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Patriots' loss

After pulling out a 2-0 victory July 29 behind the play of shortstop Kevin Nicholson the Somerset Patriots went into an offensive slump, dropping its third straight decision Tuesday night in a 7-3 loss to Nashua. Page B1.



Welcome to their world

"The World of ElectroEtch" opens this weekend at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, located in Branchburg. The printmaking method was created in the 1990s by local artist, Marion Behr, and her husband, Omri, and has since become popular the world over. Page A8.

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Borough's 'miracle' applauded

Get a wrap-up of redevelopment prejects in Somerset County, Page A7.

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI & ALLISON ELYSK GUALTIERI

SOUTH BOUND BROOK - It was called a miracle, a magnet, a vision and a perfect example for other municipal-

Within the next two years, the former GAF site — a company that produced asbestos roof shingles - along Main Street and the canal in South Bound Brook will become a center full of residential and retail components. Local, county and state officials were on-site on Tuesday to celebrate the belated ground breaking of Canal Crossing where the frame of one of the 13 townhouse buildings already stands.

"This going to become a part of Somerset County that's just going to be a magnet for people all around the state to come here and shop and raise their families," said Congressman Mike Ferguson. "It's a great thing when you have to walk over dirt and rubble to get here. You know beauty is being

The \$55 million project will include 152 two-story townhouse units among



Rep. Michael Ferguson, R-7th Dist., top, talks about redevelopment while surveying construction of new townhouses on the site of the former GAF site in South Bound Brook.

13 buildings, 23,000-square-feet of retail space along Main Street and 18 apartments above the retail component. The townhouses will start in the mid-\$300,000s, said Dave Fisher, vice president of governmental affairs for Matzel & Mumford, the developer.

Prior to even obtaining the title on

the property from the borough, Matzel & Mumford completed extensive remediation at the contaminated brownfield site, which included building demolition, the removal of 1,600 tons of asbestos, 55,000 tons of tarry petroleum waste and 2,683 tons of polychlorinated biphenyls waste.

"It was a \$7 million remediation effort," said Fisher.

Construction on the townhouses could be completed later this year, while the retail and apartment component of the project could be completed

later next year, said Fisher.
"This is my hometown," said Linda Barth, a Somerville resident and member of the Canal Society of New Jersey. "I'm just so pleased to see this change. When that building went down, just to see all the dirt and the open ground, it was incredible.'

Ferguson said the Canal Crossing project will "change the flavor" of the borough. "It improves the whole feel of the town from an old run down community to a community that really cares about itself," he said. "Looking around - at Somerville, Manville, Bound Brook, North Plainfield there's a number of small and midsized communities that can benefit from (doing) something like this."

County to help fund recreation facilities

Seven Middlesex County munici-palities will construct or improve existing active recreation facilities with the help of more than \$2.7 million in county grants.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders, at its regular meeting July 28, authorized the use of \$2.73 million from the county Open Space and Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to help the municipalities build or improve parks, playing fields, walking paths and other recreational facilities.

"Our towns are always looking for ways to improve and expand their recreational facilities and we are committed to helping them do that," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel. "The recreational grants are an effective tool in meeting the needs of our residents. Working with our municipal partners helps us zero in on and respond

to those needs." "Middlesex County is a wonderful place to live, to work and to raise a family," said Freeholder Camille Fernicola, liaison to the trust fund. "A big part of what makes this county great is the freeholder board's commitment to preserving open space and offering unparalleled recreational facilities to all our resi-

- Dunellen will receive \$500,000 to further improve Columbia Park, which has undergone major improvements. This grant will cover the cost to install lights for a softball field, extend the irrigation system and improve park facilities.

Highland Park will receive a \$50,000 grant toward construction of Centennial Park.

Metuchen will receive \$500,000 to help install lighting and a sports

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HIGHLAND PARK

Farmers market adds lunch, music

HIGHLAND PARK - Besides a cornucopia of Jersey fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, meats, baked goods and desserts, shoppers at the Highland Park Farmers Market will also be able to enjoy a savory lunch and live music at the new "Farmer's Market Café.'

This is the 10th year the borough has hosted a farmer's market, cosponsored by the municipality and Main Street Highland Park. The Farmer's Market is open every

Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Nov. 4. It is located in the parking lot of the former Senior Recreational Center at 222 Raritan Ave.

A new feature of this year's Farmer's Market is the opening of the Farmer's Market Café. Each week, patrons can enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Mama DiVinci's while relaxing under an umbrella at the market.

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The Highland Park Farmer's Market is one of the largest farmers markets in the state. This year's vendors include:

- Bakers Bounty, Linden: Brickoven Italian bread, fresh seasonal cakes, pies and desserts.

Donaldson Farms, Once a month, enjoy lunch while Hackettstown: Produce, including istening to the tunes of local musisweet corn.

- Dr. Pickle, Wayne: New York Style pickles out of the barrel,

sauerkraut, marinated mushrooms. - Hoboken Farm, Hoboken: Fresh mozzarella, Italian bread, Omaha steaks, famous crab cakes, stuffed salmon and sole, and prepared

- J & L Farm, Monroe Township: Peppers, sweet corn and tomatoes. Henry Jenkinson & Son, Hillsborough: Flowering annuals and hanging baskets.

- Melick's Town Farm, Oldwick: Fresh seasonal fruits and vegeta-

bles, including peaches, apples, cherries, plums, corn, tomatoes, and fall cider.

R & K Farm, Monroe Township: Produce, specializing in eggplants, peppers, basil and cut flowers.

Von Thun's Farm, Monmouth Junction: Fresh produce including blueberries peaches, apples, nectarines, sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, fresh cut flowers.

Suydam Farms, Franklin Township: fresh cut flowers.

Main Street Highland Park is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and revitalization of Highland Park's thriving downtown business district.

Main Street Highland Park follows a successful four-point program established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center, and is an officially designated Main Street program of the state Department of Community Affairs.

For additional information, call (732) 828-8444 or visit www.mainstreethp.org.

There's gold in the records on the walls

By JIM WHITE

RARITAN - Beneath West Somerset Street there is a time capsule of tunes, a very large but little-known record collection in the basement of Raritan Antique Village.

And for those in the know, it's like a goldmine of recording artists, where everyone from Bob Dylan to Bing Crosby is tucked away and waiting, just waiting for someone to pick them up and put them under a needle.

"Look, here's Jerry Lee Lewis," said Marietta Vanderputten, an employee at the antique store who has taken on the job of categorizing the collection of roughly 2,000 records as well as a seemingly infinite number of 45s. "Here's Arthur Fidler and the Boston Pops. Who can com-

pare on the Fourth of July?" She said the used records range in price from \$1 to \$50, depending on the label, condition and age, and customers can sample potential purchases on a record player inside

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Ellyn Byannick, owner of Raritan Antique Village, looks through the collection of records for sale at the

There's gold in the records on the store walls

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Vanderputten uses Jerry's Osborne's "Price guide to Records" to help price the records. The book includes a rating system - from mint condition to "it really hurts to think about it" - to determine the worth of the albums.

"I have Elvis records, and I could have cried to see how

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some people abused them," she said.

Most of the records come from people who are moving.

"They just don't want to deal with the weight of records," Vanderputten said. "We always get that phone call. 'I'm moving. Can you come and see what I have."

Other records come from people going through the estates of deceased loved ones, and occasionally include trea-

"Jazz aficionados do not give up their records," she said. "Jazz people, they're a world unto themselves."

But Vanderputten said she recently got her hands on Miles Davis at the Black Hawk, a classic jazz record recorded in 1961, from a woman in charge of her brother's estate.

"She wanted nothing to do with the records," she said. "A guy came all the way from South Jersey for that one."

Vanderputten said she also just stumbled across a gem that could be worth as much as \$80 — traditional pop princess Patti Page's The East Side album, recorded in 1956 on the EmArcy label, the prelude to Mercury Records.

But prices at Raritan Antique Village are negotiable, Vanderputten said.

"If you get a repeat customer then you cut them a deal. It's

that love of music. You can't help but cut them a deal," she said.

She said customers have been gobbling up albums by The Doors, The Grateful Dead and Jimi Hendrix.

"And I just sold some Creedence Clearwater Revival," she said, "Oh, and they're always asking for Led Zeppelin." Bob Dylan?

"He just flies off the shelves. You can't keep him," she said. Vanderputten said The Rolling Stones have become very popular again and she

recently came across about 50 "The 45s here are overwhelming," she said. "But juke boxes are making a comeback. People are always looking for 45s. It's the life of the party."

And, she said, surprisingly enough, in the age of the CD, turntables are back.

"I just found out Kmart is selling one now," she said.
"Some people, diehard vinyl fans, won't even touch a CD. Some people just love the sound of vinyl. Something about the quality. And you don't get that artwork on CDs that you get on the albums. "

And she said she has noticed that younger and younger people are seeking out record

"These are kids like 18 years

their building their collection," she said.

She said she often sees a father and son who shop for

records together. "It's so great to see," she said. There appears to be something for every taste in the basement, including a large selection of Irish music by the Clancy Brothers as well as German, Greek, Hungarian, Hawaiian, Mexican, Polish,

Spanish and Swedish tunes. There are holiday records by Bing Crosby, Christmas with the Chipmunks, records from the 1950s, Motown stuff, and an album featuring the cast members from "All in the Family."

County to help fund seven municipal recreation facilities

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turf system on baseball and soccer fields at Myrtle Avenue

- Plainsboro will receive a \$500,000 grant to help build athletic fields and a family picnic area at Community

South Brunswick will receive \$500,000 to help construct soccer fields and a comfort station and install lighting and park amenities at Harvest two memorials and the Senior

South Plainfield will use a \$180,525 grant to construct a footbridge to enable pedestrians to walk through the entire Municipal Complex, including Citizen Recreation Center.

Woodbridge will receive a \$500,000 grant to complete three projects: restore windows at the historic Barron (\$175,000); Arts Center

upgrade basketball courts, walkways, fencing and the parking lot at Rahway Avenue Park (\$165,000); and upgrade all township parks to make them ADA and Fall Zone com-

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Vial File underway

BROOK Reaching out to borough residents, Contracting Inc. and Union Avenue Legend Pharmacy have joined forces to launch Operation Vial File.

The Vial File is an empty prescription bottle that contains a list with prescription medicine, emergency contact information, medical alerts and conditions. The bottle is placed on the top shelf in the refrigerator and a special decal is placed on the outside of the refrigerator door so emergency personnel know to look inside for the vial. Vial Files are available free of charge through Union Avenue Legend Pharmacy or Skydell Contracting Inc. For more information, call Skydell Contracting Inc. at (732) 271-2938 or Urion Avenue Legend Pharmacy at (732) 356-3113.

County continues RX program

The Middlesex County RX Department on Program has been a success story long before the federal Medicare prescription drug plan was crafted.

Enrollment for the new Medicare Part D doesn't begin until Nov. 15 with implementation starting January 2006.

In January 2003, Middlesex County was not content tot wait for the long-promised federal drug plan and Freeholder H. James Polos spearheaded establishment of the free Middlesex Rx program for individuals over age 55 and disabled county residents who had no other government or employersponsored drug benefit. The plan includes no income limitations for enrollment.

A coalition of seniors, disabled people and the Middlesex

worked with the freeholders to develop the program and help reduce the financial burden of prescription drug purchases. The savings are derived from discounts passed on to participants from pharmacist rebates for drug use - and there is no cost involvement to county government or the taxpay-

"This is a great example of county government directly working in support of our people," Freeholder Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel

During the past 2 1/2 years, 49,490 prescriptions have been filled under the program and close to 3,000 participants have saved more than \$535,600. This is a direct savings for individu-County als who would have had no

other relief during the past 2 1/2 years.

"I am happy the county will continue offering the Middlesex RX program after January to assist county residents between 55 and 65 years of age and disabled individuals who do not qualify for Medicare," said Freeholder Blanquita Valenti, board liaison to the

Department on Aging, at a recent freeholder board meeting. "We are also reviewing

regulations under the new Medicare drug program to determine if Middlesex RX would be able to supplement any of those savings," she added.

An easy one-page application for the Middlesex RX program is available by calling the Department on Aging at (732) 745-3295.

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EDISON - For business pro- new initiative builds on the Community College Partnership between the two institutions.

On Tuesday, an FDU Graduate Business Open University will offer MBA House will be held at MCC from 6-8 p.m. in Edison Hall,

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The open house will feature a guest speaker, Career Coach Eli Amdur, speaking on career management skills for phar-

maceutical professionals. FDU business faculty will also be available to answer questions, discuss the program and supply application materials. Light refreshments will be

To attend the free open house on Tuesday, advance registration is necessary.

To register and to learn more about the FDU MBA courses offered at Middlesex County College, call Bonnie Diehl, assistant director, Healthcare Management Studies, at (201) 692-7204

diehl@fdu.edu. To reach the MCC admissions office, call (732) 906-





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Middlesex Briefs

Edison Recreation begins co-ed softball

EDISON — The Edison Recreation Department is presenting the 12th annual Adult Co-Ed Softball League.

The Frogram consists of Adult Co-Ed Sofball County and Industrial teams who are eligible to participate in the program. There will be an entrance fee of \$200 per team. The County League is open to those teams with all of their players currently living in Middlesex County. The Industrial League is open only to those employees working for the same company whose main branch is located in Middlesex County. League play will begin on Sept. 6 and end in early November.

Team applications are available at the Stelton Community Center, 328 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, and will be due back by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 12. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Office at 732-248-7313 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MetroStars offering summer soccer camp

MIDDLESEX — MetroStars Player Development Programs will be offering a summer camp program on behalf of the Middlesex Youth Soccer Association at Mountain View

Park in Middlesex Aug. 8-12.

Registration forms are available at the Middlesex Recreation Department. For more information, visit MetroStars.com or contact Dave McKiernan (732-752-

Republican group plans trip to ballgame

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Borough Republican Organization is sponsoring a trip to see the New York Yankees vs the Texas Rangers on Aug. 13.

The first 18,000 fans 14 and under will receive Yankee wrist bands. Game time is 1:05 p.m. Buses will leave Middlesex High School at 10 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$40 and includes game ticket and transportation.

For information and to reserve a licket, call Geri at 732-752-

Edison Chamber holding golf classic

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce invites the public to the 33rd annual Golf Classic on Aug. 24 at the Fox Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg.

The event will feature a barbeque luncheon, cocktail hour dinner and an awards presentation. Prizes include trips, a wine cellar and a large-screen TV

Cost for each individual is \$265 and includes a full day of special

events. Reservations must be made by Aug. 17; visit www.edisonchamber.com or call (732) 738-9485

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Bound Brook Elks to honor Elk of the Year

BOUND BROOK — Elks Lodge 1388 is honoring Luis R Padilla as its Elk of the Year.

He will be feted at the lodge's annual dinner-dance on Aug. 20 in the Elks lodge, 305 E. Second St. A social hour is at 7 p.m. with diener at 8 p.m.

Gost is \$45 per couple or \$25 per person. Music will be provided by a DJ.

For more information, call (732) 868-1653.

Bereavement support group is now forming

EDISON - The staff and vol unteers of the Barbara E. Chaung Memorial Hospice are forming bereavement support groups to help Middlesex County residents who have recently experienced a loss. It is recognized that seasonal changes and going through various holicays and celebrations for the first time after a loved one has passed

away can be extremely difficult. Sessions, which focus on dealing with emotions and stress, and changes as a result of the death, are held from 2 to 3 p.m. the secand Wednesday of every month. They are free and open to Middlesex County residents.

For more details, call Jill Zhou LCSW or Rev. Thurlan Meadows at (732) 9335.

"Minnow Pond" preschool summer camp

PISCATAWAY Applications for children from 21/2 to 5 years old are being taken for Minnow Pond pre-school at Christ United Methodist Church at 485 Hoes Lane, next to town half Registration for fall classes is also being accepted at this time.

Minnow Pond is a state licensed professional facility staffed by Early Childhood Education professionals. Handson explorations in art, crafts, music, science and more are offered, as well as flexible hours, loads of fun and reasonable fees in a loving, Christian setting. Call (732) 463-1517 for more

Metuchen YMCA plans new summer events

information.

EDISON - Pre-school summer day camp for two year old boys and girls. This two hour program held at the Presbyterian Church through Sept. 2. The fee for Tots Camp is \$55 per week per child and camp membership

is \$15.

Kindercamp registration has begun for boys and girls ages three to five with flexible hours. Camp fee per week is \$140 with a \$35 membership fee.

Camp Munsee, a day camp for boys and girls grades K to eight and leaders in training program for young adults grades nine and ten started the week of June 20 and ends Sept. 2. The fee is \$210 per week and membership fee is \$35.

Call (732) 548-2044 for more details about the above programs and more or register on line at www.metuchen-edisonymca.org.

Baptist church holds car wash on Sept. 10

METUCHEN - New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St. will hold its Youth Free-Will Car Wash from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10.

Bring your dirty cars, trucks, SUVs, vans and motorcycles. There will be gospel music, food and evangelism. Cost is by freewill donation only.

For more information, call (732) 549-8941

Bound Brook festival coming in October

BOUND BROOK - The Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition and the Bound Brook Community Festival

Organizing Committee have announced that the second annual Bound Brook Community Festival will take place on Main Street, Bound Brook from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 2.

The purpose of the Festival is to bring the entire Bound Brook community together in celebration of the rebuilding, growth and vitality of the municipality while providing a showcase for the cultural diversity within the commu-

The Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition, with the support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Bound Brook Mayor and Council, the Board of Education and other local organizations, will present a day of fun, food and entertainment for thousands to enjoy as they celebrate Bound Brook. Advance Realty Foundation is the premier sponsor of the event.

Scheduled events include live performances by musicians representing cultures from around the world, cultural performances, clowns, children's activities, international food and crafts, and a

Vendors, crafters and entertainers interested in participating in the Festival are asked to contact the Somerset County Diversity Coalition at (908) 369-4318 or visit www.scdiversity.org.

Senior 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: Aug. 9 - Hawaiian Luau - \$64

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

Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, holds a monthly meeting on the second Monday of the month at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27). The monthly board meeting is at noon and the general meeting starts at 1:15 p.m.

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.

South Bound Brook

The South Bound

Brook Senior Citizens Community Club meets at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall. 122 High St. Bingo is played every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m., and refreshments are served. A box of pasta per member will be collected at the meeting for the food bank. The club is open to all seniors, 55 years and

Coming Events - Trips: Aug. 18 - Three Little Bakers -

older residing in South Bound

Brook

"Bye, Bye Birdie." Call Catherine. Sept. 13 — Mystery Trip Oct. 11 — Atlantic City

South Bound Brook Senior Citizen Center, 113 Clinton Ave., offers the fol-

lowing programs: Call (732) 271-1646 for further information. Exercise — Every Monday and Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.: Bingo &

Cards — Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.: Librarian - Second Wednesday of month, 11:30: Post Office - Fourth Wednesday of month, 10:30 a.m.: Liquid Embroidery -- Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.noon: Outreach Specialist at Center - Third Thursday of month, 10-11 a.m.: Cards or games --- every Friday.

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Commentary

Flight of fancy or serious thought?

Next month frustrated commuters will be able to vent their anger — and hopefully provide some useful ideas - when the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority unveils a new Web-based survey about Route 78.

Those taking part in the 10- to 15-minute online survey could help shape the future of not just the state's traffic-chocked highways, but mass transit in the state as well.

This week, Rep. Michael Ferguson, R-7th Dist., visited The Reporter newsroom, and eventually the topic of conversation fell on transportation. The bottom line from Ferguson was, as has been stated many times before, there are no easy answers or single, magic-bullet

Federal funding needed for a variety of infrastructure projects - from highways to flood control — is constantly being tapped by a number of states, the congressman said, with everyone trying to take "their piece of the loaf of bread."

The cost for infrastructure improvements is also equally daunting. A single mile of highway improvement can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. The cost of a single mile of new rail line — even light rail — can reach nearly a million dollars.

Buses are one solution. But without extensive coverage in suburban areas, which leads to further congestion and would require a massive infrastructure investment, the result would be an underutilized system.

Telecommuting, a buzzword of the 90s, and now known as telework, is today forgotten. Although the technology exists to make it easy - and more affordable - few companies are encouraging employees to work from home and conference in with a laptop and cell phone.

One idea that may be far-fetched right now, but is close to becoming a reality, is flying as an alternative to driving. The idea of personal flying machines have been part of pop culture since the Jetsons first aired on TV, but today those machines are coming closer to becoming economically feasible.

So much so that NASA have built a computer system known as The Highway in the Sky that will be able to regulate the millions of people who may one day fly to work rather than drive. Think of it as a giant, interactive version of a control tower, where computers make sure we don't tailgate at 10,000 feet while traveling 200

Are there companies building personal flying machines? Yes, and while many are still in the testing phase, several have flown, and almost all can take off vertically, a necessity of personal aircraft ensuring the owner of one can simply drive it out of the garage and take off.

But that's still for the future. Today, we have to deal with traffic, pollution and rising gas prices. So, until the local dealer begins offering rebates on the Hovercraft 750, take a coffee break and visit the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's Web site and let your voice be heard.

Flag trivia stumped all comers

We held out hope, extended the deadline, but unfortunately, we have no winner in our American flag contest.

On June 16, we had published photos of nine American flags flying or hung from public and private buildings from throughout Somerset County; most of the photos had a clue which we hoped would help identify the location of each

For instance, the flag photo on the front page of The Chronicle June 16 referring to the full page of American flag photos showed a fireman's helmet atop the flag pole. That flag flies in front of the Watchung Fire Department building on Washington Valley Road.

Here's the list of the other locations, by number, as they appeared on Page B1 of The

1. Gulf Station, West End Avenue, Somerville; 2. Flag Plaza, corner of Warrenville Road and Mountain Boulevard, Warren;

3. Red barn/utility shed as seen on the corner of Burnt Mills Road and Cowperthwaite Road in Basking Ridge;

cemetery, Bedminster;

5. Somerset County Park Commission headquarters building, North Branch Park, Milltown Road, Bridgewater;

7. Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater;

8. Washington Rock Park, Green Brook. Judy Jordan of Branchburg submitted seven correct answers; Jonathan Gibson of Bedminster had six correct answers.

4. Civil War gravestone, Lamington Black

6. Somerset County Courthouse, Somerville;

Letters to the Editor

Class of 2005 sent off in style

To The Editor: The 2005 Watchung Hills businesses, organizations, families of students at WHRHS, the entire WHRHS staff and the communities of all four sending districts for the overwhelming response to our annual appeal for assistance in implementing a successful year-long drug- and alcoholfree celebration for the Class

The events, culminating in an all-night lock-in immediate-

ceremony on June 21, were Regional High School Project made possible by the many, Steering many local businesses, organi-Graduation Steering many local businesses, organi-Committee would like to extend our gratitude to local many local businesses, organi-continues to support this stel-lar sendoff to our graduating seniors, we also underscore our year's celebration a wonderful

success. Thank you to the many volunteers, including parents of seniors and underclassmen, who provided guidance, time and talent to guarantee a successful year of celebration. We only wish you could have all heard the kind words of thanks from our more than 400 seniors throughout the year and especially on June 22 as they

returned from the final night

As the WHRHS community commitment to our students and the value we place on their young, hopeful lives. Please continue to support Project Graduation at WHRHS, and in each community, for the children we hold so dear.

MARY CHRISTIAN ROSEMARY O'CONNOR

Green Brook The writers were co-chairs of the Project Graduation Steering

Quotable

"Mayors and elected officials know the federal government won't be able to save their bacon every year. Most of the mayors know they can't rely on Washington to fill their budget gaps. ... When budget times are hard and budgets are tight, that's when you find out what's really necessary."

Mike Ferguson

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Question of the week:

What can be done to ease congestion on Route 78?



Somerville "I haven't the vaguest. I've found it scary, so I suggest you get atlas maps and know your

back roads.



JOHN HOLLER Somerset "I don't need to drive it, but I know people who take routes to go around Route 78."



PETER CALCAO Bridgewater

"I don't take Route 78 and don't have a subjective opinion -- but when I do take it for pieasure, it's on the weekend and it seems OK."



BEV HACKER Bridgewater "Widen it to help ease the commuting to and from Pennsylvania.



PETE HIGGINS Bridgewater "I don't drive on it enough to know - I usually go around it."

Letters to the Editor

Helicopters not a terror target

To The Editor: Cheryl Hall's letter ("Airport not ideal location," July 28) is an excellent example of the use of extremism in an attempt to strike fear among citizens. Interestingly enough, that's the same technique used by terror-

Hall implies that stationing the New Jersey State Police at Somerset Airport makes it a terrorist target. To carry her illogical thinking one step further, maybe we should eliminate all police protection and perhaps that would end terrorism.

She states that the State Police and Medevac personnel who are dedicated to saving lives are placing "their own agendas, job security and compensation considerations ahead of doing that which is best for those they serve." She does not give any evidence whatever to support the charges she makes against these public servants.

The State Police, however, have released information on carefully documented surveys, backed up by statistics, which indicate clearly that the public would be far better served from Somerset Airport than any of the other possible locations

port because of flooding and ground fog. As a tenant coming to Somerset Airport regularly for more than 30 years, I have never had any difficulty accessing the airport. In all those years I have never encountered a single incident of flooding nor have I seen any flooding. This is pure fabrication as are most of Ms. Hall's statements. In any case, access is not a factor since Medevac personnel are stationed at the airport 24 hours a day and no crew would ever

leave the facility until relieved. Hall writes, "Will it take a terrorist event for all to realize we have introduced ourselves as a

That is a statement clearly designed to arouse fear in the residents of Bedminster and surrounding areas. Fear is the last thing we need. The only thing we have to fear is people like Cheryl Hall who attempts to create fear through fabrications fashioned around a blind agenda that refuses to recognize the selfless dedication of the State Police and the Medevac personnel.

JACK ELLIOTT

Social Security has shortfalls

In Martin C. Stark's letter (June 16) he relies on the Social Security Trust Fund to fund any shortfalls between incoming FICA taxes and the outgoing beneficiary payments after

We should understand that this trust fund is nothing more than a stack of IOUs that is not backed by real assets.

Tracking the current Social Security surplus you will find that the money is received in a Social Security surplus account, from which it buys the government bonds that make up the trust fund. From there it is moved to the general treasury from which it all has already been spent financing roads, foreign aid and other current government consumption.

There is no real money in the trust fund so that when 2018 comes and we call on the trust fund to support the actuarial shortfall we will have to sell the bonds (but to who?) or print more money thereby causing inflation.

The Social Security solvency problem can very easily and fairly be solved by replacing the wage index formula for calculating benefits with the Consumer Price Index formula see Susan Lee's Wall Street Journal article dated Nov. 23,

Stark claims that benefits are guaranteed for life — this too is not true. Quoting from the aforementioned Susan Lee article, "Social Security benefits are not guaranteed. Just like all entitlement programs, they can and have been — changed by

Social Administration itself says so and so did the Supreme Court when it ruled, in Fleming v. Nestor, that workers and retirees have no legal claim to benefits, regardless of how much in taxes they have paid into the system."

For example, people who found their benefits taxes in 1983 and those who had their

taxes raised in 1994 cannot feel that there is a guaranteed benefit amount.

Stark asks, "What type of Social Security insurance system do we want?" My answer is that we want a system of me taking care of my retirement and him taking care of his. FDR created Social Security to help the elderly after the Great Depression because the elderly had no time to recoup their losses from that terrible economy.

We should not have private accounts because of any Social Security system solvency problem but quite simply because they are a better idea in a free enterprise capitalistic country. Young people should be learning to take care of themselves since they are the only ones they can really count on anyway, as they will find out as they go through life.

In every plan presented to date each person has the option to remain in the current system. However, someone with a personal account will have real assets in an actual account with their name on it for retirement and also will have the ability to leave these assets to their heirs both unlike in the current system. Personal responsibility is the virtue.

Finally, Stark is correct when he states, "If it (personal accounts) runs out, it's your problem" — and that is exactly as it should be. When people realize that they are responsible for themselves and will not be taken care of by some government program, they will work, save and invest to make sure that they do not run out and they and the country will be much better off for their efforts. Social Security should be there only for the needy as FDR intended.

The incentive should be to not want to be one of the needy but rather one of the self-sufficient. I believe that this is where President Bush is trying to lead us on the Social Security issue.

DOUG HARTLOVE

Responsibility needed

To The Editor:

Last year, Bedminster Township municipal taxes increased at the exorbitant rate of 17.5 percent.

This year my municipal taxes increased 8.3 percent for an average of 12.9 percent per year for the last two years. These percent increases far exceed the Consumer Price Index of 3.5 per-

Let's say that the Township Committee has a good trend in motion, but they have a challenging task ahead of them to maintain the comparatively low tax level that Bedminster property owners have enjoyed for years.

At continued rate increases far in excess of the CPI, this total low

tax position will quickly be eroded. By the way, the municipal increase was significantly lower (better) then the other components of the total taxes, due in part to the municipal previous year's high increase and this year's high increase by the other taxing entities. Last year, my overall increase was 16.1 percent; this year it is 16.9 percent. I hope Somerset County Freeholders and the Bedminster Board of Education members are amongst your readers. We taxpayers can't keep up with you. We're looking for those pro-

claimed Fiscal Conservatives. JOSEPH H. METELSKI

Warriors gather for a grateful salute

By JIM WHITE

BRIDGEWATER - Two years ago, there was concern that a frail group of men who had served during World War II would have trouble making it across the ball field during opening ceremonies of the first Veterans of America Day at Commerce Bank Park.

Joe Yuzuik, one of the event organizers, recalled what one of the 80-plus-year-old men said when someone suggested they use golf carts to travel the 600 feet across the field

"If we can't march we might as well be dead!"

And with that, spines straightened, chins raised, and the pack of old warriors began their pro-

"You could see the pain in their faces as they marched," Yuzuik recalled, "When I saw that, I saw the veterans in heaven grabbing them by the shoulders and saying, 'Come on, we'll carry you.'

"And as soon as the ceremony was over, they turned back to being 85 years old," Yuzuik said. "They said it was the proudest day of their lives.'

This year's event, the third

Day, will be held Aug. 14 at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater. Ceremonies begin at 12:30 p.m. prior to the 1:35 p.m. match-up between the Somerset Patriots and the Bridgeport Bluefish.

Area men and women who served in Iraq will be the day's guests of honor.

In support of those currently serving in Iraq, visitors to the park are encouraged to bring supplies and monetary donations for Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 - a joint effort of The Chronicle and numerous organizations, businesses, families, volunteers and veterans to maintain a carepackage supply line to U.S. soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq and the Mideast region. It costs between \$6,000 and \$8,000 a month to send the packages to the troops.

Employees from The Chronicle will be on hand to accept all

"This is a tremendous advantage to the veterans of today as compared to veterans from other generations," Yuzuik said of OPSHBX. "Having America believing in them and support-

Also on hand will be members annual Veterans of America of the Marine Corps Color

Guard from Trenton, the Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Legions and VFWs, Disabled American Veterans and the Merchant

There will be a 21-gun salute by the John Basilone Marine Corps League and the 13-piece brass band Blow That Horn will perform patriotic songs.

World War II-era planes will buzz the ballpark, a helicopter is expected to land in the outfield and Military Transport of Northern New Jersey will roll up in vehicles from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert

Commandant Dick Brandt from Detachment 927 of the Marine Corps League, one of the event's organizers, will be the master of ceremonies.

Also, winners of the "What is a Patriot?" essay contest -- sponsored by the Somerset Patriots and The Chronicle - will be recognized on the field.

For Yuzuik, a Vietnam War Marine veteran from Bound Brook, Veterans of America Day is a continuation of the respect he showed his fellow servicemen after returning from the

As a member of the Marine Corps Honor Guard in Long Island, it was Yuzuik's job to go to the homes of Marines killed in action and tell their loved

He said he attended 300

"We felt it was our duty to formally inform the families about the heroics of their sons and daughters. ... And we owed it to those Marines," he said.

Along with Yuzuik and Brandt, John Hatzikalfas, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 452, and Chief Warrant Officer Pat DeChirico, a 42-year Marine veteran, helped to create Veterans of America Day.

"We try to instill upon people that veterans are still around," DeChirico said. "People have kind of forgotten.'

Ticket sales at the ballpark range from \$8.50 to \$12. Discounted upper box tickets at \$5 a piece can be purchased before Aug. 8 at the park or by making a check out to Somerset Patriots Baseball, indicating how many tickets are wanted and mailing it to Dan Neville, Somerset Patriots, Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, or by calling (908) 252-



Vietnam veteran Joe Yuzuik, one of the organizers of the Aug. 14 Veterans Day, America speaks at the April Somerset Patriots' parade ceremonies Somerville.

Supply Line prepares to deliver the goods

John Dorrell, who runs the Vintage Car show on Main Street in Raritan Wednesday nights, is bringing a contingent of 15 people, and senior Jessica Marshall has lined up at least 10 members of the the Key Club at Bridgewater-Raritan

Robin Kaplan, sales manager at the Eclipse health club and gym in Green Brook will be there with several members, and several employees of US Express Leasing in Parsippany and Kraft Foods in Morris County are making plans to help out as well

We're expecting help from the State Troopers based at the Somerville barracks, Somerville police and firemen, and members of the Raritan police.

With just one week to go volunteers young and old have been signing up to wrap and ship boxes destined for U.S. troops in Iraq during the Aug. 12 "Somerville Supply Line" event.

In the meantime, donated goods, cards and letters for the soldiers continue to stream into The Chronicle office.

Headquarters for "Somerville Supply Line" will be on West Main Street at the former Goodwill store in the Somerville Shopping Center. Mayor Brian Gallagher and Councilman Sean Decker along with volunteer staff from Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 have been working behind the scenes to organize the event, hoping to duplicate the success of the first Supply Line held May 14 when more than 200 volunteers were on hand to help box, wrap and ship 600 packages to U.S. soldiers and Marines from the Central Jersey area who are deployed in Iraq.

Volunteers, donations of goods, and financial support are

attract "walk-ins" from the huge crowds which normally pack

Somerville on Friday nights for

Rod Hirsch

Executive

Editor

the Classic Cruizers car show. For those who regularly visit downtown Somerville to experience the car show, we'd ask that you please bring along a bag of groceries to drop off, and if you're feeling generous, perhaps drop a few dollars into our money jugs to help defray the cost of shipping. Each month, we spend between \$6,000 and \$8,000 to shop our gift packages to the soldiers and Marines

Oldies' radio station WMTR-AM, which has helped to spread the word about Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, will be on hand for a live broadcast, and will provide updates as the evening progresses. Tune in for more details.

We'll need packers beginning at 5 p.m., and we should finish up by 9 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Volunteers will also be needed a few days ahead of time to set up the storefront with tables and chairs, as well as transporting the items to be packed from The Reporter office, where the presorting takes place.

You must sign up ahead of time to help out. We need an accurate count of volunteers to ensure a successful event. Call (908) 253-3348 or (908) 575-6684 for further information.

Special thanks

Operation: Shoebox New

Jersey 2005 was honored to be selected this year as the spotlight charity to benefit from the 6th annual Somerset Patriots Golf Classic.

The Patriots hosted more than 200 guests and golfers Monday at Neshanic Valley Golf Course in Neshanic Station.

Patriots players' and staff were paired up with each of the foursomes in the shotgun event, a day filled with divets, shanks, 'almosts," ribbing and hearty laughter.

The day was capped off with a cocktail hour, dinner and live auction which topped out at

Prizes included a blimp ride courtesy of Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield, with tickets to Yankees and Mets games, selling for \$1,200; a cashmere wrap donated by Flemington Furs, selling for \$2,000, and a Yankees' Fan Dream Package that includes: a limousine ride to and from Yankee Stadium, hanging out on the field during batting practice, meeting the Yankees' players, a visit with manager Joe Torre, and four seats alongside the Yankees' dugout. The package, courtesy of Patriots' owner Stave Kalater.

sold for \$4,000. We'd like to thank Al Marquis, who spent \$6,000 and bought the cashmere wrap and Yankees package. He told us that his brother-in-law, who just returned from 18 months in Iraq, had told him just how much it meant to his fellow soldiers to receive packages from

"It's the least I can do to help out the guys who are still over there," he said as we thanked him for his generosity.

More thanks

Over the past several weeks, we've received donations from several drop-off sites, many of them in Hunterdon and Warren counties, including the Shop-Rite in Flemington; Perryville Wine & Liquors in Hampton; Rudl Fence in Glen Gardner; Clinton Station Diner in Clinton; Hearth Shoppe in Belvidere; Legends Harley Davidson in Ledgewood; Sherman & Sons Jewelers in Flemington and Hunterdon Lock and Safe in Flemington.

Learning Express Toys in Hillsborough also dropped off several bags of groceries.

Special thanks also goes to Sherry Ferello and the staff of the Amwell Church of the Brethren's 54th Vacation Bible School in Stockton for helping the students gather together 10 copy paper boxes packed with items for the soldiers.

Raritan Councilwoman Maureen Wilson and husband James also deserve thanks for contributing \$500 to help the cause. We also collected \$283 in bills, plus \$50 in change from a jug placed on the cashier's counter at the Clinton Station Diner off Route 78.

Patriotic salute

Somerset Patriots Baseball Club will host the 3rd annual Veterans of America Day Sunday, Aug. 14 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater.

Volunteers from Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 will be on hand to accept your donations for the troops, as well as salute the winners of the "What

is a Patriot" essay contest. Winners will be announced in The Chronicle next week.

The ceremonies will salute veterans of the Iraq war, as well as all veterans who have served in the armed forces. A highlight will be a flyover tribute by vintage aircraft.

The event precedes the 1:35 p.m. game against the Bridgeport Bluefish.

All veterans are invited to par-

Discount tickets are available in advance. Call (908) 252-0700 for further information.

4-H Fair

The 4-H Fair is one of the oldest, longest-running events in Somerset County, and we're pleased to say that the organizers have asked Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 to become part of the three-day event Aug. 17-19 at North Branch Park off Milltown Road in Bridgewater.

Sticking with tradition, the fair is free — no admission, no charge for parking. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each of the three days.

OPSHBX will have collection boxes at several sites on the fairgrounds.

Valerie Kreutler, 4-H program coordinator, is asking everyone who attends the fair to please bring a bag of items that can be boxed and shipped to the soldiers and Marines overseas.

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

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

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Posters like this one will begin appearing in store windows along Main Street in Somerville this week to promote the Aug. 12 Operation Somerville Supply Line.

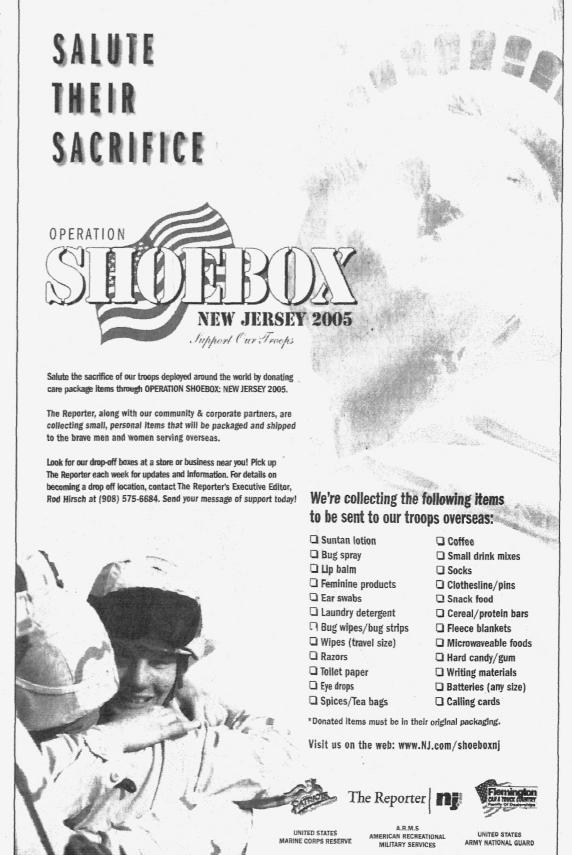


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Philip Stolz Jr.

BOUND BROOK - Philip J. Stolz Jr., 44, died suddenly July 28, 2005.

Mr. Stolz was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and lived in Hillsborough before moving to Bound Brook in 1989. He returned to Hillsborough in

Saturday, August 6, 2005

He was a production manager with SPEX CertiPrep Inc. in Metuchen, for whom Mr. Stolz worked 21 years. He also was the lead singer in the cover band Trader Phil

A soccer and Little League coach in Bound Brook, Mr. Stolz

Joseph and Mary Getlik.

Murray Hill.

as a chef with BOC Gases in

For 44 years Mr. Getlik was

member of the South Bound

Brook Fire Department. He was

an Army veteran of the Korean

Dellanegra Chiara, 97, died

Aug. 2, 2005 at Somerset

Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Siegfried, Pa., she

lived in Italy and New York

state before moving to Middlesex in 1926.

Mrs. Chiara worked briefly

for Thomas Young Orchids in

Middlesex. She also was a

seamstress and a caretaker of

Her husband, Charles, died

children.

MIDDLESEX -

served on the Bound Brook Board of Education for two years. He ran the New York City Marathon and Boston Marathon. His mother, Shirley Roach

Stolz, died in 1989. Surviving are his wife, Judy C.; his father, Philip Sr. of Hillsborough; a son, Jacob Philip, and two daughters, Caroline Grace and Jennifer Nicole, all of Bound Brook; a stepson, Anthony Abbatiello Jr., and a stepdaughter, Amanda Abbatiello, · both of Hillsborough; and four sisters, Cheryl Banks of Freehold, Denise Scupp of Bridgewater, Darlene Boni of Ringoes and Jacqueline Issler of Bound Brook

Services were held Monday at the Clover Hill Reformed Church in Hillsborough. Burial was in Neshanic Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Hillsborough Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, 375 Route 206, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 or American Heart Association, 2550 U.S. Highway 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

George W. Joseph Getlik

SOUTH BOUND BROOK -War and a member of the Holy Joseph Getlik, 78, died July 31, Name Society at Our Lady of 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. Mercy Roman Catholic Church. A son-in-law, Joseph Pellicane Born July 27, 1927 in Vine, Slovakia, he was a son of the late III, died in 2000.

Mary Chiara

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Mary Skirka Getlik; two Ma. Getlik came to the United daughters, Karen Pellicane and States in 1947 and had lived in Donna Nicholls; two sons, Michael and James; and three South Bound Brook since 1957. He retired in 1989 after 26 years grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

in 1996. A daughter, Helen C.

Surviving are a son-in-law,

Albert Marchio Sr.; three

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held

yesterday at Our Lady of

Mount Virgin Roman Catholic

Church. Burial was in

Resurrection Burial Park,

Arrangements were by the

Middlesex Funeral Home.

Marchio, died in 1988.

Piscataway.

Arlington SOUTH PLAINFIELD

George W. Arlington, 60, died July 30, 2005 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Arlington was born in Elizabeth. He lived in Union, Warren and West Long Branch before moving to South Plainfield.

He was a horseman and a part owner of the Walter Coonie Stable in Warren. Mr. Arlington was in the Army from 1966-68 and spent seven years in the Army Reserve after that. His mother, Yeresa J. O'Grady

Arlington, died in 2003. Surviving are his former wife, Norma; his father, George R. of West Long Branch; a daughter, Theresa M. Ebel and husband Michael, with whom Mr. Arlington lived; a sister, Kathleen Sansone and husband William of Freehold; and five grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at the McCriskin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield. Entombment was in Good Shepherd Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

BOUND BROOK — Mabel Geraldine Dorsey, 80, died July

29, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. Born July 6, 1925 in

Middlesex, she was the eldest daughter of the late Loretta and John Shipley Sr.

Mrs. Dorsey lived in Bound Brook before moving to Somerville. She was a retired custodian

at Somerville High School and a domestic worker as well. For more than 50 years Mrs. Dorsey was a member of St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church in

Somerville. Her husband, Henry Edward Royal Dorsey Sr., died in 1991. A daughter, Mary H. Mann, Also preceding her in death

was a brother, Monroe Shipley. Surviving are a daughter, Geraldine Dorsey Hall of Somerville; six sons, Henry E.R. Jr. and wife Laverne of Somerville, James T. and wife Cathy of Somerville, Douglas W. and wife Wanda of Somerville, Rodney T. and wife Pandora of Somerville, Frank W. and wife Carole Ann of North Brunswick and Tyrone T. of North Carolina; a sister, Barbara Cox of Dunellen; a brother, John Shipley Jr. of Plainfield; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and many pieces and nephews.

Catherine E. Smith

Mabel Dorsey

Smith, 90, died July 27, 2005 at the Berkeley Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation

Center. She was born in Newark and lived in Dunellen for most of her life.

Mrs. Smith was a supervisor with Van Blaricom & Co. in Dunellen until her retirement

Her husband, Michael, died in 1978. A son, Michael, died

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Ruete and husband William of Berkeley Heights; sister, Helen Bolster of Piscataway; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Smith was a member. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Roberta Zabita

SOUTH BOUND BROOK --Roberta J. Zabita, 57, died July 26, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in New Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Olga White.

Mrs. Zabita lived in Piscataway before moving to South Bound Brook in 1975. She was the former executive chef of the Bound Brook Inn and, more recently, the food service manager of SBI in Woodbridge Center.

She graduated in 1974 from the culinary program at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I.

Surviving are her husband, James; a daughter, Sharon Miele of South Bound Brook; and two sisters, Dorothy Tengowski and Carol Passenti, both of New Port Richey, Fla.



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Development springs up around county

Many planning projects

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI & ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI

Municipalities, like everything else, are in a constant evolution. Places go in and out of fashion, much as pastimes and clothes do, and the next big thing is always just around the bend, leaving the last to gather dust on the shelf.

For municipalities, however, the stakes are higher: when a major industry moves out, the ratable base and population erode, leading to higher taxes and aging infrastructure that a community can no longer support. While this is a worst-case scenario, all communities face the situation to varying degrees, including municipalities in Somerset County.

The good news, however, is that there is a way to reverse the trend and revitalize a community: redevelopment, particularly economic redevelopment, which has become a hot topic in the county, around the state, and around the country, especially after the Kelo v New London Supreme Court decision earlier this year, which affirmed a community's right to use the power of eminent domain for economic redevelopment pur-

In Somerset County, nine municipalities are either in the middle of redevelopment projects or in the planning stages for redevelopment

SOMERVILLE

Somerville currently has three redevelopment zones: the East End Redevelopment Zone, which includes East Main Street and surrounding area; the landfill; and the West Main Street Redevelopment Zone, which Downtown includes the Somerville Shopping Center.

The original draft of the redevelopment plan met with a lot of resistance from residents. This time around, however, a citizen's group helped with the vision and direction of the project, and a new planner is on board.

The landfill, which is under discussion as a site for mixed-use development as well, is not progressing smoothly. Under litigation for several decades, the site also faces contamination and cloworking with the New Jersey Department of Economic

The West Main Redevelopment

tion. The Downtown Somerville Shopping Center, an estimated \$42.2 million project, is slated to include both retail and luxury residential apartments. The burough, the borough council, Gallagher, the planning board, and developer JSM at Somerville are all being sued by Pathmark.

GREEN BROOK Green Brook is currently in the planning stages, but not for an official redevelopment project. After receiving a \$14,250 Municipal Planning Partnership Grant last year to fund a commercial district smart growth study, the township is looking at what to do with a narrow corridor along

Washington Avenue. "There are no redevelopment districts and we don't intend to create any," said Rick Roseberry, township engineer. Most likely, the study will lead to changes in zoning, the permitted uses and the setbacks from other buildings. Additionally, recommendations could included improvements to the area's aesthetics streetscapes, lighting and sidewalks. "Currently the area is compiled of commercial structures with some residences that are non-conforming for that area." NORTH PLAINFIELD

"Currently, there are no designated redevelopment zones. We're more in the study stages or targeting the entire downtown,

from Plainfield to Route 22," said David Hollod, borough administrator. The borough is also looking at the "Old Mill" site, a factory building on Brook Avenue off of Watchung Avenue.

Studies on those areas will be completed next year, funded by a federal "Livable Communities" grant. "Then we'll see what our options are," said Hollod. "The planner would study these areas and develop a plan or a suggestion and present those ideas for plans to the council. You don't need to create a redevelopment zone to do redevelopment. Ideally, studies are done and

SOUTH BOUND BROOK

The Canal Road and Main Street improvement project was the first major revitalization project in the borough in decades. Made possible by grants from the federal Economic Development Authority and Somerset County, this project cost approximately and aimed to improve public safery and access to the borough's downtown, improve vehicle traffic flow, traffic calming and upgrading sidewalks

The biggest project, however, is on the former GAF site, which was borough owned property

"We started working on the redevelopment of the GAF site 8 or 9 years ago," said Colin Driver. economic development coordinator. The site, which was once a company that made asbestos roof shingles, was contaminated and underwent brownfields remedia-

"We removed 60,000 ions of contaminated soil," Driver said, with the help of the state Department of Environmental Protection. Soon, however, the site will be home to 152 "premium priced" townhouse units among 13 three-stor buildings with garages underneath, and there will be 23,000 square feet of retail space adjoining the townhouse development.

BRANCHBURG

While there is no designated redevelopment zone Branchburg, the township has received a proposal to redevelop the Pine Hotel, which has already been closed down, according to Tom Leach, land use and zoning officer for the township.

The developer, American Classic, proposes building 40 age restricted condominiums among two buildings. The application was recently awarded a use variance to permit the condominiums in the zone, and applicants will appear in front of the Board of Adjustment in September for site



GEORGE PACCIFILIO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER (ABOVE): COURTESY MATZEL & MUMFORD ORGANIZATION (TOP The traffic circle in Bound Brook, seen above, is part of that borough's redevelopment project. At top is a rendering of what Main Street in South Bound Brook will look like once the redevelopment project is completed.

plan approval. According to Leach, Township Planner Frank Bannish is currently researching other areas of the municipality to ascertain whether or not they should be presented to the Township Committee and the Planning Board for the creation of a redevelopment zone.

MANVILLE

Manville's project is the reclamation of a Superfund site: the Rustic Mall site, which encompasses 10 acres in the middle of downtown, was originally a creosote factory that had been torn down and replaced with 135 homes and a strip mall. After homeowners started complaining about creosote being belched out by their sump pumps, the EPA and the township had a \$150 million cleanup on their hands.

When the borough tried to condemn the mall site to sell it to a redeveloper, the owner sued the borough. Finally, the parent com- ment a reality downtown and pany, Garden Homes, stepped forward and is now working with the

Now, however, the remediation of the residential portion of the site is almost done, with the mall next in line. Once the remediation is complete, the mall will be replaced by commercial and retail space, residential housing, senior housing, and a community center, said Borough Administrator Gary Garwacke.

borough on redevelopment.

BOUND BROOK

Bound Brook has also designated a redevelopment zone, and has been working with the DEP and the county to make redevelopespecially at the site of the old public works garage. The redevelopment committee, headed by Dick Shive, has already received a \$90,000 grant from the county for sign and façade improvement.

According to John J. Kennedy, borough administrator, the borough is currently in discussions with Elite Properties to develop the public works site, which has already been designated a redevelopment zone.

"Things are progressing," Mayor Frank Ryan said, crediting South Bound Brook's redevelopment with creating a new atmos-

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Visit the acid-free world of etching

By CAITLIN SNYDER

BRANCHBURG - Few people think of art as dangerous, but 15 years ago when Marion Behr inhaled the toxic vapors released while creating a type of printmaking known as etching, she became acutely aware of the hazards.

Behr said she became lightheaded after accidentally inhaling vapors from the acid bath used as part of the printmaking process.

"My husband and I thought, 'There's got to be a better way," recalled Behr.

Behr and her husband, Omri Behr, a chemist and lawyer, have found that alternative and are now sharing the results in their upcoming "The World of show, ElectroEtch."

Opening Saturday, the show is a collection of etchings made using ElectroEtch, the Behr's non-toxic alternative to the acid process.

Under the traditional etching technique, an artist coats a copper or zinc plate with a ground, traces a design with a needle and submerges the plate in an acid bath. The acid then eats into the exposed copper plate, creating an etching.

By 1991, the Behrs had invented ElectroEtch, eliminating the need for acid. Instead, Behr uses a solution of water and copper or zinc sulfate. Into this are placed two electrically charged plates, one of which has been coated and traced.

No hazardous fumes are released as the metal is transferred, creating the etching and the power emitted never rises above three volts.

"At the very beginning, it was hard for me to leave the acid process," Marion said. The fumes from the acid, however, had previously restricted her work to a few hours a day; now, Marion said, she enjoys complete freedom with ElectroEtch.

Having received a grant Lindbergh the Foundation in 1993, the Behrs were able to introduce ElectroEtch to a broader information, visit www.printaudience, including an artist nj.org or call (908) 725-2110.

IUST THE FACTS: "The World of ElectroEtch" Aug. 6 to Oct. 22 The Printmaking Council of New Jersey 440 River Road **Branchburg**

co-op in an Inuit village on Holman Island in Canada.

"Initially they weren't crazy about something that was modern," said Marion, who, with her husband's help, taught at the village's artist co-op. Marion recalled that soon, however, "people would come in, kids included, and pick up a plate and use it.'

In one class, Marion had her students design an etching in a round-robin style, with each student contributing to the design in some small way.

"The students returned to the original art style, away from the commercial look," said Marion, who added that the commercial style had previously been dominant.

The upcoming show will host works by several noted artists, including Stanford University's Associate Professor of Printmaking, Enrique Chagoya, photographer Linda Cummings and mezzotint artist Herman

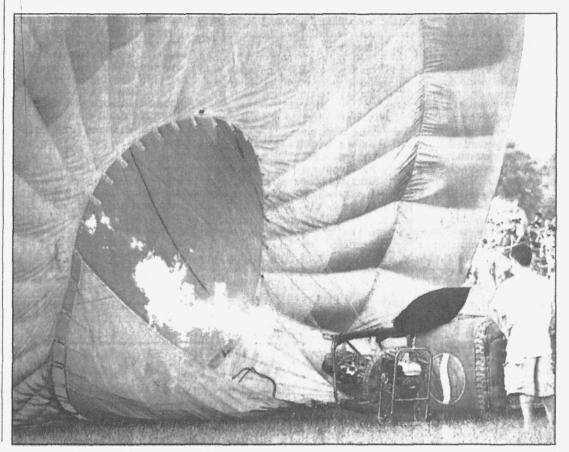
Other artists featured include several Inuit who studied with the Behrs, a local textile designer, and the Behrs' grandchildren.

Before ElectroEtch, etching was not accessible to young artists due to the dangers of acid. Now there are no age restrictions.

"The World of ElectroEtch" will show at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, 440 River Road, through Oct. 22. The Behrs and other artists will be present at a reception 2-4 p.m. Sept. 10. For more



Balloon launch sets the evening a-glow



Saturday's mass ascension of balloons at the annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning, held at Solberg Airport in Readington, began near dusk after winds delayed the launch by about an hour. At left, a burner is lit in preparation for the launch of the Pepsi balloon, which can be seen in flight above. Below, dozens of crews work to launch the balloons, which was followed by a balloon glow after dark. Earlier in the day, "Gentleman" Joe Menchetti, who wore a black tux with red bow tie and cummerbund, was crowned winner of the Quick Chek Original Toasted Sub Championship, having eaten six, 6-inch subs in less than 10 minutes. During the evening Saturday, Dennis DeYoung of Styx fame performed for thousands of fans.

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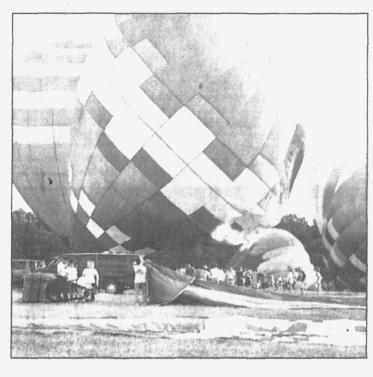
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Banks putting pressure on Giants' QB

BEDMINSTER - It shouldn't take ment over 2004, when the Giants too long for the New York Giants to find out if Eli Manning is going to be the quarterback who can lead them to the National Football League playoffs this year, according to Carl

The former standout Giants linebacker, the featured speaker during the Somerset County Business Partnership luncheon at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club July 29, feels the early portion of the schedule will be a huge indicator in gauging the growth of Manning, who enters his second NFL campaign as the starter after beginning his rookie season as

Kurt Warner's backup.
"Weeks one through four will go a long way towards making his report card," said Banks. "If he shows progress from Week One to Week Four, they could end up in a good position to make the playoffs. But if he's still struggling in Week Four, it could be a long year. They could end up around 8-8 or something like

Even that would be an improve-

went 6-10 with Manning finally taking over the quarterback job for the last seven games of the season. He didn't do too well, posting a miserable 55.4 QB rating, but did show definite positive signs in the final several contests, including a seasonending triumph over Dallas.

Manning appears to have adequate offensive talent around him, with halfback Tiki Barber in his prime after rushing for 1518 yards last year, and Plaxico Burress a valuable addition to the receiving corps. Tight end Jeremy Shockey and wideout Amani Toomer, hindered by injuries last fall but apparently both quite healthy at this point, also give Manning danger-

"He has the tools to work with," said Banks. "Tiki is outstanding, and Shockey is strong again and ready to

With the Giants pre-season training camp just recently getting under way, they should also be a bit more comfortable with the complexities of demanding Head Coach Tom Coughlin. They had some trouble of the Giants' activities as a pre-adjusting to him last year after he game analyst for WFAN's broadcasts adjusting to him last year after he replaced Jim Fassel.

"That was a big difference in personalities, going from Fassel to Tom Coughlin," said Banks, who resides on an estate straddling the Warren Township and Watchung borders. "It was a culture shock for them. But this year the players have no excus-

"He's never taken a team to the Super Bowl, but neither have most of the coaches in the NFL. But he has shown he's a good coach who knows how to win, and he has his way of getting things done. He is what he is."

Banks, who retired from pro ball after the 1996 season, also feels former All-Pro end Michael Strahan is ready to make a strong return to the defense after a torn pectoral muscle put him on the sidelines for the final half of the 2004 season.

"They play a lot of guys on defense and if some of the younger guys can step up, they can give him some rest and keep him fresh," said Banks.

Banks remains very much abreast

and through his own show on Sirius Satellite radio. This summer he'll also work on NBC-TV's coverage of the Giants' pre-season games and then will be part of FOX-TV's regular-season crew.

A successful self-motivated entrepreneur even as an active player, Banks told the audience at Friday's well-attended luncheon how he unexpectedly developed into a top football talent late during his career at Michigan State University. He was MVP of the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic as a senior and was the Giants' top draft selection in 1984.

Banks, who started on Giants teams that earned Super Bowl championships in 1986 and 1990, always had an interest in fashion and his stature with the Giants proved to be part of another winning combina-

He recognized a lack of quality apparel sized to fit him and his teammates, so he began designing outerware for several teammates

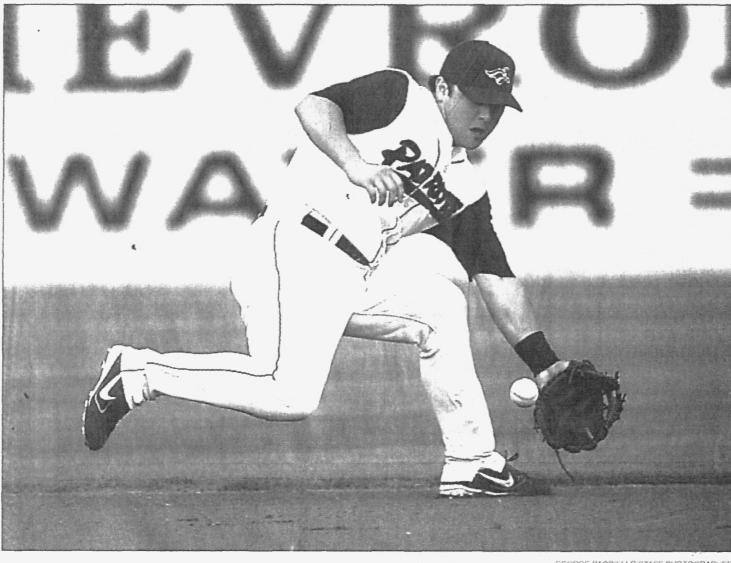
and friends around the league.

After receiving positive reviews, he applied for an NFL license in 1989 to distribute his wares to major retailers and in '96 the Gill/Carl Banks clothing line became one of the licensees that pay the NFL a minimum of \$1 million in royalties. Right now he's vice-president of the G-III Apparel Group.

"Success comes through you, not to you," he said. "Success is just a step it's a journey that keeps going." However, he's still searching for the business equivalent of earning a

gaudy Super Bowl ring. "Nothing tops the feeling of winning a Super Bowl," he said. "I don't think there's a better feeling. So you

keep chasing it.' Banks heads The Carl Banks Foundation, a charity providing medical help to youngsters who've suffered head injuries while engaged in athletics, and is president of Banks Communications, an integrated marketing firm. He also has been involved in the United Way for many years.



Somerset shortstop Kevin Nicholson is about to scoop up a grounder and throw to first for the out during the Patriots' 2-0 ALPB triumph over the Atlantic City Surf July 29 in front of a season-high 7748 spectators at Commerce Bank Park. Nicholson had four of the Patriots' six hits the following night in a 2-0 loss to Atlantic City.

Somerset offense remains quiet

They've actually been a better team on the road than in the friendly confines of their own ballpark this year. But their offensive woes followed the Somerset Patriots to New Hampshire Tuesday

Continuing a week-long slump, the Patriots managed just six hits - including Ryan Radmanovich's two solo home runs — during a 7-3 loss to the Nashua Pride in front of 1137 fans at Holman Stadium. The setback left Somerset with a 7-11 second-half season record in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball.

Jeff Nettles had a hit and drove in a Pats' run and Jeremy Owens doubled but Nashua (13-5) was too much for starting pitcher Nick Stocks (2-3) to handle as he yielded eight hits, three walks and six runs in six innings before Shane Heams relieved him.

AC 6, Patriots 2 — A third-inning error produced the Pats' only runs during Sunday afternoon's loss to Atlantic City as the Surf won for the third time in the four-game series with 5648 fans looking on at Commerce Bank Park, Bridgewater.

Chris Eickhorst, in what turned out to be his final game as a Patriot, went 2 for 4 but Somerset managed just three other hits - Radmanovich's double and singles by Billy Hall and George Sandel. Eduardo Villacis (1-0) pitched the first six innings to earn the victory and three relievers finished up for AC, which improved its second-half season record to

Pats' starter Scott Sobkowiak (8-6) allowed nine hits, three walks and six runs, four of which were earned, while fanning seven before Heams replaced

him in the eighth. The Surf scored the game's first three runs in the third when, following two walks, Dario Delgado drilled a two-run single and Al Benjamin followed with an RBI double.

Somerset came back in the home half of the stanza when Eickhorst and Sandel singled and both scored on an error on a

ball hit by Emiliano Escandon. AC added another run in the fourth when Gary Johnson singled, swiped second, moved to third on an error and came

home on David Housel's fly ball. AC 2, Patriots 0 - Surf righthander



Lincoln Mikkelson, who brought a 3-9 record and 6.22 ERA into the contest, gave up six hits and no walks while striking out seven in a route-going effort Saturday night in front of 6635 fans at

The 38-year-old Mikkelson, who'd been hit hard by the Pats in two previous starts earlier in the month, got into trouble in the final inning when he hit leadoff batter Pat Boran and lefty-swinging Kevin Nicholson blooped a hit to left, giving him a 4-for-4 night.

But Radmanovich bounced into a 4-6-3 double play and Nettles sent a shot to center which Gary Johnson grabbed on the warning track.

Mark DeFelice (2-1) pitched well in his third start for the Pats, yielding two runs, four hits and no walks while fanning nine before Nick Bierbrodt came in for the

Lefty-swinging Tom Goodwin came through with AC's first hit, leading off the fourth with a ground-ball single to right. He stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Delgado's groundout to shortstop Nicholson.

The visitors scored again in the fifth when Jim Essian bunted for a one-out hit, stole second and scored on lefty-hitting Johnson's single to left. Boran charged the ball and actually made a perfect onehop peg to catcher Brent Cordell, who couldn't hold on to the ball as Essian slid

in to the plate. Owens extended his hitting streak to 13 games - the Pats' high this year - with an infield roller to second with one out in the seventh before Ray Navarrete (who'd doubled in the second) grounded into a double play.

Patriots 2, AC 0 — The four-hit pitching of Greg Modica, Brad Clontz, and David Elder and a two-run homer by Navarrete carried the Pats to victory July 29 in front of a season-high 7748 fans on Fireworks Night at Commerce Bank Park. Modica (4-5) went the first 5 1/3

innings, allowing four hits (none until the fifth) and a walk while fanning six before Clontz and Elder (sixth save) finished up.

Navarrete's fifth homer following a fifth-inning single by Owens produced the game's only runs. The home team's only other hits in the game were a pair of singles by Hall, who also was caught stealing for just the fifth time.

The shutout was the Pats' eighth of the year and Somerset improved its record when leading after seven innings to 40-0. AC 9, Patriots 6 - Only a four-run

ninth, highlighted by Cordell's three-run homer, made things a bit more interesting July 28 as the Pats fell to the Surf in front of 6065 fans at CBP. AC snapped a 2-all tie with four runs in

the fifth and added three more in the next inning against starter Todd Moser (2-3), who was yanked after yielding a dozen hits, two walks and nine runs in six Cordell, whose third-inning double

drove home the game's first run, finished with two hits, as did Radmanovich and Owens.

Back-to-back homers by Delgado (his 18th) and Benjamin (11th) had staked the Surf to a 2-1 lead in the fourth before Radmanovich singled, moved up on an error and scored on Owens' hit in the home half of the inning.

Melvin Rosario's solo homer started AC's four-run outburst in the fifth and the Surf went ahead 9-2 in the sixth before Robert Marquez relieved Moser.

Long Island 6, Patriots 3 — Gaining a 5-0 lead through four innings, the Ducks held on to win the series finale July 27 at Commerce Bank Park.

Nettles had three of the Pats' seven hits, including a solo homer to center which accounted for the game's final run in the eighth. Owens' homer, his 12th, gave Somerset its first run in the fourth. An error and Hall's RBI single gave Somerset its other run in the fifth. Stocks, who gave up five hits, four walks and five runs in four innings, took the

DiFelice fits in well with Pats

By ALLAN CONOVER Sports Editor

BRIDGEWATER - He's no different than many of the other players who toil in the independent Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, hoping for a first shot or even another chance to pull on a major league uniform.

"I've never been to the big leagues," said Mark DiFelice, 'so that's the big goal of mine. I think that's what keeps me going right now. Even if it's a cup of coffee - just to say I got

So far, DiFelice is doing what he can with the Somerset Patriots to make that dream an eventual reality. The lanky righthander made his third successive impressive start on the mound Saturday night during a 2-0 loss to Atlantic City at Commerce Bank Park.

Released earlier this summer by the Washington Nationals after struggling with their Triple-A New Orleans club, DiFelice has fit in nicely as a starter on a Somerset staff that's been hurt by the defections of Derek Lee and Brian

Tollberg to affiliated ball. "I'm glad these guys are giving me an opportunity to play again," said DiFelice, who'll celebrate his 29th birthday in three weeks. "It's great that Count (Somerset pitching coach John Montefusco) is giving me the chance to start. I've pretty much started my whole career until the last couple years. I always wanted to get

back to starting." DiFelice had been relegated to primarily a relief role, getting an occasional spot start, in recent seasons and it hadn't exactly worked in his favor. With the Baltimore Orioles' Ottawa Triple-A team a year ago, he went 9-4 with a decent 3.44 earned run average in 36 outings.

After signing as a free agent with the Nationals this year he appeared in 14 games, including two starts, for New Orleans. He was cut after an especially difficult start against Nashville, when he allowed 10 runs in four innings.

"I hadn't really been pitching all that badly until that last game," said DiFelice. "I think I had a run of bad luck. I was getting used in roles that maybe didn't exactly set me up to fail, but just where I probably wasn't going to succeed in,

"As a starter, you get into more of a routine when you know you're going out there. every five days," he added. "You feel comfortable with that, you put your arm in a situation where it knows it's going to throw every five days and you prepare yourself for that instead of just getting a call in the bullpen that night, not knowing if you're even going to go in the game.

"They were throwing me in situations where I'd come in for the seventh, eighth or ninth innings, and that wasn't me. That's not how I've been used in the past. I'm better coming in for two, three or even four innings after a starter has to come out.

"I'm not a set-up guy or a closer - I obviously don't throw hard enough for that.



I'm not going to overpower you with my fastball. I'm a starter and/or a long-relief guy.'

DiFelice, who indicated his best fastball might hit 90 miles an hour, is very much a finesse pitcher who prefers to set up opponents in a variety of ways while using all the borders of the strike zone, horizontally and vertically.

"I like to throw a lot of different pitches and pitch in sequences where hitters might not be expecting certain pitches, like throwing a changeup when they're expecting a fastball," said DiFelice, who grew up in Havertown, Pa. and still resides there. "But at times I can rear back and touch 90."

A graduate of Western Carolina University, DiFelice was drafted in 1998 by the Colorado Rockies and spent five years with that organization.

He underwent shoulder surgery to repair a torn labrum following the 2001 campaign and missed all of the following season while recovering. He came back in 2003 in Baltimore's Double-A system. Entering this year he had a career 47-39 record with a 3.65 ERA in 161 games.

DiFelice (2-1) pitched well again Saturday, lowering his ERA to 1.82, but had no chance to emerge a winner as the Pats were shut out on six hits, four of them coming from shortstop Kevin Nicholson.

"He's pitched real good for us," said Pats' Manager Sparky Lyle, who afterwards was livid while complaining about home-plate umpire Joe Cruz's wide strike zone and how it curtailed Somerset's hitters. "He gets stronger as the game goes on. He's been a good addition for us."

DiFelice allowed four hits, no walks and two runs while striking out nine in eight innings. He admitted Cruz's generous strike zone probably aided him as much as counterpart Lincoln Mikkelsen, who went

the distance. "He had a wide zone - I'm not going to lie to you," said DiFelice.

DiFelice set down the Surf in order through the first three innings before yielding a ground-ball single to right field by lefty-swinging Tom Goodwin leading off the

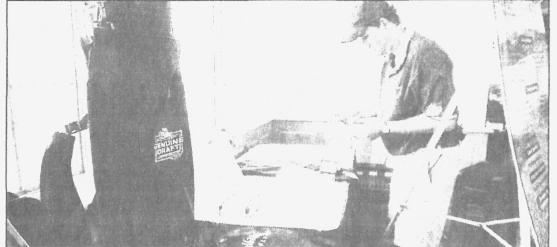
After Rayner Bautista flied out to right, Goodwin stole second on the first pitch to No. 3 hitter Dario Delgado and then advanced again on a wild pitch. Delgado's fielder'schoice grounder to short sent in the game's first run.

In the next inning Jim Essian, a lefty hitter, bunted to the third-base side for a oneout single, swiped second and scored on Gary Johnson's opposite-field hit to left. On the play Pat Boran made a perfect one-hop peg to catcher Brent Cordell, who couldn't hold on to the ball as Essian slid into home plate.



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The Somerset Patriots' sixth annual Golf Classic was held on Monday. Held at Neshanic Valley Golf Course in Branchburg, the day benefited Somerset Patriots' charities and Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005. While participants take to the first tee using an army of carts, top, Sparky Lyle, manager of the Patriots, seen at right, watches his tee shot soar. One of the many prizes available was this special New York Yankees-liveried Ford Mustang, up for grabs to the person who could score a hole in one, something no one was able to do. Dave Marek, vice-president of marketing for the Patriots, seen above right, gets a variety of items together for an auction to benefit both the Patriots' charities and OPSHBX. For more on Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, see Page A5.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES

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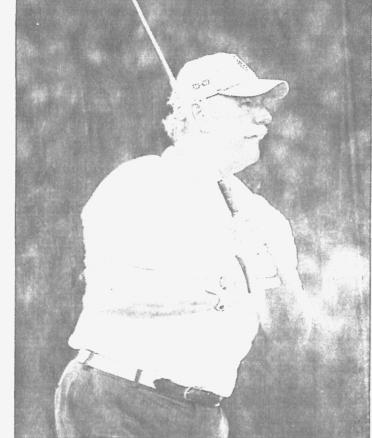
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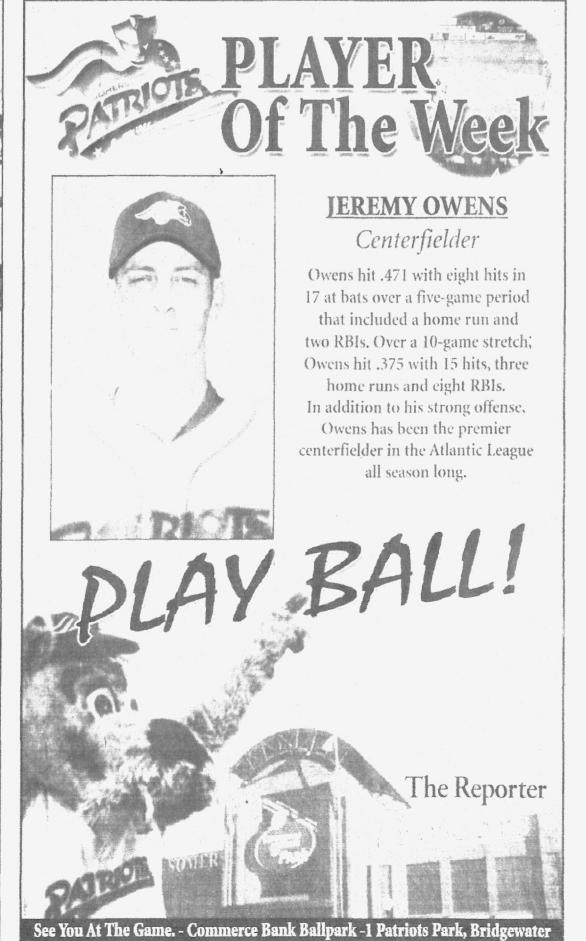




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Campus Notes

Angelique Ganiaris of South chology. Plainfield has graduated from Lovola University New Orleans, La. She received a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, at the 94th commencement ceremonies on May 14.

Jossue Salazar of Middlesex has received an associate's degree from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I.

Beverlee Shivers of Bound Brook has graduated from Washington College in Chestertown, Md. She received a bachelor's degree in anthropology and environmental studies at the 223rd commencement ceremonies May 22.

A total of 23 area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Rider University in Lawrenceville. They are:

Nicole Baratta of Dunellen, a senior majoring in psycholo-

Jason Bellew of Piscataway, a junior majoring in secondary education and biology.

Ashley Benham of Edison, a junior majoring in finance. Rafal Bielecki of Edison, a junior majoring in finance and

accounting. Shannon Boyles of South Plainfield, a sophomore majoring in elementary educa-

tion and psychology. Bozzomo Megan Middlesex, a junior majoring in elementary education and

psychology. Brodetsky Ilona Metuchen, a senior majoring in political science.

Beth Gard of Edison, a junior majoring in journalism. Jaime Geller of Edison, a junior majoring in elementary education and psychology.

Lisa Griguoli of Bound Brook, a junior majoring in elementary education and fine

Shawn Harrison of Highland Park, a freshman majoring in liberal studies.

Shelly Helfgott of Edison, a junior majoring in elementary education and communica-

Samantha Ladany of Edison, a senior majoring in elementary education and psycholo-

Ludwig Jennifer Middlesex, a junior majoring in elementary education and psychology.

Christine Markow of Bound Brook, a senior majoring in business administration.

Jessica Mortenson of Edison, a sophomore majoring in elementary education and psy-

Amie O'Neill of Middlesex, a senior majoring in elementary

education and psychology. Jennifer Pagano Piscataway, a senior majoring in fine arts and communica-

Grishma Patel of Edison, a senior majoring in finance and management.

Michelle Quinones of South Bound Brook, a junior major-

ing in accounting. Marisa Tavesat of Edison, a sophomore majoring in

English. Amy Toporek of Edison, a senior majoring in communi-

Laura Vosilla of Edison, a junior majoring in communi-

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa. They are:

Jennifer E. Applegate of 318 Terrace, Mountainview Dunellen, a junior majoring in psychology.

Kevin J. Walsh of 52 Sharon Court, Metuchen, a sophomore majoring in history.

Four area students have graduated from the University of the Sciences Philadelphia. Receiving their degrees at the 184th commencement exercises on May

Alpesh Patel of Piscataway, doctor of pharmacy degree. He is the son of Mahesh and Saroi Patel.

Roohee P. Patel of Piscataway, bachelor's degree in pharmacology and toxicology. She is the daughter of Pankaj Patel.

Sheetal Patel of Piscataway, bachelor's degree in pharmacology and toxicology. She is the daughter of Narendra Patel.

Eric Frank Toth of South Plainfield, master of physical therapy degree plus a bachelor's degree in health science. The son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Toth was on the USIP men's basketball and men's volleyball teams.

McCandlish of David Highland Park has graduated from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics at the 133rd commencement exercises May

McCandlish, who plans to be an audio engineer, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received the Deans' Award at Swarthmore. The son of Larry

an alumnus of Highland Park High School.

Three area students have graduated from Drew in Madison. University Receiving their degrees at the 137th commencement exercises on May 21:

Derek Towers Haff of Piscataway, bachelor's degree. cum laude. Oliver Patrick Kamp of

South Plainfield, bachelor's degree, summa cum laude. Zoe Van Dam Steinheimer of Piscataway, bachelor's degree,

summa cum laude.

Andrew Vail of Dunellen has graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University State Blacksburg, Va. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the Virginia Tech commencement May 13.

The son of Cliff and Diane Vail has joined Whitman, Requardt & Associates in Baltimore, Md.

Nicole Rose Rivera of Piscataway has received a bachelor's degree in sport management from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield,

Brian Jimenez Andaya of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y. He is a senior

and Elizabeth McCandlish is majoring in chemical engineering.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Danilo Andaya graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen.

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa.

Lindsay P. Chamberlain of 37 W. High St., Bound Brook, is majoring in environmental science and biology. Joshua B. Rosen of 10 Plafsky Drive, Edison, is majoring in business administration.

Amanda Wormann Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa. She is a junior majoring in health and occupation.

Oghogho Aifuwa of Edison has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, the national academic honor society for college freshmen. Aifuwa is studying for a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

Paul Dellanno of Edison attained commended status for the second trimester of the 2004-05 school year at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange. He had a grade point average of 3.0-3.49 on a scale of 4.

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Daniel Golbeck Rudel of Metuchen was named to the dean's list for the winter 2005 term at Choate Rosemary Hall, a college preparatory school in Wallingford, Conn. He is the son of Dr. Thomas K. Rudel and Dr. Susan L. Golbeck.

Regina Topping of Edison has been awarded a founder's scholarship to attend Rider University in Lawrenceville. She is in Grade 12 at Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains.

Stephanie L. Hodgdon of Middlesex is a senior studying unified elementary and special education with secondary emphasis in English. Hodgdon is the daughter of Donna and Robert Hodgdon and is a 2001 graduate of Middlesex High School.

Erin Bunger of Piscataway was one of 27 students recently inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa honor society at University. Susquehanna Bunger, a junior psychology major, is a 2002 graduate of Piscataway High School. She is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Bunger.

James R. Urbaniak of Piscataway has been named to the dean's list on the Rutgers College Campus in New Brunswick for the 2004 fall semester. Urbaniak is a third vear student majoring in English and History in educa-tion and is the son of John and Francesca Urbaniak.

Rajwinder Jassil of Bound Brook has been named to the Dean's List at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Jassil is a Physical Therapy stu-

Elizabeth Tammaro of Dunellen has been named to the Dean's List at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Tammaro is a Doctor of Pharmacy student.

Jonathan D. Mahr of Edison graduated from Rutgers College with a B.S. degree in computer science. He also was on the Dean's List and a 2000 graduate of John P. Stevens High School.

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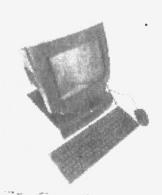
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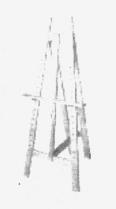














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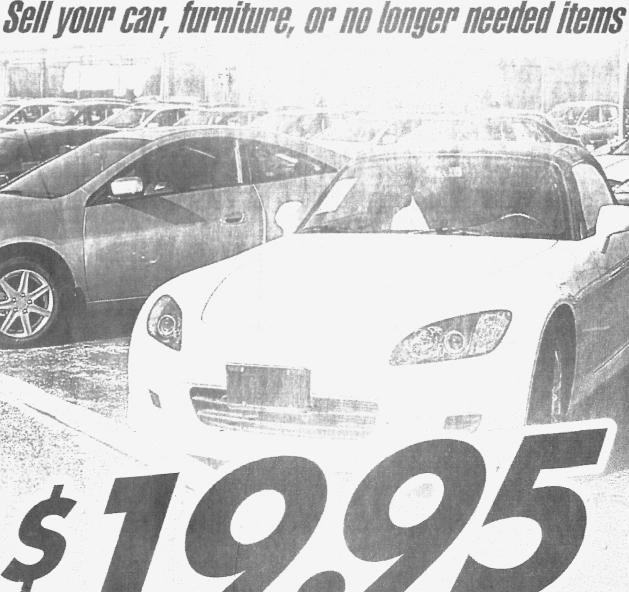
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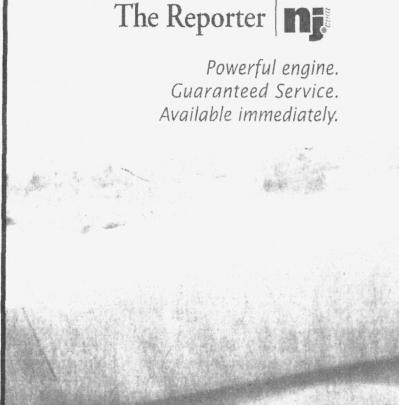
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