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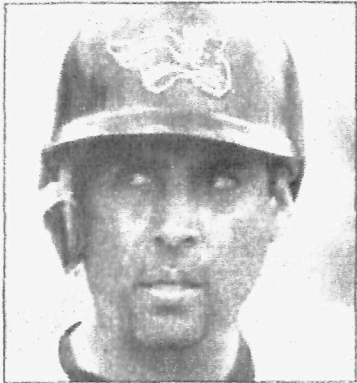
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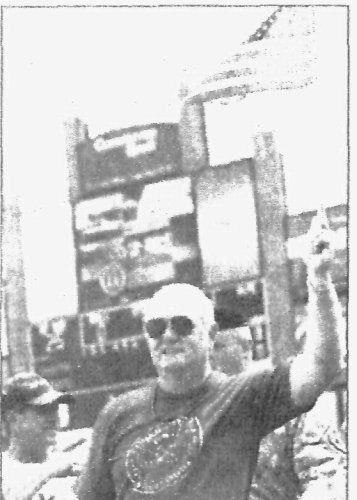
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Captain's contribution

Despite being hobbled by an Achilles tendon problem, something that has plagued him since the 1998 season, Emiliano Escandon continues to make a contribution as the Somerset Patriot's captain. **Page B1.**



Honoring veterans

Jim Hixon of Dunellen, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233 of Middlesex County, waves a flag as veterans walk onto the field during a recent Somerset Patriots game held at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. The veterans were invited to the game as part of the third annual Veterans of America Day held at the stadium. **Page B4.**

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Grant to help protect county records

Middlesex County was awarded a \$940,899 Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support Grant from the New Jersey State Records Committee to preserve and protect paper and electronic records kept by several county departments.

Margaret E. Pemberton, clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, who oversees the county's Division of Archives and Records Management, said the largest project to be funded by the grant would be the imaging of

hundreds of thousands of maps and supporting documents from the Engineering Department and Planning Department at a cost of \$244,020.

The county also will complete the first of a three-phase disaster recovery plan. The funding this year would be used to install hardware and software required for e-mail archiving.

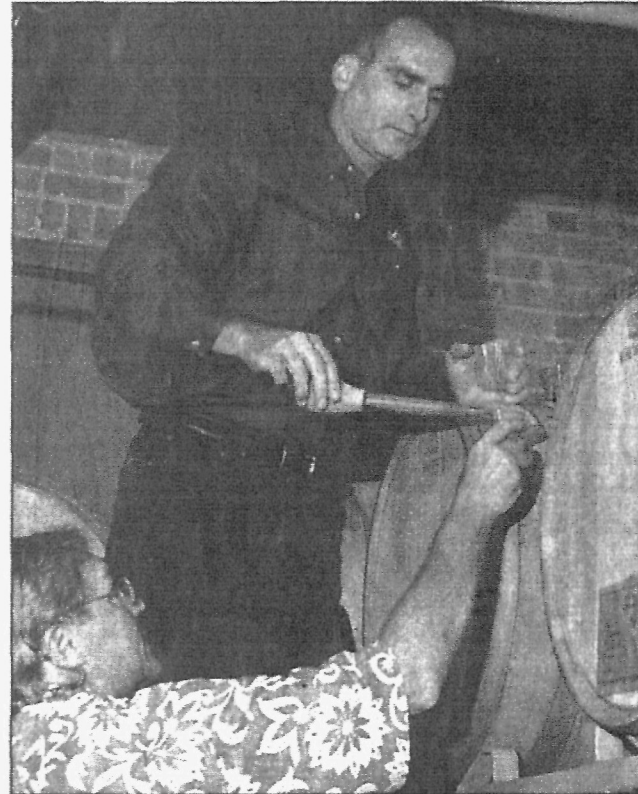
Also, Pemberton said, the county would use a portion of the grant to help municipalities microfilm vital

records, such as meeting minutes and ordinances. Many towns have no backup of the original documents, she said. The equipment also would be used to microfilm Surrogate's Office records that date to the 1700s and are contained in large bound books. The original books would then be stored at the county Division of Archives and Records Management Center.

"The grant funds allow us to upgrade — across the board — our

equipment and procedures to safeguard our records and improve access to them," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabel, chairman of the county Administration and Finance Committee, which oversees the records division. "We are grateful to be able to improve our archiving abilities and to be able to do it without using taxpayer dollars."

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Bottles of wine made the old-fashioned way were uncorked and served during The Wine Room's open house last week. At right, Wine Room owner Jeff Neary taps a barrel stored in the wine rack to provide a sample taste for a guest.

It's time to make the wine

By JIM WHITE
 Staff Writer

BOUND BROOK — Since opening its doors to the public three years ago, The Wine Room has yet to see a reenactment of that memorable scene from the "I Love Lucy" series, where Lucy goes to Italy and ends up stomping grapes with her feet.

But customers are welcome to give it a try, owner Jeff Neary said during a recent wine-tasting open house at his winemaking school, located at 12 Church St. in the borough.

"No, no one has used their feet yet," he said. "But we've had some wild parties, though."

The open house was an opportunity for wine connoisseurs to get in on the 2005 season. Inside the former warehouse, visitors mingled by candle light, consumed cheeses and sipped a wide variety of wines including cabernet merlot, cabernet sauvignon, pinot grigio chardonnay and Muscat.

Customers could then order a barrel of their favorite blend and look forward to making it themselves.

Between September and November, customers who placed orders will return to The Wine Room where they will learn how to de-stem and crush the grapes — harvested and shipped over from California — using professional winemaking equipment.

Seven to 10 days later they will return to crush the grapes in authentic Italian wine presses. The wine is then pumped into American oak barrels.

"Medium toasted for flavor," Neary said of the barrels.

Sometime in January or February of 2006, the wine is raked and sediment removed.

Come June through August, customers bottle, cork and cap the wine bottles and attach personalized labels, including variety, vintage and name of customer as winemaker.

Neary said orders need to be placed soon because California had a dry season and the grapes are limited. For \$1,690 and their hard work, customers get 21 cases of wine — 252 750 ml bottles.

Howard and Maureen Greenbaum of Watchung, who used to make wine in their basement, attended the event and considered purchasing a barrel.

"We made wine 30 years ago. We used to make lots of it," Maureen Greenbaum said.

"It was back in the time when you were supposed to get a license for it but no one was really getting one," Howard Greenbaum said. "I applied one July and got license number four, if you know what I mean."

Neary said The Wine Room program makes things a lot easier for wine lovers who want to do it themselves.

"It cuts down on the mess. No fruit flies at home," he said.

For Neary, of Whitehouse Station, who also runs Middlesex-based Neary Excavating, his roots in winemaking can be traced along a grapevine to his grandfather, "Mimi" Lombardi, who had his own home winery in Martinsville.

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New super named to detention center

NORTH BRUNSWICK — James F. White, superintendent of the Middlesex County Youth Detention Center, will assume the duties of administrator of the county Youth Services Department.

He takes over duties held by long-time administrator John C. Ross, who retired after 31 years with the county.

White will be responsible for the overall operation and performance of the Youth Detention Center, which the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission ranked as the best youth detention center in the state and among the top in the nation.

White has served as superintendent of the center since May 2000 and has been responsible for the center's daily operations, including internal and external communication, payroll, scheduling, internal investigations and disciplinary action. He will retain his superintendent title.

Before becoming superintendent White served in various positions at the juvenile center since 1983.

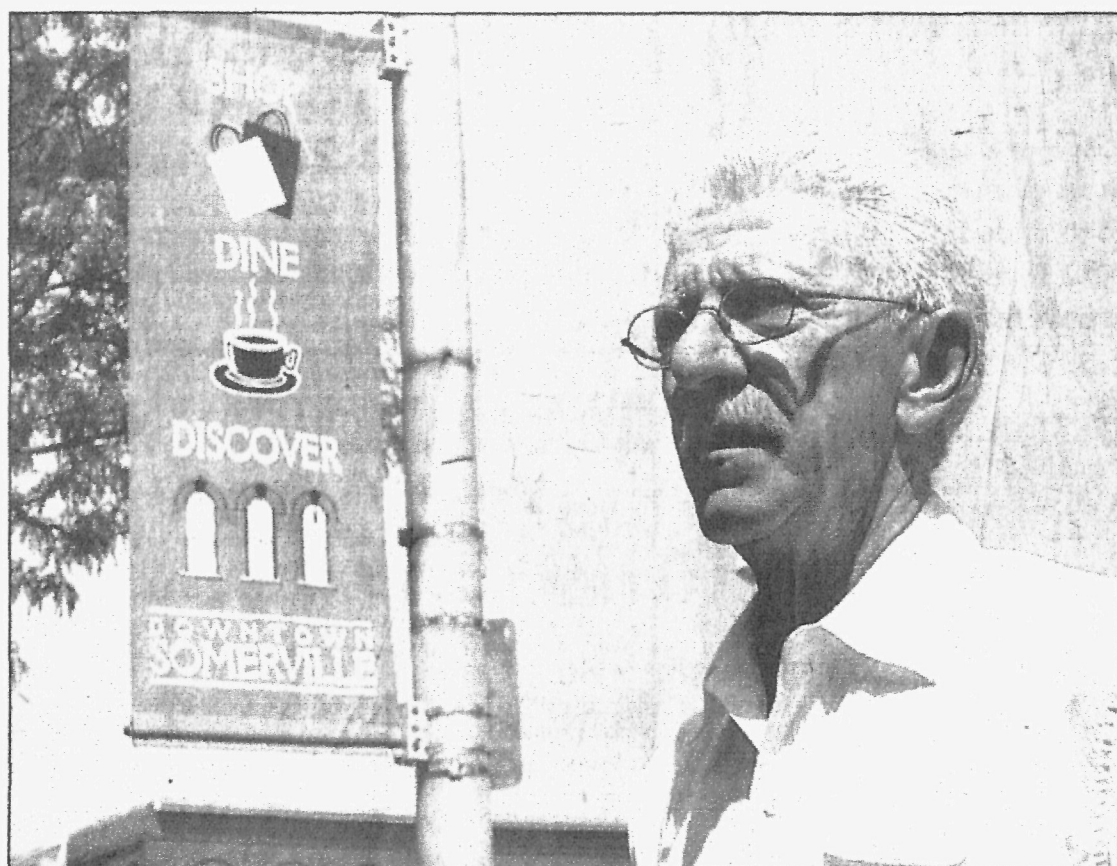
"In James White we have a dedicated professional with extensive knowledge and experience with our county's Youth Detention Center," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabel. "James, who has worked at the center for 22 years, has proven himself worthy and uniquely qualified to take on these responsibilities."

"I congratulate James White and am fully confident in his abilities to lead our Youth Services Department," said Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano, chairman of the county's Law and Public Safety Committee, which oversees the department. "James has been an outstanding superintendent, and I fully anticipate he will help the center maintain its high standards."

"I want to thank the freeholder board for giving me the opportunity to take on these new responsibilities," White said. "I look forward to

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He's on the job



Colin Driver describes his job as being like a referee. His role in Somerville is to listen to everyone's opinions about redevelopment, and then help guide the process. It sounds simple enough, but the job of keeping so many redevelopment projects — the borough has three areas targeted for work — in play is no easy task. It's something that Driver, whose official title is redevelopment coordinator, relishes. **Page A8.**

Rutgers launches transportation site

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Project at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, has launched its new Web site, found at policy.rutgers.edu/njbikeped, as an electronic clearinghouse offering one-stop shopping for information and resources on pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

This site has been designed for transportation professionals, government officials, activists and the public to provide instant access to information regarding bicycle and pedestrian issues. Along with information on current events, interest groups and the Resource Project, the Web site boasts an extensive information clearinghouse and an interactive "Talk the Walk" feature.

Information about upcoming events and news regarding bicycling and walking in the Garden State will also be posted on this site.

The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Project, a partnership between the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, was established in 2000 to help local elected officials, decision makers and transportation professionals clearly understand the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians, and how those needs can be addressed.

The project aims to provide those who plan, design and maintain bicycle and pedestrian facilities, develop policy and enforce the law with the knowledge, skills and resources to properly meet the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Web site clearinghouse offers various resources that address bicycle and pedestrian travel as well as transit and traffic calming. The clearinghouse boasts a

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Should open space funds be used for park upgrades?

STAFF REPORT

Voters will have the opportunity this fall to decide whether or not to pay for capital improvements to parks using money from the county's open space trust fund, as the Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously approved taking the matter to the voters at this week's meeting.

Currently, the fund pays for open space acquisitions, historical and agricultural preservation, with the greatest emphasis on purchasing open space.

Under the proposed change, funds could also go to capital improvements, but not maintenance, at county recreational facilities. However, no more than 25 percent of the fund could go to those projects in any given year.

"We are looking for flexibility," said Freeholder Director Rick Fontana.

The referendum will not change the way open space funding is allocated, however. The county advisory boards will still make recommendations and the ultimate decision about the way money from the trust fund is spent will still rest with the board of freeholders.

"The board has stated that open space is its top priority," said Fontana, adding that the board will continue to make open space purchases as long as there is open space available in the county. However, the results of surveys for the 20-year open space and recreation plan, released last month, suggest that county residents would prefer a greater emphasis on recreational opportunities.

It's time to make the wine

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"My grandfather made wine in his basement," he said. But he said his busy family could never keep up with the tradition.

"So when I had a little extra time I taught myself, with help from some friends of mine," Neary said. "I've been making wine for about 10 years on my own."

Neary conceded the art of winemaking isn't the first thing people think of when in the company of an excavator. "Though once I started making wine, most of the contractors I deal with started doing it, too," he said.

The 41-year-old also has a big heart.

For every visitor who paid

the \$15 entry fee to the open house at The Wine Room, he donated \$1 to Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 — a joint effort of this newspaper and numerous businesses, organizations, families, veterans and volunteers to collect, package and ship personal supplies to U.S. soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq and the Mideast region. Neary collected about \$125.

"I enjoy doing stuff like this. I've worked hard my whole life," he said. "I'm doing my part here. They're doing their part over there."

The next open house at The Wine Room will be Sept. 10.

For more information about The Wine Room, call (732) 271-WINE (9463) or visit www.thewinerooms.com.



PHOTO BY LARRY MURPHY
Guests line up for samples provided by Jose Suarez, at right.

Rutgers launches transportation Web site

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recommended links section and four comprehensive libraries comprising:

- Electronic documents that can be accessed online.
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loaded for free.

- Educational and promotional videos available from the VTC.
- An offline library with physical documents available upon request from the VTC.

The "Talk the Walk" feature allows Web site visitors to contribute content, making it a dynamic clearinghouse that will grow and become more robust with use.

Options for visitors including submitting general feedback, requesting technical assistance, suggesting an announcement or event, identifying a site of interest, con-

tributing a document to the on-line or offline library, sending a photo for inclusion in the image library or signing the site's guestbook.

In addition, this site has the home pages for both the Bicycle Advisory Council and the Pedestrian Task Force, two groups formed to aid New Jersey bicycle-pedestrian advocacy.

The goals and objectives of the BAC are to promote policies, practices and attitudes to increase bicycling for transportation and recreation throughout the state. The council acts as a catalyst for bicycling through contin-

uous and active participation with government agencies and allied organizations.

The council also seeks to provide effective consultation, direct education, public affairs campaigns and policy.

The PTF supports walking as a safe, convenient and sustainable form of transportation that enhances the state's quality of life and improves public and environmental health. The group seeks to improve New Jersey's pedestrian environment through education, collaboration, policy, activism and advocacy. The PTF meets bimonthly.

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working with other county and state agencies to build on existing and new programs affecting juveniles within the Youth Services Department. I will strive to maintain the outstanding reputation the department has throughout the county and the state."

White holds a bachelor's degree from Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) and lives in North Brunswick.

Records

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About \$100,000 of the grant funds would be used to develop a database for information maintained by the county clerk's office that can be shared by the county Tax Board and municipal tax assessors and collectors. The project would eliminate duplication of effort and reduce production of reports in paper format, saving the county and municipalities money, according to the grant application.

This is the first year of the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support Grants Program, funded by document filing and recording fees collected by county clerks. About \$28 million was awarded to counties and large municipalities throughout the state. Edison and Woodbridge were the only Middlesex County townships eligible to receive grant funds.

"It is a worthwhile program that will help us preserve our past, enhance public access to historic and vital documents and use our limited space more efficiently," Crabel said.

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Randy Boswell

Randy is a line chef for Lone Star Steakhouse in Scotch Plains. He enjoys football, baseball, and basketball. Randy, a resident of Plainfield, is a 1983 graduate of The College of New Jersey with a degree in Public Administration Management. Billy Hall is his favorite Patriots player.

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Middlesex Briefs

Baptist church holds car wash on Sept. 10

METUCHEN — New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., will hold its Youth Free-Will Car Wash from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10. Bring your dirty cars, trucks, SUVs, vans and motorcycles. There will be gospel music, food and evangelism. Cost is by free-will donation only. For more information, call (732) 549-8941.

Bound Brook festival coming in October

BOUND BROOK — The Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition and the Bound Brook Community Festival Organizing Committee have announced that the second annual Bound Brook Community Festival will take place on Main Street, Bound Brook from 1-5 p.m. on Oct. 2. The purpose of the Festival is to bring the entire Bound Brook community together in celebration of the rebuilding, growth and vitality of the municipality while providing a showcase for the cultural diversity within the community.

The Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition, with the support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Bound Brook Mayor and Council, the Board of Education and other local organizations, will present a day of fun, food and entertainment for thousands to enjoy as they celebrate Bound Brook. Advance Realty Foundation is the premier sponsor of the event. Scheduled events include live performances by musicians representing cultures from around the world, cultural performances, clowns, children's activities, international food and crafts, and a parade. Vendors, crafters and entertainers interested in participating in the Festival are asked to contact the Somerset County Diversity Coalition at (908) 369-4318 or visit www.sccdiversity.org.

South Plainfield offers trip to 'Disney on Ice'

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Recreation Department has announced three trips for the public: "Disney on Ice" trip at the Meadowlands, Nov. 25. Tickets

will be \$25 each and will go on sale in Sept. on a date not yet determined. The Christmas Spectacular trip to Radio City Music Hall, Dec. 8, will cost \$90 per person. Tickets are available in the Recreation Department at 1250 Maple Ave. A trip to Ireland is planned from March 4-11. Included is breakfast every day, dinner and entertainment at a pub; a Medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle; tours of Dublin, Armagh, Donegal, Galway, Limerick and Shannon. Cost is \$1,399 per person, double occupancy; a \$300 deposit will hold a place. Travel insurance is available. For reservations and further information, call Joann Graf, Sr. Citizen coordinator at (908) 754-1047.

Edison Kiwanis Club meeting bi-monthly

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

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Commentary

Edgewood, Pathmark, Somerville officials find themselves on common ground — briefly

All it took was a few dozen bags of ice. Hot weather brought a momentary thaw to the icy relationship between the Somerville Pathmark supermarket and its landlord last weekend, although neither had any idea they were on the same page.

The ice in the bags filling the shopping cart had already begun to melt, the drip-drip-drip of trickling water marking a trail from the Pathmark Supermarket to the dirt-smudged doors of the former Goodwill store in the near-vacant Somerville Shopping Center on Main Street.

The landlord, Edgewood Properties, had offered the 3,000-square-foot space to Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 and Somerville officials, who helped sponsor the second Somerville Supply Line event, dedicated to boxing and shipping supplies to U.S. troops in Iraq.

Unfortunately, the air conditioning hadn't worked for months, and wasn't about to. Four industrial fans set up inside the now-vacant storefront did their best to move the stale, oppressive air.

The ice was unloaded quickly, dumped into five barrels filled with water and soft drinks. The volunteers who made the trek to Pathmark told everyone the manager of the store, Mike Moss, had donated the ice, and offered to keep the group supplied throughout the day with refreshments.

This came as welcome news.

Inside the temporary OPSHBX headquarters, it was actually hotter than it was outside. Ask any of the 200-plus volunteers who were there laboring in the intense heat, unaware that the drips of their sweat had contributed to a symbolic thaw in

the contentious relationship that has brought the redevelopment of downtown Somerville to a maddening halt.

Unwittingly, this kind gesture of free ice on a miserably hot day was more than symbolic — it represented the first time in months that all three parties — Pathmark, Edgewood and borough officials — had worked together.

Granted, it wasn't planned, they hadn't actually joined hands, and in the scheme of things, it's no big deal.

But wouldn't it be grand if all three were as eager to join hands on another matter — working out their differences so that the long-awaited demolition of the deteriorating Somerville Shopping Center could begin.

When the dust settled, work could then begin on the stalled \$66 million complex of upscale brick-front retail stores and residential apartments which is projected to generate more than \$2 million annually in tax revenue.

Few will disagree that the empty storefronts along Main Street have become an eyesore, and as they continue to empty out, the downtown landscape will grow even uglier.

The Somerville Planning Board gave final approval to the Somerville Town Center project in March, but there's been no movement because of a lawsuit filed by Pathmark, who says the plan — which includes two parking decks — will actually reduce the number of parking spaces for Pathmark customers.

The three parties are at an impasse, buried by legalities, overlooking practicalities and obsessed with actualities.

We'd like to suggest that they sit down. Have a cool drink. Work it out. Make it happen.

Defibrillator bill will help save many lives

To The Editor:

We urge support and passage of New Jersey Senate bill S-2567. If passed, this legislation could over time save untold numbers of New Jersey lives by requiring all health clubs and fitness centers to have defibrillators on site and staff properly trained to use them.

According to a study published in "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association," health clubs and fitness centers are among the top 10 public places with the highest occurrence of sudden cardiac arrest, which is different than a heart attack.

In March 2002 a joint scientific statement from the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association urged fitness clubs throughout the country to install defibrillators and train staff to use them.

The American Heart Association has called sudden cardiac arrest a major unresolved public health issue. Sudden cardiac arrest is the No. 1 cause of death in this country. The American Heart Association estimates that at least 250,000 people die every year from sudden cardiac arrest. Few victims of cardiac arrest survive after 10 minutes. The national survival rate from cardiac arrest is approximately 8 percent. Surviving cardiac arrest is all about time.

The number of Americans who exercise regularly at fitness clubs has increased steadily in recent years, as has their age. It's time for all New Jersey health clubs and fitness centers to be better prepared for cardiac and other medical emergencies. The American Heart Association is aware of at least seven documented lives that have been saved in New

Jersey during the past four years at health clubs and fitness centers equipped with a defibrillator. However, those health clubs and fitness centers are in the minority in the Garden State. The vast majority of clubs are not prepared with defibrillators.

The cost to purchase a defibrillator, once \$3,500 or more, has now dropped below \$1,500, making defibrillators for nearly everyone. A commercial treadmill might cost \$4,500 to \$8,000. Surely the cost of saving a life is worth the investment of a defibrillator. New Jersey's defibrillator legislation, signed into law on March 8, 1999, provides immunity from liability to individuals and organizations that act in good faith while using a defibrillator or implementing a defibrillator program in an attempt to save a life.

Surviving sudden cardiac arrest is all about time. The goal of the American Heart Association is that for anyone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, early 911, early CPR and early defibrillation will occur in the first five minutes before brain damage begins. Citizens deserve proper safety and protection in their health clubs. We urge swift passage of S-2567. Help strengthen New Jersey's chain of survival and improve the chance of survival from sudden cardiac arrest.

POONAM ALAIGH PERRY WEINSTOCK
American Heart Association
Dr. Alaigh is chairman of the North Jersey Region of the American Heart Association, based in North Brunswick, and Dr. Weinstock is chairman of the South Jersey Region, based in Audubon.

Quotable

"There's benefits to each organization. We need to make sure the needs being met by the two organizations are still being met. If they merge, we need to make sure we're still offering the same benefits to those being taxed and make sure that those aren't being taxed don't get the services for free. That's what they're hammering out."

Cynthia Holod

The Chronicle

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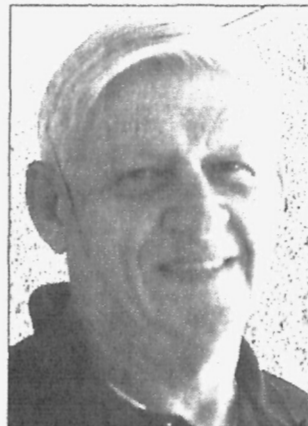
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Question of the week: What businesses would you like to see come to Somerville?



KEN LARSON
Middlesex
"Mall-like stores — clothing — a movie theater."



HENRY MIKRUT
Raritan
"Not having a discount clothing store, especially clothing stores for women, even for children."



ANTHONY FRINK
Middlesex
"We don't have computer stores or phone stores are missing."



JESSICA RIVERA
Somerville
"More shoe stores!"



ALYSSA BARKHORN
Somerville
"Obviously, clothes, shoes and a baby store."

Letters to the Editor

Nurses help community

To The Editor:
The executive board of the Somerset County School Nurse Association wishes to thank the Somerset County school nurses for their contributions to the health and well-being of their school communities.

School nurses are healthcare specialists who are the child health experts in our schools. The caring, collaborative coordination of services and compassion of school nurses are at the heart of every school. The Somerset County school nurses conduct ongoing educational seminars and are active in local public health matters. Twenty of the Somerset County school nurses participated in the New Jersey disaster drill earlier this year.

Special congratulations are extended as Marilyn Moynihan, a school nurse from Franklin Township, who has been selected as Outstanding Somerset County School Nurse of the Year. Marilyn is an exemplary role model for her students and colleagues. Her sense of humor, knowledge and caring has enriched many lives. She has held many leadership roles in the Somerset County School Nurse Association and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

CATHERINE A. CHOBOT
Mendham
The writer is the nurse in the Bedminster Township School District and president of the Somerset County School Nurse Association.

Bankruptcy law needs support

To The Editor:
The New Jersey State Senate recently passed legislation that will allow homeowners who file for bankruptcy to keep the maximum amount of equity allowed under the recently revised federal bankruptcy law. For an individual, that amount is \$125,000; for a married couple, it's \$250,000.

Homeowners will still be obligated to pay their mortgages, back taxes and other liens. This is not a free ticket to shirk their responsibilities. Rather, the legislation will give people with crushing debt an opportunity for a new beginning while at the same time, allowing them to keep their homes.

As a mortgage lending institution that specializes in a bankruptcy bailout program,

First Hallmark Mortgage endorses this legislation. Losing one's home benefits no one — not the consumer nor the lender.

Certainly, we don't need to add to the ranks of the homeless.

We know that equity can be a homeowner's best friend. It has many benefits — it can be tapped to finance investments, your children's education and to reduce other costly debts. It can also be used to help pay for retirement.

We encourage the state Assembly to follow the Senate's lead, and pass this legislation. It's the right thing to do for everyone involved.

BRIAN RICCIANI
The writer is chairman of First Hallmark Mortgage Corporation located in the Somerset section of Franklin

Diesel pollution bill needs support

To The Editor:
New Jersey has the second highest rate of cancer in America. Diesel trucks and buses have been releasing soot particles into the air for years. Invisible but deadly, these soot particles are coated with toxins which easily penetrate the lung's defenses and cause lung cancer, asthma and other respiratory problems. Changing lanes to avoid driving behind one of these vehicles is not necessarily effective, since the particles remain in the air for up to two weeks. Children especially are at risk as they ride diesel school buses every day. Within Middlesex County, the risk rate for cancer caused by diesel pollution is 536 times the acceptable Environmental Protection Agency standard.

Assembly bill A-3182 and its companion Senate bill S-1759 will require over 30,000 diesel

school buses, garbage trucks, transit buses and other public vehicles to utilize modern pollution filters, using money from existing environmental funds. These self-sustaining, cost-effective filters reduce diesel emissions by over 90 percent.

The Legislature should take action against diesel pollution by voting in support of this bill. Already Sen. Bob Smith has voiced his support for the bill and he should be thanked. This bill will not eliminate the entire problem, but it is a much-needed step forward toward cleaner air.

SARAH RAMTEKE
New Brunswick
The writer is with the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group, whose current projects include a campaign to "Clean Up Dirty Diesel." S-1759 is an identical bill to A-3182; Smith is a sponsor of the Senate bill.

Help put an end to child abuse in NJ

To The Editor:
What should I do when my baby will not stop crying? How can I discipline my child without getting physical? Challenges like this face parents in Somerset County each day. Children can be challenging; for all the joy they bring, their behavior can interrupt a family outing, shopping trip and daily life.

Without assistance, a parent might shake a crying baby or strike an adolescent, potentially causing irreparable physical or emotional harm. However, help is available to assist parents in their role of caregiver. The Division of Youth and Family Services received 2,132 referrals for intervention and services in Somerset County during 2002, the most recent year for which statistics are available. This is simply not acceptable. Parents must learn more appropriate methods of discipline and stress reduction. For this reason I am proud to serve as a volunteer director of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey. Each day the staff and volunteers of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey work in communities to reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, symbolized by the blue ribbon. During that time I wear a blue ribbon to display my support for New Jersey's children.

I hope that my fellow readers will do the same.

To obtain a blue ribbon or information about Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey, please call (800) CHILDREN or e-mail info@preventchildabuse.nj.org.

NORMAN R. AGRAN
Warren
The writer is the immediate past president of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey, which has its office in New Brunswick.



Somerville Supply Line

More than 200 volunteers helped wrap 536 packages for shipment to U.S. troops in Iraq Friday night in Somerville. At left, Stephanie Jacobs of Bridgewater double checks the items she has packed inside a box, while at right, other volunteers work their way through the line selecting products for the boxes they are preparing.

LARRY MURPHY/SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE



Supply Line volunteers pack 536 boxes

Unfazed by sweltering heat and a broken air conditioner beyond repair, more than 200 volunteers took over a vacant storefront in downtown Somerville Friday night for four hours to help pack boxes filled with personal supplies for U.S. troops deployed in Iraq.

Although we fell short of our goal of packing 600 boxes - we ran out of supplies sooner than expected - we did manage to box and tape 536 boxes destined for U.S. troops who are toiling in temperatures even more excruciating than those inside the former Good Will store.

Outside, OPSHBX volunteers manned a table and solicited contributions from the crowd of people walking the streets taking in the Classic Cruisers curbside vintage and custom car show, a weekly fixture on Friday nights. Across the street, WMTR-AM oldies' DJ Gus "The Golden Gup" Gascoigne spun '50s classics, and in between songs, made several announcements about what was going on inside the storefront. The Fullerton Auto Group, Route 22 in Somerville, sponsor of the weekly Cruise Night, contributed \$1,500 to make sure "The Gup" was on hand to entertain the crowd.

By the end of the night, we had collected \$1,425 including \$1,000 in checks that were writ-

Rod Hirsch
Executive
Editor



ten out on the spot.

Special thanks to Warren and Suzanne Schmidt, Bridgewater, \$200; William Ratajczak, Somerville, \$200; Eileen Stansky, Warren, \$150; Paul Bell, Pottersville, \$100; Richard and Diane Razillard, Neshanic Station, \$100; Tina McGuire-Turbesky, Jersey City, \$100; Michael and Debora Snisak, Belle Meade, \$100; Richard and Margaret O'Keefe, Basking Ridge, \$50, and Todd and Roxanne Smith, Middlesex, \$50.

laboring under less than ideal conditions - four industrial fans did their best to move the stale air inside the building - the volunteers formed lines around the tables where bins were overflowing with more than two dozen items that would be packed in each box - everything from toothpaste and eye drops to hard candy and gum.

We also included a special bin filled with small stuffed animals and other toys the soldiers have requested, which they pass out to Iraqi children

while on patrol.

Once they had filled their boxes, each volunteer stopped off at another group of tables, where they picked up letters and postcards written to the soldiers by thousands of Central Jersey residents. Patriot Media of Franklin, which services 115,000 cable subscribers in Central New Jersey, had sponsored the postcard campaign.

Volunteers from American Recreational Military Services were on hand to help inspect, secure and tape the packages for shipping.

Once the packing was completed, the volunteers formed a human chain and passed each package down the line, through the door, and outside to two waiting trucks from the National Guard Armory in Franklin.

We'll gather again next month at the armory in Franklin to wrap and ship packages along with the volunteers from ARMS. Watch this space in the next few weeks for more information on that event, and other OPSHBX events shaping up for the fall and winter.

4-H Fair

The 4-H Fair is one of the oldest, longest-running events in Somerset County, and we're

pleased to be on the premises tonight and tomorrow night to hand out information about OPSHBX, as well as collect contributions and donations.

The fairgrounds are at North Branch Park off Milltown Road in Bridgewater.

Sticking with tradition, the fair is free - no admission, no charge for parking. Hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. each day.

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

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

T-shirts for sale

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

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



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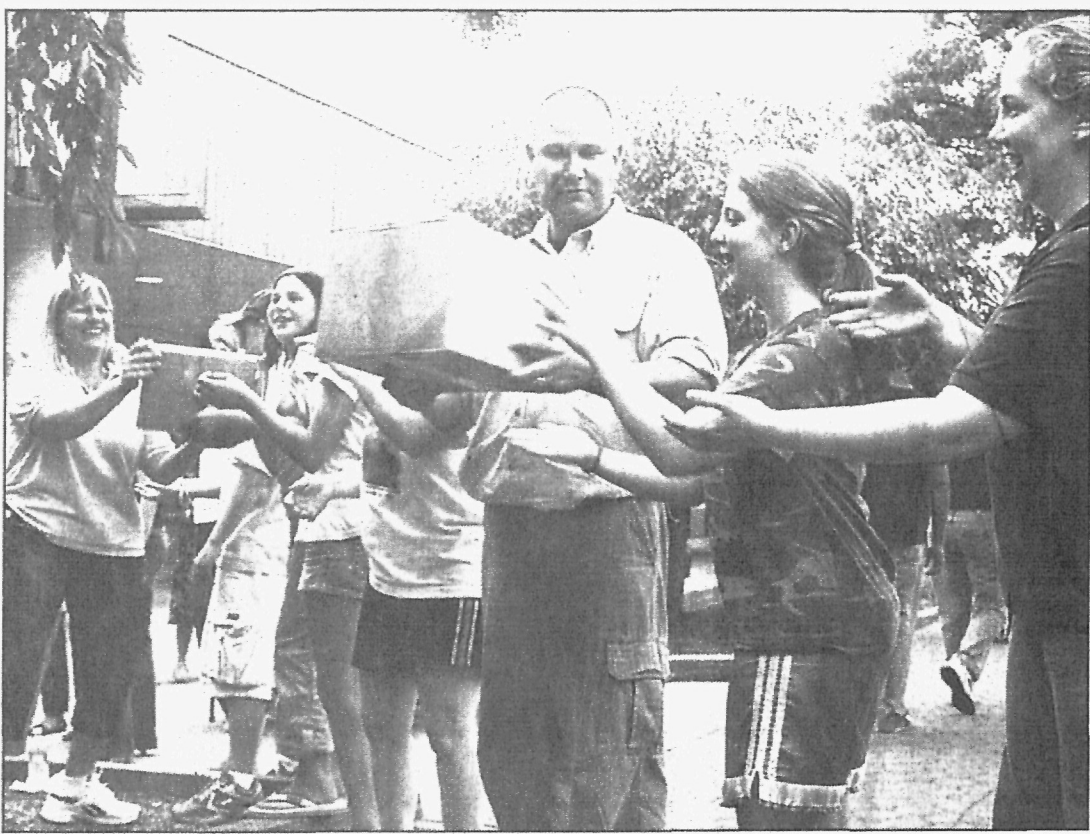
Candace Martin of Martinsville kneels on the floor and makes certain the plastic bags are sealed inside the box she has wrapped for shipment to Iraq.

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.

Rod Hirsch is executive editor of The Chronicle. He can be reached at (908)-575-6684 or email rhirsch@njpublishing.com



LARRY MURPHY/THE REPORTER

OPSHBX volunteers pass packages hand-to-hand from inside the storefront out to a waiting truck Friday night in Somerville.

Six months and growing

By ROD HIRSCH

A little more than six months ago, we launched Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005, driven by a sense of urgency and a commitment to ease the plight of U.S. troops overseas.

We sensed that the readers of The Reporter shared our desire to reach out and lend comfort to the soldiers and Marines who now find themselves in the middle of an increasingly unpopular war.

We were right.

Our goal is straightforward: stay focused on the simple needs of those brave men and women who are our neighbors and friends. Get them what they need - snacks, gum, toiletries, drink mixes, eye drops, sun block, those little things we all take for granted.

To date, OPSHBX has received over \$50,000 in financial contributions, money that has been spent on postage to get the packages overseas. We've received hundreds of checks, some for \$5,000, others for as little as \$6.

Then there are the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, the

dollar bills, fives, tens and twenties that have been dropped into our money jugs by thousands of people at diners, and at our tables at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater, and every Friday night in downtown Somerville during the Classic Cruisers vintage car show.

Since February, we have shipped over 4,000 packages overseas with the help of our friends at American Military Recreational Services, a civilian support group composed primarily of dependents whose mom/dad husband/wife were sent packing to the Mideast.

ARMS is based at the 42nd Infantry Armory, 250th Signal Battalion on Hamilton Street in Franklin. Several hundred National Guard soldiers from that unit are now in Iraq.

Our list of drop off points has expanded way beyond Somerset County, as has our list of volunteers, many of whom live in Hunterdon, Warren, Middlesex, Union and Mercer counties.

Our list of soldiers and Marines receiving packages has also grown as our list of vol-

unteers and contributors grows.

Thousands of people - young children, families, office co-workers, veterans' groups and schools throughout Central New Jersey - have collected tons of supplies for the troops.

Sometimes we get lucky, and receive cases of product from supporters whose employers find a way to help OPSHBX. Toothpaste, tooth brushes, hand soap, sun block, candy, cotton swabs, toilet paper, coffee and eye drops have been delivered in mass quantity.

It's been happening more and more lately, as more people get involved and the circle of volunteers continues to expand. We thought things would slow down during the summer months.

That hasn't happened. We expect the enthusiasm and commitment that has contributed to the success of our project will continue to energize the efforts of our volunteers, donors and contributors as we move forward.

Thanks to those who have made it happen.

SALUTE THEIR SACRIFICE



Salute the sacrifice of our troops deployed around the world by donating care packages. Items through OPERATION SHOEBOX: NEW JERSEY 2005.

The Reporter, along with our community & corporate partners, are collecting small, personal items that will be packaged and shipped to the brave men and women serving overseas.

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!

We're collecting the following items to be sent to our troops overseas:

- Suntan lotion
- Bug spray
- Lip balm
- Feminine products
- Ear swabs
- Laundry detergent
- Bug wipes/bug strips
- Wipes (travel size)
- Razors
- Toilet paper
- Eye drops
- Spices/Tea bags
- Coffee
- Small drink mixes
- Socks
- Clothesline/pins
- Snack food
- Cereal/protein bars
- Fleece blankets
- Microwaveable foods
- Hard candy/gum
- Writing materials
- Batteries (any size)
- Calling cards

*Donated items must be in their original packaging.

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Senior Calendar

Bound Brook

The Bound Brook Seniors meet 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Asbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church...

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Metuchen

The Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP, holds a monthly meeting on the second Monday of the month at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. and Middlesex Ave. (Route 27).

Weekend Calendar

Saturday, August 20

BOUND BROOK - "EIK of the Year" Dinner Dance: at 7 p.m. at B.B. Elks Lodge honoring Luis R. Padilla. DJ music and dinner \$45 couple, \$25 single.

Sunday, August 21

Cards and Collectibles Show and Auction: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction at 3 p.m. at Russo's Continental Catering and Banquet Facility, Union Ave.

Wednesday, August 24

EDISON - Annual Golf Classic: at 11 a.m. at Fox Hollow Golf Club for Edison Chamber of Commerce. \$265 includes full day of special events - reservations in by Aug. 17.

IN THE FUTURE: METUCHEN - Youth Free-Will Car Wash: Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., gospel music, food and evangelism included.

DUNELLEN - Annual Street Fair: Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor applications being accepted. Sponsored by the Dunellen Merchants and Professional Association and supports the library, rescue, fire dept's, and more.

Middlesex Borough

Middlesex: Bus transportation is available for borough seniors. Sign up by calling (732) 356-0414. Wednesdays are Senior Day at the club.

The Middlesex Borough Office on Aging is collecting old cell phones to distribute to the homebound for 911 use. If you have one to donate, call the office at (732) 356-0414.

For information and to register for any of the above programs or issues of interest to the senior population in Middlesex Borough, contact Sheila at (732) 356-0414.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors

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

Trips and Events: Oct. 13 - "San Gennaro Festival" at Doolans, Spring Lake. \$60 pp. \$30 deposit due Aug. 9; balance Sept. 13. Includes bus, lunch and all star Italian Musical Revue.

Piscataway

The Piscataway Senior Center has announced its schedule of upcoming events at the center, 700 Buena Vista Ave., off Hoers 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.

Aug. 24 - "Chiropractic" with Dr. Clifford Daub in dining room, 11 a.m. Free.

Aug. 25 - Skin Cancer Screening - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at senior center.

Sept. 9 - Diabetic Foot Care and properly fitting shoes, presented by Greg Cross 11 a.m. Free.

Sept. 20 - Die', Nutrition and Exercise, Dr. Jon Salisbury.

meeting is at noon and the general meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Guests are always welcome. Meetings are held monthly except July and August.

The Senior Center sponsors "Las Vegas 2005," a trip to the gaming resort from Oct. 18-23. Included are a bus to the airport, round-trip airfare, transfers in Las Vegas and accommodations at the Aladdin Hotel and Casino. Cost per person is \$650 double occupancy, \$939 single occupancy and \$571 triple occupancy. A \$250 deposit per person is required when signing up. Payment in full is due by Sept. 10. For more information, call the Senior Center at (732) 562-1133.

South Bound Brook

The South Bound Brook Senior Citizens Community Club will meet September 7 at 2 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall, 122 High St. Bingo is played every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m., and refreshments are served.

A box of pasta per member will be collected at the meeting for the food bank. The club is open to all seniors, 55 years and older residing in South Bound Brook. For information, call Catherine (732) 356-4780. Coming Events - Trips: Sept. 13 - Mystery Trip Oct. 11 - Atlantic City

South Bound Brook Senior Citizen Center

113 Clinton Ave., offers the following programs: Call (732) 271-1646 for further information.

Coming Events - Trips Aug. 30 - Gourmet Omelet Day with Chef Patrick from Whitsons (reservations requested)

South Plainfield Chapter AARP, # 4144

Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 for further information about the chapter. The South Plainfield chapter of AARP will resume its meetings at the South Plainfield Center, 90 Maple Ave. on Thursday Sept. 15 at 12:30 p.m. The program will be Professor William Dunscombe presenting series No. 3 of NJ Trivia.

Oct. 19, 20 - Dover Downs Casino and Racetrack, includes Three Little Bakers dinner and show "West Side Story" plus Mummies Museum in Philadelphia, lunch and show. \$190 dbl. occupancy includes taxes and gratuities. Call Lee (732) 968-6613 or Mary (732) 752-3764 by Aug. 31 for reservations.

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Coordinator begins task of guiding borough

Editor's Note: This is part of a continuing series that looks at redevelopment in Somerset County.

By **AMY S. BOBROWSKI**
Staff Writer

Colin Driver started his new job as redevelopment coordinator for Somerville on July 1.

A month and a half into the job, Driver spends the bulk of his days researching the background on the borough's three designated redevelopment zones: the landfill, East Main Street and West Main Street.

"My major focus has been bringing myself up to speed

and trying to define what the next logical step is," said Driver, who has been meeting with the Landfill Redevelopment Committee, Department of Environmental Protection, NJ Transit and the County Planning Board to collect data on the landfill. Borough officials hope to turn the landfill, a 115-acre site along South Bridge Street and Route 206, into a mixed-use area, with retail and residential components.

"The project has been studied for 25 years," said Driver. "But it's been hamstrung in litigation for a good majority of that time.

In his short time with the borough, Driver has reviewed several past redevelopment proposals for the landfill and other redevelopment sites.

"We need to analyze and verify that the reasons for redevelopment are still accurate," said Driver. "And we need to review redevelopment plans that have already been proposed to create a current version. We can't afford to lose the good pieces of those plans."

PUBLIC INPUT

Driver and borough officials are currently planning landfill redevelopment visioning meetings for the fall where the public will have the opportunity to share their ideas and opinions on the project. He is also working with borough

officials to create timelines and plans for redevelopment of the two other redevelopment zones in the borough.

Driver declined to comment on the West Main Street redevelopment project because it is currently tied up in litigation with Pathmark.

When first approaching a job to consult on redevelopment, Driver soaks up the information and background on the area. He approaches individuals or groups that work, live or own property in the area and listens to their feedback.

"You need to say that 'We want to redevelop and this is what we think can happen.' Then you listen. The towns that are most successful with redevelopment listen to the residents," said Driver,

citing Red Bank and South Bound Brook as examples.

"There are so many stakeholders in this project — the community, the residents, the business owners. Everyone has ownership. The project needs to serve the residents and the business community, not just for the day it's completed, but for time to come."

On downtown redevelopment projects or projects that fall just outside the downtown area, it's important that the new businesses don't take sales away from existing businesses, said Driver.

"In an ideal world, one business will complement the other," said Driver. "In the plan, we're working very hard to avoid negative impact on an existing business. What ever goes into the landfill must not duplicate what's on Main Street. We wouldn't want an enclave of restaurants, because Main Street has grown as a destination for dining. Main Street is now a village atmosphere. We'd like to recreate that on the landfill."

IN PLAY

As a redevelopment coordinator, Driver said his job can be similar to that of a referee.

"It's sorting through all these opinions and trying to gain consensus," he said. "Then I report to the mayor and council and they make policy."

Driver was a business

major in college, concentrating in marketing and business development. He had worked in a multi-function job with a corporation, "but I got sick of that," said Driver.

That's when he and a colleague started the Waterford Group, a consulting and environmental assessment firm that was eventually hired by South Bound Brook for help the Canal Crossing project.

In 1998, Driver became South Bound Brook's redevelopment coordinator.

"The more we got involved, the more the community redevelopment aspect got my attention," said Driver. "Eventually they asked if I would become the consultant on redevelopment for the borough."

Recently, South Bound Brook officials celebrated the ground breaking of Canal Crossing, a mix-used redevelopment project along Main Street and the canal. The project will transform the 10-acre GAF site into 152 townhouse units, retail space and apartments. Driver will stay on as consultant through the duration of the project.

"Redevelopment projects like this one benefits the community, makes it a better environment," said Driver. "This was 11 acres that wasn't contributing to the town. It was an eyesore. Now it will be a recreational resource and provide a different level of housing stock to the people who live in town and stabilize the tax base. Everyone wins."

Most downtown redevelopment projects benefit their municipalities in the same way, said Driver.

"The community might have an under utilized piece of property or an abandoned building, said Driver. "It's not contributing to the tax base; it's taking away from the tax base."

"If you can put it back into productive use, that's a benefit. Nobody is going to see their taxes go down, but if you can generate business, it tends to create a domino effect."

When a municipality steps in and redevelops a property, it encourages other local business owners to clean up or renovate their properties.

"When we were focused on the GAF site, other people redeveloped their facades or took their old property down," said Driver.

"It (redevelopment) acts as a catalyst."

Driver realizes that not everyone shares his favorable opinion of redevelopment.

"One big debate in redevelopment is that it puts a harder burden on the school system," he said.

But, townhouses, like the ones being built in South Bound Brook, tend to appeal to older individuals who are done raising their families and young professionals, said Driver.

However, if development does bring in new families, it, in turn, increases the tax base, bringing more tax money to the government and the school system.

WORKING TOGETHER

Additionally, news about redevelopment and the use eminent domain in places like New London, Ct., and Long Branch, where residents feel their land was taken for less than its real value, gives redevelopment a bad reputation.

"These are mainly instances where the facts have been misrepresented. Where the larger media endeavor to bring a comprehensive focus to the ways things may have been abused," said Driver. "Eminent domain has always been the very last resort."

"New Jersey has some of the strictest land use laws," he noted.

"You need to demonstrate that without taking this property that the public will not benefit."

"It can be argued — and there have been instances — where property owners have proved their case and the courts decided not to take the property."

He feels his job is made easier by the cooperation he gets from the Borough Council and the county.

"They're all advocates for redevelopment. I haven't seen a lot of opposition to redevelopment in Somerville, but you're never going to have 100 percent support for every project."

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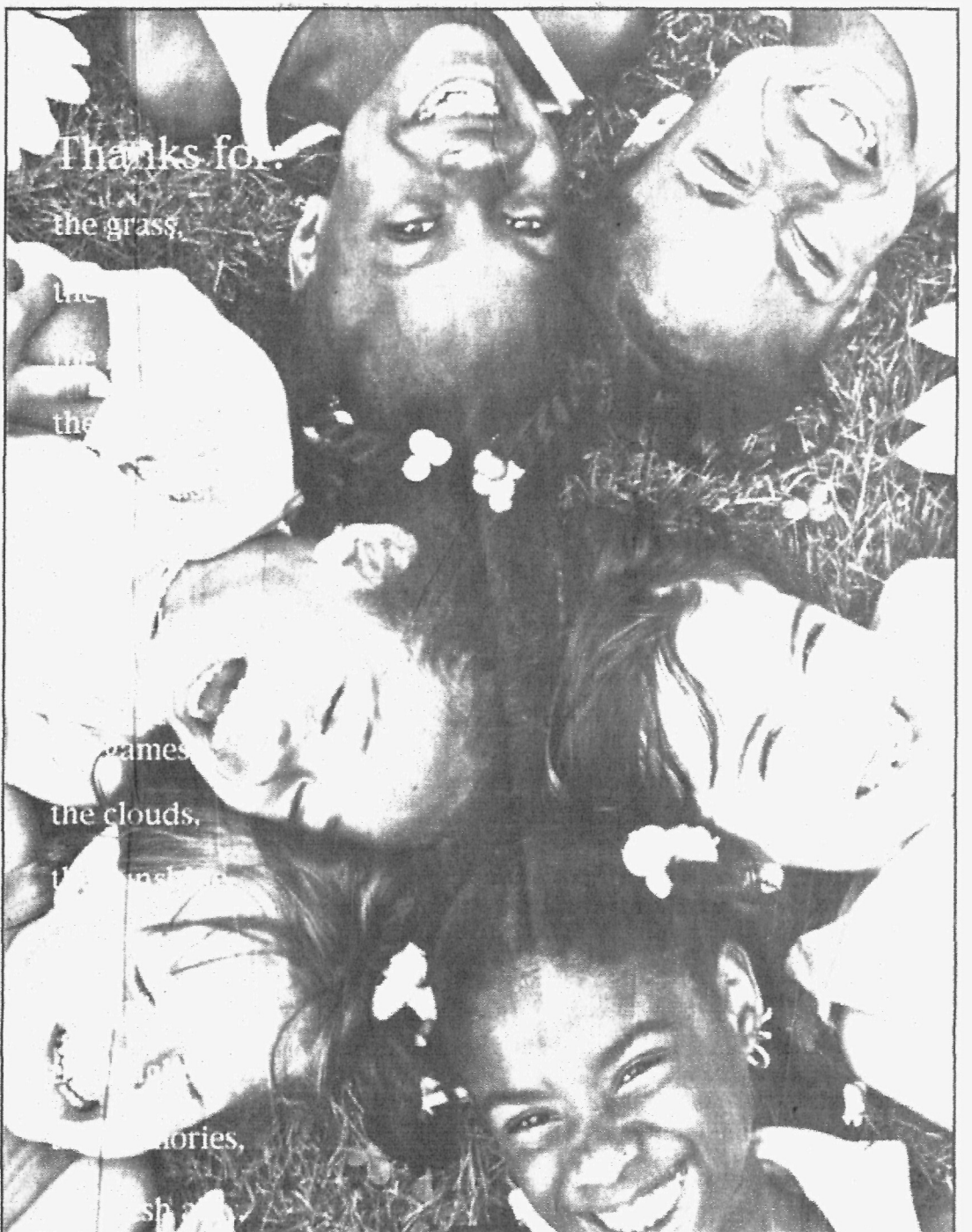
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Escandon puts team ahead of own stats

Even with injury captain still contributes

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — Few players in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball have been able to establish the kind of reputation that Emiliano Escandon has built for himself.

With the Somerset Patriots since the 2001 season Escandon is a rarity in a league where players can come and go in a matter of weeks, relying on a strong work ethic and a knack for getting the job done no matter the circumstances to earn his status as team captain.

"Emiliano is a good fit for this team," Manager Sparky Lyle said. "He's one of those guys — not only for myself but for the front office as well — that can play here as long as he wants to. That says it all."

"He's the consummate professional. He leads by example. He's not one to go to someone and offer advice without being asked, but he'll help anyone who asks. All you have to do is watch him or play with him. He just stands out."

Coming off his best year with the Patriots when he batted .308 and had an on-base percentage of .423, both career-highs, Escandon, however, has been slowed this summer by an Achilles problem that has plagued him since 1998.

The injury has curtailed his playing time of late, keeping him on the bench or limiting him to DH duties, but with a playoff berth in hand after winning the first-half South Division title, Escandon has been able to rest.

"Sparky wants me ready for the playoffs," he said. "I've getting some time off, and hopefully it (Achilles) will calm down. The rest hasn't really helped yet, but there's a still a month and half left before the playoffs, so there's still time to get healthy."

"It's a structural problem. It's just the way my body is built. In the past once I got to the 70-game mark it started to be a problem. This year is started bothering me after 50 games. Any time you don't have your legs you're going to have a tough time because you have to become an upper body hitter."

"The same thing happened in 2003. I was having a strong first half, but then it started to bother me and I couldn't drive the ball as much. I'm still getting hits, but they're singles instead of doubles. I can't drive the ball over the outfielder's head."

But being the type of person he is, the .237 average he had after Sunday's action, while not to his liking, was not of great importance.

"The season has been disappointing for me

personally, but winning the first half has made it a lot easier to accept," he said. "Unlike past years my job isn't about getting hits."

"My role is to take pitchers for Billy Hall (to give him an opportunity to steal), and to move runners up. If guys are hitting with runners in scoring positions then I'm doing my job. I'm very, very satisfied if I can help those guys."

The injury has also taken its toll on Escandon at second base.

"I don't have the range at second base I should have," he said. "To compensate I have to rely on better positioning and getting a jump on the ball. If the pitchers are doing their job and hitting their spots it makes my job easier."

Lyle, meanwhile is glad to have Escandon whether it's in the field or at the plate.

"He's a very solid player," the manager said. "I don't think there's anyone better at turning the double play than him for one thing. He plays every day even with his Achilles problem, and he's been our No. 2 hitter for years and years."

"Even though he's not hitting for average he absolutely contributes. He did it (Thursday night). We got the runner over and he got the fly ball to get him in. I'd rather have him in the 2 spot than anybody else. Another thing is Billy Hall dances around a lot at first. That distracts a lot of guys but not Emiliano."

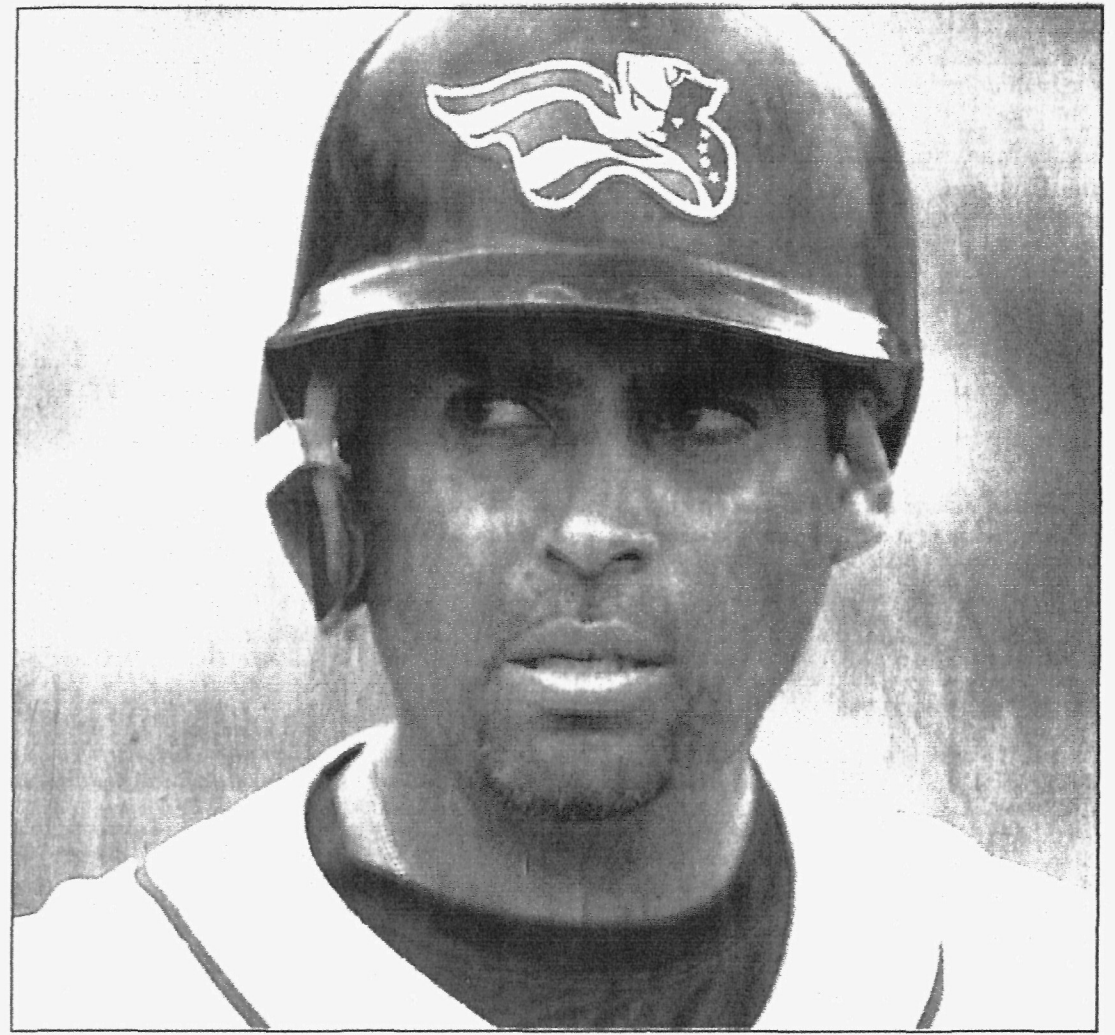
While not a boisterous player Escandon still provides a lot of leadership for the rest of the Patriots.

"It's great having him for a teammate," said Ryan Radmanovich. "He's been with Somerset longer than anyone else. He's a nice guy to play with, and he goes about his job very professionally. Since I've been here he's always batted one or two spots ahead of me, and it's nice to have another lefty batter ahead of me to mix things up."

While he continues to do all the little things that can help a team win, Escandon's injury definitely has him thinking about his future.

"If it doesn't get any better I don't foresee myself playing beyond this year," he said. "If you're playing in pain it's really no fun. If I'm hurting myself, my family and my teammates there's really no sense to keep playing."

"There's some options medically that we're going to look at after the season to see if we can do something. I'm hoping to find a way to beat it. If that happens I'll play as long as I can be productive. The agreement with the team is they'll let me come back for as long as I want, but I won't play if I'm not producing."



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Despite a nagging problem with his Achilles tendon the Patriots' Emiliano Escandon continues to contribute by doing the little things at the plate and providing leadership as team captain.

"No one ever retires willingly. At some point hitters stop hitting and pitchers stop making their pitches. If I can help the club I want to play as long as I can."

Escandon, who has become a full-time county resident living in South Bound Brook, has made the area his home and intends to stay whenever his career ends.

"I've got a great job waiting for me once I'm done playing," he said. "I work part-time at the Zone Baseball Academy, and when I'm done I'll be there. I've thought about coaching, but the job with Zone is 10 times better because you get to work with so many more

kids than you would with one team."

And his idea of what to teach youngsters goes hand in hand with how he has approached playing baseball.

"The one thing I would like to get across to kids is how to be a professional," he said. "You don't have to play professional baseball top act like a professional. It's about how you carry yourself and earning the respect of your teammates, peers and coaches."

"At the end of your career no one remembers how many hits you had, but the reputation you had will go a lot further."

Bluefish pitching cools off Patriots

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — A blast of arctic air on another brutal day couldn't have provided a more cooling effect on the Patriot offense than the Bridgeport pitching staff did this weekend.

After coming up some big games against Newark during a five-game series, Somerset was limited to four runs in a three games by a struggling Bridgeport squad, dropping the final two, including a 5-1 verdict Sunday before a paid crowd of 4251 at Commerce Bank Park.

Having scored 47 runs against the Bears in taking four of five decisions, the Patriots failed to do much against the Bluefish, who went into the weekend set having won just four of 27 second-half starts.

While the oppressive heat and humidity were factors for both clubs, Somerset also played the final two games with its top hitter Ryan Radmanovich.

"I think the weather had a little bit to do with it," Manager Sparky Lyle said. "When you're out in heat like that it takes it toll. But I don't think we looked lethargic. I thought we played pretty well. We just ran into some pretty good pitching."

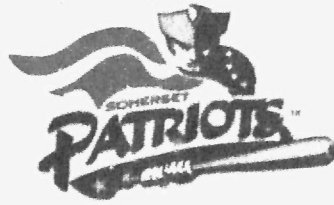
"Not having Ryan in there is a big loss, but we wouldn't have had anyone on in front of him today anyway. He had a bad knee and banged it up again sliding. He said he could have played today, but I want him ready for the four games in Camden. With three days off he should be ready to go."

Billy Hall, who had a drag bunt single and a stolen base to set up Emiliano Escandon's RBI single in the sixth for Somerset's only run, was not worried about the weekend's lack of offense.

"We swung the bats well today," he said. "We hit the ball hard, but we hit it right at people. Against Newark we found the gaps, but the last couple of days we hit it at people. Two or three of those line drives find holes and it's a different game."

Lyle doesn't believe what happened against Bridgeport (6-24) will have any carryover against Camden, which took a five-game lead into the four-game set that got started with two games Tuesday.

"Our big thing is coming up with Nashua and Camden," Lyle said. "We have to prove we can beat those teams. We can't



let those teams get too comfortable against us. I want to win those games because we have to build some momentum going into the playoffs."

"I don't think losing this series (to Bridgeport) hurts us. I want to gear up for Camden, and losing this series to Bridgeport was more like losing to the Bridgeport of old rather than the team we faced at their place. It's not like we gave the games away."

"I wasn't surprised by what Bridgeport did anyway. What surprised me was what they weren't doing — winning. They're getting back to full strength, and they can do some damage. We weren't going to go out and score 10 runs against them like we've been doing, and neither is anybody else."

Like his manager, Hall, who continues to provide a spark at the top of the order Somerset didn't have when he was injured, is unconcerned with a couple of losses.

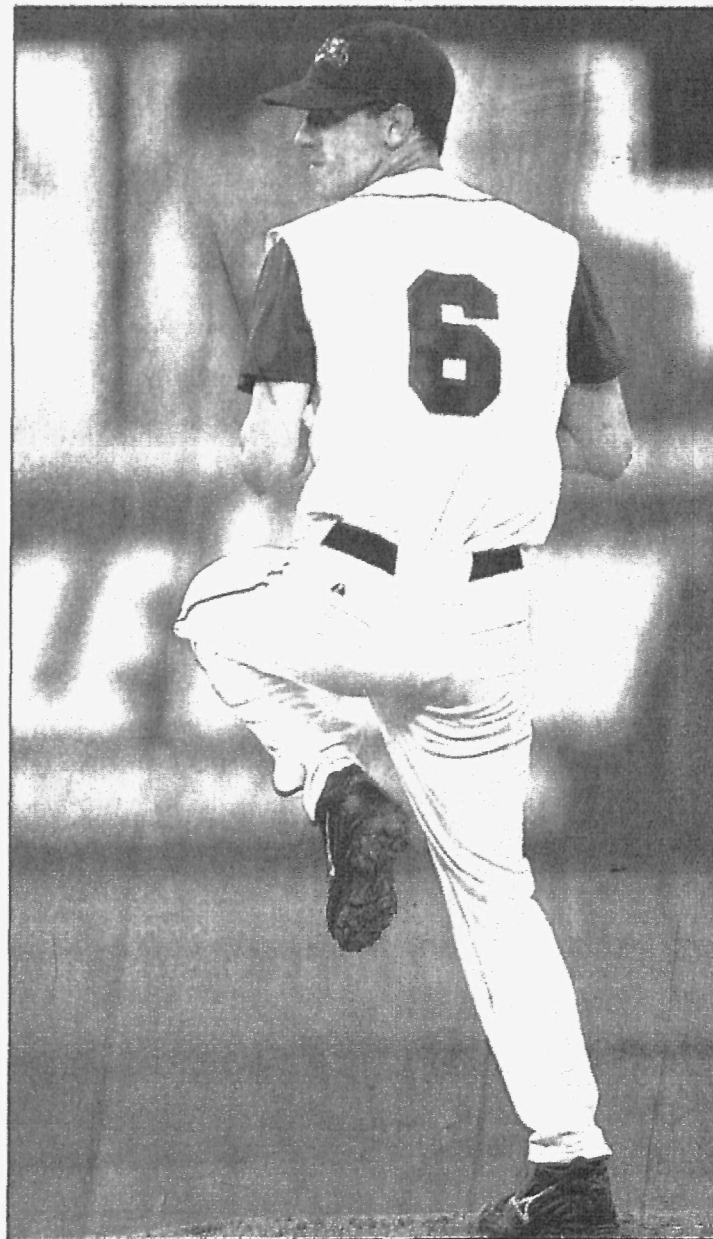
"When it's all said and down it will come down to who gets hot for six or seven games (in the playoffs)," he said. "We have to build on what we've done. They call them the dog days of August, and just have to get through them and play the game the right way. We're still confident."

You wouldn't blame Somerset hitters for being a little down, though, not after collecting eight hits in the previous 18 innings.

Josh Miller throttled the Patriots with his first complete-game victory of the season as he limited the hosts to three hits while striking out five and walking one. Miller (6-6) retired the first 12 batters he faced, and finished by getting out the final 10.

Kevin Nicholson broke up Miller's no-hitter with a looping single to center to start the fifth inning, but he was erased immediately when Jeremy Owens hit a liner to third that Brady Williams picked off his shoe tops and caught Nicholson off first for a double-play.

In the sixth Hall reached on his bunt single with two down



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Somerset's Greg Modica, seen here defeating Bridgeport July 29, didn't fare as well against the same opponent Sunday when the Bluefish homered twice against the right-hander in a 5-1 victory.

and quickly swiped second. Escandon then drilled a single between third and shortstop to plate Hall and make it a 3-1 game. Escandon, however, proved to be the final base-runner for Somerset.

The Bluefish offense, meanwhile, went long ball for four of their runs. Shortstop Tony Rodriguez opened the scoring with a blast to left-center — his second of the year with both coming against Somerset — and DH Willis Otanez lost a hanging breaking pitch from losing Greg Modica (6-6) for a long two-run shot in the sixth for a 3-0 lead.

After Somerset scored in the sixth the Bluefish got the run back in the top of the seventh when Modica issued a two-out walk, and reliever Nick Bierbrodt followed with a walk and then gave up an RBI single to D.J. Boston, and Williams hit a solo homer in the eighth to cap the scoring.

Of greater importance than the limited offense the Patriots put up against Bridgeport is the state of their bullpen. With this season's top two relievers — Dave Elder and Brad Clontz — both signed to AAA contracts during the past two weeks Somerset has to rebuild its pen.

Williams finds niche outside of pro football

By DAVE ALLENA
Staff Writer

Even with a somewhat tattered childhood, Perry Williams has certainly evolved beyond just being another ex-NFL player.

A two-time Super Bowl champion as a cornerback with the New York Giants, with whom he played 11 seasons, Williams has shown there is definitely life after professional football, recently adding employment as a staff member with the Bridgewater-based TEST Sports Club, which specializes in athletic training.

An adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he teaches courses in leadership and ethics, and the guiding force behind a state-wide outreach program for youth, Williams has also volunteered his time working with young men getting ready to try out for the NFL.

Now he'll be getting paid for that assistance as TEST will look to prepare a group of 24 players seeking pro careers at a combine training program in January.

"It's an opportunity to give something back," he said in a recent phone interview. "This gives guys a chance to see their dream come true. I've had my chance to fulfill my fantasy, and now it's time to pass the baton on to someone else."

"I'll be able to work with a lot of 20-, 21-, 22-year-old guys, trying to groom them to get to the next level. I'll give them the understanding of what they need to do to get to the next level."

"I met Brian Martin (TEST's CEO) at a golf tournament, and then TEST approached me about the job. They knew I had done some stuff with young guys. For me it's an opportunity to work with even more young guys and pass along some of the things I've learned."

A couple of the lessons — lessons he learned at a very early age — Williams tries to impart are being ready and keeping one's mind on the business at hand.

"The most important thing is to stay focused. That's the No. 1 requirement," he said. "You can't be lackadaisical. Pro football is not for lackadaisical and undisciplined players. And you have to be prepared. In the NFL you're only as good as your last game, so you have to be ready each game."

"My grandmother was a big influence on me. Growing up in rural North Carolina I unfortunately came from a broken home, but my grandmother taught me about diligence and being prepared."

"You have to work hard, be diligent and be the best-conditioned athlete on the field. Preparation is the key. Football is a barbarian sport, and you have to be mentally tough and you have to be focused every play."

Williams, 44, is no stranger to helping others get ready for the NFL. He worked with St. Louis Ram standout receiver Tory Holt when Holt was at North Carolina State, and he was instrumental in helping Luis Castillo (Northwestern) get ready for college. Castillo was the top draft pick of the San Diego Chargers this spring, taken 28th overall.

It's the type of resume — along with being an 11-year NFL veteran and a former world record-holder in the 200 meters — that attracted TEST.

"Perry brings a tremendous amount of knowledge as far as speed training and preparing a defensive back," Martin said. "He's a speed and track specialist, and he teaches about leadership and ethics. He's been there, so he can tell guys how to get to the next level."

"NFL agents send us players, and our whole thing is to improve draft status so these guys will go higher than they normally would. At the (scouting) combine speed training is the important thing and that's where Perry comes in."

Campus Notes

Nine area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. The students and their degree programs:

Jason Barreto of Edison, doctor of pharmacy.

Rajwinder Jassil of Bound Brook, physical therapy.

Alpesh Patel of Piscataway, doctor of pharmacy.

Boskey Patel of Piscataway, pharmacology and toxicology.

Jigna Patel of Piscataway, doctor of pharmacy.

Ketal Patel of Edison, pharmacology and toxicology.

Elizabeth Tammaro of Dunellen, doctor of pharmacy.

Eric Toth of South Plainfield, physical therapy.

Michele Vergara of Piscataway, physical therapy.

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Providence College in Providence, R.I. They are **Lisa Ambrosini** of Middlesex, a junior; **Kristin Daur** of Middlesex, a sophomore; and **Christopher Donnelly** of Edison, a freshman.

Hasan Tutun of Highland Park has been selected for the 2005 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." He is studying for a graduate degree in pharmaceutical management from the Metropolitan Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University, located in Teaneck.

Tutun was president of the FDU Graduate Business Assistants Association in 2004 and a graduate business assistant to the associate dean of the Metropolitan Campus as well.

Fifteen area students have graduated from Rider University in Lawrenceville. Receiving degrees at its 140th commencement exercises May 13:

Nicole Baratta of Dunellen, bachelor's degree in psychology.

Thomas Robert Burton of Middlesex, bachelor's degree in secondary education and histo-

ry. **Geraldine Timica Shree Calhoun** of Piscataway, bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology.

Christopher G. Chletsos of Edison, bachelor of science in business administration degree with emphasis in accounting.

Glen Kurz of Edison, master's degree in curriculum, instruction and supervision.

Samantha Joy Ladany of Edison, bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology.

John H. Lay III of South Plainfield, bachelor of science in business administration degree.

Felicia Mangal of Bound Brook, bachelor of science in business administration degree.

Christine Marie Markow of Bound Brook, bachelor of science in business administration degree.

Amie Elizabeth O'Neill of Middlesex, bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology.

Jennifer Lynn Pagano of Piscataway, bachelor's degree in fine arts and communication.

Christopher A. Sarno of Piscataway, bachelor's degree in history.

Angela T. Smedley of Middlesex, bachelor's degree in journalism.

Kristen Nicole Wentura of Edison, bachelor's degree in communication.

Yufeng Yang of Edison, master's degree in education administration.

Christopher J. Stapels of Piscataway received a doctorate in physics from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore., at commencement exercises June 12.

Six area students have graduated from the Seton Hall Law School in Newark.

They are **Bryan Joseph Bonk** and **Matthew R. Curran**, both of Edison; **Thomas K. Dyas** and **Robert Westreich**, both of Metuchen; **Andrzej P. Szymanski** and **Jennifer A. Watson**, both of Piscataway. All

received juris doctor degrees at the 51st commencement exercises held May 27 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel.

Michael J. Kavalus received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., at commencement exercises May 22. A graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, he is the son of Joseph and MaryEllen Kavalus of Clinton.

Six area students have graduated from Boston University in Boston, Mass. The graduates and their degrees:

Siddesh Bale of Edison, juris doctor degree, cum laude.

Justin E. Bier of Edison, bachelor's degree in business administration and management.

Jason S. Goldberg of Metuchen, bachelor's degree in journalism.

Randi Gruber of Edison, bachelor's degree in international relations, cum laude.

Lesley D. Richardson of Edison, master's degree in television.

Jennifer A. Sullivan of Edison, bachelor's degree in political science, cum laude.

Timothy Milner of Metuchen has received a master's degree in worship studies from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Two area women graduated on May 20 from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y.

Ushavaiy Davas of Metuchen received a master's degree in human genetics; her master's thesis was on "Parental Experience with Children Evaluated for MCADD." She received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers College of Rutgers University in 2001. The daughter of Kamal and Virasp Davas plans to be a genetic counselor at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in Manhattan.

Pooja Makhijani of Edison received a master of fine arts degree in nonfiction writing; her master's thesis had the topic of "Sari Stories." The daughter

of Raj and Rakhee Makhjani received a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University in 2000.

Two area students graduated from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt., at its 201st commencement ceremonies May 22.

Melissa E. Bowe of Highland Park received a bachelor's degree in English. **Matthew J. Eustice** of South Plainfield received a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Four area students received degrees from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., at commencement exercises May 22. The graduates are **Tracy Luma** and **Kristin Savulich**, both of Edison; **Kenneth Wiczorek**, of South Plainfield; and **Gary Zimewski**, of Metuchen.

Quinnipiac also has issued its dean's list for the spring 2005 semester, listed by community:

Dunellen — **Veronica Bogomazova** and **Megan Fitzpatrick**.

Edison — **Sai Ahmed**, **Savulich**, **Lauren Soltesz** and **Kathryn Ur**.

Metuchen — **Zimewski**.

Middlesex — **Kristina Armer** and **Caitlin Macaulay**.

Piscataway — **Stephanie Caiella** and **Jonathan Licciardi**.

South Plainfield — **Christina Furka**.

Shaun Washington of South Plainfield has received an associate's degree in travel tourism management from Johnson & Wales University. He attended the Florida campus in North Miami, Fla., and was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 term.

Also named to the Johnson & Wales dean's list for the spring 2005 term were **Joseph Butler** of Edison, majoring in restaurant management; **Shade Coleman** of South Plainfield, majoring in restaurant management; and **Jossue Salazar** of Middlesex, majoring in marketing. All attend the New England campus in Providence, R.I.

Kristina Marie Gagliardi of 11 Brandywine Circle, Piscataway, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. She is a sophomore majoring in history.

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

Amanda Rastelli of South Plainfield, a freshman majoring in business. She is the daughter of Amy and Ken Rastelli.

Kevin Stewart of Middlesex, a sophomore majoring in music education. He is the son of Tim and Rosanne Stewart.

Eric Glatter of Edison received a BS degree from the College of Business of Johnson and Wales University at May commencement ceremonies at the Providence Campus.

Ari Crystal-Ornelas, son of Drs David and Yasmi Crystal of Bound Brook, received a Bachelor's of Arts from Williams College at commencement June 5. His major was Art and he was active on varsity wrestling and with a rock band.

Drew University students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester. Dean's List students must earn a minimum of a 3.4 grade point average, equivalent to a B+ or better on a scale in which A equals 4.0. **Mary Carroll Higginbottom** of Bound Brook; **Daniel Albert Riccio** and **Heather Allison Alters** of Edison; **Molly Tennessee Goodman** of Highland Park; **Tara Ann St. Angelo**, **Crystal Marie Taylor** and **Pamela Lynn Longo** of Piscataway; and **Brittany Erin Lee** of South Plainfield.

James R. Urbaniak of Piscataway has been named to the Dean's List on the Rutgers Campus in New Brunswick for

the Spring Semester. He is majoring in English and History, and is the son of John and Francesca Urbaniak. In May, 2005 Urbaniak was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, an honor society for those who have achieved an academic average of at least 3.8.

Two area students received degrees from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., at commencement exercises May 15.

Stacy Beth Ellen of Metuchen earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and biology. The dean's list student and Presidential Scholar was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta honor society, for pre-med students; Sigma Delta Pi honor society, for students of Spanish descent; and Skull and Crown honor society, for sophomores. She also was a resident assistant on campus.

Ellen was treasurer of the college's Dance Club and Dance Team as well as captain of the spring dance concert. She was a counselor for Putting It Together in the Community, a community service program for incoming freshmen, and treasurer of Hillel.

Her activities included F&M Cares; the Holocaust Remembrance Committee; Our Neighbors, Ourselves, another community service project; the Spanish Club; and Women in Neuroscience. The daughter of Barry and Joan Ellen is a 2001 graduate of Metuchen High School.

Richard Dominick Gebauer of South Plainfield earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in English.

The dean's list student was president of the Student Senate, co-chairman of Students for Students and a public service summer intern. He also was a member of the wrestling team.

Gebauer was chairman of the College Entertainment Committee and an adviser for freshman orientation. The son of Richard and Donna Gebauer is a 2001 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

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Campus Notes

Marc Bruzzi of Middlesex has graduated from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. He received a bachelor's degree in information management and technology at the 151st commencement, held in the Carrier Dome on May 15.

Separately, five area students were named to the Syracuse University dean's list for the spring 2005 semester. They are: Joshua Barkan of Metuchen, a senior majoring in architecture.

Michael Fomuke of Edison, a senior majoring in information management and technology.

Andy Hata of Piscataway, a junior majoring in hospitality and food service management.

Annabel Lee of Edison, a senior majoring in interior design.

Joshua Seidner of Edison, a senior majoring in architecture.

Paul Dellanno of Edison earned second honors in the third trimester of the 2004-05 school year at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange. He had a grade point average of 3.5-4.0 on a scale of 4.

The following Edison residents have been named to the Dean's List at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia:

Adrienne Darpino, a Physical Therapy student; Oghogho Aifuwa, a Doctor of Pharmacy student; Jason Barreto, a Doctor of Pharmacy student; and Ketal Patel, a Pharmacology - Toxicology student.

Courtney A. Stary of Edison, a member of the Class of 2008 has been named to the Dean's List at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Penna.

Randi Gruber of Edison has been named to the Dean's List at Boston University.

Benjamin J. Masur of Highland Park has been named to the Dean's List of Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University.

Caitlin P. Cleary of Metuchen, a member of the Class of 2007, was named to the Dean's List at Ursinus College and is majoring in German.

Timothy M. Sullivan of Metuchen has been named to the Dean's List at Boston University.

Michael Hompesch of Middlesex was named to the Dean's List at the Kogod

School of Business at American University. He is majoring in Business Administration.

Garrett Lacaillade of Middlesex was named to the Dean's List of the School of Public Affairs at American University. He is majoring in Political Science.

Joe Teitelbaum of Middlesex was named to the Dean's List of the Kogod School of Business at American University. He is majoring in Business Administration.

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

The following Piscataway residents have been named to the Dean's List at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia: Jigna Patel, a Doctor of Pharmacy student; Boskey Patel, a Pharmacology - Toxicology student; Joelle Saliba, a Biochemistry student; and Michele Vergara, a Physical Therapy student.

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

Eric Toth of South Plainfield has been named to the Dean's List at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Toth is a Physical Therapy student.

Nicholas Fletcher Green of South Plainfield, a sophomore at Gettysburg College, has been placed on the Dean's Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement.

Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham Campus released the names of students who qualified for the Dean's and Honor's Lists. To qualify for the Honor's List, a student must have a 3.5 grade point average or better. In Edison: Jessica Emens, Dorothy Iacone, Danielle Rondinone, and Jaideep Shukla, and Heather Loenser of South Plainfield.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have a 3.2 grade point average or better.

In Bound Brook: Kimberly Hart and Patrycja Kasprzak. In Dunellen: Edward Hare; in Edison: Deanna Catalano, Dana Patterson, Thomas Raimondo, Chelsea Rubenstein and Peter Socca. In Metuchen: Suha Habib-Ali, Victoria Lau and Sharon Shumate. In Middlesex: Darlene Belford and Stephen Valinski. In Piscataway: Stephanie Burrell and Stephanie Shafer.

Michelle La Fleur of South Bound Brook has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2004 Semester and the President's List for the Spring 2005 Semester at Raritan Valley Community College after earning all "A's" this semester.

She has also earned a Merit Scholarship from RVCC for the 2004-05 school year for her high GPA. She is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at RVCC.

La Fleur, a 1998 graduate of Immaculata High School in Somerville, is the Alumni Class representative.

Six area students have graduated from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Receiving degrees in the 129th com-

mencement exercises at Alumni Stadium on May 23:

Michael F. Cagney of Edison, bachelor's degree in theology and philosophy, cum laude.

Owen B. Christensen of Bound Brook, bachelor's degree in marketing.

Andrew Hymas of Edison, bachelor's degree in film studies and philosophy.

Deepa Pamidimukkala of Edison, bachelor's degree in finance.

William H. Rossy of Metuchen, bachelor's degree in biology.

Garth M. Swensen of Metuchen, bachelor's degree in accounting and finance.

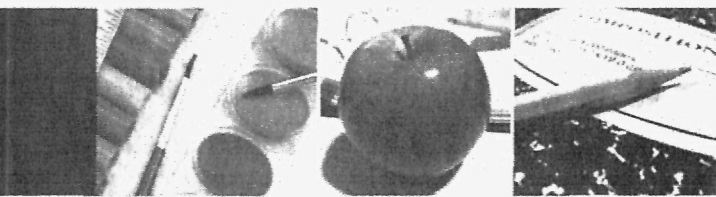
Joseph Pirrotta of Edison has graduated from Manhattan College in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

He received a bachelor's degree at the college's 163rd undergraduate commencement, held in Draddy Gymnasium on campus May 22.

Sanaa Khan of Piscataway has graduated from Haverford College in Haverford, Pa. She received a bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in French at commencement exercises May 15.

Khan is the daughter of Iqbal Ahmad and Ghazala Khan.

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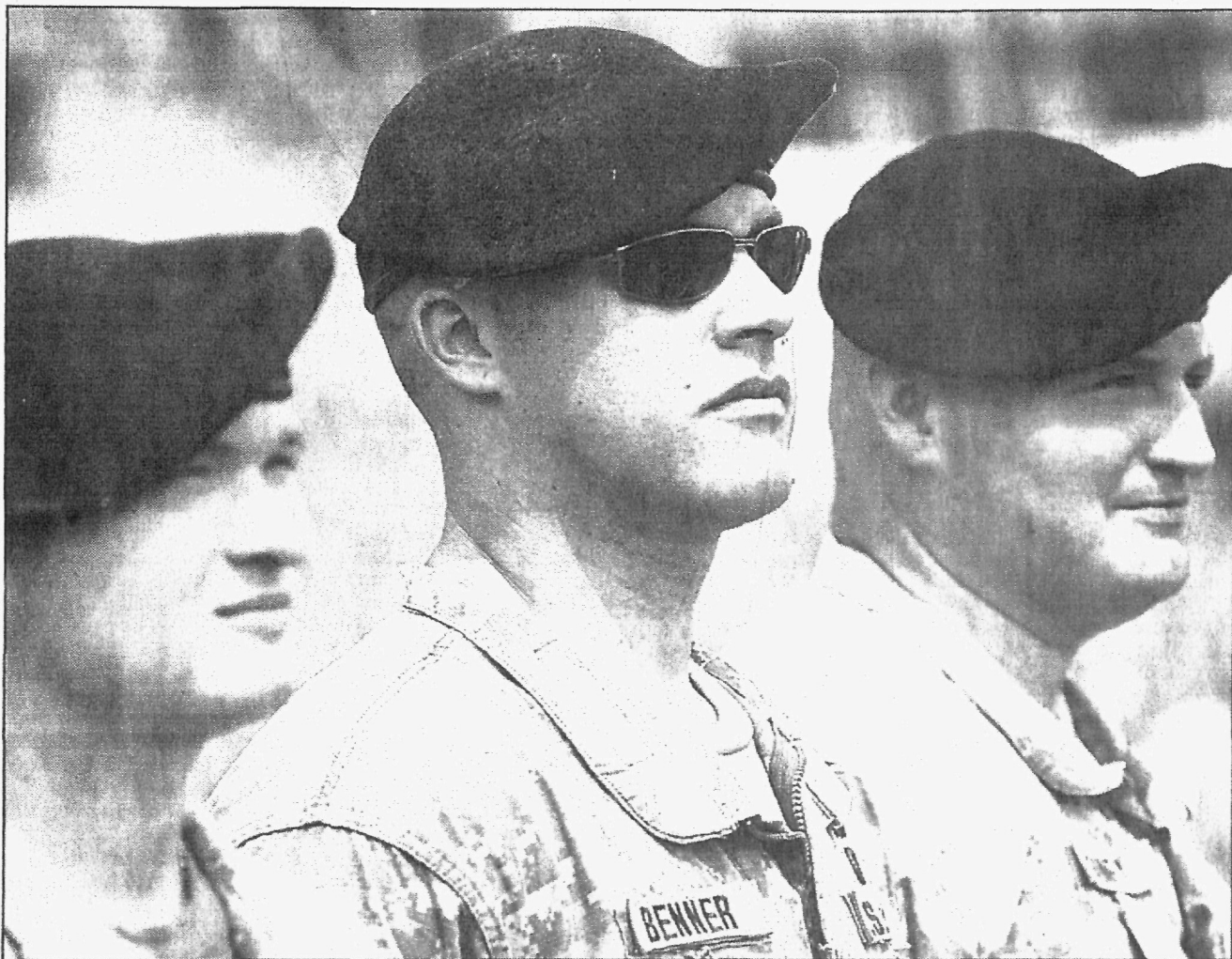
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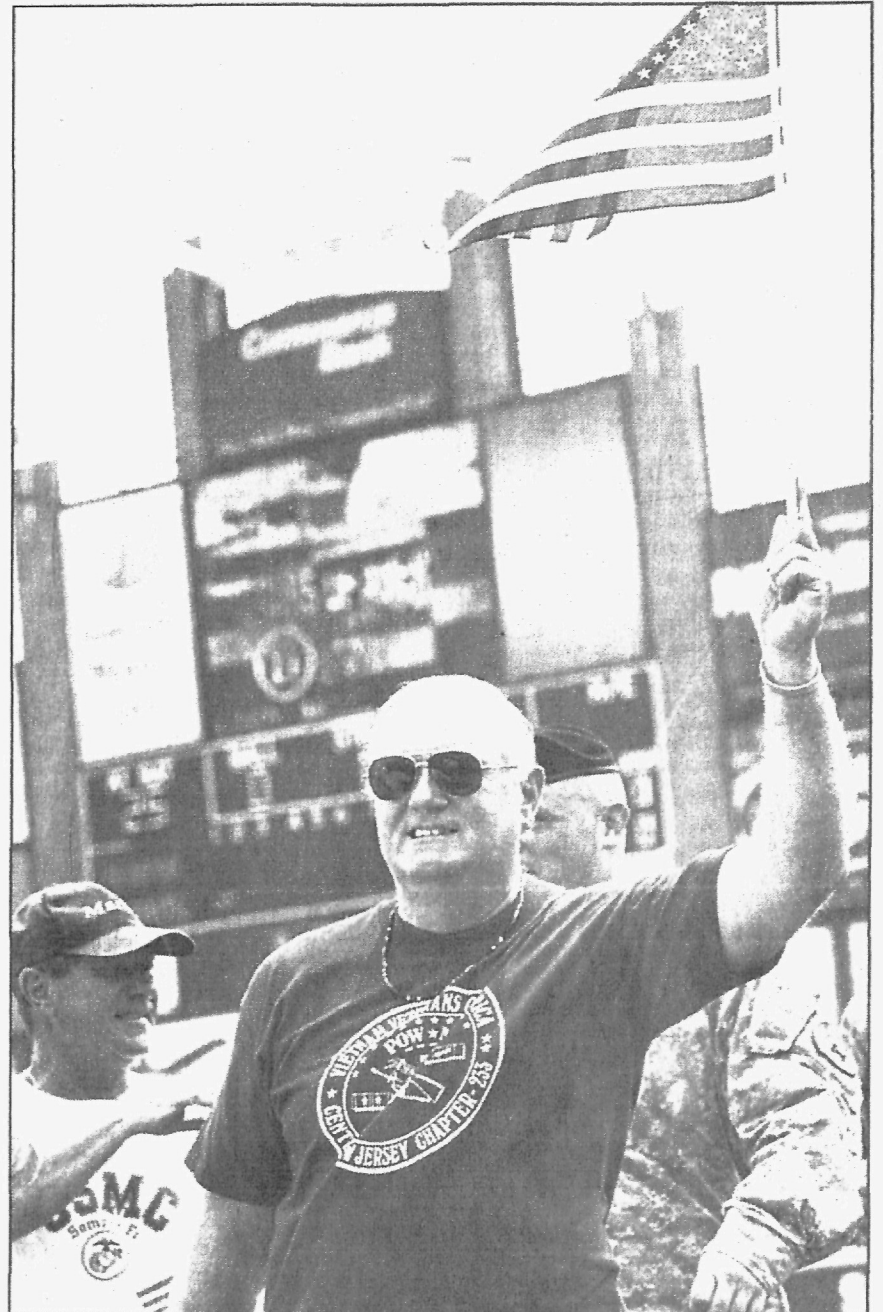
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'It's great to be back'



Standing at ease during Sunday's ceremonies are Iraq Army veterans, from left, William White, David Benner and Ashley Gainey. In photo at right, Dunellen resident Jim Hixon, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 233 in Middlesex County, waves an American flag as the veterans enter the field.



Ceremonies honor Iraq veterans and those who fought before them

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — The young Marine spoke few words when he was passed the microphone prior to Sunday's match-up between the Somerset Patriots and the Bridgeport Bluefish.

"My name is Lance Cpl. Gregor. I'm from Bound Brook. It's great to be back."

But, as one of a handful of area men who had recently returned from Iraq — and treated as honorary guests of the third annual Veterans of America Day — his words were answered with thunderous applause from all in attendance at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

Gregor, 20, was part of an impressive show of military force Sunday, which began with a parade of hundreds of veterans down the right field line. There were military vehicles from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm parked outside the park, World War II-era planes made flybys from above, and a 21-gun salute by the John Basilone Marine Corps League cracked from the outfield.

And for Roy and Mary Lawrence, all the patriotic fervor just sweetened the reunion with their son, Gregor, who had returned home just two days earlier after spending seven months in Iraq. In two weeks he will return to the war for another six months.

"I worry a lot. It's been rough," Mary Lawrence said. "I'm lucky if I get an e-mail once a week. I get a phone call once every two months, usually 3 in the morning. I worry a lot, but I'm very proud of him."

"Sheer joy," is how Roy Lawrence said he felt when his son arrived home, safe and sound. "Now I can sleep at night, and not have to watch the news, or run up the stairs for an e-mail."

Even everyday sounds would strike fear in him.

"Every time the doorbell would ring I would get antsy," he said.

With little time before Gregor is off again, Mary Lawrence plans to make the most of their days together.

"Anything he wants to do," she said. "The nicest thing is to be able to just sit together and



Enjoying the festivities are Catherine and Carl Luthman, at left, both Navy veterans of WWII. The couple, formerly of Dunellen, met when they were stationed at the naval base in Norfolk Va. Mrs. Luthman, a Navy WAVE, served from 1944-46; her husband, a quartermaster, served from 1942-46. She remained behind in Norfolk when he shipped out to the Pacific aboard the USS Stokes, an amphibious attack ship that participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima. Now living in Lakehurst, they will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary this month.

relax."

Gregor said his experiences have made him appreciate small things.

"Little things we might take for granted. Fresh water, stuff like that."

As a member of the Marine's 310th Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Division, Gregor helps keep track of vehicle convoys while in Iraq.

He said his unit did lose men over there, but would not comment further.

Asked if the war is winnable, he said: "It's winnable, without a doubt."

But the Marine said he is aware of polls that show waning support of the war.

"The reason for going in was good," he said, but "(President Bush) is slowly losing his train of thought. He's deviating."


Still, Gregor said he is looking forward to going back.

"I've made the best friends of my life," he said.


Sunday's event also included recognition of the winners in the "What is a Patriot?" essay contest — sponsored by the Somerset Patriots and this newspaper — as well as a video from Iraq with U.S. troops thanking The Chronicle for its Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 program, which has maintained a care-package supply line since February to soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq and the Mideast region.

Marine Maj. Charles Morrow, of Rock Hill, S.C., opened the ceremony with a touching speech about serving this country followed by Haskell resident Forrest "Frosty" Lawson's rousing rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A." and his original hit "America, the Light of the World."

One of the event's organizers, Joe Yzuik, a Vietnam War Marine veteran from Bound Brook, described the day as a great success.




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During the Patriots recently completed homestand, Aug. 8-14, Owens went 13-31, hitting .419 with seven runs scored, two doubles, a triple, five home runs and 11 RBIs. During that stretch, he hit a home run in three consecutive games, and had seven RBIs in one game, including a grand slam, triple and single. He also hit a home run in three consecutive games during the homestand.

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