



Take time to read

Stephon Lally, 8, reads a book at Lepp Park in Somerville as part of a program hosted by the Somerville Public Library. Librarians are visiting borough parks through Wednesday with books for young adults. These visits are on Monday in Chambres Park, Tuesday in Lepp Park and Wednesday in the Ken Cornell Skate Park. Hours at each location are 1-2:30 p.m. Special prizes will be awarded to each person who reads books on their reading level. Participants must write a book review in order to have a



COURTESY HIGH ROAD SCHOOLS AT SOMERSET From left, Edwina Lee, executive director of the NJ School Boards Association, Stacy Rieger, teacher

and award-winner from the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, and Gracanne Hinski-Ryan, president of ASAH.

Students are celebrated

FRANKLIN - They overcome challenges to 235,000 children and adults receive special achieve their goals on a daily basis and they offer unique talents to the world. They are special education students and hundreds of them kicked off Special Education Week at the High Road Schools at Somerset.

They joined teachers from across the state as both students and educators were honored for their accomplishments and contributions.

Special Education week recognizes all students with special needs as well as the efforts of their parents and teachers. Approximately education services in New Jersey.

Special Education teacher Stacy Rieger of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission received an "Innovations in Special Education" award for The Soup-er Heroes of Secondary 6 program. The program requires students to prepare and sell a new recipe to the staff every other week.

The High Road Schools service more than 1,200 students in 25 schools in seven states. For more information, visit www.kids1inc.com.

Bridgewater Commons adds a 'downtown'

Bridgewater cleanup stops

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — The remediation of the former American Cyanamid property is on hold as the Department of Environmental Protection completes an evaluation of how to best clean up the

contaminants.

The department's project manager, Haiyesh Shah, updated the township council Monday night about the progress of the soil remediation, which, if all goes according to plan, could be

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Lawmaker attends leaders summit

Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula, D-17th, met with high-ranking state government officials and policy experts from across the Northeast to discuss regional priorities on a wide range of timely issues including regional energy policy, U.S.-Canada relations, illegal immigration, the overstretched National Guard, No Child Left Behind, health coverage for the uninsured and federal-state relations at the Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference 46th Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum held in Philadelphia from July 30 through Aug. 2. "This is a key event for states and provinces in our

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chance to win prizes and to enter for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate from the UnReal Sk8 Shop.

For more information, visit www.lmxac.org/somervillelib or call Ann-Marie Aymer at (908) 725-1336, Ext. 12.

Blood supply remains low

The Blood Center of New Jersey reports continuing serious blood shortages across the region and urges the public to step up to the challenge of getting the blood supply stable. The Blood Center is handling these area blood drives: Thursday, Aug. 17 --- John F. Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, 3-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 214 Church St., Bound Brook, 3-7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 24 -- VFW hall, 606 Inman Ave., Colonia, 3-8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 25 -- Clarion Hotel and Towers, 2055 Lincoln Highway (Route 27), Edison, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 - Menio Park (entrance D), Edison, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For a full schedule of the Blood Center's blood drives, visit

www.bloodnj.org. All donors throughout the summer will receive a "Give Blood" wristband or T-shirt when they sign up to donate blood at (866) 968-BCNJ. For more, call Kathy Nolan at (800) BLOOD NJ, Ext. 109.



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By AMY S. BOBROWSKI Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER - With 11 new stores, one coffee house and a largescale Italian restaurant constructed in an open air market layout to encourage strolling and shopping, the new Village at Bridgewater Commons is slated to become the township's Main Street.

"This adds a whole new dimension to the mall and Bridgewater," said

Somerset County Freeholder Rick Fontana, a township resident. "Bridgewater doesn't have a Main Street. This will be like its downtown."

"It's going to be downtown Bridgewater," added Barbara Finn, marketing director for Bridgewater Commons Mall. "It'll be a place for people to come and gather - to stroll, shop and eat."

Bridgewater Commons Mall is owned by General Growth properties, will offer 95,000 square feet of new retail space when it opens Sept. 21. A preview event, scheduled for Sept. 20, will benefit the Somerset County United Way. A four-day grand opening celebration is scheduled for Sept. 21-24.

On Monday, local officials, members of the business community and The Village, which along with the the non-profit sector were treated to

a hard hat tour of the new lifestyle center.

The flagship store in the center will be the 35,000-square-foot Crate & Barrel. Other retailers include Coldwater Creek, Ann Taylor Loft, Banana Republic, Brooks Brothers, White House/Black Market, Origins, Blue Mercury, Johnson & Murphy. One store is still vacant, but mall

Downtown Somerville is moving on up Real estate values rise as center work nears

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a five-week look at redevelopment in Somerville. As the county seat, what happens in the borough has an impact on all the communities in Somerset County. Coming next week, living and working in Somerville.

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI Staff Writer

"Lost Our Lease" said the sign, the green lettering failing to obscure the empty windows. Almost overnight, it disappeared.

After a decade on Main Street in Somerville, the St. Jude Shop was no more. Soon, a hand-lettered sign was hung in the window announcing the arrival of a Japanese-style steakhouse.

The employees of the St. Jude Shop found out just after the New Year that the store was closing and, by the next week, the store was empty. The merchandise, religious and devotional items, had been sent to the other six St. Jude Shops owned by the DiCicco family around Philadelphia and only a few fixtures waited to be picked up and moved to new homes. Moving won't be as easy for the store itself, and no one is sure whether it will ever return to Somerville. A casualty of the rising



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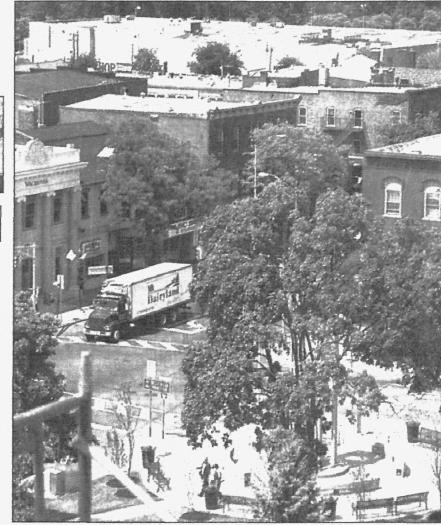
real estate values in downtown Somerville, the store hasn't found a new home, and the management doesn't know if it would.

In the last year, commercial real estate values in downtown Somerville have been climbing. As buildings are sold for larger sums of money, rents are going up. Even businesses that are not in buildings with new owners are feeling the effects. MOVING ON

The building St. Jude was located at, 90 Main St., was sold last October, and the new owners, Paramount Property Group of Bayonne, asked two of its tenants to leave so the stores could be combined and rented as one, larger space. While RanD Pitts, of Sound Xpress/Xpress Gear, found a new place right next door,

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THE REPORTER/2005 A view of Main Street Somerville from the top of the dome of the historic Somerset County Courthouse.

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Downtown Somerville is moving on up

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the St. Jude Shop was not as lucky.

"It was very unexpected, very quick," said George Bell, the manager at St. Jude.

At least a little of the store will remain in Somerville. Many of the fixtures went to other stores and organizations around town: the cases to Somerville Center Antiques, the shelves to Wishes and Dreams, and the book cases to Immaculate Conception School.

Pitts said that the new landlord had offered him the opportunity to move to a new location on Division Street, where Paramount Property Group owns another building, during the second round of negotiations for the purchase.

For a number of reasons, Pitts

and much less of the visibility he has on Main Street were some of his concerns. "It's hard enough moving next door. If I'd moved to Division Street, I'd lose all my business,"

for a smaller space, no parking

he said. Despite the proximity of his new front door to his last. he's still had to usher in lost patrons.

While his rent has gone up with the move, his store has also gotten much bigger. "It's very fair," he said of his new situation.

Elliott and RandiLynne Herman bought Liberty Tax Service at the end of December, purchasing an established franchise in the borough.

"They are trying to raise the rent here substantially," said Elliott Herman, prior to Liberty

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turned them down. Higher rent Tax's move to a location on East Main Street. After the April tax season ended, they relocated to a new storefront.

"We're staying in Somerville no matter what. We like the town, and the client base is said RandiLynne here,' Herman.

'HOT PROPERTY'

Somerville is becoming a hot property in anticipation of the Downtown Somerville Shopping Center redevelopment project. Though the old strip mall is now a glass-andconcrete ghost town, what it is being replaced with - a modern complex with a mix of retail, office and housing space might just be gold for downtown.

"I think everyone is banking on the project across the street," said Pat Mannion, who

owns both Mannion's Pub and Restaurant and the building it is in. At 150 West Main St., his business is close to the epicenter of the excitement, and he said he has turned down frequent offers to buy his property. "I get an inquiry at least once a month, someone asking about the building, the business, or

both," he said. A Main Street merchant for the last seven years, Mannion has no intention of taking his namesake establishment elsewhere, but the offers keep getting higher.

Mannion, the vice chairman of the District Management Corp., the group that oversees the Special Improvement District which encompasses a part of Main Street, said that while he thinks that the downtown real estate prices are

right, it is taking a toll on the businesses that are there.

"I'm sad to see any retailer go. It's not easy, trying to make living doing that," said Mannion. As places like the St. Jude Shop leave, he hopes to see other retailers moving in to balance the mix, rather than services or restaurants.

"What I'd like to see is more retail, to bring people into town," he said, citing clothing, sports, and shoe stores as examples of what the borough lacks. "You need to get young people in here with the sports stores, and families buying clothes for children. I love seeing families with strollers on Main Street.

> WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Pitts agreed that chain retailers — which many say are the only ones that can afford the higher rents — would not be a bad thing, citing Foot Locker and Banana Republic for possible downtown locations.

"I would love to see personally a DSW. They're not in the area, and they're for everyone, men, women, kids," he said.

Paramount Properties is one of the companies buying up properties downtown.

In addition to 90 Main St., the company also has other properties - such as the building with the Armed Forces Recruiting Center, which fronts on West Main Street and runs down Division Street — in the borough.

Maurice Levy, one of the owners of the company, said that the company is looking to purchase more property in the area.

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completed in 2011. Remediation of groundwater contamination could take much longer, perhaps up to 30 years, noted Shah. Wyeth Holding Corporation, the current owner of the property, proposed building an 18-hole golf course and an ecological habitat on site.

Cleanup work at the 435-acre site ceased in March 2004 to allow the department to conduct a feasibility study on possible remediation methods. Previously, contaminants in several of the 26 impoundments were temperature and biochemically treated; however, Wyeth and department officials

believe this may not be the best remedy.

"We wanted a comprehensive regional plan, including soil and groundwater remediation," instead of cleaning up the site impoundment-by-impoundment, said Steve Roland, president of environmental solutions for O'Brien & Gere Engineers Inc., the consulting firm hired by Wyeth.

The study, expected to wrap up in the fall, will indicate alternative remediation methods for the Superfund site. Once complete, the department will hold public hearings on its course of action before proceeding with the remediation.

"We were very disappointed when they said the treatment is not appropriate," said Ross Stander, chairman of CRISIS, a concerned residents group. "But it's more important to do things right."

Continued from page A1 officials indicated that it could house an upscale ice cream par-

Maggiano's Little Italy will have its first location in the state at the Village. The family-style restaurant is expected to open Aug. 24 following a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for Aug. 23.

The Village is expected to add 300 jobs, said Finn, who noted that the mall employs about 1,500 people.

A grand-opening fundraiser raffle will benefit the Somerset Way's County United Community Care Fund. Only 2,000 raffle tickets at \$50 each will be sold. A 2006 Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic motorcycle valued at

\$18,000 is the grand prize. The bike was donated by Williams Harley-Davidson of Lebanon, formerly of Bound Brook.

Commons adds a 'downtown

we have none left in our showroom," said Jim Flynn of Williams. "We do donations like this all the time. It gets us in touch with the community."

First prize is a New York Yankees sports package with six luxury box tickets and a meetand-greet with manager Joe Torre and some of the players. Other prizes include luxury box seats at Continental Airlines Arena, NJ Performing Arts Commerce Bank Center, Ballpark, Sovereign Bank Arena and Monmouth Racetrack. Those who purchase raffle tickets will have access to a special preview

where vendors will give away gifts and coupons.

The United Way hopes the raffle will raise \$100,000 for its Community Care Fund, which has nearly 60 affiliated non-profit organizations.

"Here in Somerset County, we have those that are less fortunate," said John Graf, Jr., president and chief executive officer of the Somerset County United Way. "A lifestyle center like this is a dream for those people."

"Bridgewater Commons has become an integral part of the community," Somerset County Business Partnership President and CEO Jeff Horn added. "That they turned a grand opening into a benefit is evidence how the business community tries to give back to the community in Somerset County."

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In The Towns

Great Train

Expo on track EDISON - The Great Train Expo is coming down the track to stop at the New Jersey Convention Center in Raritan Center.

Model trains and toy trains in all gauges and sizes will be set up for all to marvel. Show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Admission is \$7 for adults and free for children under age 12. For more information, visit www.greattrainexpo.com or call (732) 417-1400.

Summer programs offered at library

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - The South Plainfield Public Library has summer programs for children and teens

Several programs are at the same time every week in August: "Storytime" for ages 3-up, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and 1:15 p.m.

Thursday. No registration is nec-

essary. "Time for 2's and 3's," open to ages 2-3 years old, 1 p.m. Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. No registration is necessary.

"Books-N-Babies" for those up to age 3 years old, 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday. No registration is necessary.

"Reading with Miss Mija" for children ages 6-up, 6:30 p.m. Thursday. No registration is nec-

essary. Chess Club for beginner and advanced players, 3:30 p.m. Friday. No registration is neces-

sary. Other programs are at a specific time and day:

"Kidcraft" for ages 6-up, 6:30 p.m. Monday. There is a \$1 materials fee each week. Registration is required.

End-of-summer party for young adults, 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Registration is required.

For registration, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

Party to honor retiring librarian

DUNELLEN - Colleen Fantini is retiring this summer from the Dunellen Public Library, where she has been the children's librarian for many years.

A party in honor of Fantini will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28 in the library at 100 New Market Road. The public is invited.

Anniversary parade participants sought

BOUND BROOK - The Parade Committee for the Bound Brook 325th Anniversary celebration, being held Oct. 8, is looking for local groups to sponsor floats depicting various historical eras during the history of Bound Brook, from the signing of the deed with the Indians right up until today's redevelopment efforts. The committee is looking for

local organizations to sponsor a float in the parade.

Some float examples include: The making of the Betsy Ross

flag, The Revolutionary War period, the founding of local churches, the opening of the borough's first school, the founding of the local library, the flood which took place in the 1800s, as well as Tropical Storm Floyd in 1999, or the railroad coming to the bor-

ough. Any group interested should contact Phyllis Pournaras at (732) 356-0141. The organizers of the parade will make an effort to supply a flatbed truck, if needed, as well as give ideas on how to put together the float. The committee will have a list of historical times to give suggestions.

Governor's School includes local teens

EDISON - Two Edison boys have been accepted for. Governor's School programs over the summer.

Jack Groshen was accepted for the Governor's School of Public Issues, a four-week program held at Monmouth University in West Long Branch.

Matthew R. Rodriguez was

accepted for the Governor's School of Engineering and Technology. This four-week program is at the Rutgers School of Engineering in Piscataway. Both students attend the Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies, located on the Edison campus of Middlesex County College. The

Technical Schools. Take a tour

of Earth Center SOUTH BRUNSWICK -

academy is affiliated with the

Middlesex County Vocational and

Guided tours of the Middlesex County Earth Center are now The Earth Center includes a

den and a 13-bed herb garden, plus a display of shade trees and ornamental trees. All are found at Davidson's Mill Pond Park.

organizations are welcome to take these tours. A fee is charged for each tour.

For more information, call (732) 398-5262.

Bookmobile adds summertime stop

PISCATAWAY - The library's Bookmobile has rolled out its summer schedule with a new stop at Camp Cabrini on Tuesday afternoons.

In addition to the regular neighborhood stops, the Bookmobile will also return to Piscataway Township's "What's Up Youth Center" on alternative Monday afternoons; the Piscataway School Summer Camp at Martin Luther King School on Thursday afternoons, and the Piscataway Recreation Department park sites at Tara and Irishtown Parks on Friday mornings.

Copies of the Bookmobile summer schedule will be available at all Library locations and on the Library web site at www.piscatawaylibrary.org. For further information about the Library and its programs, contact the Reference Department at (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6.

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Military Honors

Army Reserve Pfc. Jared J. Santos has graduated from the Power-Generation Equipment Repairer Advanced Individual Training course at Aberdeen, Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md. During the training, Santos was trained to perform unit, direct support or general support maintenance functions on power-generation equipment.

This included repair and overhauling internal combustion engines, tactical utility, precise power generation sets, and other associated equipment. Santos is the son of April J. Santos of Highland Park.

Army Pvt. Alcides E. Sabio has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle_marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises

Sabio is the son of Elsa Alvarez of South Plainfield and nephew of Blanca Mata, also of the borough. He is a 1997 graduate of New Brunswick Adult High School.

Christopher S. Passanante has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Passanante is a 1984 graduate of Piscataway High School.

Army National Guard Pvt.

Army Pvt. Alcido E. Sabio has graduated from the Light-Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, which include internal combustion engines and power trains, spark- and compressionignition engines, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic-power brakes, suspension and steering systems, and learned to operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assembly.

Sabio is the son of Elsa M. Alvarez of South Plainfield. He is a 1997 graduate of New Brunswick High School.

Airman 1st Class Raman Srinivasan has graduated from the Air Force's F-15 fighter aircraft avionic communication, navigation and penetration aids system apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He is assigned to the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.



A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newswire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

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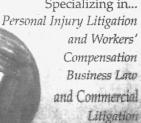
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broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit



available by appointment. 1,000 square foot vegetable gar-Clubs, scout troops and other







WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT

Navy Seaman Recruit David M. Pellicane, son of Patricia A. Lewis and Steve R. Pellicane of Piscataway, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pellicane is a 2004 graduate of Piscataway High School.

Srinivasan is the son of Dr. Thandangorai V. and Dr. Ivotsna Srinivasan of Stonegate Drive, Metuchen.

Air Force Airman Javarris S. Butler has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the stepson of Micheal Jordan of St. Marks Avenue, Piscataway, and a 2004 alumnus of Piscataway High School.

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Senior Citizens Calendar

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The Bound Brook Seniors meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave. and the corner of Livingston. All seniors are welcome to join including non-residents. Meetings include informative programs, refreshments, information about upcoming trips and bingo

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

For more information about the planned trips, call Frank at (732) 356-6310.

For detailed information about the club, call President Frank

COSMETOLOGY TRAINING CENTER

Gilly at (732) 356-6310. Nonmembers are welcome on trips if space allows.

The Senior Leisure Club of St. Mary's Bound Brook club sponsors Atlantic City trips to the Taj Mahal casino the fourth Tuesday of each month. The

The Senior Leisure Club of St. ond Monday of every month in Bound Brook. For further infor-Aug. 14 - Membership

Meeting and Luncheon Aug. 22 - Atlantic City Trip to Taj Mahal Casino

Oct. 12 - San Gennaro Festival, Spring Lake trip - food, music, comedy, Sinatra tribute \$62. Call Vince at (732) 356-3862.

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. each Friday at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park. Bingo is played each Friday after the meeting. Bus transportation is provided. New members are welcome. Coffee and tea are provided: bring your own sandwiches. For information, call (732)

968-1285; President of Dunellen Senior Citizen Club, Ida Chianowyz.

Edison

Edison Chapter of AARP #3346 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. (except July and August) at the Edison Job Corps center, located at 500 Plainfield Ave. New applications are being accepted.

Jewish Family and Vocational Services - The volunteer program at Elderday. "Chef for the Day" needs volunteers to prepare lunch for the elderly members of the social adult day program in Edison from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1940, Ext. 122.

Elderday Care (a Social Day Care Program) for folks with memory loss and various degrees of dementia has a few immediate openings available. Transportation is provided with sliding scale fees. Interesting program includes meals, snacks; and activities that all can easily participate. Consider this a great safe way to provide social activities for your loved one. Call (732) 777-1940 for information.

Openings are now available for CAMEO (Challenging Adult Minds and Energizing Ourselves), a social day care program tailored to the needs of adults who are physically disabled, but cognitively alert.

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Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, holds a monthly board meeting at noon on the second Monday of the month at noon. The general meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27). Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome at meetings, and this chapter is currently accepting new members; for information about joining the chapter call Mary or John McCabe at (732) 603-3967.

For additional information about trips, call Miriam Dingle at (732) 548-9395.

Piscatawav

The Piscataway Senior Center has announced its

schedule of upcoming events at the center, 700 Buena Vista Ave., off Hoes Lane behind the 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 at no cost. Sign up at the Reception Desk at the center. Upcoming Events:

Aug. 21 - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Broadway Sally" \$63.25, depart: 10:15 a.m. return 4:30 p.m. Sign up at Piscataway Senior Center. (732) 562-1133.

Sept. 11 - New England trip until Sept. 14. \$655 single, \$580 double per person. Call Center for details (732) 562-1133

Sept. 13 - Lunch Cruise on the Spirit of New Jersey, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$86. includes transportation, lunch and dancing. Call Senior Center for more details (732) 562-1133.

In The Towns

Metuchen businesses hosting car show

METUCHEN - The Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce is holding an Antique and Classic Car Cruise Nights on Sept. 6. Music and entertainment are provided.

For more information, visit www.metuchenchamber.com or call (732) 548-2964.

Highland Park has

summer fun planned HIGHLAND PARK - The following are upcoming events being held in the borough. The events are part of a series of activities organized or hosted by the Main Street Highland Park organization. - Second annual Highland Park Arts Festival --- 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, along Raritan Avenue.

- Fifth annual Autumn in the Park - 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, along Raritan Avenue.

Band anniversary

DVD is planned PISCATAWAY --- The Superchief Band at Piscataway High School marks its 35th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion the Superchief Band Parents Association is producing an anniversary DVD. Videotapes

chair@yahoo.com or call Pat Hatfield at (732) 248-9426.

Police honor

15 with awards PISCATAWAY --- The Police Department held an awards ceremony at the Municipal Complex for policemen who performed outstanding service in the past two years.

Sgt. Arthur Randolph and Patrolman Philip Zmuda received the Chief's Achievement Award, Detective Dean Petrillo received the Medal of Merit. Patrolman Kevin Parmalee, Patrolman David Piro and Detective Michael Trojanowski received the Lifesaving Award. Patrolman Michael Nols received an Honorable Service Award.

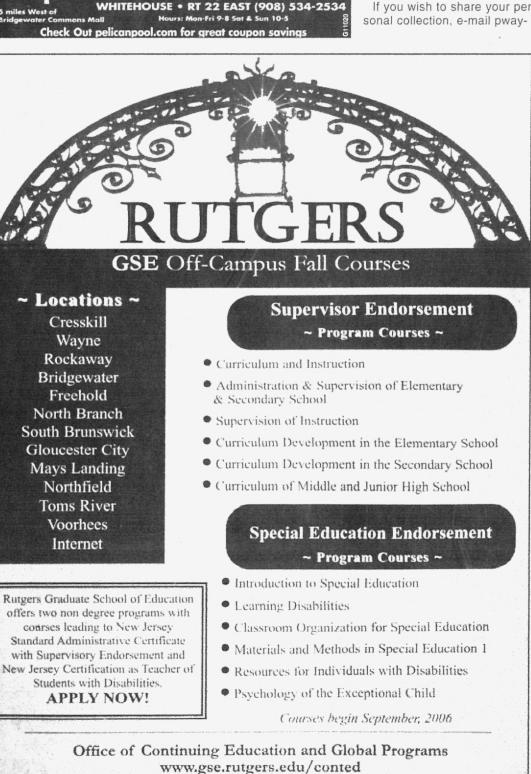
Awards were presented to officers who used the department defibrillator to save lives. Patrolman Albert Annuzzi was honored for saving two lives. Patrolmen Mark Portnoy, Thomas Slover, Michael Smith and Rodwick Solomon, along with Detective Lance Williams. were honored for each saving a life. Williams also received

an Honorable Service Award. In addition, David Locke and Patricia Schibanoff received the Civilian Service Award for providing services that may be eemed beneficial to the department or the township. Such service may include apprehending a criminal or responding to an emergency.



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Obituaries

Merritt Proctor

MIDDLESEX - Merritt M. Proctor, 89, died Aug. 1, 2006 at Greenbrook the Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook.

Born in Norfolk, Va., he lived in Newark and South Bound Brook before moving to Middlesex in 1950.

Mr. Proctor retired in 1981 as a test engineer with Public Service Electric & Gas Co. in Maplewood. A yachtsman, he was a member of the Viking Marina yacht club in Morgan and a deacon of the Middlesex Presbyterian Church.

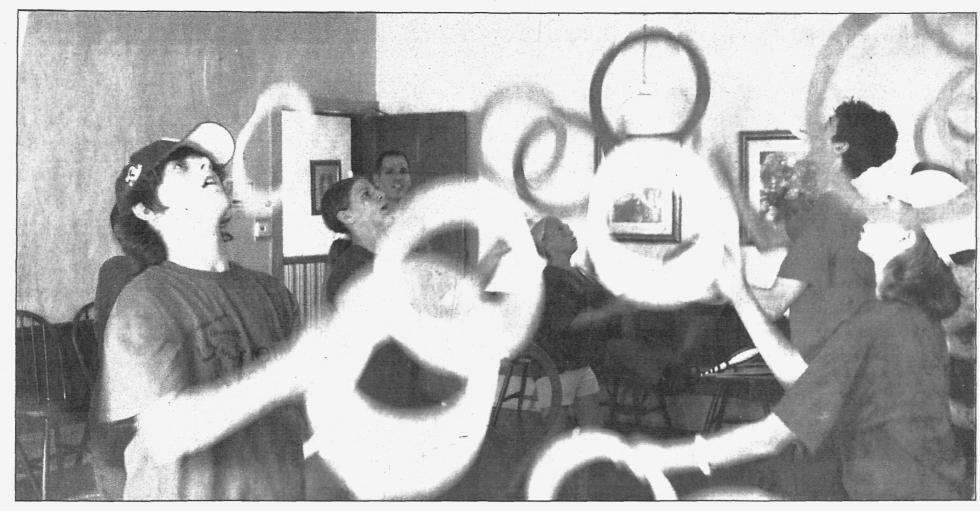
He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth L. Demmer Proctor; a daughter, Cathy Newman and husband Robert of South Plainfield; a son, Robert and wife Barbara of Hillsborough; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in South Plainfield. Arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield.



Everything Jersey



Children in the New Jersey is Beautiful Juggling Troupe, left, practice with rings at the Washington Avenue Arts Annex in Dunellen last month. They will put on a benefit show at the Ronald McDonald Camp in the Poconos on Monday. Below, Brenda Amaya, 11, of Dunellen, spins a plate on a stick.

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Much more than just a juggling act

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI

The Chronicle

"Pick it up and keep going," Lou De Lauro said encour-

This time, Gallagher, 11, from Green Brook, kept the balls

show.

Katarsky, 14, of Dunellen, who will juggle while riding a unicycle during the show. "We learned to treat people nice-



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Back To School 2006

The Chronicle

4-H Club will show its silly side

By JENNIFER ROSENBAUM Correspondent

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The 4-H Club typically has been associated as an agricultural and animal organization, but since the earlier part of the 20th century the foundation, which started as an outlet for young people to have hands on experience and reconnect them to country life, has branched out, embracing the diverse and multitalented younger generations.

An example of this evolution in 4-H is the enthusiastic, lighthearted spirit of clowns. Nine clowns who make up the Clowning Around 4-H Club will be attending the Somerset County 4-H Fair, being held Wednesday through Aug 18, in Bridgewater, to perform in the Arts Tent to highlight the accomplishments of club participants and volunteers throughout the year.

Those involved in the club will be clowning around at the fair daily from 2-2:30 p.m. Leading up to the fair, the club has met regularly. They have come together every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the 4-H Center in Bridgewater, honing their clowning skills by inviting professional clowns to their meetings for pointers on face painting, magic tricks and other clowning topics. Members of the club have also worked hard on collaborating with one another to piece together a performance for the fair.

"It is a compromise. I make suggestions and they share their ideas," said Betty

Sommerville, club leader of the Clowning Around 4-H Club.

This year's show is expected to be a spin off from American Idol. Another anticipated event under the Arts Tent will be juggling instruction by the clowns from 2:30 p.m.-3 p.m., open to anyone willing to learn.

Since 1997, clowning has gone on at the annual fair, and Sommerville can proudly say she reinstated the club into the 4-H program.

"I got involved because I started with my oldest son in the prep program. I was then encouraged by Val Kreutler (program assistant for the prep program), to bring back the clown club," said Sommerville, of Hillsborough. The rest is history.

"Both of my sons have gone through the clown club," she said.

For nine years Sommerville has worked with many types of 4-H participants, both outgoing and shy. But, the mission of the club remained the same.

"Our mission is never competition, it is cooperation."

Also, Sommerville believes all those involved have benefited from their membership. "I think it's teaching them that teamwork is important and sometimes you have to focus.'

The 4-H has something for just about everyone, serving over 9 million members in approximately 100,000 clubs across the United States.

Everything Jersey

Megan Bozzomo of Christopher Middlesex, a junior majoring Metuchen, a senior majoring in in elementary education and management. psychology. Grishma Patel of Edison, a Brodetsky Ilona of senior majoring in finance and Metuchen, a senior majoring in management.

political science. Suzie Chu of Edison, a freshman majoring in journalism.

and psychology.

Shannon Clegg of Piscataway

was named to the dean's list for

the spring 2006 term at

Springfield, Mass. She is a

senior majoring in athletic

Nineteen area students were

named to the dean's list for the

fall 2005 semester at Rider

University in Lawrenceville.

Jason Bellew of Piscataway, a

junior majoring in secondary

Ashley Benham of Edison, a

Rafal Bielecki of Edison, a

Shannon Boyles of South

Plainfield, a sophomore major-

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Sandra Cortes of Edison, a senior majoring in management. Brian Fabiano of Highland

Park, a senior majoring in marketing.

Beth Gard of Edison, a junior majoring in journalism.

Shelly Helfgott of Edison, a junior majoring in elementary education and communication. Jessica Mortenson of Edison, a sophomore majoring in ele-

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Piscataway, a freshman major-

junior majoring in English.

science and finance.

Four area students were of named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. They are:

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Janara Garcia of South Plainfield, a junior majoring in architecture

Miroslav Milanov of Bound Brook, a freshman majoring in industrial and interaction design.

Joshua Seidner of Edison, a senior majoring in architecture.

Ryan Walsh of Edison, a junior majoring in drama.

Six students from Edison were named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Boston University in Boston, Mass. They are Rachel M. Bien, Eric G. Chu, Sudeep Pal, Paras A total of 21 area students N. Patel, Matthew D. Rogers





College Ave. Campus



Clowning Aroung 4-H Club members Willie Sommerville, 14, his mother Betty, and Sally Gilligan, 11, entertain visitors at a lupus fundraiser held at Exchange Field in Somerville on Saturday. The club will perform at the Somerset County 4-H Fair next week.

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Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Honors list students have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4. They include Amy Gaynor and Sara Castellanos, both of Bound Brook: Chiara Giordano, of Dunellen; Jessica Emens, Dorothy Iacone, Nicole Matos, Dana Patterson and Peter Scocca, all of Edison; Victoria Lau, of Metuchen; and David Gutierrez, of Middlesex.

Dean's list students have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. They include Katie Mateicka and Richard Nalepa, both of Metuchen; Darlene Belford, Stephen Valinski and William Vandeveer, all of Middlesex; Tisha Hutchinson, Jilyan Lane, Quyen Nguyen, Stephanie Shafer and Quintella Thomas, all of Piscataway; and Jennifer Stephanie Shafer Silhanek, of South Plainfield.

Erin Bunger of Piscataway has been selected for the 2006 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She is a senior majoring in psychology at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. Bunger also was named to the Susquehanna dean's list for the fall 2005 semester. The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernhard Bunger is a 2002 graduate of Piscataway High School.

Four area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va. They are:

Andrew S. Abate of 43 Sunshine Lane, Edison, a sophomore majoring in history. Neha Choudhary of 62 Ellmyer Road, Edison, a sophomore majoring in general engineering

Ryan M. Decker of 251 Pierce St., South Plainfield, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering.

Matthew J. Sparacio of 13 Edgemount Road, Edison, a sophomore majoring in history.

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa. They are Regina Duke of Piscataway, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, and Wormann Amanda of Piscataway, a senior majoring in health and occupation.

Gabriel Andres Morocoima of Piscataway made the Dean's List for the fall semester 2005 at The Georgia Institute of Technology. Undergraduate students earning a 3.00 or higher academic average for the quarter gain the distinction of being named to the

Dean's List at Georgia Tech.

Steren Jankowsky and Emily Stawick, both of Piscataway, were named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

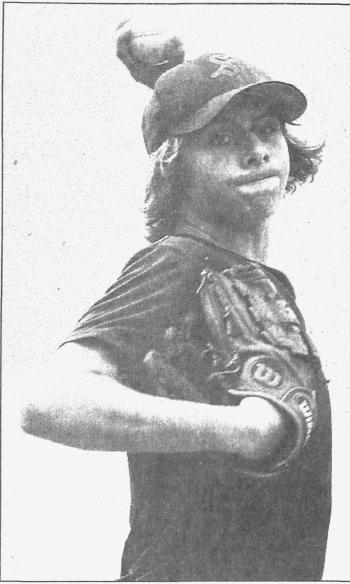
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LARRY MURPHY/CORRESPONDENT

Colin Klika started on the mound for Somerville during last week's 10-7 loss to South Plainfield in the Central Jersey Baseball League's High School Division A playoff final. Somerville finished the summer with an overall 11-8 record.

Somerville falls in playoff final

By DAVE ALLENA Staff Writer

NORTH PLAINFIELD -After two games in which its pitching shut down the opposition, Somerville ran into a team that didn't stop hitting. Battling for the Central Jersey Baseball League's High School Division A playoff crown Aug. 1, Somerville put together a couple of come-backs to tie the game but South Plainfield scored four times in the bottom of the sixth inning for a 10-7 verdict ations that were tough to get at Krausche Field.

Having defeated the fifth

Jr. Panthers show promise

By DAVE ALLENA Staff Writer

Enjoying some success at the Junior American Legion baseball level this summer should provide some benefits for the Bridgewater-Raritan High varsity in the spring. With Bridgewater's Senior

American Legion squad playing a lineup of mostly recent graduates, a number of next year's B-R varsity honed their skills in the John Baker Division (age 17 and younger) of the Pyramid Baseball League.

Outscoring their opponents 124-68 for the best differential in the five-team league, the Panthers posted an 11-5 record for second place. They then showed some heart by winning twice after a first-game loss as they were eliminated from the Junior American Legion State Tournament.

Max Newell, the B-R High freshman team coach, handled the reins of the squad and was more than satisfied with the results.

"This bunch of kids, which I had last year, is talented and they work hard, so I expected them to do well," he said. "We didn't have our full lineup together for more than a couple of games, so everyone contributed, and everyone did well.

"These kids have played together for a long time, and if they stay within themselves and stay focused they can be successful. The thing about this group is there are no exceptional standouts, but there are no weak areas, either. It's a good mix of kids." Having graduated a large part of the varsity, Bridgewater will look for a number of players to step up from the JV team, and those are the guys Newell coached this summer.

"I told them they all have the talent to play at the next level, but it's going to depend of what they want to do, whether they want to put in the time in the batting cage and work on their defense," he said. "A lot of guys have a chance to make the varsity.

"Andrew Priece and Cory Frankosky, of course, were with the varsity this year. Robert Pennella is very talented at second base and in the outfield. Billy Holden has a chance at first base because there's an opening. Matt Driscoll is a very good athlete and has a chance to play. Shaun Sowden will probably be the varsity backup catcher. "The varsity will need pitch-

ers next year, and it's going to depend on which of them continue to improve. Eric Hess, who was a freshman this year, showed a lot of progress. Nick Olson, Scott Horowitz and Sean Doherty all have the potential to make a run at varsity innings."

As was the case in the state tournament, Bridgewater showed plenty of promise at times and inconsistency at oth-

"With this age group it's just a matter of getting them to play with consistency," Newell said. "You look at our games in the state tournament and you can see nothing really stands out. One day we had great pitching and we didn't hit, and the next day we hit but the pitching wasn't as good.

"It was a strange season in that regard. On some days we hit well, and other days we

pitched well. Some days we put it all together. I thought we were pretty solid defensively. They're fundamentally sound and knew what to do with the ball when it was hit to them. I was pretty pleased with the defense most of the year.

"Nick Olson was very consistent hitting the ball. We moved him up to second, and he did a good job there. Rob Pennella hit the ball hard a lot, and both Andrew and Cory when they were there, hit well. James Guido, towards the end of the season, really came on with his offense."

Holden was Bridgewater's regular first baseman while Pennella split time at second and center field. Zach Bray also played some second base, with Driscoll and Matt Pullman splitting time at shortstop. Horowitz and Frankosky handled the third base duties.

Sowden did most of the catching with Doherty backing him up while Guido, Priece, Brian Hsing and Olson all saw time in the outfield. Hess, also a standout pitcher, showed plenty of versatility by playing

a number of positions. Lincroft 9, Bridgewater 5 – Bridgewater led 3-0 and then 5-3 but Lincroft took a 7-5 lead with a five-run fifth-inning runs in the semifinals of the losers' bracket Aug. 1 to eliminate the Panthers.

Priece, who took the loss while working five innings, gave Bridgewater the lead with a two-run single in the first and then doubled home Driscoll, who'd singled, in the third to make it 3-0. Driscoll doubled in a run and scored on a single by Priece (3 for 5) in the fifth.

Bridgewater 2, Haddon Heights 1 — Hess allowed one unearned run in eight innings, scattering six hits, and Priece picked up the victory with one shutout inning as Bridgewater outlasted Haddon Heights in nine innings July 31.

Bridgewater took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second on a pair of walks and Pullman's hit, but Haddon Heights tied the game in the seventh. In the 10th Hsing drew a lead-off walk and moved to second on Pullman's ground ball. Pennella (2 hits) then singled home the go-ahead run.

Bridgewater 15, Edison 14-Trailing 7-0 at one point and then 13-7, Bridgewater came all the way back to take a lead but still needed Pullman's RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to out-slug Edison in the first elimination game July 30. Sowden sparked both come-

backs with a grand slam in the fourth keying the first, while he added a three-run homer in the fifth and a sac fly in the sixth. Sowden finished the game 2 for 4 with the eight RBI.

Horowitz also had a solo homer in the fourth, while Pennella, who went 3 for 5 with three RBI, singled in two runs in the sixth. Priece, Guido and Pullman added two hits each.

Florham Park 4, Bridgewater 2 — Doubles by Holden and Sowden (RBI) and a wild pitch pushed across two runs in the bottom of the seventh, but Florham Park/Madison scored twice in the eighth to win the opener July 29. Olson, who had the other two Bridgewater hits, allowed four hits and two runs over six innings on the mound.

Foley is second in Met Amateur

After playing more rounds in a five-day span than many avid golfers do in one season, Kevin Foley was already looking forward to his next tournament.

"Yeah, it was a pretty rough week and I'm kind of burned out," he said Monday night, "but I'll have some time to relax now and practice for one more at the end of the sumusual," he said, "but I still managed to play all right. It's just that in the past few weeks I haven't really been putting that well. In the Met Amateur I didn't make too many putts and also today I didn't putt too well.

"The hardest thing is to get by when you're not putting well. That's probably the most





and top seeds with a pair of shutouts, Somerville couldn't hold down South Plainfield, a division champion and overall league runnerup with a final record of 15-4, as three pitchers combined to allow 15 hits.

"It's not so much a disappointment that we lost but knowing we had our chances," said Assistant Coach Brian Scrocca. "That was the third time we played them, and it was the closest we'd been that late in the game. We put ourselves in a position to win the game.

"The big thing was the way we responded after being down 3-0 right away. I know it was still early and anything can happen in baseball, but I think it showed a lot of character for a young team to keep coming back like that in a championship game and finally tie the game.

"This wasn't a case of just being happy to be there. The kids were excited about the game. They came to play. There was a lot of intensity out there. When they got down they wanted to come back. These guys are winners, and they have a lot of fun doing it. They just fell a little short.

"It's a good sign of character when you see a team this young feel bad about losing. That's a good attitude to have. It shows winning is important. If they continue to work at it, in a couple of years you'll see some good things from this group.

A division winner a year ago when it claimed its first A playoff crown, Somerville fell short in its title defense and finished the summer with a 11-8 mark. Offensively it proved to be a solid year, and the final game was no exception as Somerville fell despite an 11-hit attack, 10 against starter Jeff Pryor.

"It was nice to see the guys put six runs up against one of the best pitchers in the league," said Scrocca, who watched Somerville rally from 3-0 and 6-4 deficits to pull even. "We had a couple of sit-

Fowler battled, but when you put that many runners on base you're going to get into trouble. After a while it's going to come back to bite you. In the sixth we just couldn't come up with a way to get them out."

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uations where we failed to move some runners up, but

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After South Plainfield grabbed a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning, Somerville answered with a pair in the second. Bryan Mantie started it with a double and Chris DeMarco singled him home. Following a single by Chris Venditto and a passed ball, Eric Karpinski delivered a sacrifice fly.

South Plainfield went up 4-2 with a run in the third, which Somerville countered in the fourth when DeMarco singled, and after a fielder's choice by Karpinski forced DeMarco, Klika and Craig Belucci singled to get Karpinski home and make it a 4-3 game.

With two more runs in the home of the fourth, South Plainfield kept the pressure on, but Somerville came right back to knot the game at 6-6.

Eric Fowler walked, stole second and moved to third on Sean Cruz's bunt. Fowler held third and Cruz moved up on a ground ball, and Mantie came through with a two-run single. Klika later drew a basesloaded walk.

Fowler, who replaced Klika in the fourth, blanked South Plainfield in the fifth but couldn't get anyone out in the next inning when South Plainfield iced the decision. In the seventh Somerville had no rally left, managing just one base-runner.

Mantie led the way in the Somerville offense with a 3for-4 performance, while DeMarco and Cruz both collected a pair of hits.

ZAMORSKY STARS

Ryan Zamorsky helped put Somerville in the CJBL title game with an overpowering pitching performance in a 1-0 semifinal triumph over Dunellen July 29. Zamorsky allowed just three hits and struck out 18 batters in the nine-inning contest.

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Foley, who was referring to the Metropolitan Open which begins Aug. 22 at Summit's Canoe Brook, had just finished what's become a typical day for him. He played 36 holes of regulation, plus another in a sudden-death playoff, in Monday's qualifying competition for the U.S. Amateur.

The 19-year-old Immaculata High graduate had the "home course" edge because the qualifier was at Bridgewater's Raritan Valley Country Club and he came close to making the grade as an alternate.

He carded a 72-71-143, tying for fourth place with four others. The top three earned berths in the U.S. Am and, with the next two eligible as alternates, a sudden-death playoff was required. Two golfers birdied the first extra hole and Foley settled for a par-5, and that was the end of another marathon day for him.

"It's been a lot of golf," said the Somerville resident, "but right now I just want to play in as many tournaments as I can, especially the bigger ones. I'm a little tired but I don't feel bad about it or anything like that. I'm always excited about playing."

Just the day before, Foley had grinded out another 36 holes in the final round of the Metropolitan Golf Association Amateur match-play event at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. Fighting from behind all day, he ultimately fell 1-up to 17-year-old Tommy McDonagh, who became the youngest champ in the tourney's 104-year history.

Foley had begun the Met Am with the 36-hole qualifier Aug. 3, played the same total the next day and 19 more Saturday. Include the next two days, and that's a mind-blowing 164 holes of golf in five

days. Yet, after it was all over, Foley preferred to focus on the fundamentals, not the grueling schedule.

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"That's more golf than

A longtime caddie at RVCC. Folev knows the course's intricacies as well as anyone and that certainly helped him stay close Monday.

"Sure, it helps going in," he said. "It takes one of the problems out of the equation. But I still had to bring my whole game and I had only half of it. My putting was just not there.'

The putting was certainly there Sunday for McDonagh, who'll be a senior at St. Luke's High in New Canaan, Conn. and just two months ago became the youngest winner of the Connecticut Amateur.

Always a strong putter, McDonagh birdied the opening hole of the Met Amateur final on Baltusrol's Upper Course while Foley settled for a par and he was on his way to another major triumph. McDonagh built a five-stroke

lead through No. 12, at which point Foley had won just a single hole, but the Shorehaven CC golfer lost three holes on the back nine as Foley cut his deficit to two strokes by the conclusion of the morning round.

The final 18 holes were contested Sunday afternoon on the Lower Course and McDonagh again bolted ahead, going 5 up with eight to play.

That he did. McDonagh had four bogeys on the back nine and was holding just a 1-up advantage as the golfers approached the 520-yard 36th hole.

Both drilled drives into the left rough but also hit their next shots onto the fairway, McDonagh about 100 yards from the hole and Foley in the first cut about 70 yards away. Then McDonagh dropped his next shot 20 feet from the flag while Foley was 45 feet away.

Foley smacked a terrific putt which just lipped the cup and went out, while McDonagh was left with an easy two-putt for a matching par and the championship.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Seventh-grader Steven Garfi tries to maneuver his way towards the hoop during the recent annual Pioneer Basketball Camp, held during a three-week stretch at Somerville's Vanderveer School and directed by Somerville High boys head Coach Joe D'Alessandro.

Radmanovich powers Pats

Ryan Radmanovich, the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball's home-run leader, belted his 19th and 20th roundtrippers of the season Tuesday afternoon to help the Somerset Patriots secure an 11-6 triumph over Newark.

Radmanovich's two-run shot in the fifth inning staked Somerset to a 5-2 lead and the lefthanded hitter's solo homer in the seventh made it a 7-4 game as 5423 fans looked on at Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium in Newark.

The teams combined for 30 hits in an errorless game, with Radmanovich going 3 for 5, Edgard Clemente collecting three hits including a double and catcher Travis Anderson going 3 for 4 with a run batted in.

Somerset, which improved its second-half season record to 11-13 as it still trails Lancaster in the South Division standings, also got a pair of doubles from Larry Barnes, while Jim Burt doubled in two runs and Pat

Boran had an RBI single.

He wasn't his sharpest but Ben Crockett (7-6) earned the pitching victory, allowing four runs on 11 hits while striking out six batters in 5 2/3 innings. Joe Gannon (5-6) took the loss, allowing five earned runs on nine hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Long Island 6, Patriots 2 -Tony Fiore's pitching shut down the Patriots and Erick Almonte and Juan Gonzalez belted home runs Sunday night to lead the Ducks (13-8) to victory in front of 5580 fans at Commerce Bank Park, Bridgewater.

Fiore, now 7-1, allowed a run in each of the first two innings, then pitched scoreless ball the next six frames. Only one Somerset run was earned, and he gave up six hits and no walks while fanning four batters before Kevin Tolar came in to pitch a perfect ninth.

Lefthander Sam McConnell (0-1) took the loss after allowing six hits, two walks and four runs, three of which were earned, in 6 1/3 innings.





Somerville keeping its character | What's it cost Architecture cast in a new light

By JIM WHITE and ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI Staff Writers

A stroll down Main Street is feeling more and more like a

trip back in time, to the 1800s. Through its county-funded Façade Improvement Grant Program, Somerville hopes a Victorian-era look will eventually dominate the streetscape. Tom Genova, the borough's District Management Corporation chairman, said it's all about creating a uniform look along Main Street - an ornate, detailed style of architecture that can be seen along much of West Main Street between Bridge and Davenport streets.

"We can try, and come close, but you can never get the identical product," he said. "We try to blend them in as much as we can. So we don't have a white elephant on Main Street."

One of the most successful restoration projects on Main Street is the building that houses Wachovia Bank. In a highly visible location - the southwest corner of the Main Street and North Bridge

Street intersection - the historic building has been completely refurbished after years of neglect.

Vincent Wolk, an architect with Longo Partnership and the architect of the project, said that he had initially been contracted to repair the rotting windows, but the project soon became much larger, ultimately taking three to four months to complete.

"The town considered that one of the jewels of downtown, and it really is a beauti-ful building," he said. The structure dates to the 1800s, and the borough helped the architect and his restoration specialist find old photographs of the building to aid the project, and help replicate the historic look of the building.

Part of that look are the architectural features of the building, especially the columns and cornices in the front, he said.

"You can't get stonework like that anymore, and we were able to refurbish that. Even the colors are based on the original building," he said.

"If you look at the windows at the front, there's a criss-cross pattern on the top. We had two windows rebuilt to match. We also kept the original openings and we kept the same profile of the windows."

Wolk also tried to tie in the rear addition to the rest of the building. Estimated to date from the 1950s, it was built in an Art Deco style, which did not fit with the rest of the structure.

"It looked kind of out of place. It didn't really match," he said, noting that he tied it into the rest of building, to give it a more uniform look.

Wolk, who was the architect for both Wachovia and the owners of the building, also did restoration work on the interior, where the main feature is the original vault.

"I don't know how far that goes back, but it's old," he said. "You get some people that would die for those doors."

The restoration of the historic structure was a challenge, because of the years of neglect the building endured. While some things — such as the exterior columns - were in great

shape, others, especially in the interior, were not. Still, Wolk said he tried to keep as much as possible.

"We couldn't keep a lot of the stuff, because of the disrepair over the years, but we kept the character of the building," he said.

A walk up Main Street reveals a downtown full of Victorian-era character. Below are some examples of the interesting and historical architecture that populates Main Street:

- The three-story building at 48 E. Main Street houses Somerville Aluminum and is constructed in

Italianate/federal style. - At 2 to 50 West Main Street, note the arched windows, brick detailing, oak leaf

motif and laurel looping. - The Gaston Building at 54-58 W. Main Street is an example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture, as is United Reformed Church at 100 W. Main St.

- Redelico's Paints, at 118 W. Main St. has elliptical arches and sunburst motifs. The Italianate also has a box bay window - arguably the best view on Main Street.

- The Granetz Building at 201-11 W. Main Street, another example of Italianate style, has

a five-story tower and brick corbelling. Then it's on to the shopping

see the wrecking ball.

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI Staff Writer

Ask the merchants of downtown Somerville and they will tell you there's no magic formula for determining the rents they pay to their landlords.

to set up shop?

It's not solely based on square footage, the merchants' sales or even what others are paying. Rather it's a smorgasbord of all those factors.

"Market value is basically how much the going rate is," said Maurice Levy, chief operating officer of Paramount Property Management, which owns several buildings in the downtown. "You find out by tenants through the sale of a neighboring tenant. If they do half a million in sales, you figure out to probably get 10 percent of their gross. But there are other things that go into that too."

Sometimes rents include heating and other utility costs, but that is determined by the set up of the building.

"It depends on if there's one big boiler or a separate boiler," Levy said, noting that if each tenant has a separate boiler, their rents will usually reflect costs to heat the space.

Paramount owns 84 West Main St., the location of Sound Xpress; 92 West Main St., where Paul Sanford Jewelers is located; 145 West Main St., the location of the military recruitment center, 28 Davenport St., the home of Attitudes Ink Hair Studio; 16 Division St., home of the Christian Science Reading Room among other buildings in the downtown.

The average rent company gets for its properties in the downtown is \$20 a square foot,

Lorraine Sarra, owner of Beneath it All — a lingerie shop -and member of the District Management Corporation and the Somerville Business and Professional Association said she's seen a large range in

downtown rents. "Basically, rents go from fair to a little pricey," she said. "On Main Street, they can be from \$13-\$24 a square foot. It's a big range; I'd never be able to afford that. I'd have to sell a lot of bras."

Sarra pays \$14 per square foot and is in the midst of a five-year lease. During her last contract, she paid \$11 per square foot. Sarra believe rents are directly connected to what other landlords are charging.

"It's driven by what other property owners are doing," she said. "If one asks for \$25 and gets it, the next is going to ask for it. It's excessive and unfair to the mom-and-pop businesses and that's what you have on Main Street. Rents like that belong in a mall."

Paul Sanford, owner of Paul Sanford Jewelers, said he's heard of rents ranging from \$11-\$26 a square foot in the downtown. He has a 10-year lease for his store on Main Street, is paying \$22 per square foot and thinks he got a good deal. Likewise, he believes merchants have options when their negotiating a lease.

"There is room for negotiation," he said. "If you do your homework before you sign the contract, there should be no surprises. There are things you can calculate and there are things you can't calculate, like a heating bill. You can guess, but you probably won't know what it will be before you open."

Levy said landlords understand that it is in their best interest to have successful tenants and often give merchants a period of rent-free time when they first sign the lease, so that they can set up shop.

'You can negotiate the time of rent concession," he said. 'Usually (with Paramount's properties) the first 60 days are free so that the tenant can make the space suitable for their business.

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changing look of Main Street. "It will blend," he said. ORDINANCE 06-11



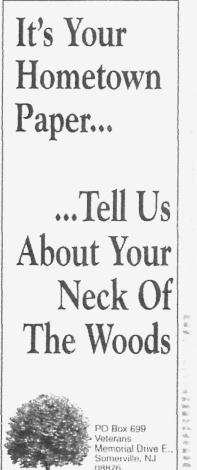
and Beata A. Lechowska YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Pluese, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20006 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, An Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint, filed in a civil action in which Weis Fargo Bank, NA, is Plantiff and John A. Lovas, et al., are Defendants pending in the Suparce Cruit of New Jarsey. Bank, NA, is Plantiff and John A. Lovas, et al. are befendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, chancery Division, Middlesex County, bearing Docket No. F-12501-06, within thirty-five days (35) after August 12, 2006 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court. Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jerscy 085626, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.
This action has been instituted for the purpose of fore-closing the mortgage dated February 2, 1990, and made by John A. Lovas and Beata A. Lechowska, to Travelers Mortgage. Services, Inc. recorded in the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, Book 3929, et Rage 425; to recov-er possession of and concerning real estate located at 57 Fresh Ponds R.d., South Strain, NA, Said Assignment was recorded to Mapin Strain Bank, NA, Said Assignment was recorded to Mapin Strain Bank, NA, Said Assignment was county Clerk's Office, in Assignment Book 949, Page 70. Ge Capital Mortgage Services, Inc. used the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, Book 3929, et fice assignment was recorded to Appin 7, 2005, in the Office of the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, in Assignment Book 949, Page 70. Ge Capital Mortgage Services, Inc. as the successor by merger to Travelers Mortgage Services. Inc. You, John A. Lovas and Beata A. Lechowska, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure. You, John A. Lovas and Beata A. Lechowska, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because ita A. Lechowska, are made

a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the owner of record of the mortgaged premis-es and because you signed Plaintiff's Note and Mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim or interest you or they may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein by the Plaintiff. You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-249-7500. DONALD E PHELAN CLERK

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