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Patriots' loss

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



Welcome to their world

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

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Borough's 'miracle' applauded

Get a wrap-up of redevelopment projects in Somerset County. **Page A7**

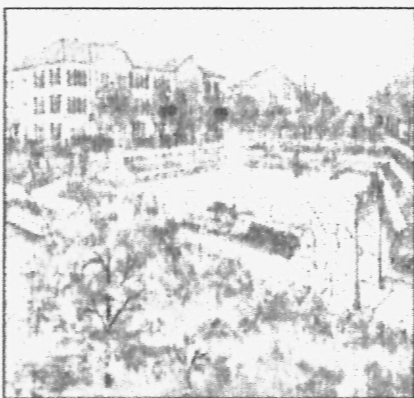
By AMY S. BOBROWSKI & ALLISON ELYSK GUALTIERI
 Staff Writers

SOUTH BOUND BROOK — It was called a miracle, a magnet, a vision and a perfect example for other municipalities.

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

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

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



GEORGE PACCIELLO STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER (TOP); COURTESY MATZEL & MUMFORD ORGANIZATION (ABOVE)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HIGHLAND PARK

Farmers market adds lunch, music

A new feature of this year's Farmer's Market is the opening of the Farmer's Market Café. Each week, patrons can enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Mama DiVinci's while relaxing under an umbrella at the market. In addition, once a month, enjoy lunch while listening to the tunes of local musicians, including singer/songwriter Spook Handy and folk musician Larry Tritel.

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

- Bakers Bounty, Linden: Brick-oven Italian bread, fresh seasonal cakes, pies and desserts.
- Donaldson Farms, Hackettstown: Produce, including peaches, squash and hand-picked sweet corn.
- Dr. Pickle, Wayne: New York Style pickles out of the barrel,

- sauerkraut, marinated mushrooms.
- Hoboken Farm, Hoboken: Fresh mozzarella, Italian bread, Omaha steaks, famous crab cakes, stuffed salmon and sole, and prepared chicken.
- J & L Farm, Monroe Township: Peppers, sweet corn and tomatoes.
- Henry Jenkinson & Son, Hillsborough: Flowering annuals and hanging baskets.
- Melick's Town Farm, Oldwick: Fresh seasonal fruits and vegeta-

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

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

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

— Suydam Farms, Franklin Township: fresh cut flowers.

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

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

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

There's gold in the records on the walls

By JIM WHITE
 Staff Writer

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

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

"Look, here's Jerry Lee Lewis," said Marietta Vanderputten, an employee at the antique store who has taken on the job of categorizing the collection of roughly 2,000 records as well as a seemingly infinite number of 45s.

"Here's Arthur Fidler and the Boston Pops. Who can compare on the Fourth of July?" She said the used records range in price from \$1 to \$50, depending on the label, condition and age, and customers can sample potential purchases on a record player inside the store.



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

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There's gold in the records on the store walls

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

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

some people abused them," she said.

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

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

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

But Vanderputten said she recently got her hands on

Miles Davis at the Black Hawk, a classic jazz record recorded in 1961, from a woman in charge of her brother's estate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bob Dylan?

"He just flies off the shelves. You can't keep him," she said.

Vanderputten said The Rolling Stones have become very popular again and she recently came across about 50 Stones 45s.

"The 45s here are over-

whelming," she said. "But juke boxes are making a comeback. People are always looking for 45s. It's the life of the party."

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

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

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

"These are kids like 18 years

old, but they love vinyl and their building their collection," she said.

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

"It's so great to see," she said.

There appears to be something for every taste in the basement, including a large selection of Irish music by the Clancy Brothers as well as German, Greek, Hungarian, Hawaiian, Mexican, Polish, Spanish and Swedish tunes.

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

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County to help fund seven municipal recreation facilities

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turf system on baseball and soccer fields at Myrtle Avenue Park.

— Plainsboro will receive a \$500,000 grant to help build

athletic fields and a family picnic area at Community Park.

— South Brunswick will receive \$500,000 to help construct soccer fields and a comfort station and install lighting

and park amenities at Harvest Woods Park.

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

two memorials and the Senior Citizen Recreation Center.

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

upgrade basketball courts, walkways, fencing and the parking lot at Rahway Avenue Park (\$165,000); and upgrade all township parks to make them ADA and Fall Zone compliant (\$160,000).

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Vial File underway

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

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

County continues RX program

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

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

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

A coalition of seniors, disabled people and the Middlesex County

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

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

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

other relief during the past 2 1/2 years.

"I am happy the county will continue offering the Middlesex RX program after January to assist county residents between 55 and 65 years of age and disabled individuals who do not qualify for Medicare," said Freeholder Blaquita Valenti, board liaison to the Department on Aging, at a recent freeholder board meeting.

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

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

College offers grad courses

EDISON — For business professionals who live or work in Middlesex County, a new opportunity for graduate study begins this fall.

Fairleigh Dickinson University will offer MBA courses at Middlesex County College for the first time. This

new initiative builds on the Community College Partnership between the two institutions.

On Tuesday, an FDU Graduate Business Open House will be held at MCC from 6-8 p.m. in Edison Hall, Room 151.


The open house will feature a guest speaker, Career Coach Eli Amdur, speaking on career management skills for pharmaceutical professionals.

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

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

To register and to learn more about the FDU MBA courses offered at Middlesex County College, call Bonnie Diehl, assistant director, Healthcare Management Studies, at (201) 692-7204 or e-mail diehl@fdu.edu.

To reach the MCC admissions office, call (732) 906-4243.



SOMERSET PATRIOTS

FAN OF THE WEEK!



Angela Roberts
Angela is the mother of five children and lives in Somerset. Her favorite sport is basketball and her favorite Somerset Patriots player is shortstop Kevin Nicholson. Angela was selected as The Fan Of The Week at a game she attended as Nicholson's guest. She recently lost her father and is accepting this award in her father's loving memory.

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Middlesex Briefs

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

The Program consists of Adult Co-Ed Softball County and Industrial teams who are eligible to participate in the program. There will be an entrance fee of \$200 per team.

Team applications are available at the Stelton Community Center, 328 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, and will be due back by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 12.

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

Park in Middlesex Aug. 8-12. Registration forms are available at the Middlesex Recreation Department. For more information, visit MetroStars.com or contact Dave McKiernan (732-752-4203).

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

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

For information and to reserve a ticket, call Geri at 732-752-2048.

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

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

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

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

Reydel Volkswagen is the exclusive sponsor of this year's event.

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

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

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

For more information, call (732) 888-1653.

Bereavement support group is now forming EDISON — The staff and volunteers of the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice are forming Bereavement support groups to help Middlesex County residents who have recently experienced a loss.

It is recognized that seasonal changes and going through various holidays and celebrations for the first time after a loved one has passed away can be extremely difficult. Sessions, which focus on dealing with emotions and stress, and

changes as a result of the death, are held from 2 to 3 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month. They are free and open to Middlesex County residents.

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

"Minnow Pond" pre-school summer camp PISCATAWAY — Applicants for children from 2 1/2 to 5 years old are being taken for Minnow Pond pre-school at Christ United Methodist Church at 485 Hoes Lane, next to town hall.

Registration for fall classes is also being accepted at this time. Minnow Pond is a state licensed professional facility staffed by Early Childhood Education professionals. Hands-on explorations in art, crafts, music, science and more are offered, as well as flexible hours, loads of fun and reasonable fees in a loving, Christian setting.

Call (732) 463-1517 for more information. Metuchen YMCA plans new summer events EDISON — Pre-school summer day camp for two year old boys and girls. This two hour program held at the Presbyterian Church through Sept. 2. The fee for Tot's Camp is \$55 per week per child and camp membership

is \$15. Kindercamp registration has begun for boys and girls ages three to five with flexible hours. Camp fee per week is \$140 with a \$35 membership fee.

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

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

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

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

Senior Calendar

Bound Brook

The Bound Brook Seniors meet 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Ashbury Hall of the Bound Brook United Methodist Church, 150 W. Union Ave. After each meeting refreshments are served and Bingo is played.

Upcoming Trips and Events: Aug. 9 — Hawaiian Luau - \$64

Dunellen

The Dunellen Senior Citizen Club is open to all Dunellen residents 60 years and older. Meetings are held each Friday at 10 a.m. at the new seniors building on Orange Street in Columbia Park.

Metuchen

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

Middlesex Borough

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Seniors meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the church hall. Members are asked to bring boxes of pasta for F.I.S.H. For information on trips call Ellie

Procacci (732) 752-3093 or Mary Jane Stoddard (732) 356-2093.

South Bound Brook

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

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

"Bye, Bye Birdie." Call Catherine. 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.

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

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Commentary

Flight of fancy or serious thought?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

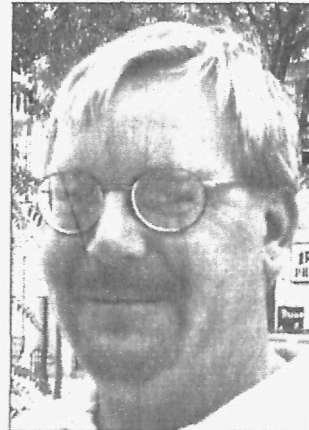
But that's still for the future. Today, we have to deal with traffic, pollution and rising gas prices. So, until the local dealer begins offering rebates on the Hovercraft 750, take a coffee break and visit the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's Web site and let your voice be heard.

Question of the week: What can be done to ease congestion on Route 78?



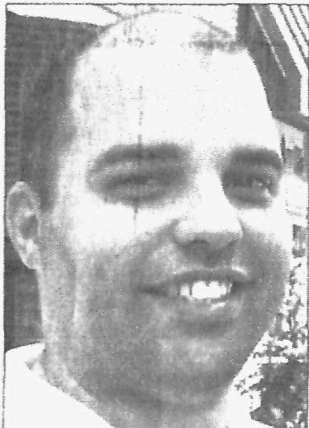
BETTY MONAHAN
Somerville

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



JOHN HOLLER
Somerset

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



PETER CALCAO
Bridgewater

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



BEV HACKER
Bridgewater

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



PETE HIGGINS
Bridgewater

"I don't drive on it enough to know — I usually go around it."

Letters to the Editor

Helicopters not a terror target

To The Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

Hall writes, "Will it take a terrorist event for all to realize we have introduced ourselves as a target?"

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

JACK ELLIOTT
Warren

Flag trivia stumped all comers

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

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

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

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

1. Gulf Station, West End Avenue, Somerville;
 2. Flag Plaza, corner of Warrenville Road and Mountain Boulevard, Warren;
 3. Red barn/utility shed as seen on the corner of Burnt Mills Road and Cowperthwaite Road in Basking Ridge;
 4. Civil War gravestone, Lamington Black cemetery, Bedminster;
 5. Somerset County Park Commission headquarters building, North Branch Park, Milltown Road, Bridgewater;
 6. Somerset County Courthouse, Somerville;
 7. Commerce Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Way, Bridgewater;
 8. Washington Rock Park, Green Brook.
- Judy Jordan of Branchburg submitted seven correct answers; Jonathan Gibson of Bedminster had six correct answers.

Letters to the Editor

Class of 2005 sent off in style

To The Editor:

The 2005 Watchung Hills Regional High School Project Graduation Steering Committee would like to extend our gratitude to local businesses, organizations, families of students at WHRHS, the entire WHRHS staff and the communities of all four sending districts for the overwhelming response to our annual appeal for assistance in implementing a successful year-long drug- and alcohol-free celebration for the Class of 2005.

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

ly following the graduation ceremony on June 21, were made possible by the many, many local businesses, organizations and families who pulled together to make the year's celebration a wonderful success.

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

returned from the final night event.

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

MARY CHRISTIAN
ROSEMARY O'CONNOR
Green Brook

The writers were co-chairs of the Project Graduation Steering Committee

Quotable

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

Mike Ferguson

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Responsibility needed

To The Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

JOSEPH H. METELSKI
Bedminster



Development springs up around county

Many planning projects

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI & ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI
Staff Writers

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

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

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

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

SOMERVILLE

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

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

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

The West Main Redevelopment Zone is also the subject of litigation.

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

GREEN BROOK

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

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

NORTH PLAINFIELD

"Currently, there are no designated redevelopment zones. We're more in the study stages or targeting the entire downtown, from Plainfield to Route 22," said David Hollod, borough administrator. The borough is also looking at the "Old Mill" site, a factory building on Brook Avenue off of Watchung Avenue.

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

SOUTH BOUND BROOK

The Canal Road and Main Street improvement project was the first major revitalization project in the borough in decades. Made possible by grants from the federal Economic Development Authority and Somerset County, this project cost approximately \$4.2 million dollars to complete, and aimed to improve public safety

and access to the borough's downtown, improve vehicle traffic flow, traffic calming and upgrading sidewalks.

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

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

"We removed 60,000 tons of contaminated soil," Driver said, with the help of the state Department of Environmental Protection. Soon, however, the site will be home to 15 "premium priced" townhouse units among 13 three-story buildings with garages underneath, and there will be 23,000 square feet of retail space adjoining the townhouse development.

BRANCHBURG

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

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



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

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

MANVILLE

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

When the borough tried to condemn the mall site to sell it to a redeveloper, the owner sued the

borough. Finally, the parent company, Garden Homes, stepped forward and is now working with the borough on redevelopment.

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

BOUND BROOK

Bound Brook has also designated a redevelopment zone, and has been working with the DEP and the county to make redevelopment

a reality downtown and especially at the site of the old public works garage. The redevelopment committee, headed by Dick Shive, has already received a \$90,000 grant from the county for sign and façade improvement.

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

"Things are progressing," Mayor Frank Ryan said, crediting South Bound Brook's redevelopment with creating a new atmosphere in the area.

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Visit the acid-free world of etching

By **CAITLIN SNYDER**
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Having received a grant from the Lindbergh Foundation in 1993, the Behrs were able to introduce ElectroEtch to a broader audience, including an artist

JUST THE FACTS:

"The World of
ElectroEtch"

Aug. 6 to Oct. 22
The Printmaking
Council of New
Jersey
440 River Road
Branchburg

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

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

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

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

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

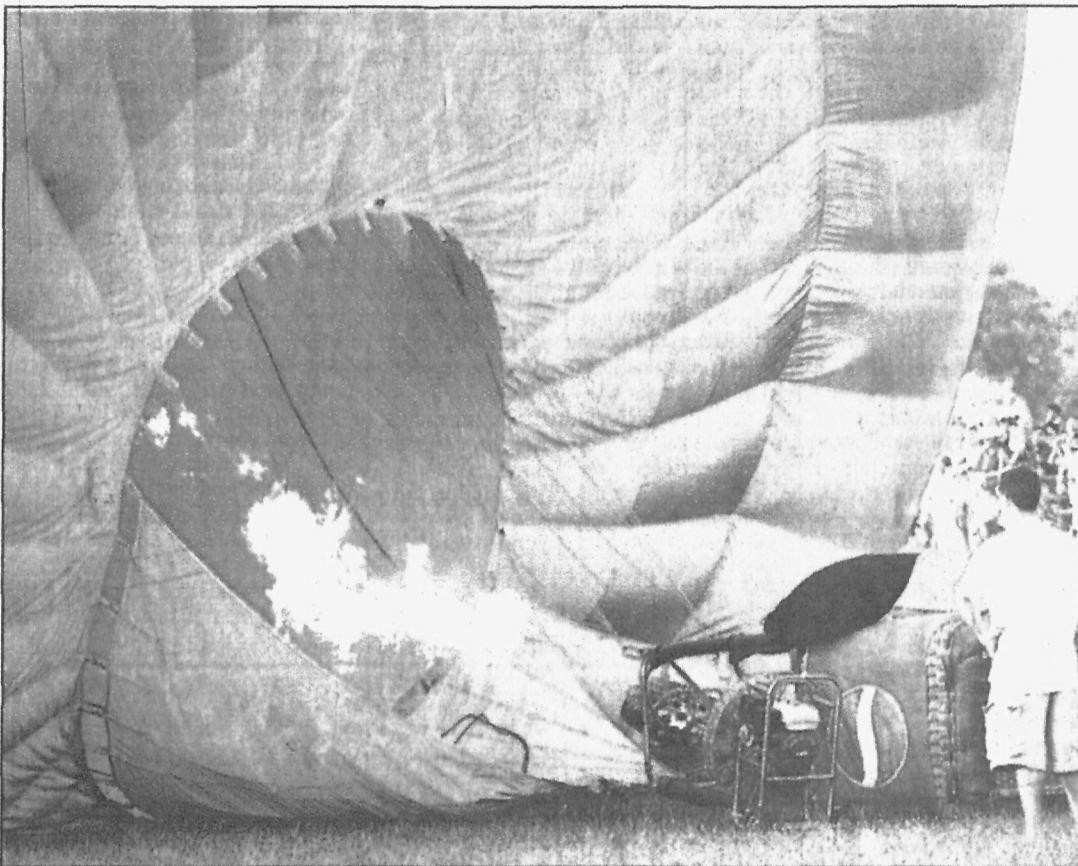
Other artists featured include several Inuit who studied with the Behrs, a local textile designer, and the Behrs' grandchildren.

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

"The World of ElectroEtch" will show at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, 440 River Road, through Oct. 22. The Behrs and other artists will be present at a reception 2-4 p.m. Sept. 10. For more information, visit www.print-nj.org or call (908) 725-2110.



Balloon launch sets the evening a-glow



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

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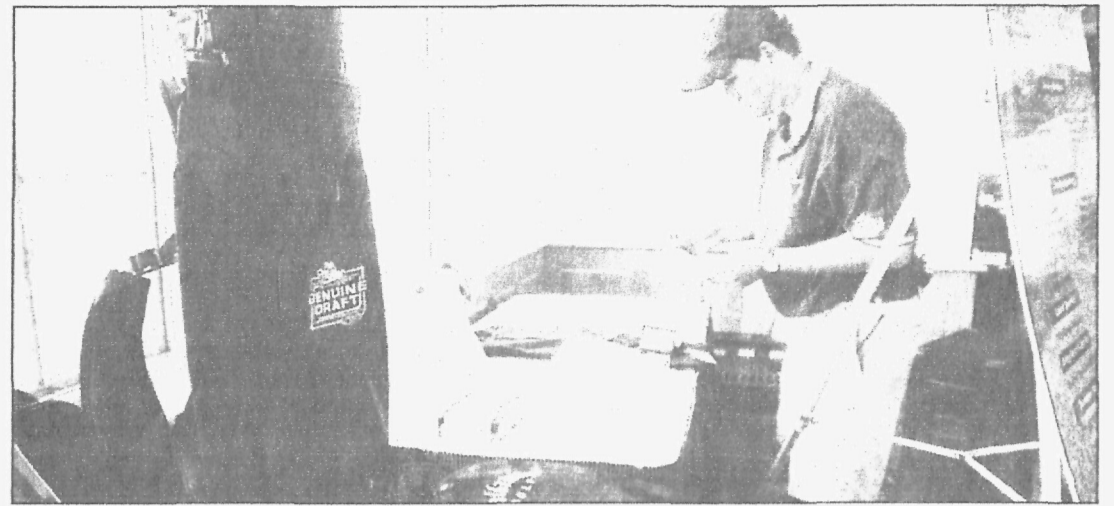
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Take me out to the fairway...



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Said land will be sold to make the amount chargeable against the several parcels respectively for taxes or municipal liens, and interest due on the 11th day of the 11th month of the current tax year, exclusive however of the lien for taxes for the year 2004 as computed in the following list, and the cost chargeable thereon, and the subscribers will make off to the two bids the amount due at the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 18 percent annua.

Such sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 5, Title 54 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey 1937 entitled "Sale of Real Property to Enforce Liens," Section 54-5-19 to 54-5-111, and amendments thereto. At anytime before the sale, said collector will receive payment of the amount due on any property with interest on all delinquent taxes and cost incurred by cash, certified check or money order.

Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 15:27-1 et seq.) (The Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 15:27A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 15:27-6 et seq.) In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

The said lands so subject to sale described in accordance with the last Tax Duplicate, including the name of the owners shown on the duplicate and aggregate taxes which were a lien thereon the eleventh day of November 2004 exclusive however of the lien for taxes for the year 2004 are as follows:

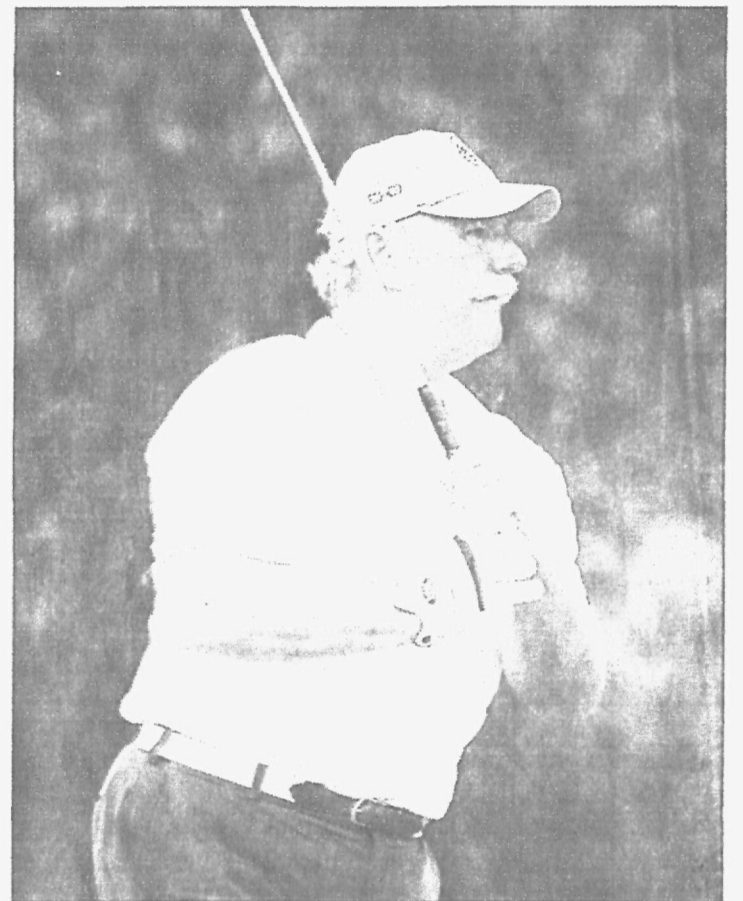
BLOCK	LOT	OWNERS NAME	PROPERTY LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
18	1	Celantano, Carmine Jr.	211 Fairwood Terrace	Land/Improv.	\$6,435.17
45	4	Belin, Lynn J.	111 Centre Street	Land	\$5,436.21

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PLAYER Of The Week

JEREMY OWENS
Centerfielder

Owens hit .471 with eight hits in 17 at bats over a five-game period that included a home run and two RBIs. Over a 10-game stretch, Owens hit .375 with 15 hits, three home runs and eight RBIs. In addition to his strong offense, Owens has been the premier centerfielder in the Atlantic League all season long.

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Campus Notes

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

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

Beverlee Shivers of Bound Brook has graduated from Washington College in Chestertown, Md. She received a bachelor's degree in anthropology and environmental studies at the 22.3rd commencement ceremonies May 22.

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

Nicole Baratta of Dunellen, a senior majoring in psychology.

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

Ashley Benham of Edison, a junior majoring in finance.

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

Shannon Boyles of South Plainfield, a sophomore majoring in elementary education and psychology.

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

Hona Brodetsky of Metuchen, a senior majoring in political science.

Beth Gard of Edison, a junior majoring in journalism.

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

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

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

Shelly Helfgott of Edison, a junior majoring in elementary education and communication.

Samantha Ladany of Edison, a senior majoring in elementary education and psychology.

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

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

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

chology. Amie O'Neill of Middlesex, a senior majoring in elementary education and psychology.

Jennifer Pagano of Piscataway, a senior majoring in fine arts and communication.

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

Michelle Quinones of South Bound Brook, a junior majoring in accounting.

Marisa Tavesat of Edison, a sophomore majoring in English.

Amy Toporek of Edison, a senior majoring in communication.

Laura Vosilla of Edison, a junior majoring in communication.

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

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

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

Four area students have graduated from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Receiving their degrees at the 184th commencement exercises on May 19:

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

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

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

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

David McCandlish of Highland Park has graduated from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics at the 133rd commencement exercises May 29.

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

and Elizabeth McCandlish is an alumnus of Highland Park High School.

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

Derek Towers Huff of Piscataway, bachelor's degree, cum laude.

Oliver Patrick Kamp of South Plainfield, bachelor's degree, summa cum laude.

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

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

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

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

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

majoring in chemical engineering.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Erin Bunger of Piscataway was one of 27 students recently inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa honor society at 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.

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

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

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

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

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Weekend Calendar. Sunday, August 7: SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Summer Drama Workshop: at 2 p.m. The Pajama Game in air conditioned South Plainfield H.S. Adults \$10, kids and seniors \$8. Call (908) 561-5255 for details. Monday, August 8: EDISON - Garden Club Meeting: 7 p.m. at main branch of Edison Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. Project for the evening will be creating birchouses and topiaries for sale at the Metuchen Country Fair. Join and join in the fun. Call Mary at (732) 549-3579 for details. Wednesday, August 10: EDISON - Bereavement Support: and every second Wednesday of the month) 2 to 3 p.m. at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice for Middlesex County residents. Sessions are free. Call (732) 321-9335 for details. Saturday, August 13: MIDDLESEX - Yankee Stadium Trip: Aug. 13 bus leaves 10 a.m. from Middlesex H.S. game starts 1:05 p.m. Cost is \$40 includes game ticket and transportation. Sponsored by Middlesex Boro Republican Organization. Yankees vs. Texas Rangers. Call Geri at (732) 752-2048 to reserve ticket and details. IN THE FUTURE: BOUND BROOK - "Elk of the Year" Dinner Dance: Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at B.B. Elks Lodge honoring Luis R. Padilla. DJ music and dinner \$45 couple, \$25 single. Call (732) 868-1653 for more information. EDISON - Annual Golf Classic: Aug. 24 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. Call (732) 738-9485.

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