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Veterans hold a service in remembrance of Pearl Harbor at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, the exact time the attack took place 63 years earlier. Pictured at American Legion Post 211 in Sayreville are (from right) Ed Pietraszka, Ed Strek, Rich Kosmoski, Lewis Caedella and Harry Wasnak.

Sayreville theater co. Works of late OBHS seeking a new venue

Step Inn Ballroom to reopen as bar and restaurant

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

provided a stage for countless performers and entertainment for thou-

But Sayreville's Step Inn Ballroom, used by the Main Street Theater Co. since the troupe was formed in 1994 by local teenagers with a passion for theater, has changed hands and will soon operate as a restaurant and sports bar.

As a result, when the curtain drops this weekend following Saturday's performances of 'It's a Wonderful Life," it will likely mark the last time the theater troupe graces the MacArthur Avenue stage. The holiday show is the last of the season for the company, which is currently looking for a new

"We've been preparing ourselves for the move," said Vic Morosco, who has performed and directed with the troupe almost since its inception. "We've been here 10 years, it's been our home.'

The Step Inn Ballroom will now be operated by Parag Kashiparekh, the owner of the Crestwood bar and restaurant on Old Bridge Turnpike in South River. Kashiparekh said he plans to create a similar environment at the Step Inn, also using the space as a banquet hall and for holding special events, such as jazz performances and comedy nights.

Where people could spend the whole night [at the restaurant]," Kashiparekh said.

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teacher now on exhibit

Michael Grace had a lasting impact on his art students

BY LAUREN MATTHEW Staff Writer

ost people can remember at least one teacher who impressed them, who made them care about the subject they were studying or pointed them toward a career. A teacher whose passion and concern for students surpass expectation.

For many Old Bridge High School students, that teacher was Michael Grace.

An art teacher in Old Bridge for more than 35 years, Grace died in September of a sudden heart attack. He was 59.

Classes that Grace taught at the west campus ranged from art history, a program that he started, to jewelry, where students could make and keep their own pieces.

'Mike was a very generous, giving person. That's what made him a good teacher as well," said art department col-league Glen Lichtenstein, a

longtime friend of Grace's.

With the help of Grace's children, the fine arts department of the high school has set up an exhibition of Grace's watercolor work. The show, which features about 20 of Grace's realist paintings, is on display at the Old Bridge Public Library through Jan. 10.

"He had a love for art and a love for teaching," said Grace's son, Cullen, of South Amboy. "He could really bring the best out of his students, helping to cultivate their talent and their interest in art, and he touched their lives, making them more artistically aware.

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Two new parkway ramps by late '05

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — Congestion that backs up in the vicinity of Route 9 and the Garden State Parkway is expected to be eased by the end of 2005.

For years, the backups have worsened in both directions leading to Interchange 123 on the parkway, resulting in further traffic on nearby Sayreville streets due to drivers avoiding the backups on the parkway and the congestion on Route 9 in that location.

Council President Thomas Pollando noted that the traffic "practically backs up from one exit to another" on the parkway southbound in that area.

But relief is in the works.

According to New Jersey Turnpike Authority spokesman Joseph Orlando, construction at Interchange 123 — where the parkway meets Route 9 — has been under way as of July 12.

The construction, Orlando said, will see a lane added northbound from the Route 9 ramp to the parkway, in the vicinity of Kenneth Avenue; and a lane added southbound from the parkway exit to Route 9 south, in the vicinity of Russo Avenue.

The Turnpike Authority awarded a contract for the work June 1 to Bishop Sanzari at a total cost of \$7.1 million, Orlando said.

According to Pollando, the widening of the roads for the long troubled exit would provide much-needed relief to not only commuters, but also borough residents who have had to deal with additional traffic when commuters, looking to avoid the congested interchange, exit the parkway early, trying to find a shortcut through the borough.

"It's going to make it much easier," he said. "Especially after 4 p.m., it really backs up."

"You're going to go from a single helix to a double helix," Mayor Kennedy O'Brien said of the additional lanes. "It will certainly help rush-hour commuters."

Construction has become a common site in the vicinity. Earlier this year, crews removed the toll booths just north of the interchange on the northbound side of the parkway.

According to Orlando, the estimated completion date of the project is Nov. 15, depending on issues related to the weather, so commuters will have to wait approximately one more year for relief.

Still, for many frustrated commuters, the wait will be worth it.

"I avoid [it] with a passion," O'Brien said.



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Frank Norek, of Sayreville, as George Bailey, and Jennifer Gumpert, Edison, as Mary Hatch work on, a scene from "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Step Inn Ballroom. The shows opened last weekend and will be performed tomorrow night at 8, and again Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. The shows are the last of the year for the theater company and the final performances at the MacArthur Avenue venue, which is under new ownership.

Sayreville schools ready for expansion

School board tells planners no changes expected in plans

BY JOHN DUNPHY

SAYREVILLE — A proposed high school expansion inched closer to reality last week.

School officials met with the Planning Board last week to present a preliminary overview of the work that has been done so far and where the project is heading, said board President Al Cox, who was among those in attendance at the meeting.

John Schnitzer, president and chief designer with the firm Rivardo, Schnitzer, Capazzi Architects of Cliffside Park, presented the board with blueprints that the school board had reviewed last summer. Schnitzer said the project could be done in two phases so work could be done while school was in session and during summer.

Phase one of the project would include expansion of the cafeteria and the addition of a science wing and new classrooms. It would be completed in 1 1/2 years, Schnitzer said.

"Currently, the science labs are greatly undersized," he said.

Phase two, which would begin shortly thereafter, would include construction of more classrooms, bathrooms and more work in the cafeteria, and would take about one year to complete, Schnitzer said.

He also mentioned a possible phase

three, which would include renovation and expansion of a music suite, as well as construction of two new entrances. This phase, however, could be integrated into the first two phases, he said.

The entire project, which Assistant Superintendent of Schools Carla Sutherland referred to as a "total facility renovation," not just an add-on, would feature 63 additional educational spaces, including 49 individual classrooms, 19 of which would contain divisible walls.

In all, Schnitzer said the renovated high school could be completed by September 2009 to facilitate the 2,100 students the borough expects to have attending the high school by 2012.

Asked by the Planning Board if the building's facade would be compromised by the new construction, Schnitzer said, "The intent is to bring the whole school together with the new construction," citing that any new construction would not look any different than what's already present.

Council President Thomas Pollando, who is liaison to the Planning Board, asked Schnitzer and the school board members if, with the ever-increasing population in the borough, the additions "would be able to take care of our needs?"

With the expected maximum capacity of 2,100 students, Sutherland said enrollment projections would be satisfied through 2014. The school's enrollment as of this past October was 1,722 students, she said.

When asked if the project could have been increased to allow for a greater length of time before another expansion would be needed, school board members pointed to money the state will make available to the district, pending an April 2005 approval, and a limit placed on how much the district could ask for to fund the project.

The proposed costs for the entire project are estimated at \$44,580,000. Superintendent of Schools Dennis Fyffe has previously said that state aid for school districts with large construction projects would need to be taken into consideration, pointing to recent construction of the Upper Elementary School on Ernston Road. Original costs for the upper elementary project were \$28 million, but state aid, according to Fyffe, reduced that cost by \$7 million.

At the meeting, Cox said state aid could be as high as 40 percent of total costs.

Fyffe had previously said that if the April referendum was to fail, "given the budget crisis in the state, the money may not be there in the future."

Cox referred to the referendum as the jump point for the high school renovation project, saying, "If there's no approval by the end of 2005, [there will be] no 40 percent from the state." Unless officials in Trenton saw any issues, he said there would be no future changes to the current plans.

"This is the first in many, many phases of the process," he added.

Also at the meeting were school
Business Administrator Emidio
D'Andrea and soon-to-be acting
Superintendent of Schools Frank
Alfano.



Residents say building has brought mud, water

Mayor doubts builder is ready for release of performance bond

BY LAUREN MATTHEW Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — Developer K. Hovnanian took itself off the Township Council agenda Monday, leaving a handful of Prest's Mill Road residents frustrated with their position in the development scheme.

Prest's Mill Road is part of Hovnanian's plan for the second phase of the Oakwoode development. K. Hovnanian is building on a large area between Prest's Mill, Oakland and Spring Valley roads: The development will include 386 houses, at the rate of about 125 new homes per year.

Under K. Hovnanian's approval, the developer should be finishing roads and sewers in that area, as well as building a bridge to Route 9.

Residents in the area say the impact that these new houses have already had on them cannot be ignored.

"This was a matter of great discussion even before I became mayor," said Mayor Jim Phillips, noting that the project went before the Planning Board in 2003.

People were not happy with initial negotiations between the township and K. Hovnanian in the preliminary phases of development, and that unhappiness has grown now that construction has begun.

Council President William Baker assured residents that the council would

hear them, even if K. Hovnanian was not present.

"We work for you," he said.

Residents accused K. Hovnanian of playing "builder's games," and maintained that the developer did not contact them as parties affected by the construction. They used words like "disgusted" to describe their feelings.

describe their feelings.

"From day one, I have had mud issues," said resident Gwendolyn Copeland. "No one addressed them."

Now that Hovnanian is building, she said, she's worried about what is going to happen to her property in regard to drainage, since time and money have been invested in dealing with the mud. She's put up retaining walls and put in sump pumps and still has to shovel mud.

"I'm not happy," Copeland said. "It's just not a happy place to live."

Residents also said there were discrepancies between K. Hovnanian's surveys as to the building of a road through what was once the dead end of Prest's Mill Road and the numbers the township has.

"[The developer] must notify within 200 feet," Phillips said. "Now that the township is aware of that, we'll do all we can to notify [the residents] of future hearings."

"No action should be taken unless the people who need to be notified have been notified," Township Attorney Jerome Convery said during the meeting.

Phillips said he understood the concerns of residents. Where trees once stood, there is now cleared land. There are drainage problems, dirt and debris from construction and "a hill full of mud," according to Phillips.

"All of these things are perfectly understandable," he said.

K. Hovnanian was on the council's agenda Monday for a release from its performance bond — a financial relief on a graduated percentage basis for work already done.

"If the public is not happy, the council generally does not release," Phillips said. "It's better to be overcautious."

In order for the developer to be released, he continued, the development must be substantially complete and the people affected must be happy.

A new hearing date will be set when K. Hovnanian comes to the council to petition again for release from its bond.

"Based on what I've seen, personally, for Hovnanian to come in now and ask for a release from their performance bond would be a waste of their time," Phillips said.





Theft of headlamps thought to be related

 $OLD\ BRIDGE-Four\ possibly\ related$ cases of auto headlight theft have police investigating the crimes with other nearby municipalities.

"We've got a real problem with this," said Old Bridge Lt. Robert Weiss. "This has been an ongoing problem for some time now.

The latest spree, which happened along the Route 9 corridor, took place Saturday, between 8:30 a.m. and 10:20 p.m., according to police reports. Headlights were stolen from cars parked at two restaurants and at Park and Ride lot D on Route 9

These thefts do not just result in the loss of headlights, Weiss said, adding that there is also damage to the body of the car. In most cases, the hood of the car is pried up to allow access to the lights from behind, and in some cases side windows have been smashed, he said.

"These are expensive halogen lights," Weiss said. "Each one of these are potentially \$2,000 crimes, every time they oc-

Many of these thefts may go unreported, Weiss said, because of the nature of the crime. It's difficult for police to get information on the thefts because they happen so quickly.

I don't know what precaution to tell people to take," he said.

Sayreville and South Amboy residents have also had problems with headlight theft, Weiss said. Detective Walter Decker of the Old Bridge police is investigating the local thefts, and working in conjunction with other local towns, Weiss said.

"A string of these [thefts] over a period of time like that leads us to believe that they're connected," he said.

Anvone with information about the thefts is urged to call the police department's detective division at (732) 721-5600, ext. 3001.

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Assemblyman sponsors holiday food collection

Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski (D-19th) is sponsoring a holiday food drive through the end of December on behalf of MCFOODS (Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Service).

Donations may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays-Fridays and by appointment, at the assemblyman's legislative office, 3145 Bordentown Ave., Parlin section of Sayreville. Nonperishable food items are sought. Many area food pantries and soup kitchens are running low on essential items including canned tuna fish, cereal, tomato products, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice, macaroni and cheese, snacks, canned meats and pastas, jelly, stew, canned fruits and personal and baby supplies such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers and wipes.

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Attaches

OLD BRIDGE - Township officials are reviewing a proposal by Nextel Communications to build a cell tower in Laurence Harbor.

Nextel officials presented the outline of preliminary plan for the tower to the Planning Board Tuesday night.

The 123-foot-tall monopole and surrounding compound would occupy space at 15 Industrial Dr., adjacent to four businesses.

The tower would improve wireless phone, two-way radio, multimedia mes-saging and Internet service in the area, Nextel representatives said.

"There's a significant gap in coverage," said Laszlo Herczku, a Nextel representative. "Demand has grown. That demand is created through the public, for phones."

Herczku said that with the new tower, the gap, which occurs near the proposed monopole site on Route 35, would be cov-

The nearest home to the proposed site is about 300 feet away and is located south of the site toward Maplewood Drive, Nextel attorney Gregory Czura said. Old Bridge has an ordinance in effect that requires cell towers to be a minimum of 500 feet from residences.

The Cooper School property line is also nearby, about 200 feet away.

The monopole would thus require variance relief from property line setbacks.

The proposed tower cannot be moved in order to avoid those variances, Czura said. The landlord's guidelines will not allow such a move.

A nearby water tower, owned by the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Agency (MUA), was the site that Nextel originally planned to use for the monopole. After negotiations with the MUA, however, Nextel found the terms too difficult to conform to and sought another location.

It would be cheaper for Nextel to use the water tower as a pre-existing structure and place an antenna on top of it, and board members encouraged Nextel to return to the MUA for further negotiations.

"We want as many carriers as possible on a structure," said board member Patrick Gillespie, who is also the Township Council's vice president. "Nextel is allowing for five [cell carriers on its monopole].

Allowing more carriers on shared space, Gillespie said, means having fewer cell tow-

Nextel architect Frank Colasureo offered a similar standpoint.

We want a monopole designed to support the carriers out there now," he said.

Colasureo also said the monopole is designed to be unmanned but monitored 24 hours a day. It would have no offensive output or noise, and no traffic impact, he explained.

Township Engineer John Vincenti voiced concern regarding the variance requests.

"If the board chooses to grant the variances for Nextel, they're in essence going to approve variances for future carriers. The board should recognize that," he said.

Potential space for generators in cases of emergency is also a concern.

"Recently, we've seen a lot of carriers come in with generators," Vincenti said.

Nextel said its current plans do not include space for a permanent generator.

With four or five other carriers, that could mean four or five generators.

"I would suggest that we should really address that," Vincenti told the board. "We should weigh the need for an emergency generator.

"I would like to see that just like the monopole is shared, a generator is shared," Vincenti continued.

He suggested that the first carrier, which in this case is Nextel, bear the cost of the generator and negotiate deals with other carriers who come on board later to offset the cost.

Planning Board member Owen Henry expressed concern for residents in the area of the monopole, though none were present at the meeting.

"I don't even know if residents are aware of this," he said. "About a dozen would be affected."

Other Nextel towers or servers are in place locally, at the corner of Jersey Avenue and Rose Street in Aberdeen; the corner of routes 35 and 36 in Keyport; the PNC Bank Arts Center; Wilson Avenue in Marlboro; the corner of Route 9 and Ernston Road in Sayreville; and a lattice tower outside the Old Bridge Municipal Center.

Nextel is scheduled to return to the board Jan. 4.



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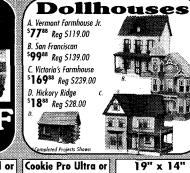




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Police look into drive-by

BY LAUREN MATTHEW Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE - A drive-by shooting at 11:30 p.m. Saturday on Sunrise Road left residents there shaken.

Though no one was injured, the shooting, which sent a bullet through a local residence, remains a mystery in terms of who did it and their possible

"It was a drive-by-type shooting," Lt. Robert Weiss said.

Four shots were fired from a passing car, Weiss said. One of the shots went through the wall of a nearby house, hit the oven, bounced off, scratched the ceiling and finally landed on the dining room floor.

At least two people were inside the

Sunrise Road residence at the time the bullet penetrated its walls.

Shots also went through the window of a 2004 Volvo parked in the driveway of the house, Weiss said. He said the car belonged to guests of the residents.

"The detective bureau is aggressively pursing this," he added.

Police do not believe the shots were random, and are investigating possible motives.

"Everything is still being looked into," Weiss said.

Anyone with information related to the shooting is urged to call Detective Walter Decker at the detective division. The phone number is (732) 721-5600, ext. 3001.

Meetings planned for library groups and clubs

The Old Bridge Public Library Main Branch, Route 516 and Cottrell Road, has scheduled a variety of upcoming events.

The Savvy Seniors discussion and activities group will hold a meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 14. The group usually meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the library's large meeting room to discuss selected topics of interest and plan lunch dates and trips to Broadway shows, movies, etc.

Meetings of the Crafting Club are held at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. Crafters of all experience levels and all types of craft are welcome, Call (732) 721-5600, ext. 5033 for more information.

The library's Original Book Discussion Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 16. "The Trial" by Franz Kafka will be discussed. Call Tim at (732) 721-5600, ext. 2313 for more information.

The next meeting of the library's new Nonfiction Book Discussion Group is planned for 7 p.m. on Dec. 30. Topic will be "The Color of Water" by James McBride. For more information, call Marcy at (732) 721-5600, ext. 5034.

The Garden Club will not meet in December but will return in January. Participants trade secrets and tips, plan visits to gardening centers and more. Call Margie at (732) 721-5600, ext. 5014 for more information. There will be no December meeting for the Science Fiction Book Discussion Group. "Diamond Age" by Neal Stephenson will be the topic at the group's January meeting. Call Tim at (732) 721-5600, ext. 2313 for more information.



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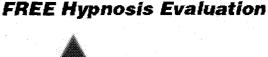
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People are the answer, not cameras

ayreville Mayor Kennedy
O'Brien and Councilman
Stanley Drwal are getting
a bit too "Orwellian" if you ask
me. They're going to put cameras in the Julian L. Capik
Nature Preserve area, off
Bordentown Avenue, to stem
the "epidemic" of ATV (all-terrain vehicles) riders thrashing
the area.

I walk my dog in the park no less than three times a week and can honestly say that in the last two years I have encountered, maybe, four riders. All were courteous enough to stop and let me pass on the tight paths.

Sure, the cameras are going to be donated free of charge, but if you read the fine print at the end of that article ("Borough to Monitor Parks With Donated Cameras. Suburban, Nov. 24), the people of Sayreville are going to be paying between \$20,000-\$30,000 per year for the maintenance of those cameras. Surely that money could be better spent on bike paths or to improve the parking area so more people could have access

to this public area.

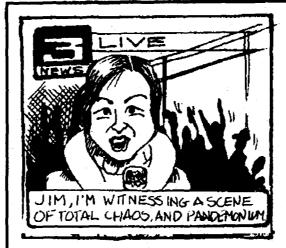
The dumping of garbage is the most serious problem in the park. As someone who has witnessed a dumper, called police and later found that the dumper was ticketed and fined very heavily, I can tell you that cameras aren't the answer — people presence is.

So Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Drwal, instead of making this area a personal hunting and fishing area for a few select permit holders, make this area more accessible for the people. Put an entrance and parking area off Cheesequake Road. Improve the parking area off Bordentown Avenue.

The money you spent erecting all those signs threatening fines and imprisonment is already a blemish on this pristine area.

Don't scare people away, invite them in. The more people in this wildlife area, the less likely ATV riders and dumpers will be there.

Dan Scully Savreville







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Letters

Many contributed to Leprechauns' successful season

n behalf of the Sayreville Leprechauns Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Association's executive board, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this one of our most successful seasons.

For the first time in recent memory, the Jr. PeeWee, PeeWee and Midget football teams all advanced to the first round of playoffs. The Jr. PeeWee team took a first place in the green division.

Equally as successful were the cheerleading squads. The Jr. PeeWee and PeeWee teams advanced to the state finals, and the Midget squad advanced to the Garden State Tournament.

I would like to thank Mayor Kennedy O'Brien as well as Councilman Tom Pollando and the Borough Council for their support.

Of course, special thanks go to Mickey Sedlak for his years of continued support for the children of Sayreville.

Special thanks also to Councilman John Melillo for the constant help and support he has given us. John was instrumental in helping to establish our flag program last year for 5- and 6-year-old boys and girls. In only its second year, this program has grown to a second team due to the overwhelming response. Councilman Melillo's dedication to the children of Sayreville is truly outstanding. During football season he can always be found at the Leprechauns' field, cheering for our teams or selling 50/50s at the Bombers' home games.

I would also like to thank our growing list of sponsors that help support our programs. They are certainly too numerous to list here, but go to www.cenjersey.com and click on Sayreville Leprechauns to see these community-minded businesses that deserve your support.

Finally, I would like to thank our hard-working children, dedicated parents, our extraordinarily dedicated and talented coaching staff and board members who volunteer countless hours to make this all possible.

> Pat Lembo vice president executive board Sayreville Leprechauns Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Association

Offers clarification on court agreement

his letter is in reference to the article titled "Sides Reach Agreement on Ordinance Violations" that appeared in the Dec. 2 issue of the Suburban.

Old Bridge agrees that the agreement reached on Nov. 19 was beneficial to all parties concerned. However, there was an oversight of one of the most important parts of the agreement. Joe Citera also agreed to voluntarily give up his license to sell tobacco products if he is convicted of any tobacco violations in the future. This stresses the commitment of Mr. Citera to cooperate and keep minors from purchasing

cigarettes.

The complaint filed on Nov. 19 for selling cigarettes to a minor on that date was not thrown out by the judge. I agreed to withdraw the new complaint that could have led to Mr. Citera's loss of license as part of the agreement reached in court.

I also want to put all the gas stations in town on notice that Old Bridge Watch will be keeping a closer eye on them. It seems that gas stations are an easier access than convenience stores for minors to buy tobacco products.

Louis F. Valentino founder Old Bridge Watch

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If not for man, land would be overrun with wildlife

his is in response to Florinne Abramowitz's letter to the editor, "No Place for Deer, Bear Hunts in a Compassionate World," that appeared in the Dec. 2 issue of the Suburban.

If it wasn't for man, the thinking animal and hunter, who by the way pays dearly in hunting fees to help the wildlife commission manage wildlife at no cost to the taxpayer, we would be overrun with wildlife.

The overpopulation of wildlife (which, by the way, is caused by our invading population) now costs a large amount of money in the way of crop and property damages, not to mention the hazards of wildlife movement across our congested highways, which may cost someone's life, or bears roaming freely in their woods (your yard) and mauling your children.

Compassion, you say. Where is

your compassion when people such as yourself invade the "habitat"? That is the place where the animals lived before you ruined the forest for your own comforts.

You want to be compassionate? Knock down your homes, plant more trees and shrubs to replace the damage you have done to cause this dilemma.

Explain to your children why you must live where there used to be some place for that wildlife to live and roam freely without fear of starvation and pollution.

I could go on and on about why there has to be wildlife management (yes, with some compassion, but also with hunts), but if you haven't gotten the message by now, you never will.

> Charles T. McCann East Brunswick

Veterans opened hearts and home to Girl Scouts

he Sayreville-South Amboy Girl Scouts would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Commander Charlie Woods and the members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 4699, Sayreville, for allowing us to use the post home as our Girl Scout cookie delivery station.

The members of the VFW have opened their hearts to us for the past four years.

Since we are a large service unit, it is difficult to find a place that can accommodate approximately 3,000 cases of cookies.

Without the veterans' help, we don't know what we would have done.

We are forever grateful and very appreciative for their support and kindness.

Please don't forget to acknowledge and thank our veterans for everything they have done and continue to do, especially in our community.

> Mary Ann Matyjewicz cookie manager Sayreville-South Amboy

Thanks go out to many for success of holiday parade

would like to thank the Sayreville Recreation Advisory Board, the Sayreville Parks Department and all the organizations for taking part in our annual holiday parade.

The parade was a huge success

due to their participation. Happy holidays to all.

Michael Sedlak

Girl Scouts

municipal department head Sayreville Recreation Department

Roving police patrols, not roadblocks, catch drunk drivers

Rather than frightening responsible adults who may have had a beer at a restaurant by setting up roadblocks, the South River police should be focused on tracking down and arresting drunk drivers.

Roadblocks are not designed to catch drunk drivers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has stated that with roadblocks, "You aren't trying to arrest a lot of people. You're trying to persuade the community that they are facing a higher probability of arrest."

Unfortunately, chronic alcohol

abusers, the core of today's drunk-driving problem, don't respond to these sorts of threats.

The NHTSA reported that the best way to get habitual drunk drivers off the road is with roving police patrols, which net nearly three times the drunk-driving arrests as roadblocks.

Let's go after drunk drivers with law enforcement methods that work.

John Doyle

executive director
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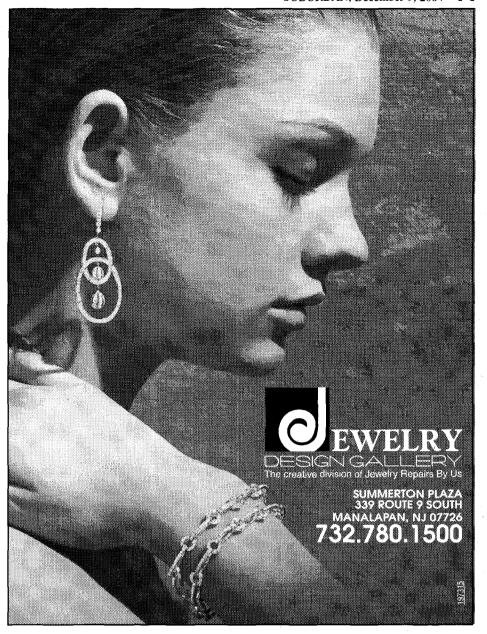
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Boro wants appraisal for town's last farm

Local officials, farm owner hope to get tract in preservation program

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — Borough officials and a local farmer are continuing efforts to save land that is part of Sayreville history.

The Dieker farm, located between Bordentown Avenue and the Garden State Parkway, was purchased by Fred Dieker in 1903. Through the years, besides growing an assorted variety of produce, including tomatoes, peppers, corn and peaches, as well as cultivating bedding plants in greenhouses, the farm located on two, 8-acre parcels of land has also raised chickens, pigs, cows and beef cattle

Over the course of the last 100 years, it has become the final operating farm in all of the borough.

And since last year, Fred's grandson and current property owner, Jim Dieker and his wife Jeanne, have been working to ensure it remains farmland, seeking an entry into the state Farmland Preservation Program.

Under the program, landowners who participate still own their land but sell their right to develop it and cannot use it for anything other than agriculture. The sale price represents the difference of what a developer would pay for the land and what the land is worth for farming, according to the state Agriculture

Development Committee.

Recently, the state made an offer for purchase of the land through the program of approximately \$110,000 an acre, an offer Mayor Kennedy O'Brien said was well below market value. He said the amount was more suitable for property values in southern New Jersey, whereas the value of land in the more-developed Middlesex County region is far greater.

"I find it pretty insulting the state would offer monies they would pay for farms in Burlington and Salem county," he said. "They seem to have open space initiatives for places where nobody lives."

The Borough Council approved a resolution Monday asking for a state-approved appraiser to determine the true value of the properties.

Once a value is determined, O'Brien

said, the borough would then look for additional moneys from the county as well as from the borough's own open space fund.

Dieker was optimistic, stating it was still early in the process.

"There's nothing written in stone," he said. "I'm sure [the state] will start with a low figure and we're going to meet somewhere in between."

The farm was much larger before the Garden State Parkway took 8 acres through eminent domain in the 1950s.

Under farmland preservation, Dieker said, the farm would be void of any eminent domain claims.

"If it goes through, nobody could do anything," he said.

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The Diekers continue to run a roadside produce stand that was started by Jim's grandfather. The operation has grown from selling fruit from a truck during World War II to produce sales that occupy a full-size building.

Although another grandson, Fred Dieker, owns a tract of the family's land next to his, Jim is the only Dieker who still farms.

Dieker said that if the preservation application goes through, he will farm the tract of land behind his cousin's house in addition to his own property.

Dieker has forwarded a number of letters he has received from developers interested in buying the land.

"Mr. Dieker has certainly received offers much, much higher than what the state is offering," O'Brien said.

Despite the greater sums developers would pay for his land, Dieker said he does not want to see his land developed.

"Since I'm the only farm within the 19th [Legislative] District, it's very important for the mayor to [support] this," he said.

O'Brien said he would like the stateappointed appraiser to make a determination as to the value of the property as soon as possible, as this was a time-sensitive matter.

"I am committed to preserving the farm for farmland preservation," he said. "I am sure the governing body is as well.'

Community Bulletin Board

Snow removal offered for seniors, disabled

Savreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien. Senior Center Borough Council Liaison Frank Makransky and the borough governing body are reactivating the Senior Center/Disabled Snow Removal Program to help provide assistance to borough residents in need.

The program will be administered through the Sayreville Office on Aging. The office will attempt to pair seniors and disabled individuals with those residents willing to provide the services. A fee (depending on the size of the job) will be agreed upon by both parties before the work begins.

Students who want to earn extra money during the winter months and adults with access to snow-removal equipment for larger jobs are sought. Students who are willing to provide the service free of charge to aid in fulfilling their community service commitments also are welcome.

For more information and to sign up for the program, call (732) 390-7059.

Rabbi to lead Dec. 19 Bagel Brunch seminar

The Adult Education of Congregation Anshe Emeth, 88 Main St., South River, will sponsor the next installment in its Bagel Brunch lecture series at 9:45 a.m.

Rabbi Nathan Langer will lead a discussion on the "Jewish Book of Why" by Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch.

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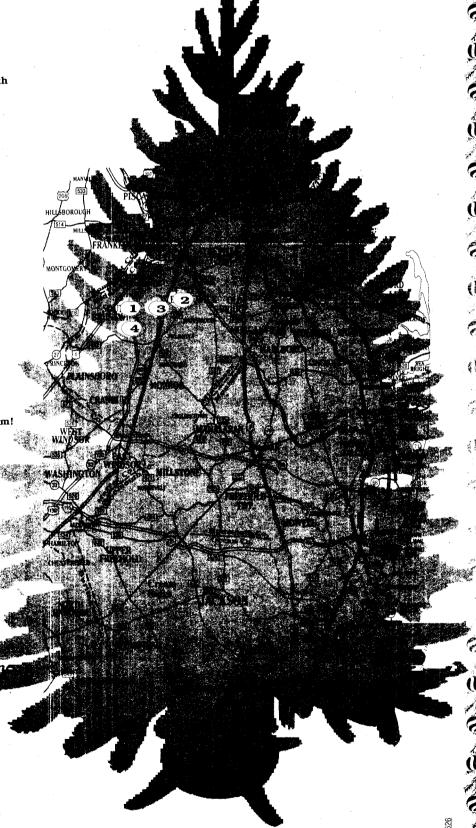
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Marching Knights hit the high notes again

BY SUE M. MORGAN Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE - They might not be the main draw for football fans at Lombardi Field on Friday nights, but the Marching Knights of Old Bridge High School manage to stage a show that competes with those of their gridiron peers.

Now on hiatus until after the holidays, the 118-member ensemble has enjoyed strutting their stuff not only at weekly pigskin contests this fall, but at some noteworthy competitions against and humid August days to cold and wet November nights — the band can be seen and heard practicing and performing. Old Bridge Board of Education member Linda Ault McLaren noted how often she hears band as she heads to board meet-

"Those kids are outside in that field every night during their season," McLaren said. "They are definitely one of the hardest-working groups of kids."

For four consecutive years, the Marching Knights have placed high in competitions against other school's marching units, McLaren pointed out.

"They strive for success that parallels and matches any other competitive endeavor at the high school," McLaren

The Marching Knights perform at every OBHS football game, whether home at Lombardi or away, said Joann Carega, president of the Old Bridge Marching Knights Band Parents.

"They're at every football game," Carega said. "Our children are bused to away games."

On a cold, windy Nov. 13, the Marching Knights placed 14th out of 30 participants units in the Atlantic Coast Championships held at Lackawanna Stadium in Scranton, Pa., said Carega, who traveled there with the band. The prestigious contest brought in marching units from other northeast states as well as Virginia and Ohio.

Last month's appearance marked the fifth time that the Marching Knights have been invited to participate, something that is in itself an honor.

"When you make it to [the Atlantic Coast Championships], it's big," Carega said. "But to be asked to perform there is even better."

"Many, many schools go there," said Carega, whose son, Raymond, 16, is the

Placing in the upper half of the competition is quite an accomplishment, considering the obstacles faced by the band this year, Carega stressed.

For one, Marching Knights band director Frank Batsch has many freshmen in this year's unit who are still adjusting to the rigors of high school competition.

Secondly, the musical program itself, "To Tame the Perilous Skies," by David Holsinger, a music professor at Lee University in Tennessee, proved especially challenging to the musicians as a

"The music itself was very hard," Carega said of the 8 1/2-minute piece.

To boot, the marchers were bundled up in extra sweaters, scarves and layers to fend off biting winds, she added.
"It was cold," Carega said.

Despite the freezing conditions, the band members enjoyed competing as well as watching and cheering the other bands from other states, she continued.

"They pulled through it," Carega said. "It was a good show."

Batsch, who formerly served as assistant band director, is in his second year as the unit's leader. An instrumental music teacher at Jonas Salk Middle School who has also performed in ensembles with fellow veterans of the Armed Forces, Batsch could not be more proud

of his young, energetic musicians. "There's nobody better than them," Batsch said. (Continued on next page)



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Bands are selected for play in competitions such as Atlantic Coast based on their individual scores in various "home shows," Carega noted. Home shows are the smaller competitions between a selected number of school bands, usually with one unit playing host for the evening.

Competing units are generally judged according to the quality of their marching, music, visual show, color guard if one is present, and percussion, Carega explained.

"The visual [show] is very, very important." she said.

Broken down, the Marching Knights consists of 86 musicians, 30 color guard performers and two drum majors, Batsch said. Senior Jason Mapou and junior Christine Odejar are the drum majors this year.

Earlier this fall, the Marching Knights placed first in a home show at Jefferson Township High School and second in a similar competition at Roselle Park High School. They also took first in the Chapter Championships, last month at Wayne Stevens High School in Wayne.

Unfortunately, when it came to hosting their own home show at Lombardi Field Oct. 30, the weather turned tricky. Torrential rains the night before soaked

the football field, making it to dangerous to march or perform, according to Batsch. Even with numerous bales of hay, donated by Cottrell Farms, coating parts of the field, the home show's organizers refused to take any chances that any members of 11 participating bands would get hurt while performing, Batsch said.

Still, the show went on, with the musicians standing in place and color guards performing routines on the running track along the field's perimeter. East Brunswick High School's marching band played the bill, and the Marching Knights were the last on the night's pro-

"That was the first time that this [rainy conditions] happened to us," Carega said. "It's almost devastating not to be able to perform on the field."

Having put their marching uniforms away temporarily, many of the same band members are scheduled to play in the school's orchestra at a Dec. 22 Holiday Concert at Old Bridge High School's west campus, Carega noted.

After New Year's Day, however, it will be back to formation as the Marching Knights get ready to participate once again in St. Patrick's Day parades in South Amboy and Jersey City. The year will conclude with an appearance in the township's Memorial Day parade in Laurence Harbor.

Community Bulletin Board

Story times, juggling show coming to library

The Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, will host the following upcoming children's story times and craft activities:

- "Creative Kids" open to ages 3 and up, 6 p.m. on Dec. 9;
 • "Toddler Time" — open to children
- 12-24 months, 11 a.m. on Dec. 10 and 17;
- "Terrific Twos" open to youngsters 24-36 months old, 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 13;
- "Preschool Fun" open to ages 3-5, 10:45 and 11:45 a.m. on Dec. 15.

Registration is not required. A Sayreville Public Library card must be presented at the event.

Children of all ages are invited to the library's Winter Celebration, featuring the Juggling Hoffmans, at 6 p.m. on Dec. 16. Refreshments will follow the show. Registration is required; Sayreville Library card must be presented. For more information on all programs, call the library children's desk at (732) 727-0212,

Goddard School to host Dec. 18 blood drive

The Blood Center of New Jersey (BCNJ) will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 18 at the Goddard School, 1480 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge.

Complimentary cholesterol screenings

will be provided for all participants. Donors, who must present signed or photo identification and know their Social Security number, are asked to eat a meal before donating. For more information, call the BCNJ at (800) NJ-BLOOD, ext. 140.

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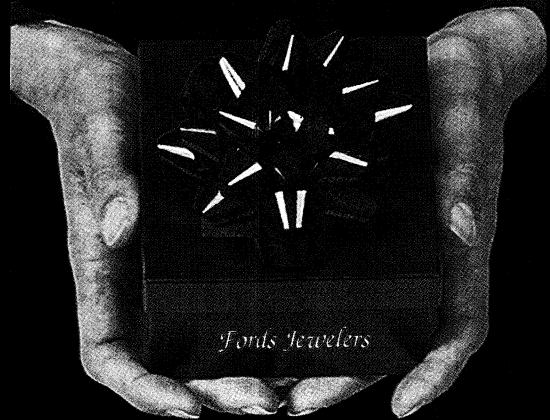
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'It's a Wonderful Life' to be staged Dec. 10, 11

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Advance tickets cost \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students. An additional \$2 will be charged for tickets purchased at the door. Prices include dessert and beverage.

For more information and to reserve, call (732) 553-1153 or log on to www.smstc.org.

HSA to sponsor baking contest and cookie walk

Sacred Heart Elementary School HSA will sponsor its annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Baking Contest from 4-6 p.m. on Dec. 18 and 7 a.m. to noon on Dec. 19 in the school cafeteria, Walnut Street, South Amboy.

A variety of homemade cookies will be available for \$5 a pound. Interested individuals may submit a sample plate of favorite cookies to be entered into the baking contest.

All baking contest entries must be received by 4 p.m. on Dec. 18.

For more information and a contest registration form, call Sue Lewis at (732)

Holiday tree, menorah lighting on tap in O.B.

The Township of Old Bridge Department of Parks, Recreation and Social Services will sponsor its annual holiday tree and menorah lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 in the municipal center courtyard, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

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

OLV Knights to host Dec. 12 blood drive

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council No. 2061 will hold a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the council home, 775 Washington Road, Parlin section of Sayreville.

Donors are urgently needed.

Waterfalls will be topic at Sierra Club meeting

Gary Letcher, author of the book "Waterfalls of the Mid-Atlantic States," will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Raritan Valley Group of the Sierra Club set for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Unitarian Society, 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick.

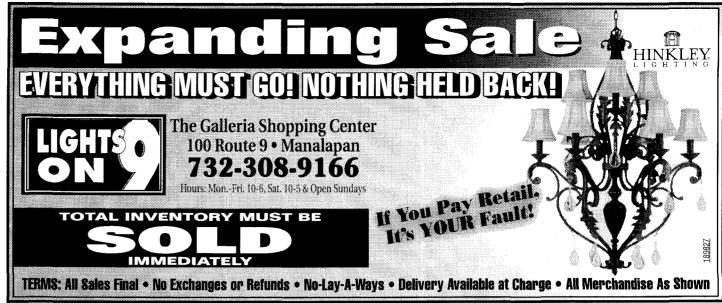
Letcher will present a 40-minute program featuring slides and tales of the diverse waterfalls in New Jersey.

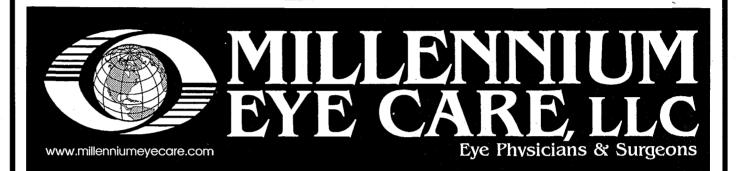
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The new establishment, which its owner said will likely receive a new name, could be open for business by February, he said.

Morosco said the theater troupe has prospects for a new location.

"We definitely have to find a place," Morosco said. "We're hoping to re-emerge in the spring."

He said borough officials have been helping the thespians to make sure a new location is secured. According to council President Thomas Pollando, the involved parties are close to a deal that

involved parties are close to a deal that would see the Main Street Theater Co. set up camp at the former Krome night-club at Route 35 and Old Spye Road.

The club closed its doors in September following the late-August shooting of a Union Township man, Che Broadus, as he was leaving the club following a Teen Night promotion.

The Beninato family, which owns the Krome property, was expecting to close the club several months later and sell the site to a developer who would then build an age-restricted community and marina on and around the Krome site.

While talks with the developer, Zigga Roshnasky, of Continental Properties Inc., are still ongoing, any groundbreaking on such a development would likely take place in late 2005, Roshnasky said.

Krome, which for many years operated as Club Bene, had been holding all-ages concerts and teen nights since losing its liquor license in 2001, and had gained negative public attention on several occasions, many related to crowd control problems and the need for a police presence.

"I don't think residents would mind the theater going in there," Pollando said. "This way, it keeps our word that we wouldn't have a club in that area, nothing that will have nuisance issues."

With redevelopment talks still active, the nightclub property would likely be just a temporary home for the theater company.

"The mayor is behind [the troupe] and interested in our well-being," Morosco said. "Our summation is the mayor and the powers that be want us to stay alive."

Pollando said the borough is interested in building a theater off Main Street in the vicinity of borough hall. However, as the project would cost at least a couple million dollars, it would still be a few years before it could become a reality.

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"It takes money, like anything else,"

he said.

"I think the Main Street Theater Co. offers a venue for local residents to hone their skills," Mayor Kennedy O'Brien said. "I think it's an integral part of our community."

Once "It's A Wonderful Life" wraps, it will be time to begin one of the more difficult phases of moving — cleaning up.

"We definitely want to stay in Sayreville. We're hoping down the line, the whole borough will want us to be a viable part of the community with our own stable theater," Morosco said. "I think we're optimistic. It's all a matter of time."

Horse-drawn carriage rides planned in J'burg

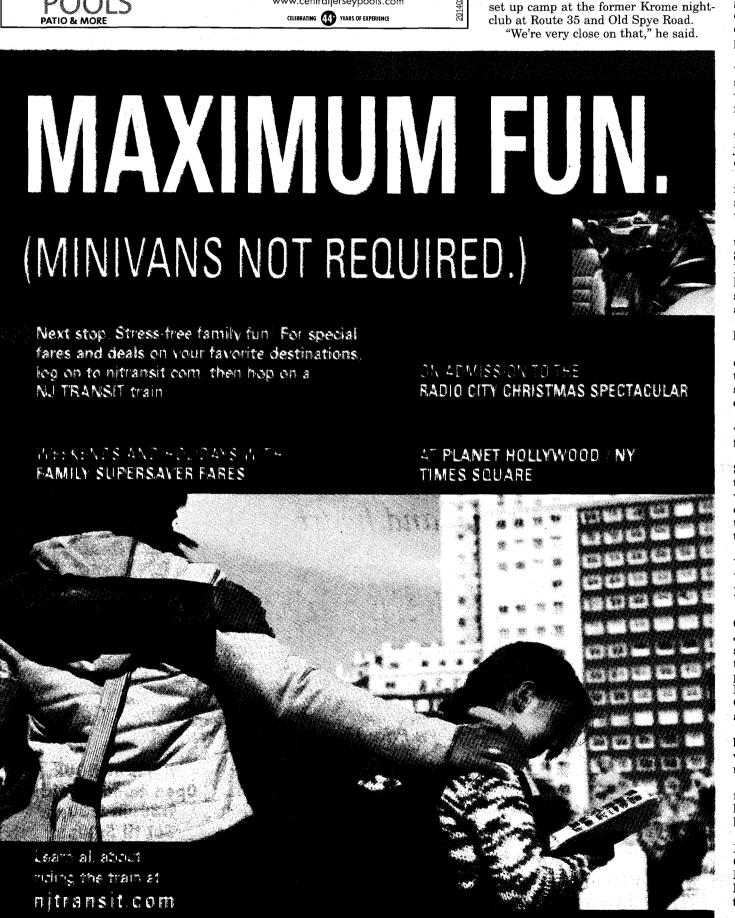
The Jamesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Jamesburg Historical Association, will sponsor free horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown Jamesburg from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 16 beginning at West Railroad Avenue near the corner of Church Street. Tickets will be offered on a first-come basis.

Businesses on Railroad Avenue will be open late during the events, and many will provide refreshments and entertainment.

Rides will take place weather permitting. Cold weather and light rain, however, will not be cause for cancellation.

The event is funded in part by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission/Board of Chosen Freeholders and the. New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of cultural affairs in the Department of State.

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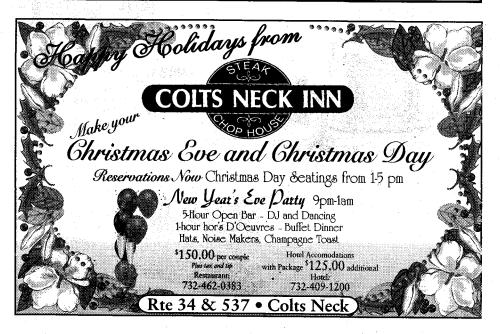
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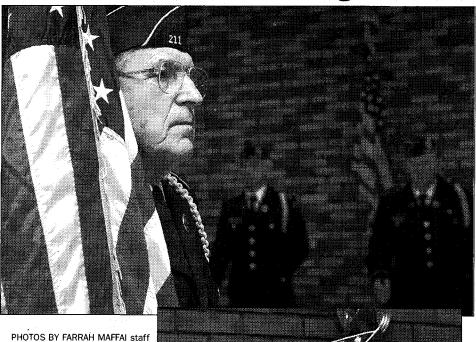
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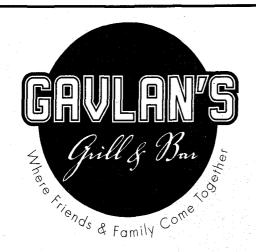
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In the Service

Army Reserve Pvt. Michael J. Groskranz, son of **Judith A. Groskranz** of Sayreville, recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values and physical fitness. He received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, the military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises. Groskranz is a 2001 graduate of War Memorial High School.

John A. Perez, son of Lorraine Jordon of North Arlington and Juan Perez of the Parlin section of Sayreville, recently graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The course provides professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader. Perez is a 2002 graduate of North Arlington High School.

"On Campus

Eric Popleik and Jia Li of Old Bridge and Casey Williams of Sayreivlle recently were inducted into the Middlesex County College, Edison, chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the academic honor society for two-year colleges.

The chapter is involved in several activities on campus including collecting toys for children in area hospitals, work-

ing at Elijah's Promise, a soup kitchen in New Brunswick, and reading to children in the college's day care center. The chapter has won numerous regional and national awards.

Membership and active participation in the organization makes its members eligible to apply for Phi Theta Kappa scholarships at four-year colleges and universities.

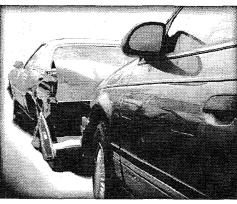
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Holiday Oldies Dance scheduled for Dec. 17

A Holiday Oldies Dance is planned for 7-11 p.m. on Dec. 17 at American Legion Post No. 253, DeVoe Avenue, off Main Street, Spotswood.

Participants will dance to the music of the '50s and '60s. An oldies dance is held every third Friday of the month at the post home.

Cost is \$7 per person, and includes coffee, cake, tea and cookies. Singles are welcome. For more information, call Tony at (732) 251-0970 after 7 p.m.



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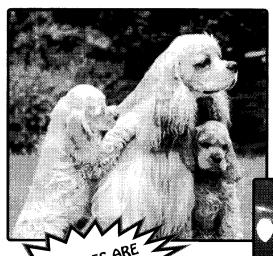
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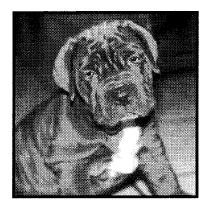
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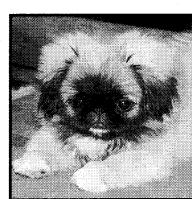


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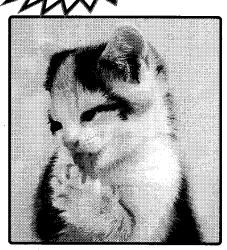
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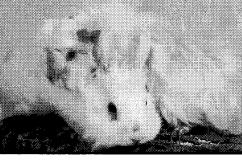


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Ensemble readies 35th annual 'Nutcracker'

Shows featuring many area youth dancers will be staged Saturday

ome of New Jersey's most talented youth dancers will take the stage Saturday when a state ensemble presents its annual production of "The

The shows, with performances at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at East Brunswick High School, Middlesex County, will feature approximately 60 dancers, mostly between the ages of 9 and 18. Presented by the N.J. Dance Theatre Ensemble in conjunction with the East Brunswick Education Foundation, the shows have become an annual December tradition at the school.

Ensemble Business Director Karin Engel said the production, with many dancers hailing from central New Jersey, has been a great success in East Brunswick, whose auditorium has seating for 730.

"It's a timeless, classic story set to the music of Tchaikovsky, with beautiful dancing and costumes," she said. "It's a very professional production."

But what is unique about the ensemble's performance is that the dancers are considered "preprofessional." Joining the company through an audition process at the age of 9, the dancers take weekly technique classes with the ensemble at Drew University in Madison, study both classical ballet and modern dance, and in most cases take dance classes at a local studio two to three times a week.

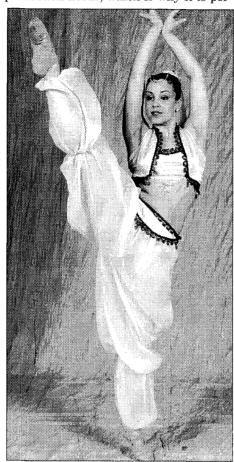
"So, the level of instruction is of a very high caliber," said Engel, a Westfield resident whose 14-year-old daughter Elizabeth plays the lead role of "Clara."

Among the local youths featured in the production are five North Brunswick residents - Briana Burckhardt, Sarah Kramer, Jillian and Mackenzie Rice, and Christina Soto; Michelle Bussiere, of Dayton; Alexandra DeAmicis, Milltown; Jessica and Jaimie Berube, of Little Silver; Kelsey McMahon, Red Bank; and Kara Menendez, Tinton Falls.

The full-length ballet, directed by Nancy Turano, also features about a dozen guest artists, including members of the Juilliard Dance Ensemble, Alvin Ailey School, SUNY Purchase and Luna

Initially brought to the high school several years ago by Nancy Paulson, a one-time East Brunswick Board of Education member who previously served in Engel's position, the ensemble first began performing "The Nutcracker" 35 years ago.

Engel said the annual shows are a major endeavor in terms of space and production needs, which is why it is per-



Christina Soto, 17, performs as "Arabian" in the New Jersey Dance Ensemble's production Nutcracker.

formed at only one venue. It also involves a tremendous effort on the part of the performers.

"We start rehearsing in October," Engel said. "We rehearse on both Saturdays and Sundays each weekend until the performances. It's pretty timeconsuming and it's a big commitment on the part of the dancers and their fami-

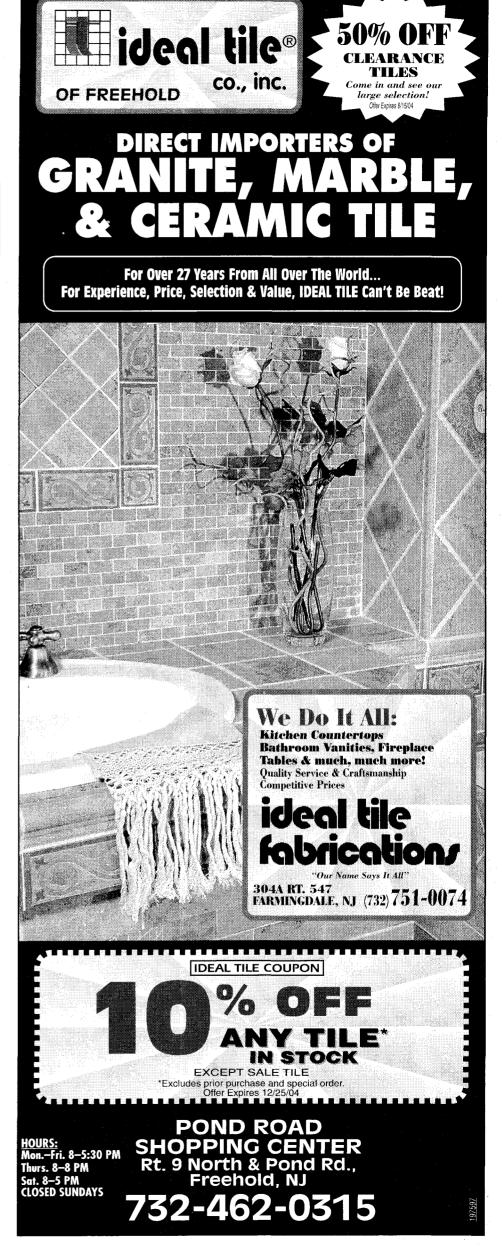
But the hard work pays off.

"It's really exciting to bring the performance to an audience," she said.

The high school is located at 380 Cranbury Road, just west of Route 18. Tickets are \$17; \$14 for seniors and children under 10. Call (732) 254-3233.



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Middlesex County Fire Academy Instructors Kenny Gibson and Rob Wesneski get ready to extinguish a Christmas tree set ablaze in Monday's demonstration on fire safety with holiday decorations.



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Officials seek to spark caution in decorating

SAYREVILLE - In an event that featured a Christmas tree aglow with flames instead of lights, government officials Monday stressed the need to exercise care when decorating for the holidays.

State Assemblyman John Wisniewski, who lives in Sayreville and is chairman of the N.J> Fire Safety Commission, teamed with Middlesex County Freeholder Christopher Rafano and County Fire Marshal Michael Gallagher for a demonstration to show how fast a natural Christmas tree can become engulfed in flames when placed too close to candles or other sources of heat.

"As the chair of the Fire Safety Commission, I believe it is of the utmost importance to keep people informed and safe. The holidays are a time when many accidental fires occur," Wisniewski said. "Our hope with this demonstration is to save lives during the holidays.'

Among the numerous tips given during the event at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville were:

• If Christmas bulbs burn out or blow, replace them immediately;

- Don't leave the lights on when you go out or go to sleep;
- Don't let bulbs touch anything that can easily burn, such as paper;
 - Don't overload sockets;
- · Use only UL-approved lights with no more than three strands linked
- · Use extension cords only if absolutely necessary and follow directions;
- Don't place decorations directly above or around a fireplace;
- Consider getting an artificial tree because they are less of a fire hazard;
- On real trees, needles should be green and hard to pull from the branch-
- Tree trunks should be sticky to the
- Cut one inch off the trunk to help it absorb water;
- A 6-foot tree should receive one gallon of water every two days, and the water should be mixed with a commercial preservative:
- Don't keep a live tree for longer than two weeks.

'Messiah,' hand bell concerts set at church

The Music at St. Mary's concert series at St. Mary's Church, Augusta Street, South Amboy, will feature two upcoming holiday events.

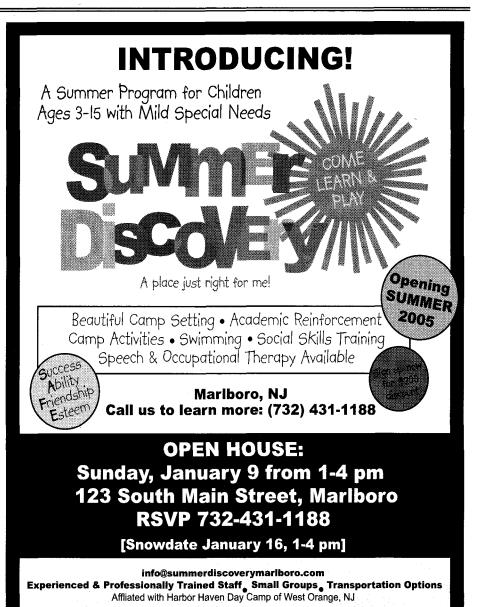
The St. Mary Choral Society and Chamber Orchestra will perform George Frederick Handel's "The Messiah" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 18.

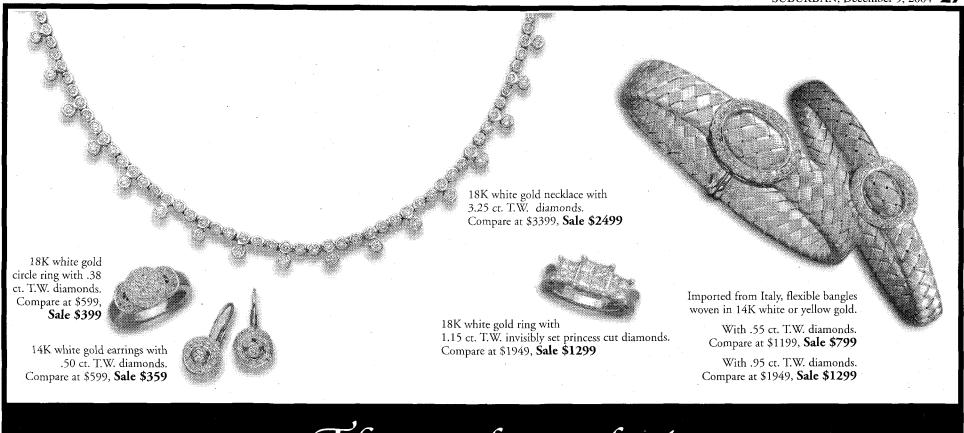
The Dorothy Shaw Bell Choir will

offer a concert at 11 a.m. on Dec. 19 at the church. Prior to their appearance at St. Mary's, the well-known young hand bell ringers will perform on Dec. 17 and 18 at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

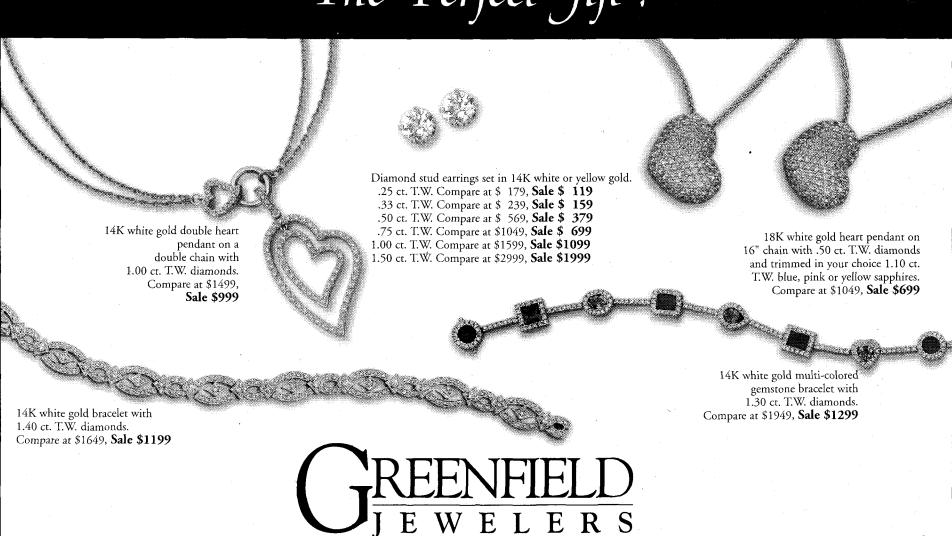
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Assembly panel OKs tree-removal proposal

Law would require utility companies to pick up related costs

and released a bill recently that would require public utility companies to bear the cost of removing any tree stumps and debris left behind after cutting down trees and tree limbs.

Assembly Deputy Speaker John S. Wisniewski (D-19), who is also chairman of the Sayreville Democratic Organization, said the issue came to light when a utility company trimmed and cut trees in Sayreville but refused to remove the stumps.

Jersey Central Power & Light last spring cleared hundreds of trees near power lines in Sayreville, raising the ire of dozens of residents who complained publicly about the number of trees being removed and the fact that the stumps remained to be taken away at the residents' expense.

Wisniewski's bill was co-sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Vas (also D-19).

Under the bill, the utility also would be responsible for the full cost of restoring the property to minimize adverse impact related to cutting and removing the tree, tree stump and other debris or alterations of the property.

"There is no nuisance greater to a Garden State homeowner than finding debris from a tree that has been trimmed or cut down left in the yard by a utility company," Wisniewski said.

As amended, the measure would:

- Include cable television companies as well as utilities
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 Require a written request from a homeowner to commence a tree stump or debris removal.

In addition, the public utility would be responsible for the full cost of grinding the remaining tree stump to at least one inch below ground level, filling the remaining hole to ground level with wood chips or top soil, and removing debris created from grinding the tree stump.

After the legislation becomes effec-

tive, if a residential property owner decides to plant a tree that grows to a height requiring removal, the public utility would not be required to remove the tree or grind any remaining stump.

"When utility companies cut down or trim trees and leave debris on a resident's property, the possibility of injuries to family members and visitors is a cause for concern," Vas said.

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee released the bill by a vote of 6-0. It now goes to the Assembly speaker to post for a floor vote.

Community Bulletin Board

Church to offer cookie walk, holiday bazaar

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 568 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Homemade cookies will be offered at \$5 per pound. Handcrafted holiday gifts and decorations will be available. A breakfast bar will open at 8:30 a.m.

For directions, call (732) 254-7361. For more information, call (732) 462-4111.

Area blood drives slated for Dec. 12-14

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following community blood drives:

• Dec. 12 — 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 75 Manalapan Road, Spotswood;

• Dec. 13 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the auditorium at JFK Medical Center, 70 James St., Edison;

• Dec. 14 — 3-9 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, Jackson Street, South

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. Individuals with a fever or sore throat should wait until they are feeling better before donating. There is a 24-hour deferral for teeth cleanings and fillings.

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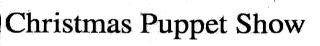
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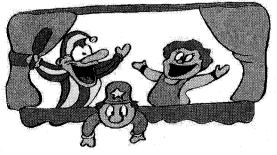


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Barris 'Perfectly Frank' when talking Sinatra

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Elberon resident offers appreciation course on singer at Brookdale

BY KAREN E. BOWES Staff Writer

MIDDLETOWN — Mike Barris conducted an imaginary orchestra. Frank Sinatra's "That's Why the Lady Is a Tramp" blasted from a tiny boombox for the third time in a row. Barris, a Brookdale Community College guest lecturer, showed no signs of getting bored with it.

As a classroom full of Sinatra enthusiasts bopped their heads along to the beat, Barris waved his hands in the air to the Nelson Riddle orchestration

Sitting among his students was someone with an even greater affection for the song — Rosemary Riddle Acerra, a resident of nearby Tinton Falls.

The daughter of the famous bandleader Nelson Riddle was on hand at the Nov. 8 class of "Perfectly Frank," a noncredit course that explores the career of Sinatra. Riddle Acerra sat among the students, offering littleknown details about her father's relationship with Ol' Blue Eyes. "Dad probably would have had a good conversation with [Mike Barris]," Riddle Acerra said. "I think he would have been intrigued by Mike's interpretations."

Barris' three-week course is in its third year at Brookdale and attracts a large variety of Sinatra fans from throughout the area.

One area of special interest to

Barris is Sinatra's time spent with Riddle.

"The [course] reveals how Riddle's innovative charts

novative charts played a crucial role in Sinatra's transition from boy crooner to unrivaled song stylist of power and grace," reads the course descrip-

According to Riddle Acerra, Nelson Riddle met Sinatra during a recording session for Capitol Records.

"Dad was working as a ghost writer at Capitol," said Riddle Acerra. "He had already done some great arrangements for Nat King Cole. Frank was working with Billy Mays ... Alan Livingston at Capitol asked dad to write arrangements for Billy Mays. When Frank went into the studio, he noticed there was another conductor."

Sinatra was impressed with Riddle's arrangement for "I've Got the World on a String" and struck up a working relationship with him that grew into several albums, including "Frank Sinatra Sings for Only the

Lonely" and "In the Wee Small Hours."

Barris, an Elberon resident and a journalist by trade, is a self-described Sinatra aficionado.

"I love his honesty," Barris said. "It's not a pretty voice. It's kind of unvarnished, not a lot of vibrato.

Almost like a speaking voice with a lot of musicality. It's very credible and meaningful to me."

— Mike Barris

BCC guest lecturer

Barris' students agreed, breaking into applause during the Nov. 8 class after each of Sinatra's taped performances.

After comparing several versions of "The Lady Is a Tramp," students

made observations of the various performances.

"He looks natural, unrehearsed," offered one student.

"He's a far more eloquent speaker for his genius than I am. Why not put him to work?" Barris said while describing his own teaching style. "I should be talking as little as possible"

"You can tell he's really studied the musicianship of it," Riddle Acerra said

Barris' love affair with Sinatra's music began during his teens.

"I went on a date when I was in high school," Barris said. "She made a big effort to make me dinner. Then we went downstairs into her recreational room. She put on 'A Man and His Music.' I just loved it. Right after that, I started feeling sick. I was sick as a dog. I think it was the sauce and shrimp. It didn't sit well with me."

Despite getting sick to his stomach, Barris was excited to discover the singer. He began collecting Sinatra albums soon after.

A musician himself, Barris has played in rock and jazz bands throughout New Jersey. For more information on Barris' Sinatra lectures or to sign up for next year's class, send an e-mail to mike@mike-barris.com.



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Christine Kenny the poster child for juvenile diabetes

Matawan girl's family raised \$30,000 for research this year

BY MICHELLE ROSENBERG Staff Writer

feel low" are words that Chuck and Stephanie Kenny have to watch out for when they hear them coming from the mouth of their 6-year-old daughter, Christine.

Christine has spent the last five years fighting a courageous battle against type 1 juvenile diabetes, which she was diagnosed with at 22 months. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder in which the pancreas does not produce insulin, which controls the level of blood sugar in the body.

The effects of one isolated low blood sugar are extremely serious.

"One isolated low blood sugar could be fatal," Stephanie Kenny said. "It's important to look at her because she won't always tell you [when she feels low]," she said.

The Kennys have to stay alert for signs of high and low blood sugar in their daughter. For lows, they look for paleness, sweat, nausea, shakiness, weakness and hyperactivity. Symptoms of high are nausea, headaches, irritability and excessive blinking, which indicates blurry vision.

Christine was recently chosen by the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) as a poster child for juvenile diabetes. She is in two commercials, as well as advertisements that have been featured in Time, Elle Girl, Entertainment Weekly and many others.

Sudden emergency

Christine's battle with diabetes began Nov. 6, 1999. She was just under 2 years old. Her parents noticed that she kept asking for water, and that something seemed a little off.

Christine had never even had a sick visit with the doctor, but something just didn't seem right, Stephanie Kenny said.

The Kennys took Christine to the doctor and were told to take her immediately to the hospital. They were not even allowed to go home to pack a bag.

Christine was in an emergency situation and needed medical attention immediately. The pediatrician happened to have a specialty in juvenile diabetes and was able to recognize Christine's symptoms right away.

"I credit him [the pediatrician] for diagnosing her so quickly — it was within two minutes," Chuck Kenny said.

The Kennys were to find out that Christine's blood sugar level was at 997, which is dangerously high. Her normal blood sugar level should be between 100 and 200.

This was a very stressful time for the Kenny's. Stephanie was seven months pregnant with their second child, Rachel, now 5. The stress caused premature labor, which had to be stopped. Rachel was born shortly after, about three weeks early, just two days before her sister's birthday.

The Kennys had to learn fast how to properly care for a child with diabetes. They had to separate true medical facts from false stereotypes. Also, they had to work to provide a positive atmosphere for themselves and their daughter to make sure she didn't grow up looking at her diabetes with the wrong perspective.

"We've come a long way," Chuck said.

They had to take a course at the hospital before they were allowed to take

Christine home, but what they needed went far beyond a school lesson. They had to learn how to prick their baby's finger to test her blood sugar, how to measure insulin, how to inject insulin, how to tell when Christine's blood sugar might be high or low, and much much more. Also, they had to learn how to prepare Christine's food, which has to be measured to ensure she gets the proper amount of carbohydrates and proteins. Christine's food has to contain half the amount of sugar in the amount of total carbohydrates.

Christine's Crusaders

Once their daughter was diagnosed, the Kennys wanted to do everything they could to help find a cure for juvenile diabetes. They formed Christine's Crusaders, a walking group for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

In October, "Christine's Crusaders" participated in their fifth annual walk. The Kennys raised \$30,000 toward research this year alone, bringing their total well over \$100,000, which was their goal for their fifth anniversary.

"We set our goal at \$100,000. We far exceeded that. We hit well over \$100,000 over the last five years," Chuck said.

The Kennys raised more money this year than any other corporate or family team involved in the JDRF walk. They received the top fund-raising family team award from the JDRF earlier this week, which was presented by Christine.

The Kennys worked hard to raise the funds and the number of walkers on Christine's Crusaders by sending out a walk letter to family and friends to get them to participate in the walk and make donations. This year, the Kennys took a picture of their little girl and wrote a letter explaining her condition, how previous donations have helped reach breakthroughs, and the importance of taking the walk and/or making a donation. They put Christine's picture next to the letter on a sheet of photo paper, and mailed out about 100 copies to family and friends. So far, they have gotten about 60 or 70 people to walk on the Christine's Crusaders team. This year, 12 of their walkers received a "golden sneaker" award for raising over \$1,000. There were also numerous people who fell just short of \$1,000, the Kennys

To make the walkers feel more like a family, the Kennys had red shirts made that said "Christine's Crusaders" for all 70 of them to wear during the walk.

"It was nice to see 70 people walking around wearing a shirt that says Christine's Crusaders," Chuck said. "Christine loved it."

Rachel has even been supporting her sister in the walk, before she could walk. Her parents had her out there in the stroller so she could show her support and be a part of the Christine's Crusaders family.

The Kennys admit that it is hard to get people to donate to the cause, especially because people are under the impression that not a lot of the money actually goes to research. But once people see the dedication they put in, they respond.

"It's hard to get people to give money, especially every year, so it's important that people understand that it is more than a walk with a lunch afterwards," Chuck said. "People see that we are dedicated with all the efforts we put in, so they become generous. This is obvious by the \$30,000 we raised this year."

The Kennys also feel it is important that people are aware that with the JDRF,

85 percent of all the money raised goes to research.

"We are comfortable being involved with the JDRF because 85 percent goes to research. That's important to us," Chuck said. "We're doing this for a reason: we want to find a cure."

"Our condition"

Also important is surrounding Christine with positivity. In order to do that, the Kennys have made Christine's condition their condition.

Every three months Christine needs to see her doctors at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. The Kennys have made a tradition of making it a family day. They go to the city and visit attractions and eat at different restaurants. The whole family looks forward to it, Stephanie said.

"The whole family has made it our condition. We've made it a part of our family routine," Chuck said.

Christine's daily routine has to remain the same every day, no matter what. There is vacation from diabetes. During school days, weekends, holidays and vacation, Christine has to be tested and fed at the same time. As soon as she wakes up, she has her blood sugar tested, then gets an insulin injection in the leg. After the injection, she has to eat breakfast within a certain amount of time to coincide with when the insulin is peaking. Christine then has a midmorning snack.

Before lunch, Christine has to have her sugar tested again. When she is at school,

be goes to the nurse to test it herself. Depending on her sugar level, she might need an insulin injection. If an injection is needed, her mother has to be called in to the school to administer it. It is important to ensure that Stephanie is never more than five or 10 minutes from her daughter, because those few minutes can make a big difference.

Next, it is time for Christine to eat her bagged lunch made by her mother, containing a certain amount of carbs and proteins. Her lunch has to be packed according to the daily activities in her day. On days when she is active, she needs a different balance of food. Christine later enjoys a midafternoon snack with her class.

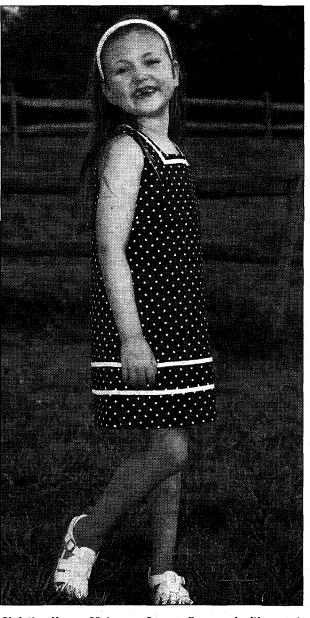
After school, she does her homework, and gets her blood sugar tested at 5 p.m. She then gets an insulin injection in the arm and eats dinner. At 7:45 p.m., she gets tested again, then has a snack. Before she goes to sleep she gets another injection in the leg.

When Christine's sugar is low, she immediately has a glucose tab. Her favorite flavor is raspberry.

Christine's routine has to remain daily, and the family has made it their business to avoid any places that are not willing to accommodate. The entire family eats dinner at 5 p.m., when Christine needs to eat, and if they are invited out and cannot eat at 5 p.m., they simply don't go.

The Kennys also give credit to the

Ravine Drive School, where Christine attends first grade, for being so accommodating. The nurse has an emergency kit



Christine Kenny, Matawan, 6, was diagnosed with type 1 juvenile diabetes at 22 months old and takes three to four insulin injections each day. This year the Kenny family raised \$30,000 for juvenile diabetes research.

and snacks in her office, and the teacher keeps an emergency kit in the classroom, Stephanie said.

The Kennys also said that it is important that whoever is taking care of Christine is properly trained, and they are grateful that Christine's teacher, Lori Thompson, was so accommodating.

"The teacher was fabulous and wanted to learn," Stephanie said.

"They've done an outstanding job in assisting us. These folks have certainly risen to the occasion," Chuck said of Thompson and the school nurse, Irma Gieb.

All in all, the Kennys want the public to know how serious juvenile diabetes is and that a cure is so close to being found. People have many misconceptions about juvenile diabetes, and often confuse the symptoms of type 1 diabetes with those of type 2. They want people to understand the severity of their daughter's condition, and that there are ways to help. They also want to let parents of recently diagnosed children know that they are available to lend a helping hand, and their contact information can be received by contacting the JDRF.

The Kenny family has come a long way since that day in November 1999. Thanks to the Kennys' positive outlook and approach to their daughter's condition, Christine is a happy 6-year-old who loves to dance and play soccer and tennis.

For more information on juvenile diabetes, or to make a donation, call (800) 533-CURE or visit www.jdrf.com.

Frank Norek and Jennifer Gumpert act out a scene from "It's a Wonderful Life." Performances will wrap up this weekend at the Step Inn Ballroom, MacArthur Avenue in Sayreville.

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Astronomer will offer presentation at library

Astronomer John Miller will visit the Old Bridge Public Library Main Branch, Route 516 and Cottrell Road, at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 to offer a program about the wonders of the night sky.

involved in amateur astronomy and what to look for when buying a tele-

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e wonders of the night sky.

For more information, call Tim
Miller also will discuss how to get
Niland at (732) 721-5600, ext. 2313.



Families needed to raise puppies for Seeing Eye

The Seeing Eye dog guide school relies on volunteer families from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware to provide puppies with early training that gives them a head start in learning how to guide

The Seeing Eye has a continuous need for volunteers to raise future Seeing Eye dogs for about the first 16 months of their lives. Monmouth, Middlesex, Ocean and Gloucester counties have their own Seeing Eye Puppy Clubs. Interested volunteers can call The Seeing Eye, (973) 539-4425, ext. 1769, or visit www.seeingeye.org.

When puppies are about 7 to 8 weeks old they are placed with their new family. School starts right away, as families teach the puppy basic obedience and good manners. But there are also plenty of field trips. These excursions to various public places such as stores, libraries and museums expose the puppy to the kinds of situations it will encounter as a working dog. Puppy raisers also provide their puppies

with a lot of love. This enables the dog to establish a bond with the blind person it ultimately will assist. Volunteer puppy raisers also go to regular monthly meetings of their local Seeing Eye Puppy Club. Clubs are organized on the county level through the 4-H program.

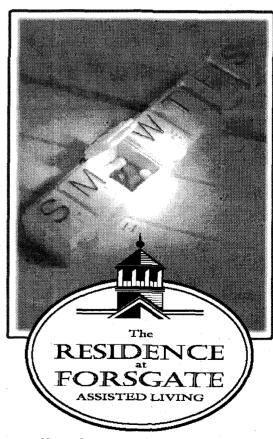
One person in the family has primary responsibility for the pup's daily care and routine. Children from age 9 and up can participate, and retirees also are frequent volunteers. The Seeing Eye pays veterinary bills and provides a monthly allowance to defray other puppy-raising costs. After about 16 months, puppies return to The Seeing Eye to begin their formal training with a professional Seeing Eye instructor. At the end of a four-month training period, the dogs are matched with blind people and this new team trains together at The Seeing Eye for 20 to 27 days.

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Holiday songs and crafts will follow. Hanukkah gelt will be distributed.

A Hanukkah celebration featuring music, dancing, free latkes and doughnuts and the kindling of a giant menorah will begin at 4 p.m. in front of the nonprofit store. The singing of Hanukkah songs and the distribution of treats will follow the menorah lighting. For details, call (609)

Coloring books offered through E.B. Chamber

The East Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce is conducting a fund-raising sale of "Really Big Coloring Books." The children's books are available for purchase at the following East Brunswick locations: W. Berman Decorating Marketplace, 252 Route 18; Greenfield Jewelers, 418 Route 18; The Whitman Companies, 116 Tices Lane, Unit B1; and Wachovia Bank, 300 Route 18 and 756 Route 18. Sale sites also include BW Gallery and Frame, 245 S.

Main St., Milltown; and Wachovia Bank, 15 Main St., Milltown, and 200 Summerhill Road, Spotswood.

The coloring books cost \$8 each, \$15 for two. Choices include "Dinosaurs," "Learn My Numbers and Letters ABC123," "The Really Big Book of Zoo Animals," "The Three Little Pigs" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Orders also may be placed by calling (732) 257-3009 or e-mail Communityedge@EBNJChamber.org.

Senator sponsoring community food drive

Sen. Barbara Buono (D-18th) is sponsoring an ongoing community food drive at her district office, 100 Plainfield Ave. Suite 1, Edison. All items collected will benefit MCFOODS (Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Service). The organization serves more than 60 local food pantries

and soup kitchens and provides nutritious foods and necessities to needy Middlesex County families and individuals. Nonperishable food items may be brought to the senator's legislative office. Items in glass containers will not be accepted. For more information, call (732) 819-8141.

Holiday blood drive slated at Monroe parish

A holiday blood drive is planned for 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 185 Applegarth Road, Monroe.

Donors will receive a free pancake breakfast.

For more information, call the parish office at (609) 371-0499.

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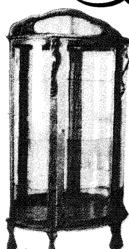


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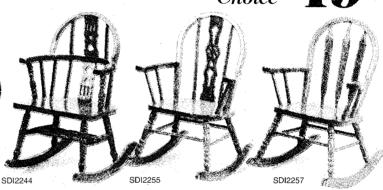
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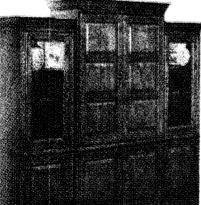
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The Spotswood High School Band is participating in a Kash for Kids fund-raising program that pays the band \$2 for each empty inkjet or laser computer cartridge collected. Collection boxes are at the high school, Memorial School and KrisKell Creations Hair Salon, all Summerhill Road; Schoenly School, Kane Avenue; the Spotswood Public Library, Spotswood Post Office and Kearny Bank, all Main Street. Cartridges should be placed in sealed plastic bags. Proceeds benefit the band. Fund-raiser will be ongoing throughout the year.

Dec. 9-17

 Holiday food drive, sponsored by the East Brunswick Chamber of Commerce. Nonperishable kosher and nonkosher food items sought. Businesses in East Brunswick, Milltown, South River and Spotswood are designated as donation drop-off centers. For a list of sites, call (732) 257-3009.

• Toys for Tots collection, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR), every Saturday and Sunday, at the Santa Claus display, Menlo Park Mall. Edison. New, unwrapped toys sought. Toys and cash donations also may be dropped off at 70 Marsh Ave., Sayreville. Call Sgt. Eddy Androvich at (732) 698-2347.

• Holiday Gift Boutique, sponsored by Sayrebrook Pet Adoption Center, noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, noon to 2 p.m. on Sundays, at the shelter, 1400 Main St., Sayreville. New gifts for pets and pet lovers. Free refreshments. Call the shelter at (732) 727-3895 or Anna at (973) 220-8656.

Family Fun Night, to benefit Tomorrow's Children's Fund, 6:30 p.m., at Tutor Time, 2500 Route 9 south, Old Bridge. Photos with Santa and Pookie (participants should bring their own cameras); holiday shopping; charity auction featuring gift baskets, merchandise, gift certificates. All proceeds benefit Tomorrow's Children's Fund, Call Tutor Time at (732) 679-2450.

Dec. 11

- Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk, sponsored by Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church, 568 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick. Homemade cookies offered at \$5 per pound, handcrafted holiday gifts and decorations. Breakfast bar opens at 8:30 a.m. For directions, call (732) 254-7361. For more information, call (732) 462-4111.
- · Breakfast With Santa, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of East Brunswick, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Hammarskjold Middle School, 200 Rues Lane, East Brunswick. Admission is \$5.50 per person, \$3.50 for youngsters under age 5. All proceeds benefit local charities. (732) 246-0388.
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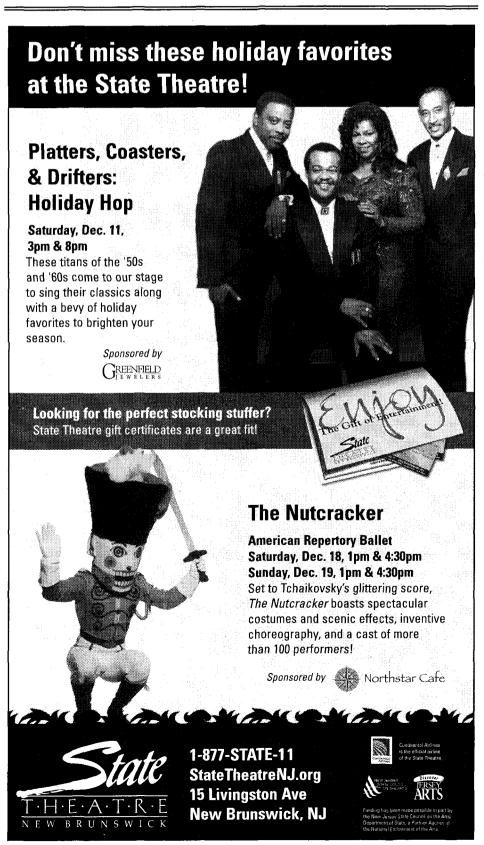
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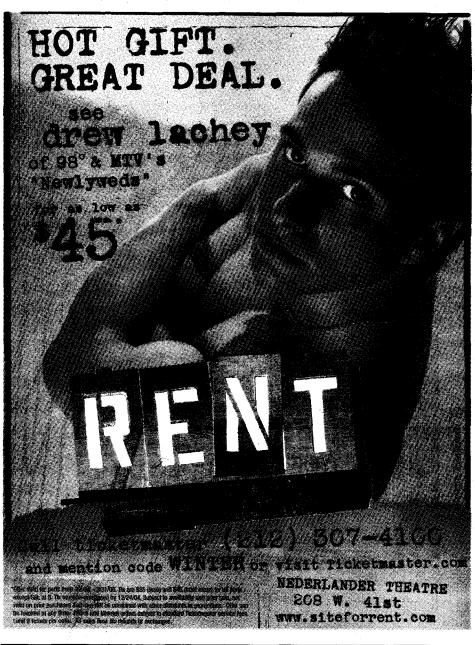
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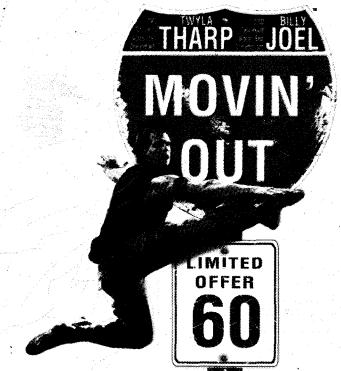
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Grace

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Art department teachers described Grace as an integral part of the department, a "teacher's teacher" who was al-

ways ready to help.
"He was always there for a hug," said art teacher Andrea Mitzner. "His love was

think the man would ever have retired." ever have retired."

helped Grace Mitzner with her own jewelry-making, she said.

Some Mitzner's 11th- and 12th-graders grew reverently quiet hearing her say Grace's name.

"He was a friend and a teacher, and I loved him," she continued.

A look at Grace's classroom cements the idea of how lives many he touched.

"He spent almost all of those years in

that classroom," Lichtenstein said.

The walls of the room are covered with small murals, each one done by one of Grace's graduating students. There are so many that they spill out into the hall, cover the door and move over ceiling tiles outside and inside the room.

Along the back wall, 1998 graduate Adam Levine painted a mural of fallen skeletons in black and white, a somber-looking man standing over them. "Thank you, Mr. Grace" is painted prominently in the upper left corner.

On the inside of the door, graduate Davy Graxton painted two phrases, along with other artwork: "There is no knowledge that is not power," and "Thanks Grace."

It's difficult to find a painting anywhere in the hall or the room itself that does not have "Thank you, Mr. Grace" incorporated into its

Advanced art teacher Sharon Piscitelli teaches in Grace's former class-

"There's a lot of love in this room," she said, keeping an eye on her class as she

"He was very well loved. There are no negative words about [Grace]."

Piscitelli said many students went on to art schools because of Grace.

And when an opening reception was held Tuesday for the art display, people came from all over the country.

"It was very well attended," said Cullen Grace. "There were a lot of [current and former] high school students, family members and teachers. It was very nice.

Grace, an Old Bridge resident, had three children — Cullen; Ryan, of Old Bridge; and a daughter, Rachel O'Donnell, also of Old Bridge.

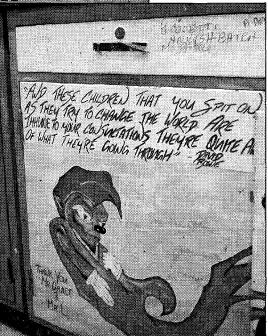
There are plans to move some of the hallway ceiling panels, many of which are 3-D and in some cases use materials like

flower petals or poker chips, to the east campus school.

"It's really hard coming in here every day," Piscitelli said, looking around the room at all of the student-painted murals. "Kids come

LAUREN MATTHEW At left is ceiling work completed under teacher Michael C. Grace. Below, one of the many student paintings in the former classroom of the late art teacher Grace's own watercolor paintings are on display at the Old Bridge Public Library through Jan. 10.





in here just to feel his presence.

One panel, toward the back of the classroom and in the center, seemed to sum up the student and faculty sentiment perfectly: "Mr. Grace - Thank you for letting the dreamers dream."

A Web page has been established in which students have been posting their thoughts on Grace: www.mem.com. Click on Michael Grace.

Donations to the Michael Grace Art Scholarship Fund may be sent to Susan King at 78 Main St. in Madison.

Chabad will sponsor Hanukkah concert, fest

Chabad House of Monroe, directed by Rabbi Yehuda Spitzer, invites the community to celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, at a Hanukkah Concert and Extravaganza set for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 at Monroe Township High School, Perrineville Road.

The concert will feature Ron Eliran, known as "Israel's Ambassador of Songs," who will sing Yiddish, English and Hebrew songs. Free latkes, doughnuts and chocolate Hanukkah gelt will be distributed.

Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at Everything Jewish by Chabad, 11 Concordia Shopping Center, Monroe, (609) 409-1000.

For more information, call Chabad House at (609) 655-7727...

E.B. Kiwanis to sponsor Dec. 11 Santa breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of East Brunswick will host a Holiday Breakfast With Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 at Hammarskjold Middle School, 200 Rues Lane, East Brunswick.

Admission is \$5.50 per person, \$3.50 for youngsters under age 5. All proceeds will benefit local charities.

For details, call (732) 246-0388 or log on to www.eastbrunswickkiwanis.org.

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Friday, December 31, 2004 10:00 p.m. Worship Service All services are free of charge. All are welcome.

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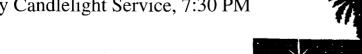
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Saturday, Dec. 11th 9-11 AM Annual "Cookie Walk" Sunday, Dec. 12th 10:30 AM Children's Christmas Musical Sunday, Dec. 19th 10:30 AM Choir Musical Presentation

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Russo-Venditti



Susan and John Russo

🔰 usan Marie Venditti, daughter of Lucille Hansen of Old Bridge and James Venditti of Jackson, was married May 30 to John Augustino Russo, son of Francesca Russo of Englewood and the late Augustino J. Russo.

The Most Rev. Dominic Marconi, auxiliary bishop emeritus of Newark, performed the ceremony at St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church, Englewood, where the bride was given in marriage by her brother, Victor Russomanno Paul Landis, N.C.

Matron of honor was Michelle

Chicago, cousin of the bride. Maid of honor was Marlo Genther of Englishtown. Bridesmaids were Carolyn Beelitz of Old Bridge and Joanna Carbone of Montrose, N.Y., cousin of the bridegroom. Flower girl was Demietra Russomanno of Phoenix, Ariz., niece of the bride.

Best man was Maximiliano Ramirez of Englewood. Groomsmen were Rick Fernandez of Rutherford; John Paul Carbone of Montrose, cousin of the bridegroom; Victor Paul Russomanno of Landis, brother of the bride; Stephen Nielsen of Chicago, cousin of the bride; and Matthew Russomanno of Phoenix, nephew of the bride.

After a reception at Leonard's of Great Neck (N.Y.), the couple left for a wedding trip to London and Milan, Italy,

The bride is a graduate of Old Bridge High School. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and a master of human resource management degree from Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, New Brunswick. A certified senior professional of human resources, she is a human resource representative with Paychex Inc., New York City.

Her husband is a graduate of Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey. He earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a master of business administration degree in technology management from the University of Phoenix. A certified software test engineer, he is a quality assurance specialist with Beverage Data Network, Fairfield.

The couple resides in Leonia.

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Couple celebrates 60th anniversary

r. and Mrs. Charles C. Cox of South River recently cele-brated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was married Nov. 17, 1944, in West Newton, Mass.

In honor of the Coxes' anniversary, their daughter and son-in-law, Mychal and Scott Loney of the Hamilton Square section of Hamilton, hosted a family celebration at Good Time Charley's, Kingston section of South Brunswick.

Mrs. Cox, the former Dora A. McLellan, is a homemaker. She is a member of the church bazaar workshop at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, East Brunswick.





Dora and Charles Cox

Prior to his retirement in 1989, Mr. Cox was director of operations at DCA Food Industries, New York City, where he worked for 43 years. He is a member of the Methodist men's group at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

The couple has six children, Marjorie Ladd of Sayreville, Charles Cox Jr. of Monroe, Marilyn Arora of Edison, David Cox of South River, Phillip Cox of Breingsville, Pa., and Mychal Loney of Hamilton Square. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have 17 grand-

children and 14 great-grandchildren.







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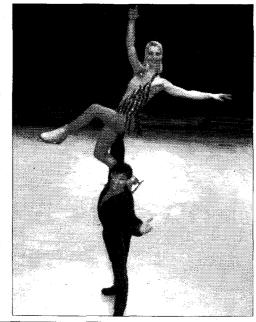
Pick of the week

Holiday Spectacular on Ice

The Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, will present a winter wonderland Dec. 17, when skaters in dazzling costumes will glide gracefully across a state-of-the-art portable ice rink and singers will fill the hall with holiday carols.

The performance will feature beautiful choreography, special effects, holiday music and realistic settings that will transport the audience to Santa's workshop.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$47.50, \$35 and \$20, and can be purchased at the box office, 99 Monmouth St., (732) 842-9000 or online at www.countbasietheatre.org.



Special Events

Christmas Lantern Tours of Allaire

led by authentically dressed interpreters
Dec. 11, 5-8 p.m., 90-minute tour, leaves every 15 minutes Historic Village at Allaire Atlantic Avenue/Route 524, Wall tickets: \$9; advance purchase required (732) 919-3500

Keyport Holiday House Tour

Dec. 11, 4-9 p.m. begins at Gingerbread House, Main and West Front streets, Keyport tickets: \$15 advance, \$18 day of tour (732) 946-2711

Commemoration of 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the speakers, historical audio-visual

presentation, local veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Jackson Memorial H.S. Jazz Band, refreshments Dec. 12, 1 p.m.
Brookdale Community College Warner Student Life Center Newman Springs Road, Lincroft (lots 6 and 7) free program, preregistration requested (732) 224-2315

Old-fashioned Lantern Walk in

Freehold Borough
Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
meet at Park Avenue School, 280 Park Ave.; police will escort; walk will end at Hall of Records Plaza (732) 462-3584 www.freeholdcenter.com

Kwanzaa Festival and Marketplace

Ghanaian dancers & musicians; Dec. 17-18 N.J. Performing Arts Center One Center St., Newark tickets: \$19-\$10 (888) 466-5722; www.njpac.org

Freehold Borough Holiday House

private homes, public buildings
Dec. 18 11 a m 4 a Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. start at First Baptist Church 81 W. Main St. tickets: \$12 advance, \$15 on Dec. 18; refreshments (732) 462-3584; (732) 946-2711; www.freeholdcenter.com

Holiday Shows at the Novins

through Jan. 9 (closed Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1)
"Season of Light" (best for ages

10 and up) Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 2:30 and 8 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m.; "Exploring the Seasonal Sky," (all ages) Sat. and Sun. 1 p.m.; "Wonderful Sky" (best for ages 7 and younger) Sat. and Sun. 11:30 a.m.; additional daytime shows at 11:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. holiday week (Dec. 27-30) Ocean County College Novins Planetarium Planetarium
College Drive, Toms River
admission: \$6 ages 13 and up,
\$5 ages 60 and up, \$4.50 ages
12 and under
(732) 255-0342; www.ocean.edu/planet.htm

On stage

Mrs. Gould's 1907 Holiday Social

St. George Productions through Dec. 23, Wed.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.; Wed.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.; Sun. 3 p.m. Georgian Court College Lakewood tickets: \$40, includes show, lunch, tour (732) 987-2263, reservations required

It's a Wonderful Life

presented by the Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at 2 & 8 p.m. Step-Inn Ballroom MacArthur & McCutcheon MacArthur & McCutcheon avenues, Sayreville tickets: \$18, \$16 for seniors & students; add \$2 at the door; includes dessert & beverage (732) 553-1153

A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens
Dec. 10 & 17 at 8 p.m.
Dec. 11 & 18 at 3 & 7 p.m.
Dec. 12 & 19 at 3 p.m. Playhouse 22 210 Dunhams Corner Road East Brunswick tickets: \$10 group rates available (732) 254-3939

Scrooge

annual Christmas musical through Dec. 18, 8 p.m.; Sat. 2 p.m. Spring Lake Theatre Company Third and Madison avenues, Spring Lake tickets: \$24-\$16 (732) 449-4530

Oh Highly Favored One

Dec. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. St. John's United Methodist Church 2000 Florence Ave., Hazlet free admission (732) 264-1236

Scrooge

Premier Theatre Company Dec. 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 11, 12, 19 at 2 p.m. Henderson Theater 850 Newman Springs Road Lincroft Lincroft tickets: \$23; \$20 seniors; \$16 students; \$13 age 12 and under; half-price on Dec. 11 for children accompanied by a grandparent (732) 774-7827

Beguiled Again: The Songs of Rodgers & Hart Dec. 10-31

Dec. 10-31
The Forum Theatre
314 Main St., Metuchen
tickets: \$28-\$32; \$45 for New
Year's Eve celebration
(732) 548-0582

starring Amy Irving comic historical romance by Charles Evered Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.
Dec. 12 at 2 & 7 p.m.
George Street Playhouse
Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
tickets: \$28-\$56
(732) 246-7717

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

presented by Monmouth Players Dec. 10-11, 8:15 p.m.; Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m. Navesink Library Theater Sears and Monmouth avenues, Middletown tickets: \$12; refreshments available; reservations (732) 291-9211 ww.monmouthplayers.org

Joy to the Children story of George Mueller and the orphanages he established in Victorian England; orchestral musical score; live animals; snow; for all ages Dec. 12, 16, 17, 18, 7 p.m. Shore Christian Center 4041 Squankum Road, Wall rickets: \$15, VIP \$20, ages 3-15 and seniors \$12; under age 3 free (888) 446-3756; ww.ShoreChristian.org

Sound & Light Show: The First Christmas 30-minute portrayal of the first Christmas Dec. 16-30; call for times St. John's United Methodist Church Florence Avenue, Hazlet free admission

(732) 264-1236 A Night at the Nutcracker

nutty musical by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore Dec. 17-18, 21-23, 8 p.m.; Dec. 18,11 a.m. & 3 p.m

Dec. 21 benefit performance for Incal Red Cross Brookdale Performing Arts Center Newman Springs Road, Lincroft tickets: \$20, \$15 seniors and **BCC** students (732) 224-2411

The 1940s Radio Hour

through Dec. 19, 8:30 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. Sun. 2:30 p.m. First Avenue Playhouse First Ave., Atlantic Highlands dessert and show: \$20-\$12; dinner theater: \$35-\$30 (732) 291-7552

Music

Everything Holidays: A Musical

Dec. 10, 11 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. Brookdale Performing Arts Center Newman Springs Road, Lincroft tickets: \$18; senior citizens \$15; BCC students \$10 (732) 224-2411.

Inspiring Seasonal Music: N.J. Chamber Singers

Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church, 65 W. Front St., Red Bank; tickets \$8; (732) 741-4581

A Swinging Winter Celebration:

The Richard Reiter Swing Band presented by Barron Arts Center Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Woodbridge United Methodist Church 69 Main St., Woodbridge free admission; seating is first come, first served free, but items for food pantry requested (732) 634-0413

Comcast Holiday Concert in Freehold

resented by Freehold Center Partnership Arcadian Chorale, Freehold Brass Ensemble Dec. 10, 8 p.m.
First Baptist Church
81 W. Main St., Freehold
free and open to the public
(732) 462-3584

Shore Holiday Gospelfest

choirs from Jersey Shore area Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. Trinity A.M.E. Church 64 Liberty St., Long Branch (732) 222-6598; trinityamec@aol.com

HolidayFare

N.J. Opera Theater Singer Circle Dec. 11, 7 p.m. Nassau Presbyterian Church 61 Nassau, Princeton free and open to the public (609) 919-1767; www.njot.org

Jubilee Holiday Concert
Arcadian Chorale and chamber orchestra
Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Church
376 Maple Place, Keyport free-will offering
(732) 264-0322

Manalapan Battleground Prep Orchestra Dec. 11, 8 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Park Ave. and Main St., Freehold free concert (732) 446-8355

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Community Chorus and Band of
Ocean County College
Dec. 11, 8 p.m.; Dec. 12, 2 p.m.
Ocean County College
College Drive, Toms River
tickets: \$15
(732) 255-0500; www.ocean.edu

Shrewsbury Chorale Holiday Concert

Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church 90 Kings Highway, Middletown tickets: \$20-\$8; \$2 discount if purchased by Dec. 9 (732) 542-2151; www.shrewsburychorale.org

Holiday Hop: Platters, Coasters and Drifters Dec. 11, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. State Theatre Livingston Ave., New Brunswick tickets: \$45-\$20 (732) 246-7469

Carol Fredette and Andy Ezrin Trio

Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Monmouth County Library Headquarters Symmes Drive, Manalapan free jazz concert (732) 431-7242

Canticle of Christmas

Dec. 12, 4 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church 18 Ryers Lane, Matawan free-will offering, open to the public (732) 591-9210

Favorite Holiday Songs

Diane Tam, vocalist Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Monmouth County Library Headquarters Symmes Drive, Manalapan free concert (732) 431-7242

Shore Players Big Band: A Night of Holiday Music Dec. 16, 7:30-10 p.m. St. Clement's Parish Center Route 79, Matawan tickets: \$25, includes light refreshments; to benefit Clement House, a home to assist needy families (732) 536-0005

For Kids

Stargazing and Storytelling

Monmouth County Park System program for ages 7 and up and Dec 10 6-8 n m Manasquan Reservoir, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell Fee: \$6 per person (732) 842-4000



Season's Greetings: A Holiday
Magic Show
for families & children ages 5-12
Dec. 12, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
Algonquin Arts Theatre
173 Main St., Manasquan tickets: \$10 (732) 528-9211

The Littlest Christmas Tree

family musical Dec. 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 8 p.m. Villagers Theatre 415 DeMott Lane Somerset section of Franklin tickets: \$8 (732) 873-2710

Touching Turtles

Monmouth County Park System program for ages 4-6 & parents Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-noon; and Dec. 17, 3-4 p.m.
Manasquan Reservoir, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell Fee: \$4.50 per child (732) 842-4000

Through the Looking Glass with Alice in Wonderland

through Jan. 2 exhibit and activities: holiday trees and decorations; train displays; "Holiday Bingo With the Queen of Hearts" (Dec. 12) Monmouth Museum Brookdale Community College Newman Springs Road, Lincroft admission: \$5; events free with admission (732) 747-2266

Nutcracker

Performing Arts Ensemble

Dec. 11 and 12, 3 p.m. The Strand Theater Fourth and Clifton avenues, Lakewood tickets: \$24-\$11 (732) 671-9655; (732) 706-7675

Company of Dance Arts

Dec. 11, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 12, 3 p.m. Count Basie Theatre 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank tickets: \$28-\$12 (732) 842-9000



The Nutcracker

presented by the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble, in conjunction with the East Brunswick Education Foundation Dec. 11 at 1 & 4:30 p.m. East Brunswick High School Cranbury Road tickets: \$17; \$14, senior citizens & children under age 10; \$12 for groups of 20 or more (732) 254-3233

Exhibits

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gauge trains through Dec. 23, Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2-4 p.m.; Barron Arts Center 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge (732) 634-0413



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Catherine M. Simon Travers

Mrs. Travers, 87, of Gibbsboro, died ec. 2 in Lakewood of Voorhees, Gibbsboro. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter C. Travers, and by a daughter, Joan Schuman. Surviving are a son, Edward C. Travers of Mount Holly; a daughter, Marilyn Moran of the Parlin section of Sayreville; a sister, Evelyn Stella of Bayonne; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandsons. A Mass was offered at St. Bernadette's Church, Parlin section of Old Bridge. Interment was in Cloverleaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Charles F. Kelly Jr.

Mr. Kelly, 85, of the Parlin section of Sayreville, died Dec. 5 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy division. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Karaffa Kelly, and by a son, Warren Kelly. Surviving are two sons, Kenneth P. Kelly Sr. of Parlin and Charles F. Kelly III of the Toms River section of Dover; and two grandchildren. A Mass is planned for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 9 at St. Bernadette's Church, Parlin section of Old Bridge. Private cremation will follow.

Mildred Salvaryn Winegar

Mrs. Winegar, ⁹4, of Monroe, formerly of Spotswood and South River, died Nov. 28 in Monroe Village. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a laboratory technician at E.R. Squibb, North Brunswick. Surviving are her husband, Albert T. Winegar; two daughters, Pamela Weis of North Brunswick and Blanche Gottel of Fairless Hills, Pa.; a son, Jeffrey Winegar of Mount Laurel; two sisters, Anne Wrobel of South River and Jean Strugala of Sayreville; and four grandchildren. Services were held at Maliszewski Funeral Home, South River. Interment was in Washington Monumental Cemetery, South River. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, New Jersey Chapter, P.O. Box 214, Elizabeth, NJ 07207, or to Care Alternatives Hospice, Barry Gottheimer Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Manon Floquet, 70 Jackson Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Michael Matkowski

Mr. Matkowski, 53, of Liberty, N.Y., died Nov. 29 in Community General Hospital, Harris, N.Y. Surviving are his parents, Anna and Emil Matkowski of Liberty; a sister, Jackie Cahill of the Parlin section of Sayreville; and three nephews and two nieces. A Mass was offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Sayreville.

Florence Angersbach Kunz

Mrs. Kunz, 94, of Sayreville, died Nov. 30 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge, Prior to her retirement, she was employed at E.I. DuPont Photo Products, Sayreville. Her husband, Louis Kunz, died in 1989. Surviving are a brother, Raymond Angersbach of Keyport, and several nieces and nephews. Services were under the direction of Rezem Funeral Home, East Brunswick. Interment was in Washington Monumental Cemetery, South River.

Anthony O. Parascando

Mr. Parascando, 64, of the Cliffwood Beach section of Old Bridge, died Dec. 4 in The University Hospital, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark Surviving are his wife, Catherine Parascando; two daughters, Theresa Philhower and Denise Cummings, both of Temple, Ga.; a son, Tony Parascando of Gilbert, Pa.; two brothers, Peter Parascando of Las Vegas, Nev., and Nick Parascando of East Windsor; two sisters, Anna Marino of Las Vegas and Dolores Munoz of the Fords section of Woodbridge; and five grand-children. A Mass is planned for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 9 at Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Keyport.

Susan Schurko Nolte

Mrs. Nolte, 97, of the Parlin section of Sayreville, died Dec. 2 in Regency Care Center, Hazlet. Her husband, Roy Nolte, died in 1976. Surviving are a daughter, Susan Spadavecchia; son, Roy Nolte of Coventry, R.I.; a sister Elizabeth Carlomangno of Perth Amboy; and four grandchildren. A Mass was offered at Our of Victories Church, Sayreville. Interment was in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Hopelawn.

Barbara Douglas Drew

Mrs. Drew, 86, of South River, formerly of East Brunswick, died Dec. 3 at her daughter's home in Jackson. Her husband, Elsworth, died in 1999, and a son-in-law, Alfred, died in November. Surviving are a daughter, Vivian Singer of Jackson; a brother, Andrew Douglas of East Brunswick; and a sister. Dorothy Zur of the Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge. A Mass was offered at Corpus Christi Church, South River. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Brunswick.

Viola J. Hojnowski Honoski

Mrs. Honoski, 84, of Sayreville, died Dec. 6 in Cranbury Care Center, Monroe. She was predeceased by a son, John Wilczynski. Surviving are a daughter, Joan Bartkowicz of Sayreville; a son, Robert Wilczynski of East Brunswick, seven grandshildren and missen and principles. Brunswick; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. A Mass is planned for 9 a.m. on Dec. 9 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Sayreville. Interment will follow in the church

Mildred E. Frey Clawges

Mrs. Clawges, 75, of Sayreville, formerly of South River and East Brunswick, died Dec. 5 in Briarwood Care Center, Sayreville. Her husband, Thomas L. Clawges, died in 1992. Surviving are five children, Thomas of Jacksonville, Fla., Mary Mikolajski of East Brunswick, Sharon Chrzan of Savreville, Paul of Monroe and Timothy of the Somerset section of Franklin; a brother, Richard Frey of Manheim, Pa.; two sisters, Ruth Mundis of York, Pa., and Barbara Muelle of Bonita Springs, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Services were held at Maliszewski Memorial Home, Sayreville. Interment was in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, East Brunswick.

John C. Orlick Mr. Orlick, 68, of Freehold Township, formerly of Milltown, died Dec. 5 at home. Prior to his retirement in 1994 as principal of Appleby School, Spotswood, he was employed for 35 years in the teaching profession with the Spotswood Board of Education. Surviving are two daughters, Susan Orlick of Highland, N.Y., and Cindy Orlick-Poole of Freehold Township; a sister, Ethel Fry of Milltown; two grandsons; and a friend, Susan Apfelbaum of East Brunswick. Services were held at Selover Funeral Home, North Brunswick. Entombment was in Franklin Memorial Park Mausoleum, North Brunswick. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scarlet R, Rutgers University Foundation, Winants Hall, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, or to the Bloomfield Athletic Scholarship Fund, c/o Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

Eleanor Sandy Pozsonyi

Mrs. Pozsonyi, 95, of Milltown, formerly of New Brunswick, died Dec. 2 at her daughter's home in Milltown. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph A. Pozsonyi. Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor and Zoltan Racz; two grandsons; and two great-grandsons. A service was held at Magyar Reformed Church, New Brunswick. Interment was in Van Liew Cemetery, North Brunswick.

Sandra Schetrumpf Mariano

Mrs. Mariano, 57, of South River, died Dec. 2 at home. Surviving are her husband, Joseph Mariano; two sons, John Mariano of Netcong and Kenneth Mariano of Stroudsburg, Pa.; two daughters, Sandra Mariano of the Browns Mills section of Pemberton and Cynthia Lucas of Southampton; two sisters, Norma Davison of Howell and Barbara Schmidt of Spotswood: and three grandchildren. Services were held at Rezem Funeral Home, East Brunswick. Interment was private.



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Four wheels and four tires were taken from the lot of Bill's Ultimate Detailing, Route 34, between 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 7 a.m. Dec. 2. A Matawan resident reported the theft at about 1:45 p.m. Dec. 2. The stolen property, four Sumoito tires and four Primax wheels, has an approximate value of \$720, according to the police report. Police are investigating

A Parlin resident reported his 2003 Kawasaki ZX-7 stolen Monday morning. Police reports indicate that the theft took place between 4:30 p.m. Sunday and 12:10 a.m.

Monday. The Amherst Court resident told police that he had parked his motorcycle along the curb in front of his house. He saw the bike when he left the house at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, and when he returned at 12:10 a.m. Monday it was gone. The resident also told police that he did not think anyone would know he had left the motorcycle at the curb, since he usually locks it in his garage. According to the police report, the motorcycle is valued at about \$7,000. Police are

The "Welcome to Old Bridge" sign, along the southbound side of Route 34 near Canyon Woods, was taken sometime between Nov. 29 and 30. Patricia Garland, an administrative assistant for Old Bridge Township, reported the sign missing. The sign, sponsored by Boscia & Boscia, was put up Nov. 15. Its estimated value is \$2,500. Police are investigating the disap-

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E.B. Hadassah plans antiques appraisal event

Rachel Goldman of Austone-Enfeld Associates will offer a presentation titled "Basic Appraisal" at the next meeting of East Brunswick Hadassah set for 10 a.m. on Dec. 12 at a private home in East Brunswick.

Goldman has a postgraduate degree in American fine and decorative arts from Sotheby's Institute of Art, New York City, and a certificate of appraisal in fine and decorative arts from New York University, also New York City.

In recent years, Goldman received an Andrew Mellon grant to catalogue the ancient art collection of the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick. At Sotheby's, she was a cataloguer in the antiquities, paperweights, silver and Judaica departments. She also

Villagers will stage family holiday musical

Villagers Theatre, a nonprofit center for the performing and cultural arts located at 415 DeMott Lane, Somerset section of Franklin, will present "The Littlest Christmas Tree," a musical celebration for families, at noon and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 11, 12, 18 and 19.

Tickets cost \$8 per person. For reservations and directions to the theater, call the box office at (732) 873-2710 or log on to www.villagerstheatre.com.

The program is made possible, in part, by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and adminis-National tered by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission through the State/County Partnership Local Arts Program.

specializes in pottery, glass, furniture, paintings, prints, Asian works of art and home crafts of the 1950s and 1960s.

Goldman will discuss the issues that appraisers consider in their evaluations.

Participants, who are invited to bring an item from their home to discover if they have a hidden treasure, also are asked to bring an adult or child's winter coat to the meeting as a contribution for those in need. Hats, scarves, gloves and mittens are also needed. The outerwear collection is being undertaken as a Mitzvah Project in conjunction with the East Brunswick Jewish Center.

Reservations are recommended. For more information and to reserve, call Phyllis at (732) 254-6804 or Bonnie at (732) 651-7224.

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Separated, divorced group slates meetings

Passages, a nondenominational, selfhelp group for separated and divorced adults, holds meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 505 Main St., Spotswood.

The organization, which offers small weekly discussion groups and a calendar of social outings, is designed to provide emotional support to individuals going through the pain associated with separation and divorce and help them find the answers to get on with their lives.

A \$3 donation is requested.

For more information, call Robin at (732) 238-7822 or Wayne at (732) 438-5216, or e-mail passages@excite.com.

Baby-sitter's training scheduled for January

Boys and girls ages 12-18 are invited to attend a Baby-Sitter's Training Course, certified by the American Red Cross, from 7-9:15 p.m. for four consecutive weeks beginning Jan. 3. The East Brunswick Division of Recreation will sponsor the event.

Participants will use lifelike infant and child mannequins during the ninesession training program. Students will be taught to develop critical decisionmaking abilities and to provide basic care and first aid.

Cost is \$55 for East Brunswick residents, \$70 for nonresidents. Fees are due at registration.

For more information, call (732) 390-6797.

Fund-raiser to benefit Tomorrow's Children

A Family Fun Night to benefit Tomorrow's Children's Fund is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 at Tutor Time, 2500 Route 9 south, Old Bridge.

Highlights will include pictures with Santa and Pookie (participants should bring their own cameras), holiday shopping, and a charity auction featuring gift baskets, merchandise and gift certificates. All proceeds will benefit Tomorrow's Children's Fund. For more information, call Tutor Time at (732) 679-2450.

To our readers

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By Robert M. Scharfman, M.D., F.A.A.O.

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SPORTS



Above, East Brunswick's Dan Fessel makes the first of his two big plays on Sunday, scoring a touchdown during the Bears' win over Jackson in the CJ Group IV final at Rutgers Stadium. At right, running back Nick Dzielak gets away from Jackson's Tom Hompkins en route to scoring the Bears' second touchdown, a 39-yard scoring scamper.



A coach's patience rewarded

Bears give Marcus Borden his first state championship

BY DOUG McKENZIE Staff Writer

PISCATAWAY - It's been a long time coming, but it was worth the wait for Marcus Borden.

In his 22nd year as the head coach of the East Brunswick High School football team, Borden's team finally achieved its ultimate goal of winning a state championship, and did so in dramatic fashion, knocking off unbeaten Jackson on Sunday, 17-14, in the Central Jersey Group IV final at Rutgers Stadium

"Unbelievable — that's what the ride has been," Borden said. "When you're in coaching as long as I've been, it really becomes extra special."



Borden's Bears last reached a state championship game 19 years ago, and the coach has been chomping at the bit to get back ever since.

"Having there my first two years at East Brunswick, it's been a longer road to get back than I thought it would," he said. "Having been there as a young coach, I know it's been frustrating at times over the years. But it was well worth the wait.

complish this."

And it took a tremendous effort from a resilient Bears team that has been in close games all season. In fact, just getting to the

It's an unbelievable feeling to finally ac-



JEFF GRANIT staff
The Bears' Dave Dalton puts the hit on Jackson wide receiver Bob Cole during East Brunswick's 17-14 win on Sunday.

finals was a triumph in adversity, as the Bears knocked off Brick Township by one point before surviving an overtime battle with Hillsborough in the semifinals.

Yet despite their penchant for the dramatic, the Bears were still considered the underdog against a talented Jackson team. "I told the kids we were going to be pro-

off a loss to Old Bridge [on Thanksgiving] having not scored any points, I think some people were thinking that was the end of it for us. But we felt as a coaching staff that we had plenty left, and were certainly capable of playing with those guys.

And the Bears proved their coaches prophetic early on, using a nine-play, 27yard first-quarter drive to set up a 30-yard Matt Mariano field goal, giving East Brunswick the early 3-0 lead.

Jackson responded with the game's first touchdown, a 20-yard run from Jon Reggio that capped a seven-play, 58-yard drive, to jump ahead 6-3.

But the Bears came right back with a touchdown of their own when running back Nick Dzielak (13 carries for 77 yards) busted loose with a 39-yard touchdown run. With Mariano's PAT (point after touchdown) kick, it was 10-6 East Brunswick.

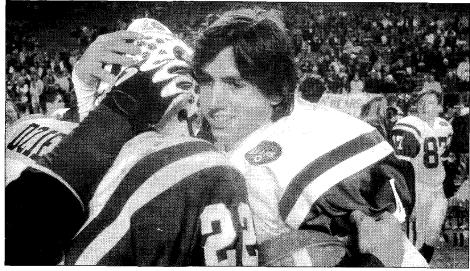
"I thought Nick played very well for us," Borden said. "The field accentuated his speed, and he made some great moves and cutbacks to really keep their defense off-bal-

The score remained 10-6 until the third quarter, when Mariano, the undersized Bear quarterback who has shown an uncanny ability to make the big play this year, hit Dan Fessel with a 43-yard scoring strike down the middle of the field on what proved to be the game's winning play. Mariano, who also tormented the Jaguar defense with his legs, rushing for 125 yards on 25 carries, then kicked the PAT for a 17-6 lead.

Jackson cut the lead to 17-12 on a Mark Schiavone 7-yard scoring run, then had a golden opportunity to take the lead following a poor punt from Bear punter Rafaele Danise with just over three minutes left to play.

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MIGUEL JUAREZ staff

Bear quarterback Matt Mariano, the game's MVP, celebrates with teammate Nick Dzielak following the win over Jackson.

State champs

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With the ball at the East Brunswick 38yard line, the Jaguars immediately reached the 20 with a 15-yard pass. But that's when Fessel stepped up to make his second big play of the game, picking off a Bill Fenimore pass, and ending the scoring threat.

But the drama didn't end there. The Bears failed to get a first down, and with their backs against their own end zone, Borden made the gutsy call of telling Mariano to take an intentional safety, rather than try to punt from their own end zone.

"I'm sure some people didn't realize what we were doing there, but we wanted a situation where we could kick the ball without them putting any pressure on [Danise],' Borden said. "With a free kick, which can be either a kickoff or a punt, they were 10 yards off him.

"Plus there were only 29 seconds left, and they had no time-outs," the coach added.

While some may have disagreed with

JEFF GRANIT staff East Brunswick running back James McCloskey braces for the hit from Jackson's Jon Reggio.

the decision at the time, there was no arguing with the result. Danise redeemed himself for his earlier miscue with a booming free kick that traveled 72 yards (10 yards over the head of the returner's outstretched hands), putting Jackson on its own 17-yard line as it attempted to put together a game-tying drive.

"He certainly saved his best for last," Borden said.

The Jaguars nearly pulled the comeback off, using a pass-interference call and a 38yard completion to reach the Bear 30-yard line with a single second remaining on the clock. But a desperation 47-yard field goal attempt fell 10 yards short of the goalpost, and the Bears were state champions for the first time, while the Jaguars were left wondering how the let this one get away.

We're a little disappointed with the outcome," second-year Jackson coach Mike Smith said. "The kids fought hard all season for a chance to win a state title. We just happened to come up a little short in the end. East Brunswick was a good team. They proved to be the better team on this particular day."

"Their offense made some big plays," Smith added. "We missed a couple of assignments that ended up costing us. We can't take anything away from them, they did a good job in a big spot. There's no question that we had chances. We needed to produce on one of those drives. It wasn't meant to happen on this day. We didn't perform in this game like we had at times during the

On the other sideline, Borden had nothing but praise for his team, and in particular, his defense.

'Our defense did an outstanding job," he said. "Coach Tony Toto did an outstanding job setting up our defensive scheme against a tough team to prepare for. We held them to 14 points, which is the least they've scored all year, and we gave them six of those points after fumbling. But we really stifled them, and didn't allow them to make the big play.'

Borden was particularly pleased with the way the Bears slowed Reggio, who despite gaining over 112 yards on the night, was unable to take over the game as he had done for the Jags throughout the playoffs.

'Anytime you face a back as good as Reggio, he's going to get his carries and yards," the coach said. "But we didn't let him dominate.'

And part of the credit for that belongs to the Bear offense, which won the time-of-possession battle, 29:50-18:10.

"When you can run the football and control the clock it's like having a second defense out there," Borden said. Both our offensive and defensive lines have been strong for us all season."

The Bears had a lot of strengths this season, and used them to their fullest capacity on Sunday in giving Borden his long-awaited first state championship.

Marcus Borden earned the respect of his coaching peers, his players, both past and present, and high school football fans long ago. But it wasn't until Sunday he got the final piece to the puzzle.

The coach called it unbelievable. Perhaps. But certainly well-deserved.







Falcons are looking to heat up the ice early on

BY SHAWN LAYTON Staff Writer

METUCHEN — The St. Joseph High School boys ice hockey team split its first two games this week beating West Essex 3-1 before losing to Bridgewater-Raritan by the same score.

Junior George Helock found the back of the West Essex net twice, and left-winger Phil Linder netted his first goal of the season in the seasonopener.

Helock connected with senior Zach McGinnis on both scoring occasions as McGinnis finished with two assists. The second Helock goal came just 21 seconds after his first score.

"Helock is obviously showing some good offensive skill in the early going," St. Joseph head coach Peter Kolodney said. "Zach McGinnis is a guy who did three years on J.V. and gave it everything. He's a nice addition to the varsity team and he's a hardworking player."

Junior center Eric Neilsen also played a key role in the win over West Essex as his key pass to McGinnis helped set up the first Helock goal. Also coming up big in the win, and also in Friday's loss to Bridgewater-Raritan, was goalie Sean Stevens.

Stevens recorded 22 saves in the season-opener and 28 saves in the loss to the Panthers. Bridgewater's third score was an empty-net goal.

"Sean played well enough to get the win on Friday," Kolodney said. "We will definitely need continued success from Sean in order to be successful this season."

Kolodney also stresses the importance of his defense, which is led by senior captain Chris Pitoscia.

"Chris is our key defenseman and he needs to be steady," Kolodney said. "We will rely heavily on our defense and we have to be stingy."

In addition to Pitoscia, junior Ryan Herits, John and Andrew Carlson, sophomore Ray Lazzara, and junior Sean Gahagan will lead the Falcon defense.

"The defense is coming along nicely," Kolodney said. "John Carlson even had our lone goal against Bridgewater when he was moved up to forward."

Kolodney hopes the defense will continue to move in the right direction as the Falcons face Montclair Kimberly Academy twice this week.

The two teams squared off for the first of two meetings yesterday at the Woodbridge Community Center.

On Saturday the Falcons make the trip to Montclair for a 6:45 p.m. contest at Clary Anderson Rink.

"We want to be in the Cup Playoffs come the end of the season," Kolodney said. "There are seven teams in the our division [Central Red N.J. Interscholastic Hockey League] and the

teams are evenly matched. Goals will be tough to come by and we will have to significantly improve our power play."

The Central Red Division is notorious for its defense and the Falcons are making it top priority to improve on last year's inability to score on power plays. Last year's team scored less than 10 percent of the time on its power play opportunities.

"The Red Division is a defense-minded league," Kolodney said. "The teams are tough physically and it's more likely you'll find one-goal victories as opposed to the 8-6 scores. It's going to take hard work."

St. Joseph swimmers keep making waves

BY SHAWN LAYTON Staff Writer

METUCHEN — The St. Joseph High School boys swimming team is off to another routine start as the new season got under way last week.

While its top swimmer and reigning All-American Bobby Savulich was in San Antonio, Texas, placing sixth at the U.S. Open, the rest of the team stretched the Falcons' winning streak to 18 with a season-opening victory over East Brunswick by a score of 108-62.

On Saturday, the Falcons used a team of mostly freshmen and sophomores to win the Raider Sprint Invitational at North Brunswick High School by edging out second-place East Brunswick 214-184. For the St. Joseph swimming team, a routine start is nothing short of excellence.

Sophomore Michael Jensen was a surprise winner in the 50 freestyle at the Raider Sprint Invitational. Jensen finished in 24.51, just ahead of East Brunswick's Aaron Moskovich who finished in 24.85.

"Michael's win was a surprise because he is not usually a 50 guy," St. Joseph head coach Steve Whittington said. "He's a distance swimmer and his event is the 500 freestyle." Whittington's underclassmen cleaned house in the freshman and sophomore competitions, which made up the difference for the paucity of upperclassmen in the Raider Sprint Invitational.

"The whole meet was a great chance to get some of the new guys into the water," Whittington said. "The real question was whether the freshmen and sophomores would be able to account for our lack of juniors and seniors in the water, and it was close."

Freshman Greg Bellizzi was one such underclassman that turned in a spectacular performance. Bellizzi finished sixth in the 50 freestyle in a time of 28.39.

"Greg just started swimming, and in fact, this is his first team ever," Whittington said. "He dropped three seconds off his time from practice, which is significant considering the distance."

Other Falcon wins at the invitational came at the 200 medley relay for freshmen and sophomores, and the 200 freestyle relays for the underclassmen.

Jensen, Marcus Fowler, Michael Sovocienski, and Joe La Clava teamed up for the medley win, and Fowler joined Mark Kenny, Tim Mancuso and Travis Catania for the freestyle win.

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Boys swimming

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The Raider Sprint Invitational marked the second win over East Brunswick in the opening week of the

"East Brunswick has a good group with some speed," Whittington said. "They are a bit short with depth, and we were able to take advantage of that this

In the season-opener Dec. 3, the Falcons won a couple of surprise races that many felt would end in favor of East Brunswick.

Jimmy Clarkin pulled off an upset win over East Brunswick's Ryan Martinetti in the 200 freestyle. Martinetti was edged out a second time by sophomore Phil Luzny in the 100 butterfly by a mere 10th of a second.

"Phil was a bright, shining star last year as a freshman," Whittington said. "He's off to a strong start and it's always good for the ego to win close races. This is something we will need down the

Whittington is referring to the Falcons' plans to defend the state title they captured last season.

"This year it promises to be a lot closer because we graduated four All-[C.J. Smiley, MacDonald, Eric Swenson and Brian Gardner]," Whittington said. "However. at St. Joe's there is no such thing as a rebuilding year."

Next up for St. Joe's is Old Bridge today at Middlesex County College. Action gets under way at 3:45 p.m

Sports Shorts

The Sayreville Wildcats U9 girls soccer team is looking for players for the spring season. To be eligible, your birth date must be between Aug. 1, 1995, and July 31, 1996. Anyone interested can contact Jeremy Stratton at (732) 254-

The Sayreville Rolling Thunder U11 boys travel soccer team finished its fall season in first place. The players are forwards Olisa Eze, Brandon Woods, Eric Weber and Ajani Phillips; midfielders Oren Pechyony, Grant Newbold and Brenden Earls; defenders Taariq Phillips, Emeka Eze, T.J. Mastrella, Daniel Lee and Deron Stephenson; and goalies Brandon Woods, Oren Pechyony and Eric Weber. The coaching staff is Wayne Woods, Tony Mastrella and Keith Woods.

A U11 boys travel soccer team is looking for a few players to add to its roster. Anyone interested can try out on Saturday from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Senior Center on Main Street and Pulaski Avenue in Sayreville. Those who cannot make the tryout should call (732) 727-7441 and leave a name and

12U/14U/16U Jersey Intensity fastpitch softball will be holding tryouts for the 2005 season. The Intensity organization is a Junior Olympic softball program, affiliated with ASA, NSA and Pony. The teams compete year-round at the national level. For a private tryout, please e-mail kod@jerseyintenstiy.com www.jerseyintensity.com

The Old Bridge Raptors U12 boys travel soccer team, has player openings for the spring season. The Raptors play in the MAPS division of CJYSA and are seeking skilled players who are highly motivated and dedicated to playing soccer. In addition to its regular league games, the team's program emphasizes the professional training of its players in all aspects of the game and participation in several competitive tournaments. Winter indoor positions are also available.

Residency in Old Bridge is not required to play on the Raptors. Interested players should contact coach Jim Colaprico at (732) 721-6798 or by email at jmclaw@optonline.net.

The Morgan Magic 12U girls fastpitch softball team is looking for a catcher and utility player to complete its roster for the 2005 season.

For more information and/or to schedule a tryout, contact Coach Roger at (732) 525-1724 or Coach Gary at (732) 727-7506, or contact the team via email at saamagic@aol.com.

The New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Officials Association will be holding cadet classes for individuals interested in officiating boys lacrosse. Classes will be held throughout the state. Interested individuals must be at least 18 years old and prior playing experience is not required. For more information, contact Mike Tatch at (973) 366-1744 or mdtts@optonline.net.

Cheesequake Baseball and Softball, Old Bridge, will be having registration for the 2005 season on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cheesequake Fields, Route 9 north and Schulmeister Road, Old Bridge. Bring two checks (separate checks are needed for the registration fee and workbond). Applications can be obtained at the field during registration. For details, call (732) $\overline{727}$ - $\overline{7079}$.

The Sayreville Athletic Association is accepting registration for its spring baseball/softball season for girls and boys ages 5-16. Registration can me mailed in or dropped off in person from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Jan. 8, Feb. 5 or March 5 (final day to register) at the Athletic Association on Woodland Avenue in Morgan.

Registration fees is \$60 for one child, plus \$20 raffle fee and \$80 refundable work bond; \$90 for two children, plus \$40 raffle fee and \$80 work bond; and \$110 for three or more children, plus \$40 raffle fee and \$80 work bond. There is an early-bird special - \$20 discount for registration fee if registered on or before Feb. 5.

Two separate checks are required at time of registration, one for registration and raffle fee, which will be cashed immediately, and the other to be dated July 1, 2005, for work bond, as well as a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the work bond check to be returned. Registration forms can be obtained at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center or from the Web site. There is no uniform bond. Opening day will be April 23.

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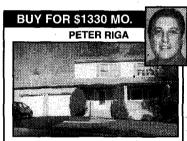
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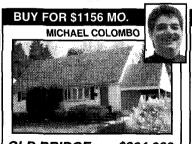
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Business Briefs

The Lewis School of Princeton, 53 Bayard Lane, will hold its 31st annual "Tree of Celebration" Dec. 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. The free open house is open to the public. Scheduled speakers include mayors from Princeton Borough and Princeton Township, and Congressman Rush Holt. The event is held to raise public awareness and understanding of dyslexia, attention deficit disorder and other learning differences, with the tree's 150,000 lights representing diverse students still in need of help from educational institutions. The event will also feature the school's children's chorus, a harpist, other entertainment, and refreshments.

The school will also sponsor a free lecture and book signing by Caroline Janover and her son, Jamie Janover, Dec. 11 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Church, 33 Mercer St., Princeton. Janover is the author of several books about dyslexia and ADD. Her son is a musician who has played with bands such as Phish and appeared on several commercial releases. The duo will perform "The Multiple Intelligences of the Dyslexic Learner: If Only Mrs. Greenleaf Could See Me Now!," the story of Caroline's struggles and triumphs as a learning different person. For more information, call The Lewis School at (609) 924-8120.

Keep Middlesex Moving Inc. (KMM), New Brunswick, has announced its executive director, Peter Cantu, will resign effective Jan. 1. KMM is Middlesex County's nonprofit transportation management association. Cantu was in his present position 16 years, during which time KMM worked with Middle-

sex County, municipal and state officials, NJ Transit and the New Jersey DOT to create commuter, employer and municipal transportation demand management programs to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. Cantu's replacement will be Roberta A. Karpinecz, current program director. Karpinecz has been at KMM 14 years and helped establish its various commute-alternative strategies. Cantu will remain on the association's board of trustees

LeTip, a business networking group, is now forming in Old Bridge.

The panel will hold a free breakfast mixer from 7-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 at Friendly's in the A&P Shopping Center, Route 9 and Ferry Road, Old Bridge. The event will provide an opportunity to meet and network with fellow business contacts in the area. Participants should bring 50 business cards. The event is free of charge.

For more information and to reserve, call Peter Joffe at (732) 995-8966.

Eileen Galuskin recently joined Davis Realtors, East Brunswick, as a Realtor-associate.

Galuskin, who attended Hunter College of the City University of New York, has resided in East Brunswick since 1972 and raised her three children in the township.

A member of the Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth/Ocean and Garden State multiple listing services, Galuskin earned many top production awards during her real estate career, which began in 1984.

She has served as project manager on construction sites in

Brunswick and surrounding areas.

Schittone ofEast Angelo Brunswick recently was named vice president and chief information officer at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

Schittone, an employee of the medical center since 1998, oversees information and technology services and telecommunications. He will now also be responsible for health information management, all patient access and patient financial services. Prior to joining Newark Beth Israel, he was a senior manager for Ernst and Young in the Healthcare Information Technology practice.

During Schittone's six years at Newark Beth Isreal, he has charted a course of implementing technologies that support the mission of the medical center. Such technologies include the selection and implementation of a voicerecognition system for radiologists to improve the turnaround time for reports and the selection and implementation of a picture-archiving and communication system (PACS) that provides digital images in real time, eliminating/reducing the need to produce film, thereby improving the quality of images used for clinic decision-making. The next key technologies to be implemented include a registration kiosk designed to allow the patient to go through the registration process within minutes.

Schittone is an active member of the College for Healthcare Information Management Executives, Health Information Management Systems Society and the Health Care Financial Management Association.

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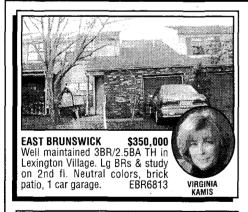
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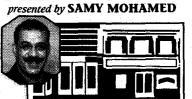
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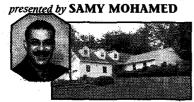
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MVC to issue licenses at boro Senior Center

SAYREVILLE — Eligible senior citizens will be able to obtain digital driver's licenses Dec. 15 at the borough's Senior

The state Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will have a mobile driver's license unit at the facility from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to distribute the licenses, according to announcement from state Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski (D-19) and borough Councilman-elect Daniel Buchanan.

The MVC will renew licenses for people whose current license is within six months of its expiration date, or upgrade a paper/photo license to a digital driver's license. The mobile unit will not be able to make a name change on any licenses,

The cost of a driver's license renewal is \$24. The cost of upgrading a paper license to a digital license is \$11. If upgrading, the new license will bare the same expiration date as the paper license. The mobile unit only accepts checks made out to NJMVC. No cash will be accepted.

Seniors must bring their six points of identification and address verification requirements.

Seniors wishing to renew their license at the Sayreville Senior Center are asked to call Loretta Albin at the Sayreville Office of Aging at (732) 390-7059 today. Licenses are only available by appoint-

Club donates \$25K to cancer institute

The Old Bridge-Sayreville Rotary Club recently donated \$25,000 to help fund ovarian cancer research programs at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ).

The programs include studying new methods of detecting and preventing ovarian cancer and testing new ways to treat the disease

"Ovarian cancer is a devastating disease that is often hard to detect," said Dr. Lorna Rodriguez-Rodriguez, chief of gynecologic oncology at CINJ. "We are extremely grateful to the Old BridgeSayreville Rotary for their generous contribution that will enable us to learn more about the early detection, prevention and treatment of ovarian cancer."

Approximately 25,580 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed this year and more than 16,000 women will die of the disease, according to the American Cancer Society.

The local Rotary Club, established in 1960, chose to support the research program as a gesture symbolizing the increased number of women becoming active in the Rotary.

Bereavement group accepting new members

A bereavement group, sponsored by Jewish Family Service (JFS) of Southern Middlesex County, is now accepting new

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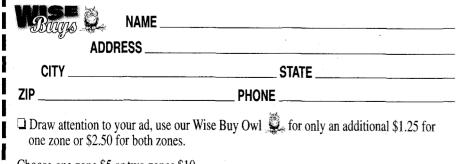
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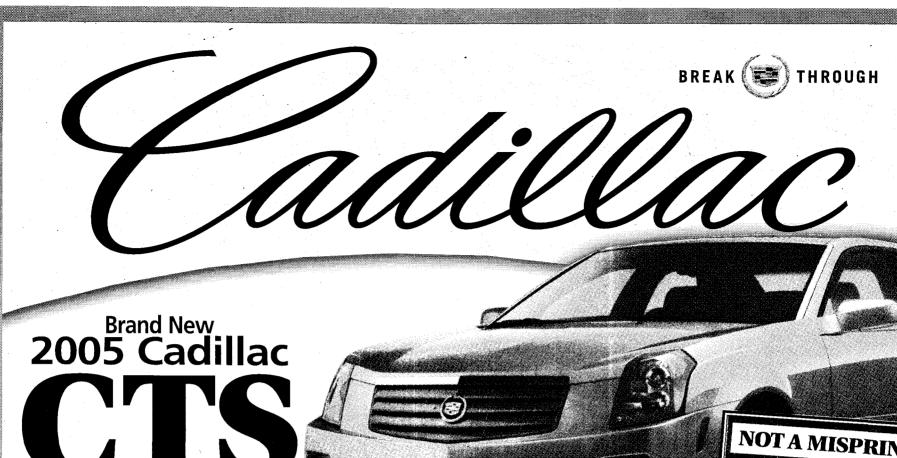


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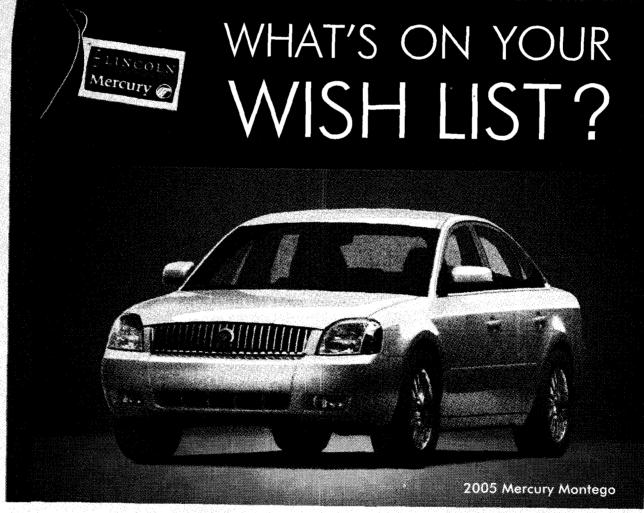
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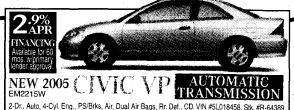
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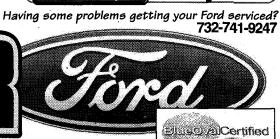


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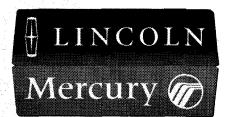


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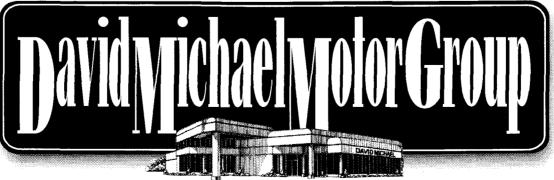
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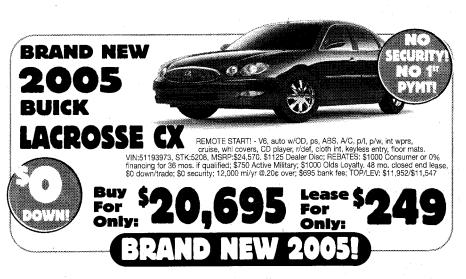


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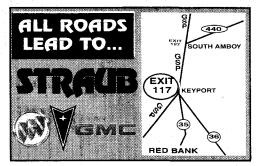
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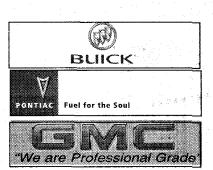
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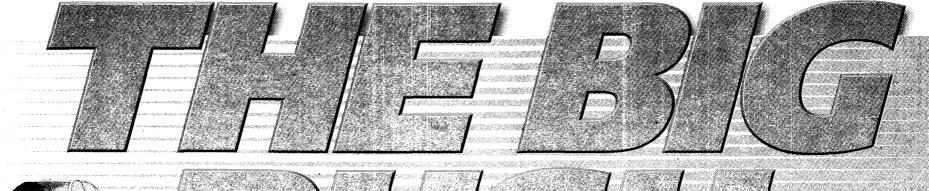




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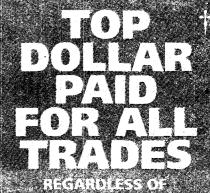
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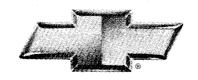
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