the standard this season.

Bear teams entering GMC meet swimming very well

BY RICHARD JEROME
Staff Writer

The East Brunswick High School swimming program can boast an excellent season, with both the boys and girls recording a 7-3 mark thus far.

"Things are going really well," said coach Charlie Ginex, who leads the Bears into the Greater Middlesex Conference tournament this weekend.

"The boys have traditionally done well and have gotten most of the press," he added. "The girls had been in their shadow, but they've come out this year."

On the boys' side, junior Ryan Martinetti qualified for the state Meet of Champions in the 200-meter freestyle, and also excels in the 100-meter butterfly, and the 50 freestyle.

Other key juniors include sprinter Steve Schreyer, Tom Nawrot, the top backstroker and freestyle sprinter, distance swimmer Brian O'Sullivan and captain Mike Bykowski.

"Mike was injured last year, but he keeps fighting and has really turned it on," said Ginex. "He's dropped six seconds in the 100 freestyle. He also shows great leadership and really pushes and supports the other kids."

The girls, meanwhile have logged their best record in three years, and went to the states for the first time in four. Moreover, two of their three losses came to teams that were highly ranked statewide.

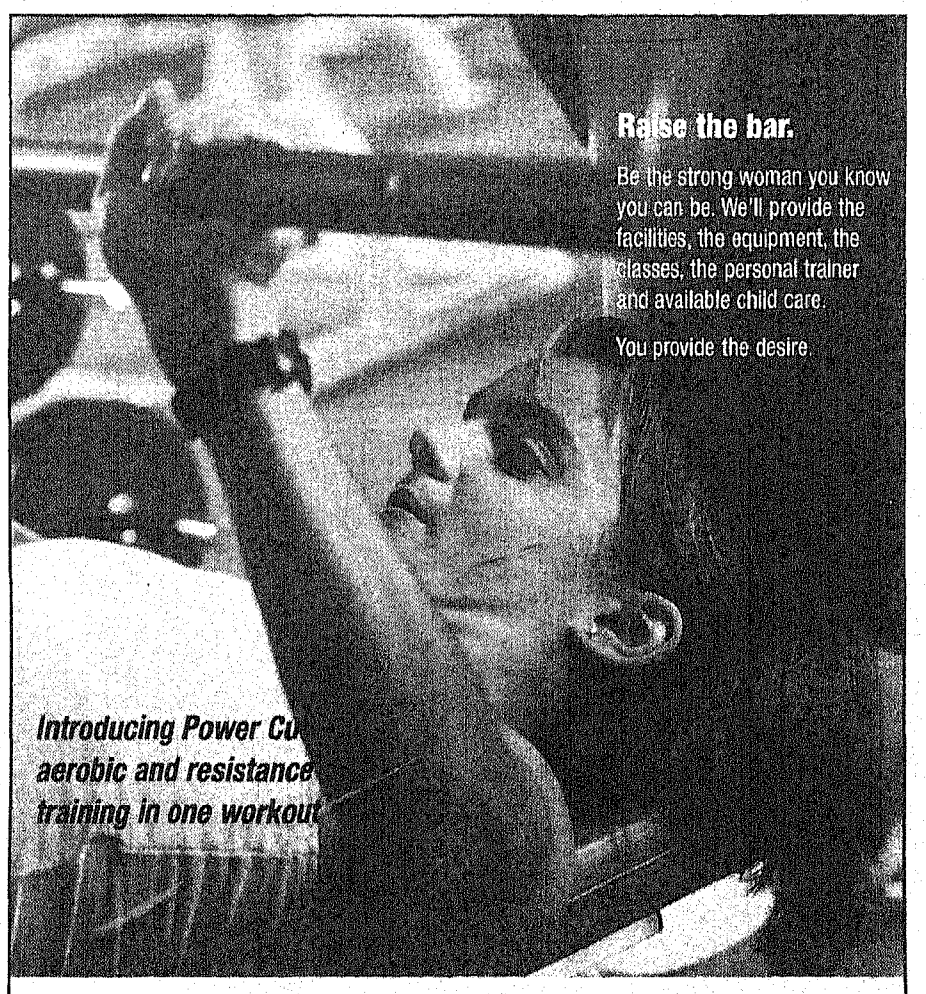
Junior captain Lauren Scheiner, who competes in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley (IM), has battled back from injuries.

"If everyone worked as hard as she, I'd be happy," said Ginex, assisted by former head coach Bill Pellagrino. "She's a great leader."

Another captain, senior Kelly Sheridan, keeps getting better in the 50 and 100 freestyle, and senior Chrissy Leblon is the defending county champ in the 50 free, holding the meet record.

The rest of the frontliners are freshmen: Tracy Lindbowe; Mia Sorkin, a butterfly and freestyler; Katie Zavoda, who swims the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM; and Tiffany Carson, a 50 and 100 freestyler.





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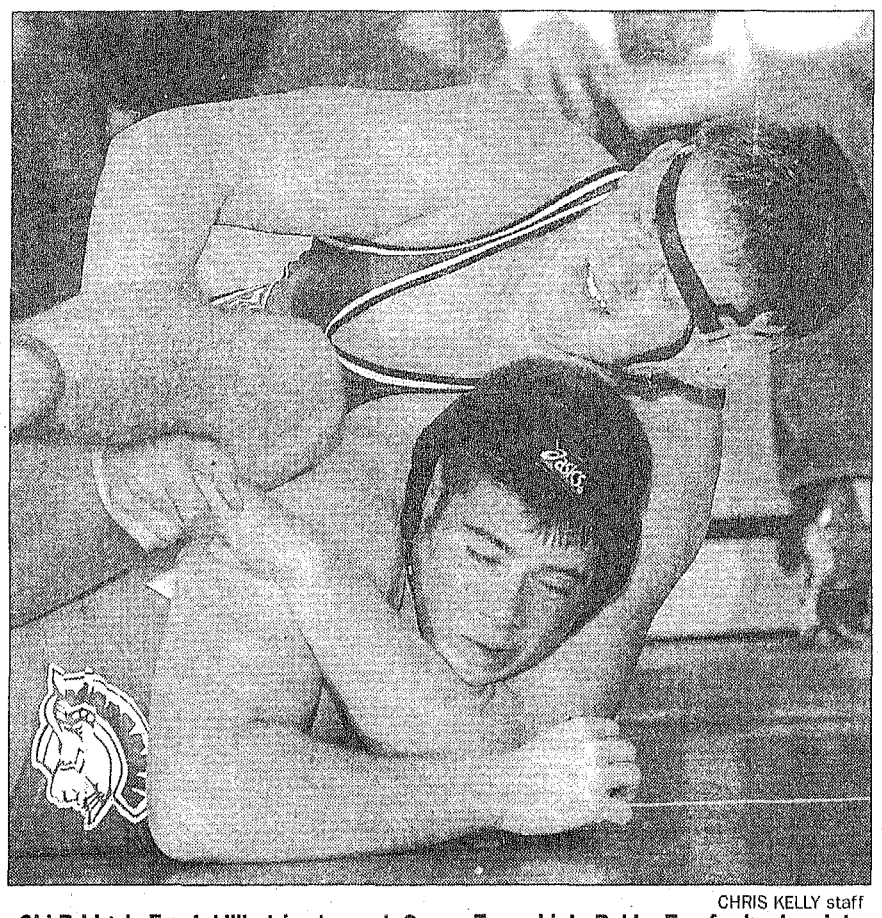
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The **Girls Soccer League of Old Bridge** will be having an on-site registration on Feb. 11 at the Old Bridge Parks and Recreation building from 6-8 p.m. Registration is open to girls between the ages of 4-15 years old from Old Bridge and surrounding communities. Please have two checks with you when registering. For more information, please call the soccer hotline at (732) 583-4099, or visit the Web site www.gslob.com and download an application.

Sayreville Recreation Wrestlers attended the annual Middlesex Novice Tournament recently, where Alex Yanuzzelli took first-place honors; Michael Forcella, Eddie O'Connor and Bryan McMahon took second-place trophies; Connor Hullings took third place, and Kyle Bielinski finished fourth. Also wrestling for the Sayreville team were Matthew Pestonit, Zack Johnson and Brett Dzamba.

From there, they participated in the Annual Edison Fulcher Tournament on Jan. 17. Taking home first-place honors were Anthony Pestonit, Gino Schifano, Tyler Strauss and Daniel Brereton. Coming in second place were Dylan Strauss, Noel Santiago, Raymond Santiago, Sean Hullings and Andrew Veins. Matthew Pestonit, Michael Bohling, Christopher Ronan, Billy Johnson and Dominick Forcella took third; and Connor Hullings, Christopher Pearson, and Jesse Moat took fourth. Also wrestling for Sayreville that day were Tony Geiger, Zack Johnson, Daniel Ronan, Patrick Ronan, Thomas Munier and Corey Lynch.

On Jan. 31, they participated in the annual Mat-Rat Tournament, where the team took second place overall, and Daniel Brereton, Dominick Forcella, Billy Johnson, Anthony Pestonit, Matthew Piskorowski, Gary Siriday and Andrew Veins took home first-place honors. Taking second were Michael Bohling, Michael Forcella, Alex Rothman, Michael Smith and Tyler Strauss. Third-place finishers were Kyler Hourahan, Gino Schifano, Tyler Scott and Dylan Strauss. Also wrestling for Sayreville that day were Brett Dzamba, Joey Greco, Zack Johnson, Corey Lynch, Thomas Munier, Matthew Pestonit and Alex Yanuzzelli.

The **Old Bridge Rams football and cheerleading organization** is now registering children ages 5-14 for the upcoming 2004 season. A discount of $10 is awarded to those who register early, Feb. 1 to June 1. Please visit www.obrams.com to print an application form, and mail to P.O. Box 56, Old Bridge, NJ. Season starts Aug. 1.

The **Sayreville Leprechauns Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading registration** will be held on Feb. 21 and March 6 from noon-2 p.m. at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center on Dolan Street. Fees are $55 for registration and $125 for a refundable work bond. Please use two different checks. You will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate and a wallet-sized photo. For more information, Call Pat Lembo at (732) 316-9677.

The **Sayrewoods South Little League** will hold its registration tomorrow from 7:30-9 p.m. at the clubhouse on Fox Street (off Cindy Street). Fees are $65 for one child, $85 for two or more, and $50 for T-ball (age 5). A work bond of $100 is due at registration, and will be promptly refunded upon 12 hours of work. The 2004 season includes all boys and girls born between Aug. 1, 1987, and July 31,1999. A copy of his/her birth certificate is required for all new players and will be retained for future reference. For more information, call(732) 679-6500 and leave a message.

Community Bulletin Board

Mental health support offered to South Asians

The South Asian Mental Health Awareness in Jersey (SAMHAJ), a support group for South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan and Nepalese origin) family members of individuals with mental illness, will meet from 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the Arsha Bodha Center, 84 Cortelyou Road, Somerset section of Franklin.

The meeting will feature "In Our Own Voice," a presentation by individuals coping with serious mental illness such as depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder. The session will offer insight into how people with serious mental illnesses cope with the realities of their disorders while reclaiming productive lives.

The group, which is sponsored by the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill in New Jersey (NAMI NJ), meets every month to provide support and information to families seeking community support, acceptance and information on how to cope with mental illness.

Admission is free of charge. For more information and to reserve, call (732) 940-0991.

NAMI New Jersey is a statewide nonprofit organization coalition of self-help support and advocacy groups of families, friends and persons who are affected by mental illness.

Medicare prescription drug bill to be discussed

East Brunswick AARP Chapter No. 4855 will hold its next general meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the East Brunswick Public Library, Jean Walling Civic Center Drive.

Guest speaker Sy Larson, AARP state coordinator and Drug Task Force president, will offer a presentation titled "The New Medicare Prescription Drug Bill."

Members and nonmembers are welcome.

The chapter plans a March 10 trip to the Westbury Music Fair, Westbury, N.Y., to see the "St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Celebration" starring Al Martino and Carmel Quinn. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Kmart back parking lot, Route 18, East Brunswick. Cost is $61 per person. Lunch will be at the Millridge Inn. Reservation deadline is Feb. 5.

For more information and to reserve, call (732) 238-5678.

Camp Moledet seeks staff & campers for reunion

Camp Moledet, 451 Bluebird Drive, Monroe, is seeking former campers and staff for the 2004 reunion. Camp Moledet was co-established by the Zionist Youth of America-Hadassah-Young Judea in 1948 and was in existence until 1950 in Green Lane, Pa. For further information, call (609) 409-7961 or visit the Web site at alanlissy@comcast.net.

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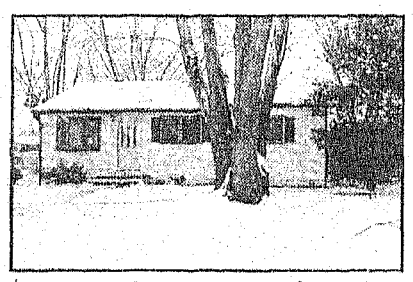
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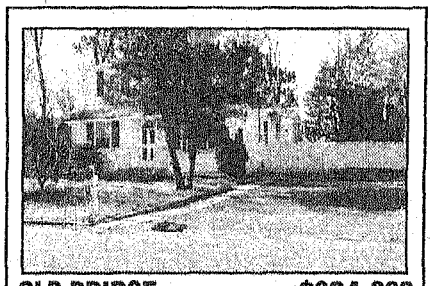
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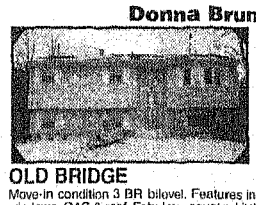


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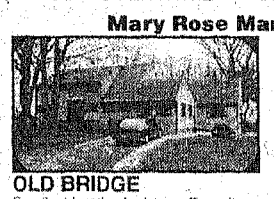
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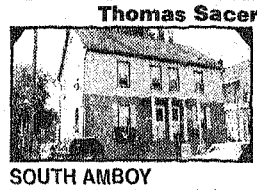
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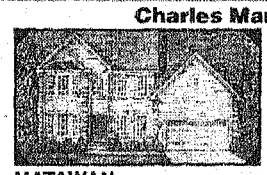
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P.O. Box 5001
Freehold, NJ 07728
or 732-780-4678

CIRCULATION

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Greater Media Newspapers has a full-time opening for a highly organized, dedicated, detail oriented individual with strong organizational and communication skills, computer knowledge in Word, Excel, and multi-tasked. Excellent benefits and 401(k).

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10 Connerty Court
East Brunswick, NJ 07716
(732)254-7004 ext. 204
Fax (732)651-8693

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We need newspaper carriers for the Edison and Woodbridge areas who have a desire to supplement their income by earning $200 to $300 or more a month by working only four days per month.

- No experience needed
- No collecting necessary
- Reliable vehicle needed
- Valid drivers license required

Call 732-254-7004 ext. 205 or 204

CIRCULATION

Motor Route Delivery

Newspaper Delivery one or two days a week

Routes are available on Wednesday and/or Thursday afternoons in Monmouth, Middlesex, & Ocean Counties.

No collections.
Earn $200 to $300 or more a month only working one day a week.

A reliable vehicle and valid drivers license are needed.

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Recruitment Advertising Specialist

As our Recruitment Salesperson you will be responsible for maintaining relations with an existing account base of direct recruitment advertisers as well as act as a liaison between advertising agencies, employment service companies and developing new local accounts. You will use your knowledge and prior experience of recruitment advertising to keep this group of advertisers informed of the recruitment opportunities available in the Greater Media Newspapers group.

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Freehold, NJ 07728
Attn: Greta Lesh
Fax# 732-780-4678
Email: glesh@gmnews.com

EDITORIAL

Reporters

Greater Media Newspapers is accepting résumés from candidates seeking the position of REPORTER. Full time. Include clips. Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Immediate openings.

Send résumés to:
Greg Bean, Editor
Greater Media Newspapers
P.O. Box 5001, Freehold, NJ 07728
Fax (732)780-4192
E.O.E. M/F

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Greater Media Newspapers is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Greater Media Newspapers
"Your Local Connection"

035 Help Wanted Full Time

HOMEMAKER FT-PT- Extended Family Senior Services is searching for homemakers. To qualify you must be dependable, compassionate & physically able to fulfill housekeeping, meal preparation, companionship. Driver's licence. Screened for bonding & insurability. **732-422-0061**

HOUSEKEEPER- Old Bridge area. Drivers license required. Work 4 days per week. Prepare meals. References. **732-547-1236**

LABORER Cleaning and light demo. Will train, $10. per hour. Must have drivers license and vehicle. **Call 732-792-0040**

LAWN MAINTENANCE (Driving Forman) Experience and valid driver's license required. Call 732-967-9393

LAWN SPRINKLER TECHNICIAN /INSTALLER Experience preferred 401k & benefits available.

$$$ TOP PAY $$$
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LISTING AGENTS wanted for Woodbridge/Piscataway area. Must be licensed. New real estate concept. **732-780-5200**

MANICURIST
GREAT OPPORTUNITY!
Be your own boss. 4 stations for rent with LCN equipment. Beauty Salon in Rumson. All calls confidential. **732-539-9116**

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Eye MD in Old Bridge seeks friendly, hard working assistant. Experience a must. Excellent wages & benefits.
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PERSONAL TRAINER
East Brunswick WOW!
Full benefits, 401k, paid vacation / training. Call Todd, 732-390-7390 ext.19

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Opportunity is knocking. Don't miss our on going pre-licensing courses & superior training to help you get a FAST successful start.
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The Real Estate Market is HOT! Be a part of it! • Get Licensed in 30 days! • Set your own hours! • Work close to home!
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Welchert Realtors, Holmdel

RECEPTIONIST / DATA ENTRY F/T-P/T, Flex hours. Will train. Matawan area.
Call 732-583-3600

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RN's LPN's CHHA's
NEW CONTRACTS
NEW PAY RATE
Carousel of Home Care
Howell 732-303-0245
Hazlet 732-264-5555

SALES - Mature day person Auntie Anne's Pretzels. Freehold Raceway mall. **Ask for Sue or Billy 732-780-9024**

SALES - REAL ESTATE
- **No Layoffs**
- **No Downsizing**
- **Control What You Make**
- **High Volume Business**

Call Natalie 732-617-2020

SALES ADMINISTRATOR Full time. Fast paced company looking for self-starter with good computer, organizational and creative writing skills. Sales experience or customer service experience required. Fax **resume to Phyllis 732-577-5583**

SALES REP, FT/PT to sell Lingerie & adult items at home parties, $30. Inv. **Party givers Needed. Call 800-607-5004**

SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARD
Applicant would be responsible for directing the safe movement of school children at various street intersections within the township. Part time as needed basis up to a maximum of 20 hours per week. Valid New Jersey Driver's License required. Prior experience a plus. Salary $9.95 per hour. If interested call the Jackson Township Police Department at 732-833-3003. An equal opportunity employer.

TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS CERTIFIED & EXPERIENCED
Kiddie Academy of Marlboro. Competitive salary/benefits. **Call Lauren @732-536-9708 or fax resume 732-536-9950**

Telemarketer / Sales
Extended warrantees.
All shifts available.
Call 732-462-9515

035 Help Wanted Full Time

TEACHERS - FT/PT. Certified & non-certified needed for child care center in East Brunswick. **Call 732-613-1886**

TELEMARKETER
We are a rapidly growing family operated company looking for energetic, professional team members with good telephone and organizational skills. F/T-P/T sales to hospitality industry, base plus commission and benefits package. **Call Joanne at 732-972-1440.**

TRAVEL AGENT (F/T-P/T) Liberal salary plus commission. Experienced Sabre agent only. **Call 609-655-4449**

035A Help Wanted Seasonal

IVY LEAGUE DAY CAMP SUMMER 2004 POSITIONS

- **Sports Specialist (Physical Education Teachers/Coaches)**
- **Gymnastics**
- **Tennis**
- **Ropes/ Challenge Course**
- **Swim Instructors**
- **Van Drivers (CDL)**

732-446-7035

www.ivyleagueday camp.com

036 Help Wanted Part Time

CLERK
CAFETERIA CLERK/CASHIER

Pathmark, a supermarket industry leader, has an immediate part-time opportunity available in its corporate cafeteria. You will be responsible for operating a cash register & lottery machine, and food preparation.Hours: Mon to Fri, 9:30 - 4:00pm.

To qualify, you must be at least 18 years old & have good interpersonal & verbal communication skills. A minimum of 6 months' of food service or cashier experience is strongly preferred.

To apply, please forward your resume or a Pathmark employment application (available at your local Pathmark store) to:
Pathmark Stores, Inc. Selection and Placement, M-105, 200 Milik Street, Carteret, NJ 07008.

csmith@pathmark.com
Fax: 732-499-4250

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EOE M/F/DV

Driver
Pleasant Valley Adult Day Care Center, a multi-site, community-based center for the elderly, has the following immediate opening at its Holmdel location:

Driver
Part Time
CDL not required.

Interested applicants should call (732) 888-4567, Mon-Fri, 9am - 3pm and ask for the Director.
EOE

PART TIME OPENINGS PACKAGE HANDLER

FedEx Ground

FedEx Ground, in Keasbey (Raritan Center) has immediate openings for Part-Time Package Handlers.

Early morning shifts (4am-9am) immediately available:

$10 to $10.50 per hour to start.

Year round positions. Five shifts to choose from. We offer tuition assistance, new benefits package, and a hiring bonus. Must be at least 18 years of age, able to load and unload trucks and pass a criminal background check.

SCHEDULE ONLINE AT:
REF CODE: 300
www.fedexishiring.com
or call 1-800-373-8288
EOE/AAE

6000 Industrial Avenue
Keasbey, NJ 08832

036 Help Wanted Part Time

FITNESS TECHNICIAN
CURVES FOR WOMEN,
world's largest fitness organization looking for (3) Fitness Techs. If you are energetic, self-motivated, have personality & love to work with people, **call 732-422-8200**

HELP WANTED Learn while you earn, will train, 25-30 hours/week to start. $8.50-$9./hour. Must have valid drivers license. **800-769-8806**

NAIL TECHNICIAN with experience in Old Bridge friendly Salon. With following preferred. **Call 732-416-9004**

PANELISTS WANTED
Like sharing your opinion? Then get paid for it! ORS, an Old Bridge based research firm, pays you cash for simply sharing your opinions about everyday products & services. Call now to start earning extra spending $$. To become a Q Panelist, call 800-952-4955 or visit **www.Qpanelist.com Enter project code # 2505**

RECEPTIONIST / SALES
High fashion optical/optometrist office looking for bright, dynamic sales person. Afternoons, evenings, & Saturdays. Excellent salary. **732-727-1811**

SALES (AVON & mark. sales) Free kit! Take-up selling makeup. No meetings, territories or inventory. **Call 732-438-9545**

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS
Needed on a **SUBSTITUTE** basis for the Jackson School District. CDL license preferred, but will train. **Please call the Transportation Department at 732-833-4600 ext. 4360 and ask for Delores, or fax 732-833-4673 EOE/AA**

★ SECURITY ★
We need a few Good Men and Women - Raceway Park.
Call 732-446-6327

SECURITY MONITOR
Wednesday & Thursday, 3-9pm. Saturday & Sunday, 1-5pm. Call 732-390-6761 or go to www.ebpl.org. Apply by February 11th and send application to:
MaryEllen Firestone
East Brunswick Public Library
2 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

SHIPPING
Coupon Shipping Clerk

Pathmark Stores, Inc. has a part-time opening for a Coupon Shipping Clerk in our Carteret office. Responsibilities include logging, weighing and shipping coupons; calling bookkeepers in stores to follow-up on missing bags; making boxes in preparation to ship; trying-out shipments to cash and sales data.

Position requires someone who is dependable, good with numbers, has a good communication skills, and the ability to use a calculator. The position requires bending and some lifting (up to 50 lbs). Candidate must pass basic skills test, substance screening, and background check.

Hours & Days:
Mon - Fri, Noon - 4:00pm
Some flexibility required.

Pathmark offers benefits for this position, which include medical, dental, prescription plan, vision plan, vacation, sick leave, personal and company paid holidays.

To apply, please forward your resume or a Pathmark employment application (available at your local Pathmark store) to:
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csmith@pathmark.com
Fax: 732-499-4250

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TEACHERS
TEACHER ASSISTANTS
Morning hours, flexibility needed. Day care center in Jamesburg. **Call 732-521-9338**

TEACHERS-Certified
(Elementary, Math, Reading and Writing)
Sylvan Learning Center in East Brunswick. Evenings and Saturdays. Paid training.
Call 732-390-4040

TRAVEL AGENTS
Authorized Disney Vacation Planning and Sandals International Preferred office, plus all cruise lines. Outside sales, commission only. **732-613-7279**

WAITERS/WAITRESSES
Banquet service.
$EARN EXTRA CASH$
Flexible hours. No experience needed. **Apply in person:**
Garden Manor
150 Rte. 35 North, Aberdeen

036 Help Wanted Part Time

SCHOOL VAN DRIVER, Old Bridge Area, CDL preferred but will train, Great job for a Mom, Tot ok. **732-679-0088.**

WAREHOUSE POSITION Packaging, moderate lifting, Morning hours, 9am-1pm, Flex days. $7.00/hour. Manalapan. **Call 732-792-7244 EOE**

036a Employment Services

******HIRING 2004!****POSTAL JOBS!** UP TO $1,047.71 WEEKLY, FREE CALL! FOR INTERVIEW AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION. SIGN ON BONUS 1ST 100 CALLERS. SELECT AREAS.
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7 days ntafilwusps

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1-800-892-5411 ext 97, 7 days

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ANNOUNCEMENT: NOW HIRING for 2004 Postal Jobs $16.20-$39.00/hr. Full Federal Benefits, Paid Training. No Experience Required. Green Card OK. Call 1-866-895-3696 Ext. 2400

AWESOME CARRER FOR 2004 Postal Positions $14.80-$ 36.00+/hour. Federal hire with full benefits. Call 7 a.m.-7 p.m. CST 1-800-651-7024 Ext. 2048. Test Prep

DATA ENTRY
Could earn $15/hr. and up! Medical Billing. Training provided. PC required! Call 7 days. 1-800-935-1311 ext 308

DATA ENTRY Work from home Flexible Hours! Great Pay! Computer Required. 1-800-382-4282 ext #63

DRIVER. Excellent Lease Purchase Program! LOW Monthly Payments. Owner Operator Solos and Teams also needed! Training Program for spouse or friend. CRST 800-767-6918

DRIVERS- 100% Owner Operator Teams/ Singles **OPPORTUNITY STRIKES!** Unbelievable miles! OTR - Regional or west coast, home weekly. Great Fuel Surcharge. 95% no touch. **OLIVER TRUCKING** 866-275-2149

DRIVERS: BEST gets Better! Company up to .45 cents. Teams to .53 cents 0/0 to .93 cents per mile! New Lease Purchase Plan w/$0 Down! Call 1-800-CFI-DRIVE www.cfidrive.com

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DRIVERS: OTR DRIVERS: $1,100 Average Weekly! 100% Conventional Fleet, Comprehensive Benefit Package, Passenger Program, Some Regional Opportunities Available. Class-A CDL Required. For More Information, call Smith Transport, Inc. at **1-888-467-6484**

Earn $1,000-$3,500 WEEKLY ANSWERING SURVEYS ONLINE! $25.00-$75.00 Per Survey! FREE Registration! Guaranteed Paychecks! Mystery Shoppers Needed! $57.00/Hour/Shopping! FREE Government Grants! $12,000-$ 500,000! Everyone Qualifies! www.RealCashPrograms.com

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GET PAID TO SHOP. Pose as customers for store evaluations. Secret shoppers needed for local stores, restaurants and theaters. Flexible hours. Email required. 1-877-585-9024 ext. 6069.

GOVERNMENT JOBS Earn $12-$48.00 an hour. Full Benefits, paid training on Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Wildlife, Clerical, Administrative and More. **1-800-320-9353 Ext. 2200**

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****GOVERNMENT AND POSTAL JOBS** PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.** Now hiring from $12-48/hr. Full/Part positions. Benefits and training for application and info. (800) 573-8555 Dept. P369, 8am-11pm/7 days. E & E Services

Hiring for 2004 Postal Positions $600-$1,520/WEEKLY plus full federal benefits. Entry-Professional level. No Experience Necessary. Paid training/Vacations. Green Card OK 1-866-317-0558 ext. 805

$250-$500 A WEEK! Will train to work at home. Helping the US government file HUD/FHA mortgage refunds. No exp. Nec. 1-866-537-2907

WORK FROM HOME GUIDE Free information; SASE TO: Home Services; 75 Russell St. Woodbridge, N.J. 07095

Work From Home. Great Income. Travel Benefits. No Exp. Nec. FT/PT Training Provided. Start Making Money Today.
1-866-462-7827 x212

037 Babysitting Child Care

3 D's CHILDCARE- East Brunswick. CPR certified. Planned activities & meals. State registered. **732-257-8272**

NANNY TYPE, Experienced, Non-Smoker, Flexible hrs., Ages 1-8 yrs., up to 4 children. My house/ours **732-602-0596**

OLD BRIDGE - PT/FT Will care for your child/children in my home. Experienced. Snacks included. **732-238-7356**

OLD BRIDGE - FT Loving mom of 1 toddler will care for you child in my fun filled home. Activities, meals & snacks. References. **Call 732-679-9190**

PARLIN-will care for your child in my home. Reson. rates. References. **Call 732-727-5370**

QUALITY CHILDCARE IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY! MONDAY MORNING, INC. Middlesex/Mercer **732-743-9595**

037a Child Care Wanted

ABERDEEN- Nanny/babysitter wanted. Live in/out. Infant & 4 year old. Drivers license & references needed. **732-765-9972**

CHILD CARE CHOICES Has great jobs with families in your area for F/T.live-in/live-out, P/T and babysitting. 732-951-2460

EAST BRUNSWICK Looking for responsible, energetic person to watch 2 children, Monday-Friday afternoons, 3pm-6pm. Must speak English, must have car. Call Wendy. **732-254-0123**

NANNIES & HOUSEKEEPERS WANTED. PT/FT. Live-IN/OUT Top jobs available immediately. Experience a must. Drivers a plus. **Call Absolute Best Care 732-625-9533 • 212-481-5705**

NANNIES CALL! FOR THE BEST JOBS
Live in/out w/the best families
SELECTIVE NANNY
732-745-0088

039 Health Care

ANNA'S HOME CARE
Experienced care giver looking for live-in or live-out position to take care of elderly or home bound person. Certified professional. Reliable. Provide companionship, housekeeping, cooking & medical reminders. Have car and references.
Please call 732-521-0094

GRISWOLD SPECIAL CARE
20 Years of Experience
Hourly and Live In Care Givers
Proudly Serving Middlesex / Mercer County. **732-745-7788**

HOME CARE - For elderly, sick, disabled. Live-in/out. Reasonable rates. Call Polinter Agency 908-925-0494,No fee.

HOME HEALTH AIDE- Looking for F/T. 15 years experience. Call Jean, 732-525-9154 or 732-801-6914, leave message

POLISH Referral Svce. Providing live in housekeepers for elderly care. License/bond. **908-689-9140**

042 Antiques Collectibles

MANTLE - Tiger oak w/beveled orig. mirror, 2 shelves, 2 columns, all w/beautiful detail. Asking $1,450. **732-446-0346**

MISSION China Closet- Oak (Large), Overmantle Mirror, Rolltop Desk, Oak File, Marble Columns, more. **732-972-9641**

PERSONAL COLLECTION & Collectibles. Unique baseball Autograph photos & baseballs, etc. Harvey **732-246-1706**

043 Appliances

REMODELING- G.E. Free standing ceramic top elec. oven/range, microwave & dishwasher, white. Good cond. $500. **732-758-9180**

STOVE - ELECTRIC
G.E. white, 40" wide. Good cond., $100. Call 732-393-1953

WASHER & DRYER
Washer $140., Dryer $130., Stacked, $275. Heavy duty, can deliver, **Call 732-548-9353**

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Wise Buys

ANTIQUE HAND CARVED
Coral Cameos 3/8" - $6 each
Large Towels - $1 each
Please call 732-254-0771

BAKER'S RACK, 4 glass shelves, bronze/metal finish. $150. Excellent condition
Call 732-625-1168

CHEST, WHITE -5 DRAWERS
$40, Dining Room Set
11 pieces $100, dark finish
CALL 732-723-1166

CLOTHING(Girls 12mos.) 65 items $25.00, kitchen table with 6 chairs $60.
CALL 732-251-2013

COLOR TV 27"Cable Ready, with stand $100.
Call 732-723-1166

COMPUTER DESK, $20. 2 end tables, $20. Bookshelf, 69h.x27w.x10d, $20. Power Rangers, $30. 732-335-0730

CRIB, BELLINI WHITE, $75. or best offer, baby clothes boys & girls, Excellent condition. **Call 732-639-8180**

CURIO - 40 Years Old 5' Grey/Yellow with Light $150 Firm
Call 732-671-6866

DRAPES, Lined Salmon color, 90" long, triple window $30.00 **Call 732-787-4995 After 3:00 pm**

DRUMSETS, 20" Bass, 12" Tom, 16" Fl. Tom $125. 16" Fl. Tom, Bl. Pearl $25. or best offer. **CALL 732-382-2684**

DRYER- Heavy Duty, Multi Cycles. Very good condition. $125.00 Call 732-499-5528 or 908-672-1950

EVELFLO CAR BOOSTER Seat - $20, RCA 5 CD Changer with remote - $60 Please Call 732-257-4198

FISHER PRICE - Garage Bookcase Toddler Bed, $50. Glider Rocking Chair, $75. **Call 732-833-0157**

GONDOLAS (2) store fixtures, 4 ft. high, double sided pegboard back with shelves. $40 each. **Call 732-261-6579**

HEATER - DeLongi; oil, $25. Nike watch; mens, $25. Epiphany, 14K., $25. Call 732-723-0764

HONDA MOTORCYCLES, (2) 1971, 125 SL, On/Off road, Needs Restoration, $75. Each, **CALL 732-494-9277**

LADDER
10 Foot - Heavy Duty
$95.00
Please Call 732-246-1109

LADIES SKIS W/POLES Dynastar 150s, M26 TW Incam Bindings $50. **CALL 732-542-0186**

LITTLE TYKES INFANT CAR BED, $70. CRIB MATTRESS $10. MINI MAX EXERCISE MACH. $20. 732-718-6481

LIVING ROOM SET, Blue $100. China Cabinet $100. Dark Wood.
Call 732-747-7285

OLD BLUE GLASS Collection, 30 pcs., $75. Rescue Heroes Ship, $25. Coffee table, $20. Call 732-335-0730

PATIO BLOCKS, CEMENT Over 500 Blocks, 71/2 x 15, 1/2 x 1 3/4, white/light green. $100/or best offer **732-495-9691**

PICTURE FRAMES - Old 14 @ $7.00 each, Coffee Table Oval Art Deco $50 Please call 732-246-7331

POKER CASINO TABLE Sits 6. Cost $800. Like new, $150. **Call 732-792-0975**

QUEEN ANNE CHAIR $25., Hoover Vacuum CLR (Wind tunnel $50. Tv Pan. 22", Zenith Tv 19" $25. **732-583-3773**

RADIAL ARM SAW
Sears Craftsman
10" with stand - $150
Please Call 732-721-7066

RANGE- Electric. 30" Whirlpool, self-clean. Almond, $150. **Call 732-264-1347**

REFRIGERATOR
19 cu. ft. Whirlpool, no frost. Must pick-up, $150.
Call 732-713-1739

REFRIGERATOR FRIDIGAIRE 18 cut. ft. $75. **FREEZER KENMORE** $50. Great cond. **Call 732-390-8384**

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Wise Buys

SLEEPER SOFA
Queen Size
Good Condition - $150
Please Call 732-382-9471

THOMAS THE TRAIN SET Table with lots of tracks and bridges, $150. Please call 732-251-6502

TREADMILL SPACE SAVER MOTORIZED FOLDS UP NEATLY $100. EXCELLENT CONDITION 732-577-8312

TUB & SHOWER 1 piece, fiberglass, bone. Never used. Cost $450. Sell $150. **Call 732-792-0975**

TV. MAGNAVOX cable ready $50. Exquisite white or silver bedroom lamps $50. **CALL 732-727-4670**

VACUUM-EUREKA-Upright 5 AmpsTank New $85. Single Air Mattress $7. **Call 732-297-1196**

WALL TILES, PORCELIN 6" x 16", 12 Cases, 20 Tiles per box. White with specks $100. **Call 732-591-9525**

WASHER - Maytag, 75. **ELECTRIC DRYER ; GE, $50.** or best offer. Both good cond. **Call 732-828-5076**

WASHER/DRYER, KENMORE X-Large Capacity, 10-Cycle, 8 Temp. Excellent condition $150, CALL 732-360-0664

WEIGHT SET, 550 lbs., Steel Weights, Bench, Dumbells, Curling Bar - $150 Please Call 732-928-5814

044 Computers

COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES
FULL ON-SITE SERVICE
Call 732-951-0004

DELL MONITOR, 17" flat screen, 8 mo's old. Like new w/speakers & keyboard $200. **HP COLOR PRINTER, & HP SCANNER,** extra ink, $100. **HP PENTIUM II $75.**
732-613-1747

045 Clothing

BRIDAL GOWNS - NEW Salesman's samples in perfect condition, sizes 6 to 24. Brand names. $199. to $499. Values to $1,200. Call 732-599-5983.

MINK STOLE - EXC. COND. Medium to light brown. $200 or best offer.
Call 732-888-4996

047 Furniture

✧BEDROOM ENSEMBLE✧
7' dresser - (curved front).
4' dresser (4 top drawers each side +large bottom full length drawer), matching headboard. Free mirror frame.
ALL SOLID WALNUT WOOD. Mint condition! $800. takes all.
Call 732-251-8425

BEDROOM SET - 5 pc. New in box. List $1,300., sacrifice $565. **Call 732-259-6690**

BEDROOM SET - 7 pc. Cherry sleigh bed. New, still in boxes. Must sell, $975. **732-259-6690**

BEDROOM SET - Queen. 7 pieces. Traditional. Dark wood. Good cond. $250. or best offer. **Call 732-846-3012**

BEDROOM SET
White Formica King Set. Pier Wall, Large Mirror. Best Offer.
Call 732-863-6634

BEDROOM SET- (Boys) Twin Captains Bed with mattress. Pickled oak wood. 7 pieces plus accessories. $400. **Call 732-566-2024**

COFFEE TABLE & 2 end tbls., green/blk., $250. **CONSOLE** tbl. w/matching mirrors.(2 sets)green/glass & silver/ marble. $75. each. **732-525-8435**

COFFEE TABLE, Signed by Paul Evans, $1,500. Sofa, $200. Sofa Table, $100. End Table, $75. **Call 732-780-3523**

CONSOLE TABLE - Black marble top, pedestal base. Exc. condition. Pd. $2,800. Asking $1,400. **732-845-1813**

COUCH - SECTIONAL - (Q size sleeper) Beige. Very good cond. $500. or best offer. **Call 732-566-1634**

COUCH, RECLINER & 3 OAK TABLES
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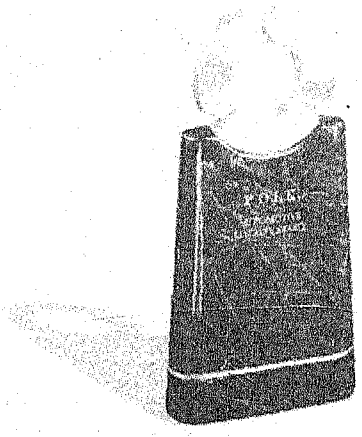
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