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### Middlesex Advancing

Middlesex High edged J.P. Stevens 2-0 Memorial Day to advance to the title game of the GMC Softball Tournament. For a recap of tournament games played last week, **Page B1**.

## REMINDER

### Senior Art On Display

The Middlesex County Department on Aging is calling all professional and non-professional artists age 60 and older to submit works for the county's 2005 Senior Citizen Art Contest. Registration deadline is June 13. Each artist may submit one original work.

Professional and non-professional works will be judged in separate divisions in the following categories: acrylic, digital imagery, craft, drawing, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, print, sculpture and watercolor. All works will be on display from July 20 to Aug. 12 at the East Brunswick Senior Center. For registration, call Andrea Boulton at (732) 745-4305.

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**Victor Rizzolo** of Manville, a retired Superior Court judge, served as Grand Marshal of the Somerville Memorial Day Parade. A veteran of World War II, Rizzolo shares stories of ordinary men doing acts of extraordinary heroism during the heat of battle.

## Honoring brothers in arms

### WWII veteran talks about the 'ordinary' heroes

By **JIM WHITE**  
Staff Writer

**SOMERVILLE** — The words could be heard down High Street, coming from an unidentified parade organizer looking on from the reviewing stand.

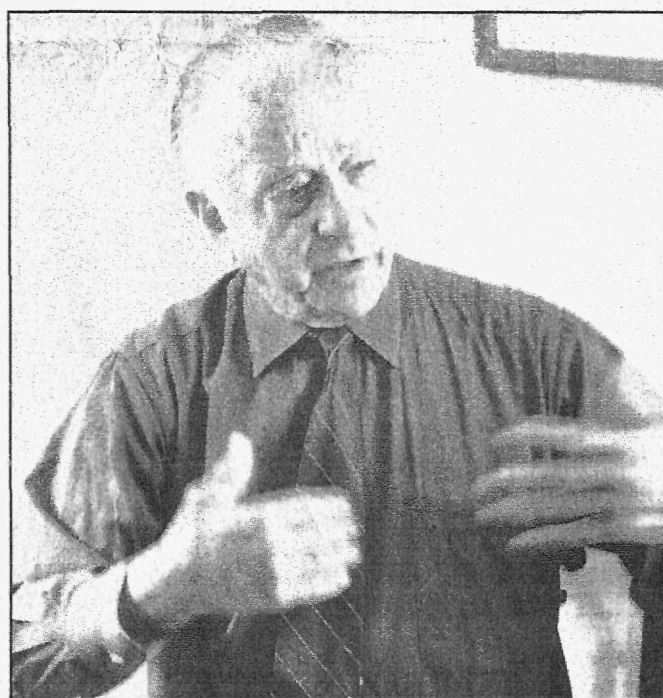
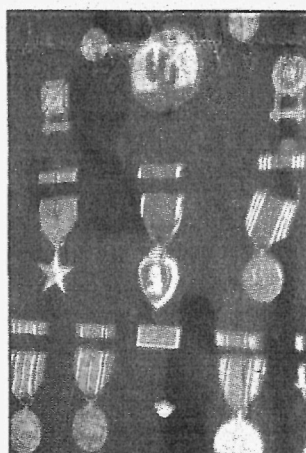
"Order in the court! Order in the court! Here comes the judge!"

Victor Rizzolo of Manville, a retired Superior Court judge, was this year's Grand Marshal of the Somerville Memorial Day Parade. Prior to the 9 a.m. start, the 81-year-old began his day Monday inside his quaint home talking about his experiences some 60 years after he helped to topple the German war machine.

And though Rizzolo said he never thought of himself as a member of the "greatest generation," his collection of medals and a noticeable limp suggest he knows firsthand what men and women of the World War II era went through to garner such a reputation.

"We never thought of ourselves as that," he said. "All gen-

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While sitting at home, Victor Rizzolo talks about his experiences while serving in the Army in World War II. Above left, among Rizzolo's collection of medals is the Purple Heart, given to him for a wound to his knee from which has never fully recovered.

## College graduates record-size class

**EDISON** — Representing the largest class in the history of Middlesex County College, Jeffrey Philip Muirhead, 54, of Parlin, an honors graduate in Business, Computer Science and Engineering Technologies, delivered the student address at the 38th annual graduation exercises, held May 26, telling of the educational challenges that gave him the confidence "to become someone I didn't know I could be."

"During my oldest daughter's senior year in high school, I took her to visit several college campuses," Muirhead said. "It gave me the idea that if I went back to school, she and I could finish at the same time and have a double graduation. My calculations were somewhat off. She graduated in four years with a B.S. Degree in Geology and here I am talking to you seven years after I began."

More than 475 of the 1,051 members of the class of 2005 participated in the exercises, held in the Physical Education Center, representing the 199 graduates of August 2004, 290 of January 2005 and 537 of the most recent class.

Twenty four members of the Class of 2005, all students of Radiography Education, will be officially graduated in August after the completion of their intern practicum. In addition, several students have completed the requirements for more than one degree or certificate during this academic year.

David B. Crabiel, freeholder director of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Gerald M. Ostrov, chair of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees

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## Getting a helping hand



**Fawnda Genovese-Garcia** looks through items piled on her dining room table. From ordinary kitchen utensils to mementoes, all were saved from a fire that destroyed her home. Now she begins the hard task of choosing what to keep and what to throw away. Part of that process can be helped through a public adjuster, who is hired by a person to help prepare, file and adjust homeowner's insurance claims. For more, read the fifth part of a continuing series that looks at how a family recovers after a fire. **Page B3**.

## Edison school honors the flag

**EDISON** — James Madison Primary School will hold its 18th annual Flag Day program 1:30 p.m. June 14.

The program was begun in memory of Paul J. Stolte, who was a custodian at the school and an active member of American Legion Post 324 and Auxiliary Unit 324.

An American flag, which was donated by the Stolte family, will be displayed as the background for the presentations made by the first graders.

Through songs and narrations, they explain how the American flag came to be, how it has changed through the years, and how this symbol of our country stands for courage, bravery, liberty, and freedom.

This year the school will be presented with a flag sent from Iraq by Omar Valentine, a serviceman stationed there, to his daughter Samantha, currently in second grade.

Valentine had the flag signed by some of the men in his platoon. The school's PTA had the flag framed.

After the presentation, the flag will be hung on the wall in the entrance to the school. Every time staff, students or visitors walk through the halls of James Madison Primary School, they will be reminded of the men and women serving overseas.

The second grade classes participated in an essay contest titled "What the American Flag Means to Me."

The American Legion post selects the most outstanding essays and the children are presented with a cash award. The winners will not be known to the students until the day of the Flag Day program.



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Victor Rizzolo talks with his friend, Antoinette Banaskiewicz, before giving a speech at the New Cemetery, South Bridge Street, Somerville. American flags are placed around the gravesites of war veterans.

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## Honoring

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erations have greatness in many ways."

Rizzolo enlisted in the Army in June of 1943 after graduating from Barringer High School in Newark.

"My parents said 'If you don't go in you're gonna be drafted,'" he recalled.

Following basic training Rizzolo was sent to Texas A&M University for the Army Strategic Service Training Program.

"They didn't know how long the war was gonna last. They needed officers," he said. "But they didn't need scholars, they needed guys in foxholes," he said, adding his stay in Texas was short and before he knew it he was in France fighting the Germans as a scout for the 103rd Infantry Division.

As a scout, Rizzolo would head out about 50 yards ahead of his platoon trying to locate the enemy.

"They would fight the hell out of us during the day, then disappear at night," he said.

On Dec. 1, 1944, while helping to kick the Germans out of Alsace-Lorraine, France, Rizzolo was hit by something in the left knee — what has become a constant reminder of the war.

Whatever hit his knee shattered it and all the bones

around it. It remains an open, draining wound today.

"I've never been able to bend it since. It never really healed," he said, adding he still must clean it and keep it bandaged.

"Small arms fire? I don't know what it was," he said. "I stepped over this hill, maybe about 25 feet going down through the woods when I went down. I knew I was hit."

He said it was his fellow scout Ed Reilly from Ohio who cleaned and bandaged him before hiding him in a hole until the fighting was over.

Rizzolo said Reilly, who has since moved to Montana, called him out of the blue a few years ago and the two have rekindled their friendship.

"He killed six Germans in one day, that guy," Rizzolo said, bragging about his friend.

"I'm a very blessed man to come back," he said. "A lot of guys didn't make it back."

That included his cousin, Daniel, who enlisted alongside him and served with the Army's 104th. He was killed a week after Rizzolo was wounded.

"It was a very bad time for our family," he said.

Upon his return to the states, Rizzolo began working at his father's law firm.

After his father's death, he went on to serve as a municipal court judge in Hillsborough, Millstone, Bridgewater and Raritan. He said in 1969 he made the decision to allow the construction of the Bridgewater Commons Mall, a

hotly contested issue at the time, which was appealed and then affirmed by the Supreme Court.

In 1970 he became a Superior Court judge at the historic Somerset County Courthouse in Somerville, serving for five years before starting his own practice, Rizzolo and Rizzolo, which he runs with his son Stanley. He said his daughter Vicky is a lawyer in Minnesota, and his other son, Steven, is a neurosurgeon in Montana.

Inside his West High Street office, Rizzolo displays all his military awards, including a Purple Heart and Bronze Star among numerous World War II campaign medals.

"It was a much simpler world back then," he said of his past. "But with all the changes we are still a great nation. We stand for things that are right. We never anticipate crisis, like when the Sputnik went up, but we won the space war. That's our nation. We don't start things, we finish them."

Later Monday morning, Rizzolo led the parade through the streets of Somerville from the shotgun position inside Neva Rae Fox's red Volkswagen Cabrio convertible. His friend, Antoinette Banaskiewicz, of Bridgewater, waved to onlookers from the back seat.

"This is a real community thing," said Fox, a borough resident who has volunteered to chauffeur Grand Marshals for the last 10 years. "I hope we never lose it."

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## College graduates

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and John Pulomena, Freeholder liaison to Middlesex County College, addressed the graduates and guests.

Luis Reyes, a member of the Middlesex County College staff, led the singing of the National Anthem.

Dr. Margaret Driver, professor of Modern Languages, led the academic procession as Grand Marshal. As the most senior full professor at the College, Dr. Driver was among the first group of faculty that was hired in September 1966. She will be retiring this year.

Dr. Joann LaPerla-Morales, sixth president of Middlesex County College, extended greetings and conferred degrees and certificates of achievement to the graduates. Dr. Ronald C. Goldfarb, acting vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, led the introductions and presented the Frank M. Chambers Award to the students with the highest GPA.

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## Senior Citizens Calendar

## Bound Brook

**The Bound Brook Seniors** meet 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave. After each meeting refreshments are served and Bingo is played.

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

Aug. 9 — Hawaiian Luau - \$64  
Sept. 25 to Oct. 1 — Golden Isles of Georgia - \$513  
Oct. 12 — Oktoberfest at Hunts Landing, details to come.

For detailed information, call President Frank Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Non members are welcome on trips if space allows.

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

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

## Dunellen

**The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club** is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held each Friday at 10 a.m. at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park. Bingo is played each Friday after the meeting. Bus transportation is provided. For information, call (732) 968-1285; President of Dunellen Senior Citizen Club, Ida Cihanowicz.

## Edison

**Edison Chapter of AARP #3346** reminds members that new applications are being accepted.

## Metuchen

**The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP**, holds a monthly meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27).

The chapter is currently accepting new members; call Thomas Costello for further information at (732) 548-7901.

## Middlesex Borough

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

**Trips and Events:**  
June 15-18 — Niagara Falls and Toronto. \$50 deposit due. Final payment April 12: \$515. Single, \$414 per person double, \$395 per person triple: 3 nights lodging, a day in Toronto, plus other events. For further information on trips, call Ellie Procacci (732) 752-3093.  
Aug. 11-13 — Washington D.C. details to come.  
Sept. 15 — Mystery Trip — \$51 — details to come.

## Piscataway

The Piscataway Senior Center has announced its schedule of upcoming events at the Center, located at 700 Buena Vista Ave., behind the J. F. Kennedy Library on Hoes Lane (Rt. 18). Group meetings for Tai Chi will be Wednesday's from 10-11 a.m. This is a drop in class. Sign up

at the Reception Desk. The Visiting Nurse Association will visit the center the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. No cost. Sign up at reception desk.

The Piscataway Seniors are starting a golf league for women only, just to enjoy the out-of-doors. League will start on Monday, May 2 until September, at Raritan Landing, and executive course, par 3 and 4. Cost for seniors living in Middlesex County is \$11. Call Fran Solomon at (732) 885-5708.

## S. Bound Brook

**The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club** meets at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. Bingo is played every Wednesday and refreshments are served. For information, call Catherine (732) 356-4080.

**Coming Events/Trips:**  
June 7 — Atlantic City, Showboat  
July 20 — Picnic

## Edison business group to honor area leaders

**EDISON** — The Edison Chamber of Commerce will honor individuals and corporations for their commitment to the community at its sixth annual Awards Dinner.

The event, which is open to the public, will be held 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday at The Pines Manor on Route 27.

"Our goal is to continue making Edison the best place to live and work in the state of New Jersey," Chamber President Gloria Dittman said. "We are pleased to honor these role models for the positive impacts they have on our quality of life. In their own ways, they have each displayed a true sense of creativity, commitment, vision and loyalty to Edison."

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— Community Leader Award — Angelo Orlando  
— Educator of the Year — Susan W. Marquard (Washington School-1st grade)  
— Entrepreneur of the Year — Susan Young (Susan Young Media Relations)  
— Member of the Year — Columbia Bank  
— Scholarship Award — Pamela Cicero (Middlesex County College).

Tickets are \$85 each. For additional information or to purchase tickets, call the Edison Chamber of Commerce at (732) 738-9482 or visit [www.edisonchamber.com](http://www.edisonchamber.com).

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## ★Police News★

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** — The South Plainfield Police Detective Division has concluded a month-long investigation involving prostitution at Hamilton Skin Care, 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

The operation was begun in April and concluded on May 26 with the arrest of Shun D. Zhang of Flushing, Queens, who was charged with prostitution.

Acting on the tip, detectives saw people entering through the back door of the business at various times of the day and night. An undercover officer posing as a client entered the establishment and was able to confirm the illegal activity.

Zhang is being held in the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center on \$2,500 bail.

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- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Carnival Games
- ❖ Pop Corn
- ❖ Snow Cones
- ❖ Dunk Tank
- ❖ Desserts
- ❖ Drinks

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Saturday, June 4, 2005

# Opinion

## Junk food faces suspension

The much-maligned Twinkee had better watch out.

It, and other legendary junk food icons, has a price on its head.

And, if state legislators have their way, the penalty will be a permanent ban on junk food in public elementary and middle schools.

Is this another example of government having to regulate common sense? Kind of like seat belt laws and a ban on hand-held cell phones while driving. Or is it a stand against offering kids yet another avenue to fill up with junk rather than something at least closely resembling food?

Just recently the Senate's Education Committee approved the language of a bill banning junk food from being sold in vending machines at public elementary and middle schools until 30 minutes after school closes for the day. The bill has been sent to the full Senate for consideration.

Assemblyman Herb Conway, D., Burlington, a doctor who cosponsored a similar measure passed by the Assembly, said in a press conference: "The most effective way to prevent obesity in our children is to teach them the right way to eat."

The New Jersey Education Association had lobbied for the legislation.

According to the American Obesity Association, about 15.5 percent of adolescents (ages 12 to 19) and 15.3 percent of children (ages 6 to 11) are obese. That's up from 7 percent of children between 1976 and 1980 and 5 percent of adolescents during the same period.

In response to the proposal, Robert Earl, senior director for nutrition policy at the Food Products Association, a food and beverage industry trade association, said the bill and similar measures

being considered in other states will not improve children's health.

He's right. And he's wrong.

Yes, simply banning junk food from school won't stop kids from bringing junk food with them, or from eating it at home. But the bill isn't aimed necessarily at stopping kids; it is meant to be part of the way to teach kids not to eat junk.

Applying the Food Product Association's logic, cigarette vending machines could be put in school cafeteria's throughout Somerset County and not change the number of kids who want to smoke because kids can buy cigarettes elsewhere too.

The logic simply doesn't work.

Kids choose to smoke — or not smoke — based on what they have learned and from peer pressure. They learn what to eat the same way. And while smoking has a stigma attached to it, eating junk food does not. Yet both are leading reasons why people die each year.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, childhood obesity puts people at higher risk of heart disease, diabetes and some cancers later in life.

It's up to parents and educators to help give kids the right facts to make an informed decision. In the same way telling kids not to smoke and then allowing them to buy Marlboro Lights in the school cafeteria is a ludicrous idea, so too is explaining about good nutrition while a vending machine outside the classroom is filled with M&Ms and Wise potato chips. Parents, educators and kids themselves ultimately have to make the decision on what they eat and don't eat — but keeping junk food out of the schools helps making a good choice about nutrition that much easier.

## Heart disease knows no gender

By BARBARA BUONO

In the world of medical research men and women are not the same. Most of us are aware that the two sexes tend to suffer from different diseases. It is also increasingly clear that women do not always benefit from the treatments that work for men.

Heart disease, stroke, diabetes and depression all affect the sexes differently.

The Divisions of Preventive Medicine, a consortium of some of the nations leading medical institutions, have placed a new emphasis on gender-specific research. One prominent result is that aspirin lowers stroke risk in women but does not afford the same protection as it does for men, where it reduces risk of heart attack. The aspirin study underscores the value of conducting clinical studies that determine how illnesses and treatments affect women and men differently.

The Institute of Medicine, a component of the National Academy of Sciences, released an extensive report regarding the influence gender has on human health. The report explores the unique responses men and women have to medications and diseases. They conclude that while progress has been made to include women in clinical studies, in order for the research to be truly valuable, the actual differences between the genders must be investigated and understood as well.

We know that heart disease is the leading cause of death in women, exceeding even breast cancer. However women with heart disease have not been diagnosed as early as they might have been

because the symptoms they exhibit are different than the typical symptoms seen in men. In addition, New Jersey has the highest rate of women suffering from AIDS in the nation and a higher than average rate of breast cancer.

In light of these facts, the State Legislature, in 2003, created a special office to focus on these crucial health concerns. The New Jersey Office on Women's Health was created with a mandate to promote the prevention and early detection of diseases in women. It was to fund research efforts, as well as provide information and outreach services. Unfortunately, although the office was assigned a variety of additional responsibilities, it never received any state funding which would have enabled it to fulfill its laudable mission.

New Jersey is currently in the throes of solving an enormous budget deficit. However, recent negotiations indicate there is promise of Horizon Blue Cross converting from a not-for-profit to a for-profit entity. The mechanism employed would create a large pool of funding dedicated to health care initiatives. It is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me and see the wisdom of dedicating some of this funding to increase our evolving knowledge about how disease uniquely affects women.

The Office of Women's Health can be a vehicle enabling New Jersey to truly improve the health and longevity of our mothers, our daughters, our spouses, our friends.

Sen. Barbara Buono, D-18th, serves East Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen, South River, Helmetta, Spotswood and South Plainfield.

## Quotable

*"It was a much simpler world back then. But with all the changes we are still a great nation. We stand for things that are right. We never anticipate crisis, like when the Sputnik went up, but we won the space war. That's our nation. We don't start things, we finish them."*

Victor Rizzolo

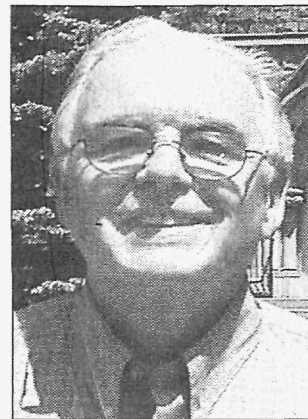
*"It breaks your heart sometimes to see that people have lost everything. It makes you want to go to bat for these people. Every nickel you collect is getting these people back to where they were before their tragedy."*

Michael Miller

*"It's a nice day to have friends and family come by and enjoy the weather — like a big block party."*

Ed Rebenack

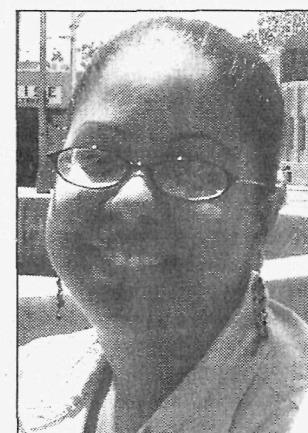
**Question of the week:**  
Who should regulate junk food in schools — parents or the administration?



HUGO HANRIOT

Somerville

"Always parents. They know their kids and what they should eat."



WENDY CORDERO

New Brunswick

"Parents. It's their responsibility. They should know what their kids are ingesting."



SHERRI AMATO

Washington

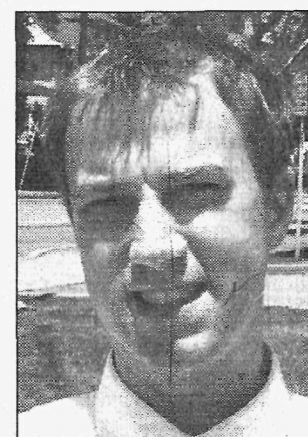
"Parents should know what their children are doing. It's their responsibility and (we) can't keep dumping 'stuff' on the schools."



MIKE FOGEL

Somerville

"Administration, because it's their school — but parents recommendations should be considered."



MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Dayton

"Administration, because kids do spend money from their parents on junk food rather than the planned lunch."

## Letters to the Editor

### Case is made for remaining active

To The Editor:

Times change. So it should be no surprise to environmental activists that methods and messages must change with them.

For example, the "war on terror" seems to imply a doomsday conflagration just around the corner. By contrast, global warming is no less deadly, but it's gradual. Its worst impacts may be decades into the future and thus are easy to ignore in the face of more immediate threats.

So what will convince the global public that global climate change is real and serious and warrants immediate attention?

That's the question raised by a conference hosted in January by Middlebury College in Vermont. "What Works? New Strategies for a Melting Planet" brought together everyone from well-known environmentalists and scientists to college students to discuss strategies for creating a "sense of urgency among the public."

At the conference, participants welcomed the chance to brainstorm and came up with a bunch of great ideas.

Some groups used humor, such as the "Flat Earth Award," founded to "highlight the denial of global warming by prominent public figures."

After all, plenty of public figures once denied the earth was round, even in the face of overwhelming scientific evidence. You still have time to vote for one of three candidates at <http://flatearthaward.org>.

Other traditional strategies were discussed, including staging a protest at the Ford Motor Company headquarters in Detroit over their cars, which have the lowest gas mileage of the big American automakers.

The organizers hope large-scale, peaceful demonstrations will raise the public's awareness of the contribution auto emissions make to global warming, and spur the automakers into competing to see who can be cleanest.

In a very immediate sense, auto emissions cause air pollution, which affects our health today. Rising rates of asthma among children are partly blamed on high doses of unclean air. While it may seem

that the public is not paying enough attention to air pollution or climate change issues, there are some very real and creative solutions available right now in New Jersey to decrease fossil fuel pollution and curb greenhouse emissions.

For example, SmartStart Schools is a special program designed to help New Jersey's school districts build energy-efficient buildings. In 2003 alone, schools, homeowners, municipalities and businesses across the State received \$30 million from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program in renewable energy grants and rebates that reduced the upfront costs of clean energy projects such as solar installation. When you drive in a residential neighborhood in New Jersey, pay close attention. You just might spot a house with solar panels on its roof and it's likely the homeowner got a 60 percent rebate on installation costs from the state.

And let's not forget, armchair activism does still work. Environmental Defense just announced a major victory for clean air and our collective health. On March 10, the U.S. EPA signed into action the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), resulting in the biggest cut in unhealthy smog- and soot-forming pollution from power plants in a decade, bringing relief to children, the elderly and asthma sufferers. Environmental Defense credits the victory in part to 40,000 of its members and activists who wrote to Congress supporting it.

So when concerned citizens ask, "What can we do?," a question not just for the environmental movement, but a question for all of us, the answer is "A lot!"

To learn more about what you can do to clean up the environment, visit New Jersey's Clean Energy Program at [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://www.njcleanenergy.com) or call (877) 786-5278. And check out Environmental Defense at [www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org).

MICHELE BYERS

Far Hills

The writer is executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation

## Airport activities not illegal, despite claims

To The Editor:

If one were to read the latest "petition" to the Bedminster Township Committee circulated by the BBCCC group opposing the life-saving medevac helicopter operated by the New Jersey State Police at Somerset Airport, one might think that activities like flight training, glider flying and helicopter operations are prohibited by some law, regulation or ordinance.

You would be wrong. Not one of the activities that BBCCC claims are illegal is prohibited by any federal, state, or local law, regulation or ordinance. Not that I am very surprised. Neither the BBCCC, nor the people who finance its activities, place much of premium on accuracy.

For example, the BBCCC "petition" quotes Assembly Bill A.967 in an attempt to portray small airports as health hazards. Had the BBCCC members done any

research at all, they would know that the research was about a large international jetport in Europe. No study has ever shown that any health hazards result from small general aviation airports.

From the list of activities that BBCCC now claims are illegal, it seems clear that the true agenda of the group is not to oppose helicopter operations, but to totally close down the airport.

To give the BBCCC the benefit of the doubt, I e-mailed the organization and asked for the references supporting their charges. I received no response. The only reasonably conclusion is that the BBCCC continues to fabricate information, as did its predecessor group, the BBRRR, in a desperate attempt to pursue a failed agenda.

Have they, and their supporters, no shame?

BOB CHECCHIO

Dunellen

## Call for a writing campaign

To The Editor:

Walgreens plan would reconfigure the use of St. Georges Avenue (Route 35), a state road. Therefore, Walgreens must submit an access application to the state Department of Transportation.

DOT must consider the access application before development of the Walgreens site begins.

The Planning Board and the Woodbridge Township Council made it clear they would not consider the varied and serious concerns of large

numbers of taxpaying citizens regarding safety, health and municipal welfare in connection with the Walgreens plan.

Nearby residents, as well as the auto-using public, generally must turn to DOT for help.

Write Commissioner John F. Lettiere Jr., Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 600, Trenton, NJ 08625-0600. Ask for a public hearing to be held in Woodbridge regarding Walgreens plan at St. Georges Avenue and Chain O'Hills Road, Colonia.

FLORENCE CAPORASO

Colonia

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# Golfers tee off for OPSHBX

The 5th annual Champagne Open Charity Golf Tournament tees off Tuesday, June 7, at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, and with the help of promoter Tony D'Angelo and Frank Valanzola, vice president of Morgan Stanley at the Main Street Somerville office, the event promises to be the biggest yet for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005, with 150 golfers expected on hand.

OPSHBX will get a piece of each entry fee - \$800 for a four-some - and a portion of each hole sponsorship at \$250 each.

For non-golfers, dinner only is \$60; capacity in the country club dining room is 175, and there are just a few seats available.

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 Boxster, 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.

## Classic Cruizers

Hats off to the Classic Cruizers, who welcomed the volunteers of Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 last

**Rod Hirsch**  
Executive  
Editor



Friday to their weekly vintage, classic and hot rod car show, held downtown Somerville every Friday night through Labor Day weekend.

More thanks go to the staff of WMTR 1170 AM, especially DJ Gus Gascoigne, aka The Golden Gup, who plugged OPSHBX several times during the live broadcast.

The "Gup" will also be on hand June 24, July 15, July 22, July 29, Aug. 19 and Aug. 26 broadcasting live.

Despite a cloudburst that sent the crowd scattering for cover, the kick-off was a huge success for the Cruizers, with more than 200 cars parked on Main Street.

Several dozen people walking by the OPSHBX table in front of the Reform Church dropped contributions into the OPSHBX money jug, and several bought OPSHBX t-shirts, too. The tally by night's end was \$356.

But the best story of the night was the woman who drove down to Somerville from Morristown after hearing about OPSHBX on the broadcast. She stopped off at a mall and bought a bagful of tube socks for the soldiers.

We're pleased to have

become a part of this Friday night classic, sponsored by the Fullerton Auto Group on Route 22 in Somerville. We'll be on West Main Street in the center of town with a booth to pass out information about OPSHBX every Friday night, as well as collect donations of grocery items and financial contributions to help defray the costs of shipping.

## Kudos to Bedwell

Joe Ciulla, a teacher at Bedwell Elementary School in Bernardsville supervised a group of hand-picked students last week who help load the OPSHBX van with supplies collected at the school over the past two weeks.

Ciulla, who serves as the school's community service coordinator, organized the two-week supply drive, which also included a card and letter-writing campaign. Each of the students who wrote a card or letter to the troops received a voucher good for one free ticket to a Somerset Patriots game this year.

Special thanks go out to Ciulla's colleague, Jean Cahouet who assisted in the drive, and teacher's aide Cindy Matero, who constructed a large mailbox to receive all the letters written by the students. We're using it at The Chronicle to deposit other letters that come in from students at other schools before sorting them and placing them in the boxes that get shipped to the soldiers and Marines in Iraq.

## 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 19th, 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.

## T-shirts for sale

Quality T-shirts with the handsome Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster and logo are available.

Several stores on Main Street in Somerville are selling the shirts, which feature the distinctive red, white and blue Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo, and a full-color reproduction of the Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster.

The shirts cost \$10 and are also available at The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, and at several stores on Main Street in Metuchen. All proceeds from sale of the shirts directly benefit OPSHBX.

Buy one for yourself, buy a few as gifts. We can also reproduce the shirts in quantity for veterans' groups, corporations,



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Bedwell Elementary School teachers Jean Cahouet, left and Joe Ciulla** watch as students from the Bernardsville school pass bags of groceries that they collected for the soldiers and Marines in Iraq to a waiting van in front of the school last week. The students also made cards and wrote letters to the soldiers, which are inside the box held by Cahouet.

or other sponsors, and include the name of your company or organization on the shirt. Call and ask for details.

## Thanks and more thanks

American Legion Post 306 in Middlesex is in the midst of a collection drive for OPSHBX. Members of the post started accepting donations of grocery and toiletry items following the Memorial Day Parade, and according to post member

Michael Murphy, the drive will continue for the next few weeks.

Thanks also to the staff at the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset County for their contributions.

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## Calendar of Events

**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.

**June 13:** 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 17:** Classic Cruizers car show on Main Street, Somerville, every Friday night through Labor Day, Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will collect donations

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## 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  
Dr. Steven C. Balestracci, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater  
Soprano's, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater  
The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset  
Morgan Stanley, 15 Independence Blvd., Warren  
Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1595 Route 22 West, Watchung  
Attic Treasures, 319 Route 22 East, Sansone Plaza, Green Brook  
AAA Vac, 1515 Route 22 West, Watchung Square Mall, Watchung  
Borough Hall, Route 22 and Grove Street, Somerville  
Gladstone Cleaners, 258 Main St., Peapack-Gladstone  
North Branch Post Office, Route 22, North Branch  
Somerset Medical Center main lobby, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville  
Capelli Salon, 1171 Route 202 North, Branchburg  
Natural Medicine and Rehabilitation, 745 Routes 202/206 South, Bridgewater  
Sal's Talk of the Town, 1987 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville  
Bucky's/The Closet, 45 So. Main St., Manville  
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Bridgewater Commons Mall (second level), Bridgewater  
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Somerset Shopping Center, Route 202/206, Bridgewater  
Exercise Woman, Route 206 South, Raritan

### Middlesex County

Dollar Planet Dollar Store, Route 28, Middlesex  
Summit Federal Savings & Loan, Washington Avenue, Dunellen  
Variety Village, 420 Main St., Metuchen  
George's Dry Cleaning, 424 Main St., Metuchen  
Boro Ace Hardware, 655

Middlesex Ave., Metuchen  
Metuchen Savings Bank, 429 Main St., Metuchen  
What's The Scoop, 410 Main St., Metuchen  
Quick Sign, 3 Kellogg Ct., Unit 15, Edison  
Abbey Carpet, 501 Stelton Road, Piscataway

### Hunterdon County

The Hunterdon County Democrat, 8 Minneakoning Road, Flemington  
Clinton Station Diner, Route 78 (exit 13), Clinton  
Shop-Rite Supermarket, 272 Route 202/31 North, Flemington  
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Route 202, Flemington

### Warren County

Star Gazette & Warren Reporter, 106 E. Moore St., Hackettstown  
Franky & Johnny's Island Park Bar & Grill, 261 Route 46 East (intersection of Routes 46 & 31), Buttsville  
Tramontin Harley Davidson, Exit 12, Route 80 Hope Interchange, Hope

### Morris County

Legends Harley Davidson, 1895 Route 46 West, Ledgewood  
Gearhart Chevrolet, Route 46 East, Denville

### Passaic County

Morgan Stanley, 695 Route 46 West, Wayne

### Essex County

Morgan Stanley, 150 JFK Parkway, Short Hills

### Ocean County

Morgan Stanley, Bayview Corporate Center, 1433 Hooper Ave., Toms River  
Union County

Morgan Stanley, 203 Elm St., Westfield

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- ☐ Suntan lotion
- ☐ Bug spray
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Feminine products
- ☐ Ear swabs
- ☐ Laundry detergent
- ☐ Bug wipes/bug strips
- ☐ Wipes (travel size)
- ☐ Razors
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Eye drops
- ☐ Spices/Tea bags

- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ Small drink mixes
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Clothesline/pins
- ☐ Snack food
- ☐ Cereal/protein bars
- ☐ Fleece blankets
- ☐ Microwaveable foods
- ☐ Hard candy/gum
- ☐ Writing materials
- ☐ Batteries (any size)
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## Mary Theresa Ronca

DUNELLEN — Mary Theresa Ronca, 51, died May 25, 2005 at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Butler, Pa., she lived in Green Brook before moving to Dunellen in 1979.

Mrs. Ronca was a licensed practical nurse for 30 years, most recently in the Somerville office of physician Charles A. Leff. She also was on the staff of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

She attended nursing courses at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical School in Bridgewater. Mrs. Ronca was a former presi-

dent of the Dunellen Board of Health.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas; her mother, Margaret Crowley of Green Brook; a son, William F., and two daughters, Kelly Ann and Carly, all of Dunellen; and four brothers, James Coughlin and Michael Coughlin, both of Green Brook, Patricia Coughlin of Jupiter, Fla., and Thomas Coughlin of Jacksonville, Fla.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home.

## Antoinette Phillips

PISCATAWAY — Antoinette Phillips, 86, died May 17, 2005 at her home.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Poland and lived in France before coming to the United States in 1946. She lived in Watchung before moving to Piscataway in 2001.

She once owned Green Brook Lanes with her husband, Robert J., whom Mrs. Phillips met and married in France in 1946. After his death in 1983 she continued to operate the bowling center until her retirement in 2000.

She was a former member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane F. Gura and husband Mike of Watchung; a son, Benjamin A., and a daughter-in-law, Deborah, both of Bridgewater; a sister, Odette Villard of France; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held May 21 at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church, South Bound Brook, following services at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung. Burial was in St. Andrew's Cemetery, South Bound Brook. To send a condolence, visit [www.higginsfuneralhome.com](http://www.higginsfuneralhome.com).

## Deby Rae Doloff

MIDDLESEX — Deby Rae Doloff, 57, died May 25, 2005 at the Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Ms. Doloff was born in Peckville, Pa. She lived in Scranton, Pa., and Philadelphia before moving to Middlesex in 1980.

She was a teacher of foreign languages at the Far Hills Country Day School. Ms. Doloff received a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1969 and a master's degree from Goddard College.

A member of the Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey, Ms. Doloff also was a student at the du Cret School of the Arts in Plainfield.

Her father, Berthram, died in 1988.

Surviving are her husband, Craig L. Goden; her mother, Dr. Selma of Scranton; a daughter, Bess Rachel of Middlesex; a brother, Dan of Scranton; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held May 27 at the Galloway & Crane Funeral Home in Basking Ridge. Burial was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge. A memorial service was held May 27 at the Far Hills Country Day School.

Donations may be sent to Far Hills Country Day School, 697 Route 202, Far Hills, NJ 07931 for a scholarship fund in memory of Ms. Doloff.

## Mary Corazza

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — Mary Corazza, 86, died May 19, 2005 at the Readington home of her daughter, Carol Haythorn.

Born in Eckley, Pa., she lived in South Bound Brook before moving to Green Brook in 1953.

Mrs. Corazza retired in 1976 after 21 years as a seamstress with Van Blaricom & Co. in Dunellen. She was a member of St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Dunellen.

Her husband, Arthur, died in 1999. A son, John, died in 2005.

Also surviving are a son, Arthur and wife Nancy of Fort Mill, S.C.; a son-in-law, Thomas Haythorn of Readington; a brother, Paul Feno of Freeland, Pa.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen. Donations may be sent to the Hunterdon Hospice.

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## Edward Lesniefsky

PISCATAWAY — Edward C. Lesniefsky, 35, died May 27, 2005 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in Piscataway all his life.

Mr. Lesniefsky was a former pipefitter with Ford Motor Co. in Edison. He graduated in 1987 from Piscataway High School, where he sang in the Concert Choir. He attended Our Lady of Fatima School before coming to PHS.

The Marine Corps veteran was active in Pop Warner football and Little League baseball.

Surviving are his girlfriend, Michelle Barrall; his mother, Margaret "Peggy" of Olyphant, Pa.; his father and stepmother, John Sr. and Pat of Seaford, Del.; two sisters, Patty Bolle and husband Al of Vernon and Lori Mazur and husband Jeremy of Piscataway; a brother, John Jr. and wife Lori of Missouri; and four nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, following services at the South Plainfield Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park.

## John F. Reger Sr.

DUNELLEN — John F. Reger Sr., 85, died May 18, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

He was born in Manhattan and had lived in Dunellen since 1943.

Mr. Reger retired in 1980 after more than 35 years with Public Service Electric & Gas Co. He was the first bus driver for the Dunellen Senior Citizens Club.

A Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Reger was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors and the Friends of

the Dunellen Public Library. He was a former volunteer with the Dunellen Rescue Squad and Raritan Valley Hospital in Green Brook.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine Person Reger; a son, John F. Jr. and wife Nancy of Flemington; a daughter, Catherine M. of Fayetteville, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Dunellen Public Library, New Market Road, Dunellen, NJ 08812.

## Helen Weber

MIDDLESEX — Helen M. Weber, 82, died May 21, 2005 at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home in Bridgewater.

Born in Newark, she was a daughter of the late Mary and Adam Pavenski.

Mrs. Weber had lived in Middlesex since 1952 and was for 10 years a cafeteria aide with the Middlesex school district.

Her husband, Lt. Col.

Alvan, died in 1994. A son, Michael, died in 2005.

Surviving are a son, Tom; a daughter, Kathy Bukowczyk; a brother, Henry Pavenski; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Private arrangements were by the Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. Donations may be sent to Middlesex Rescue Squad, Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846.

## Isabella Rasnak

BOUND BROOK — Isabella M. Rasnak, 88, died May 23, 2005 at the Raritan Health and Extended Care Center.

Mrs. Rasnak had lived in Bound Brook since 1970 and was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Michael, died in 1979.

Surviving is a sister-in-law, Josephine of Piscataway.

A memorial Mass was held June 3 at St. Joseph Church. Interment of cremains was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Arrangements were by the Kurzawa Funeral Home in South Amboy.

## Marion L. Joyce

DUNELLEN — Marion L. Schillinger Joyce, 85, died May 28, 2005 at her home.

Born April 16, 1920 in the Bronx, she was a daughter of the late William and Martha Pors Schillinger.

Mrs. Joyce had lived in Dunellen since 1944 and was a homemaker.

Her husband, Frank P., died in 1983.

Surviving are a son, Frank P. and wife Maria of Washington; three grandchildren, Karen of Atlanta, Ga., Sharon Williams and husband Michael of Dallas, Texas, and Erin Rakes and husband Matthew of Athens, Ga., and a great-grandchild.

Private arrangements were by the Mundy Funeral Home.

## Frances von Schondorf

DUNELLEN — Frances E. von Schondorf, 82, died May 27, 2005 at her home.

Born Sept. 6, 1922 in Plainfield, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Mae Burgess Elliott.

Mrs. von Schondorf worked for National Starch & Chemical Co. in Bridgewater until her retirement in 1987.

Her husband, Louis E., died in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Rossi and husband Donn of Dunellen; a son, Peter and wife Amy of Webster, N.Y.; a brother, Walter Elliott and wife Barbara of Palm Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Burial was in Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

Donations may be sent to the Community Care Hospice.

## Norma Mosca

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Norma P. Benson Mosca, 69, died May 22, 2005 at her home in Alexandria.

Born Feb. 25, 1936 in Jersey City, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Mathilda Horger Benson.

Mrs. Mosca lived in Fayetteville, N.C., South Plainfield, Branchburg and Palm Coast, Fla., before moving to Alexandria. She worked for AT&T Corp. in Manhattan before her marriage to her husband, Cosmo J. The Moscas would have celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on June 30.

She was a member of the Shadow Oaks Garden Club in

Branchburg. Also surviving are three daughters, Lynn Trinchera, Laurie Cocca and Lisa Sowden; two sisters, Joyce Sigle and Audrey Revell; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday at Calvary Episcopal Church, Flemington, following services at the Johnson-Walton Funeral Home in Holland Township. Burial was in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus.

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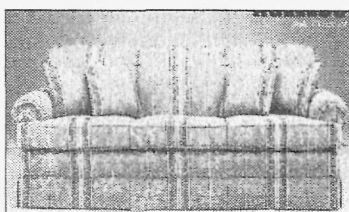
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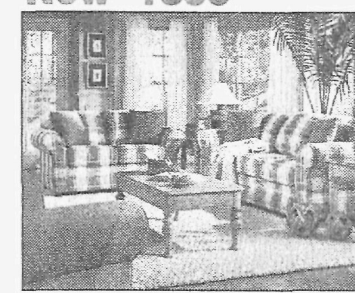
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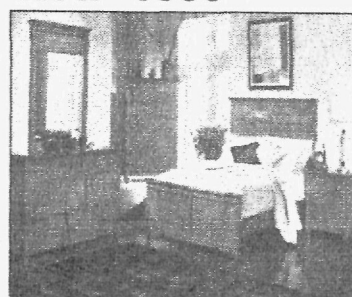
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## Sports

## Chiefs' Washington stars in North 2 IV

Piscataway High's Asia Washington delivered the signature individual performance, while Metuchen turned in the top team showing at the sectional track & field championships last weekend.

Competing in North Jersey 2 Group IV Washington captured three individual gold medals and anchored the 1600-meter relay squad to a victory to pace the Chiefs to second-place honors with 84 points to the 113½ points posted by champion Columbia.

Metuchen's girls squad earned top honors with the state's second-highest point total behind the Metuchen boys with 137½ as Chelsea Fisher won one event and finished off the first-place relay effort. Dunellen (60) and Bound Brook (45) were third and fourth.

Washington began her weekend by taking the 400 meters in 56.59 seconds Friday, winning by nearly three seconds, and then came back Saturday to edge Plainfield's Jahlisa Smith in the 800 in a Middlesex County record 2:13.55, which erased the 1979 mark of 2:13.8 established by Highland Park's Judy Ruff.

Not long after that Washington soared a personal-best 18 feet 31¼ inches in to earn the gold in the long jump, and the junior completed the meet by following Michelle Losey, Collene Cumberbatch and Ayana West in the relay and finishing in a county record 3:50.41 to better the mark the Chiefs set last year.

Cumberbatch also collected a second gold medal for Piscataway by taking the triple jump with a 36-4¼ effort, and added a silver in the long

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jump behind Washington with a 16-10½. Janna Martin contributed a second in the shot put (36-10) and a fourth in the discus (98-2).

Also in the girls North 2 IV meet Lataya Dixon of J.P. Stevens captured the high jump by clearing 5-3, while teammate Yasmin Parks was third at 5-2. The Hawks' Kathryn Ruhno picked up a third in the javelin (98-11).

Kim Mueller had the top effort for Edison with a second-place finish in the javelin (102-4), while Ch'Nel Duke-Hobby was third in the discus (98-10).

Fisher won the 1600 in 5:34.66 and anchored Cara O'Neill, Shannon

Ruegger and Ellen Ryder to a victory in 4:12.87 while taking a second in the 800 (2:29.14) to pace the Metuchen girls, while Misha Shah had a big meet by winning the 200 in 26.54 while adding a seconds in the 100 (13.13) and 400 (1:00.08) and a fourth in the long jump (15-8).

Deidre Lippay contributed seconds in the 1600 (5:35.37) and the 3200 (12:37.93), while Edmonds logged a second in the long jump (16-1) and a third in the 400 (1:03.11). Taking third places were O'Neill in the 800 (2:29.30), Lauren Pisano in the triple jump (32-2¼) and Caitlin Walker in the javelin (97-9).

Saliyma Houston turned in a big meet for Bound Brook by posting a triple as she earned the gold in the 400 in 59.12, the 800 in 2:28.93 and

the triple jump with a 33-3½ while running a leg on the third-place relay.

Catherine Scerra led the Dunellen showing with a victory in the 100 in 12.92, a second in the 200 (26.91) and a third in the long jump (15-93/4), while Lauren Staats collected silver medals in the high jump (4-1) and the javelin (98-5).

South Plainfield placed sixth with 38 points in the girls North 2 Group III competition as Latoya Johnson logged a second in the shot put (35-31/4) and the relay team placed second, while Samantha Granski took third in the discus (106-6).

Jen Tarsan accounted for the 12 Middlesex points in CJ II by taking runnerup honors in the high jump at 5-2 and finishing fifth in both the long jump and triple jump.

## Jays edge Hawks in GMCT semifinals

With her scholastic career winding down the Blue Jays' Erica Lordi has rarely better than she was Memorial Day.

Facing top-ranked J.P. Stevens in the semifinals of the Greater Middlesex Conference Softball Tournament Lordi pitched Middlesex High to a 2-0 victory at Middlesex County College to earn a rematch with East Brunswick for the championship.

The Blue Jays' battery of Lordi and Meghan Reilly did most of the damage as Middlesex handed the Hawks (22-3-1) only their third loss of the season. Lordi fanned 10, did not walk anyone and pitched to just two batters over the minimum is hand-cuffing the Stevens offense.

Middlesex got on the scoreboard when Reilly stroked the first of her two triples over the left fielder's head and scored on a single by Lordi. Shanna Vitaliano doubled leading off the fourth with a double, moved to third on Heather Delgado's bunt and scored on a grounder to second by Michelle Krupsky.

With the victory the Blue Jays improved to 20-2 and earned a chance to claim its first GMCT crown were scheduled to play defending champion East Brunswick, which beat Middlesex 3-2 last year and edged Carteret 5-4 in the other semifinal, Wednesday at MCC.

Becky Garibotto took the loss for the Hawks, allowing five hits but three for extras. The Stevens offense, meanwhile, was limited to singles by Jackie Almasi and Kim Shjarback in the fourth and fifth innings, respectively.

Middlesex 3, South Brunswick 2 — In game that saw both sides manage only two hits the Blue Jays advanced to the semifinals when an errant throw in the bottom of the seventh inning allowed the tying and winning runs to score to avoid the upset against South Brunswick

## SOFTBALL

(13-11) Saturday.

Middlesex overcame six errors to pull out the victory for Erica Lordi as the Blue Jays came back from a 2-0 deficit. Anna Abourashed started the decisive seventh with a walk and Shanna Vitaliano followed with a sac bunt that was mishandled. The throwing error then allowed two runs to score.

J.P. Stevens 4, John F. Kennedy 0 — Becky Garibotto tossed a four-hitter, striking out five and walking one for her 17th shutout of the season, and the Hawk offense made the most of five singles to oust Kennedy (17-12) in the quarter-finals Saturday.

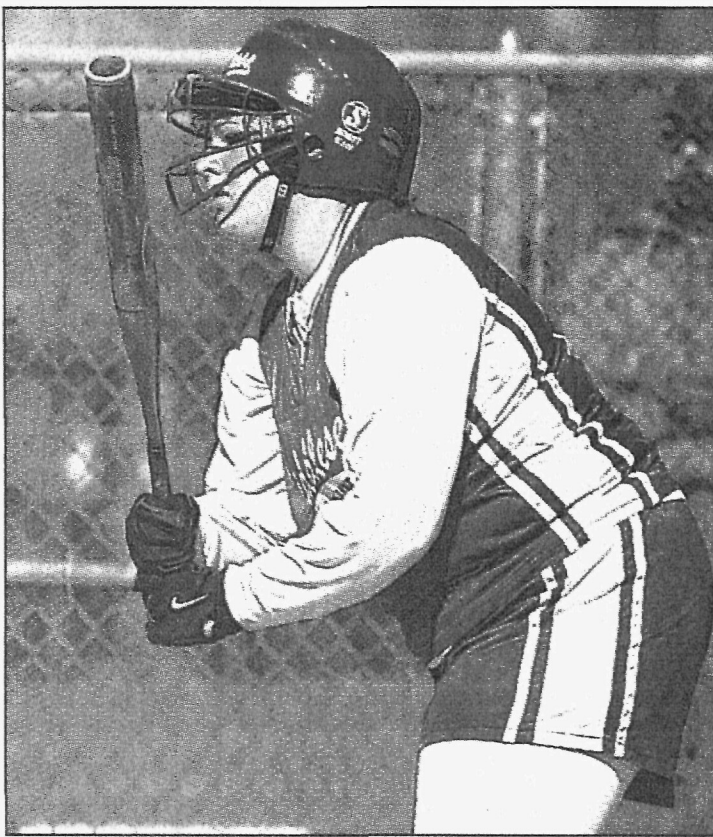
After pushing across an unearned run in the third inning to break a scoreless tie Stevens scored three times in the fourth when they collected four of their hits. Brittany Lobell, Alicia Doherty and Stefanie Kamin singled to plate the first run, and Iris Delgado delivered a two-run single.

East Brunswick 7, South Plainfield 6 — On the verge of eliminating defending champion East Brunswick in the quarter-finals the sixth-seeded Tigers instead saw their bid ended on a two-run double by Dre Blunar with one out in the bottom of the seventh Saturday.

Trailing 5-3 entering the sixth inning South Plainfield, which slipped to 21-5 with the loss, used some bad defense by the third-rated Bears (17-8) to score three times as three errors produced one run and Charlie Kazimir knocked in two runs with a double.

## STATE TOURNAMENT

With Head Coach Pete Catenacci recording his 400th victory in 23 seasons at Stevens the top-ranked Hawks opened their bid for the North Jersey 2 Group IV title with a 7-0 romp over eighth-ranked



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Middlesex High's Michelle Krupsky, seen here in a game earlier this season, drove in her team's second run when the Blue Jays topped J.P. Stevens 2-0 in the semifinals in the GMC Softball Tournament Memorial Day.

Woodbridge (12-11) in the quarter-finals May 26.

Becky Garibotto fanned nine and spaced four hits to earn the shutout, while Jackie Almasi and Iris Delgado paced the offense. Almasi drove in three runs with a double and a single, while Delgado belted a solo homer — only the fourth hit out of the Hawks' home field in four years — and singled in a run.

South Plainfield 4, Middletown South 1 — Scoring twice in the first inning and getting a six-hit, six-strikeout effort from Jessica Senz the third-rated Tigers trimmed sixth-seeded Middletown South in the quarter-finals of North 2 Group III play May 27.

South Plainfield scored all

the runs Senz would need in the bottom of the first when Melissa Szeliga singled and scored on a single by Lauren Fry, while an error chased home Fry with the second run. Fry picked up a second RBI with a squeeze bunt in the third for a 3-1 lead.

Middlesex 4, Delaware Valley 1 — Anna Abourashed provided the offense with a pair of home runs and Erica Lordi spaced eight hits and fanned nine against one walk as the top-seeded Blue Jays trimmed eighth-seeded Delaware Valley (17-9) in the Central Jersey Group II quarter-finals May 27.

Abourashed gave Middlesex a 2-0 lead after one inning as she followed a walk to Meghan Reilly with her first home run,

while Reilly reached on a lead-off bunt single in the fifth and Abourashed followed with another two-run blast.

Bound Brook 6, Dunellen 4 — After falling behind 4-1 following a four-run sixth inning by third-seeded Dunellen sixth-ranked Bound Brook advanced to the Central Jersey Group I semifinals by rallying for three runs in the seventh and then winning with two in the ninth May 26.

Kaylee Zigler delivered a two-run double to win the game for the Crusaders (17-7), while Ashley DeLong tripled in a run and Heather Kahlsdorf knotted the game with a two-run single in the seventh.

In a game that featured eight errors, five by the Crusaders, Christy Giamella (13-7) limited Dunellen (14-8) to four hits and struck out 13. The Destroyers' Cassie Shotwell (11-8) struck out eight in pitching a six-hitter while going 2-for-4 at the plate.

Hunterdon Central 10, Edison 2 — The eighth-seeded Eagles (13-13) took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first but top-ranked Hunterdon Central unloaded an 18-hit attack in rolling to a victory in the quarter-finals of North 2 Group IV play May 27. Lindsey Balinskas had a triple, while Kelly Karp and Rachel Ruch had the RBI in the first inning.

Florence 9, Metuchen 1 — Collecting only four singles the Bulldogs saw their season come to an end with a loss to second-ranked Florence (15-5) in the quarter-finals of Central Jersey Group I play May 26. The setback left Metuchen with a final mark of 12-11.

Metuchen 8, Manville 2 — Lauren Rush pitched a three-hitter, while Susan Golbe and Nikki Gassaway collecting two hits and two RBI apiece as the Bulldogs ousted 10th-seeded Manville (11-7) in the first round of CJ I play May 25.

## BOYS TRACK &amp; FIELD

## Metuchen wins 13th straight CJ I title

Despite winning only five of the 16 events the Bulldogs still managed to be in another dominant performance and maintain their stranglehold on their section.

The Metuchen High boys track & field squad claimed its 13th straight Central Jersey Group I crown with a state-best 156 points, which easily topped New Providence (70) and Bound Brook (52) as the Bulldogs scored in every event with Kyle Edmonds leading the way by posting a double in the sprints and running a leg on the winning relay.

In the North 2 Group IV meet Robert Damon won a pair of events to lead Piscataway to third place as the Chiefs totaled 64 points to finish behind Phillipsburg (112) and Irvington (77).

Edmonds won the 110 high hurdles in 15.39 and the 400 intermediates in 56.4 while finishing off the work of Marcus Farris, Greg Lewis and Jeff Ostermueller with a relay victory in 3:31.52 to pace Metuchen in CJ I.

Lewis added a victory in the pole vault by clearing 12-6, while Andy Draina produced the Bulldogs' fifth victory by taking the shot put with a throw of 42-101/4.

Earning second-place finishes for Metuchen were Farris in the 100 (11.54), Dan Zizewski in the 200 (23.48), Ostermueller in the 800 (2:02.65), Draina in the discus (132-10) and Shawn Murtagh in the javelin (160-0).

Farris in the 200 (11.54), Dan Zizewski in the 400 (23.48), Chris Pisano in the triple jump (39-51/2), Rich Nalepa in the discus (123-2) and Murtagh in the pole vault (10-6) had third-place efforts.

Bound Brook's Ryan Malloy and Dunellen's Matt Turlip and Jon Kreger came home with titles as Malloy captured the 800 in 50.12, while Turlip won the 1600 in 4:37.09 and Kreger claimed the gold in the javelin with a throw of 169-0.

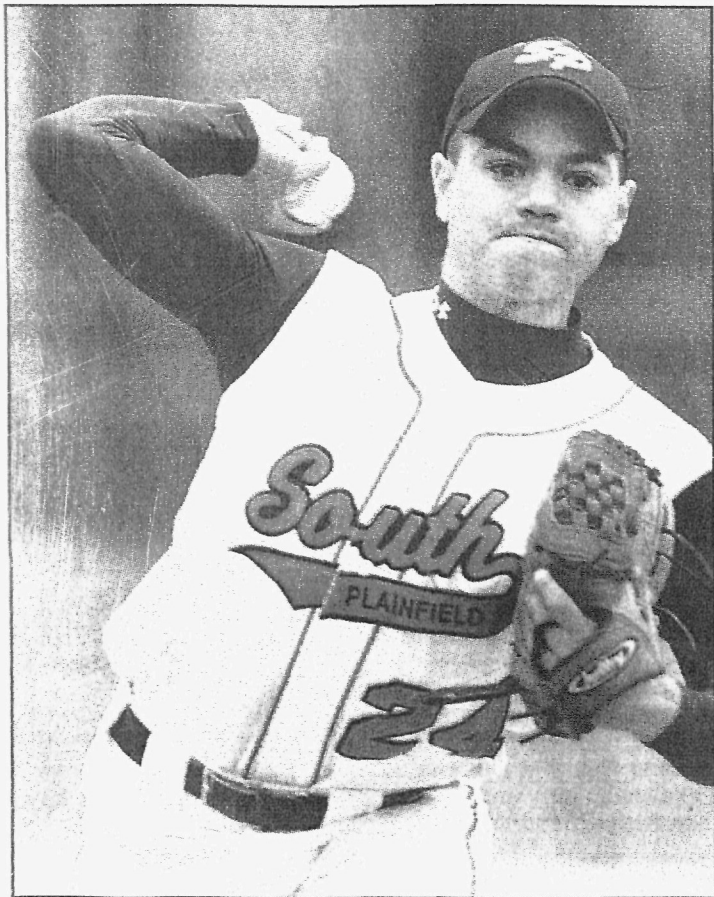
Turlip added a second in the 3200 (10:27.07) and a third in the 800 (2:02.75), while Bound Brook received seconds from Tommy Matalenas in the 400 hurdles (1:01.2) and Richard Perry in the shot put (42-31/2), and thirds from Chris Villeda in the 1600 (4:39.70), Julio Rodriguez in the high jump (5-8) and the relay.

Damon recorded his double by capturing the 800 in 1:54.75 and the high jump at 6-4. Malcolm Jenkins contributed a second in the intermediate hurdles (54.80), a third in the 200 (21.98) and a fourth in the 400 (49.69), while helping the relay team finish second in 3:19.08, less than a second behind Irvington (3:18.22).

Taking thirds for Piscataway were Jon Francois in the high hurdles (14.82) and Josh Cumberbatch in the shot put (45.7).

Brian Sutherland accounted for six of the 10 J.P. Stevens points with a third-place finish in the 400 hurdles (56.04).

## Lim earns second straight GMCT golf crown



LARRY MURPHY/CORRESPONDENT

Chris Bakazan of South Plainfield High, seen here pitching earlier this season, tossed a five-inning no-hitter when the Tigers ripped Immaculata 13-1 May 27.

EAST BRUNSWICK — Looking for a little redemption following an off day in the state tournament Piscataway High's Isaac Lim got what he wanted.

Putting together a two-under par back nine at the Tamarack Golf Course to assume command Lim finished off a one-over-par round of 73 to capture his second straight Greater Middlesex Conference Golf Tournament individual championship May 26.

Lim, used birdies at the par 3 11th, the par 4 16th and the par 5 17th to take the lead at the midway point in the shotgun start, and he held it the rest of the way as he finished with a two-stroke victory over runnerup Rolland Gesimondo of Old Bridge.

After not qualifying for the Meet of Champions when he didn't have a good match during sectional competition Lim bounced back to better last year's winning effort of 74.

Rick Buck of Edison and South Plainfield's Dan McCresh turned in the next top efforts for area golfers by finishing in a tie for eighth as both carded 81s. Metuchen's David Kolter of Billy Padula of South were in a four-way tie for 13th following rounds of 85.

Team honors went East Brunswick, which also successfully defended their title, as the Bears topped Old Bridge 319-333. South Plainfield finished fourth with a 345 total.

## BASEBALL

Bidding for a big upset in the quarter-finals of the North Jersey Group IV Tournament May 27 the J.P. Stevens baseball squad instead endured a large dose of heartache.

Trailing 3-1 after five innings the eighth-seeded Hawks erupted for seven runs in the top of the sixth to grab an 8-3 lead, but top-rated Hunterdon Central (20-7) rallied to knot the game with five runs in the bottom of the seventh and then won it with a grand slam in the eighth for a 12-8 victory.

## HIGH SCHOOL WRAPUP

Stevens, which closed out its season with a 14-12 record, got two big hits in the sixth as Jason Bonnel delivered a three-run double and Adam Kramen knocked

in two runs with a single. Eric Fiedler, who finished with seven RBI, tied the game with a two-run double to cap the seventh-inning and then won it with a grand slam in the eighth.

Watchung Hills 6, Edison 0 — Despite collecting eight hits the seventh-rated Eagles could not break through against junior right-hander Adam Rivera as Edison fell to second-seeded Watchung Hills (20-5) in the quarter-finals of North 2 Group IV play May 26.

A shaky Edison defense and the Warriors conspired to hand Nate Fabretti his first loss of the season after six victories. Fabretti and Phil Okner had two hits apiece and Bryan Elvina had a double for the Eagles, who completed their campaign with a 15-12 mark.

South Plainfield 13, Immaculata 1 — Chris Bakazan (5-1) fired a five-inning no-hitter in the Tigers' season finale May 27 as South Plainfield thumped Immaculata (17-6-1) in a regular-season game to finish with a 20-6 record. Andy Miller blasted a grand slam, while Nick Cesare belted a three-run shot and drove in five runs.

North Hunterdon 6, South Plainfield 2 — The third-seeded Tigers managed only five hits, one an RBI single by Chris Stallone, and were eliminated by sixth-ranked North Hunterdon (16-9) in the quarter-finals of North 2 Group III play May 26.

Bound Brook 11, Manville 2 — The Crusaders finished their season on a note with a romp over Manville May 26 in Mountain Valley Conference play. Matt Melesurgo, Jay Clark and Rob Pikulin each had a pair of hits and three RBI; while Mike Roberts pitched a four-hitter with 11 strikeouts for 11-12 Bound Brook.



## Tour of Somerville

### Cycling crowd provides sideshow

By JIM WHITE  
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — The main race kicked off just after 2:30 p.m. Monday, but the lure of the Tour of Somerville actually took hold hours before.

America's oldest bicycle race — celebrating its 62nd running — has taken on a very festive atmosphere over the years, and it was no different this time around. Residents, families and friends situated themselves around the 1.14-mile downtown circuit, crowding the curbs and sidewalk from High Street — where droves had dug in for lawn parties — to Mountain

Avenue, Somerset, Main and Bridge streets.

At 123 West High Street, Ed Rebenack had spent the morning preparing a 57-pound pig, stuffed with two whole chickens inside. About 50 people had packed his front lawn — the fourth such party he has hosted — and by race time only the head of the pig remained.

"It's a nice day to have friends and family come by and enjoy the weather — like a big block party," he said.

As the racers muscled and maneuvered for position over 43 laps — some traveling as fast as 40 mph —

onlookers encouraged them to keep going, while eating hotdogs and sipping beer and soda.

Some spent the afternoon catching up with old friends.

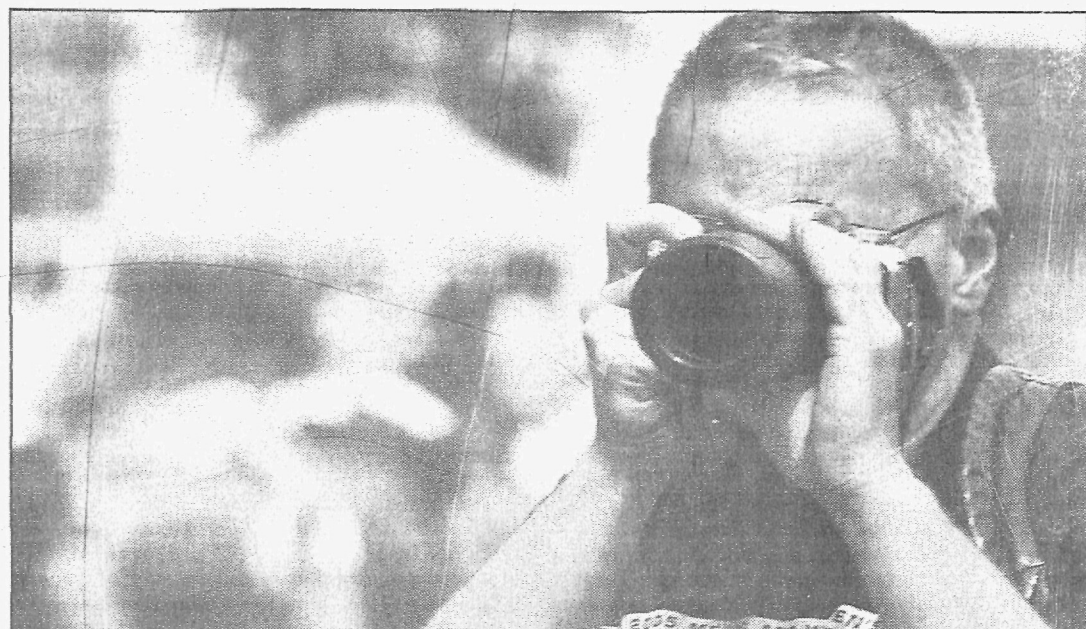
Also on High Street, Somerville High School's Class of 1985 held a 20-year reunion in the parking lot next to Stires Associates. Sixty-five alumni showed up, 40 children in tow.

Amy Stires' father-in-law owns the business and parking lot. She said she knew her husband Craig Stires since they were both 3 years old but didn't begin dating him until after college.

"I thought this was quintessential Somerville," she said of organizing the reunion around the race. "This is a prime location."

Glenn Miller — recently inducted into the school's sports hall of fame for football, wrestling and track — came in all the way from Orange County, Calif.

"These are all good people," he said. "We have wonderful memories and a life-



Ken Hurte, an amateur photographer from Raritan, shoots a photo of the cyclist as they race by on High Street during the men's feature race Monday in the Tour of Somerville.

time of experiences in the four years we spent together."

The featured race in the

Tour of Somerville is the Kugler-Anderson Memorial, named in the honor of its first winners, Furman Kugler

of Somerville and Carl Anderson of Clifton. Both men were killed during World War II.

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### Area students earn scholarship award

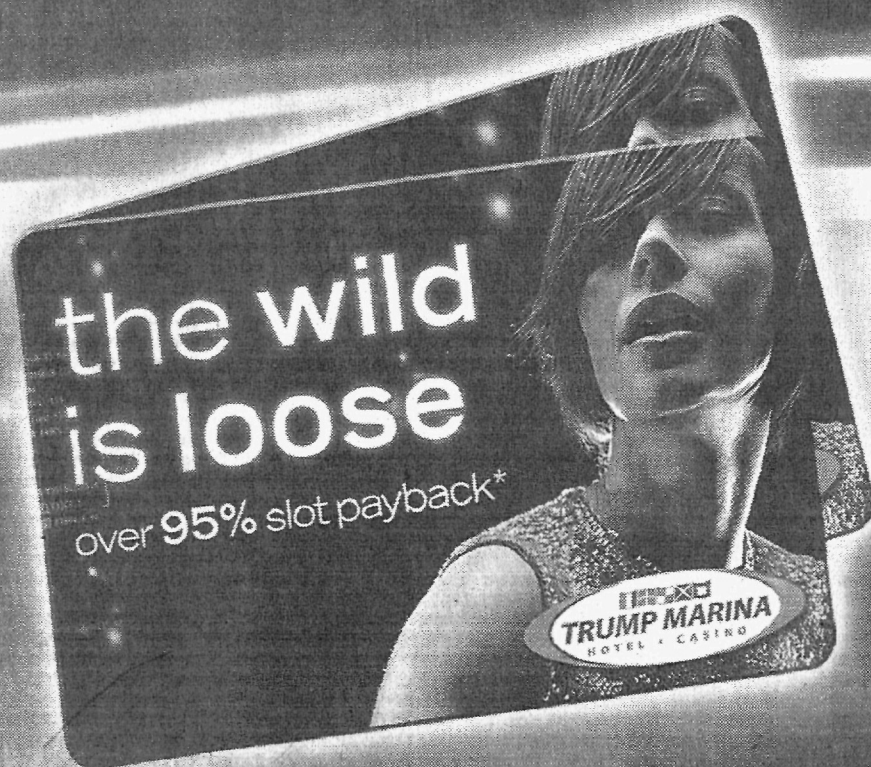
High school seniors from South Plainfield and Middlesex Borough received scholarships from the David B. Crabiel Scholarship Foundation at a dinner held at the Pines Manor in Edison.

The David B. Crabiel Foundation Scholar runners-up for 2005 are Kelly M. Thomas of South Plainfield High School and Grace Jennings of Middlesex High School. The runners-up each received \$1,000 awards.

The foundation, now in its 13th year, provides monetary awards to high school seniors who have demonstrated academic achievement and leadership qualities through documented involvement in school or community activities from 10th grade on and who have been accepted at an institution of higher education.

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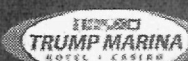
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# Adjusters help walk victims through complexities of fire insurance claim

**Editors's note:** This article is the fifth part of a continuing series that will look closely at how a family picks up the pieces, rebuilds and goes on with their life in the aftermath of a fire that destroyed their home.

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI  
Staff Writer

Just as every individual is entitled to attorney representation when going to court, "Every property owner is entitled to representation after an insured loss," said Michael Miller, owner and manager of the public adjusting firm M. Miller & Son.

A public adjuster is an individual hired by the policy owner to assist with preparing, filing and adjusting insurance claims. "We do everything the insured would do if they had the time," said Miller.

It's rare that a person reads and understands their insurance policy in full, front to back and all the fine print in between. Public adjusters are experts in deciphering policies. In fact, noted Miller, many public adjusters are former insurance company employees. While helping people take the first few steps of getting their lives together after a fire, public adjusters also communicate on the same level as the insurance company.

Mike Danilla, a general adjuster for Penn National, said working with a public adjuster makes settling claims easier.

"It takes the personal element out of things," said Danilla.

"We remove emotion," said Miller. "Many insurance companies would rather deal with us because most people are devastated after a loss and can be very emotional."

Danilla hit the nail on the head.

The first few days after a fire destroyed Fawnda Genovese-Garcia's cozy saltbox style house in Green Brook, on March 26, everything was a blur.

"You're just so overwhelmed," said Fawnda. "You just don't know what even the first step is to take to get your life back together."

That's why she hired Jeff Schwartz, a licensed public adjuster with M. Miller & Son. Schwartz met with Fawnda and her husband, Felix Garcia, on Easter Sunday, the day after the fire.

Once a person hires a public adjuster, the adjuster will immediately visit the site, come up with a broad plan of action and inform the insurance company of their representation. While at the site, the adjuster will take measures to protect the property from future damages, such as tarping the roof and boarding up the entrance ways, before beginning to document the loss. Adjusters will also assist the insured in finding temporary housing in their community.

After the immediate concerns are addressed, M. Miller & Son will send inventory agents, builders, engineers and other professionals to the site to determine the amount of damages.

Around the same time, Miller will schedule a joint inspection with his employees and representatives from the insurance company. The public adjuster will prepare the claim and send it to the insurance company. They'll give insurance companies about two weeks to read the claim before calling to schedule additional meetings.

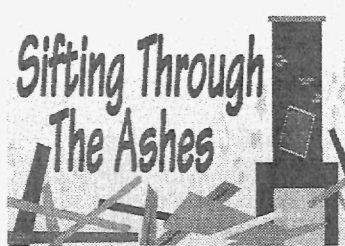
"We'll reach out the carrier, go over their settlement and do another on-site inspection to resolve the differences between the claims. In this particular instance, things went smoothly," said Miller, who noted Fawnda's claim was settled in about a month. "Not every claim can be resolved in 30, 60, 90 days."

Schwartz said it's a proven fact that public adjusters can get their clients more money than if the clients prepared the claim themselves.

"We have the expertise," said Schwartz. "Take for example an iron. You can get an iron for \$19.99 at Wal-Mart, or you can get one at Macy's for \$89 with the steamer and all the bells and whistles. That's a big difference and it adds up."

Once a settlement is reached, M. Miller & Son doesn't consider the job a done deal.

"We're in it for the long



term," said Miller, who added that rebuilding typically starts within 180 days after a settlement is reached. "We can recommend builders, restorers. We're with our clients until the house is rebuilt and through all the final inspections."

Some public adjusters, like M. Miller & Son, offer incentives for opting to use one of the builders they recommend.

"If you work with certain builders, we can start the work before the proceeds come in from the insurance company. Sometimes it can take up to 90 days before the proceeds come in," said Miller. Additionally, he noted that several of their recommended builders will also pay the client's portion of building fees to the public adjuster.

Miller understands his line of work can be emotionally straining, but the smiles on his clients' faces when they walk

into their newly built homes keep him coming back for more.

"It breaks your heart sometimes to see that people have lost everything. It makes you want to go to bat for these people. Every nickel you collect is getting these people back to where they were before their tragedy," he said.

It's very rewarding to watch a client's demeanor change once the rebuilding begins, said Schwartz.

"That's the positive part," he said. "You see them excited and buying new things. They have something to look forward to."

In choosing a public adjuster, noted Miller, it's important to make sure they're licensed by the state Department of Banking and Insurance. M. Miller & Son is affiliated with the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters, which holds public adjusters to a strict code of ethics. The NAPIA Web site, [www.napia.org](http://www.napia.org), can help individuals find a public adjuster in their area.

"Also, check their references," said Miller. "And if they promise you the world, beware."

Additionally, said Miller, individuals should inquire as

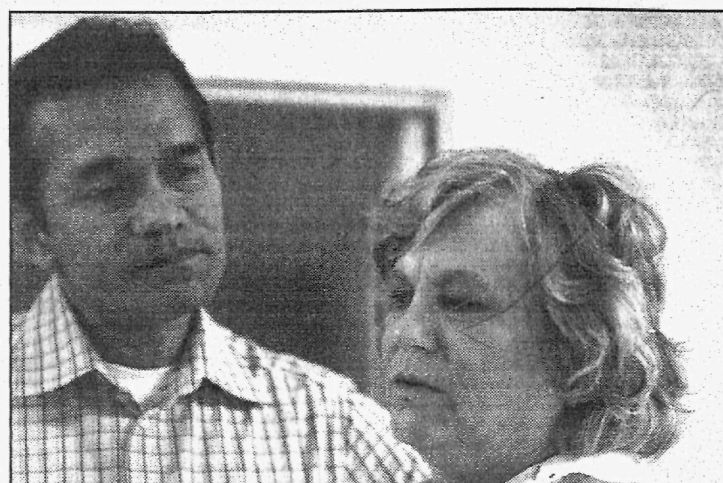
to the public adjuster's charges at the first meeting.

"In New York state, the cap is 12 1/2 percent of the total settlement," he said. "In New Jersey, there is no cap. People should beware. I've heard of people charging 30 or 40 percent."

Likewise, noted Schwartz, public adjusters should always be willing to give the victims their space.

"If it's the wrong time or too soon for them to talk, I give them a card and give them their space," said Schwartz.

**In Part VI, appearing in next week's edition of The Chronicle, the architect and builder visit the ruins of Felix and Fawnda's home to draw up plans for the couple's new house.**



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Felix Garcia, left, looks on as his wife, Fawnda, reflects on the losses suffered by the couple when their Green Brook home was destroyed by fire March 26. The house will be leveled and replaced by a new house.



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Public notice is hereby given that I, Tonya Hubosky, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, will sell as public auction on June 7, 2005, at the Borough Hall, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey, at 10:00 a.m. or at such time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner hereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq., as computed to the 7th day of June 2005. Industrial properties may be subject to spill compensation and control act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the industrial site recovery act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.).

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check, money order, or prearranged wire transfer, or parcels for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of Middlesex at an interest rate of 18%. In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

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| 86    | 6,01/002A    | G P Realty Inc                       | 495 Union Ave       | Tax   | 4024.99  |
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| 129   | 1            | Physique LLC% Joseph Martinelli      | Lincoln Blvd        | Tax   | 675.83   |
| 150   | 67,68-69     | Branch-McClain, Terri                | 635 Ashland Rd      | Tax   | 4377.65  |
| 153   | 24           | Pillman, Janet M & Gloria            | 281 Lincoln Blvd    | Tax   | 3547.99  |
| 244   | 5            | Whitcomb, Howard J & Deborah L       | 606 Clinton Place   | Tax   | 3885.84  |
| 245   | 10,11        | Chionis, Theonios G                  | 189 So Lincoln Ave  | Tax   | 3123.30  |
| 254   | 1,1A         | Benson, Glenn T                      | 500 Bound Brook Rd  | Tax   | 7151.16  |
| 257   | 11,12-13     | Arlery, Marianne                     | 328 Ruyon Ave       | Tax   | 4363.83  |
| 259   | 2            | Emoriderly Concept & Design Inc      | 201 Pond Ave        | Sewer | 355.25   |
| 259   | 2            | Waterside LLC                        | 201 Pond Ave        | Tax   | 18163.53 |
| 266   | 2C/006B      | Ronitz, Anna                         | 85 Hanover Sq       | Tax   | 850.48   |
| 267   |              | Artistic Foundry Co Inc % A Kadish   | 750 South Ave       | Tax   | 2575.12  |
| 270   | 3,4          | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | Wilton Ave          | Tax   | 851.15   |
| 270   | 5,6-8        | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | Wilton Ave          | Tax   | 2636.67  |
| 270   | 9,10-12      | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | 201 Wilton Ave      | Tax   | 20426.15 |
| 271   | 1,2          | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | Wilton Ave          | Tax   | 851.15   |
| 271   | 3,4          | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | Wilton Ave          | Tax   | 851.15   |
| 271   | 7,8          | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | Wilton Ave          | Tax   | 1276.74  |
| 271   | 9,10-15      | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | Wilton Ave          | Tax   | 2244.32  |
| 271   | 16,17-22     | Artistic Architectural Sculpture     | Wilton Ave          | Tax   | 1276.74  |
| 283   | 26,27        | Caruso, Samuel L & Mary Ann          | 751 Drake Ave       | Tax   | 4845.04  |
| 290   | 1,2-10,42-46 | K & L Corporation % Test Fabrics Inc | 200 Blackford Ave   | Sewer | 7004.81  |
| 295   | 1,2          | Discente Enterprises LLC             | 421 Lincoln Blvd    | Tax   | 5325.54  |
| 304   | 20,21        | Kollins, Ronald J & Elizabeth C      | 659 Lorraine Ave    | Tax   | 1152.46  |
| 309   | 28,29        | Bail, William H & Ann E              | 701 Mountain Ave    | Tax   | 2723.71  |
| 312   | 4,5          | Short, Allen D                       | 607 Voorhees Ave    | Tax   | 47.68    |
| 346   | 2            | Physique LLC % Joseph Martinelli     | 150 Lincoln Blvd    | Tax   | 1525.47  |
| 346   | 2            | Physique LLC % Joseph Martinelli     | CRR NJ              | Tax   | 624.35   |
| 346   | 3            | Physique LLC % Joseph Martinelli     | Lincoln Blvd        | Tax   | 435.14   |
| 349   | 10A          | Sue-Joe, Inc                         | 232 Lincoln Blvd    | Tax   | 5541.18  |
| 352   | 1C           | Baskeland, Inc                       | 84 Baskeland Ave    | Tax   | 44022.23 |
| 352   | 1C           | B & H Metal                          | 84 Baskeland Ave    | Sewer | 411.48   |

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### BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TAX SALE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS  
Public notice is hereby given that I, Mary L. Testor, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, will sell at public auction Wednesday July 6, 2005 at the Municipal Building, 230 Hamilton St., Bound Brook, NJ at 10:00 a.m. or at such later time and place to which said sale may be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner hereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said land respectively in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq., as computed to 6th day of July, 2005. Take further notice that the hereinafter described land will be sold for the amount of the municipal lien chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check, money order, or wire transfer, or parcel will be resold. Persons wishing to make use of a wire transfer must contact tax collector's office prior to June 28th 2005. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of Bound Brook at an interest rate of 18%. At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property, with all interest due and cost of sale. Payment must be in form of cash, certified check, or money order. Parcels with Farm Land Assessment may be subject to rollback tax. Industrial properties may be subject to spill compensation and control act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). Pursuant to the soldiers' and sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1979 - N.J.S.A. 38:23C-18, this provision applies to the collection of taxes or assessments and provides certain unique relief to those qualifying individuals. In the event that the owner of the property is on active duty in the military service, the tax collector should be notified immediately. In addition, the Municipality is precluded from issuing a Tax Sale Certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with last tax duplicate as follows:

| BLK   | LOT   | TYPE | ASSESSED TO                        | LOCATION              | AMT.      |
|-------|-------|------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1     | 42    | T    | Samanthas Holdings LLC             | 2-16 W. Main St.      | 8514.25   |
| 5     | 12    | T    | Mijon Associates                   | 118 Talmage Ave.      | 1677.19   |
| 5     | 13    | T    | Mijon Associates                   | 110-114 Talmage Ave.  | 12823.43  |
| 5     | 14    | T    | Mijon Associates                   | 108 Talmage Ave.      | 3652.52   |
| 5     | 17    | T    | Mijon Associates                   | 102 Talmage Ave.      | 483.26    |
| 5     | 18    | T    | Mijon Associates                   | 23 Columbus Pl.       | 82.54     |
| 5     | 22    | T    | Mijon Associates                   | 115 Main St. W.       | 345.15    |
| 5     | 25    | T/S  | Mijon Associates                   | 159 Main St. W.       | 5907.72   |
| 6     | 14    | T    | Deerwood Group Inc.                | 21 W. Main St.        | 1983.18   |
| 7     | 2     | T/S  | Klonzo, Francis M.                 | 95 W. Second St.      | 1043.06   |
| 8     | 8,01  | T    | Milanes Jr, Luis & Lorena          | 214 Baskeland Ave.    | 1933.29   |
| 10    | 1     | T    | 15 John St. LLC                    | 15 John St.           | 1933.29   |
| 10    | 9     | T    | Binick, Stanley Jr. & Eloise       | 219 E. Main St.       | 4067.87   |
| 13    | 1     | T    | Bound Brook Hotel Inc.             | 503 E. Main St.       | 3435.51   |
| 13    | 9,00C | T    | Valencia, Clemente & Luz           | 506 East Second St.   | 800.43    |
| 13,01 | 22    | S    | Montalvo, Rolando & Brito, Irma    | 535 E. Second St.     | 67.72     |
| 13,01 | 31    | T    | Cruz, Juan                         | 112 East St.          | 155.67    |
| 13,02 | 33    | T    | East High St. Properties Inc.      | 655 E. High St.       | 39383.61  |
| 18    | 6     | T/S  | Bonaduce, Josephine                | 37 North St.          | 5453.88   |
| 20    | 15    | T    | Hernandez, Carlos A.               | 303 Talmage Ave.      | 1303.23   |
| 23    | 9     | T    | Carraquillo, Rafael                | Linden Ave.           | 1290.68   |
| 23    | 20    | T    | Persicano, Patrick & Dina          | 27 Drake St.          | 2453.55   |
| 30    | 2     | S    | Khan, Nadeem, Fahsem & Naem        | 180 High St. W.       | 67.72     |
| 30    | 21    | T/S  | Rogers, Richard P. & Wenda S.      | 151-17 Van Keuren     | 3563.94   |
| 31    | 4     | S    | Esoso, Melody P.                   | 122 High St. W.       | 121.44    |
| 31    | 16    | S    | Taffur, Carlos A.                  | 8 W. High St.         | 67.72     |
| 31    | 21    | T/S  | Tucci, Carl                        | 16 W. Second St.      | 1762.92   |
| 33    | 14    | T    | Westerman, H. William              | 110 John St.          | 121.44    |
| 37    | 2     | S    | Salas, Celina                      | 111 Thompson Ave.     | 34.88     |
| 40    | 3     | S    | Gilliland, Frederick & Amy         | 304 Ware Court        | 121.44    |
| 45    | 16    | S    | Lozano, Silvio & Gascia, Viviana   | 466 W. Union Ave.     | 67.72     |
| 60    | 8     | S    | Bound Brook-28 LLC                 | 466 W. Union Ave.     | 67.72     |
| 67    | 9     | S    | Hernandez, Sandra                  | 311 East St.          | \$ 121.41 |
| 69    | 2,08  | T    | Bord, Ruben & Betty                | 12 Giles Blount Court | 48.33     |
| 69    | 23,01 | T    | Rohmann, Henry                     | 659 Crescent St.      | 176.16    |
| 76    | 9     | S    | D'Agostini, Joseph                 | 145 W. Union Ave.     | 67.72     |
| 79    | 12    | S    | Schiena, Cecilia & Frediano        | 409 E. Union Ave.     | 121.44    |
| 80    | 27,01 | T/S  | Jones, Paul J. & Barbara A.        | 517 Kuesler Ave.      | 1682.04   |
| 84    | 8,01  | T/S  | Struss, Helen                      | 611 Mountain Ave.     | 5532.31   |
| 85    | 25    | S    | Woldin, Raymond S. & Barbara T.    | 730 Watchung Rd.      | 121.44    |
| 86    | 1     | S    | Sunyak, Henry & Julia              | 1045 Mountain Ave.    | 121.44    |
| 86    | 1,03  | T    | Sunyak, Henry & Julia              | 1045 Mountain Ave.    | 1053.13   |
| 97    | 2,08  | S    | Calandra, Anthony & Peppie, Doreen | 1782 Middlebrook      | 121.44    |
| 98,04 | 35    | T    | Bruder, John E. & Mary Beth        | 905 Meadow Dr.        | 61.32     |
| 98,05 | 12    | T    | Rozario, Rafael                    | 910 Meadow Dr.        | 5844.29   |
| 103   | 14    | T    | Piotrowski, Dorothy C.             | 691 Marion St.        | 2080.51   |
| 31    | 31,02 | SA   | Brokaw, George R. Jr. & Kathleen   | 37 Fairview Ave.      | 864.61    |
| 30    | 10    | SA   | Giraldo, Herman, & Oliver, Roberto | 44 Fairview Ave.      | 270.23    |
| 22    | 9     | SA   | Borja, Henry                       | 22 Fairview Ave.      | 232.97    |

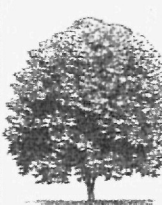
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### BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK PLANNING BOARD

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
The Bound Brook Planning Board approved the following Resolution on May 26, 2005:  
WHEREAS, John Cio, Jr., Associates, Inc., per John Cio, Jr., presented for hearing a form of stormwater management entitled "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN" for Bound Brook Borough/Somerset County, New Jersey dated February 2005 (the "Stormwater Management Plan");  
WHEREAS, after public hearing and debate, and upon the recommendation of the Board Engineer, John Cio, Jr., the Board is of the opinion that the Stormwater Management Plan represents a coherent and well thought out proposal that will be in the best interests of the Borough;  
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### FARM FORECLOSURE







## Middlesex Briefs

## Third annual Farmer's Market Opening Soon

**BOUND BROOK** — The third annual Farmer's Market is opening Saturday, June 25 at 9 a.m. on Main Street. Alstede Farms from Chester and Organic are both coming back. E.R. and Sons Farms is one of the largest growers of Organic foods in New Jersey. Vendors participating are Hoboken Farms, specializing in fresh Mozzarella, artisan breads and more. The Lithuanian Bakery is back with muffins, babka, strudel, danish, and bread. Herbal Offering will bring hand

made soaps and herbal creations. Crystal Creations from Bridgewater specializes in beads and sterling jewelry, Carols Book Nook, Chinese auction baskets and more.

The first walking club in Bound Brook will start on opening day, and there will be antique appraisals done on opening day only. Bring your prized possessions and find out what they are worth.

For further information, e-mail: Kfrizoda@aol.com.

## Women's group to meet on June 10

PLAINFIELD — Church

Women United will hold a board meeting noon June 10 at the Rose of Sharon Community Church, 825 W. Seventh St.

A picnic potluck lunch is planned; bring an entrée or a salad. Dessert and beverages will be supplied.

## Hamfest 2005 radio club "flea market"

**PISCATAWAY** — The Raritan Valley Radio Club HAMFEST 2005 flea market will be held at the Piscataway High School, located near intersection of Old New Brunswick Road and Behmer Road, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 18. Admission: buyers, \$5;

sellers, \$5; plus \$5 each additional space. Call (732) 968-7789 before 8 p.m. or W2QW.

## Antique and custom car show, swap meet

**DUNELLEN** — The 19th annual Antique-Custom Car Show/Swap Meet sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dunellen-Green Brook will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow at Skinner Plaza.

Vendor spaces and sponsor applications available.

Call Mike Ryan during the day at (732) 969-0003 or Rich Kline during the evening at (732) 752-2114.

This event will include prizes, games, food and martial arts demonstrations.

Rain date is June 12.

Proceeds go to the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club's Scholarship Programs.

## 'Busy Bee Bug Ball' coming to Dunellen

**DUNELLEN** — All princesses and princes, ages 3-7, are invited to attend the "Busy Bee Bug Ball."

This festive event is from 5-7 p.m. June 11 at the Busy Bee Nursery School, 316 Jackson Ave.

Dress as a princess or prince.

Crowns and wands will be provided. A king and queen of the ball will be crowned.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$4 for each child and \$5 for each adult. For tickets, call Kathy at (732) 968-7650.

## Kiwanis Club Meets

**EDISON** — The newly formed Edison Kiwanis Club meets every first and third Tuesday at noon at the Edison Job Corps, 500 Plainfield Ave, Edison. New members are welcome. For more information contact Gwen at (732) 781-6862.

## Campus Notes

Four area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa. They are:

Dominick W. Bellizzi of 19 Moraine Road, Edison, a junior majoring in physical therapy.

Christine Giordano of 200 Penn Ave., Edison, a sophomore majoring in communication.

Anne L. McGreevy of 29 Timber Road, Edison, a senior majoring in economics.

Lisa M. Piegario of 61 Charles St., Metuchen, a junior majoring in special education.

Michael Muldoon of Metuchen was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. He is a junior majoring in sports management.

Ten area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Drew University in Madison. They are Heather Allison Alters and

Daniel Albert Ricco, both of Edison; Ryan James Crowley and Molly Tenneson Goodman, both of Highland Park; Brittany Erin Lee, of South Plainfield; Kyle David Feigley and Mary Carroll Higginbottom, both of Bound Brook; Pamela Lynn Longo, Tara Ann St. Angelo and Crystal Marie Taylor, all of Piscataway.

Janelle Kenny of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. She is majoring in psychology.

Six area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. They are Matthew Bellof, of Bound Brook; Adam X. Chen and Daniel H. Lee, both of Edison; Maureen E. Donohue, of Metuchen.

Also, Anna K. Juliar and Daniel A. Stuckey, both of Highland Park.

Twelve area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. The students and their majors:

Jeffrey Brazer of Edison, business administration.

Nicolette Brody of Edison, physical therapy.

Matthew DeAnthony of Piscataway, music.

Dori Herskovitz of Edison, speech-language pathology and audiology.

John O'Connell of Metuchen, accounting.

Natasha Patel of Edison, pharmacy.

Shilpa Premji of Edison, nursing.

Jana Ryan of Edison, nursing.

Tramaine Shaw of Piscataway, liberal arts-science.

Sandra Szeles of Middlesex, finance and insurance.

Michele Vinci of Metuchen, pharmacy.

Lindsey P. Walker of

Highland Park was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. She is a junior majoring in Spanish.

Seven area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. They are Christopher Chen and Peter Triano, both of Edison; Jessica Collins of Piscataway; Daniel Ostermueller of Metuchen; Jose Rodriguez Jr. of Dunellen; Adam Rutkowski and Sharon Spilatro, both of Middlesex.

Walter E. Figel III of 429 Melrose Ave., Middlesex, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa. He is majoring in computer information science.

Claire Sheehy of Bound Brook was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at the University of New Haven in West Haven, Conn.

## Weekend Calendar

## 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.

## DUNELLEN - Indoor Yard

**Sale:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Resurrection of Christ Church, 649 Bound Brook Road (Rt 28) Large variety of items, doll collection, jewelry. Call (732) 752-5741 or (732) 873-1731 for details.

## Thursday, June 9

## MIDDLESEX - Decorative

## Painting and Design Class:

June 9, 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.

## DUNELLEN - Strawberry

**Festival:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Dunellen United Methodist Church, R.E. Building, 316 Jackson Ave. \$7.50 adults, \$4 children. Hot dog platters, fresh strawberry dessert and beverage. Tickets at door. Call (732) 752-7250 for details.

## Friday, June 10

## DUNELLEN - Shea Stadium:

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

**IN THE FUTURE:** **PISCATAWAY - "Celebrate Dad Event":** June 12, 2 p.m. at East Jersey Olde Towne Village sharing African and African American stories and poems. Free, registration required. (732) 745-3030.

**EDISON - Business - Dinner Meeting:** At 6 p.m. June 14 at the Jade Dynasty, 925 Amboy Ave. sponsored by International Association of Administrative Professionals. Author Bonnie Low-Kramen, speaker Call Diane for reservations (732) 257-2642.

**PISCATAWAY - Raritan Valley Radio Club:** June 18 "HAM-FEST" 2005 FLEAMARKET 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Piscataway H.S. Buyers: \$5, Sellers \$5 plus \$5 each additional space. Call (732) 968-7789 before 8 p.m. or W2QW website www.W2QW.ORG.

**EDISON - Toy Sale:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 18 at Community Presbyterian Church, 75 Glenville Road. Proceeds for church renovation. Priced to sell! Call (732) 287-1666 for details.

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