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J.P. Stevens, Middlesex and South Plainfield advanced to the GMC Softball Tournament quarter-finals with second-round victories Saturday. For a recap of those games, **Page B1**.



### Shining Lady

Lady Justice has been given a new gilded gold covering and placed atop the historic Somerset County Courthouse. **Page A7**.

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## Greetings from Iraq

Marine Lance Cpl. Sean Potts, at left, shows off an Operation Shoebox: New Jersey 2005 T-shirt, while Lance Cpl. Michael Dinis, at right, holds a copy of The Reporter newspaper received in packages sent to the Marines in Iraq by volunteers working with Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005. The Marines, both New Jersey residents, were first introduced to readers of The Reporter in December in a story about the Toys for Tots collection at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater. At the time, they were three weeks away from deployment to Iraq, where they are now based in Al Asad, a town west of Baghdad. Their Marine unit, 3/11 Mike Battery 2nd Platoon, is in charge of a detention facility. Read more about Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 on **Page A5**.

## Purple Hearts bind generations

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI and JIM WHITE  
Staff Writers

They each enlisted, years apart, but for the same reason: Their country needed them, and they answered the call.

Ronald Hartman, of Bridgewater, Bill Conners, of South Bound Brook, and Ted Dima, of Hillsborough, all members of Chapter 27 of the

Military Order of the Purple Heart, gathered last week to tell their stories about the three different wars in which each had served. They also talked about the similarities between their experiences and the United States' latest conflict in Iraq, from where two Somerville Army recruiters — Will White and David Benner — recently returned.

"I never thought I'd be in the

infantry, a foot soldier," said Dima, who moved his draft date up and went to Vietnam in February 1967 after leaving school. "I thought, let's go in, get it done."

Hartman also enlisted, only he did so two decades earlier: June 3, 1941, during World War II.

"We didn't know how quick we'd get into it," said Hartman. After being sworn in at Fort Dix and

trained at Fort Belvoir, Hartman was assigned to Fort Devins in Massachusetts. Not long after that, he was aboard the Queen Mary, headed for Europe.

Conners also served in World War II, but reentered active service in 1950 to serve in the Korean War. On

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## Picking up the pieces



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/THE REPORTER

Fawnda Genovese-Garcia and her husband, Felix Garcia, sort through debris pulled from their house, which was damaged beyond repair in a fire earlier this year. The couple had to pick through their belongings for anything that could be salvaged before their home is torn down. This is the fourth in a continuing series that looks at how a family picks up the pieces, rebuilds and goes on with their life in the aftermath of a fire. **Page A8**.

## Bill would deter trucks

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI  
Staff Writer

Warrenville Road is one of the steepest roads in the state. Winding down the Watchung Mountains, it has a 15 percent grade and a weight limit of 4 tons. Unfortunately, it is a good way to get from Route 78 to Route 22, and many trucks ignore the weight limit in favor of the shortcut.

To combat the problem, Assemblywoman Linda Stender, D-Somerset, proposed legislation to increase fines for oversized trucks on steep local roads that cleared committee and is headed for a vote by the Assembly this week, a move that many claim will act as a deterrent.

"It was a response to public safety concerns from Green Brook," said Stender. "I was disturbed to find out how dangerous the situation with the trucks was."

The bill would increase the range of fines municipalities can set for trucks weighing four or more tons that get pulled over for driving on roads that have a grade of five percent or greater, up to \$2,500 for the first offense and up to \$5,000 for subsequent offenses.

"I think that it's good public policy, and the fact that there was no opposition in the committee underscores the fact that the trucking industry recognizes that this is a danger," Stender said.

Stender said she found out about the dangers posed by oversized trucks on local roads, such as Warrenville Road, from Green Brook committeewoman Melanie Marrano, who testified before the Assembly Transportation committee.

"We have one of the steepest roads in the state," Marrano said. While the town-

ship has always tried to enforce the current weight ordinance, accidents continue. According to Marrano, increased fines, such as the ones proposed by the bill, are a way to create a deterrent. "We're not trying to write tickets," she said. "We want people just not to do it."

The dangers of oversized trucks on these roads, according to Warren police Chief William Stahl, are serious. Trucks have had brakes overheat and fail, causing them to be unable to stop at the intersection of Warrenville Road and Route 22, and have rolled over on some of the curves.

Stahl said that this has historically been a problem, though increased signage has made a big difference. Through help from the county, signs have been made bigger and been placed further back so that trucks can turn around and take an alternate route, and flashing lights have been added to draw attention to the signs.

"There's no way you can miss them," Stahl said, adding that the combination of the new signs and increased enforcement by the local police have cut down significantly on the problem.

Herb Peterson, director of traffic safety for the county, said that in addition to adding the signs, major trucking companies have been contacted to alert them to the problem. He cited Hillcrest Road, in Watchung and Washington Avenue in Green Brook, in addition to Warrenville Road, as areas of concern where the county has worked to increase signage.

The bill, which passed committee by a vote of 13 to 0, is headed to Assembly Speaker Albio Sires, who will decide when or if to post it for a vote.



# Purple Hearts bind together generations

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May 23, 1951, three of his ribs were cracked by a ricocheting bullet. Two months later he was crippled for life by a Chinese grenade.

All three were wounded in combat, but that's not where the similarities end: All three were also in major incidents, which none fully understood at the time.

"You don't realize what you're a part of while you're doing it," said Conners, referring to news accounts and movies of the various conflicts.

Dima described Kham Duc as

"our Battle of the Bulge." A four-day battle, Kham Duc was a bloody conflict, and one Dima said he didn't realize the significance of until years after the war, when he read accounts of it. "We didn't know anything about it. We were just flown out and told to defend this camp," he said. "This battle had been going on for four days, we found out."

D-Day, according to Hartman, who landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy, is similarly difficult to believe in hindsight. He said, "You could walk to the shore on the bodies. And you look back and think, my God, I waded

through that waist-deep."

Conners and Hartman joined the various veterans' groups immediately after leaving the Army, and Conners went to school on the GI Bill. For Dima, however, it was a different story.

"I didn't get involved in any veterans' organizations until 5, 6 years ago. I got married and was busy raising a family. I didn't start thinking about it until the Gulf War," Dima said. "Those first 20 or 30 years, I didn't have a thought about the military or what I did."

Perhaps that was because coming home was so different. Although all three came home and spent time in the hospital, Dima's homecoming was more difficult.

"You close your eyes and go to sleep, and you wake up in the U.S. all alone," he said, referring to the fact that three days earlier, he had been on the battlefield. "People looked at you like you came from Mars. At that time, people weren't really supporting the troops or the uniforms."

"Do I regret my service? No, no," said Conners, a sentiment which the others expressed as well.

In fact, there was some discussion of mandatory military service, so that there would be a better understanding.

"If everybody took part, and had some kind of service to your



Veterans Ronald Hartman, World War II, Bill Conners, World War II and Korea, and Ted Dima, Vietnam, recall their war stories last week. The three are members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

country, and it doesn't have to be a combat unit, it could be in a humanitarian way, they'd see what it was like to serve your country," said Dima.

"I think we should have a large standing army," said Hartman. "It might be expensive, but it's a hell of a lot cheaper than fighting a war."

"Everybody's got their hand out for something, but they don't want to do anything for it," said Conners. "That's the way I feel about it."

While all support the troops currently overseas in Iraq and

Afghanistan, they wondered aloud about the policies and those who are currently writing them.

"How come these guys don't learn from their mistakes?" Dima said of the Iraq war. "You hear about things going on in Iraq, and it sounds just like Vietnam, with the rules and constraints they're under."

"It's like you've graduated from school, and the kids who are going to school are just learning what you already know," Hartman said. "You didn't know when you started either."

"Do I appreciate what they're doing today, our military? I sure do," said Conners. "We've all seen the history in WWII, in Korea, in Vietnam, of the mass slaughter of civilians by their leaders, and that's what's going on over in Iraq and Afghanistan right now."

Will White, 21, of North Carolina got back from Iraq a little more than a year ago and is now an Army recruiter at Somerville's downtown recruit-

ing station. He too is a Purple Heart recipient, though he said he doesn't like to dwell on the circumstances that led to the award and the two close friends he lost in the war.

White, who resides in Raritan, did say that his 82nd Airborne unit was traveling through Fallujah when the truck he was in was hit by a roadside bomb. He said he caught shrapnel in the arm and face.

"It wasn't too severe, I lost some blood. I took a lot of metal to my arm but it didn't take me out of the game," he said.

In fact, White said he and his fellow soldiers usually enjoyed passing through Iraqi cities.

"It was always great going through the cities. The kids would run up to us. They were happy to see us," he said.

And White said he is proud of the work he and his fellow soldiers did over there.

"At first I was kind of hesitant, but once I got down there and realized how many people we are helping, I'd rather be there right now," he said. "We gave women rights, established a government."

But White said he enjoys his job as a recruiter.

"I'm putting future soldiers next to my buddies right now," he said.

White did concede being away from family can be hard on young soldiers.

"I'm a big momma's boy, so I missed my momma," he said. "Any chance I'd get I would get on the phone and call my momma."

White's fellow recruiter, David Benner, 25, of Bridgewater, described his experience in Iraq as some of the best and worst times in his life.

"The worst was not knowing what was going on back home," said Benner, who served with the Army's 7th Battalion, 101st Airborne. "The best — receiving that first piece of mail, a letter from my wife."

Benner is not a Purple Heart recipient but was sent home early from Iraq, in October of 2003, after he blew out his knee jumping into a manhole.

"I would have rather stuck it out for the rest of year and came home with them," he said of his unit.

"The soldiers I met are like an extended family. It doesn't matter who you are, what color you are or where you're from. I got your back, you got mine. I love my Army, I love my soldiers, I love my country. And I would do anything for it."

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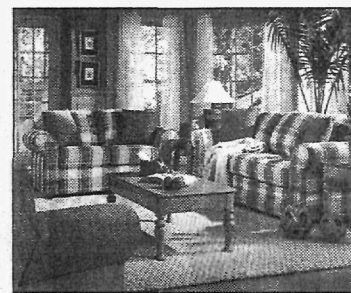
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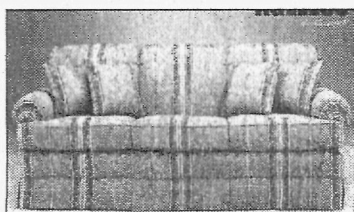
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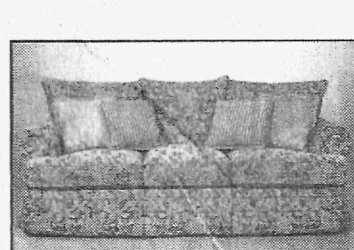
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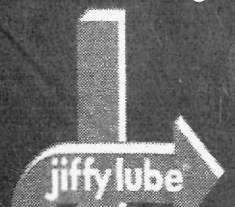
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# Annual Tour of Somerville Monday

By JIM WHITE  
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — Though Ron Czajkowski has helped publicize the annual Tour of Somerville for about 20 years now, he has only competed in one of the races, back in 1967. "I quit after just four laps after it felt like my spleen was going to rupture through my nose," he said. "My goal was not to embarrass myself in front of my high school classmates."

Czajkowski, now 56, and vice president of the New Jersey Hospital Association, in Princeton, is a former board member of the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame and has announced races up and down the East Coast.

He recently spoke about the rich and colorful bicycling tradition that is the Tour of Somerville.

"Indianapolis has the 500, Boston has the Marathon, Louisville has the Derby, and Somerville has the Tour," he said, adding he attended his first Tour in 1953.

"I remember being on my dad's shoulders so I could watch," he said. "The color, the speed. It was the spectacle of it all that kind of grabbed me."

On Monday, Memorial Day, the 62nd Tour of Somerville will pit hundreds of cyclists against each other for 50 miles, some coming to the borough from as far away as California, Canada and Europe.

The Tour — the nation's oldest race — is named in honor of its first two winners, Furman Kugler of Somerville and Carl Anderson of Clifton. Ironically, both men were killed during World War II.

The Tour lure, according to Czajkowski, began in 1940, when Kugler, a national champion cyclist at the time, asked his father, Fred "Pop" Kugler, who owned a bicycle shop in the borough, to organize a race right here in Somerville, so he could for once get a good night's sleep before a competition.

His father did get permission from the state's Highway Commission, even though the race at time traveled parts of routes 28 and 206, and "races" are prohibited on state highways — hence the title "Tour of Somerville."

And wouldn't you know it, Furman Kugler, then an 18-year-old high school senior, won the Tour. He received \$75 and an oil painting for the victory.

Czajkowski said the oddest gifts were awarded to winners over the years, everything from home appliances to televisions, cars and badminton sets. Now the Tour only offers cash prizes — \$21,000 to be divided among winners in a series of five events, and \$12,000 split between the top 20 finishers in the main race, the Kugler-Anderson Memorial.

Czajkowski said Furman Kugler would go on to repeat in 1941, but sat out the 1942 Tour because rumors began circulating that his father had designed it solely for him to win.

Instead, Furman Kugler coached his friend, Anderson, who then went on to win that year.

The event would be put on hold in 1943 because of World War II, which claimed the lives of the two Tour champs in 1945 — Kugler was killed in Okinawa while serving with the Navy, Anderson died in Belgium serving with the Army.

The race was brought back in 1947, renamed in their honor.

Czajkowski said a lot has changed in the way of bicycles since the 1940s, when riders, without brakes or gears, and wooden rims, would use their gloved hands against the front wheel to slow the bike.

And the race has had its share of characters over the years.

In the 1950s, two-time Olympian Alan Bell would set a record with four second-place finishes.

In 1951, Buster Crabbe of "Tarzan" fame was the official starter.

And in the late 60s, Seigi Koch, a Belgian from Chicago, would need to the crowd to get him across the finishing line.

"He didn't understand a word of English," Czajkowski said, adding racers at the time were not permitted to raise their hands after crossing the finish line and would be disqualified if they did so.

"He had broke away from nearly 100 riders and lapped the field," Czajkowski said.

"But he didn't understand English."

He said Koch had won over the crowd and they wanted to make sure he didn't shoot himself in the foot.

"Everyone began yelling in all different languages for him to keep his hands down. They motioned to him," Czajkowski said. "He sat up and nodded a big smile (while crossing the finish line). Obviously he got the message."

Czajkowski said some pre-race favorites to watch this time around are Oscar Pinada of New York City, and David McCook from San Francisco, though last year's winner, Victor Repinski, from Massachusetts, is expected to defend his title.

Czajkowski described the Tour as "grueling and intense" — a 50-mile sprint with speeds averaging 28 mph and as fast as 40 mph.

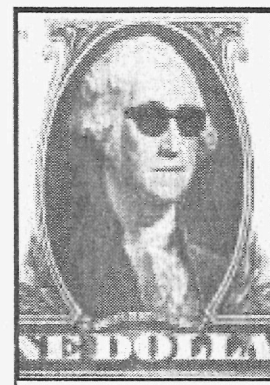
This year's race, for the first time since 1940, will start and finish on High Street where thousands usually gather for lawn parties and reunions. Racers will set off from the middle of High Street, make a left on Mountain Avenue, a left on Somerset Street which becomes Main Street, a left on Bridge Street and left back onto High Street — 43 laps of the 1.14-mile downtown circuit.

Dan Puntillo, executive director of Middle Earth, which is the Tour's promoter, said the decision to change the start and end point was based on the anticipation of construction at the shopping center along Main Street, which hasn't begun yet. Also, he said logistically it is better to have it on High Street because Tour organizers and riders can all gather on the BOE property at the Corner of High and Davenport streets.

Puntillo also conceded that the majority of shop owners along Main Street do not sponsor the annual event, though this was not behind the decision to change the start and finish.

"I always felt the event was about bringing people to town, to look at our shops," he said. "Downtown hasn't supported the event. Quite frankly, only a couple stores have responded."

Monday consists of five races for licensed amateurs and professionals with the first race beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Kugler-Anderson Memorial will begin at 2:30 p.m. before an anticipated crowd of 20,000. The series will also feature free events in nearby Manville, Bridgewater and Bound Brook tomorrow evening and Saturday and Sunday.



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The races begin with Men's Category 3/4, Masters (ages 35-plus) and Professional/Category 1/Category 2 races.

The Start/Finish Line of the races is at the corner of Main Street and Mountain Avenue.

The Bound Brook Criterion is one of the four races taking place in Somerset County over Memorial Day weekend that includes the Tour of Somerville Cycling Series.

Middle Earth, a non-profit agency devoted to providing guidance, role models and support for youth, is the presenter of the 62nd anniversary Tour of Somerville Cycling Series. Middle Earth has been associated with these Memorial Day races for decades, becoming sole organizer in 1998, and is also the primary beneficiary of the event.

For further information regarding the Bound Brook Criterion, contact Bill Siebel at (732) 356-0833. Additional information about the Tour of Somerville Cycling Series can be found at TourOfSomerville.org. For information about the programs and services of Middle Earth, go to MiddleEarthOnline.org or call (908) 725-7223.

## Briefs

### Job search and shop

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# Opinion

## The freedom to forget

Korean War: 54,246 Americans killed in action.  
Like its origins, the meaning of Memorial Day has been lost through time.

It began as a way to honor those killed in the Civil War, and was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was observed on May 30 of that year — in the North. It was not until after World War I that many in the South would mark the day, and only then when it was altered after World War I to remember all war dead — not just those killed in the Civil War.

In 1971, Congress passed the National Holiday Act, giving Memorial Day a firm place on the calendar, or as firm as the last Monday in May can be. But in taking such a formal stance, something was lost.

World War I: 116,708 Americans killed in action  
What had been a day to remember the sacrifices made by those who volunteered and those who were drafted became a day of planned picnics — a three-day weekend to kick off summer. We here in New Jersey are just as guilty of it as anyone else in the United States. Memorial Day starts the Shore season. Memorial Day is a time for family reunions. Memorial Day is a time for barbecues.

Remembering the sacrifice is left to the veterans and to public officials and to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who march down a main street to a war memorial wearing red poppies, listening as the solemn notes of "Taps" are played out by a lone bugler and the American flag waves in a late-spring breeze. It is remembered at the oft-forgotten grave sites of servicemen and servicewomen killed in action.

Vietnam War: 58,219 Americans killed in action.  
Moira Michael, in 1915, wrote a poem that was inspired by "In Flanders Fields."

Her poem read:

"We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies."

The red poppy, a small, simple and elegant remembrance, became a way to honor those who gave their lives. Across the United States Veterans of Foreign Wars sold them — named Buddy Poppies — and today they remain both a way to honor those who died and a way to help the VFW raise money for charity.

In this small way, in the form of a simple red flower, those who died continue to serve their nation.

Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-04): 1,126 Americans killed in combat attacks.

Today war is being waged again. The enemy may be different — and at times hard to define — but the reasons remain unchanged. Freedom. We fight because we have to — not because we want to. Is it right? Is it wrong? Both sides have salient points but in the end, if the cause is freedom, then the fight must be considered.

We can turn away, but oppression and hatred will continue to fester. Inevitably we will have to face it. It is a lesson we learned once before.

World War II: 408,306 Americans killed in action.  
So why should we care about Memorial Day?

Why should we pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many? Because we can turn away. Because we can forget. Because we can go to the Shore. Because we have formed a nation and government based on freedom, the freedom to honor and the freedom to forget.

It is the sacrifices made by so many thousands that allow us that freedom. But freedom comes with a price, one we must pay every day. We may not be forced to remember, but it is our duty to remember. In 2000, former President Clinton called for a "National Moment of Remembrance" to take place at 3 p.m. on each Memorial Day.

During this moment Americans are asked to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who came before, and those who are making sacrifices now fighting overseas. It is a small act, a single moment, a few seconds, from Memorial Day fun, to remember who gave of themselves to give us our freedom.

Civil War: 363,020 in the North and 199,110 in the South killed in action.

It has been almost 200 years since the time when our nation was torn apart and nearly faded into history as another failed attempt at creating a form of self-government. But for the belief in freedom for all by a select few, the nation we have today may never have appeared. For them, and for those who followed and gave of themselves for their nation, remember what Memorial Day is all about.

Casualty statistics courtesy U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

## Wetlands need everyone's help

By MICHELE S. BYERS

Lost among the spring holidays, the 15th annual American Wetlands Month is being celebrated with events around the country.

If you don't consider yourself an environmentalist — and maybe even a few of you who do — you may be tempted to roll your eyes. But as this year's theme reminds us, "It Pays to Save Wetlands!"

When you hear wetlands, you may think of swamplands. And you are correct ... but wetlands include marshes, wet meadows, swamps, bogs and vernal habitats — each with their own distinct water and soil characteristics.

You can find wetlands all over New Jersey. As New Jersey gets closer to "build out", protecting our remaining wetlands becomes even more important. Here's why.

Wetlands protect and enhance our water quality. Wetlands filter pollution like sediments, toxins and excess nutrients. A similar filtration system built by humans would cost New Jersey millions of dollars ... and we'd produce additional pollution.

Wetlands are irreplaceable as natural protection against flooding and storm damage. We have to look no further than this year's floods to see the value of keeping these natural sponges intact. As far back as 1980, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimated that over \$13 million per year would be saved in flood damage by purchasing 13,000 acres of wetlands in the Passaic River basin.

Wetlands provide essential habitat for fish and wildlife. This is important for environmental stewardship, but we have learned over the years that even more is at stake.

In 1991, the dockside value of fish landed in the U.S. was \$3.3 billion. This formed the basis of a \$26.8 billion fishery industry, employing hundreds of thousands of people. An estimated 71 percent of this value comes from fish that depend directly or indirectly on coastal wetlands at some point in their life cycle.

Wetlands also provide recreation for people. In New Jersey, the Director of N.J. Audubon Society's Cape May Bird Observatory, Dr. Paul Kerlinger, estimates that bird watchers spent well over \$6 million in 1988 in Cape May County alone.

Many of these birds depend on wetlands for food, shelter and nesting.

These are just a few of the benefits of wetlands that can be quantified. Many other benefits are harder to quantify.

For example, what's the value of educational opportunities wetlands provide our children? Or how do we measure the worth of the medicinal elements in wetlands plants?

No matter how you look at it, the more we learn about them, the more it pays to save them.

Michele S. Byers is executive director of the Far Hills-based New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

## Correction

Speer Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville is open during business hours. Its operating hours were incorrectly listed in an article in the May 19 edition of The Reporter. The funeral home was built in 1830 and is celebrating their 125th anniversary this year.

## Question of the week:

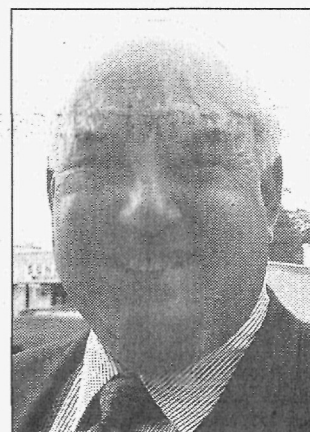
How will you be spending Memorial Day?



**SYLVIA LOSCALZO**  
Lebanon Borough  
"We'll celebrate my grandson's birthday on Saturday."



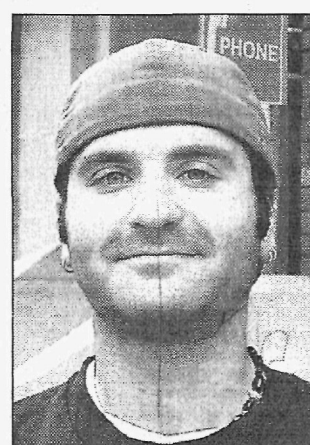
**SHARICE YOUNG**  
Somerville  
"I'm just having a barbecue with my kids."



**BOB ROSENWASSER**  
Franklin  
"Either tennis with my friend in the a.m. or golf with my wife in the p.m. If it rains — don't know what I'll do."



**LAURA TEPPER**  
Somerville  
"We're having a barbecue for my husband's birthday."



**MATTHEW TEPPER**  
New Brunswick  
"First to enjoy a barbecue, then to Jam-Fest on the River in Philadelphia."

## Letters to the Editor

# Fire company celebrates 100

To the Editor:

The Middlesex Fire Department is 100 years old. The department is celebrating its anniversary on June 11. Co-chairs Lori Pinter and Ryan Zittel have announced the event will start with a parade through town ending with a major celebration at Mountain View Park.

The celebration at the park will feature live music, refreshments, entertainment, and fireworks.

The parade, led by Grand Marshals from each of the fire companies, will include many trucks and equipment from around the state, as well as local organizations participating in the parade.

You're invited to watch the parade and help celebrate with us at the park. The celebration will climax with a fireworks display at night.

The parade will start about 12:30 p.m. on June 11 at Raritan Avenue on Route 28. It will proceed to Mountain View Park next to Middlesex High School.

During the parade there will be no access to that section of Route 28. Many fire trucks will stage in the Grant and Hazelwood avenues area as the parade begins.

Please note: Route 28 will be blocked from vehicular traffic from Raritan Avenue to South Lincoln Avenue while the parade is being conducted.

Please plan accordingly. You will need to find alternate routes around Route 28.

The parade is expected to last until about 4 p.m. The road will open as the final parade trucks and units pass through.

Jitneys will be available during the day for local transportation. The stops and routes are:

**ROUTE 1 (2 BUSES)**  
**ACME STOP**  
Go right out of Acme  
Go straight on Route 28 (West)  
**PARKER FIREHOUSE**  
Go straight on Route 28

(West)  
**MOUNTAINVIEW PARK STOP**

Go straight on Route 28 (West)

Right onto Orchard Road  
**ORCHARD & ROUTE 28 STOP**

Left onto Hazelwood Avenue

**HAZELWOOD SCHOOL STOP**

Right onto Shepherd Left onto Beechwood Left onto Route 28 (West)

**BEECHWOOD HEIGHTS FIREHOUSE STOP**

Go straight on Route 28 (East)

**HARRIS AVENUE/ROUTE 28 STOP**

Go straight on Route 28 (East)

**FOOD BASICS STOP**

Go straight on Route 28 (East)

**MCDONALD'S STOP**

**ROUTE 2 (3 BUSES)**

Start at JFK Drive

Right onto Route 28 (West)

Left onto Mountain Avenue

**WATCHUNG VIEW TERRACE STOP**

Continue on Mountain Avenue

**LINCOLN HOSE FIREHOUSE STOP**

Right onto Drake Avenue

**OLMV STOP**

Left onto Cedar Avenue

Right onto Lincoln Boulevard

**PIERCE FIREHOUSE STOP**

Left onto River Road

Left onto Baekland Avenue

**DOW CHEMICAL STOP — FIRE DEPARTMENT STAGING**

Start at Baekland Avenue

Right onto River Road

Right onto Lincoln Boulevard

**PATHMARK STOP**

Lincoln Boulevard turns into South Lincoln Avenue

**PARKER SCHOOL STOP**

Left onto Route 28 (West)

For periodic updates, check the Fire Department Web [www.middlesexfd.com](http://www.middlesexfd.com).

**VIC CAPOLUNGH**  
Middlesex Fire Department

## Local party offers Schundler support

To the Editor:

The 2005 Republican primary for governor has been a heartrending one for Republicans like me because the two leading candidates, Bret Schundler and Doug Forrester, represented our party well in each of their previous runs for public office.

I believed both would make fine governors.

I met with them and discussed their ideas for our state. Bret had his plan to reduce property taxes and Doug's mission was to clean up corruption. I strongly support both endeavors. So the choice as to who should represent our party has been tremendously difficult.

Until recently. Doug, seeing his anti-corruption message not motivating voters, has manufactured his own version of a property tax plan to combat Bret Schundler's. I believe Doug's plan is transparent and contrived to win the nomination. It's all sizzle and no steak. Knowing Doug's education and business background, I truly doubt even he believes in it, but he needs something to help his campaign.

Fine, let the two candidates bring their plans to the table and debate them; we'll decide which one merits our support. But sadly, that hasn't happened, and that's why the decision for governor is clear this June 7. Instead of debating the issues, Forrester has mounted a personal, negative attack against Bret Schundler. It's an attack that is unjust and unbecoming a

Republican primary that hopes to have unity after June 7. It's also a baseless attack that motivates voters to vote against a candidate instead of voting for the attacker.

That doesn't always work, as I would have thought Doug learned when his anti-Torricelli Senate race crashed because the court illicitly swapped out Torricelli for another Democrat. Doug lost because it wasn't a pro-Forrester vote it was an anti-Torricelli vote. With Torricelli gone, voters abandoned Doug.

But instead of designing a genuine, positive message, Doug now personally attacks Bret Schundler. Doug has run out of reasons to vote for him. It may be enough to win the GOP primary, but he will soon discover he doesn't have what it takes to have voters make him governor.

The choice is now obviously clear. Bret Schundler's vision is the best to represent our party come June 7. His property tax plan has forced the other candidates to respond with their tax proposals, but with far less planning, thought, and impact.

I am supporting Bret Schundler — a candidate to vote for governor, and will do my best to have Republicans in my community do the same. I ask Republicans throughout our great state to make the same choice and send a message that we demand candidates with ideas and vision.

**ROGER DORNBIEKER**  
Dunellen GOP Chairman

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# Classic Cruizers back effort to aid soldiers

On Fridays, we'll be on the street, hanging with members of the Classic Cruizers, whose members and their vintage cars take over downtown Somerville every Friday night beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Thousands of people walk the streets to ogle the cars, and we're pleased to become a part of this Friday night classic, sponsored by Fullerton Ford. Volunteers from the club, staff members of The Chronicle, and volunteers from Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 will be on West Main Street in the center of town with a booth to pass out information about OPSHBX every Friday night through Labor Day, and we'll be happy to collect donations of grocery items and financial contributions to help defray the costs of shipping.

## Vintage Car Show

The Green Brook/Dunellen Rotary is sponsoring its 19th annual Antique and Custom Auto Car Show and Swap meet June 5 at Skinner Plaza at the Dunellen Train Station off Washington Avenue and Route 28. Long a fixture on the vintage car circuit, this is a big show, with big crowds. That's why we were so pleased when one of the organizers, Bill Hatton, told us that the club wanted to help OPSHBX,

**Rod Hirsch**  
Executive  
Editor



and asked whether we'd pass the word that the club will have local Boy Scouts on hand to collect donated items brought to the show. So, please, if your plans include the car show, bring along a bag of groceries for the soldiers.

## Champagne Open

The 5th annual Champagne Open Charity Golf Tournament June 7 at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale promises to be the biggest event yet for OPSHBX, with 150 golfers expected on hand for this charity outing. OPSHBX will get a piece of each entry fee - \$800 for a foursome - and a portion of each hole sponsorship at \$250 each.

Former Saturday Night Live comic Joe Piscopo will be on hand, as will Somerset Patriots manager Sparky Lyle and Miss New Jersey USA 2002 Robin Williams and Miss New Jersey USA 2004 Jenaye Ingram.

There will be a hole-in-one contest for a chance to win a

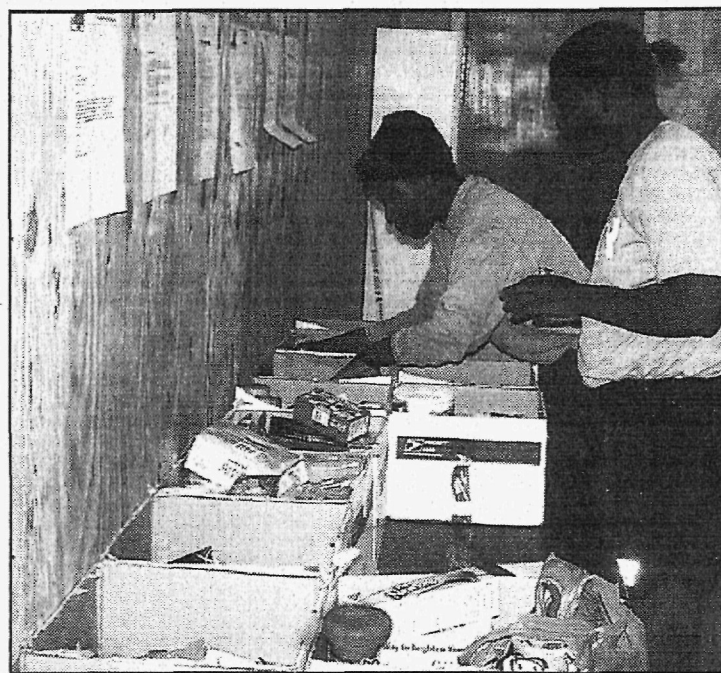
Porsche Boxter, courtesy of Ray Catena, as well as raffle gifts. Proceeds will be shared by OPSHBX and the American Heart Association. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. Further information is available on the website at [www.champagneopen.com](http://www.champagneopen.com) or call (973) 514-5219.

## 10th annual Kelsey Charity Run

OPSHBX has also joined with the organizers of the Kelsey Charity Run, a Bridgewater motorcycle event that continues to grow each year. Held on Father's Day, June 19, OPSHBX will be on hand for the start of the run at 350 Woodside Lane to collect donations and contributions from participants and spectators. Now in its 10th year, Kelsey's Run has raised over \$750,000. If you're planning to go or participate - and we would encourage you to do so - please bring along a bag of groceries for the troops.

## Thanks and more thanks

The Somerville High School Peer Leaders concluded a successful collection effort at the school last week, dropping off 8 copy boxes filled with supplies; more than 300 employees from the Merrill Lynch corporate offices in Plainsboro attended last Thursday's Somerset Patriots



**Soldiers from the 250th Signal Battalion, 42nd Infantry** based in Franklin Township, browse through boxes of supplies sent to Iraq by volunteers from Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and American Recreational Military Services. The boxes are arranged on tables inside trailers at the unit's base camp in Iraq. Taped to the wall are letters sent inside the boxes from veterans' groups, church groups and Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005.

game at Commerce Bank Park, and delivered more than a dozen large boxes of groceries they'd been collecting at their office the past several weeks. They also handed off a stack of phone cards and \$100 to help defray shipping costs.

Joe Ciulla, a teacher at Bedwell Elementary School in Bernardsville who serves as the community service coordinator, continues to oversee a supply drive at the school that will end tomorrow. The South Bound Brook Rescue Squad gathered supplies for OPSHBX last

Saturday outside the Rite-Aid drug store in downtown Bound Brook. On Friday we expect to pick up a bunch of supplies collected by the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset County.

Signing on to help this week is the Florham Park law firm of Bressler, Amery & Ross and the Spirit Committee of Kraft Foods Snack Division located in Parsippany.

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## Company spends time and money on troops

By JIM WHITE  
Staff Writer

When Susan Butrico was approached by her boss recently about Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, she said: "I'll handle it."

And over a two-week period, Butrico, 26, of South Plainfield, who works as a customer care representative for Paychex Inc., a payroll company in Piscataway, purchased and collected enough supplies to fill three large boxes.

She and one of her fellow employees stopped by this newspaper last week to drop off the generous contribution.

"I don't know whether I'm for it (the war) or against it," Butrico said. "I just want them (the troops) to feel loved. That's how people in our office felt."

Added her co-worker Milton Yong Yow, 29, of Plainsboro: "We know there is a problem, we want it fixed and we want them back home."

Helping to spread that love is the Operation: Shoebox program - a joint effort between The Chronicle and numerous organizations, businesses, families, volunteers and veterans to maintain a care-package supply line to U.S. soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq and the Mideast region.

Through fliers, e-mails and even company meetings, Butrico raised more than \$200 at her office and used it to purchase everything from hand sanitizer, sunblock and stationary to flashlights and batteries.

"Anything we can possibly do for them," she said.

"Since they (the troops) can't do it for themselves, we'll do it for them," Yong Yow said.

## Calendar of Events

**May 27:** Classic Cruizers car show on Main Street, Somerville, every Friday night through Labor Day, Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will collect donations and contributions in front of the United Reform Church, 6-9 p.m.

**May 30:** Clinton Station Diner, Route 173 & Bank Street, Clinton (off Route 78), 15 percent of the dinner receipts from 4-9 p.m. will be donated to Operation Shoebox. (908) 713-0012.

**June 3:** Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, Somerset Patriots vs. Bridgeport Bluefish, 7:05 p.m., fans bringing items for

the soldiers will be given a voucher good for one free ticket to a game during the season. (908) 252-0700.

**June 3:** Classic Cruizers car show on Main Street, Somerville, every Friday night through Labor Day, Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will collect donations and contributions in front of the United Reform Church, 6-9 p.m.

**June 4:** Soldiers' Shopping Spree, A&P supermarket, Mountain Boulevard, Warren, volunteers from the South Bound Brook Rescue Squad will collect items from shoppers as they exit

the store.

**June 5:** 19th annual Antique/Custom Car Show & Swap Meet, Skinner Plaza adjacent to the train station, Washington Avenue, Dunellen, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Donations and contributions to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 will be accepted. Sponsored by Green/Dunellen Rotary Club. (732) 752-2114.

**June 6:** Green Brook Cultural Heritage and Historic Preservation Committee Washington Rock Park, Blue Hills Beacon Ceremony, 225th anniversary of The Battle of

Connecticut Farms commemoration, 8 p.m., donations for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 will be accepted at firehouse adjacent to park, 26 Rock Road West.

**June 7:** 5th annual Champagne Open, benefit golf tournament, Beaver Brook Country Club, 25 Country Club Drive, Annandale, 11 a.m. Includes 18 holes of golf, hole-in-one contest, hole sponsorships, celebrities, raffles, open bar, buffet. A portion of each entry fee will be donated to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. (973) 514-5219. Visit the website

at [www.champagneopen.com](http://www.champagneopen.com) for more information.

**June 10:** Classic Cruizers car show on Main Street, Somerville, every Friday night through Labor Day, Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will collect donations and contributions in front of the United Reform Church, 6-9 p.m.

**June 12:** Sort, pick, box and ship. Volunteers gather at the 42nd Infantry Armory, Hamilton Avenue, Franklin, to prepare packages for shipment to soldiers, 1-5 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Call (908) 575-6684 for further information.

## Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 Drop-off sites:

### Somerset County

The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville  
Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater  
The 250th Signal Battalion, 42nd Infantry Armory on Hamilton Street in Franklin  
The Somerville U.S. Postal Service office at 39 Division St., Somerville  
Somerset County Sheriff's Office, County Administration Building, Grove Street, Somerville  
Morgan Stanley, 166 West Main St., Somerville  
Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 West Main St., Somerville  
Alfonso's Italian Restaurant, 99-101 West Main St., Somerville  
Beneath It All, 72 West Main St., Somerville  
Wachovia Bank, 1 West Main St., Somerville  
Dr. William Moskowitz, 205 West Main St., third floor, Somerville  
Somerville Center Antiques, 33 West Main St., Somerville  
Shop-Rite Supermarket, 611 West Union Ave., Bound Brook  
Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council, 1171 Route 28, North Branch  
Somerset County Park Commission main office, North Branch Park, Milltown Road, Bridgewater  
Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge  
Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills  
Warrenbrook Golf Course, Warrenville Road, Warren  
Spooky Brook Golf Course, Colonial Park, Amwell Road, Franklin  
Raritan Valley Community College Theater and Student Activities office, Route 28, North Branch  
Learning Express Toys, 315 Route 206, Hillsborough  
Test Sports Club, 1982 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville  
US Bicycle Hall of Fame, Main Street, Bridgewater  
Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater  
Felix #9 Diner, Route 22,

Bridgewater  
Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster  
Attic Treasures Antiques, Sansone Plaza, Route 22 East, Green Brook  
Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green Brook  
Shop Rite Supermarket, Route 28, Bound Brook  
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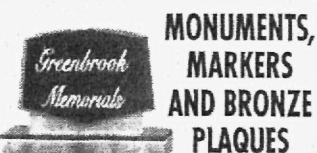
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## Agnes Burton

MIDDLESEX — Agnes M. Ostroski Burton, 97, died May 21, 2005 at the Haven Hospice of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Avoca, Pa., she lived in Dunellen before moving to Middlesex in 1958.

Mrs. Burton was a member of the Middlesex Senior Citizens Club and drove her car until age 90.

Her husband of over 50 years,

William, died in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Marie Bayer; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Middlesex Funeral Home.

## Antonio R. Troia

BOUND BROOK — Antonio R. Troia, 44, died suddenly May 21, 2005 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Bound Brook for 34 years before moving in 2001 to Easton, Pa.

Mr. Troia owned the Little Italy Pizza parlor in Whitehouse Station the past 25 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Whitehouse and a former member of St. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Denise DePazio Troia; his parents, Antonio and Maria of Bound Brook; four sons, Antonio, Thomas, Carmen and Joseph, and a daughter, Maria, all of Easton; and a brother, Carmen of Edison. A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Joseph Church. Entombment was in the St. Bernard Mausoleum, Bridgewater.

## Joseph Semuta

BOUND BROOK — Joseph M. Semuta, 71, died May 23, 2005 at the JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in Hazleton, Pa., he was a son of the late Simon and Justina Semuta.

Mr. Semuta had lived in Bound Brook since 1980. He retired in 1992 after 28 years as a laboratory technician with Ortho Diagnostics in Raritan.

He was a member of the Polish National Home in

Dunellen.

Deceased are two sisters, Anna and Mary; and five brothers, John, Pete, Mike, George and Steve.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; a son, Richard J. of Manville; a daughter, Justina M. of Phillipsburg; four sisters, Helen Mock of Hazleton, Eva Derr of Bethlehem, Pa., Margaret of Sugarloaf, Pa., and Julia Przywara of Piscataway; and two grandchildren.

## Victor Fedechena

BOUND BROOK — Victor Fedechena, 82, died May 11, 2005 in Plant City, Fla.

He lived in his native Somerville and in Bound Brook before moving to Plant City in 1985.

Mr. Fedechena retired in 1988 after over 40 years as a mailman with the Somerville post office. A Navy veteran of World

War II, he was a member of American Legion Post 12 and Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Somerville. Surviving are his longtime companion, Mary Reiner; a brother, John; a sister, Mary Gabinelli; and several nieces and nephews. Donations may be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

## Louis S. Frezza

BOUND BROOK — Louis S. Frezza, 87, died May 22, 2005 at ManorCare Health Services in Palm Harbor, Fla.

He was born in Bound Brook and lived in the borough before moving to Palm Harbor in 1989.

Mr. Frezza was a physical education teacher in Scotch Plains and a professional referee. He was an Army veteran of World War II and held a master's degree from Seton Hall University.

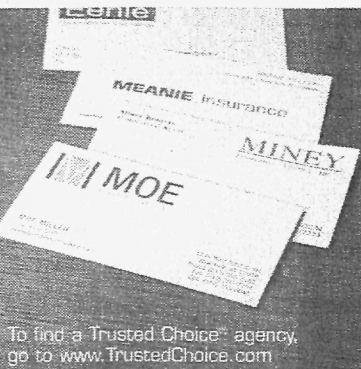
He was a member of the American Legion in Safety Harbor, Fla., and St. Ignatius of Antioch Roman Catholic Church in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Rita; four sons, Martin of Jupiter, Fla., Richard of Deerfield Beach, Fla., Joseph of Tequesta, Fla., and Louis H. Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla.; three stepsons, Thomas Carrano and Robert Carrano, both of Bradenton, Fla., and Paul Carrano of Beaverdam, Va.; two stepdaughters, Diane Frazer of Oldsmar, Fla., and Suzanne Faircloth of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a sister, Marie Romano of Bound Brook; 17 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Arrangements were by the Curlew Hills Funeral Home in Palm Harbor.

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By JIM WHITE  
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — Ain't she pretty?

Lady Justice, an 8-foot, 110-pound golden Greek goddess reclaimed her place along the Somerville skyline last week after \$40,000 worth of renovations.

Since her last makeover in 1994, exposure to the elements 24/7, 365-days-a-year took its toll. The county hired Paragon Restoration, in Kenilworth, to return her to a thing of beauty.

"This should give her a lot more length. At least 15 years," Matthew Papio, sales operations at Paragon Restoration, said of the 24-karat gold gilding. "It's on there good."

During the months the statue spent at Paragon, it was stripped down to the original copper frame through a sandblasting-like process that uses walnut shells so as not to damage it.

Lady Justice was then coated with a primer, fol-

lowed by a sticky substance that allows the gold leaf to take hold. The leaf, on thin sheets of felt-like paper, was applied by hand and then brushed flat, Papio said.

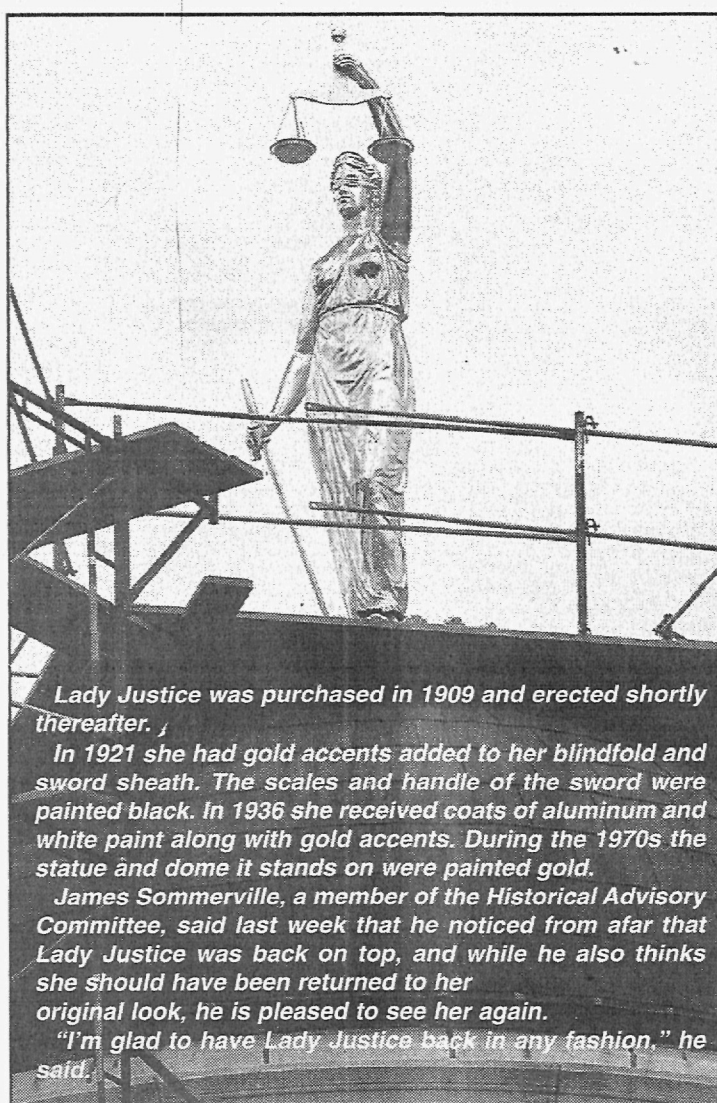
Some trouble areas received a second coat to maintain an even appearance.

"The scales of justice had to be rebuilt. We used two copper frying pans," Papio said, adding the 8-inch pans were welded into place.

And unlike in the past, holes were made in the middle of the pans so they don't accumulate water and attract birds, which tend to coat statues in substances far less flattering than gold.

Papio said a hole in her sword was filled with copper as well as a couple of holes and dents in her lower back that she had sustained over the years.

"I don't know how that happened. Maybe she was dropped (in the past)," Papio said. "Maybe some large bird flew into her."



Lady Justice was purchased in 1909 and erected shortly thereafter.

In 1921 she had gold accents added to her blindfold and sword sheath. The scales and handle of the sword were painted black. In 1936 she received coats of aluminum and white paint along with gold accents. During the 1970s the statue and dome it stands on were painted gold.

James Somerville, a member of the Historical Advisory Committee, said last week that he noticed from afar that Lady Justice was back on top, and while he also thinks she should have been returned to her original look, he is pleased to see her again.

"I'm glad to have Lady Justice back in any fashion," he said.

## Calendar

### Sunday, May 29

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

### Thursday, June 2

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

### Friday, June 3

**BOUND BROOK - Strawberry Festival:** 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Bound Brook Presbyterian Church, corner of Mountain and Union Avenue. Cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and free age 3 and under. Proceeds for Deacon's Fund. Call (732) 356-3575 for details and directions.

### Saturday, June 4

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

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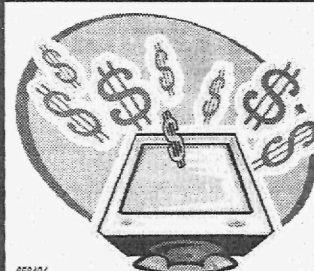
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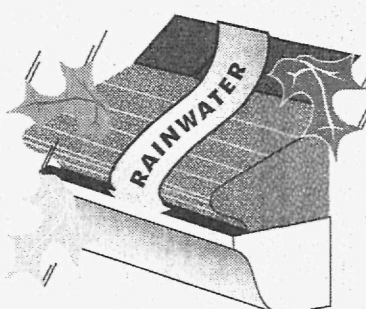
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# "... All you see is things you can't save, things that are broken, burned ..."

**Editors note:** This is the fourth part of a continuing series that will look closely at how a family recovers in the aftermath of a fire that destroyed their home.

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI  
Staff Writer  
GREEN BROOK — Five weeks after they were burned out of their house, and with all the nec-

essary paperwork completed, Fawnda Genovese-Garcia and her husband, Felix Garcia, received their insurance settlement on May 3. They've applied to the

township and received an adjusted tax bill. They've met with a builder and an architect and have begun planning the layout of the new house.

All that's left now is to remove the few items that can be salvaged before the builder comes in to demolish what is left of the existing structure.

On several separate trips to the house over the course of about three weeks, Fawnda, and Felix scoured the house, room-by-room. They looked in burned closets, under beds, in cabinets and under piles of wood and debris and sifted through the ashes. For Fawnda, this was the most difficult part of the whole ordeal.

"You just go in there and all you see is things you can't save, things that are broken, burned. Those things are your life," she said. "You just want to take everything with you, but you know you can't save it all."

They weren't able to save much, just thirteen plastic tubs full of dinner ware, trivets and glasses wrapped in newspaper, a few shirts, several trinkets and knick knacks, some jewelry and a couple pieces of furniture. The list of damaged, burned, broken, charred and soaked possessions is much longer, but the couple was glad to salvage what they did.

"I found my wedding dress!" Fawnda exclaimed on one of those days she had visited the house. The off-white colored, beaded floor-length gown and a matching jacket had been in a garment bag in her bedroom closet. She wore the dress less than four months ago, when she and Felix wed in the living room, now gutted and scorched by the fire.

"It was under piles of wood in the closet. The jacket is all burned and stained, but I can save it. I was very upset when I thought I lost it. It was my wedding dress. It was the most expensive dress I've ever owned."

But a wedding gift she received from her parents didn't escape the damage. A Lenox figurine, "The First Dance" which shows a couple dancing, was uncovered, but the heads of the man and woman were broken off. When Fawnda found it, she cried.

"It was the last thing my dad gave to me before he died," said Fawnda. "He picked it out because Felix and I met dancing."

Fawnda was only able to save a few of the almost 100 pairs of shoes she owned.

"I had shoes to go with every outfit," she said. "I really miss my shoes."

She was, however, able to save a ceramic shoe figurine her sister had given to her.

"It's too bad I can't wear that one," she said.

But those are just clothes, said Fawnda, who noted the things she'll miss the most are those that carried sentimental value.

"My children's baby things are gone," said Fawnda. "I know life is more important. But how do you replace the baby quilt you held your babies in?"

She was able to find in a box in the living room that contained some of her children's first books. The brightly-colored Christmas stories have children's crayon writing and pictures on the pages.

"These were their first books," said Fawnda. "I knew if I couldn't find anything else, this is what I wanted the most."

In Part V the couple makes plans to rebuild.

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## Legal Notices

BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TAX SALE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS					
BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	AMOUNT
25	5.6	Hoette, Ted V	96 Conover Pl	Tax	1945.86
40	31,32-34	Poltorak, Piotr J & M Poltorak	351 High Street	Tax	6277.11
86	20A,21	Hawley, John S Jr	1229 Bound Brook Rd	Tax	4243.78
86	6.01/0002A	G P Realty Inc	435 Union Ave	Tax	4024.99
100	6	G P Realty Inc	495 Union Ave	Tax	4024.99
126	1	Kravitz, A & S	405 Beechwood Ave	Tax	501.26
150	67,68-69	Physique LLC's Joseph Martinelli	675 Ashland Rd	Tax	675.33
153	24	Brand-McClint, Terri	633 Ashland Rd	Tax	4377.65
244	5	Pittman, Janet M & Gloria	291 Lincoln Blvd	Tax	3547.99
245	10,11	Whitcomb, Howard J & Deborah L	606 Denton Place	Tax	3885.84
254	1.1A	Ionis, Thomas G	182 So Lincoln Ave	Tax	1123.30
258	11,12-13	Borsion, Glenn I	500 Bound Brook Rd	Tax	7151.16
259	2	Elery, Maryanne	328 Runyon Ave	Tax	4322.83
266	20C0008B	Embroidery Concept & Design Inc	201 Pond Ave	Sewer	353.25
267	2	Waterside LLC	89 Hanover Sq	Tax	18163.53
270	3.4	Romiz, Anna	750 South Ave	Tax	890.48
270	5,6,8	Union Foundry Co Inc % A Kadish	Willon Ave	Tax	2575.12
270	9,10-12	Artistic Architectural Sculpture	Willon Ave	Tax	851.15
271	1.2	Artistic Architectural Sculpture	Willon Ave	Tax	2539.67
271	3.4	Artistic Architectural Sculpture	Willon Ave	Tax	20426.15
271	7.8	Artistic Architectural Sculpture	Willon Ave	Tax	851.15
271	9,10-15	Artistic Architectural Sculpture	Willon Ave	Tax	851.15
271	16,17-22	Artistic Architectural Sculpture	Willon Ave	Tax	1276.74
283	25,27	Caruso, Samuel L & Mary Ann	751 Drake Ave	Tax	2284.32
280	12,14,42-46	K & R Corporation % Teel Fabrics Inc	200 Blackford Ave	Tax	1276.74
285	51,52-54	Quince Enterprises LLC	421 Lincoln Blvd	Tax	4544.04
304	20,21	Kolbas, Ronald J & Elizabeth C	659 Lorraine Ave	Tax	1152.46
309	28,29	Ball, William H & Ann E	701 Mountain Ave	Tax	2720.77
312	4,5	Short, Allan D	607 Voorhees Ave	Tax	47.66
348	2	Physique LLC's Joseph Martinelli	150 Lincoln Blvd	Tax	1525.47
348	3	Physique LLC's Joseph Martinelli	CRJ RR	Tax	624.35
348	1	Physique LLC's Joseph Martinelli	Lincoln Blvd	Tax	435.14
349	10A	Sue-Joe, Inc	232 Lincoln Blvd	Tax	5441.18
352	1C	Bakeland, Inc	84 Bakeland Ave	Tax	44092.23
352	1C	B & H Metal	84 Bakeland Ave	Tax	411.48
\$257.04					B105 4T 5/14,21,28,6/4/05

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 1650-05 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES TO COINCIDE WITH THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE PAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	
The above ordinance was introduced at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on May 24, 2005 and will be further considered for the final passage after a public hearing at a Public Meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, in said Borough on June 14, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.	
Kathleen Anello, RMC Borough Clerk B109 1T 5/28/05	\$6.46

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 1651-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SEWER VACUUM AND HIGH PRESSURE JET RODDER	
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Kathleen Anello, RMC Borough Clerk B110 1T 5/28/05	\$7.14

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held on the 24th day of May 2005, in the Borough Hall, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Borough Hall, 230 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook, N.J., on the 14th day of June 2005 at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place all persons interested therein may	
Kathleen Anello, RMC Borough Clerk B110 1T 5/28/05	

or application of this ordinance which may be given effect, and to realize this intent, the provisions and applications of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION V. PURPOSE OF CAPTIONS**  
Captions contained in this ordinance have been inserted only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections, and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.

**SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE**  
This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final adoption, approval and publication in accordance with law.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**  
This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final adoption, approval and publication in accordance with law.

**SECTION 7. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**  
The purpose of this Ordinance is to revise fees for connection to the sanitary sewer system of the Borough of Bound Brook.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04**  
**SCHEDULE A - CONSTRUCTION**  
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**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTIONS 14-1.3 AND 14-1.4 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, (1967) RELATED TO SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION FEES**  
BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:  
**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTIONS 14-1.3 AND 14-1.4**  
Subsections 14-1.3 and 14-1.4 are hereby amended to read as follows:  
"14-1.3 Sanitary Sewer Connection Fees. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:26-11, the fee to connect to the Borough of Bound Brook public sanitary sewer system is established as follows:  
(a) Single-family Residential Use. Each single-family residential use shall be charged a Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$3,500.00) Dollars connection fee per dwelling unit for each new construction.  
(b) Multi-family Residential Use. Each apartment, condominium or townhouse unit shall be charged a Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars connection fee per separate dwelling unit. A separate dwelling unit shall be defined as having its own housekeeping facilities.  
(c) Non-residential Use. Each non-residential use shall be charged a minimum connection fee of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars per four hundred (400) gallons of estimated annual daily average flow or major fraction thereof as determined by the Borough Engineer based upon N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.1 et seq., or upon data and information supplied to the Borough Engineer by the applicant and the results of any investigation by the Borough Engineer into actual meter readings or other available information regarding the estimated annual daily average flow for the proposed use.  
In no event shall the connection fee for any non-residential use be calculated as less than one hundred twenty-five thousandths (0.125) gallons per day for each square foot of occupancy. There shall be no reduction in square footage calculations for wall thickness, hallways, elevators, stairways, closets and appliances.  
(d) Change of Use. Any change in use of a non-residential property shall require an application to the Borough of Bound Brook for a permit to discharge the flow from the change in use into the public sanitary sewer system. The Borough Engineer shall review all change in use applications submitted to make calculations pursuant to Subsection 14-1.3. The applicant for the new use shall be charged a connection fee equivalent to the amount of any increase in the connection fee over that for the former use."

**SECTION II. CONSTRUCTION**  
Where consistent with the context in which used in this ordinance, words importing the singular shall include the plural; words importing the plural shall include the singular; and, words importing one gender shall include all other genders.

**SECTION III. SEVERABILITY**  
Should any provision of this ordinance be inconsistent with the provisions of any prior ordinances, the inconsistent provisions of said prior ordinances are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY**  
In the event that any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance.

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Saturday, May 28, 2005

## Sports

## Edison, Stevens advance in state tourney

Jon Mendez pitched a route-going five-hitter, fanning eight and walking one, as the Edison High baseball team tripped East Side 3-1 Monday to advance to the quarter-finals of the North Jersey 2 Group IV Tournament.

In winning the seventh-rated Eagles improved to 15-10 on the season and earned a spot in yesterday's second round against second-ranked Watchung Hills.

Edison broke up a scoreless dual between Mendez and John Carino of 10th-seeded East Side (13-13) by scoring all three of its runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Mike Shymanski followed an error with a run-scoring triple, while Cal Costanzo and Julian Laguna delivered RBI singles.

J.P. Stevens 9, Linden 4 — Gary Turner drove in four runs with a two-run homer, a run-scoring double and a sacrifice fly to lead the way as the Hawks upended ninth-seeded Linden (10-15) in the opening round of North 2 Group IV play Monday.

Turner and Adam Kramen lofted sac flies in the opening inning, while Turner doubled in a run and Jon Book (2-for-3) singled in another as Stevens went up 4-1. Turner's home run started the scoring in a four-run fifth and Chris Beyer finished it with a two-run single.

Doug Wallner (4-4) benefited from the timely hitting as he went all the way, allowing 10 hits and striking out four. Ninth-ranked Stevens improved

to 14-11 and earned a meeting with top-rated Hunterdon Central in yesterday's scheduled quarter-finals.

**Highland Park 2, Metuchen 1** — After winning three straight one-run games late in the regular season to earn a state tournament berth the eighth-seeded Bulldogs went out in the first round of Central Jersey Group I play Monday the same way, wasting a strong pitching performance by Kevin Rush.

Rush pitched a five-hitter with four strikeouts and no walks, but a couple of defensive miscues in the top of the seventh allowed ninth-rated Highland Park and pitcher Robert Hrapsky to prevail. Chris Callas singled home the Metuchen run in the fourth for a 1-0 lead.

**New Providence 11, Bound Brook 2** — Running into a strong New Providence team Monday in the first round of Central Jersey Group I the 13th-seeded Crusaders fell behind 3-0 after one inning, cut the deficit to 3-2 in the top of the fourth but the fourth-ranked Pioneers (17-6) took off from there for an easy victory.

Chris Savarese limited Bound Brook (10-10) to a double by Mike Ormosi and four singles in going the distance, and he led the winning offense with a 4-for-4 showing that included a home run, triple and three RBI.

## GMC TOURNAMENT

After coming back from an early deficit to knot the game the Eagles

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

could not recover from a fifth-inning rally by St. Joseph's of Metuchen and fell 7-4 in the semifinals of the Greater Middlesex County Tournament Saturday.

Trailing 3-0 the fourth-ranked Eagles rallied as Mike Shymanski belted a home run to right in the of the fourth inning, while Phil Okner came home on a ground ball and Jon Mendez scored on a balk in the fifth.

Top-seeded and defending champion St. Joe's (23-5), however, answered immediately with four runs in the bottom of the fifth highlighted by Alex Vitale's two-run homer, and then held off a late bid in the seventh to advance to its second straight final.

Edison received an RBI single from Okner in the top of the seventh, and had runners at first and second with one out when Mendez grounded into a force at second. Okner was also penalized for sliding in with his spikes too high with Mendez being called out as well to end the game.

**Edison 12, Old Bridge 2** — Nate Fabretti keyed a five-run fourth-inning with a three-run homer and also pitched a complete-game five-hitter to propel the Eagles past 15th-ranked Old Bridge (13-10) in the GMCT quarter-finals May 18.

Mike Shymanski put Edison on the board with a three-run homer in the first inning, and finished with two hits along with Dave Zavitski, who had two RBI, Bryan Elvina, Julian Lagana and Jon Mendes all had two hits in the Eagles' 11-hit attack.

**John F. Kennedy 4, South Plainfield 0** — The sixth-ranked Tigers ran into a hot pitcher in 14th-seeded Kennedy's Joe Russyk (8-2), who tossed a two-hit shutout and outdued Nick Cesare, and were eliminated in the quarter-finals May 18.

Cesare (4-2) allowed six hits while fanning 14 batters, but it wasn't enough to beat Russyk, who limited the Tigers to a double by Mike Downes and a single, as Kennedy (16-10) posted its second straight upset.

## REGULAR SEASON

Mike Downes, who had pitched two scoreless innings of relief earlier in the game, returned to the mound in the bottom of the seventh to bail out his team after Lacey had pulled to within a run with a six-run rally only to fall short to South Plainfield 9-8 in a non-conference game Saturday.

Bill Merkler, who doubled twice, had a two-run double to spark the big second inning, while Bakazan (4-1), who got the pitching decision, and Andy Miller singled in a run apiece. Bill Moates also had two hits for South Plainfield.

**Piscataway 10, South Amboy 1** — Ken Walker (5-1) scattered three hits

and struck out five in a route-going effort as the Chiefs spanked Gold Division co-champion South Amboy (16-7) in a GMC-crossover game May 19 that moved them to 12-11 on the year.

Kyle Walker led a 14-hit Piscataway attack with a 3-for-3 showing that included two RBI, while David Gerna doubled, singled and drove in two runs. Bobby Abreu chipped in with two hits and knocked in a run. The Chiefs took charge with a five-run second inning.

**Bound Brook 10, St. Mary 9** — Rob Pikulin, who finished 3-for-5 with four RBI, blasted a two-run homer to finish off a six-run seventh inning as the Crusader rallied for six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to edge St. Mary (6-11) of Elizabeth May 19 in Mountain Valley Conference play.

Mike Laracuenta doubled home two runs and Jimmy Pemberton set the stage for Pikulin by drilling a two-run triple as Bound Brook overcame deficits of 7-0 and 9-4 to improve to 10-9. Kevin Porras (3-2) picked up the pitching decision.

**Piscataway 3, Hunterdon Central 2** — Robert Rose fanned 10 while tossing a four-hitter and Tim Higgenbotham blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth to win the game as the Chiefs nipped Hunterdon Central (16-7) in non-league play May 18.

## Hawks, Blue Jays, Tigers make GMCT quarters

Receiving a major challenge from 16th-rated Monroe, the top-seeded J.P. Stevens High softball squad survived for a 1-0 12-inning triumph Saturday in the second round of the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament.

Becky Garibotto (20-2) pitched the Hawks to their 20th victory against two losses and a tie by allowing five hits, striking out seven and walking one to out-duel Monroe's Brittany Salvatore, who stymied the Red Division champions Stevens squad on eight hits through 11 inning innings.

In the bottom of the 12th inning Garibotto put the Hawks in a great position when she led off with a double. With Caroline Vitale on as a courtesy runner for Garibotto catcher Caitlyn Seamster followed with a single through to middle to knock in the game's only run.

The Hawks had several threats prior to finally breaking through, including a bases-loaded no-out situation in the fifth and had at least one base-runner in ever inning but one.

Monroe (15-10), meanwhile, had only one runner reach third base and that came when it had runners at second and third and two outs in the eighth. Jill Chen laced a one-out double in the ninth, but was thrown out trying for a triple on the relay from Stefanie Kamin to Jackie Almasi to Iris Delgado.

Stevens was scheduled to face eighth-ranked John F. Kennedy Wednesday in the quarter-finals with the winner to advance to tomorrow's semifinals at South Plainfield against then survivor of No. 5 Middlesex and No. 13 South Brunswick.

**Middlesex 4, Edison 3** —

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Erica Lordi earned the pitching decision with a five-hitter and won the game with a walk-off homer leading off the bottom of the eighth inning as the Blue Jays edged 12th-seeded Edison Saturday.

Middlesex, which improved to 17-2, broke out to a 3-0 lead after one inning as Megan Reilly doubled and scored on Lordi's ground ball, an error chased home the second run and Michelle Krupsky delivered a run-scoring single to give Lordi a lead with which to work.

The Eagles tied the game in the top of the sixth with a three-run rally on singles by Ashley Knudsen, Lyndsey Balinskas and Kelly Karp, an error and a field's choice, but didn't much else against Lordi in falling to 12-12 for the year.

**South Plainfield 10, Dunellen 0** — Jessica Senz hurled a five-inning no-hitter, fanning nine and walking two as the sixth-seeded Tigers opened tournament play Saturday with an easy verdict over Dunellen in the second round that pushed their record to 20-4.

Playing errorless ball in the field and collecting 10 hits, South Plainfield put the game away with a six-run second inning and extending the advantage to 9-0 after three at-bats. Lauren Fry led the offense with a 3-for-3 performance that included a double and three runs scored, while Jessica Miller doubled and singled, driving in three runs.

With the decision the Tigers earned a game against third-seeded and defending champion East Brunswick in Wednesday's quarter-finals.



Lacey Santone, seen here batting earlier this season, and her South Plainfield High teammates reached the quarter-finals of the GMC Tournament with a 10-0 five-inning victory over Dunellen Saturday.

The winner of that game will take on either second seeded Colonia or seventh-rated Carteret tomorrow.

Cassie Shotwell took the loss for the Destroyers, who dropped to 14-7 for the season.

**Edison 8, Piscataway 3** — Despite being out-hit 11-7 the Eagles didn't have a lot of trouble in eliminating 21st-ranked Piscataway in the opening round May 18 as they led 4-0 after two innings and 6-3 after three en route to the victory.

Rachel Ruch doubled, singled and drove in four runs for Edison, while teammate Lyndsey Balinskas chipped in with a pair of hits and scored twice. Kelly Karp, meanwhile, struck out 10 and walked one, and the defense only had one error behind her.

Piscataway, which had big problems scoring runs during its 1-16 season, received a 3-for-3 effort from Caitlin Wesnesky and a 2-for-2 game from Emily Fritze.

**Dunellen 4, Cardinal McCarrick 3** — Lindsey

Circelli and Sarah Locke both singled and scored on passed balls when the Destroyers pushed across three runs in the bottom of the third inning and they held off 22nd-ranked Cardinal McCarrick (6-12) in the opening round May 18.

Cassie Shotwell tossed a three-hitter with 11 strikeouts, while Circelli and Locke both went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Dunellen, which picked up what proved to be a needed insurance run in the sixth.

**Old Bridge 5, Metuchen 1** — The 18th-seeded Bulldogs

managed only two hits inn their opening-round test against 15th-rated Old Bridge and fell to 12-10 on the season. Liz Marquard singled in the Meruchen run in the fifth after Old Bridge (12-11) had built a 4-0 lead.

## REGULAR SEASON

In a meeting between the top two seeds in the GMCT May 19 J.P. Stevens used a three-hit, seven-strikeout performance by Becky Garibotto to trim Colonia (19-4), which won the White Division title and owns the tournament's second seed.

The Hawks touched up Colonia pitcher Ali Tango for eight hits, including a pair of run-scoring singles by Alicia Doherty in the second and sixth inning and an RBI single by Stefanie Kamin in the sixth. Iris Delgado had a double for the game's only extra-base hit.

**South Plainfield 3, Westfield 1** — Jessica Senz pitched a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts and no walks to overcome four errors by the Tiger defense as South Plainfield rallied late for their 19th victory May 19 in a conference game clash with Westfield (15-9). Lacey Santone singled in run to knot the game at 1-1 and Stephanie Falzarano had a two-run single in the seventh to win it.

**Bound Brook 19, St. Mary 0** — Courtney Wood (3-0) tossed five innings of two-hit ball with nine strikeouts and no walks as the Crusaders clubbed St. Mary (5-11) in Mountain Valley Conference play May 19 to improve to 14-7 for the year. Muriel Slater and Nina Jefferson both had four hits to lead a 28-hit attack. Caitlin Shubick hit a grand slam, Ashley DeLong had a three-run shot, while Krystal Miranda and Heather Kahlsdorf hit solo homers.

## Outfield miscue is costly as Patriots fall to Blues

Somerset Patriots rightfielder Ryan Radmanovich dropped a fly ball which paved the way for four unearned fifth-inning runs Monday night and the Bridgeport Bluefish went on to win the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball clash 5-1 in front of 1082 fans in Bridgeport, Conn.

The game at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard was scoreless until the fifth, when the Blues' Angel Espada bunted for a hit against starter Greg Modica, swiped second base and scored when Radmanovich misplayed Corey Hart's two-out fly ball. Later in the inning Michael Coleman ripped a three-run homer to left, his fourth home run of the season.

Shortstop Kevin Nicholson's homer down the left-field line in the ninth accounted for the lone run for Somerset (13-12). Nicholson had two of the visitors' seven hits.

Modica (1-2) went five



innings, allowing four hits, four walks and four runs while striking out eight batters as he mixed an occasional knuckleball into his repertoire. Luis Arroyo (1-0) pitched the first six innings for the Blues, yielding four hits and two walks while fanning five as he beat the Pats for the second time in five days.

Tuesday's game between the two squads was rained out and rescheduled as a doubleheader last night.

**Patriots 4, Camden 3** — Nicholson hit his first homer of the year, a solo shot in the sixth, and doubled in two runs Sunday afternoon as the Pats finished off a three-game weekend sweep of the

Riversharks (9-14) in front of 6131 fans at Commerce Bank Park, Bridgewater.

The Pats got another solid pitching effort from Derek Lee and three relievers, who yielded a dozen hits but got the key outs in tough situations. Lee gave up seven hits, four walks and two runs while fanning six in five innings. Brad Clontz (1-1) earned the victory with 2 1/3 shutout innings and Robert Marquez, pitching for the third straight day, came in for the final frame to notch his second save.

Somerset trailed 3-2 before coming through with two runs in the sixth when Nicholson ripped a leadoff homer to right field, Radmanovich singled, catcher Ryan Kellner (3 for 4) doubled down the right-field line and pinch-hitter Todd Betts drove a sacrifice fly ball to deep center.

The visitors had scored a run in their initial at-bat before Somerset immediately got two

back in the last of the first when Jeremy Owens singled. Jeff Nettles reached on a fielder's choice and Nicholson delivered his two-run double.

**Patriots 3, Camden 2** — An infield throwing error and a passed ball enabled the Patriots to score three times in the eighth inning Saturday night as they bounced back from a 2-0 deficit in front of 6031 spectators on "Rally Night" at CBP.

Immaculata High product Tony Gsell started the big eighth with a line-drive single to left and Owens followed with another shot to center, putting runners at first and second.

Switch-hitting leadoff batter Billy Hall, back in the lineup after a 10-day stint on the disabled list because of a pulled groin muscle, then had a quick chat with Manager Sparky Lyle (who was coaching third base because Liam Healy was ejected earlier in the game) before stepping into the lefty batter's

box against reliever Greg Powell.

Hall squared up to sacrifice on the first pitch and dropped down a perfectly-placed bunt near the third-base line, easily reaching first for a hit as Powell didn't even attempt a throw.

Southpaw Todd Rizzo replaced Powell and got Emiliano Escandon to hit a grounder to first baseman Ryan Jones, whose throw home for the force-out was low and to the right of catcher Guy Lynam, skipping to the backstop as two runs scored for a 2-2 tie.

Betts struck out and following an intentional walk to Nettles, Radmanovich popped out to the shortstop. With Nicholson up, a chest-high pitch bounced out of Lynam's grasp and behind him, allowing the go-ahead run in.

Marquez, who'd relieved starter Scott Sobkowiak to begin the eighth, retired the first Shark in the final stanza

before giving up a hit but Shane Heams then came in to post his fourth save by striking out two straight batters.

Sobkowiak again pitched well, permitting five hits, no walks and two runs (one earned) through seven innings.

Camden scored once in the first inning and, helped by an error by third baseman Nettles, added another run in the third. But later in the game Nettles also made a diving stab of a grounder near the third-base line and from his knees threw the runner out at first.

Hall went 2 for 4 and stole his sixth base of the season in seven attempts.

**Patriots 2, Camden 1** — After two rough starts, Brett Jodie bounced back in strong fashion May 20, permitting two hits and no runs while fanning five in six innings, although he didn't get the victory because the Pats failed to score until Robert Marquez took over in the seventh.



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