



Winning teams

Area high school squads logged some victories earlier this week, including the J.P. Stevens girls tennis squad and the Piscataway and Middlesex football teams. **Page B1.**



Mexico bound

Bridget Paltion, 13, a student at Green Brook Middle School, got one last goodbye from a monarch butterfly as she and her classmates released 15 butterflies they raised over the past year. Students used the transformation of the monarchs from caterpillar to winged creature as inspiration in Melanie Tufaro's language arts class. **Page B2.**

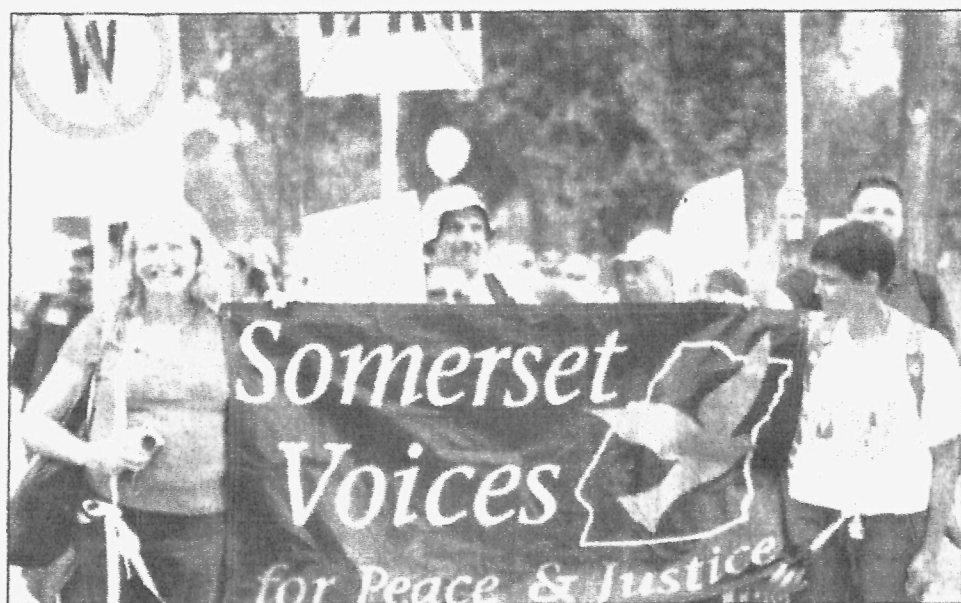
Pats begin title chase

The Somerset Patriots defeated the Atlantic City Surf by a score of 5-2 at The Sandcastle on Tuesday evening to take Game One of the South Division Series. Game Two was played last night at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. Catch the latest game details at www.nj.com/patriots.

How to Help OPSHBX

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, in partnership with American Recreational Military Services is seeking cash donations in support of their ongoing effort to supply American forces overseas with a steady supply of personal items, toiletries and snacks. For more on Operation Shoebox, see **Page A5.**

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Susan Johanesen and Michelle Edgar, both of Somerville, carry a banner through the streets of Washington, D.C., Saturday in protest of the war in Iraq. Rob Bayait, also of Somerville, can be seen in the middle wearing a hat. Members and friends of Somerset Voices for Peace and Justice were among more than 100,000 people who descended on the Capitol.

JIM WHITE/THE REPORTER

Residents take to streets to stop war, honor hero

Somerset group marches on D.C.

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

Heading out of Washington, D.C., smiles flashed up and down the aisle when the group of New Jerseyans noticed that someone had taped a sign reading "Mission accomplished" to the window of a nearby bus.

Earlier Saturday, the 48 area residents joined more than 100,000 people from across the country and marched on the Capitol in protest of the war in Iraq, the biggest such demonstration since the conflict began.

"It's important. I'm really here for my children, for future generations," said Rob Bayait of Somerville. "The Bush administration lied on the war in Iraq."

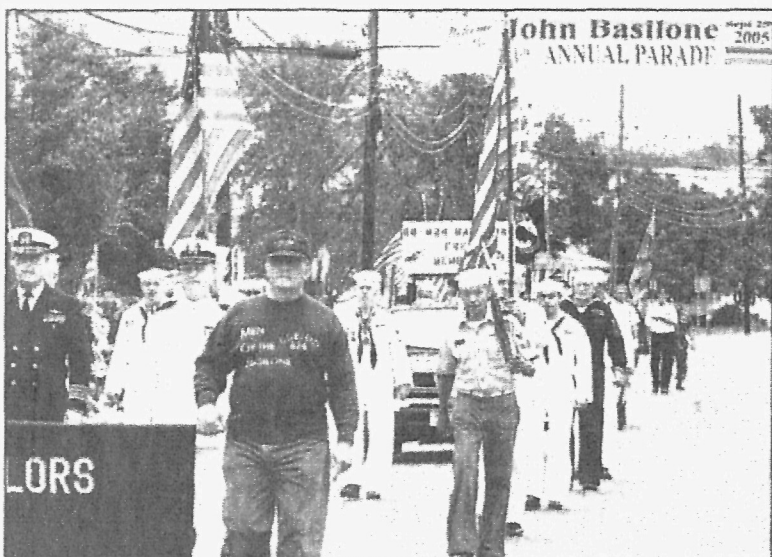
Bayait, who has two daughters, ages 2 and 4, conceded he originally didn't believe the White House misled the American people on the war, as critics say, but that changed with some research.

"I would say, 'Rob, they're not telling the truth,'" his wife Claudia Bayait said.

"I believed Bush, but once I got all the facts, it's insanity," said Rob Bayait, who came to his conclusions through a lot of internet reading and editorials.

"The (news) media has really let us

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Veterans march along the streets of Raritan Sunday during the 24th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade.

NICOLE DIMELLA/THE REPORTER

Basilone part of Raritan's fiber

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

RARITAN — Some 60 years since his death, the legend of World War II hero John Basilone is alive and well in the borough.

"It's part of our fiber," said Lucy Majewski, a lifelong resident of Raritan who stood out on her Thompson Street porch Sunday to watch the passing of the 24th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade.

"He's part of the town. A hero? Absolutely," she said. "All servicemen have a special place in my heart."

But what sets Basilone apart from others who have defended this country is the way that he did it.

Basilone, a Marine gunnery sergeant, was awarded the Congressional

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County officers witness carnage left by Katrina

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — The officers are home, safe and sound, but the pictures they brought back just don't do justice to the condition of New Orleans.

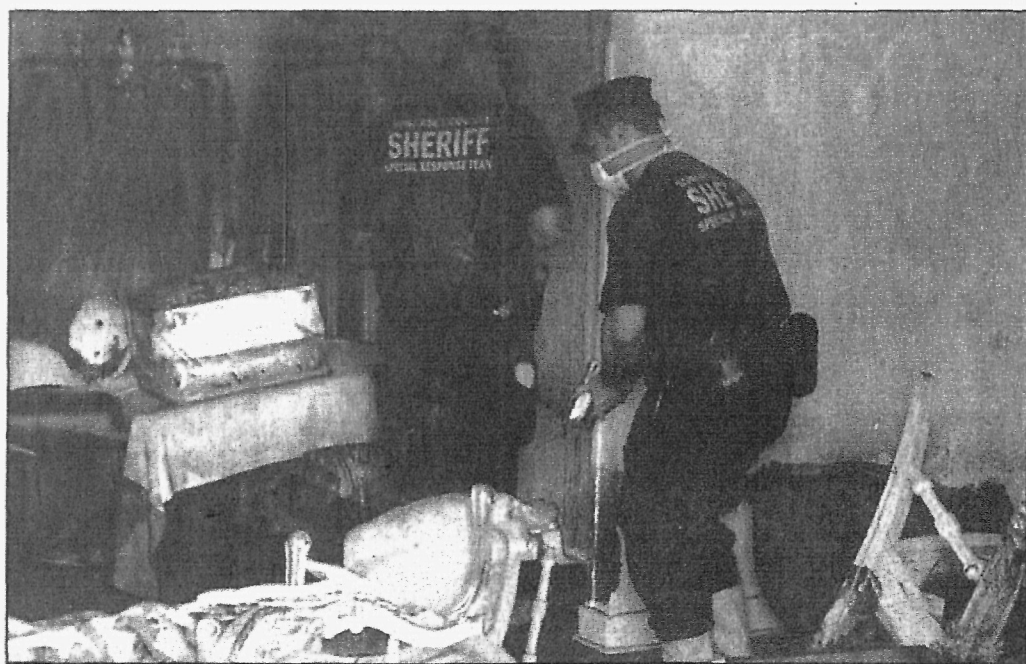
There are houses in the middle of roads, boats on top of cars, shipping containers in front yards miles away from the port, and litter everywhere. While the Somerset County Special Response Team was in the city, there was still flooding, and some streets were dry, but covered with sludge. Evidence of human habitation was everywhere, but few people were visible.

"It looked like a nuclear holocaust," said Sgt. Nick Klemtowicz, who led the group of sheriff's and corrections officers. It was odd, he said, "to see a city with major highways abandoned."

The Somerset County team was sent to the Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina: with officers from the Union County SWAT team, where they did rescue and recovery while on day patrol and checked for looters on night patrol in several areas of the city, including the ninth ward.

"When we first went on night patrol, we were arresting a lot of people and turning them over to the New Orleans Police Department," he said. But there were too many people for the local authorities to handle, and nowhere to put them, so only people who

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COURTESY SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Cpl. Don Essig, left, and officer Mark Szczecina, both of the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, check a house in New Orleans for victims of Hurricane Katrina. The county's Special Response Team recently returned from the ravaged Gulf Coast.

Carpet store donates its profits to Hurricane Katrina victim fund

BOUND BROOK — One day back in September of 1999 Bound Brook Carpet owner Ike Hishmeh and his son Jacob awoke to the devastation of Tropical Storm Floyd.

They could not believe what they saw: Over 10 feet of water from the Raritan River over took Main Street in front of their store.

In the weeks and months ahead, Hishmeh vowed to rebuild. What emerged out of that will to survive was a new store located on East Main Street.

That store, Bound Brook Carpet, is one of many to reopen in the years following the flooding.

This September, Hishmeh, while watching coverage of Hurricane Katrina, said the same emotions he felt in 1999 came surging again.

"I immediately thought what could I do to help as so many helped in Bound Brook," said Hishmeh.

With the help of Jacob, now 18, they brainstormed together to come up with the idea to have a weekend long sale at his store.

All of the profits from the sale went straight to the Salvation Army Katrina Fund.

Jacob, who works with his dad at the store, said he told his father: "I want to help as

well. Don't pay me for this weekend. I told my dad to give my \$200 pay check the Salvation Army as well."

This generous donation made the Hishmeh's total donation \$1,000.

"I felt good giving back to my American brothers and sisters," Ike said. "I know what it is like to be hit by the mighty hand of mother nature."

Accepting the check was Salvation Army Captain George Sancho.

"Remember what JFK said ask not what your country can do for you but, ask what you can do for your county," Sancho said.



COURTESY BOUND BROOK CARPET

Jacob Hishmeh, 18, left, son of Bound Brook Carpet owner Ike Hishmeh, hands over a check for \$1,000 to Salvation Army Captain George Sancho for the Army's Katrina Fund. The donation came from store profits and Jacob's salary.

Briefs

Edison Arts Society offers poetry reading

The Edison Arts Society is presenting the Harvest of Poetry, a free reception and reading celebrating the fourth issue of the Edison Literary Review, from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Sheraton Edison Hotel at Raritan Center, 125 Raritan Center Parkway.

Contributors who will be reading at the Harvest of Poetry include Svea Barrett, Laura Boss, Adele Bourne, Rachel Bunting, Anna Evans, Gail Gaspar, Kate Greenstreet, James Gwyn, Pat Hardigree, Vincent Larkin, Laura McCullough, Dorothy McLaughlin, Peter Murphy, Bruce Niedt, Robert Rosenbloom and Frank Wagenblast.

Copies of the Edison Literary Review may be purchased at the event for \$5. There will be a cash bar.

For more information, call (908) 753-2787.

Fall rummage sale coming to borough

BOUND BROOK — The Women's Fellowship Group of the Congregational Church, 209 Church St., holds their Fall Rummage Sale in early October.

Sale hours are from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7; and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 8. Used clothing for men, women and children will be available; all apparel is in good condition.

Dinnerware, toys, household goods and bric-a-brac also will

be offered. Prices are reduced for the "Fill a Bag" special on Oct. 8.

For more information, call (732) 356-1293.

Bible's bad girls subject of production

PISCATAWAY — The Women's Fellowship and Liturgical Dance Ministry of the North Stelton A.M.E. Church presents "Bad Girls of the Bible — Part 2."

This breakfast and "choreodrama" is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 in the A.M.E. church at 123 Craig Ave. Cost is \$15 per adult couple, \$10 per single adult, \$7 for seniors and children under 18.

For more information, call (732) 287-5184.

Piscataway to hold martial arts classes

PISCATAWAY — Free classes in martial arts are offered for township residents through the Recreation Department.

All classes are in the Conackamack Middle School gym on Witherspoon Street. The schedule:

Teen class (ages 12-18) — 7-8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday beginning Oct. 4.

Adult class (ages 18-up) — 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Friday beginning Oct. 4.

Class size is limited. Instructors are certified and have gone through a background check.

Registration in advance is recommended; call (732) 562-2382.

Literacy volunteers seeking instructors

EDISON — The Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex have scheduled tutor training workshops for instructors in basic literacy and English as a Second Language.

Training is at the main branch of the Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., on Saturdays from Oct. 1-22. No teaching experience is necessary.

When you complete tutor training, you'll be matched at a mutually convenient library with adults who have requested help.

For more information, call (732) 432-8000.

Katrina

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were actively looting were apprehended.

Many people were just "sheltering in place" illegally, or staying in their homes or relatively undamaged buildings despite the evacuation order. "By the time we got there, all of the people were either rescued or victims," he said, and there were no rescues. The team just went house to house, checking for people and marking the buildings to let other teams in the area know whether or not the house had been entered and what had been found there.

There were stranded animals everywhere, said Klemtowicz. Animal welfare organizations supplied food for the officers to give to stranded pets, some of which were on rooftops while others wandered the streets. In one area, where there had been illegal drug activity, there were pit bulls that the officers had to watch out for.

While power was on in some areas of the city, the electricity brought with it some problems. Several officers from the team called in a fire that had been started in a home when the power came back on, and a fire company from California, in New Orleans as part of the relief effort, responded.

Previous relief workers had done a good job of clearing trees and wires from the streets so that emergency personnel and police could get through, Klemtowicz said, but there were still streets flooded, especially by the levee breach. Downtown, no one was allowed into the superdome. "It was a biohazard," said Klemtowicz.

One surprising thing he learned down there, however, is that many Kenner, La., police and Louisiana State police had worked overtime since the hurricane, but not necessarily out of selflessness. Many had gotten their families out and returned to work because they needed the overtime pay in order to replace their homes and possessions.

The Somerset County officers returned home last Monday, and were back at work on Thursday, but won't forget their trip anytime soon.

"It was devastated down there," said Klemtowicz. "Pictures and TV don't do it justice."

D.C. march

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down on these things," his wife said.

The couple, carrying signs that had a large W with a line through it and the words Iraq War with an X over it, made the bus trip to D.C. with other area residents and members of Somerset Voices for Peace and Justice, a local anti-war group that formed during the run-up to the war.

"I really wish more kids would get involved with the government, because this (the war) is going to affect generations to come," said Rob Bayait, in the shadow of the Washington Monument on Constitution Avenue.

"I have two little girls. I'm worried about the future, the financial burden. I'm afraid there will be no money for college, medicare, the elderly. They're spending so much on this war," he said. "Young people have to start getting involved. I didn't become political until I had children. When you have children you start looking at things differently."

The couple marched the streets of Washington within an army of like-minded Americans who also brought signs, beat drums and chanted slogans in an attempt to get the president's attention — though, like in past demonstrations, he was out of town — and let the world know that not everyone in the United States is on the same page with the Bush administration.

Celebrities and politicians, including Jessica Lange and Ralph Nader made speeches

during the day, and Cindy Sheehan, the California mother who had camped outside Bush's Texas ranch looking for answers to why her son had to die in the war, was scheduled to make an appearance. Sheehan and other protesters were arrested Monday outside of the White House.

During Saturday's march, security vehicles occasionally cut through the crowd, as if trying to intimidate the marchers, and a few hundred pro-war supporters barked obscenities from behind a wall of police on Pennsylvania Avenue.

"The crowds are fine, largely peaceful," said Sgt. D. Tolson of the United States Park Police. "The weather has cooperated. No incidents of civil disobedience. We are pleased with the crowd."

"I think it shows that many more people these days are opposed to the war," said Somerville resident Susan Johannesen, who is president of Somerset Voices for Peace and Justice and organized the bus trip. "And for as many people as there are here, there are probably as many who couldn't come."

Siham Alfred, a Palestinian woman who resides in Franklin, came to Washington to protest what she sees as a similar situation as that between Israel and the Palestinians.

"Too many have died. A country that was viable is now dismembered," she said of Iraq. "It's just another occupation. ... The British promised land to the Jews that did not belong to them," she said of Israel.

In her homeland Siham said she would like to one day see a single state where Jews and Palestinians live together in peace. In Iraq she said she

would like to see Iraqis form a new government.

"Without involvement of the United States," she said.

The march was also an opportunity for activists to voice their opinions on a number of issues, including the government's handling of the Hurricane Katrina disaster, global warming, and big business.

Deb Huber, from Tewksbury, carried an American flag with well-known corporate symbols instead of stars.

"I'm only missing Halliburton," she said with a laugh. "This is the biggest problem in this country. Giant corporations are getting whatever they want."

Heading back to New Jersey, Michelle Edgar of Somerville said she got involved with Somerset Voices for Peace and Justice because of her two children and the way this country is perceived by others.

"I worry for my kids' future. What is going to happen to them," she said. "The whole world is in opposition to the position we took going into this war. We've created this animosity. Our standing in the world is not what it used to be. We've created all these enemies. ... We definitely have to leave Iraq. It needs to be stabilized, but I don't think they want us there. We need to work on our public relations with the world."

Edgar said she was impressed with Saturday's turnout.

"It was hugely empowering and successful in the sense that a large group of people came together peacefully," she said. "We made a statement, not only to the people running this country, but to people around the world. This was a historic event."

Basilone

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Medal of Honor after holding off the Japanese from a machine gun position during the battle for Guadalcanal on Oct. 24 and 25 in 1942.

He became an American icon and was asked to tour the country to sell war bonds, a role he never felt comfortable in. Eventually, after begging the military to let him return to the war, he was deployed to the South Pacific and killed in action on the beach at Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945 when an enemy mortar round exploded right in front of him.

He was awarded the Navy Cross and Purple Heart posthumously.

Honoring his heroics, thousands crowded the sidewalks of Raritan Sunday as 150 parade units winded the

streets, including the Quantico Marine Band, numerous military and high school bands, veterans, active military personnel, floats and military and emergency vehicles.

Further down Thompson Street, Shana and Gregg Filep watched the procession along with their 18-month-old son Luke.

The couple said they have made it a tradition to offer marchers cold drinks or the use of the bathroom inside their home.

"He (Luke) was playing with the band over there earlier," Shana Filep said, pointing to the curb. "It's a really nice thing for the community. I like that younger kids are getting involved."

Parade chair John Pacifico described this year's event as another success.

"The crowds along the street, the participants. Absolutely fantastic," he said.

On West Somerset Street, local barber and Raritan native Jim Sorace said he never got the chance to meet Basilone, but he has a lot of respect for what he did.

"I knew everybody in his family but him. He was always in the service," said Sorace, a World War II Navy veteran. "It's always important for Raritan to have this day. If it wasn't for him, maybe we wouldn't be here today."

Sorace's sister-in-law Mary Stoddard, a former resident of Raritan and this year's grand marshal, was in from Washington State to see the parade.

"It's very important. It brings a lot of people back," she said. "I come every year just for the parade."

Reached by phone at his home in Hawaii, Basilone's first cousin, Frederick Forte, who couldn't make it this year, recalled what kind of person Basilone was.

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Nick Keyasko

Nick, 15, is a junior at Watchung Hills Regional High School. He enjoys watching sports, especially baseball, and is a New York Mets and Somerset Patriots fan. Nick swims competitively and worked last summer as a lifeguard at the Green Brook Swim Club. His favorite Patriots player is third baseman Jeff Nettles.

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Briefs

Concert will benefit Katrina survivors

MIDDLESEX — "Songs for the South" is a benefit concert for those displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The concert is at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, on the football field in Mountainview Park, off Bound Brook Road behind Middlesex High School. Featured are the Middlesex High School Music Department plus musicians from throughout Central New Jersey.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call Vincent Inlong at (908) 812-6026.

Sponsors of "Songs for the South" are the Borough of Middlesex, the Middlesex Board of Education and the MHS Music Department.

'We Are Lights' takes place at synagogue

METUCHEN — Members of Congregation Neve Shalom are invited to audition for "We Are Lights," a revue featuring the songs of Stephen Schwartz.

Singers of elementary-school age can audition at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. Teens and adult soloists can audition at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. All singers should bring a Broadway song to perform.

For more information, e-mail can2r11@aol.com or call (732) 548-2238, Ext. 14. The performance is scheduled for Feb. 12.

Methodist Women plans rummage sale

BOUND BROOK — The United Methodist Women hold their fall rummage sale in Asbury Hall at the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave.

Sale hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 8. Clothing for men, women and children is offered along with all kinds of household goods.

In addition, there will be a "Paper or Plastic" sale Oct. 8 when you can fill up a paper shopping bag for \$3 or a plastic shopping bag for \$5.

Piscataway Township offers free martial arts

PISCATAWAY — Free martial arts classes for Piscataway residents begin the week of Oct. 4.

Classes for teens ages 12-18 are at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Classes for adults 18 and up are at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. All classes are at Conackamack Middle School on Witherspoon Street.

All instructors are certified and have gone through a background check.

Registration is recommended; call (732) 562-2382. Class size is limited.

Woman's club has membership drive

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Suburban Woman's Club is recruiting new members.

Women interested in serving their community are welcome to join. The Woman's Club participates in civic and community activities in the area. In addition to contributing to national and local charities, the club sponsors a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from South Plainfield High School.

For membership, program and activity information, call Grace Farinella at (908) 753-5753.

In The Towns



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus #6203 recently ran a fundraiser at the Somerset Patriots Ballpark in Bridgewater. Over 25 members of the Knights, plus members from their sister organization the South Plainfield Columbiettes, ran the first base concession stand during the ballgame. Profits go toward the council's scholarship fund that is given to members' children and grandchildren who graduate eighth grade and will be going to a Catholic high school and one graduating high school senior who will attend college.

COURTESY SOUTH PLAINFIELD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6203

Jeff's Bike-a-Thon, held in honor of the late Jeffrey Hochbaum, professor of biology at Middlesex County College, raised \$2,000 to support a scholarship for a health sciences student at the college. From left, Joanie Hochbaum, his wife, professor Donna Gardner, a member of the biology department, and Brad Nelson and Vicki Benz of the Morris Area Freewheelers, the bicycle club Hochbaum belonged to. Eight cyclists from the club joined 82 others at the bike-a-thon, which was held recently.



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Commentary

A festival in every town

'Tis the season to celebrate — fall. Every year, late September and early October brings fall festivals. What results is a stampede of choices as community after community close their streets and farms open stands and haunted houses seem to pop up over night.

But is there truth to the old adage — too much of a good thing?

Take Somerville, for example. This weekend's 18th annual Street Fair will be the third consecutive weekend that Main Street has played host to a festival — first was Somerville Sampler Day, then a senior arts and craft festival. Last weekend, Manville closed its streets for a fall fest.

When does festival burnout take place? A look at a weekend calendar shows five festivals taking place just in The Reporter's coverage area this

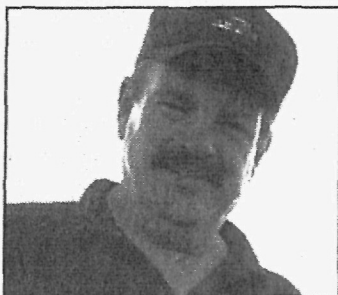
weekend, and another 11 to come over the next four weeks. And that doesn't include the farm open houses, hay rides and pumpkin patches that need to be tromped through.

It may be time for area leaders to take a look at attendance numbers to ensure "event stacking" isn't causing a drop in the number of people coming out for a day of fun on main street.

On the other hand, all these events show that Central Jersey has no shortage of activities for busy families over the next few weeks leading up to the even busier rush of the November and December holiday season.

Also, the variety of events — such as those in Somerville — help to draw a diverse crowd, some who may want to visit the stores on Main Street, another looking for crafts and yet another looking for fun and entertainment.

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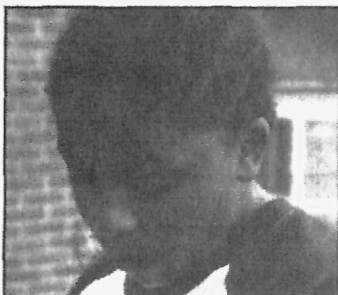


"Joe was the type of guy that if you met Joe tonight, you'd fall in love with the guy," he said.

Jack Todoroff

"We turn out the lights when we let (the butterflies) out so they don't fly to the light but then they fly to the window."

Imhoteb Williams



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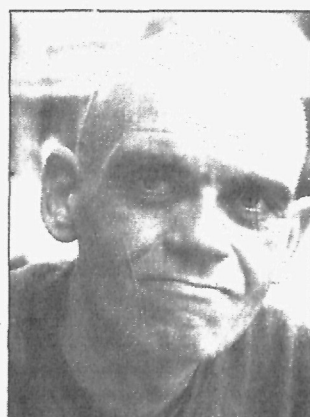
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Question of the week:

How many fall festivals do you try to go to?



BOB COFIELD

Branchburg

"It really depends. If there's a Founder's Day festival I'll go. My wife likes to go to the clothing sales."



MARTIN GARCIA

Plainfield

"I don't plan to go to any."



KATHRYN ROMA

Raritan

"I've already been to two. If I see one and have the time, I'll go. I like the arts and crafts."



JEREMY TRECHOCK

Bridgewater

"Zero. I don't have the time. I work too hard."

Letters to the Editor

New Cemetery still has space

To The Editor:

The Cemetery Association of Somerville, the directors of New Cemetery located on South Bridge Street, recently reorganized and elected Christine Henderson Rose to the position of president.

Shirley Gurisick was elected secretary and Jack Hardgrove was elected treasurer and business manager. Former Borough Council President Arthur Adair was appointed superintendent, replacing Thomas Coney, who died in August.

The first priority for the directors was to continue to maintain the cemetery grounds at a higher level than had been for the past several years. In 2004, the maintenance of the grounds fell below acceptable standards and the board, in conjunction with a task force appointed by Mayor Brian Gallagher,

worked on areas that the association needed help with.

Rose is heading up a committee seeking fundraising avenues and land acquisition, while Hardgrove and Adair are working on marketing and maintenance.

One of the biggest problems and concerns of the association is the prevailing feeling in the area that the cemetery has very few, if any, plots available. It is estimated that New Cemetery, which was established in 1867, is approximately 60 percent full, and can meet the needs of Somerville and area residents for many years to come.

Future tours of the park-like setting are planned in addition to an open house in October.

ARTHUR E.D. ADAIR

Superintendent,

New Cemetery

Somerville

Basilone parade remembers hero

To The Editor:

The borough of Raritan and the John Basilone Parade Committee wish to extend their sincere thanks to all of the participants and spectators who came out to honor the memory of Marine Sgt. John Basilone and to exhibit their faith and love of our great nation.

You made the 24th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade such a huge success and a great celebration.

We are truly grateful to every one of you and look forward to having you join us next year.

JOHN R. PACIFICO

Chairman, John Basilone

Parade Committee

Raritan

Washington march let voices yell out

To The Editor:

This past Saturday my wife and I boarded a bus sponsored by Somerset Voices for Peace and Justice for a Peace March and Rally in Washington, D.C.

The main focus of these events was to end the war in Iraq. We could no longer sit and watch the nightly news and do nothing.

The rally was an experience I will never forget. It was electrifying. The energy from the crowds, young and old from most walks of life was amazing.

In this day and age of e-mails and cell phones we should be bombarding our elected officials with calls to end this war. It is the next generation that will pay the price for this war's human and financial costs.

The rally gave me hope that we can end this war if we join our voices together. I hope that on the next bus trip, you will join us and Voices for Peace and Justice. Bring our troops home.

ROB and CLAUDIA

BAYAIT

Somerville

Bear hunt proposals are not the best plan

To The Editor:

I object to the Comprehensive Black Bear Management proposals agreed to by the Fish & Game Council and awaiting approval of DEP Commissioner Campbell.

The proposal would institute annual bear hunts for the next five years, extend bear hunting into southern New Jersey, where bears have been recently relocated by Fish, Game and Wildlife and extend the length of the proposed hunts to kill more females. In 2003, 80 percent of the bears killed were 209 females and 116 cubs.

It would also allocate a million dollars in scarce resources tagging bears for inaccurate "estimated" population counts used to justify hunting instead of using scarce resources for aversive conditioning and strict enforcement of garbage violations to prevent human-bear interactions.

The Fish and Game Council states in this report that the current bear population can support a "recreational hunting season" and that is all this is about.

CAROL RIVIELLE

West Orange

School districts prepare to face fuel price hit

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writer

Hurricane Rita may not have come ashore as the kind of storm Hurricane Katrina was, but many of the refineries in the area were closed, driving the price of both crude oil and natural gas futures up early this week. Estimates are that prices will remain high in the coming weeks and months.

For commuters, \$3-a-gallon gas may cause "pain at the pump," but for school districts, it's another wrench thrown into the works of the budget and its effects on local property taxes.

Nationwide, there have

been a variety of reactions to the situation. President George W. Bush asked citizens Monday to conserve gasoline by driving less, and government agencies to find ways to cut down on their energy use, while Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue asked schools to take two days off to help conserve fuel, a request with which all but three of the state's districts complied, for an estimated savings of 250,000 gallons.

In New Jersey, however, local districts are looking hard at their budgets and hoping prices don't climb higher.

In Somerville Public

Schools, there is \$20,000 budgeted for vehicle fuel and supplies, which includes such necessities as windshield wiper fluid, for their seven buses.

"Really, we're not a busing district," said Bryan Boyce, the business administrator and board secretary for the district. It's not going to have a significant impact. Yes, if the price of fuel doubles, then it's going to go from \$20,000 to \$40,000," but there is enough flexibility in the \$30 million budget that the district can absorb the cost without making significant cuts in programs.

Other factors, however, will

determine how the district responds to rising fuel costs.

"What kind of winter are we going to have?" Boyce said, adding that there are a lot of things that come up during the year that influence how much flexibility there is. "A shortage is always somewhat of a problem."

For the Somerset Hills School District, which draws students from Far Hills, Peapack-Gladstone, and Bernardsville, the issue is more of a question for next year's budget, according to district superintendent Pete Miller.

"We have an annual con-

tract, so we're locked in through June 30," said Miller, at least for the regular bus services. There will be an impact on the budget, however, through the after school buses, run for kids in sports and activities as well as to and from athletic competitions.

"I am anticipating an impact in our next budget with transportation costs," said Miller. He has been talking to other superintendents, and the concerns about fuel costs are widespread. "We're all looking at an increase. It's going to be tough for all the districts."

"If we have an increase in a

line item, we have to cut

back in another line item." What cuts there would be, however, will not be determined until the winter hits, though school officials have been discussing the situation. "Not yet, it's really premature. The boilers haven't been turned on yet, so we'll have to wait and see what the impact is," Miller said, adding that if the state experiences a mild winter, "we'll be fine."

"All of us are having preliminary conversations about contingency plans, because it's the double hit, it's the gas and the electric," Miller said.

Festival season keeps OPSHBX volunteers busy

Our volunteers fanned out to three events last weekend in Somerset and Hunterdon counties, and we'll be out again this weekend, raising money to pay for postage to mail packages overseas to U.S. troops.

OPSHBX volunteers were at the Basilone Parade in Raritan, and also outside the Shop-Rite in Raritan. We also participated in the Delaware Township Community Day in Hunterdon County. We raised over \$800 at all three events, which helped put us at the halfway mark for our goal of \$10,000 by the beginning of November.

That's when we'll get together to pack 1,000 holiday packages for shipment overseas at the American Legion Post 327 in Bradley Gardens.

Look for us this weekend at the Somerville Street Fair and at the Bound Brook Community Festival. We'll be handing out information about OPSHBX, and collecting donations. If you

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



come to the Bound Brook event and make a contribution, you'll receive a free T-shirt from the event sponsors. Details are in the Calendar of Events on this page.

Honor roll

Topping the latest list of contributors to OPSHBX is the Edison Chamber of Commerce, which sent a check for \$1,000 this week. We of course, encourage other business groups to consider a similar level of support. We don't mind working hard to raise financial support as we did last weekend and will

this weekend, but it makes our volunteers' jobs that much easier when an organization acknowledges the worthiness of our project in such generous fashion. A special thanks to Gloria S. Dittman, president and CEO.

We'd also like to acknowledge the following gifts:

The Somerville Business & Professional Association, \$100; The Harding Civic Association, \$150; Red Hill Ford of Red Hill, Pa., \$200; Marilyn Schaefer of Warren, \$100 and three contributions from Bridgewater residents: Kuei-Mei Kiang, \$100; the Nuse family, \$75 and Tim Grooms, \$50. Other contributions in lesser amounts have also been received this month.

We get letters

We continue to receive letters from grateful soldiers and Marines who have received packages shipped overseas by OPSHBX volunteers. In addition to the letters below, we also received an e-mail photo from 1st Lt. Jonathan Seiter, a member of the 3rd Infantry based in Samarra. He received a Purple Heart from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in July after suffering injuries during an attack against the Humvee he was riding in. He's shown in the accompanying photo standing behind boxes that were shipped during our Aug. 12 event in Somerville.

Seiter lives in Georgia and is due to return to Fort Stewart, Ga., in January. His aunt and uncle, Sue and Tom Cunningham, are OPSHBX volunteers.

Dear Chronicle,

For the second time in 12 months I have received a care package from Operation Shoebox and the great people of Somerville, N.J.

I especially enjoyed reading the letters groups sent, telling us how and what they did to fill up the boxes, especially the letter from the family that threw a 40th birthday party instead of gifts they brought donations for Shoe Box.

Well, 49 more days to go, looking forward to a great turkey dinner at home with all my



COURTESY LT. JONATHAN SEITER

Standing behind packages shipped to Iraq by Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 is Army Lt. Jonathan Seiter. The packages were packed during a Pack and Ship event Aug. 12 in Somerville.

family and I will tell you honestly, I'm looking forward to a white (hopefully) Christmas.

Sincerely,
Maj. Vince Memole42 ROC
N. Central Iraq

Dear Operation Shoebox,

Thank you so much for your package. We as soldiers are very grateful to have such patriotic citizens, such as yourselves, behind us as we are deployed to foreign soil. I was able to share the box with about 6 other soldiers, so we all wanted to thank you for your time and thoughts.

I have been in country with my unit for 10 months and we hope to be home soon. I have served part of my deployment in Mosul (northern Iraq), several months in Balad (north of Baghdad) and several months at FOB Kalsu (south of Baghdad). Enclosed is our unit patch for the South Carolina Army National Guard from Eastover, S.C. Our unit has AH-64 Apaches. The tree and crescent moon on the patch are taken directly from the State flag.

Thanks again!
Sgt. Andy Goza

T-shirts for sale

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

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

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

Buy one for yourself, buy a few as gifts. We can also reproduce the shirts in quantity for veterans' groups, corporations, or other sponsors, and include the name of your company or organization on the shirt. Call and ask for details.

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 2: Community Festival at Bound Brook, Main Street adjacent to the NJ Transit train station, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A celebration of community, live entertainment, crafts, food, children's activities. Bring a donation for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and receive a free festival t-shirt. (908) 369-4318. Sponsored by Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition.

Oct. 2: Somerville Street Fair, Main Street is transformed into a pedestrian mall with hundreds of crafters, vendors, food, entertainment, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. OPSHBX volunteers will collect donations to help send packages to U.S. troops overseas.

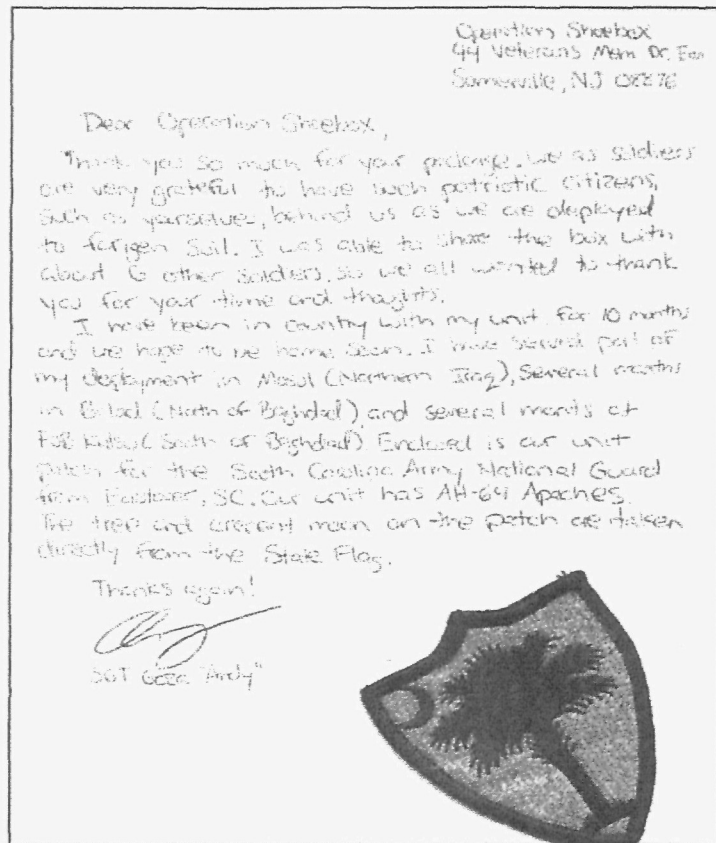
Oct. 10: Clinton Station Diner, Route 173 & Bank Street, Clinton (off Route 78), a percentage of dinner receipts will be donated to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. (908) 713-0012.

Oct. 15: Soldiers' Shopping Spree, Pathmark Supermarket, Veteran's Memorial Drive West, Somerville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will hand out a shopping list and collect items from shoppers as they exit the store.

Oct. 15: The Beez Foundation Ball Park Bonanza, Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., a full range of activities: softball tournament, bean bag toss, tattoos, face painting, sports personalities, classic cars, rock climbing wall, military tribute. Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 volunteers will man the concession stand, and receive a percentage of the money paid for refreshments.

Oct. 16: Sort, pick, box and ship. Volunteers gather at the 42nd Infantry Armory, Hamilton Avenue, Franklin, to prepare packages for shipment to soldiers, 1-5 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Call (908) 575-6684 for further information.

Oct. 20: Multi-estate auction, Bodnar's Auction, Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Ave., Franklin. Donations and contributions accepted for Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. Box lots, 11:15 a.m., main sale, 4:30 p.m. (732) 545-1700.



COURTESY SGT. ANDY GOZA

This letter was sent to Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 by Sgt. Andy Goza of the South Carolina Army National Guard; he shared the package he received with 6 other soldiers, according to his letter.

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 Drop-off sites:

Somerset County

The Chronicle office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville
Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater
The 250th Signal Battalion, 42nd Infantry Armory on Hamilton Street in Franklin
The Somerville U.S. Postal Service office at 39 Division St., Somerville
Somerset County Sheriff's Office, County Administration Building, Grove Street, Somerville
Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 West Main St., Somerville
Alfonso's Italian Restaurant, 99-101 West Main St., Somerville
Lloyd's Furniture, 130 West Main St., Somerville
Beneath It All, 72 West Main St., Somerville
Wachovia Bank, 1 West Main St., Somerville
Dr. William Moskowitz, 205 West Main St., third floor, Somerville
Somerville Center Antiques, 33 West Main St., Somerville
Neshanic Station Country Café, 419 Olive St., Neshanic Station
Dorell & Sons Locksmith, 20 W. Somerset St., Raritan
Scott's Florist, 75 W. Somerset St., Raritan
Shop-Rite Supermarket, 611 West Union Ave., Bound Brook
Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council, 1171 Route 28, North Branch
Nan Romano Fine Apparel/Distinctive Gifts, 432 Main St., Bedminster
Somerset County Park Commission main office, North Branch Park, Milltown Road, Bridgewater
Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge
Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills
Warrenbrook Golf Course, Warrenville Road, Warren
Spooky Brook Golf Course, Colonial Park, Amwell Road, Franklin
Raritan Valley Community College Theater and Student Activities office, Route 28, North Branch
Learning Express Toys, 315

Route 206, Hillsborough

Test Sports Club, 1982 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville
US Bicycle Hall of Fame, Main Street, Bridgewater
Powerhouse Gym, Route 22, Bridgewater
Felix #9 Diner, Route 22, Bridgewater
Bedminster Post Office, 251 Somerville Road, Bedminster
Attic Treasures Antiques, Sansone Plaza, Route 22 East, Green Brook
Country Manor Furniture, 272 Route 22 West, Green Brook
Eclipse Fitness Sports & Wellness, 17 King George Road, Green Brook
Dr. Steven C. Balestracci, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater
Soprano's, 154 Adamsville Road North, Bridgewater
The Cricket, 408 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset
Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1595 Route 22 West, Watchung
AAA Vac, 1515 Route 22 West, Watchung Square Mall, Watchung
Borough Hall, Route 22 and Grove Street, Somerville
Gladstone Cleaners, 258 Main St., Peapack-Gladstone
North Branch Post Office, Route 22, North Branch
Somerset Medical Center main lobby, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville
Capelli Salon, 1171 Route 202 North, Branchburg
Natural Medicine and Rehabilitation, 745 Routes 202/206 South, Bridgewater
Sal's Talk of the Town, 1987 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville
Bucky's/The Closet, 45 So. Main St., Marlville
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Bridgewater Commons Mall (second level), Bridgewater
Sherman & Son Jewelers, Somerset Shopping Center, Route 202/206, Bridgewater
Exercise Woman, Route 206 South, Raritan

Middlesex County

Dollar Planet Dollar Store, Route 28, Middlesex
Summit Federal Savings & Loan, Washington Avenue,

Dunellen

United Methodist Church, 150 Dunellen Ave., Dunellen
Dunellen Public Library, New Market Road, Dunellen
Variety Village, 420 Main St., Metuchen
George's Dry Cleaning, 424 Main St., Metuchen
Boro Ace Hardware, 655 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen
Metuchen Savings Bank, 429 Main St., Metuchen
What's The Scoop, 410 Main St., Metuchen
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Abbey Carpet, 501 Stelton Road, Piscataway

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Hunterdon Lock & Safe, 41 Mine St., Flemington
Tumble Time, 47 Maple Ave., Flemington
Perryville Wines & Liquors, 72 Route 173, Hampton
Rudl Fence, 2020 Highway 31, Glen Gardner
Stanton General Store, Route 629, Stanton
Coldwell Banker, 35 Route 31, Flemington
The Male Room, 35 Stangl Road, Flemington

Warren County

Star Gazette & Warren Reporter, 106 E. Moore St., Hackettstown
Hackettstown Trading Post Furniture Gallery, 155 Main St., Hackettstown
Second Time Around, 124 Main St., Hackettstown
Franky & Johnny's Island Park Bar & Grill, 261 Route 46 East (intersection of Routes 46 & 31), Buttsville
Tramontin Harley Davidson, Exit 12, Route 80 Hope Interchange, Hope
The Hearth Shoppe, 12 Market St., Belvidere

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Look for our drop-off boxes at a store or business near you! Pick up The Reporter each week for updates and information. For details on becoming a drop off location, contact The Reporter's Executive Editor, Rod Hirsch at (908) 575-6684. Send your message of support today!

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Roseann Cervelli, program director at the Center for Great Expectations in Somerville, holds a doll used to help prepare expectant mothers for parenting.

Great Expectations

By TAKESHA PETTUS
Staff Writer

SOMERVILLE — For many women, the idea of birthing a child can be a both magical and scary event.

But the idea of giving birth when you are homeless, a teenager or recovering from drug or alcohol abuse can be much more difficult.

A local organization is helping women get through it.

The Center for Great Expectations is a six-bed residential facility for homeless, pregnant women addicted to substances and adolescents that have been referred through the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services. The center, which was formed in 1998, has helped more than 88 women and babies begin a new life.

Roseann Cervelli, program

director, said the goal of the organization is to provide a safe, nurturing, and loving environment for the women.

"Our goal is to prepare them holistically for motherhood," said Cervelli. "We don't just teach them how to diaper a child."

Cervelli said the center offers a variety of courses which enable the women to learn more about themselves and prepare them for their future. Among the courses offered are anger management, nutrition, parenting, family dynamics and alcohol and drug education prevention. In addition, Cervelli said, the women who are in substance abuse recovery receive additional counseling. "It's a lot for them to handle at once but you want to keep them in recovery," said Cervelli.

A real good buddy slips behind the wheel

Manville car collector fulfills dying friend's wish

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

Black bows dangled from car antennas as heavy-hearted drivers steered their machines through the streets of Manville. They had come to say goodbye to a friend, and did so by pumping their pedals in unison, creating a monstrous growl of hotrod might.

"You heard the roar of the engines. It was awesome," recalled Shirley Todoroff of Manville, a member of the borough-based Street Dreams Car Club. "Everybody had their mouth open. ... Tears were coming down our faces."

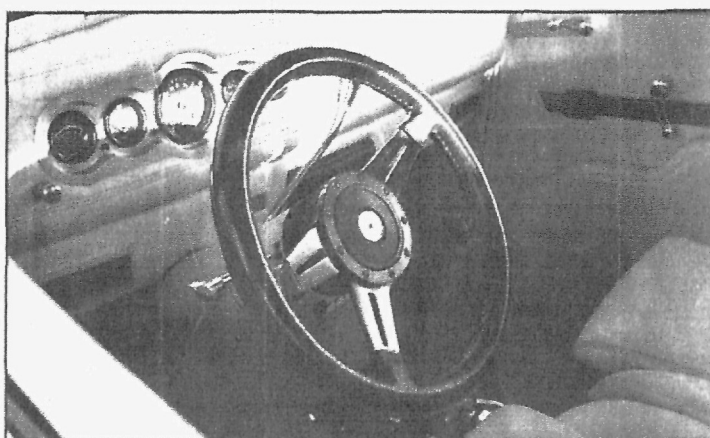
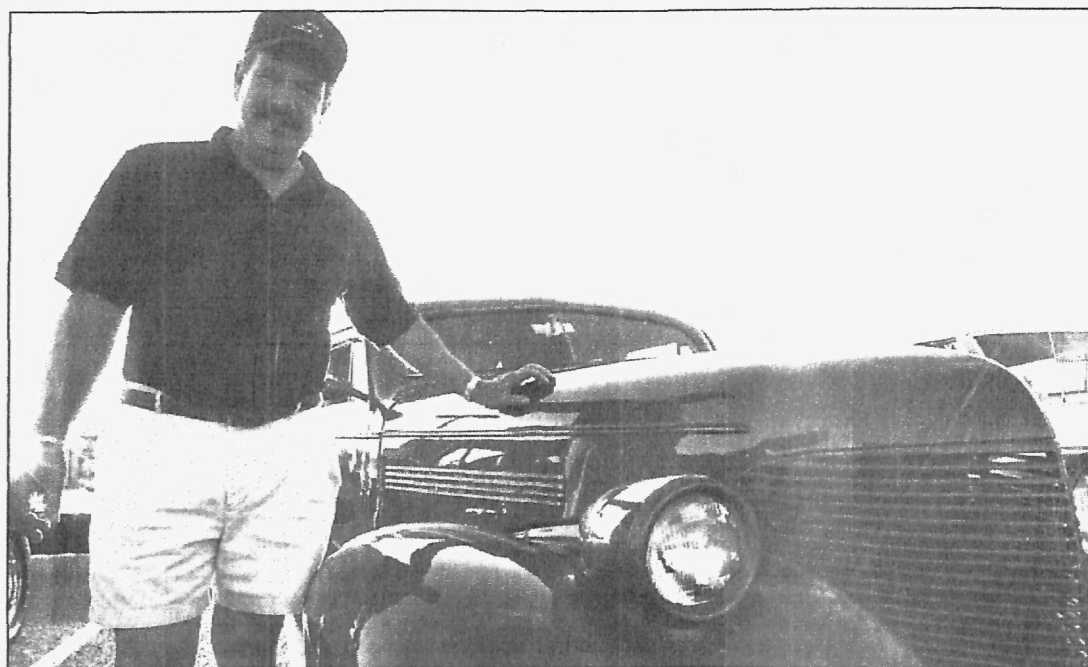
This show of respect, a funeral procession that included 25 classic cars, followed the Aug. 25 death of the club's president, Joe Civitano, also of Manville, who lost a two-year battle to stomach cancer. He was only 52.

And last week, in the parking lot of Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que in Hillsborough, where Street Dreams members gather regularly to show off their rides, it was clear that Civitano's memory lives on.

The black bows were still affixed to many of the cars, but more importantly, Civitano's old love, a 1939 Chevrolet Sedan, had been passed down into good hands like he wanted. Todoroff's husband, Jack Todoroff, vice president of the club, is now the owner of the hotrod — a sleek-looking, magenta-colored ride with a 350 Chevy engine, a 350 transmission and a Camaro rear end.

"Several times we discussed it," Jack Todoroff said of Civitano's wish that he take over the car.

"At first I was reluctant to



Jack Todoroff of Manville, above, stands next to his 1939 Chevrolet Sedan inside the parking lot of Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que last week in Hillsborough. The car was handed down to him by a dying friend, the late Joe Civitano, also of Manville. At left is an interior shot of the hotrod.

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

give an answer. We were all waiting for a miracle. His attitude was always wonderful."

He described Civitano, who formed the club about three years ago, as a "very special individual."

"Joe was the type of guy that if you met Joe tonight, you'd fall in love with the guy," he said.

The two friends found the Chevy Sedan on the internet and traveled to Texas together in January so they could have a look at the car and Civitano could purchase it.

Jack Todoroff, himself, already had his own hotrod, a '34 Ford Coupe.

But he said Civitano, after falling ill and while being treated at Somerset Medical Center in July, continued to push for him to take the Sedan.

"He asked me to at least take the car out," Jack Todoroff said. "I said 'I'll take the car out when we can go together.'"

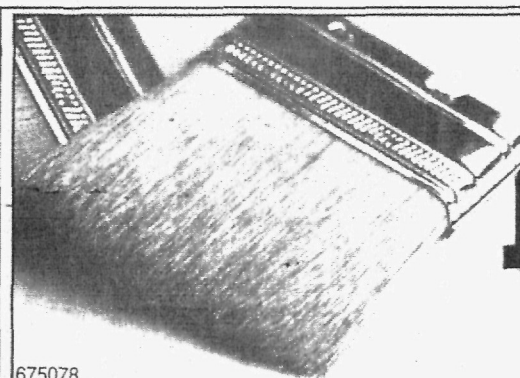
So the car sat.

Later, on the way to a car competition, one that neither Civitano nor his car could

attend, the club passed by the medical center where Civitano could see them from his hospital window.

"Joe loved car shows," said his widow, Lena Civitano. "He had a sad feeling inside because he couldn't be there, but he had a wonderful feeling because he could see them. He saw them and waved back."

Later that month Jack Todoroff did eventually bend a bit, and agreed to take Civitano's car by himself to a hotrod competition in Flemington.



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Cynthia Povich; policy analyst, businesswoman

DUNELLEN — Cynthia I. Povich, a businesswoman and government policy analyst, died suddenly Sept. 14 at Capital Health System-Mercer Campus in Trenton.

Miss Povich, who was age 50, owned Nassau Court Interiors and Antiques in Pennington. As a real estate agent she was associated for 15 years with the E.J. Lelie Agency in Lambertville and more recently with N.T. Callaway Real Estate in Princeton.

From 2000-03 she was the executive director of the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research. Miss Povich was deputy executive director of the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission from 1997-2000; a senior policy analyst and leg-

islative liaison for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority from 1994-97; and director of legislative affairs for Capital Public Affairs, New Brunswick, in 1993-94.

She began her political career in 1982 as special events coordinator for the U.S. Senate campaign of Rep. Millicent Fenwick. Miss Povich was a legislative aide to state Sen. Dick Zimmer from 1984-89 and the assistant finance director for Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen in his 1990 primary campaign. In the 1990 general election she was the finance director for the U.S. Senate campaign of Christine Todd Whitman. Miss Povich was the New Jersey director of Citizens for a Sound Economy in 1991-93 and a financial con-

sultant to the Utah Republican Party in 1991.

A former member of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission, she held a bachelor's degree in political science from Montclair State University plus a master's degree in psychology and counseling from Rider University. She studied at the Art Institute of Atlanta and Pittsburgh.

Miss Povich became a certified emergency medical technician as a member of the Dunellen Rescue Squad. She also was a member of the Hunterdon/Somerset Association of Realtors; the Mercer County Association of Realtors; the New Jersey Chapter of the American

Society for Public Administration; and St. James Roman Catholic Church in Pennington. She was a volunteer fund-raiser for Doylestown Hospital in Doylestown, Pa.

Born in Plainfield, Miss Povich lived in Dunellen and Princeton before moving to Pennington in 1998.

Her father, Joseph, died in 1996.

Surviving are her companion, Steve Price of Summit; her mother, Stella of Florida; a sister, Carol of Little Silver; three aunts and many cousins.

A memorial service was held Monday at the Sheenan Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the CFIDS Association of America at www.cfids.org or Box 220398, Charlotte, NC 28222-0398.

Rose Longo

BOUND BROOK — Rose A. Longo, 83, died Sept. 27, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

She was born in Manville and had lived in Bound Brook since 1950.

Mrs. Longo retired in 1984 after 10 years as a cafeteria aide at Bound Brook High School.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Philip E.; a son, Rocco J. and wife Colleen of

Duxbury, Mass.; two daughters, Mary Anne Griguoli and husband John of Bound Brook and Angel of Whitehouse Station; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hillsborough.

Marie Szepanski

EDISON — Marie Szepanski, 80, of Edison died Sept. 12, 2005 at home.

Mrs. Szepanski was a secretary many years ago.

Born in Newark, she moved to Edison 40 years ago.

Surviving are her hus-

band, Matthew, and a brother, Patrick Cicoro.

A Liturgy was held Sept. 15 in St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen, after the funeral from the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, 568 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen.

Dorothy Barrett

MIDDLESEX — Dorothy A. Ballow Barrett, 82, died Sept. 17, 2005 at the Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Brooklyn, she lived in Dunellen and Middlesex before moving to Plainfield in 2003.

Mrs. Barrett retired in 1980 as a seamstress with the Knickerbocker Toy Co. in

Middlesex. She earlier worked 18 years in the bindery of the Art Color Printing Co. in Dunellen.

She was a member of the Middlesex Senior Citizens Club and a former member of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, David, died in 1978. Also preceding her in

death were three brothers, Edward Ballow, Benjamin Ballow and John Ballow.

Surviving are a sister, Grace Cullinan of Dunellen; a brother, George Ballow and wife Peggy of Allentown, Pa.; two nieces, Bonnie Thul and husband Rick of North Plainfield and Nancie Burke and husband John of Clinton; two nephews, Joseph

Cullinan and wife Nancy of Bridgewater and Kevin Cullinan of Ocean Beach; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Private arrangements were by the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen. Donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

Donald Osborne

DUNELLEN — Donald M. Osborne, 86, died Sept. 21, 2005 at the Berkeley Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Osborne was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He lived in New Jersey and Dunellen before moving in 1980 to Ocala, Fla. He had resided in Stirling since 2002.

He retired in 1980 as a machinist with the Hyatt Bearing Division of General Motors Corp. in Clerk. Mr. Osborne earlier was a machinist with the Osborne Machine Co., which he owned with his brothers.

During World War II, Mr.

Osborne was a tail gunner aboard B-52 bombers flown by the Army Air Forces.

His wife, Mary Businda Osborne, died in 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Bob and wife Carol of Ellitsburg, Pa., and Wayne and wife Mary of Watchung; a brother, Alfred of Wayne, N.Y.; two sisters, Amy Chamblee of Stirling and Buddy Litchfield of Manchester; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday at the Lounsberry Meadow Apartments in Stirling. Arrangements were by the Higgins Home for Funerals, in Watchung.

Jane San Giovanni

BOUND BROOK — Jane San Giovanni, 93, died Sept. 20, 2005 at the Bridgewater Care Center in Bridgewater.

Born in Padva, Italy, Mrs. San Giovanni lived in Bound Brook and Bridgewater before moving to North Branch in 1969. She was a homemaker and returned to Bridgewater in 2002.

Her husband, Angelo F., died in 1989. A son, Robert, died in 1971.

Surviving are three daughters, Clara of Bridgewater, Joanne Sassi of Bedminster

and Barbara Najarian of Piermont, N.Y.; a son, Ralph and wife Joan of Raritan; a brother, George Borlin of Ohio; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 23 at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Roman Catholic Church, Bridgewater, following services at the Branchburg Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Bernard Cemetery, Bridgewater. To send a condolence, visit www.branchburgfuneralhome.com.

Anna Marie D'Alessio

BOUND BROOK — Anna Marie D'Alessio, 85, died Sept. 26, 2005 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Somerville, she was a daughter of the late Dominic and Rose Andreola D'Alessio.

Miss D'Alessio had lived in Bound Brook since 1975. She was an assembler for over 30 years with the Diehl Manufacturing Corp. in Bridgewater.

Surviving are a brother, John

of Hummels Wharf, Pa.; nine nieces and nephews; and 12 grandnieces and grand-nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, of which Miss D'Alessio was a member. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Somerville.

Arrangements were by the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville.

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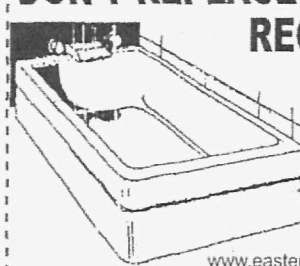
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Senior Calendar

Bound Brook

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Upcoming Trips and Events:

Atlantic City trips are held the third Tuesday of each month. Call Ed Kimmel at (732) 469-1263 for details.

Oct. 12 — Octoberfest at Hunts Landing, \$50.

Nov. 16 — Irish Wake at Doolen's in Spring Lake, \$66.

Upcoming: The Miracle of

Christmas at Sight and Sound Theater, Strasburg, Pa. includes show and family style dinner \$81. Non-members welcome.

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

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

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

Oct. 10 — Columbus Day Italian Lunch and membership meeting, 1 p.m. in school cafeteria.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held each Friday at 10 a.m. at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park. Bingo is played each Friday after the meeting. Bus transportation is provided. We are currently looking for new members, come out and enjoy! Why stay home, we serve coffee and tea, bring your own sandwich, and enjoy the company of your peers.

For information, call (732) 968-1285; President of Dunellen Senior Citizen Club, Ida

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Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, holds a monthly board meeting at noon on the second Monday of the month and the general meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27), the next being on Oct. 10. Refreshments will be served. Guests are always welcome. Meetings are held monthly except July and August. The chapter is currently accepting new members; call Ruth Hancock for further information at (732) 548-2332.

Piscataway

The Piscataway Senior Center has announced its

schedule of upcoming events at the center, 700 Buena Vista Ave., off Hoes Lane behind Kennedy Library.

Group meetings for Tai Chi will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday. This is a drop-in class. Sign up at the reception desk.

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

Oct. 5 — "Good Mental Health is Ageless" 11 a.m. Free admission.

Oct. 7 — Qigong Therapy 11 a.m. Main Dining Room Free Admission (can help Osteoarthritis of the knees.)

Oct. 12 — Medicare Part D - 10:30 a.m. Free admission.

Oct. 26 — Flu Clinic 9 to 11:30 a.m. appointments required \$3 per person. Restrictions - sign

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S. Bound Brook

The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club will meet 2 p.m. Oct. 5 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 older residing in South Bound Brook. For information, call Catherine (732) 356-4080.

Coming Events - Trips:

Oct. 11 — Atlantic City, Showboat Casino
Oct. 24-28 — Rocking Horse Ranch
Nov. 15 — Sight and Sound "Miracle of Christmas"

Campus Notes

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at American University in Washington, D.C. They are:

Rachel Gelfand of Edison, a junior majoring in law and society.

Michael Hompesch of Middlesex, a senior majoring in business administration.

Jay Teitelbaum of Middlesex, a sophomore majoring in business administration.

Separately, Alyssa Tornberg of Edison plans to enroll at American University for the fall 2005 semester that begins Aug. 29.

She graduated from John P. Stevens High School in June.

Weekend Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 1

EDISON - Garden Club: Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will participate in Metuchen Country Fair with bouquets of dried materials, bird houses, topiaries and more made by club members.

PISCATAWAY - Giant Yard Sale: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. North Stelton Vol. Fire Company, 70 Haines Ave. Spaces available for \$15. Call Margaret at (732) 985-0282 opt. 6 for details.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Parking Lot Sale: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pilgrim Covenant Church, 3121 Park Ave. (rain date Oct. 15). Call (908) 753-9585.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Soccer Challenge: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Plainfield Soccer Field, Kenneth Ave. Call John LoBosco at (908) 755-4914 for details.

Sunday, Oct. 2

BOUND BROOK - Community Festival: Oct. 2 on Main Street from 1 to 5 p.m. Will bring entire community together with fun, food and entertainment to celebrate BOUND BROOK, sponsored by Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition. Contact Rich Reitman (908) 526-1390 or (908) 400-6061 for further details.

Thursday, Oct. 6

BOUND BROOK - Annual Rummage Sale: Oct. 6, 7 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to noon at Congregational Church, 209 Church St. in Education Building. A large variety of items. Call church office (732) 356-1293 for details.

Friday, Oct. 7

BOUND BROOK - Benefit Concert: 1-5 p.m. at Mountainview Park football field behind Middlesex High School, Route 28. "Songs for the South" featuring MHS Music Department and independent artists. Adults \$10; students, seniors \$5. Call (908) 812-6026.

Sunday, Oct. 9

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Sports

Patriots off to a good start in playoffs

Forget about peaking for the playoffs. The Somerset Patriots were in familiar regular-season form Tuesday night, and that meant only positive results for them.

Getting a superb route-going pitching effort from Mark DiFelice and home runs from Ryan Radmanovich and Jeff Nettles, the Patriots began their Atlantic League of Professional Baseball playoff competition with a 5-2 triumph over Atlantic City in front of just 1550 spectators at Sandcastle Stadium.

Somerset and the Surf were scheduled to meet again Wednesday night at Bridgewater's Commerce Bank Park in the second game of their best-of-three South Division series.

If the Pats lost, they were to play again Thursday in the deciding game. If they won the division series, they were scheduled to be the host team for the first two games of the best-of-five championship series last night and tonight.

DiFelice, who went 7-4 with a 3.09 earned run average during the season, delivered a stalwart performance for Somerset in Tuesday's opener. The 29-year-old righthander allowed five hits, one walk and two runs, one of which was unearned, and struck out five batters.

Radmanovich and Nettles, who belted a team-record 28 homers apiece during the campaign, both reached the fences at the hitter-friendly Sandcastle Tuesday. Radmanovich's two-run shot to right-center field off Surf starter Ryan Schurman in the fourth inning gave the Pats a 2-1 lead.

Nettles connected for a solo homer off Schurman in the sixth and the visitors added another run in the inning on successive two-out hits by Radmanovich, Kevin Nicholson and Todd Betts.

AC's Raul Marval walloped a homer in the seventh, cutting Somerset's advantage to 4-2, but the Patriots came through with another run in the next inning when Nettles cracked an RBI double off Aaron Kirkland.



Second baseman Emiliano Escandon went 2 for 4, including a double, and scored ahead of Radmanovich's homer.

This was the third straight home playoff loss for AC, which hasn't won a post-season game at home since 1998 when they defeated Bridgeport.

REGULAR SEASON

With 11 pitchers seeing action Sunday night, Camden topped the Patriots 7-4 in the ALPB regular-season finale at Campbell's Field in Camden.

The Patriots finished the year with an overall 78-62 record, including a 42-28 showing that claimed them the first-half season title in the South Division. They went 36-34 in the second half, closing out the schedule with six losses in their last seven outings.

Camden, ironically, concluded the year tied for the best record in the league at 80-60 but didn't qualify for the playoffs because it didn't win South Division honors in either half. The Riversharks were 41-29 in the second half, finishing seven games behind Atlantic City (48-22).

Somerset had eight hits in Sunday's loss, including two each for Billy Hall and Brent Cordell and an eighth-inning solo homer by Todd Betts, his 15th of the year. Hall also swiped two bases, raising his final season total to a league-best 62.

Tim Christman started for the Pats, allowing three hits and two runs (one earned) before being relieved by Adam Larson in the third inning. Todd Moser, Derek Anderson and Saul Solveson followed on the mound.

Patriots 2, Camden 0 — Greg Modica pitched seven shutout innings and Jeff Nettles launched his 28th homer of the season Saturday night to lead



Second baseman Emiliano Escandon, here getting ready to take a throw against Camden in a Sept. 17 game, singled and doubled Tuesday night to help the Somerset Patriots knock off Atlantic City 5-2 in their ALPB playoff debut.

the Pats in front of 4160 fans at Campbell's Field.

Modica, who'd recently been weakened by illness, improved his record to 7-7, allowing four hits and two walks while striking out three batters. Robert Marquez and Solveson (third save) came in to finish off the shutout with an inning apiece on the hill.

Lefthander Kevin Dougherty (7-9) also pitched well for the Riversharks, tossing his second straight complete game. He permitted 11 hits and no walks but gave up just one earned run — Nettles' two-out homer in the eighth.

Somerset pushed across its first run in the fourth when Nettles, who went 3 for 4, scored on a throwing error by shortstop Victor Gutierrez on Ryan Radmanovich's infield hit.

Nettles, Jeremy Owens, Ray

Navarrete and Fernando Lunar had doubles for the Pats.

Camden 6, Patriots 2 — The Pats managed just five hits — including two by Radmanovich and Lunar's RBI single — during a Sept. 23 loss in front of 5696 fans in Camden.

Nick Stocks started on the mound for Somerset and gave up 10 hits and three walks but only two runs (both unearned as the result of a sixth-inning error by third baseman Nettles) while fanning eight. Adam Larson, who took the loss, replaced him and allowed one hit, three walks and three runs in two-thirds of an inning.

Jaime Steward (11-8) went 8 1/3 innings for the win, giving up five hits and two runs, one of which was unearned.

The Pats scored the game's first run in the fourth when Nettles singled and eventually

came in on a throwing error. Camden scored twice in the sixth for a 2-1 lead before the visitors evened it up in the seventh when Radmanovich doubled to the right-field fence and came in on Lunar's hit.

The Riversharks then scored three times in the seventh and once in the eighth before Somerset loaded the bases in the final stanza. But reliever Joey Cole fanned Lunar and retired Navarrete on a pop-up to end the game.

Bridgeport 6, Patriots 3 — The Bluefish capped a three-game sweep of their series with the Pats by taking the Sept. 22 clash in front of 3934 fans at the Ballpark at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, Conn.

Somerset never got warmed up until it was much too late, scoring all of its runs on three

hits in the final inning against starter Byron Batson. Batson (2-1) gave up seven hits total for the game while striking out five before being relieved with none out in the ninth.

Pats' starter Shane Heams (5-4) gave up four hits, one walk and three runs before leaving the game with one out in the second because of lower back pain. Moser replaced him and yielded six hits, two walks and three runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Trailing 6-0, the Pats finally broke through in the ninth. Hall led off with a single to right, Emiliano Escandon (2 for 4) singled down the right-field line and Nettles' double down the left-field line sent in one run. Radmanovich lofted a sacrifice fly ball to right and Nicholson's fielder's choice grounder sent in the final run.

Piscataway, Middlesex stay unbeaten

With both squads posting convincing victories the Piscataway and Middlesex high school football teams remained perfect in the early going, while J.P. Stevens registered a big comeback to get into the win column to highlight area action last weekend.

The anticipated challenge from East Brunswick never came as Piscataway earned its second triumph with a 41-6 romp Sept. 23 as the Chiefs recorded their 15th straight victory with the Great Middlesex Conference Red Division verdict.

Middlesex, meanwhile, moved to 3-0 for the young season when it opened a 28-0 lead through three quarters and cruised past Highland Park 28-8 in GMC Blue Division action Sept. 22.

Stevens, which trailed 27-14 at halftime, rallied to edge Woodbridge 35-33 Sept. 23 with three consecutive second-half touchdowns, but won in regulation only after the Barrons missed a two-point conversion pass that would have tied the game with 5:30 to play.

Metuchen and Bound Brook gained their first triumphs as the Bulldogs routed Dwight-Englewood 54-0 and the Crusaders stunned Princeton Day (2-1) 20-3 Saturday in non-league games.

South Plainfield threw a scare into New Brunswick in a GMC-White Division clash Sept. 23 before falling 20-13, while Dunellen lost to John F. Kennedy 25-14 in a GMC-Blue Division game Saturday and Edison dropped a 55-0 decision to Old Bridge Sept. 23.

Piscataway 41, East Brunswick 6 — Having won its first two games East Brunswick was expected to give the Chiefs a game but it didn't happen as Piscataway dominated on both sides of the ball.

Kevin Woolfolk had another big game carrying the ball behind the Chiefs' big and experienced front line as the senior got the call 18 times and responded with 145 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively Piscataway limited the Bears to 110 yards and shut out the home team until the fourth quarter.

Taking over on its 43 following a punt Piscataway used eight plays to go the 57 yards with Woolfolk capping the drive with a 5-yard run. The Chiefs then scored twice in the second period for a 21-0 halftime advantage.

Woolfolk finished off a seven-play, 80-yard thrust with a 30-yard burst, while Tony Logan, after replacing Marquis Wright at quarterback for the series, tossed a 38-yard scoring pass to Terrence Fox on the second play of a 45-yard strike.

Piscataway continued to roll following halftime as the starters added touchdowns on the first two possessions for a 35-0 lead. Daniel You bolted in from 13 yards and

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Woolfolk logged his third TD with a 1-yard run.

Middlesex 28, Highland Park 8 — Senior Matt Campanella posted his second straight impressive game carrying the ball as he racked up 156 yards and a touchdown on just 11 attempts to lead the Blue Jays past visiting Highland Park (1-2).

Campanella opened the scoring when he dashed 13 yards in the opening session, while Dan Esposito, who picked up 79 yards on seven attempts, bolted 25 yards to push the Middlesex lead to 13-0 at halftime.

The Blue Jays doubled its touchdown total in the third period as Dom Natoli scored from the 4 on a run, while Bob Cleveland broke loose for a 54-yard touchdown on a punt return. Highland Park scored in the final period for the first TD against the Middlesex defense this season.

J.P. Stevens 35, Woodbridge 33 — Quarterback Greg Sica connected on scoring passes of 46 and 41 yards to Kenny Melford in the second half as Stevens evened its record at 1-1 with a victory of Woodbridge (0-3).

Omari Nelson pushed the advantage to 35-27 in the fourth quarter when he returned a fumble 21 yards for the Hawks, while Mike Light knocked down the two-point conversion pass that would have tied the game with 5:30 to play and the offense ran out the clock from there to secure the victory.

Woodbridge built its lead at halftime by scoring twice in each of the first two periods while limiting Stevens to a pair of first-half scores — a 26-yard scoring pass from Sica to Mike Chupka and a 7-yard run by Tamar Robinson.

Sica finished the game 9 of 19 for 223 yards, including 142 in the second half, while Robinson carried 19 times for 78 yards.

Metuchen 54, Princeton Day School 0 — Kyle Edmonds jump-started the offense with a pair of quick scores in 35-point opening session and the Bulldogs (1-2) rolled up 48 points by halftime to rout visiting Dwight-Englewood (0-3).

Edmonds was the receiving end of a 24-yard TD pass from Charlie Greene to end Metuchen's opening possession and then returned a punt 71 yards for a TD a couple of minutes later. Jon Brown, who carried six times for 61 yards, notched the third touchdown on a 7-yard run.

Greene recorded the first of two scores with a 37-yard

dash and Matt DiMeglio went in from the 5 for the first his two TDs as Metuchen iced the verdict by the close of the opening session. Greene scored from the 2 to finish the first-half scoring, while DiMeglio went 16 yards in the fourth quarter.

Bound Brook 20, Princeton Day — A big loser to their unbeaten hosts a year ago the Crusaders delivered a strong defensive effort and parlayed a solid showing on offense to even their record at 1-1 with the victory.

PDS got on the board in the first period with a field goal, but the Bound Brook defense blanked it the rest of the way and the offense took charge with a pair of second-quarter touchdowns.

First Devon Baker hauled ion a 25-yard scoring pass from Eduardo Rosario on an option pass with 5:31 left in the half, and following a turnover the Crusaders scored again 70 seconds later as QB Chris Jeskie hooked up with Erron Banks on a 50-yard scoring strike. Baker added some insurance when he bolted 90 yards in the fourth period on his only carry.

Rosario was once again the workhorse for Bound Brook as he picked up 106 yards on 19 carries, while Jeskie was three of six for 69 yards throwing the ball.

New Brunswick 20, South Plainfield 13 — Spotting host New Brunswick (2-0) a 14-0 lead at halftime on pair of TDs by Paul Vigo the Tigers could not recover to absorbing a loss to the Zebras that dropped South Plainfield to 1-2.

Jamar Beverly made his return to the lineup, and while he was held to 22 yards on 10 carries, he contributed a 72-yard kickoff return that set up his 1-yard scoring run in the fourth period that made it a 14-7 game.

New Brunswick responded with a touchdown before the Tigers scored again in the session when Mike Jakubik scooped up a fumble by teammate Troy Russell on a fourth-and-4 play and went 31 yards for the touchdown with 2:51 to play.

John F. Kennedy 25, Dunellen 14 — Falling behind 19-0 at halftime the Destroyers couldn't recover in a Blue Division battle with defending champion Kennedy (2-1) despite 190 yards on 11-of-24 passing from Matt Ferreri, who scored once and threw for another TD.

Dunellen got on the board midway through the third period when Ferreri capped a drive with a 1-yard sneak, but JFK went up 25-7 with 6:50 to play in the game. The Destroyers scored 71 seconds later on Ferreri connected with John Schleppenbach (8 catches for 116 yards) from 39 yards, but they did not threaten again.

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Stevens retains GMCT crown

Led by Lucy Zhang's third straight title the J.P. Stevens High girls tennis squad outlasted East Brunswick to capture the school's second straight Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament championship at Thomas Edison Park in Edison Saturday.

In a final-round matchups of head-to-head pairings the Hawks swept East Brunswick, which had won 13 consecutive GMCT crowns before last year, in singles play to earn the team honors by an 18-17 margin. Luba Smolensky and Nancy Chen added the other singles titles for Stevens.

Facing Anna Tarasova for the first singles championship once again, Zhang, a senior, made it two straight in the finals and ninth overall against her junior opponent by a 6-3, 6-3 verdict.

After bowing to EB's Luiza Kiyamova in a regular-season match that the Bears won 3-2 earlier in the week Smolensky avenged that setback by winning 7-5, 6-2. Chen, meanwhile, outlasted Martina Moehle 7-6 (9-7), 6-4 in a tough two-set battle.

In doubles play Jo-Ming Chiang and Rebecca Quan fell 6-1, 6-0 in the title match at first doubles, while Sayuri Khandavali and Stephanie Kan dropped a 6-3, 6-1 decision in the second final.

J.P. Stevens 5, North Brunswick 0 — In GMC regular-season match Tuesday Zhang and Smolensky won their first and second singles matches at love and Chen dropped only one game at third singles as the Hawks moved to 4-1 for the campaign.

Qua and Stephanie Ng also posted a love verdict, winning at second doubles, while Khandavali and Chang coasted 6-1, 6-1 at first doubles.

Bound Brook boys soccer team boosts record to 6-1

Fernando Martinez connected for an early goal and the Crusader defense made it enough for a victory as Bound Brook High prevailed in a 1-0 Mountain Valley Conference boys soccer match against North Plainfield Tuesday.

With 24 minutes elapsed in the game Martinez got ahead of the field on a breakaway and beat the Canuck goalie. Jose Ramirez, who was in goal for the Crusaders, then finished off a 10-save performance for

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his initial shutout to preserve Bound Brook's sixth victory against one loss.

Piscataway 2, East Brunswick 2 — The Chiefs put together another solid effort for the second game in a row as they battled East Brunswick (4-4-1) to a GMC-Red Division draw Tuesday. Nick Feliciano and Rob Rabouin connected for the

goals for Piscataway (1-6-1).

GIRLS SOCCER

Edison exploded for six first-half goals and Stephanie Shields logged a hat trick as the Eagles rolled to an 8-0 non-conference triumph over Plainfield (1-7) Tuesday to improve to 5-4 for the season. Amy Griffin recoded a goal and two assists, while Loretta Viento and Ashley Cuhna contributed a goal and an assist apiece.

Bound Brook 1, Dayton 0 —

Emily Kilgore converted a pass from Stacy Zatos in the third minute of overtime and Stephanie Kerr made four saves for the shutout as the Crusaders won their fourth in a row to boost their record to 4-1 with the MVC verdict Tuesday.

Middlesex 3, South River 1 — Trystin Figel had a goal and an assist, while Quincy Auger and Linda Ferreira also scored and Andrea Mantell stopped 12 shots in goal as the Blue Jays trimmed South River in GMC-

Blue play Monday to up their record to 3-5.

TENNIS

Middlesex 5, South Amboy 0 — Kelly Fitzsimmons (1, 0), Alissa Brower (0, 1) and Sarah Gawrgy (0, 0) coasted in singles play while the doubles tandems of Marissa Brasile-Laurel Roberson) won and love and the Blue Jays earned a forfeit at second doubles as they improved to 4-2 with a romp over South Amboy Tuesday in GMC action.

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Part Time Help 255

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Professional Help 260

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Acres & Lots 305

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Open Houses 331
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Berkeley Heights OPEN HOUSE
SAT & SUN 10/1-10/2 1PM-5PM
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