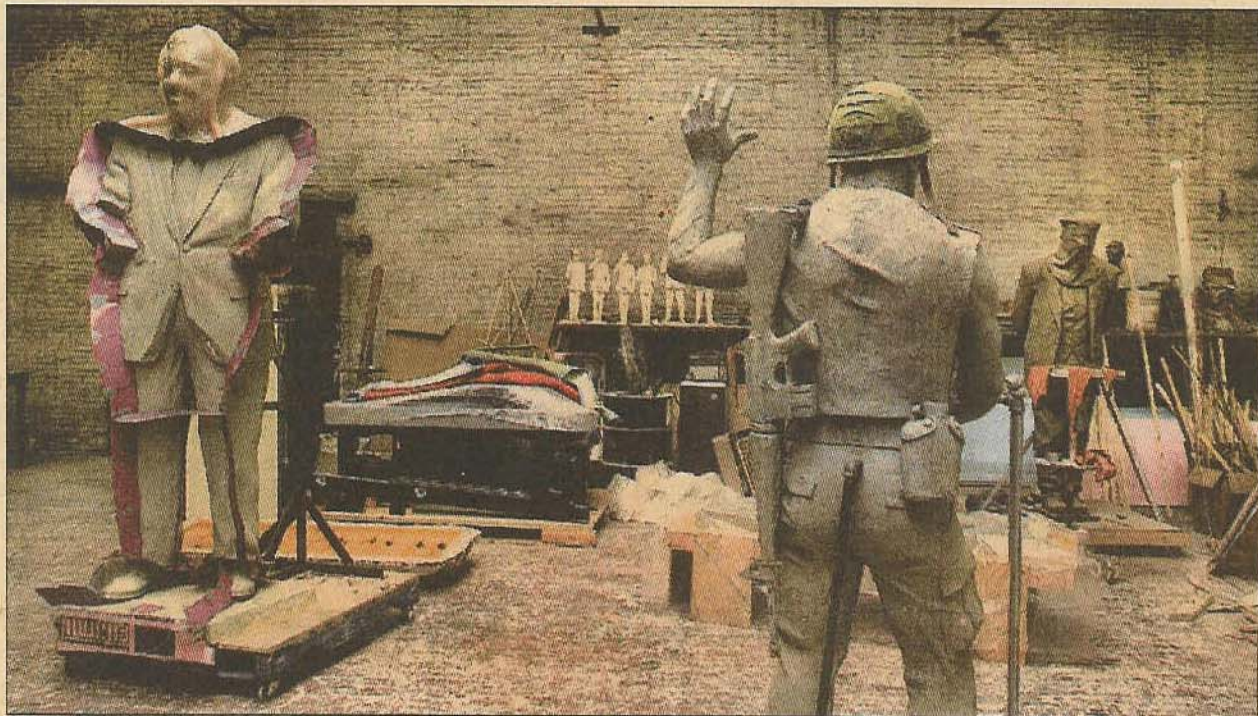


Every day is a casting party

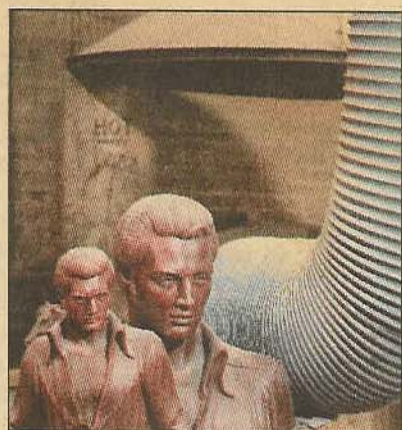
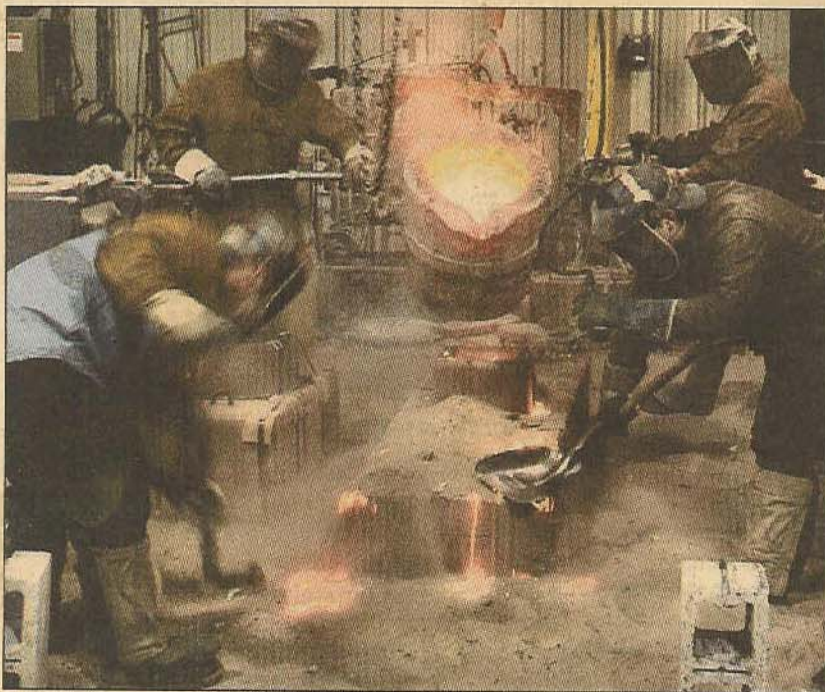
The Laran Bronze Foundry of Chester is casting four statues of Phillies greats created for Citizens Bank Park by artist Zenos Frudakis: Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, Richie Ashburn and Robin Roberts. Also in the works are 24 bronze reliefs and eight eagles on columns for the new World War II memorial in Washington. The company is owned by Larry Welker and his son Randy.



Larry Welker IV, a metal worker and son of owner Larry Welker, readies a move of the Steve Carlton statue.



A clay sculpture (left) by artist Zenos Frudakis awaits the second stage of the process. The soldier, by artist Joe Pavone, will be used for a Vietnam War memorial. A hooded statue in the background is also by Frudakis.



At left, workers pour molten bronze into a cast. Above are wax casts of Elvis Presley. The foundry specializes in figurative, wildlife and monumental silicon bronze.

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