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Ward question resurrected

By KATHLEEN G. SUTCLIFFE whose name is on the petition, Edison if the ward question pass-never happened. Organizers STAFF WRITER

EDISON — The petitions are duce a ward system of govern- office seekers. ment for the township.

called the bi-partisan effort "nonpolitical" and points to the fact that the committee of petitioners circulating once again to intro- does not include any current

But Kevin Duffy whose name Former Councilman Bill is on the committee list is Edison Community Association would run for council for North a supermarket in 1996, but it of the ward voters."

Petition-drive organizers met in front of a vacant field on ment isolating the people. Talmadge Road near the Village Court Apartments. Stephens said the location is an example of "smart growth gone wrong." He Stephens, president of the South unabashed when he said he said the residents were promised

point to the field as an example of the current system of govern-

Petition literature reads "The ward councilperson is accountable to the citizens represented. Therefore they will protect the neighborhoods or face the wrath

Organizers say Edison, whose population hovers about 100,000, has outgrown its current form of government and that towns of comparable size have moved to the ward system.

A petition drive for the ward question was carried out last year, but irregularities denied (Continued on page A-2)



Piscataway prevails

Clara Barton's Eric McCormick took the loss Tuesday night as Piscataway rolled to a 9-2 victory to improve to 15-1 for the Middlesex County Senior American Legion Baseball League campaign. Clara Barton, meanwhile, fell to 7-9. For story see page C-1.



He slept here

David Emerson portrays George Washington during the re-enactment of the American Army's encampment in Piscataway 225 years ago. More pictures appear on Page B-1.



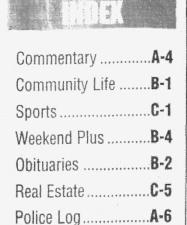
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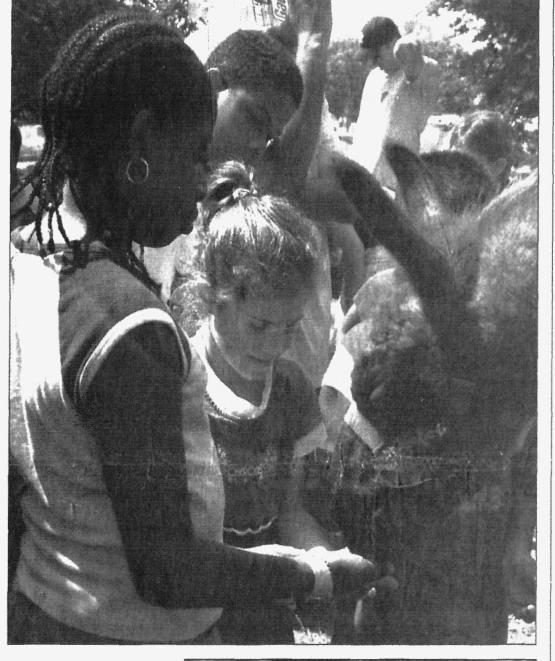
Second-grade students in Elizabeth Spasiano's Knollwood School class play the New Jersey Monopoly Game as part of their study of the state. See Page A-5 for more infor-



Remember to give the gift of life

To deal with the critically low blood supply, Goddard School, 376 S. Randolphville Road, Piscataway, will host a blood drive from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday. For donor requirements, call (800) NJ BLOOD, Ext. 140.





Read all about it

Libraries aren't just for readers anymore. Wookle, the llama, gets a snack outside the JFK Library in Piscataway
Tuesday. At right, Neel
Ghandi, 3, of Piscataway,
pets Pepino the document. The petting zoo was brought to the library by The Party

NICOLE DIMELLA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Delancy Street project denied in S. Plainfield

By LIBBY BARSKY

CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Citing the lack of access, problems with the location of the detention basin and the absence of sanitary sewer extension approvals, the Planning Board voted Tuesday to deny the application of A. Ferraro Construction to subdivide its Delancy Street parcel into 20 lots on which to build 19 homes and a detention

There is no direct access to the through South property Plainfield.

"How do you access this spot?" Planning Board member Charles

Butrico asked. Edison, answered Lawrence Vastola, attorney for A. Ferraro Construction.

"The area has freshwater wetlands and has environmental restraints where you can't build a road on it," Thomas Olenick said.

Since the application was first submitted, residents of Edison have had safety concerns about additional traffic and drainage problems in the area. These residents brought their concerns to their council members who passed an ordinance designating Delancy Street, Spring Street, Good Luck Street and Salem Street as dead-end streets at their boundary with South

"Was there no other spot for Through Delancy Street in the detention basin?" asked (Continued on page A-2)

Piscataway man takes seat on bench

By KATHLEEN G. SUICLIFFE

PISCATAWAY - Township resident and Former Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor, Joseph L. Rea, was sworn in as a state Superior Court judge June

Rea took a seat on the other side of the bench in Family Court in New Brunswick on June 26 and tried his first cases on July 2.

"It's an honor." Rea said of his appointment, adding "This is the highest point you can aspire to."

Rea describes the training process for new judges like himself as ongoing, and names retired judges Herman Breitkopf and Barnett Hoffman, under whom he tried sex crimes and homicide cases, as inspirations for his new position.

Although family court is new (Continued on page A-2)



JUDGE JOSEPH REA

Work on St. Joseph's High right on schedule

METUCHEN — The \$7.5 million building and renovation project, which has changed the physical landscape of the 72-acre Saint Joseph High School campus, is progressing on schedule toward its Aug. 25 completion date. As a result, the academic, athletic and extracurricular environments will be enhanced for students and faculty using the new facilities in the fall.

Tom Norby, construction superintendent for Michael Reisz and Co., the general contactor, reports the exterior brickwork on the new structure is complete. and grading and landscaping around the building is under way. The interior of the academic area requires only finishing touches. In the new gymnasium, the painting and lighting have been finalized, and installation of the hardwood floor began mid-June.

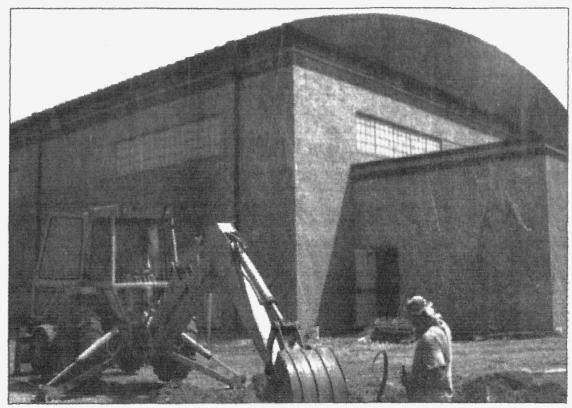
The Donor Hall, which will recognize every gift to the "Building for the Next Century" capital campaign, is primed and painted, and a vendor has been selected for the actual design and installation. Some 700 square

feet have been dedicated to acknowledging the extraordinary generosity of the expected 1,000 alumni, parents, alumni parents and friends who, through gifts, will make this building possible.

Work on the adjacent Memorial Courtyard, the gift of an anonymous donor, is now under way. It will feature a statue portraying a Brother of the Sacred Heart, the religious congregation that conducts the school. There will also be a Celtic cross forged from steel from the World Trade Center commemorating the three alumni who lost their lives in the attack. Benches, small trees and landscaping will create an idyllic setting.

Renovations in the main building were initiated at the completion of the past academic year. The former gym will be revamped to include a new library - media center, two new classrooms, athletic offices and related facilities. Much of the library renovation has been made possible by a gift from Vincent Zenga, Class of 1966.

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NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The renovation at Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen is right on schedule.

Spadoro:

Stop plans

to add rail

By KATHLEEN G. SUTCLIFFE

EDISON — Following up a pub-

lic meeting in which hundreds of residents vented complaints about

railroad traffic through the town-ship, Mayor George A. Spadoro

sent a second letter to state

Department of Transportation offi-

cials urging them to delay signing

an agreement with private rail companies to add a second track to

a rail line running through North

Spadoro said the letter was prompted by the DOT's failure to

address residents' complaints of

"train volume, noise levels, and the

impact on local traffic" at the public meeting and added, "At this time, I respectfully request that no

agreement be signed by the NJDOT that will result in the con-

struction of these rail lines until

the questions raised by Edison res-

In the letter, Spadoro asked to meet with DOT Commissioner

Jack Lettiere and also to be provid-

ed with a copy of the plans for the proposed improvements. Spadoro

said in a telephone interview that

the goal of obtaining plans is to

look for answers regarding the pro-

ject's origin, purpose, and possible alternatives, "And if there are (alternatives) why aren't they

"I do not believe at this point that they will just proceed (with

the plan)," Spadoro said of the

DOT, but added that the township

is exploring its legal options, "so we

Farneski said the department was

going to make plans available for review but added that the project

was still in early development

stages and that preliminary engineering plans had not yet been

prepared. "We're going to spend all the

time and take all the effort neces-

sary to make sure everyone's con-cerns are addressed." Farneski

the only community to express

such vocal opposition to the rail

be financed by a public-private partnership. Railroad companies

that use the line, Norfolk Southern

and CSX, will pay \$25 million and

the remaining \$25 million will be

Norfolk Southern, said the railroad

is interested in meeting with the

and answer additional questions.

Crawford referred to the one-

line stretch of track running from

Rick Crawford, a spokesman for

Farneski added that Edison was

The \$50 million project would

DOT spokesperson Anna

can understand our rights."

idents can be answered."

using them?"

STAFF WRITER

Ward question resurrected

the question a spot on the bors from the nearby Village ballot, a move the committee of Court Apartment complex. petitioners are hoping to correct this time around. They've consulted lawyers to make sure this round of signatures does not go

Organizers are confident that they'll be able to round up the requisite 2,700 signatures by Aug. 1, with time to spare before the mid-August filing deadline.

"We've gathered hundreds so far and we only started last week," Stephens said.

started last week." Stephens, who sat on the council from 1993 to 2001,

accountability.

hopes the Master Plan's suggestion to convert former industrial sites in South Edison to residential use will galvanize residents.

"Low-cost industrial ratables are being replaced by high-cost residential properties," he said. Organizers preach the greatest benefit of the ward system is

"At least you have a champion," he said. "This petition proposes that the municipal council, now consisting of seven members, all of whom are elected at large, be expanded from seven to nine members and that the municipality be divided into five wards, with one council member to be elected from each ward, and four council members

to be elected at large. In response to concerns about the expense, Stephens reported council members receive only a \$6,000 salary and adding three councilpersons would cost only a

Petitioners contend that their research shows five of seven council members live within 1.5 miles of one another in North Edison and that \$20 million of open space money has been spent on properties in North Edison as opposed to \$3 million in South Edison.

Helen Frazier, 75, attended the event with a group of neigh-

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Though the residents were not all familiar with the ward system of government, they did complain about their situation.

Frazier sold her car after her husband's death and said she depends on Edison Light Transit to bring her to Shop Rite once a week. But the bus system cannot always get her where she needs to go, Frazier said, and

she said she spent \$13 on a "We've gathered hun- taxi ride to Fleet bank, less dreds so far and we only the road.

"Over here, - Bill Stephens organizer with no side-walks, it's iso-· lating...We can't

even walk up to Walgreens." "If you live in that neighborhood you know what's going on firsthand," Antonia Ricigliano

Critics of the ward system have called it divisive, but Duffy said the system is set up to suc-

ceed by forcing compromises.

If the question makes it on the ballot and passes, organizers hope all council seats will be up for election the following November.

Stephens said ward lines should reflect planning districts as outlined in the Master Plan, but as political boundaries are oftentimes the subject of debate, it might not follow those lines.



Foundation's gift

A nurse at St. Peter's University Hospital obtains essential lab values for critically ill patients in minutes by using an immediate Response Mobile Analysis unit. A \$20,000 donation from the National Starch and Chemical Foundation will help pay for three units: one for the Pediatric Emergency and two for the Adult Emergency departments.

Delancy Street project denied in S. Plainfield

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basin was placed in the center of the subdivision to be visible to all so children would be prevented from going into it.

Cornelia Calderone said the detention basin would attract geese and mosquitoes as well. Olenick said the detention lems," she said.

METUCHEN — With Saint Joseph High School within two

program in 40 years, the "Building for the Next Century"

campaign is also close to achiev-

friends, faculty and alumni par-

ents have contributed \$6.9 mil-

lion. Some 30 or more friends

are added each month to the

donor list, representing gifts

Recently, two major donors

and pledges in the area of

To date, 812 alumni, parents,

ing its \$7.5 million goal.

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months of completing its first campaign to raise \$50,000 with-

major building and renovation in 60 days. After this success,

basin would be a recharge basin, board member Kathleen Thomas. one for which the water would go Olenick said the detention directly into the sandy surface and be absorbed in a short time.

In the public portion of the meeting, Betty Dauber hinted at drainage problems that have not been solved by a retention basin on Talmadge Road in Edison.

"The project has a lot of prob-

presented the school with

\$50,000 after challenging the

another donor initiated a \$70,000 challenge, also matched

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sion steadfast and its facilities

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pulled into litigation," Planning Board attorney Chris Nelson

"If the board approved the board denies (the application), the applicant and the judge

application, it could set conditions on the developer whenever he builds," Nelson said. "If the

right on schedule

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current library and cafeteria is

scheduled to begin this month.

The library will be renovated into offices for the president,

and for the development, alum-

ni affairs, admissions and

finance departments. The cafe-

teria will become a multipur-

pose area to include perma-

nent facilities for campus the-

Overall, the project will

yield a new athletic complex,

with flexibility for basketball

and volleyball and seating for

1,300 Falcon fans; three new

state-of-the-art science labora-

tories with adjoining prep

rooms, three new classrooms, a

newly renovated library-media

center; an administrative cen-

ter and a new parking area.

ater productions.

The transformation of the

"Any way you look at it, we get would say 'I will approve (the application) as submitted.' If that is the case, we lose our ability to impose additional conditions.

Two members abstained from

St. Joseph's High

(Continued from page A-1) dealings with typical family court fare, including custody issues, matrimonial disputes, and restraining orders, as a

siding over any criminal trials until any cases he'd been familiar with as a prosecutor have worked their way out of the sys-

"I'll miss litigating." Rea said of the prosecutor's life he will be leaving behind, but added he's content with his new position, one he's considered to be a "life-

Rea, 38, joined the prosecutor's office in 1992 after working as an attorney with the Piscataway firm of Smith and Schechter. He received his law degree from Seton Hall

Rea is married to Kathryn

territory to Rea, he said he had criminal prosecutor.

long dream."

University.

Rea. The couple has two children, Joseph, 8, and Rachel, 4.

Man takes seat on bench

Rea said he would not be pre-

mayor to discuss Edison's concerns

Bound Brook to Northern Edison as a "choke point." and said Norfolk Southern sends an estimated 30 to 35 trains through the stretch daily. "I don't think that number will

paid by the state.

change anytime soon ... We don't expect to see an increase in traffic initially," Crawford said, adding the rail plan was being developed to fill a projected increase in rail freight in coming years.

When asked to comment about whether the rail companies would help absorb the cost of additions to the rail plan such as overpasses over Inman Avenue and Tingley Lane, Crawford declined to comment, but he did say "the railroads typically don't get any benefit out of (such projects), but that doesn't mean we won't cooperate." He added that while rail-grade separations are usually paid for with federal or state monies, in certain instances, railroads have contributed toward such projects.

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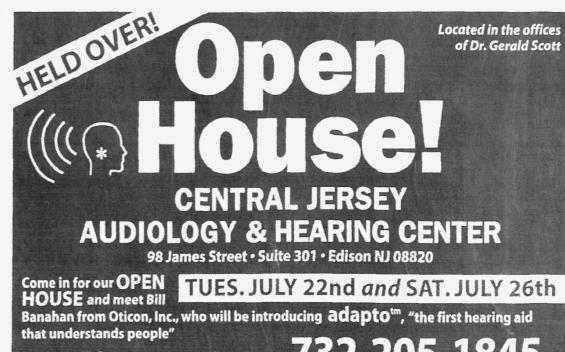
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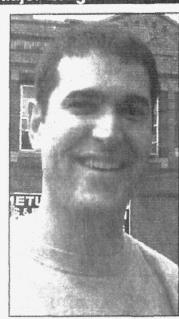
Do Major League baseball players get paid too much?



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DARRELL HALL Metuchen "I don't think much of them. They're highly overpaid for playing a little ball.



JEREMY BLACK Metuchen "Outrageous. Compared to the "I think it's quite adequate." average person who works hard for a living, baseball players make an exorbitant amount of money."



SYED SHER Metuchen



DYLAN LUCAS Edison "They deserve it 'cause they play



BRYAN COCO Edison "They deserve it because they play in the rain.

Senate bill offers federal funds for seniors' drugs

great victory in the battle for prescription drug coverage with passage in the U.S. Senate of legislation to expand Medicare to include drug coverage. Sen. Frank Lautenberg and I added state programs in the country. have their drug benefits thrown an amendment to the bill that PAAD and Senior Gold provide into the hands of private insur-

tion drug programs, PAAD and Senior Gold.

New Jersey's existing pharmaceutical assistance program is the oldest and one of the largest

New Jersey seniors won a state's already strong prescrip- coverage to more than 200,000 low- and moderate-income seniors and disabled people.

The program was at risk and the alternative unacceptable forcing all New Jersey seniors to have their drug benefits thrown

The amendment inserted into the bill provides \$310 million of federal funds to the state's senior notch care for Garden State senprescription drug benefits pro-

able to expand the program as

As always, the goal is top-

will protect and expand our comprehensive prescription drug ers. But we took steps to ensure grams. This money will not only give us hundreds of millions of

United States Senate Washington, D.C.



Second-grade students in Elizabeth Spasiano's Knollwood School class play the New Jersey Monopoly Game as part of their study of the state. The game was designed by Caitlynn Florek.

Knollwood School second-graders teach each other about New Jersey

PISCATAWAY - Secondgraders in Elizabeth Spasiano's Knollwood School class know a thing or two about New Jersey and some of what they learned came from their classmates.

The students were challenged to choose an aspect of New Jersey, study it and create a model to assist them in presenting a lesson on their topic to the

The project was completed over a month, culminating in the students teaching the class a specific lesson, followed by questions and answers.

Among the student projects

terrarium titled game cards. "Indigenous Plants of the Pine Barrens" that Nicholas Zameck gathered on a family outing to ket as a gift for the classroom. the Pine Barrens.

Shelby Vertes created a booklet "Endangered Animals in New Jersey" and a 3-D wall map,

Mark Harrel mapped out the "Dinosaur Turnpike of New

Alex Riviere researched state legends and created a colorful poster of "The Jersey Devil and Other N.J. Ghost Stories.

complete with playing pieces and

Caitlynn Florek created a "New Jersey Monopoly Game"

Shelby Vertes designed the "Symbols of New Jersey" gift bas-

to administer the Medicare drug

iors. The language we won will

Letters to the editor

that state pharmacy assistance programs like PAAD will be able provide excellent prescription strengthen New Jersey PAAD drug coverage to seniors, but be program so we can turn PAAD and Senior Gold into "Senior Platinum.

JON S. CORZINE

Any more growth in Edison is not an intelligent decision

To The Editor:

Edison's Democratic mayor and all-Democratic Township Council have disclosed their plans for the future residential growth of Edison.

Confirming the fears of environmentalists and ordinary citizens, the mayor has admitted that the new Master Plan, largely crafted by him and his political allies, will require rezoning of three large industrial sites expected to be vacated in the coming years. This rezoning will be mixed use, which includes res-

idential construction. this "smart growth." I say any growth of residential housing in overcrowded Edison is anything

but smart. A closer look at this concept reveals a very worrisome scenario. On the surface, agerestricted units conjure up images of senior citizens with no children. But a closer look reveals a situation where seniors may be convinced to sell their homes to developers, hoping to move into these senior units. Once sold, their homes will be razed by developers and replaced

by "mini-mansions."

This phenomenon is already occurring in North Edison where developers buy a smaller home, promptly knock it down and construct a giant home on the same small lot. One wonders how the all-Democratic Planning Board allows such construction since the size of the homes leaves little setback, no appreciable back yard and the new construction is out of scale with the neighborhood.

In many cases, more than one family moves into these oversized dwellings bringing children The mayor contends some of who promptly enroll in Edison these residential units will be schools. These "McMansions" "age-restricted." The mayor calls become a type of apartment translates into tax increases than it has. which are inevitable and not the fault of the Board of Education

One child costs approximately \$9,200 per year to educate and much more if special needs are

So when the mayor and council tell Edison citizens this concept is "smart growth" blessed by Jim McGreevey, I suggest that Edison taxpayers take a moment to remember the systematic destruction of Edison's open space by developers which was overseen beginning in the 1960s by the same political party. The current road congestion, burgeoning school needs and urbanization of Edison is a direct result of 40 years of overdevelopment

and "growth." In short, Mr. Mayor, Edison house. This increased enrollment does not need to grow any more

> Philip G. Labasi Edison

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2 suspects nabbed in theft of 5 weapons from home

SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Five rifles and shotguns were stolen from a home on Sherman Avenue June 26. A joint follow-up investigation involving South Plainfield Detective Gary Cassio and Detective Sgt. Jeff Plum and detectives Jean Calvin, Michael Caspersen, Eddie Hafeken, Troy Alston and Mike Black, all of Plainfield, resulted in the arrest of two suspects and the recovery of the weapons.

Emanuel Perez, 25, of 362 Evona Ave., and Damon R. Williams, 24, of 1107 W. Fourth St, both of Plainfield, were charged with burglary while armed, theft, possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes and unlawful possession of a weapon. South Plainfield Municipal Court Judge Jay Jorgenson set bail at \$50,000, no 10 percent option.

PISCATAWAY

Graffiti was found June 30 on a brick wall near door #9 at Arbor

A 26-inch white Kent Ambush bicycle was stolen June 29 or 30 from a rear yard on Division Avenue. The bicycle has orange and red lettering, rusted pegs and a small hole on the seat.

The windshield of a Ford Taurus was smashed June 29 or 30 while the car was parked on Lehigh Avenue.

The sign at the entrance of the Hidden Woods townhouse development and plants around it were theft. damage by vandals.

EDISON

A thief stole the tire and rim from a 2000 GMC Envoy either June 29 or June 30 while it was

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parked on Waterford Drive.

A thief stole a patio bench from a Livingston Avenue residence

A thief broke into a 1988 Mercury Cougar and stole the car's stereo while the car was parked in a Route 1 parking lot on June 30.

A vandal smashed the rear window of a 1996 Chrysler Sebring June 30 while it was parked at College Park Apartments.

A thief stole \$4,367 worth of merchandise from the Express Men's store in the Menlo Park Mall June 30.

A pickpocket stole a Menlo Park Mall shopper's wallet from her purse June 30. The wallet contained \$150.

A thief stole a utility trailer while it was parked on Executive Avenue from June 6 to July 1.

A vandal smashed a glass door of an Amboy Avenue medical building with a metal railing either June 30 or July 1.

A thief stole the headlights of a 2002 Acura 3.2 TL either June 30 or July 1 while it was parked on Rivendell Way. The hood of the car was severely damaged during the

A thief broke into a 2002 Honda Civic July 1 and stole the vehicle's speakers and amplifiers while it was parked on Northfield Avenue.

A vandal slashed the tires,

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a 2003 Chevrolet Impala July 1 while it was parked on Thornall

A thief stole the front driver's side door of a vehicle either July 1 or 2 while it was parked in a Reading Road parking lot.

A thief stole the headlights off a 2001 Nissan Maxima either July 2 or 3 while it was parked at the Ramada Inn on Woodbridge

A burglar broke into a trailer parked in a Fieldcrest Avenue parking lot July 2 or 3 and stole a card which the thief used to make motorcycle helmet, motorcycle more than \$100 in purchases.

smashed a rear window, and gloves, and a customized motorcy-sprayed paint-damaging liquid on cle luggage bag.

A thief stole a 1989 Ford Probe while the cars owner was on vacation between June 15 and July 3 and the car was parked on Aldrich

A thief stole the headlights of a 2003 Nissan Maxima July 3 while the car was parked in a Fieldcrest Avenue parking lot.

A thief stole a Menlo Park Mall employee's pocketbook from the store room of a food court establishment on July 3. The pocket-book contained \$280 and a credit

A thief stole a bike belonging to a 12-year old township resident who'd parked it, unlocked, at the Stelton Community Center July 3.

A vandal scratched the rear of a 2001 Ford pickup truck while it was parked at the Edison Train Station July 3.

A thief smashed the window of a locked and alarmed 2002 Hyundai Elantra on July 3 and stole a CD player, speakers, and a digital camera from the car, which was parked in a Wilson Avenue driveway.

A burglar broke into an Edison Glen Terrace residence either July 3 or 4 and stole a laptop computer.

A thief stole a computer monitor and a display cell phone from the Wireless Universe cart at Menlo Park Mall July 4 or 5.

A thief broke into a Parcel Direct box truck, damaged the steering column, and ransacked the vehicle's contents on July 4 or 5 while the truck was parked on Nixon Lane.

A pickpocket stole a wallet containing \$50 and credit cards from the purse of a Menlo Park Mall shopper July 5. The thief then attempted to make a purchase with a stolen credit card at Lord &

Listening program a hit with seniors, kids

By LIBBY BARSKY

CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -Sixteen senior citizens reviewed the success of the "Listen to Children" program at their endof-the-year meeting at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

During the school year, each volunteer spent a half-hour once a week interacting one-on-one with a student partner, playing games, making crafts or sharing

The "Listen to Children" program is for the child who might not get five minutes in a whole day to speak with an adult because parents are working and older siblings are too busy

"The simplistic beauty of the "Listen to Children" program is that children have your undivided attention once a week for 30 minutes," said Marvin Gorsky, senior director of Children's Service of Mental Health Association of Essex County. The agency's "Listen to Children" coordinator is Heather Pevonis who provides the on-going train-

ing for volunteers. Over coffee, the members of the group, many of whom had been in the program since it began, shared anecdotes about the growth and maturity of their

Walter Pasacrita spoke of the games of chess that he had played with each of the two boys he was paired with and how the two had become so proficient that they were the ones winning. Over the summer Pasacrita will be restoring some chess pieces that were damaged so the games can continue with the same set.

Marilyn Meyer recalled how in the beginning her student would always have to have things go her way, but toward the end of the year became less rigid and "we became friends."

Some listeners whose children were going to another school next fall didn't want to end the weekly relationship and asked to continue in the child's new school. At their last session the children parted after exchanging hugs, pictures, flowers, small gifts and cards with

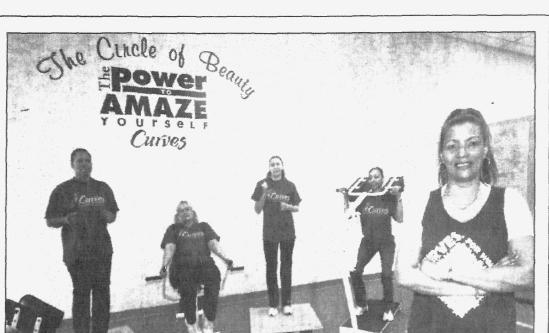
their listeners. "You were there for me and you gave me confidence," Marge Machett's student wrote in her card expressing one of the pro-

gram's goals. "I'm pleased to be part of the program. I was glad to help as a listener. It's a big program that makes a difference. It gave us (the listener) the feeling that we are helping them (the children). We've learned so much from these children. We let them talk and wait for them to open up. It's a learning process on both sides," said Renee Pasacrita.

Pasacrita has been a listener since Diane Mandel, a student assistant counselor introduced the experimental program at Kennedy School in spring 1999. The following fall, the program was offered in all four elementary schools in the district with funding for training the volunteers in the program coming from a Title IV consolidated grant.

Although no funding for the program has been allocated in the 2003-2004 school budget, the program will receive a grant from the South Plainfield Substance Alliance for Awareness.

For information on becoming a volunteer, contact Mandel at (908) 754-4620 ext. 228 or Pevonis at (973) 509-9777, Ext.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shaping up

Curves for Yourself is a new exercise salon at 1629 Stelton Road in Piscataway. Meg Larrondo is shown here with some of the facility's equipment.

Rutgers Lifelong Learning classes begin registration for fall semester

PISCATAWAY — Registration is now open for fall courses offered by the Rutgers University Academy for Lifelong Learning (RU-ALL), a program for New Jersey residents over the age of 50.

For the first time, RU-ALL es at the State Theatre, each protions, the Reformed Church of Highland Park and the Monroe Township Senior Center and Library. The 10-week semester begins Thursday, Sept. 4.

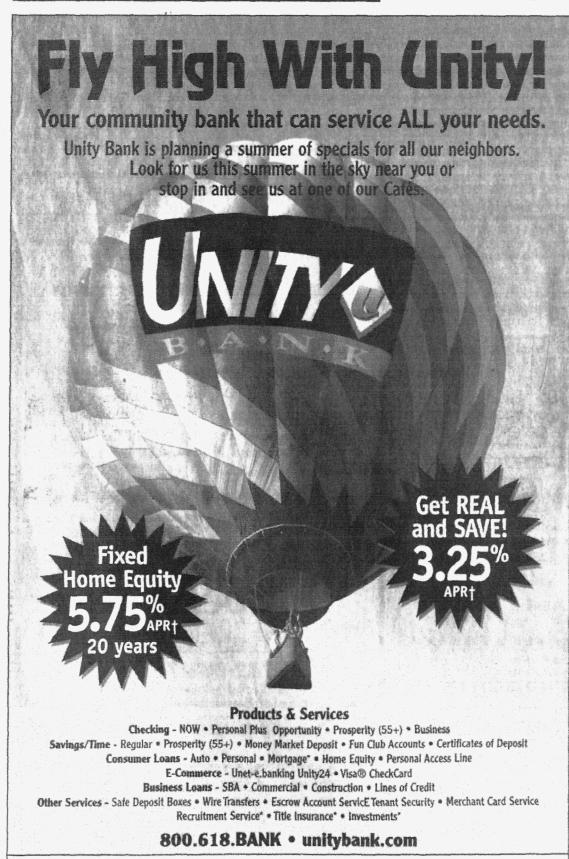
RU-ALL offers 36 noncredit courses and seminars this term, Rutgers professors. There are no with topics ranging from history to sociology to science to classic and modern literature. New courses include "Aging in Film," "The Experience." "The Nature of Poetry," "Food Flicks," and "Play Reading." The fall semester also will feature discussion groups on foreign policy, rational controversy, current events and spirituality.

In addition, there are a variety of programs focused on the arts and culture. "French Literature," "The Poems of T.S. Eliot," "The World of Justice in Literature" and "Shakespearean Themes in Film" are among this fall's selections. There are also classes on and Mozart's operas as well as Street Playhouse and performanc-

courses will be held at two loca- ceeded by a lecture and discussion, round out the term's offer-All courses are led by active

and retired instructors from area colleges, universities and high schools, some of whom are grades or exams and RU-ALL is open to those with or without a college degree. Participants may choose up to two courses for a \$100 fee (\$50 for first-time registrants). Classes are held during the day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Reformed Church, 23 South Second Ave. in Highland Park, and on Thursdays and Fridays at the Monroe Township Senior Center and Library, Municipal Complex, Perrinville Road. All locations are accessible to the handicapped and on-site parking is available.

Advance registration by Aug. 28 is required for all courses. To register, or to receive an RU-ALL drawing, collage, mixed media brochure, call (732) 932-7233, write to RU-ALL, 191 College gallery tours of the Zimmerli Art Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901, Museum. Plays at the George or visit the Web at http://ruall.rutgers.edu/.



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Community Life

Briefs

Chamber to host 31st Golf Classic

- The Edison Chamber of Commerce will host its 31st annual Golf Classic Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Fox Hollow Golf Club, 59 Fox Chase Run in Somerville.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by a barbecue hunch at 11:30 a.m. A shotgun start will be at 12:30 p.m. Reception is at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and awards at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsorships are still available. Contact the Edison Chamber at 629 Amboy Ave. for more information.

Diocesan project makes first grants

PISCATAWAY - Created just a year ago, Metuchen Catholic Relief Services awarded its first grants to 11 groups at a ceremony at the diocesan Pastoral Center. The grants were made possible by the Operation Rice Bowl Project.

Grants of up to \$1,000 were given to the New Brunswick PATH Program, the St. Vincent De. Paul Food Pantry, the Warren Food Pantry of Phillipsburg, Wholly Vegans and Friends, St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Kendall Park. St. Vincent De Paul Society Food Pantry in St. Bartholomew Parish in East Brunswick, Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Monroe, St. Cecelia Parish of Monmouth Junction, St. Vincent De Paul Society in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Milltown, Holy Trinity Parish of Helmetta and Our Lady of Peace Parish in North Brunswick.

A month-long fundraiser, the rice bowl project raised \$58,789. Programs in the diocese received 25 percent of the funds, while the remainder was distributed to underdeveloped countries.

Edison natives found company

Attendees of last week's East Coast premiere of MGM's "Legally Blonde 2" were given gift baskets which included dog treats from Chez Puppy, a com-Edison residents and childhood friends: Cave Serling of Boca Raton, Fla.; her sister, Leigh Serling of Culver City, Calif. both J.P. Stevens High School graduates - and Gayle Garren of Huntington Beach, Calif.

"We are so excited and honored to be included in the "Legally Blonde 2" gift basket," said Garren. "Our fashionable treats blend well with the theme of the film." For the premiere, Chez Puppy created a special sampler with a peanut butterflavored high heel shoe treat and a vegetable-flavored pocketbook treat.

For more information on Chez Puppy's all-natural dog www.ChezPuppy.com, e-mail info@chezpuppy.com, or call (866) 900-CHEZ (2439).

Panel aims to help disabled worship

EDISON - Clergymen, the disabled and their caregivers, and residential provider agen-cies will conduct the first meeting of the Central New Jersey Interfaith Taskforce on Disabilities from 11 a.m. to noon, Thursday, July 24, at Jewish Family & Vocational Service, 515 Plainfield Ave.,

The goal of the task force is to assist the disabled, especially those living in group homes or nursing homes, to participate more fully in their faith.

For more information, call Sheridan Lorraine at (732) 777-1940, Ext. 141.

Cruise Night set in Highland Park

HIGHLAND PARK Vintage and classic cars and motorcycles will line the streets of the borough's downtown July 17 as Main Street Highland Park welcomes antique and classic car owners and aficionados to Cruise Night. The free event takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Raritan Avenue between Cedar and Fourth Avenues. Rain date is Aug. 21.

Edison adds 5 officers to police force

force, bringing the department to 215, the most ever. Four of the officers served previously as volunteers with the Edison Police Auxiliary. Two others served with federal law enforcement

"It makes me happy to swear in these fine young men some of whom come from a family tradition of law enforcement work." said Mayor George A. Spadoro. "In today's atmosphere of heightened security, we all have a little more respect and higher expectations from our uniformed public servants."

All of the incoming officers School and has attended

EDISON - Seven officers are residents of Edison and all have joined the township's police but one of the men graduated from local high schools.

In his re-election campaign in 2000, Spadoro had promised to continue to increase the size of the police department, which has continually set all-time manpower records over the past several years.

The seven officers began their basic training at the Somerset County Police Academy Wednesday.

The officers and a brief biography follows:

Michael A. Dotro, 26, is a longtime Edison resident. He is a graduate of J.P. Stevens High

Middlesex County College and Rutgers University. He is fluent in Italian.

Clint L. Vickery, 25, is a lifegraduating from Edison High he was employed by Edison Tree

James Roach, 22, is a 20-year resident of Edison and a graduate of Edison High School and Middlesex County College, He holds an associate's degree in criminal justice. Roach served as a patrolman in the Edison Police Auxiliary. He was employed by Mandy's Service

Danny F. Lau, 25, is a graduate of Edison High School and Middlesex County College and holds an associate's degree in long Edison resident. After criminal justice. Lau served as a patrolman in the Edison Police School, Vickery served in the Auxiliary and has been U.S. Coast Guard. Most recently, employed as a paralegal. He is also the department's second Asian officer, and is fluent in

both Mandarin and Cantonese. Paul L. Pappas, 28, is a longtime Edison resident and a graduate of Edison High School. He has earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Middlesex County College. He was employed at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital as an ER administrative assistant.

Pappas served as a patrolman in the Edison Police Auxiliary.

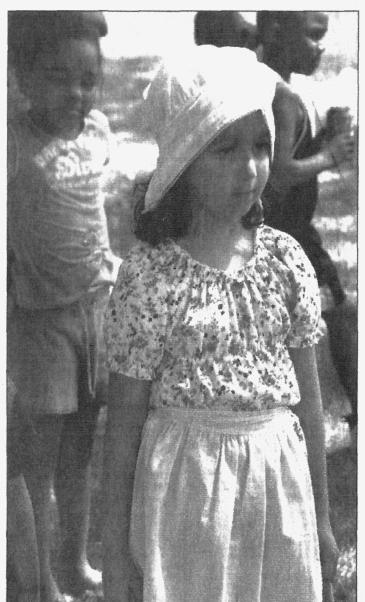
Keith R. Jackson, 28, is a longtime Edison resident and is employed as a public safety dispatcher in Edison. Jackson also served as a patrolman in the Edison Police Auxiliary. A J.P. Stevens High School graduate, he attended Middlesex County College.

Alan E. Honch, 30, is a graduate of Metuchen High School. He was employed as an officer with the federal Bureau of Prisons. He has attended Middlesex County College, Upsala College and Rutgers University and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

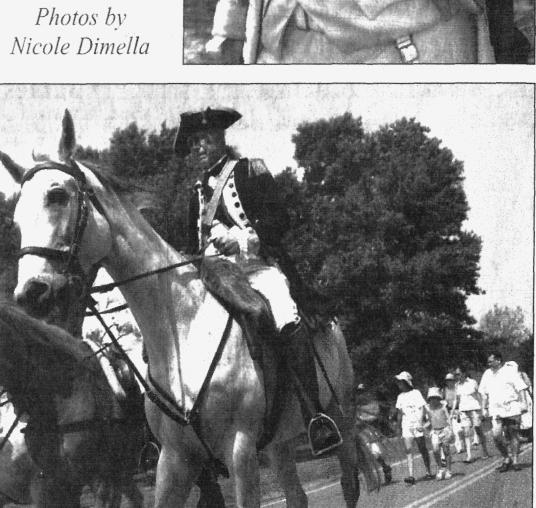


Living history

Dixie Francis, dressed as a colonial soldier, tightens the cinch on her mount before she and other re-enactors begin their march July 4 across Landing Lane Bridge in Piscataway to New Brunswick to mark the 225th anniversary of events surrounding the Battle of Monmouth. At right, David Emerson portrays George Washington.



Photos by



Hugh Francis plays Col. Robert Harrison, military secretary and attorney to George Washington, in the 225th anniversary of the events surrounding the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. Residents follow him and other troops on the march through Johnson Park in Piscataway on their way to New Brunswick July 4. Mariame Guerrat, 6, of Old Bridge, is dressed in colonial costume for the event.

Animal lover still hopes for successful rescue

By CHERYL ORSON

CORRESPONDENT

PISCATAWAY - Alexandra Hoszko is hoping for a happy

ending after a long ordeal. The Lake Nelson-area resident had been feeding a stray cat, but when the cat had a litter of five kittens, she went to the

township for help. Hoszko wanted to borrow a trap, but she said she was told the township only had two and she would have to wait her turn.

who said she got the impression the township didn't care. "I feel

bad for these cats." Health Department Director Andrew Simpf said the township was sympathetic and did send an animal control officer to her home to explain the trapping procedure. He said the township has five traps with a waiting list

of about a week. Once Hoszko was able to borand Route 27. In her haste to get cat, a dusky patchwork calico after all.

"This is a big township. We pay a lot of taxes. Why are there only two traps?" asked Hoszko, the trap would be too small for the cat into the clinic, she accidentally released the back door of the trap allowing the cat to get of the trap allowing the cat and five kittens. She borrowed another trap from a neighbor and after three nights and many hours, Hoszko managed to

trap all six animals. But, not for long.

Hoszko unintentionally let the mother cat loose outside the Raritan Veterinary Clinic in Edison off the heavily traveled

Hoszko spent four hours over two evenings canvassing the neighborhood in back of the clinic and questioning residents, but she was unable to locate the cat. She said she is haunted by her

failure to save the cat. Not giving up hope altogether, Hoszko continues to search area intersection of Plainfield Avenue animal shelters for the mother

and bring it in.

If someone believes they have located the mother cat or is interested in adopting one of the four kittens still available for adoption, Hoszko asks they contact her through Piscataway's Health Department at (732) 562-2323. She said any such calls would ease her mind knowing that her efforts were worth it

Firemen's Exempt Association;

and the New Jersey State

Firemen's Exempt Association.

He was a former member of the

Central New Jersey bowling

leagues and for eight years

coached youth baseball teams in

a league sponsored by the

Plainfield Kiwanis Club. He

played golf on courses in New

Surviving are his wife of 52

years, Julie Fichot Robinson; 'a

daughter, Diane Grohmann and

husband John of San Antonio,

Texas; two sons, Edward A. of

Plainfield and Richard and wife

Cheryl of Neptune; two grand-

children; and his aunt, Bertha of

James W. Conroy Funeral Home

in South Plainfield. Entombment

was in Clover Leaf Memorial

He was a member of the New

Jersey Pilots Association; the

Aircraft Owners and Pilots

Association; the Experimental

Aviation Association; the Quiet

and the Middlesex County

Frances Steeble Choper; a

daughter, Jessica Choper

Friedhiem and husband Andrew

of Pennington; a son, Ethan of

Highland Park; a sister,

Charlotte Weiss of Philadelphia;

a brother, Jordan of Maryland:

Graveside services were held

July 3 at Beth Israel Memorial

Park in Woodbridge.

Arrangements were by Crabiel

Parkwest Funeral Chapel in New

Surviving are a daughter,

Linda Costanza and husband

Joseph of Edison; two sisters.

Doris Conrad of Bridgewater and

three grandchildren and four

James W. Conroy Funeral Home

in South Plainfield. Burial was

in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch

sent to Plainfield Area Humane

Society, 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield,

Roman Catholic Church.

1993 and Thomas in 1998.

and a grandchild.

Memorial donations may be

His first wife, Elizabeth

Gavigan Meany, died in 1982, A

son, John, died in 1954. Two

brothers are deceased. Frank in

Surviving are his second wife, Nancy Dudik Meany, to

whom Mr. Meany was married

17 years; two sons, Robert and

wife Jo Ann of Edison and

Donald of Rockingham, N.C.;

Services were held Saturday

at Flynn & Son-Koyen Funeral

Home, Metuchen, followed by a

Mass at Guardian Angels

Church. Burial was in St.

sent to the Make A Wish

Memorial donations may be

Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Services were held July 3 at

great-grandchildren.

and two grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Dr.

Services were held July 3 at

Jersey and New York.

Marietta, Ohio.

Dental Society.

American Legion Post 216 in Park mausoleum, Woodbridge.

Wayne S. Choper

was a son of the late Isadore and Birdmen; the Flying Farmers;

Alice Conrad Wiers

lived in Syracuse, N.Y., before Edith Shackley of Cranford;

Vincent Meany

Plains.

Alice Conrad in 1984.

Mr. Robinson bowled in

Pottersville Sportsmen's Club.

Edward Robinson

Robinson, 82, died July 1, 2003 at

Muhlenberg Regional Medical

Mr. Robinson was born in

Peapack-Gladstone and lived in

Pottersville before moving to

New Market in 1950. He had

He retired in 1985 after 13

years as a painter on the New

Brunswick campus of Rutgers

University. Mr. Robinson earlier

was a mason with the bricklay-

ers' and plasterers' union in

Robinson was a fireman with the

New Market Volunteer Fire

Company. He held the rank of

private first class with an Army

field artillery unit in World War

He was a member of Veterans

of Foreign Wars Post 6763 and

Pup Tent 41, Military Order of

Cooties, both in South Plainfield;

HIGHLAND PARK - Wayne

Born in New Brunswick, he

Dr. Choper lived in Highland

Park all his life and was a dentist

in Highland Park for 32 years

until he closed his practice in

1992. More recently he owned an

interest in the Pemberton

from Rutgers University in 1954

the New York University dental

school in 1958. Dr. Choper gradu-

ated from the Bordentown

Military Institute in 1954 and

was a retired major in the Air

Wiers, 81, died June 30, 2003 at

Muhlenberg Regional Medical

She was born in Elizabeth and

Mrs. Wiers retired in 1983

after 21 years as a clerk in Syracuse with the New York

Department

Transportation. An animal lover,

she helped open an animal shel-

Edison Senior Citizens Club.

She was a member of the

Her husband, Donald W., died

EDISON - Vincent J. Meany,

76, died July 1, 2003 at Robert

Wood Johnson University

Born Aug. 1, 1926 in

Mr. Meany served on the

Edison Zoning Board of

Adjustment and was a former

Democratic Party committee-

He was with A.P. Green

Refractories in Woodbridge and

Philadelphia for 34 years, retir-

ing in 1986 as a supervisor. Mr.

Meany was a Marine Corps vet-

eran of World War II and a

man in the township. He was a

member of the Menlo Oaks

Democratic Club.

Plainfield, he lived in Newark

before moving to Edison in

Hospital in New Brunswick.

EDISON

ter in Syracuse.

Center in Plainfield.

moving to Edison in 1988.

He earned a bachelor's degree

S. Choper, 71, was fatally injured

July 1, 2003 in a traffic accident

Minnie Kalkstein Choper.

A hunter and fisherman, Mr.

resided in Plainfield since 1963.

Center in Plainfield.

Bernardsville.

in Pemberton.

PISCATAWAY - Edward Peapack; the New Market

Gerard E. Natarelli

PISCATAWAY - Gerard E. "Jerry" Natarelli, 69, died July 2, 2003 at Francis E. Parker Memorial Home.

Mr. Natarelli was born in the Bronx. He lived in Brooklyn, Morris County, Maryland, Missouri and Mississippi before moving to Piscataway. He retired in 1986 from

Colgate-Palmolive Co., with which Mr. Natarelli had been a senior research chemist at its Technology Center on River Road. He earlier was coordinator of analytical sciences for the Pharmacy Department at the University of Mississippi. From 1965-71 he worked for Mallinckrodt.

Mr. Natarelli received a master's degree in organic chemistry from the University of Delaware in 1963. He was a researcher from 1956-58 at the Army Chemical Center at the Edgewood Arsenal in Edgewood, Md. He held a bachelor's degree in chemistry from New York University.

A woodworker, automotive mechanic and opera aficionado, Mr. Natarelli was the longtime chairman of the Piscataway Bikeway Advisory Commission. He was active in the Boy Scouts and Junior Achievement, along with the Superchief Band at Piscataway High School.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Adele Cleveland Natarelli; a son, William Gerard Natarelli and wife Linda J. Esposito of Piscataway; a daughter, Margaret Carol Natarelli of Piscataway; two brothers, Robert Thomas Natarelli of Lake Telemark and Lawrence Edward Natarelli of Lee Center, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Rusciano Funeral Home in Highland Park. Memorial donations may be sent to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 246 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 or Fellowship of Metlar House, 1281 River Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Mieczyslaw Rozek

Joseph Rozek, 79, died June 30, 2003 at his home.

He was born in Poland and had lived in Edison since 1959. Mr. Rozek was a dockworker with the Strickland Docks and a member of Teamsters Local 641, both in Newark.

Surviving are three sons, ices at Boylan Funeral Home.

Mieczyslaw Roman T. and wife RoseAnn of Bloomfield, Peter A. of Marlton and Paul B. and wife Debbie of New Port Richey, Fla.; a daughter, Theresa Compton and husband Mark of Okinawa, Japan; a sister, Krajewska Zdzislawa of Poland; and 11 grandchildren.

Mass was offered Tuesday at His wife, Mary T., and a Guardian Angels Roman daughter, Frances, are deceased. Catholic Church, following serv-

Susan Lakatos

EDISON - Susan Orvos Lakatos, 63, died July 3, 2003 at Haven Hospice of JFK Medical

She was born in Cegled, Hungary, and had lived in Edison

Mrs. Lakatos was a dialysis technician with Raritan Bay Medical Center. She worked for the hospital at its Perth Ambov and Old Bridge divisions the past

She was a member of Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Brunswick.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph; a son, David of Edison; a daughter, Suzanna of Pasadena, Calif.; two brothers, Joseph Orvos of North Brunswick and Paul Orvos of Washington, D.C.; and a sister, Pal Ferenche of Cegled.

Services were held Monday at Selover Funeral Home in North Brunswick

Marian Schwint

METUCHEN - Marian F. Basore Schwint, 86, died July 3, 2003 at her home.

She was born in Kechi, Kan., and had lived in Metuchen since

Mrs. Schwint was a member of the Metuchen Riding and Hunt Club, the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the AARP in Metuchen.

Surviving are three daughters. Marilyn Tyrell of Costello-Runyon Funeral Home. Williamsburg, Va., Maureen Seery of Wichita, Kan., and Anna M. Trautwein of Metuchen, 270 Woodbridge Ave., Metuchen; two sons, Alan G. of Metuchen, NJ 08840.

Charlotte, N.C., and Geoffrey E. of Hillsborough; two sisters, Earlene E. Houts of Long Beach, Calif., and Eleanor M. Johnson of Valley Center, Kan.; a brother, James E. Basore of Denver; 20 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

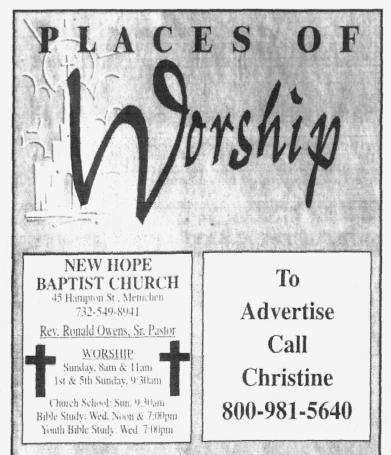
Services were held Monday at First Presbyterian Church, of Her husband, Ira A., died in which Mrs. Schwint was a mem-

Arrangements were by Anita Donations may be sent to First Presbyterian

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Obituaries

Frank Fekete

EDISON - Frank Fekete died Union. June 29, 2003 at Rahway Hospital.

A native of New Brunswick, he lived in Kenilworth before moving to Edison in 1963.

Mr. Fekete retired in 1979 after six years as an automotive mechanic with Donald Lutz & Co. in Elizabeth. He earlier owned Shorty's Garage in Elizabeth for 25 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Gavel Washington Lodge 273, Free & Accepted Masons, in NJ 07039.

His wife, Virginia Lankin

Fekete, is deceased. Surviving are a sister, Ann Turner; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, greatnephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Services were held July 3 at McCracken Funeral Home in Union. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Memorial donations may be sent to Salaam Shriners, 369 E. Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston,

Margaret Davison

EDISON - Margaret Donnan Davison, 76, died June 30, 2003 at JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates Nursing, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Jamesburg, she lived in Metuchen and Edison before moving in 1988 to Hobe Sound,

Mrs. Davison was a member of the Daughters of the America and the Old Timers Skating

Her husband, William N., died in 1998. A brother, Robert Donnan, and a sister, Elizabeth Halbert, are deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Elizabeth Johnson of Somerset, Marjorie Swingle of Edison and Barbara Krippel of Moorestown; a son, Rob of Browns Mills; a sister, Virginia Chernock of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and a close friend, Larry Hinrichsen of Brick.

A memorial service was held July 3 at Costello-Runyon Funeral Home in Metuchen. Donations may be sent to Mary Anne Hale Pavilion at JFK Medical Center, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818-9972.

Ann Morrissey

EDISON -- Ann Phillips Robert W. and wife Nancy of Morrissey, 80, died June 30, 2003 at Genesis ElderCare- and two great-grandchildren. Westfield Center.

A native of Elizabeth, Mrs. Morrissey lived in Waretown and Linden before moving to Edison in 1995.

Her husband, Robert W., is

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce of Belvidere and Barbara Palmisano and husband Anthony of Colonia; a son, North Canton, OH 44720.

Skillman; seven grandchildren and a degree in dentistry from

Mass was offered July 3 at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, Colonia, following services at Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial donations may be sent to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680,

Ralph J. Mottola

Joseph Mottola, 89, died June 30, 2003 at the Bridgeway Care Center in Bridgewater.

Born in Manhattan, he lived Piscataway in 1965.

Mr. Mottola retired in 1963 after 30 years as a sanitation Piscataway Funeral Home. worker with the New York City Department of Sanitation. He was a member of the Knights of soleum. the Columbus and also the Holy Name Society at the Church of sent to the Alzheimer's the Holy Rosary in Manhattan.

His wife, Mary, and a son, Gerry, are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Nick of Bridgewater; a daughter, Angela Mustra and husband Ed of in Queens before moving to Bridgewater; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held July 3 at Entombment was Resurrection Burial Park mau-

Memorial donations may be Association.

James A. Ressa

SOUTH PLAINFIELD -James Anthony Ressa, 87, died July 2, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Long Island City. Plainfield before moving to Bridgewater in 1963.

Mr. Ressa retired in 1992 after 38 years as a salesman with Bamberger's and Macy's in Plainfield. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a www.higginsfuneralhome.com.

son, James and wife Janet of Green Brook; a daughter, Arleen Ressa-McDermott and husband Richard McDermott of Whitehouse Station; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Queens, he lived in South Higgins Home for Funerals, Watchung, with the Rev. Brian Nolan officiating. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

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EDISON - Anthony E. Ciccone Sr., 78, died June 30, 2003 at Delaire Nursing Center in Linden.

native Iselin before moving to Linden in 2000.

Mr. Ciccone owned the Ciccone Welding Works in Iselin for 40 years until his retirement in the Gosselin Funeral Home.

early 1990s. A daughter, Nancy, died in

Surviving are two sons, He lived in Edison and his Anthony E. Jr. and Robert, both of Edison, and Richard of Rahway; a brother, Frank of Iselin; and five grandchildren.

Services were held July 3 at

Michael Palacio

parishioner of Guardian Angels Foundation.

EDISON - Michael J. Palacio, 23, died July 4, 2003 at his home. Mr. Palacio lived in Helmetta before returning to his native

Edison in 1997. His mother, Sue Ellen, died in

Surviving are his father, Roger of Edison; a brother, Roger of Morganville: a sister, Joann Rasmussen of Monroe; an aunt. two uncles and two nieces.

Private arrangements were by Gosselin Funeral Home.

Maryann Mizner

SOUTH PLAINFIELD Maryann H. Mizner, 66, died July 3, 2003 at her home in Whiting. Born July 14, 1936 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she was a daughter of

the late Edward and Anna Pieczynski Pisack. Mrs. Mizner lived in South



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Plainfield before moving to Whiting in 2000. She retired after 15 years as a housekeeper at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook. She was a former parishioner

of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Demellen.

A brother, Robert Pisak, died Surviving are her husband,

Merlin; a daughter. Lorie Grimek; five brothers, Frank Bieniek of Dunellen, Edward Pisak of Whiting, John Pisak of Ontario, Calif., Ray Pisak of Alma, Mich., and Thomas Pisak

of South Plainfield; and a sister, Rose Hylton of Florida. Services were held Tuesday at Sheenan Funeral Home, Dunellen, followed by a Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Middlesex, N.J.

Albert M.D. Manatch

Daniel Manatch, 48, died July 3. 2003 at his home in Danellen.

Born in New Brunswick, he was a son of the late Albert and Julianne Orban Manatch.

Mr. Manatch lived in Monroe; three nephews, Ryan Metuchen, Edison and South and Justin, both of Metuchen, River before moving to Dunellen and Paul Caffrey of Monroe; and in 1983. He was a maintenance engineer with the South Plainfield school system.

He also was an outdoorsman. fisherman, hunter, trapper and social member of American Legion Post 119 and Veterans of Dunellen, and the Loyal Order of Moose lodge in Bound Brook.

Surviving are a companion. Brunswick, NJ 08901.

EDISON - Albert Michael Gail Verini of Piscataway; a brother, Nona and wife Diane of Metuchen; a sister, Mary Chiarelli of Monroc: two nieces, Monique Byrd of Nashville, Tenn., and Michele Kinsey of several aunts and uncles.

Private arrangements were by Sheenan Funeral Home in

Memorial donations may be pool player. Mr. Manatch was a sent to American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Memorial Processing Center, P.O. Foreign Wars Post 5479, both in Box 31160, Hartford, CT 06150-1160 or Saint Peter's University Hospital, 254 Easton Ave., New

Carole Edzek

EDISON -- Carole A. Cantello Association of Realtors. Edzek, 58, died July 3, 2003 at

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Plains before moving to Edison in

Mrs. Edzek was a real estate agent for 23 years, most recently—dren. with Weichert Realtors in Westfield. She earlier was associated with Coldwell Banker Church, Clark, following services Century 21 agency in Clark.

She was a member of the Weichert Ambassadors Club and

A brother, Frank Cantello Jr., is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Middletown, Linden and Scotch Laura D. Nugent and Nicole R.; a son. Matthew F. Hovnowski; two sisters, Dolores D. Galasso and Joyce Rienzo; and four grandchil-

Mass was offered Monday at Agnes Roman Catholic Schlott Realtors in Clark and a - at Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations may be sent to the Million Dollar Sales Club, Center for Hope Hospice, 176 sponsored by the New Jersey Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

Donald P. Sloben

Sloben, 62, died July 4, 2003 at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born March 7, 1941 in Ashley,

recently as its vice president of

Soaring Society of America, the Dunellen, Donations may be sent Society of Plastics Engineers and to the American Cancer Society.

PISCATAWAY - Donald P. First Baptist Church in Somerville.

His wife, Ruth Andrew

Surviving are a son, Mark and Pa., he was a son of the late wife Rachele of Telford, Pa.; two William and Marian Walters daughters, Donna of Conifer, Colo., and Dawn Hendrickson Mr. Sloben lived in and husband Rob of Myakka Piscataway before moving to City, Fla.; two brothers, William South Bound Brook in 1966. He of Parlin and Barry of had been with Parkway Plastics Piscataway; a sister, Joy Penrose in Piscataway for 44 years, most of Dover, Del.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday He was a member of the at Sheenan Funeral Home in

Sloben, died in 2000.

Mary Smith Trenery

EDISON - Mary H. Smith Trenery, 81, died July 6, 2003 at JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates Nursing, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Edison since 1968. Mrs. Trenery retired after 14

years as a secretary at JFK Medical Center.

College's foundation gets new director

Directors of the Middlesex County College Foundation has named Michael David-Wilson its new executive director. He succeeds Nancy Yusko Peters, who has retired.

David-Wilson is a Certified Fund Raising Executive who has raised more than \$10 million for nonprofit health and social services agencies. He comes to the foundation from the North Jersey Community Research Initiative in Newark where he was director Social

Administration and Planning and Development and ultimately director of Institutional Advancement. He also served for 11 years as director of the AIDS Center at Hope House, which has offices in Morris, Sussex and Warren counties.

As executive director of the Middlesex County College Foundation, David-Wilson will be responsible for management and growth of its multimillion dollar financial aid and scholarship endowment. Each year, the foundation provides academic and athletic scholarships to almost 600 students.

A graduate of St. Alphonsus College in Suffield, Conn., David-Wilson holds a master's degree from Washington Theological Union, Silver Springs, Md., and a graduate certificate in Not-For-Profit Organization Management from Seton Hall University's Center for Public Service. He resides in Piscataway with his wife and daughter.

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Her husband, Lawrence, died

Surviving are three daughters, Mary Fulton of Fords, Jean McLaughlin of New Jersey and Susan Bonk of Hopatcong; a son, Charles of Fords; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a Mass at Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St.

Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. Memorial donations may be sent to Organ Donor Awareness, St. Barnabas Medical Center, 94 Old Short Hills Road, Livingston,

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Obituaries

Jane 'Randy' Clark; teacher and librarian

Randall "Randy" Hess Clark, 71, a teacher, librarian and churchwoman, died Sunday at her home in Sheffield, Vt.

She retired in 1996 after 20 years with the Timothy Christian School on Ethel Road. including six years as the first director of its learning disabilities program. Mrs. Clark began her career teaching Grade 2 in Trenton and at Somerset Street School in North Plainfield. After an interval to raise her family she returned to teaching in 1975 at Whittier School in Dunellen.

Mrs. Clark was certified as a learning disabilities therapist by the National Institute of Learning Disabilities. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey in 1954. She undertook additional studies in early childhood education at Jersey City State College (now New Jersey City University).

As a trustee of the Dunellen Public Library she convinced the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club to finance a study that led to the library moving into its current home. She helped expand the library of the Timothy Christian School as

Mrs. Clark was the president of the United Women's Group at the Lyndon Center Baptist Church in Lyndon Center, Vt. She reorganized and catalogued the church library in addition to assisting with a home Bible study program. She was teaching Vacation Bible School when her illness was diagnosed.

She was a former president of the Interdenominational Young Peoples Conference held in the Poconos. Mrs. Clark met her

Jane husband, Harman R. Jr., at the conference in their youth; he became an attorney with a practice in Green Brook. The Clarks married in 1957.

For 25 years she taught the Berachah class for older women at the Hydewood Park Baptist Church in North Plainfield.

Born May 6, 1932 in Trenton, she was a daughter of the late George Alfred and Frances Randall Hess. Mrs. Clark lived in Dunellen for 38 years before moving to Sheffield in 1996.

She also is survived by two sons, David of Princeton and G. Alfred "Fred" of Media, Pa.; two daughters, Sarah Jane Ham and husband Patrick of Sheffield and Betty Lou Green of Fogelsville, Pa.; a brother, Dr. G. Alfred Hess Jr. and wife Mary of Chicago; three sisters, Barbara Gibbs and husband Dr. Winfield S. of Sunbury, Pa., Dorothy Ambler and husband Dr. R. Sterling of Denver, and F. Elizabeth "Betty" Hess and companion Blanche Van Dalen of Fairless Hills, Pa.;

a brother-in-law, Charles J. Hardwick of Beavercreek, Ohio; seven grandchildren; eight nieces and nephews; and seven grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 26, at the Lyndon Center Baptist Church with a nephew, the Rev. Charles B. Hardwick, officiating. For the time of the service, contact the Guibord Funeral Home in Lyndonville, Vt., at (802) 626-

Memorial donations may be sent to the Mission Fund of Lyndon Center Baptist Church, P.O. Box 447, Lyndon Center, VT 05850; the Timothy Christian School, 2008 Ethel Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854; or the Cobleigh Library in Lyndonville.

Helen Disario

METUCHEN — Helen R. Moryan Disario, 86, died July 7, 2003 at her home.

She was born in Bonhamtown and lived in that village before moving to Metuchen in 1940.

Mrs. Disario worked for many years at Gulton Industries in Metuchen. She was a lifelong member of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church in New

Her husband, Andrew, died in 1985 after more than 50 years of marriage.

Surviving are a son, James A. of Bethlehem, Pa.; a daughter, Janice A. Ralph of Metuchen; two brothers, Kalman Moryan and Ernest Moryan, both of Edison; six grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

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A memorial service will be 9:45 a.m. Sunday, July 20, at Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church, 247 Somerset St., New Brunswick. Donations may be sent to the church.

Foundation. The \$364,400 grant "is a mainstay in supporting the camp's programs" for disadvantaged

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EDISON - The John E.

Toolan Kiddie Keep Well Camp

has received a grant from the

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Rotary International District 7510 Gov. Marsha Carldon, right, installs Maria De Almeida of Edison as president of the

Piscataway Rotary Club. Director Ralph Visconti of Piscataway

looks on. The club celebrates its 35th year of community and

Kiddie Keep Well wins

\$364G foundation grant

President Stanley Lease. Kiddie Keep Well is located in Roosevelt Park and is beginning its 80th season. The Princetonbased foundation is named for a founder of Johnson & Johnson; Mr. Johnson was the chairman of

children, according to camp

"The strength of our program ness concepts," Lease said.

the camp's first building commit-

"Our infirmary, which operates 24 hours a day/seven days a week, provides medical support for children with health problems," he said. "The grant sup- phone (732) 548-6542.

ports our medical program total-

The grant also provides us with the ability to hire a social worker," said Eleanor Bates, the camp's executive director. "This person is able not only to work with individual campers but also with groups of children who need to deal with ... bullying, anger management, self-esteem, trust

and conflict resolution. "The children go home with improved life skills as well as good memories of a fun experi-

"Last year 75 percent of our campers came from families with an annual income of \$21,000 or

less," she said. Kiddie Keep Well receives no government money; it relies on donations and grants for funding. For full camp information, visit www.kiddiekeepwellcamp.org or



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The cast for The Ridge Light Opera's production of 'The Pirates of Penzance."

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Ridge Light Opera is the creation of Bill and Lauran Fulton Corson of Basking Ridge. Spun from Corson Studios, RLO produces extravaganzas such as September Song, an evening of Light Opera (now is its 9th in Basking Ridge) and OPERAgious!! (fully staged opera highlights "with a twist"). RLO is known for their exceptionally high quality productions using professional lead singers mixed with highly qualified amateur performers.

David Cantor of Providence is Major-General Stanley. Cantor has performed in every Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. He appeared on Broadway in "La Vie Parisienne" and "Evita". His film and television credits include "Working Girl," "Prince of the City," "So Fine," "The Chosen", "All My Children," "Loving," "Another World" and "Ryan's Hope."

Playing the Pirate King is Lee Gregory from Jersey City. Gregory recently performed his first performance of the title role in "Don Giovanni" with the Opera Company of Brooklyn. He has performed with such companies as New York City Opera, Cincinnati Opera, Opera Company of Brooklyn, Des Moines Metro Opera and New Jersey State Opera.

The role of Frederic is played

New by Marc Persing of Madison, He recently finished an exciting season singing in the Metropolitan Opera chorus in the productions of "Les Troyens," "Parsifal" and "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg." Marc and his wife operate the early childhood program Mary Ann Hall's Music for Children.

Alison Kelly of Summitis playing Mabel. Originally from Chicago, Kelly recently returned from Hamburg, Germany where she played Christine in "The Phantom of the Opera" for 2 1/4 years. Besides her many musical theatre credits, Kelly has sung as a concert soloist with orchestras internationally and across the U.S.

Directions to Pleasant Valley Park: Route 287 north to Route 78 East to Exit 33 Liberty Corner; at the top of the ramp go left over highway) onto Mt Airy Road, pass Tamke Tree on your right and come to a stop light; go right onto Valley Road, go about 1/2 mile, then turn left into Pleasant Valley Park[directly across from Bonnie Brae. The theatre is up and to the left of the tennis courts.

Watchung Arts Center starts fund drive to fix code violations

By JENNIFER McCANDLESS

WEEKEND PLUS

WATCHUNG - The Watchung Arts Center is trying to raise nearly \$20,000 to repair the more than 100-year-old building and to be able to continue to use its second-floor gallery.

Shelia Duyckinck, Executive Director of the Arts Center, said the center has started a campaign to raise money or have service contributions

The Arts Center had its annual fire inspection done in last February or early March and 41 fire and safety violations were found. Borough Councilman Gerald Mobus said during a recent council meeting that there were several serious fire and safety violations on the second floor of the building.

Borough Administrator John Pavlik said the Arts Center currently can not use its second-floor gallery because of fire and safety code violations. Pavlik said one of egress on the second floor. Pavlik said without proper exits large crowds could not safely gather on Jersey count on us for the second floor of the building. entertainment and cul-According to Pavlik, the approved capacity on the second floor is 100. Pavlik said the second floor needs proper fire exits in order to hold a capacity crowd.

Pavlik said the Arts Center needs "a fantastic amount of key attraction for this area money" to repair the roof, plumbing, heating system and other problems with the building.

Duyckinck said the nonprofit, almost exclusively volunteer-run-

Arts Center does not have the budget to pay for the repairs the building requires. Duyckinck said the volunteers will continue to do whatever they can to keep the Arts Center running and has made many upgrades in recent weeks. Duyckinck said more than half the fire and safety violations have been

of the state

However, the Arts Center is asking for help from civic-minded contractors, electrical and other building professionals to help complete the work. The Arts Center is also appealing to residents and corporations for monetary donations through letters and phone calls. Duyckinck said the Arts Center is also planning fund-raisers such as a wine tasting and special arts and musical events. Duyckinck said the Arts Center is also looking for alternative locations for its larger concerts.

"It would be a tragedy if the upper gallery were to close," Duyckinck said. "Thousands of people from central New Jersey count on us for entertainment and culture. In fact, the Watchung Arts Center is regionally recognized by Somerset County as a key attraction for this area of the State.'

Pavlik said the council has been working with the Arts Center to come up with options for the building. One option the council discussed is to move the first-floor galleries to the second floor and use the first floor for concerts, comedy night and other programs, Pavlik said. Until the problems with the Arts Center are corrected, summer library programs usually hosted by the Arts Center will be held at Borough Hall.

Pavlik said the biggest problem facing the Arts Center is that the building is old and the council is trying to come up with other options than to keep throwing money into the former schoolhouse.

"We don't have a lot of options as a council," Pavlik said. "We are 'It would be a tragedy if aware we have a public safety situthe upper gallery were to ation that needs to be addressed. It is a very flammable structure. It's the more serious violations was for close. Thousands of peo- all old wood. We're all very, very concerned and doing what we can to ple from central New keep the Arts Center programs going. I don't think anyone realized how the audiences at the building were growing over the years. In fact, the Everyone was kind of blind sided Watchung Arts Center is with all this. We certainly want to regionally recognized by do what we can to fix this situa-Somerset County as a

Councilwoman Catherine Ilchert said after last week's council meeting that she also would like to see a quick resolution to the problem at - Shelia Duyckinck the Arts Center.

"The Arts Center has so many wonderful programs and what is happening now is horrible," Ilchert said. "Something needs to be done. Hopefully, we can all work together to resolve this situation and we can continue to enjoy all that the Arts Center has to offer."

The Watchung Arts Center presently runs performance series in jazz, folk, blues, comedy; classical, and a young artists events; monthly visual art exhibits, juried art and photography classes; educational arts, summer camp, dance, drama, and yoga. The Arts Center opens its upper gallery to the Watchung library for year-round activities for children because the library does not have a room large enough to accommodate participants. In addition, Arts Center provides a home for local organizations like the Optimist Club, Girl & Boy Scouts and Friends of the Watchung Library and community

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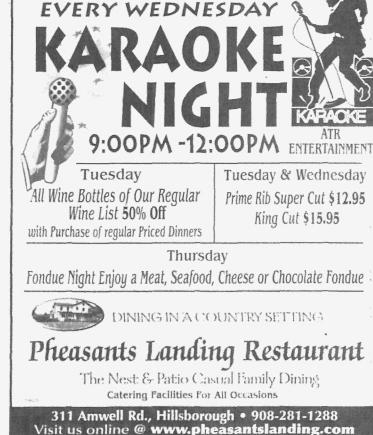
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Gabby Stone (Catherine Rowe) is a quiet, unassuming, guilt-wracked widow. She has come to pick up her daughter Nicole Ganice DiTosto) from a mental hospital in New York. Nicole has an artistic mind but for some reason had suicidal thoughts and was committed for over a year to the mental institution.

Tracey Randinelli and Danny Siegal also are in the

"Not Waving ..." is directed by Michael J. Driscoll, produced by Tina Lee and Norm Halverson. The stage manager is Nina Donahue.

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Upcoming at the Paper Mill is, "Ain't Misbehavin," Sept. 10 through Oct. 19. The Fats Waller musical show, based on an idea by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr., brings the 1930s Harlem Swing era to life. This revue features the music of Fats Waller, who rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club. The production includes Waller classics, "Honeysuckle Rose," "Mean to Me," and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love.

"The Sound of Music," comes to the Paper Mill from Oct. 29 through Dec. 14. The music is by Richard Rodgers, lyrics are by Oscar Hammerstein II; the book is by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, suggested from the original book, "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp.

Set against an Austrian hillside, this tale of the von Trapp family features the songs "Climb Every Mountain," "Do-Re-Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," "Edelweiss" and "My Favorite

During Family Week, Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, buy one full price ticket for "The Sound of Music," and get a half price ticket for a child, age 18 and under.

'The Tale of the Allergist's Wife," by Charles Busch, premieres in New Jersey at the Paper Mill, Jan. 7 through Feb. 8.

Between running to Zabar's, BAM and Saks, how does Marjorie Taub have time for a nervous breakdown? Charles Busch's comedy chronicles the life journey of this culture-vulture in a

"The Chosen," by Chaim Potok abd Aaron (973) 376-4343.

MILLBURN - Tickets are currently on sale Posner, will feature Theodore Bikel when it at the Paper Mill Playhouse box office on comes to the Paper Mill, Feb. 18 through March

> Author Chaim Potok's story of two fathers and their two teen-age sons unfolds in Jewish Brooklyn, circa 1944. One Hasidic and the other Orthodox, the boys prove catalysts for one another's transition to manhood. The play tackles the mystery of being chosen, and meaning in life.

> "Baby," the musical, comes the to Paper Mill from March 31 to May 9.

> Music and lyrics are by Richard Maltby, Jr. and David Shire: the book is by Sybille Pearson. "Baby" is a tale of three couples in their early 20s to mid 40s, as they deal with the universal experience of new parenthood.

> "Guys and Dolls" comes to the Paper Mill from June 2 through July 18, based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. In Damon Runyon's fable, New York City's Broadway is peopled with zoot-suited gamblers, dashing con men and beautiful show girls. Hear Nathan Detroit, Miss Adelaide, and Sky Masterson sing Frank Loesser's classic songs, "Luck, Be a Lady," "If I Were A Bell," "Adelaide's Lament," and "A Bushel and a Peck."

Paper Mill performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$67, \$15 student rush and may be purchased by phone, or at the Paper Mill box office.

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Flag balloon will soar at festival

READINGTON - The PNC Bank American Flag Hot Air Balloon, the world's largest freeflying flag, is scheduled for five ascensions at the 21st annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning.

The balloon will soar with the Quick Chek Eagle, as well as up to 125 other hot air balloons, at the Festival in Solberg Airport in

on July 25, 26 and 27.

The colossal "Stars and Stripes," one of the largest hot air balloons of any kind, weighs 530 pounds, measuring 53 feet tall by 78 feet wide and 29 feet front to back. Below, a flag-bedecked chase car will follow the balloon on its journey, ready at the landing to fold it up for its next flight.

The idea for such a grand undertaking did not just fall out of the sky. "It was months before September 11th," says Teri DiLibero, who is co-owner with her husband, Barry, of Appex Sunrides of Uwchland, Pa.,(suburban Philadelphia). "I thought, Why don't we have an American Flag Balloon built? We could take it to balloon festivals across the country, hand out pocket constitutions and teach our youth about this great country we live in'." The DiLiberos found a manufacturing company to construct the huge flag replica and the balloon made its first test flight on May 22, 2002.

"This balloon is magnificent," said Joe Whall, vice president of Corporate Communications, PNC Bank. "It embodies PNC Bank's pride, commitment and devotion to our great country. We are priv-

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The U.S. Flag Hot Air Balloon graced the skies of New Jersey Thursday as PNC Bank and the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning honored the New Jersey National Guard on the eve of Independence Day in Hoboken.

ileged to be associated with its activities here in New Jersey."

"This year, the PNC Bank American Flag Balloon honors our troops, who so bravely and proudly protect our freedom," said Howard Freeman, executive producer of the festival. "When this balloon flies, it sends a chill

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DeBaun Athletic Complex on the campus of the Stevens Institute of Technology. The ceremony featured the 53 foot-tall, 78 foot-wide, 530-pound U.S. Flag Hot Air Balloon, the

resentation of the "Stars and The New Jersey National Guard's 50th Main Support Battalion presented a color guard with musical accompaniment of all ages. Hot air balloon ascenprovided by the Port Authority

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With entertainment planned for the entire family over the this year's Festival concert series kicks off Friday night at 8 p.m. with Dickey Betts & Great Southern, presented by Ivy featuring lead singer

U.S. Flag Hot Air Balloon at the Eddie Money will be the culminating musical attraction on Sunday at 3 p.m., presented by PNC Bank and WDHA 105.5 FM. All concerts will take place on the Bud Light Main Stage.

The Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning is North America's largest summertime, family-oriented celebration of the magic of ballooning, featuring scores of rides and attractions for kids, parents and festival-goers sions with up to 125 sport and special-shape balloons are scheduled for Friday at 6:30 p.m., for the entire family over the Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 three-day weekend, rain or shine, a.m. and 6:30 p.m., wind and weather permitting.

Advance-sale tickets, for Festival admission, costing \$15 for adults, and \$6 for children 54 Mortgage. Headlining Saturday inches and under, are available night at 8 p.m. will be Foreigner, through July 24. Children three and under are admitted free. Lou Gramm, presented by Tickets are available at all Quick Delta Air Lines and NJ 101.5. Chek stores.

'Mack & Mabel' mixes comedy and tragedy of movies

By CHERYL ORSON

EDISON — "Mack & Mabel," running through July 12 at the Stephen Capestro Theater in Roosevelt Park in Edison, is a full-color production of the story of an early silent film innovator and his leading lady.

Though the name Mack Sennett might not ring a bell, his creation of the Keystone Kops should. These silent films made slapstick comedy a national phenomenon and made Sennett both rich and famous.

Charlie Chaplin, Gloria Swanson, Fatty Arbuckle, Harold Lloyd and Frank Capra all worked for Sennett, but none captivated him more than his self-made starlet Mabel Normand, a former waitress. Their tumultuous on-again off-

This production, expertly directed by Gary Cohen, takes full advantage of the story's factual origins using both real and convincingly contrived black and white silent film footage.

His authentic movie-shooting sets, complete with oldfashioned camera equipment, also add flavor to the show.

who portrays Sennett, aptly captures the filmmaker's selfabsorption and drive to make this first 2003 summer producthe best silent comedy pictures. tion of Plays-in-the-Park's 41st

the embodiment of the selfdestructive starlet who died at age 35 of a combination of drug use, TB and pneumonia.

The leads are backed by a strong group of supportive players. Diana Kielcynski succeeds in her first principal role as the sharp-tongued, no-nonsense Lottie, Sennett's assistant. Leading the cast in the exuberant song "Big Time," and flashy dance number "Tap Your Troubles Away," Kielcynski proves herself to be more than capable. Richard Blake, as the larger-than-life Fatty Arbuckle, also more than pulls his weight in the production.

Michelle Massa's choreography is reminiscent of the work of the renowned Busby Berkley particularly in the staging of Sennett's bathing beauties in "Hundreds of Girls." Cynthia again relationship lasted from Capraro's costume design also 1912 to 1930, ending with her adds to the production's adds to the production's authenticity.

Despite the tragic conclusion, this is basically a familyoriented production. Though not necessarily for young children, (drug use is mentioned in passing), older school-age children might appreciate seeing how early films were made.

For young adults and those young at heart there is the David Thomas Hampson, story of unrequited love gone wrong.

With something for everyone, Veronica Kuehn, as Mabel, is season is sure to please.

Special clarinet concert set at Plainfield church

PLAINFIELD-Ever won- Mussorgsky. dered what a bass clarinet looks like, or how a contra-bass clar-

special performance by Rouge et Noir Clarinets at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, starting at 3 p.m. Admission is a

\$15 suggested donation. The concert features something for everyone from the classical to jazz and popular, including creations by LeRoy Anderson, Percy Grainger, Henry Mancini, Kurt Weill, even the Beatles' own Lennon and McCartney, as well "Nutcracker Suite," Bach's "Suite No. 3," Gliere's "Russian Sailor's Dance," and other works by Holst, Handel, Byrd and tions to the church.

This rare opportunity to see clarinets of all sizes and to observe first-hand such versatile Find out on July 13 during a sounds, from exceedingly low to very high, skillfully blended by top-notch musicians, promises to be a unique sonic experience.

Rouge et Noir Clarinets, formed three years ago by Rutgers University alumni, concretizes throughout the New York metropolitan area under the direction of Raymond H. Brungard. The concert is part of a series to help raise \$67,000 for the church's organ fund. All taxdeductible donations, over and

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PLAYS IN THE PARK Stephen J. Capestro Theater Roosevelt Park, Edison (732) 548-2884; www.

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ROY W. SMITH THEATER Union County College 1033 Springfield Ave.

Cranford (908) 659-5189 Rockies," Old West comedy by Free admission.

Jewel Seehaus-Fisher, 8 p.m. July 10-12: 3 p.m. July 13. Admission \$15; discounts available.

VILLAGERS THEATRE 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710; www.villagerstheatre.com

'Not Waving," mother-daughter "dramedy" by Gen LeRoy. 8 p.m. July 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26; 2 p.m. July 13, 20. Admission \$12.

Events

COMPUTER SHOW (800) 631-0062;

www.pcshow.com As advertised, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 12, 13. Adults \$10 Saturday, Sunday, Free admission.

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Concerts

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Shania Twain tribute band. Free admission. SPRING LAKE PARK CONCERTS

Maple Ave., South Plainfield (732) 745-3900; www.co.middlesex.nj.us Shows in the gazebo 6:30 p.m.

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PRINCETON UNIVER-SITY ART MUSEUM (609) 258-3788; www.

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"The New Vulgarians: New York Pop," to July 13.

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"The Country of Imagination: Images of Rural Life in Children's

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Edward Doherty, franchisee of Applebee's, currently owns and operates 37 Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar restaurants in northern and central New Jersey and on Long Island. On hand to help celebrate the evening were David DiBartolo,

VP of Operations; Jerry Marcopoulos, Chief Financial Officer; Wendy Mingst, Director of Human Resources; Noel Jorgensen, Director of Marketing; Ron Blais, Area Director; and Mike Cirrincione, General Manager of Watchung.

At Applebee's VIP Party, which was held on Monday, June 30, guests helped to raise more than \$2,500 to benefit the Carl Riccio Special Needs Trust Fund. Carl Riccio, a student at Watchung Hills High School is a 17-year-old from Warren Township who was paralyzed during a wrestling match.

"We are proud to support Carl and his family, ." noted Cirrinicione. "We are a neighborhood restaurant whose mission is to wow our community and this is a great cause. We are hon-

ored to be able to help." The restaurant is open 7 days a week — Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and

Sunday from 11 a.m. tol midnight. The restaurant is filled with a broad array of local memorabilia saluting the history of the area as well as local high schools such college, and professional sports teams creating a fun,

neighborhood atmosphere. Applebee's International, headquartered in Overland Park, Ks., currently develops, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar brand, the largest casual dining concept in the world. There are currently 1,500 Applebee's restaurants operating system-wide in 49 states and seven international countries.

Villagers schedule auditions

FRANKLIN — The Villagers 16. Theatre has scheduled auditions for "The Wild Party," a musical

by Andrew Lippa. Open auditions are at noon Saturday, July 12 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 14 at the Villagers playhouse, located within the Franklin Township Municipal Complex in Somerset. Callbacks

Men and women 18 and older are welcome. Prepare 16 bars of any song that best highlights your vocal range. Be prepared to dance. Multiracial casting is

being used. For more information, visit www.villagerstheatre.com or phone (732) 873-2710. Show are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday July dates are Oct. 10-26.



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This week

FRIDAY JULY 11

'MACK AND MABEL' musical from Plays in the Park. Roosevelt Park, Edison, 8:30 p.m. July 11, 12. Adults \$3, under 12 free; bring lawn chairs. (732) 548-

www.playsinthepark.com.

SATURDAY JULY 12

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FOUR SHORT FILMS "Sunday in New York," "Crac," "Munro" and "The Hole." Highland Park Middle School, 102 N. Fifth Ave., Highland Park, 9 p.m. (rain site: inside Highland Park High School). Free. (732) 932-8482 or www.njfilmfest.com.

JEWISH MOVIE "Enemies, A Love Story" (1989). Conservative Temple and Center, 201 S. Third Ave., Highland Park, 10 p.m. \$5. (732) 819-9850 or www.hpctc.net.

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GAZEBO MUSIC - George Krauss Memorial Concert Band. Spring Lake Park, Maple Ave., South Plainfield, 6:30 p.m. Free. (732) 745-3900.

MONDAY JULY 14

FOREIGN FLICK - "Happy Times" (China, 2002). Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Free. Tickets required: (732) 632-

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - of North Stelton A.M.E. Church, 123 Craig Ave., Piscataway, 6:30 Registration: (732) 287-5184.

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FOREIGN FLICK — "Happy Times" (China, 2002). North Edison branch, Edison Free Public Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. Free. Registration: (732) 548-3045, Ext. 1.

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THURSDAY JULY 17

GET ONLINE - "Building a Website." Business Business Development Center, 120 New England Ave., Piscataway, 9:30 a.m. \$25. Registration: wbcnj@njawbo.org or (609) 581-2220.

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SUNDAY JULY 20

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Just Us featuring Ed Szymborski. Johnson Park, River Rd., Piscataway, 3 p.m. Free. (732) 745-3900.

GAZEBO MUSIC — Jimmy Ray Band. Spring Lake Park, Maple Ave., South Plainfield, 6:30 p.m. Free. (732) 745-3900.

COMING UP

FOREIGN FLICK "Kandahar" (Iran, 2001). Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 2 and 7:30 p.m. July 21. Free. Tickets required: (732) 632-8526.

BLOOD DRIVE -Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, 125 May St., Edison, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. July 23. Donor requirements: (800) NJ BLOOD, Ext. 140.

FOREIGN FLICK "Kandahar" (Iran, 2001). North Edison branch, Edison Free Public Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. July 23. Free. Registration: (732) 548-3045,

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'RAGTIME' - musical from Plays in the Park. Roosevelt Park, Edison, 8:30 p.m. July 23-26, 28-Aug. 2. Adults \$3, under 12 free; bring lawn chairs. (732) 548-

www.playsinthepark.com. FOREIGN FLICK — "The Son's Room" (Italy, 2001). Westergard Library, 20 Murray Ave., Piscataway, 7 p.m. July 24. Free. Tickets required: (732) 752-

PIANO RECITAL - with Richard Mathisen. St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield, 7:15 p.m. July 25. \$7. (908) 757-4474.

FLICKS AL FRESCO — "Casablanca" (1942). Highland Park Middle School, 102 N. Fifth Ave., Highland Park, 9 p.m. July 26 (rain site: inside Highland Park High School). Free. (732) 932-8482 or www.njfilmfest.com.

OUTDOOR MUSIC Francine Kane & Her Gentleman Friends. Johnson Park, River Rd. Piscataway, 3 p.m. July 27. Free. (732) 745-3900.

GAZEBO MUSIC - Chet Varner Band. Spring Lake Park, Maple Ave., South Plainfield, 6:30 p.m. July 27. Free. (732) 745-

FOREIGN FLICK - "The Son's Room" (Italy, 2001). Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 2 and 7:30 p.m. July 28. Free. Tickets required: (732) 632-8526.

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Thursday — Shopping, 9 a.m. Video exercise, 9:30 a.m.

Friday — Bingo, 10 a.m. Pizza lunch, 11:30 a.m.

Practical crafts, 10 a.m.

Friday, July 18 — Men's Forum steering committee

meeting, 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 28 - "Sizzle" Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Cost is \$45 and

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Sept. 28-29 — Cape May. Cost is \$172 per person, double occupancy. Reservations are required.

Edison

AARP Chapter 3446

The chapter is forming a golf group. If you are interested, phone Don Maloney at (732) 969-0942.

A day trip is planned Sept. 29 to The Seeing Eye Inc. in Morristown. Lunch at Larison's Turkey Farm Inn in Chester is included. For full information, phone Margaret at (732) 549-3323.

Amy Gonzalez Beauchamp of Highland Park has been

Subramanian Hariharan,

M.D., director of Neuro-Oncology and associate professor at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center

in Edison, recently chaired an

educational session at the American College of Physicians annual meeting in San Diego.

Hariharan's presentation

Metuchen resident Susan B. Fowler, Ph.D., R.N., was the

regional winner of the 2003

Healthcare Provider Spirit of

Women Award. Fewler is director

of clinical trials and assistant

professor at the New Jersey

Neuroscience Institute at JFK

Medical Center, in addition, she

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Mary Ellen Martin of Edison won an expense-paid Caribbean cruise in May as one of the nation's most successful independent consultants with PartyLite Gifts.

Sports

Savage, Thompson, Sica, Hunt set for action

By DAVE ALLENA

Once again it's football time in County, will kick off 7 p.m. Middlesex County.

change and the kids aren't back in will have at least one player in each school, but it is time for summer allstar battles and area squads will be represented in all three games on tap.

First up will be 25th annual New Jersey North -South Senior All-Star Classic set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Rutgers Stadium, while following that one at 5 p.m. will be the Governor's Bowl, pitting some of the best recent graduates from New Jersey against those from New York.

High School Snapple Bowl X, which pits graduated seniors from Middlesex County against those from Union

Piscataway High, which put togeth-No, the leaves haven't started to er a perfect 12-0 campaign last fall. game with Omar Savage named to the Governor's Bowl and Devraun Thompson selected to the North-South battle, where Joe Kuronyi, the Chiefs' head coach last season, will serve as defensive coordinator for the South.

Dan Sica of J.P. Stevens and Devren Hunt of Highland Park are both members of the South roster for the North South game.

Chosen to play in the Snapple Bowl Thursday night at East Brunswick from Piscataway were Andre Barber,

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Brian Butler, Brandon Harris, Malcolm Manning and Eric Young.

Also chosen from Middlesex County for the Snapple Bowl were Mashlih Bilah of Highland Park, Aaron Coward and Kevin Petrusky of J.P. Stevens, Rodney Jones of South Plainfield, Joe Grippo of Edison and Frank Poandl of Metuchen.

Thomson figures to get plenty of ime at linebacker for the South, so Kuronyi will have a final chance to coach the outstanding two-way back.

"It's one last chance to work with

game he'll probably cross over and celled. play some offense, too," said Kuronyi, who has coached in the game twice

"In an all-star game you're coaching the best players around. They're all talented players and they're all experienced. You don't have to spend a lot of time teaching. It's a matter of motivating them, but they all want to be there and test themselves against the best."

Thompson, Sica and Hunt will look to help the South get back on track in its battle against the North. The South owns a 12-9-2 edge in the series, but dropped a 24-0 decision the last time the game was played in 2001, Last summer, a storm just before kickoff,

Devraun, but since it's an all-star caused the 24th renewal to be can-

Middlesex County will look to make it two straight against Union in the Snapple Bowl, which has seen its share of tight battles and bizarre occurrences. Last year a power outage, a storm and some brawls in the stands were all part of Middlesex's 28-20 vic-

Also playing for New Jersey in the Governor's Bowl will be Matt Lamela and Brandon Nolen and of Old Bridge and Marvin Taylor of New Brunswick along with Joe Porter of Franklin. Junior Jabbie of Sayreville and Kareem Byron of New Brunswick will play for the South in the North-South

Piscataway rolls by Clara Barton

By DAVE ALLENA

EDISON - Three weeks ago a game between Posts 261 and 324 might have looked on as a key showdown in the battle for divisional honors.

Now, however, as the Middlesex County Senior American Legion Baseball League season hits the two-thirds point, the gap between Post 261 of Piscataway and Clara Barton Post 324 has widen considerably for the two veteran teams

Squaring off Tuesday night for the second time in five days, Piscataway once again had its way as the American Division leaders dominated for a 9-2 victory, their seventh straight and 15th in 16 games this summer.

Clara Barton, meanwhile, slipped to 7-9 for the campaign, as Post 324 could do little against Piscataway ace Carlton Smith (3-0), who fired a complete-game three-hitter, fanning 13 batters while walking three.

"I'm surprised it wasn't more competitive, but once I saw how Carlton was throwing and we got the three runs in the first inning I thought (Clara Barton) might have a problem," Post 261 Head Coach Tony Danella said. "Once it became 4-0 I thought we were comfortable with that.

"They came back on us last week (before

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pitching that game. Carlton was as good as 've ever seen him. He was throwing hard and had a good curve. He was as dominating as I've seen a high school kid in a while."

With eight games remaining on the schedule, Piscataway had its sights set on the finish line and the automatic berth in the state tournament that goes to each divisional

"I like the spot we're in," Danella said. "We're 15-1 with eight games to go and everyone else has at least five losses. I like our chances of getting the bye. I would like to win out and go to the states and take our chances

"I haven't heard any talk from the guys about being three games up with eight to go. They're very competitive, and they don't give anything away. They get into the batter's box and don't want to give away even an at-bat. I can't see us blowing (a four-game) lead, not with the way we're hitting and the pitching we're starting to get."

It is conceivable Post 261 could clinch the division title by tomorrow. With game Wednesday against South Plainfield, one losing 18-14), but we didn't have Carlton tonight against Iselin and matchups tomor-

row against second-place Carteret and Perth Amboy, a sweep would wrap up the American Division.

Piscataway received two things Tuesday that bodes well for the post-season - the performance by Smith, who has seen limited action thus far, and the first home run by Derrick McCain in more than 10 games.

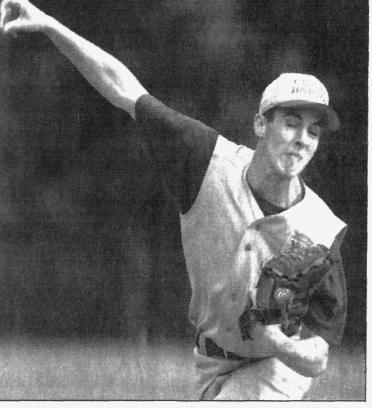
"Carlton is in good shape, and he'll pitch every five or six days, depending on our schedule. With his pitching and our hitting that's a pretty good combination," Danella

"Things go in cycles, but it was nice to see Derrick hit a home run. He's been getting pitched around and he was getting a little frustrated, but he's on base two-three times a game, and with his speed we'll go with that."

McCain got Piscataway going with a sinle and a stolen base, and then scored on a fielder's choice by Brandon Renkart. Matt Goumas then delivered his first home run of the summer, a two-run shot, for a 3-0 lead.

Post 261 added single ruins in the second, fourth and fifth sixth innings before closing it out with a three-run sixth as Bobby Abreu, up from the Junior League team, scored three times after walking twice and ripped a triple. Robert Rose had a pair of RBI singles, while Goumas singled in a run and McCain blasted

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Clara Barton's Eric McCormick took the loss Tuesday night as Piscataway rolled to a 9-2 victory to improve to 15-1 for the Middlesex County Senior American Legion Baseball League campaign. Clara Barton, meanwhile, fell to 7-9.

Rough fifth inning sets down Post 243

innings, South Plainfield saw it all fall apart during a 10-run fifth inning by visiting South Amboy and dropped a 13-3 decision Tuesday night in American Division play of the Middlesex County Senior American Legion Baseball League.

Kyle Kazimir had allowed just three runs in four innings as Post 243 trailed 3-1 but he tired in the fifth. Kazimir had one of two South Plainfield hits, a run-scoring single in the third, while Matt Santone singled home two runs in the fifth. Post 243 slipped

Piscataway 18, John F. Kennedy 7 — Down 7-5 after five innings, Post 261 exploded for 13 runs over its final two atbats to rout host Kennedy (11-6) Monday night to improve to a league-best 14-1 for the season with its sixth straight victory.

Carlton Smith kicked off an eight-run outburst in the top of the sixth inning with a double and then capped it with a threerun homer, his sixth home run of the summer. Andy Capana (1-0) pitched the final four innings, allowing one run on three hits while striking out three and walking two to earn the victory.

Sean Mohan had three hits and one REBI, Brandon Renkart doubled twice and knocked in two runs, Matt Gomas drove in two runs with a two singles,

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while Ray Rose and Robert Rose both went 2-for-4 with one RBI. Carteret 7, Clara Barton 6

Tom Battista and John Moersdorf allowed only five hits, but Post 324 killed itself with seven errors in an ugly loss to Carteret Monday night in a sixinning game at home.

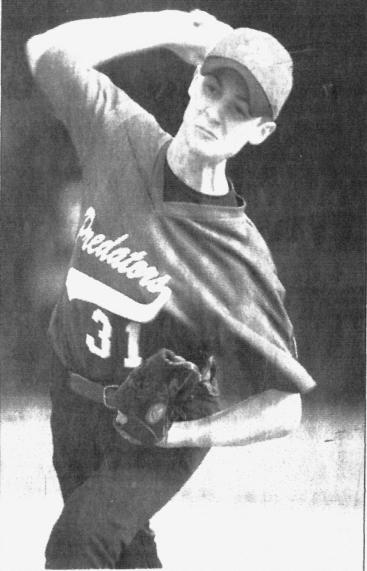
Trailing 6-0, Clara Barton chopped the lead in half in the fifth when Kevin Mulvey doubled for the team's first hit, Justin Braverman walked and Battista belted a three-run homer.

After Carteret added a run in the top of the sixth, Mike Szymanik delivered a three-run double to draw Clara Barton to within one run, but Post 324 left the bases loaded. Battista allowed three hits in three innings, while Moersdorf gave up two in his three innings.

Piscataway 10, Carteret 4 (2nd game) — In the nightcap of a double-header July 3, Tom Hemmerly (4-1) scattered eight hits, struck out six and walked three to give Post 261 a sweep at Columbus Park.

Renkart hit a two-run homer and doubled, while Campana went 3-for-4 and Goumas collected a pair of hits. Derrick McCain

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER South Plainfield's Mike Downes picked up a victory in relief as Post 243 edged South Amboy July 1.

Fords VFW wins to capture seventh victory

Bouncing back from a pair of hitless innings losses, Fords VFW outslugged in relief to earn Piscataway 13-7 July 3 to the victory and in the victory and also collected Middlesex County Junior three American Legion Baseball League play as Doug Zemeckis paced the season-high run total by going 5-fof-5.

Zemeckis collected a pair of fifth inning on four straight hits doubles and three singles, while Chris Beyer and Collin Creange both added a double and a single. Jason Callender stroked a triple, while Sean Hladky and Jason

Bonnel chipped in with doubles. Edison 9, Roselle Park 6— In a non-league game, Edison came from behind to edge Roselle Park as Tim Ryan tossed three

hits.

JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL WRAPUP

runs on five

straight MCJLBL decision.

After tying the game in the — singles by Ben Toro, Stephano Vargas, Ryan and Dave Zavistoski with the later two collecting RBI - Edison (8-3), won the game with a three-run sixth the Edison RBI. Metuchen when Jack Spernal blasted a solo home run, while Bryan Elvina

and Ed Meyer added run-scoring St. Joseph's 7, Edison 2 - Nick Reider limited unbeaten St. Joseph's (10-0) to two earned

scored three times and drove in hits, but the Edison offense could two runs to pace the winning not get much going until late in the game and dropped its second

Ryan broke up a no-hitter with a fourth-inning single, while he finished with two hits along with Zavistoksi and Reider with Zavistoski and Elvina picking up

South Brunswick 4 -Mike Pierkarski and Lenny Bing drove in three runs apiece and Ryan Callas went the distance on the

mound as Metuchen trimmed East Brunswick July 2 at home. Callas scattered six hits while

fanning nine and walking four to lift Metuchen to its fourth victory against five defeats. Piekarski went 3-for-3 and scored twice, and Bing added a pair of doubles

in four trips to pace the offense.

Colonia 9, Edison 7 — Post 435 saw its seven-game winning streak ended by Colonia as the relief corps could not hold a tworun lead late in the game. Elvina stroked a two-run triple and a single, while Zavistoski, Ryan and Reider combined for seven hits and four RBI. Nathan Fabretti singled twice during a

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Post 435's streak reaches 12 in row

BY DAVE ALLENA

STAFF WRITER

EDISON — As the regular season draws to a close, whatever happens to Post 435 will depend entirely on Post 435.

Running its record to 13-2 Tuesday night with a 13-2 fiveinning rout of Franklin for its 12th straight triumph, Edison controls its own fate in the National Division of the Middlesex County Senior American Legion Baseball League by virtue of its divisionleading mark.

With the National champion earning a berth in the state tournament, Edison had two challengers to overcome to get there as both Milltown and Old Bridge had also only two losses apiece to start the week by Edison had more victories.

"The only goal we have is to win the division," Head Coach Chris Banos said. "We control our own destiny. If we keep winning no one can catch us. I like our chances a lot. They're just as good as anyone else. We just need to keep pitching, playing defense and hitting the ball the way we have been.

"We expect to be in this position every year, but you really don't expect to win so many games in a row because there are some pretty good teams we play. We do expect to be up there every year contending for a champi-

Post 435 put together another solid all-around game in easily dispatching Franklin as Billy Alec (3-1) went the distance, tossing a three-hitter with six strikeouts against five walks while allowing two unearned runs. The offense meanwhile, scored the 13 runs in three innings following a scoreless first frame.

For Banos, however, there's still room for improvement, although the club's season-long level of play has been pretty good.

"We could always play better," he said. "We've had games where we've made some errors, but we've played very well. We've been able to overcome our mistakes and take advantage of the other teams' mistakes.

"Billy could have pitched a little better tonight. Franklin is not very good, and although he only

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gave up three hits he did walk five batters in five innings. He did enough to keep us in the game, which is all I expect from my pitchers. If we keep playing like this we'll be in good shape."

Edison, which had a good scheduled for Wednesday against Milltown (11-2), broke open Tuesday's meeting with Franklin by pushing across seven runs in the bottom of the third inning when Joe Augustine, Kevin Dalton and Mike Szymanski each delivered a two-run single and Mark Blevins added a sacrifice

After Jake Schuck and Lucas Cittone belted back-to-back solo homers in the third for a 9-2 lead, Post 435 added four runs in the fourth as Ryan Klouser, Augustine and Rob Hrapsky had run-scoring singles. For Hrapsky it was his first game of the season after returning from an injury. Cittone finished 3-for-3,

adding a double and a single to his home run, while Szymanski, Augustine and Derek Gianakas all went 2-for-3 in the 14-hit

Edison 3, South River 2 -Alec scattered nine hits over five innings for the victory, while Brian Zavistoski tossed two shutout innings for the save, striking out two, as Post 435 held off South River July 2 to improve to 12-2 in National Division play.

Edison scored twice in the top of the first inning as Gianakas delivered a two-run homer, while Gianakas scored the decisive run in the sixth when he doubled and came around on an errant pickoff attempt.

Edison 5, South Brunswick Augustine boosted his record to 4-0 with a complete-gave fiver hitter as he fanned eight and walked only one in hurling Edison past host South Brunswick July 1.

Blevins delivered a two-run single when Post 435 broke open a 1-0 game with a three-run fourth inning, which included an RBI double by Schuck. Shymanski, who finished with two hits along with Blevins, singled in a run in the seventh.

Post 243 bows

(Continued from page C-1) and Ray Rose contributed runscoring doubles. A six-run second inning gave Piscataway command

Piscataway 12, Carteret 2 (1st game) - Smith went the distance for the first time this summer in the six-inning game as he tossed a three-hitter, struck out five and walked one to earn his second triumph without a loss.

Robert Rose (2-for-3) finished off a seven-run sixth inning that ended the game with a two-run single, while Kwesi Mitchell knocked in three runs with a pair of hits. Mohan added two hits and one RBI, and Campana had two

Piscataway 11, South Amboy 1 - Renkart fired a one-hitter, striking out five and walking four, as host Piscataway whipped South Amboy July 2 in a five-inning game. Ray Rose, Mitchell and Mohan each collected two hits and knocked in a run and Smith hit a solo home run.

John F. Kennedy 7, South Plainfield 3 — Post 243 fell behind 4-0 after two innings and could not recover in falling to third-place Kennedy on the road July 2. Dan Piwowar and Chris

Czaplinski had doubles for South Plainfield, while Mike Downes singled in a run and Kazimir added a sac fly. Ryan Kenny and Kazimir pitched three innings apiece.

South Plainfield 8, South Amboy 7 — Downes entered the game twice in relief and quelled two South Amboy rallies without allowing an inherited runner to score, and Czaplinski belted a tworun homer in the top of the seventh as Post 243 pulled out the victory July 1.

Downes, who picked up the victory by pitching 2% innings of scoreless ball, also had a big game at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a double, triple and four runs scored. Czaplinski added an RBI single to his home run, while Chris Bakazan had a double and a sin-

Clara Barton 8, South Amboy 1 — Bobby Beyer allowed a run on three hits over four innings for the victory, striking out five and walking three, while Steve Seybuck tossed three hitless innings in relief for the save as Post 324 spanked South Amboy

Battista went 3-for-3 and drove in three runs, Szymanik belted a two-run homer, Beyer contributed a double and a single, and Seybuck chipped in with a run-scoring dou-

YOUTH SPORTS

USATF National Youth Championships Facing the kind of competition they will most likely go up against at the AAU nationals in two weeks, the Supersonics came away with a number of outstanding efforts at the USATF National Youth Championships in Buffalo, N.Y. during the Fourth of July weekend, including a

rictory by Sadiki White in the 800 meters of the

Midget Division (11-12 years old) in 2:10.85. The squad came home with a runnerup fin-The squad came home with a runnerup finish in the 400-meter relay by the Midget girls quartet of Asja Goode, Tylia Gillon, Brianna Barlow and Alexandria Ridley in 52.19 seconds. Goode was also one of three Supersonics to finish third in the 400 meters by running a 58.68, while White ran a 57.55 and Symone O'Connor ran a blistering 55,41 in the Youth Division (13-14).

Youth Division (13-14),
The Intermediate relay quartet of Michelle
Losey, Ayanna West, Collene Cumberbatch and Danielle Brown placed fourth in the 800 and qualified for the 400 final with a 4:00.98, but did not compete in the final due to an injury to Cumberbatch. Losey also took seventh in the 400 in 58.0, while Brown was 10th in the

high jump at 4 feet, 4 inches.

Josh Cumberbatch, competing in the Youth Division, came home with of sixth-place finishes in both the shot put (40-9) and discus (121-5), while Nadia Hernandez was sixth in the Midget 800 in 2:33.86. Goode added a seventh place in the 200 in 27.79, while Toddrick Darden placed eighth in both the 400 and 200 (27.51). Darden qualified for the 400 final with a 58.76, but an injury curtailed his time in the

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YMCA TRACK & FIFLD SERIES The Metuchen YMCA will host a summer track & field series for boys and girls 6-14 years old 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays July 15, 22 and 29 at Metuchen High School. Registration is

set each night for 6 p.m. For more information contact Skip Fuller at the YMCA at 732-548-2044 or send an e0mail to

EDISON TRACK & FIELD CLINICS
The Edison Recreation Department will sponsor a track & field clinic beginning Wednesday and running through Wednesday, Aug. 20, for township children. Sessions will be held Mondays at Elder Park on Grove Avenue and Wednesdays at Edison High School, and they will broken down into groups of kinder-garten-fourth grade and fifth-eighth grade. For applications and information call the

Stelton Community Center B a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays at 732-248-7309 or the Minnie B. Veal Community Center 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. at 732-248-7316.i PISCATAWAY GOLF LESSONS The Piscataway Recreation Department and Middlesex County's Raritan Landing Golf

and Middlesex County S Harian Landing doin Course will offer free golf lessons to township residents 9-17 years old Wednesday, Aug. 6 at Raritan Landing on Sidney Road. Pro Randy Luberecki of Tamarack and Raritan Landing will conduct the sessions. Registration will be limited to the first 25 in two age groups — 9-11 years old which will have a 9-10 a.m. lesson and 12-17 with the lesson 10:30-11:30 a.m. - and will only be accepted at the Piscalaway Recreation Department. For more information call 732-

SPORTS CAMPS PLANNED

The 14th annual championship basketball camps, under the direction of Hall of Fame coach Steve Kania, have been scheduled for Dunellen. The camp will have two session both at air-conditioned Faber School. The fir is third-sixth graders and will be held Monday, July 14-Friday, July 18, while the second is for players in seventh-10th grades, and will run Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25. For fees and more information on any of the camps call 908-755-0679 or visit the www.coachkchampionshipcamps.com.

Kennedy. Meyer drove in three runs with two hits and contributed with his glove at first base, while

Holmdel 6, Fords VFW 4 -Garner Turner delivered a two-run double, Andrew Biancosino singled in a run and Zemeckis collected a double and a single, but Fords VFW fell to Holmdel.

Ball-Kirch stays on roll

Propelled by a victory over the league's top club to start the week, the Bulls rode that momentum in impressive fash-

Facing Clinton, which had ended Ball-Kirch Post 265's season-opening three-game winning streak, the North Plainfieldbased Bulls earned some revenge with a 7-2 victory July 1 to continue another winning tear.

By the time Saturday's game against visiting Montgomery had ended with Ball-Kirch posting a 5-3 come-from-behind triumph, the Bulls had stretched their winning streak to eight in a and improved their Somerset-Hunterdon American Legion Baseball League record

With two games each remaining against Hillsborough and Flemington, the Bulls still had some work to do to secure one of the three league playoff spots available but the recent play bodes well for them. The regular season is set to end July 17.

Nick Cesare capped a week in which Ball-Kirch allowed eight runs in five games by tossing a complete-game six-hitter against Montgomery as he struck out two and walked two while allowing three third-inning runs.

North Plainfield got two of the runs back in the bottom of the third when Chris Hewitt singled in a run and later scored on Chris Bumback's ground ball.

Billy Merkler and Matt Senna (3 for 3) opened the sixth inning with singles and Angel Roman's sacrifice bunt advanced them to second and third. Dave Dickerson's sac fly snapped the 3-3 deadlock and Jimmy DiPaolo singled home an insurance run.

Piscataway

(Continued from page C-1) a two-run homer in the sixth, his fourth of the campaign.

Eric McCormick started for Clara Barton and pitched into the sixth inning and was responsible for all nine runs. Post 324 scored a run in the home half of the third on walks to Mike Tadduni and Bobby Beyer and Justin Braverman's sin-

Smith carried the one-hitter into the seventh inning when Brian Searls doubled and scored on a single by John Moersdorf.

Piscataway 18, Clara Barton 14 — Piscataway jumped out to a 14-3 lead after two innings

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on a pair of seven-run outbursts but then had to hold to trim Clara Barton in a slugfest the Fourth of

Kwesi Mitchell sparked Post 261's 17-hit attack with a 5-for-five performance that included two doubles and two RBI, while Ray Rose drove in three runs with two hits. Andy Campana was 2-for-2 with three walks and two RBI, while Renkart had two hits and two RBI.

Goumas collected two hits and one RBI, Smith belted a two-run homer and Robert Rose picked up the pitching victory in relief.

Braverman drove in five runs for Clara Barton with a grand slam and a sacrifice fly, while Beyer went 3-for-5 and Kevin Mulvey added a

Fords VFW

(Continued from page C-1) six-run fifth inning.

Brunswick Metuchen 5 — Pierkarski belted a two-run homer while Bing, Eddy Durrah and Nate Fisler added two hits apiece, but it was not enough as Metuchen fell to host East Brunswick July 1. Jeff Veiser allowed three hits in 51/3 innings but struggled with his control as he walked eight against two strike-

John F. Kennedy Green 6, Fords VFW 1 — Doug Wallner

been down as Fords VFW fell to JFK Green. The lone run in the loss came as Callender doubled and then stole third before scoring on a double-steal attempt.

Edison 12, John F. Kennedy - Ryan Petersen and Reider combined on a four-hitter and tossed three scoreless innings in seven strikeouts as Edison won its relief, but the damage had already seventh straight by whipping

Ryan notched a two-run single.

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Campus notes

Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. The son of Ronald and Peggy Palochko is a sophomore majoring in public relations.

James R. Urbaniak of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. A freshman majoring in English and education, he is the son of John and Francesca Urbaniak.

Highland Park was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Lauren M. Sardone of 16 Brian Road, Edison, has been elected to Kappa Delta Pi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. She was recognized in the university's Honors Day on May 9.

Lopa Vrushank Desai of Piscataway earned dean's high honors for the spring 2003 semester at Connecticut College in New London, Conn. The senior had a grade point

Andrew Palochko of scale of 4. Desai graduated with distinction, receiving a bachelor's degree in chemistry and biochemistry, summa cum laude, at the 85th commencement ceremony May 18.

> Five recent high school alumni have been accepted for the fall 2003 semester on the Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. They are:

Dana Dubiny of Edison, who graduated from John P. Stevens High School. She is the daughter of Dean and Joanne

Lucas Cittone of Highland Michelle L. Friedman of Highland Park High School. He is the son of Simon and Susan Cittone.

Mateicka Katie Metuchen, who graduated from Metuchen High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Marion Mateicka.

Eva Rodriguez of South Plainfield, who graduated from South Plainfield High School. She is the daughter of Manuel and Nora Rodriguez.

Nisha Shah of Piscataway. graduated Dallastown Area High School in Dallastown, Pa. He is the son of Dhimant and Darshana Shah.

Amit Kumar Cheela of Edison has graduated from the Pingry School. Cheela received average of 3.70 or higher on a her diploma in the school's

142nd commencement exercises held June 8 on the Upper received a bachelor's degree in School campus in Bernards Township.

Robert B. Noyes of South Plainfield has graduated from College in Bloomfield Bloomfield. He received a bachelor's degree in business at the 130th commencement exercises May 22.

Six area students have graduated from Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn.

Megan Ulbrich of Edison received a master's degree on May 11.

Receiving bachelor's degrees on May 17 were **Dana** Markowitz, Kathleen Miller and Nicola Triola, all of Edison; Justin Martin and Sara Ziobro, both of South Plainfield.

Jonathan Morris of 142 Maplewood Court, Edison, has graduated from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. He received a bachelor's degree in computer science at the 149th commencement ceremony held May 11 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

Two area residents have graduated from Widener University in Chester, Pa

Juliette Falocco of South Plainfield received a bachelor's degree in hospitality management. She also was named to the Widener dean's list for the spring 2003 semester.

semester

in Lynchburg, Va.

Ross Ferreri of Edison criminal justice. Melanie Carmon of South

Plainfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. The daughter of Al and Terri Carmon is a senior majoring in music business and plans to graduate in

Heather Hasulak of Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass. She is a senior majoring in biomedical engineering.

Five area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Bucknell University

Lewisburg, Pa. They are: Cindy L. Carlson of South Plainfield, the daughter of

William and Nancy Carlson. Jenevieve C. de los Santos of South Plainfield, the daughter of Oscar and Julia de los

Jeffrey N. McKnight of South Plainfield, the son of Gary and Gerilyn McKnight.

Julie L. Palmer of South Plainfield, the daughter of Donald and Constance Palmer. Debra L. Piesen of Edison,

the daughter of John and Elizabeth Piesen.

Danielle Lytwyn of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 Misericordia in Dallas, Pa.

Melissa Gornick Piscataway was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Liberty University

Kwesi Jefferson Piscataway has received the Cub & Key Prize at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. The prize goes to the top male freshmen with the highest academic standing at the end of their

first term. Johnson plans to major in international relations at Ursinus.

Ciara Kelliher, a 2003 graduate of Piscataway High School, has been awarded a renewable \$2,000 scholarship from the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey. She will be majoring in behavioral neuroscience and pre-med at Northeastern University in the

Alicia M. Simmons graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and communication summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania on May 19. The daughter of George and Linda Simmons of Edison will pursue a law degree as a dean's scholar at Georgetown University Law Center. She was a 1999 gradu-

of ate of J.P. Stevens High School.

Khalilah Doyle Piscataway and Athina Rodriguez of Edison have been awarded nursing scholarships from Roosevel Care Center and Middlesex Improvement Authority.

The scholarship package includes nursing school tuition reimbursement of up to \$7,500 for each academic year and a part-time job at Roosevelt while the student attends classes. In return, the two have agreed to work at Roosevelt Care Center for two years after graduating and becoming licensed.

Doyle will attend the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Rodriguez currently attends Middlesex County Community College and has been accepted into the UMDNJ/MCC nursing program.

Michael A. Jones of Piscataway has enrolled at Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix for classes starting in January. He will train to be an automotive technician.

Scholastic notes

Piseataway High School, was chosen to participate in June in last year. the annual reading and scoring of the College Board's AP Spanish language examination.

Kyle Prendergast, a 2003 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been named a U.S. National Award Winner in football. Prendergast plans to attend Rowan University in September. He was recruited as tight end for the football team School Women in Science and

Charles Ecklin, a teacher at that was ranked Number 3 in the nation in Division III football

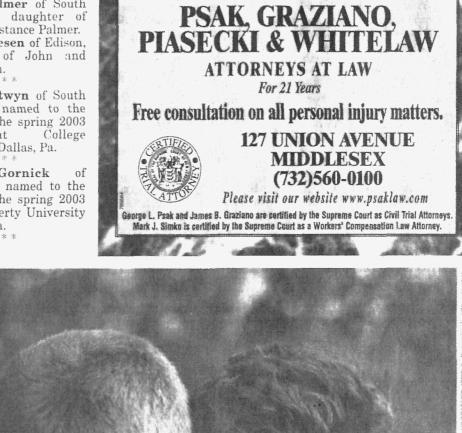
He is the son of Robin and Gary Prendergast and the grandson of Rose and Bill Prendergast of Cranford and Marilynn and Bill Glenn of Leesburg, Fla.

Rachel Ostrand Metuchen participated Immaculata University's Summer Program for High Information Technology June 23-28 in Immaculata, Pa.

A junior at Metuchen High School, she concentrated on the information technology aspect of the program that also featured robotics and bioinformatics.

Caitlin Giacopasi of Edison, a sophomore at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, has won second place for her science fiction short story in the New Jersey Council of Teachers of of English 22nd Annual Writing Contest.

> Her story, "To Free a Beast," tied for second place in prose fiction, grades 10-12.



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Edison High names its 4th period honor students

EDISON — Edison High School has issued its honor roll for the fourth marking period of the 2002-03 academic year.

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Grade 11 - Tasha Desai, Shubhadeep Dutta, Matthew H. Frohnhoefer, Diana P. Garcia, Lauren E. Goldberg, Amanda S. Guzzi, Paul Heishman, Sang B. Hong, Aakash Jain, Parshant Mittal, Mary C. O'Connor, Chintan Pandya, Hiren G. Patel, Vishal Patel, Pranay Samdani, Shanie-Ann Sturridge, Liang Tao, Ericks Velasquez and Lourn-

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Metuchen bishop presides at Diocesan Pastoral Council

Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of to pro-life issues, but also calls for bishop wrote, "In my own experithe Diocese of Metuchen, concern for those "suffering from ence as the pastor of a parish and presided over the first meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council at prejudice and despair." It grateful for the insight and the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway.

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Lay representatives from the Diocese's 108 parishes, as well as representatives from among the clergy and religious gathered for the annual convocation.

The council reviewed the diocese's Mission Statement and Goals and considered adding a ments and challenges of the dionew goal focusing on creating a safe environment for children.

commits the faithful to the ideal that "no one should feel alienated, important and complex issues." unloved or forgotten."

just over a year ago, delivered a State of the Diocese address, detailing both the accomplish-

The mission of the diocese als nominated to serve for two nity.

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> The Diocese of Metuchen During the convocation, serves more than 500,000 Bootkowski, who was installed Catholics in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. The diocese operates more than 25 offices, agencies and ministries that serve the pastoral, charitable and In a letter to the 250 individue educational needs of the commu-

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Real Estate

Debate is intensifying over the cost of title insurance

By JAMES M. WOODARD

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It is generally agreed that title insurance is an important part of a home purchase or refinancing package. But is the cost justified?

For years, that major cost element in closing statements has been questioned by consumers and consumer groups. The debate has been picking up steam since record low mortgage interest rates sparked a major refinance boom.

Most people have never heard of a homeowner collecting on a title insurance policy. Personally, I've been writing about real estate for 32 years and I have never heard of a single payout, even though I know it does

However, I regularly hear from people who have filed claims with title insurance companies only to encounter major hassles. The most recent example was an e-mail from reader Craig Crosby, who has been trying to resolve a dispute with a national title company for more that two years,

Crosby's case is pending in Superior Court. It alleges breach of contract, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, unfair business practices and more, Crosby

When I ask title insurance executives why fees are so high for their policies, the response usually goes like

this. The money is needed to cover the cost of the upfront research work that is necessary before issuing a title policy - primarily searching records to be sure the subject title is clean.

A particular concern is to spot a forgery in the chain of title. If work in this area is performed effectively, claims are kept to a minimum.

One way to keep down the cost of title insurance, particularly when refinancing a mortgage, is to request a "re-issue rate" for your new title policy. A reissue rate would reduce the standard title insurance premium buy more than 50 percent, depending on the

If you purchased or refinanced your home in the past three to five years, most title insurance companies will give you this discount on your new policy. Remember the old adage - he who asks, gets. If you don't ask in advance for the discount, you will probably see the standard premium fee on your closing state-

The resissue rationale is that because a full title search was completed in recent years, a search update will involve less time, work and expense.

The re-issue rate discount is advertised neither by title companies nor their associations. It is to your benefit to ask if you believe you might qualify Keep in mind that title companies, like real estate brokerage firms, are very competitive. Because price structures

and policies vary from company to company, it is wise to shop for the best deal.

In some cases, you can arrange a discounted title oremium through your real estate or mortgage broker. But if you don't become involved, the decision will probably be made for you, resulting in those high pre-

Summertime is a good time for homeowners to take steps to extend the life of their home operating systems while at the same time achieving energy conservation. Such maintenance chores can preserve and enhance the value of your property.

Air-conditioning efficiency and maintenance, clothes dryer conservation, and pool and spa maintenance are particularly critical, according to a Home Warranty Association of California study. The association offers the following tips that can be helpful to homeowners in any part of the country.

During the summer, thermostats should be set at the warmest comfortable temperature. Typical settings are 78 degrees for summer cooling, in contrast to 70 degrees for winter heating. The association points out that energy costs for operating an air conditioner increase from 3 percent to 8 percent for each degree the thermostat is set below 78 degrees.

Close drapes and blinds during hot days. Be sure furniture or drapes do not block airflow

from air conditioner.

Minimize use of heat-generating appliances, such as ovens, ranges and clothes dryers.

For optimum performance, clean or replace your air conditioner's filters once a month and service your unit once a year.

conditioner by letting direct sunlight into your home while the unit is running.

Avoid undermining the effectiveness of your air

If air does not feel cool enough, check the following before seeking professional advice:

Is the air filter clogged?

Are the registers allowing air to flow?

Is the thermostat set too high?

Is your room temperature below 70 degrees? To cut down on electricity costs and save on the life of your clothes, run loads consecutively. This keeps the dryer warm and reduces energy demand.

Run clothes through an extra spin cycle. You will save money by reducing the time it takes to dry your clothes because it costs less to run your washing machine than your dryer.

Try to run heavy-use appliances, such as clothes dryers, after 7 p.m. when peak use times are over.

Clean the filter in your pool and/or spa on a regular basis to avoid unforeseen problems. A dirty filter is the most common cause of problems associated with pool or spa equipment.

Warren Heights condos will be ready for start of new school year

ings recently released for sale at Warren Heights

offer delivery dates in time for this fall's school year. By acquiring one of these spacious new homes, residents can take advantage of move-ins during August, enabling them to enroll their children in one of Warren County's top-rated school districts for the start of the upcoming school year, according to Larken Associates, developer of the collection of 414 townhomes and condominium residences in desir-

able Lopatcong Township. "This is a big advantage," said Marilyn Cornelia, Director of Sales and Marketing for Larken Associates. "Purchasing now means children of these buyers can benefit from attending one of the Lopateong Township School District schools in 2003-2004 — including the brand mew, state-of-the-art Lopatcong Township Middle School, which is expect-

ed to open in September." Increased buyer activity forced the release of the new condominium buildings much earlier than expected. Priced from the \$150,000s, the one- and two-bedroom condominium's elegant floorplans feature several upscale design elements, including gourmet kitchens, formal living and dining rooms and master bedrooms, all with lavish master bathroom suites with walk-in closet and an attached sitting room which can also be used as an office. As an added feature, all one-bedroom homes come with

standard California Closets. "Included in the purchase price of the one- and two-bedroom condominiums is an additional private basement storage area, providing homeowners a safe, secure area to keep valuables," said Cornelia.

Warren Heights' fee-simple townhomes are priced from the mid-\$200,000s. Found throughout the three-story floor plans are two spacious bedrooms, two full baths, two powder rooms, formal living and dining rooms, an expansive family room

with a gas fireplace, an eat-in kitchen with a breakfast area, a master bedroom

LOPATCONG -- Two new condominium build- suite with walk-in closets and a lavish master bath, and a one-car garage

Situated in the Skylands region, Warren Heights offers residents easy access to some of New Jersey's

most desirable natural settings, said Cornelia. Within minutes, residents can be boating or fishing in pristine lakes or hiking or camping in the surrounding mountains," she says. "We're also located a short distance from the many resorts and seasonal attractions of the Poconos.'

A wealth of on-site recreational amenities are also available at Warren Heights. A state-of-the-art clubhouse complete with a fully-equipped fitness center, great room, meeting and activity rooms, as well as kitchen facilities, has recently opened at the commu-

"The opening of the clubhouse and fitness center will go a long way towards providing residents the country-club, resort-like environment which defines Warren Heights," said Cornelia.

"What's more, construction is nearly complete on a new pool complex," she indicates. "Additional onsite amenities including a basketball court, putting green, gazebo, garden plots, two tot lots and biking/walking trails will be available as we move

Larken Associates of Hillsborough, twice voted the best builder in Central New Jersey, offers buyers some of the most creative financing in the industry through the Ivy Mortgage Company. This includes a low-interest (1%) New Home Equity Loan that combines with a conventional mortgage to save buyers thousands of dollars and the Flexible '97 Fannie Mae program for first-time buyers, which requires only a 3G down payment.

For more information about Warren Heights, call (908) 387-0700 or visit Larken's website at www.larkenassociates.com.

Tzetos joins Prudential in Metuchen

METUCHEN - The Metuchen office of Prudential New Jersey Properties has announced

the appointment of Paul Tzetzos as sales associate. "We are delighted to welcome Paul to our Prudential family," said Dottie Winhold, manager of Prudential New Jersey Properties' Metuchen office. "He has exhibited dedication to helping home buyers and sellers achieve their goals."

Tzetzos, a longtime resident of Fords, is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service.

Tzetzos recently completed Prudential New Jersey Properties' comprehensive, three-week Academy Sales Training Program. This hands-on course includes simulated real estate situations created to help agents refine various skills.

For all of your real estate needs, he may be reached at (732) 494-7677 ext. 335.

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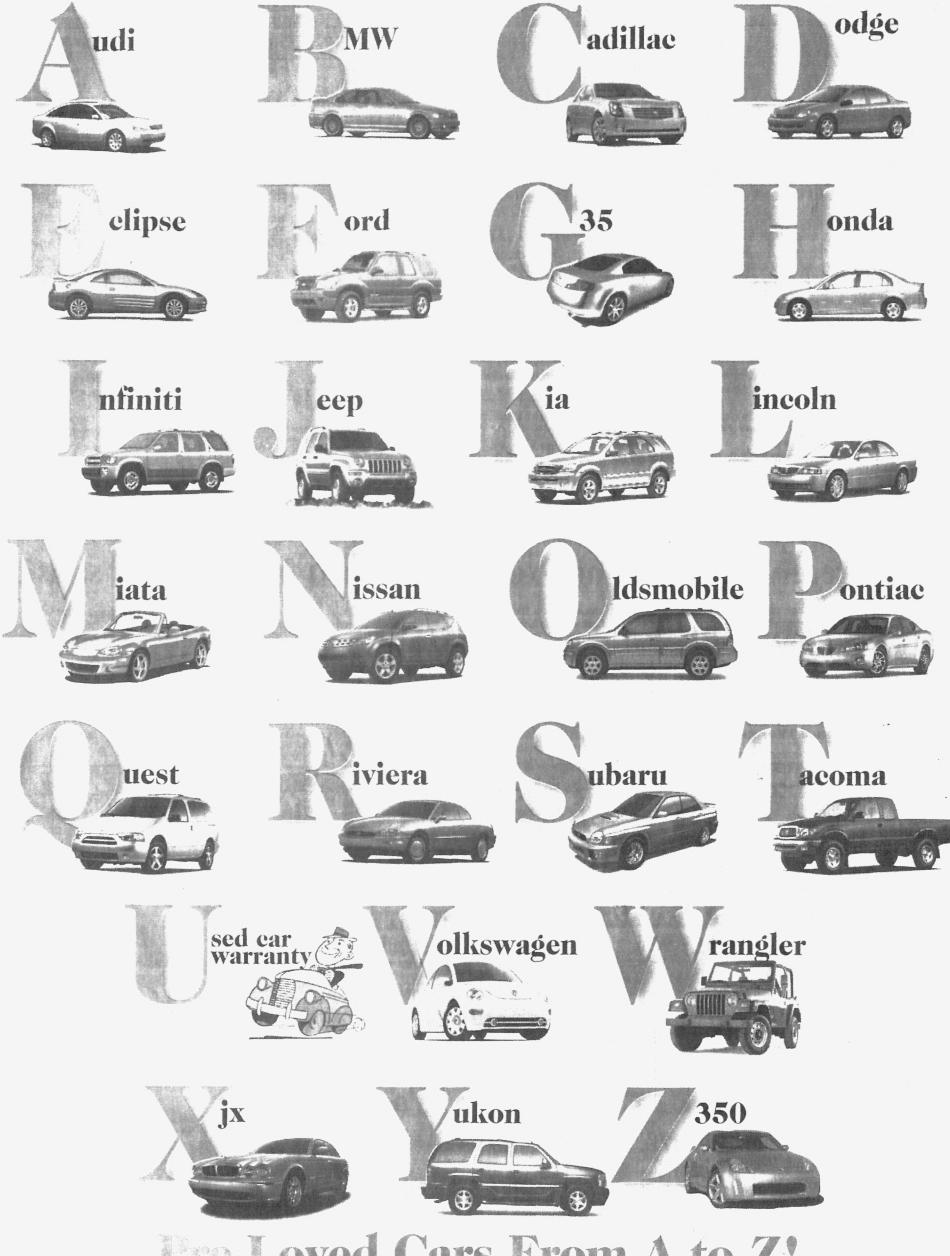
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Chrylser's new flagship is part SUV, minivan and sports card

By MARK MAYNARD

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There's been a lot of adjustment at DaimlerChrysler since the German company took over the American icon.

Now, after three years of trying to blend "synergies," Chrysler will be the first division to show its new offspring: The Pacifica Sport Tourer, just on sale, and the Crossfire sports coupe, soon to follow.

The Pacifica was in the planning stages prior to meeting Daimler, so there is limited sharing of Mercedes-Benz materials and engineering. The Crossfire, however, is fluent in both cultures: pure American in design and Mercedes-Benz in performance, trim and pro-

It's an impressive effort. A weeklong ride in the allwheel-drive Pacifica revealed the company's attention to detail in appealing exterior and well-finished and functional interior.

This is a wagon without the baggage of past unwieldy land yachts.

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is now the flagship of the division. Imagine that, a wagon as

Maybe a toast is in order. "I like to think of Pacifica as a cocktail," says Chrysler's Mike Donoughe. "One part SUV, minivan, sedan and sports car. We think it's flatout gorgeous. It's a slam

Donoughe has high aspirations for sales, but also for the quality and refinement that went into it. "We're going for No. 1 in the J.D. Power Customer Satisfaction surveys," he says.

The vice president of Chrysler's Family Vehicle Team is hoping for sales of 60,000 this year and up to 100,000 in a full year. Competing vehicles include the Acura MDX, BMW X5, Lexus

RX 330 and Volvo XC90.

It took Donoughe three years of taste-testing to figure it all out for the company's newest "segment buster."

Maybe even the Infiniti FX35.

He says Pacifica is a "Sports Tourer," a euphemism with Euro influence; the EPA classifies it as a multipurpose vehicle; and most everybody else

will recognize it as a wagon. A classy wagon with enough

innovation to be the flagship, for now Pacifica will be sold in

front-wheel drive and allwheel drive models. Both use the same 250 horsepower, 3.5 liter V-6 and Autostick 4-speed automatic transmission.

Prices start at \$31,230, including \$680 destination. The Pacifica AWD is \$32,980, rising to nearly \$38,000 with a generous sampling of such options as power liftgate (\$400), navigation system (\$1,595) and the 8-speaker Infinity audio upgrade (\$700).

The six-passenger, threerow Pacifica was conceived and built in a fast-for-Chrysler 30

Engineers, starting with a new platform, economized by using the all-wheel-drive system from the minivan, taking the V-6 and Autostick transmission from the 300M sedan and using the rear, load-leveling suspension from the Mercedes E-Class sedan.

With those fundamentals at hand, Chrysler was free to apply its clever ideas for people and cargo capacity.

At 16.5 feet long, it is a substantial people-mover. There is elbow room and headroom for

tall drivers and poweradjustable pedals and poweradjustable front seats for the not-so-tall.

Pacifica doesn't use "cab forward" design, and, therefore, avoids the enormous dashboard and, often, reflection of the vents in the windshield. The instrument panel is short and uncomplicated, with switches and controls in logical arrangement.

There are Mercedes-style seat adjusters on the door, and the ignition switch on the dashboard, both for ease of

Interesting features include the electroluminescent lighted gauges and red needles that appear to float on the face of the gauge. The navigation system (\$1,595) has the map screen in the center of the gauge cluster, under the arc of speedometer digits. The control pad is in easy reach for setting destinations, which can be accomplished without reading the book.

A center console stretches between both seats and has a platform to secure a TV/DVD player from home, with hookups in the front console. There are cup holders, 12-volt plug-ins, seatback grocery-bag hooks and optional seat

heaters. Everybody gets a reading light.

The 250 horsepower V-6 balances acceleration and fuel economy. Chrysler claims zero to 60 in 9.6 seconds and fuel economy of 17 mpg around town and 22 on the highway,

for either AWD or FWD. Step hard on the throttle for freeway merging power and the engine makes more noise than momentum, but around town, the acceleration seems more than adequate.

Once the mass is moving, though, the Pacifica is nimble and responsive on 17-inch Michelin MXV4 tires. The Autostick transmission allows some manual-shift fun to help manager the horsepower, and the wide track and independent suspension provide flat cornering.

The best contribution by Daimler on this project was in the build philosophy. At the recent press introduction in Carlsbad, Calif., a couple of the engineers said it was the Germans who wanted the team to take a little more time to make sure the fit and finish were just right before moving into production.

Maybe this marriage of mixed auto-making cultures

VIP Honda receives Council of Excellence Award for customer satisfaction

NORTH PLAINFIELD -VIP Honda, a member of the Bill Vince Auto Group, has received the 2002 Council of Excellence Award from American Honda Finance Corporation, according to owner Bill Vince.

American Honda presents the award annually to dealera superior level of performance and distinguished themselves with the delivery of Honda Financial Services, products and services.'

"Customer satisfaction plays a large role in achieving the Council of Excellence Award," Vince said. "Everyone

ships that 'have demonstrated, at VIP Honda made a tremendous effort to ensure that every customer had an excellent experience in our dealership. I congratulate General Manager David Weinstein and his staff for a terrific 2002.

The award was presented to VIP Honda at a recent celebratory luncheon at The

Manor in West Orange. Representing VIP Honda was Weinstein, general manager, who received the award from Bud Kovich, Honda Dealer Relations Manager; Michael Price, Honda Regional Sales Manager; and Jim Stevens, Honda Regional Branch Manager. In addition to the

award, VIP Honda received lapel pins for each employee and a letter of congratulations from Stephen F. Smith, Senior Vice President, American Honda Financial Services. VIP Honda will also be honored with special recognition at the Honda dealer meeting in San Diego in September.

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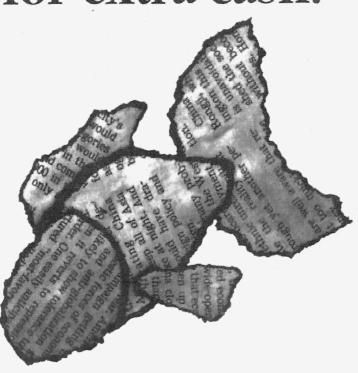
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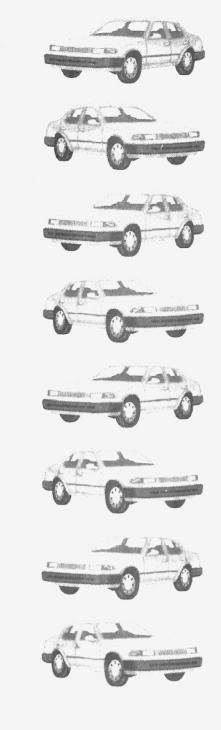
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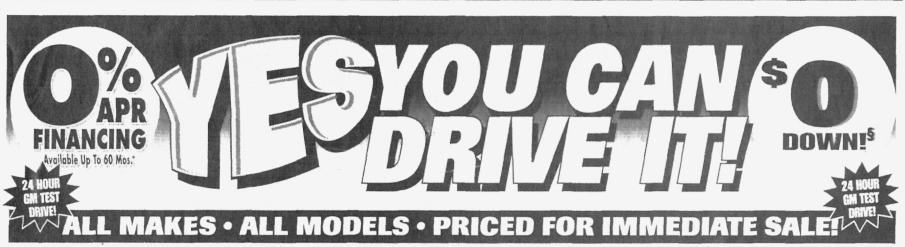
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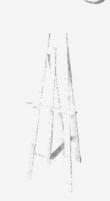














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