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Judge backs temple land sale

By KATHLEEN G. SUTCLIFFE
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — To the dismay of some residents, the Middlesex County Superior Court upheld a decision by the township's zoning board allowing developer James Street MAB, LLC to build a three-story medical office building on the rear of a property owned by Temple Emanu-El.

The zoning board's June 2002

approval had been protested by Temple Emanu-El's neighbors who complained that the proposed building would fill in wetlands and worsen a stormwater drainage problem in the neighborhood. Residents petitioned the Township Council to overturn the zoning board decision, which they did in a resolution passed last October.

The developers promptly appealed the decision and landed

the case in Superior Court where Judge James Hurley ruled in favor of the developers on June 24.

Hurley's decision enables the temple to finally sell the wooded and undeveloped 1.7-acre parcel to the developers for \$800,000 which Temple Emanu-El President Rhona Kotler said will be placed in an endowment and used for programming and the congregation's religious school.

"We're pleased with the decision of the judge. That's what's the property's been zoned for," Kotler said adding that the congregation was surprised when the council had overturned the zoning board's approval in the first place.

But Edison's attorney Joel Seltzer said the council was acting in the best interest of the township.

"The township had a different

obligation than the zoning board. They have a duty to the overall community," Seltzer said in a telephone interview. Seltzer added he believed Hurley had been influenced by the developer's expert testimony, overlooking the concerns of adjoining residents in the process.

"The people don't present evidence," Seltzer said, adding, "It

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Borough ready to outlaw vulgarity

By CHERYL ORSON
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — This fall, vulgar behavior could be unlawful in the borough.

An ordinance, which was scheduled to be introduced last night, specifically covers two offenses: indecent exposure and public urination and defecation.

Chief Robert Merkler said the new ordinance is necessary because the acts are not covered under state law. The legislation was modeled after a similar ordinance in Woodbridge.

"Many other towns have ordinances that cover the same issue, it's just that we're trying to close any loopholes," said Merkler.

Councilman Dennis Cerami, who is also chairman of the Public Safety Committee, agreed with Merkler that the ordinance was the only way to address the problem. He said this will give the police department leverage it did not have before.

Penalties for the first offense are a \$1,000 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail. Stiffer penalties follow for reoccurring offenses.

Mayor Daniel Gallagher said the ordinance became necessary when a homeless man began "using public areas as a bathroom." When it was discovered that the man could not be charged because there was no law forbidding it, Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan suggested the ordinance.

"That will cover what we need should this problem arise again," said Gallagher.

Following its expected introduction on Thursday evening, the legislation will then receive a final public hearing and be adopted in August. Thirty days later, the ordinance would become law.



LARRY MURPHY/CORRESPONDENT

In the running

Gina Urbanik kicks it up a notch at the Metuchen YMCA's Tuesday night track clinic at the high school.

New hearing planned for master plan

By KATHLEEN G. SUTCLIFFE
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — Township officials say they will follow up a public meeting held on the township's proposed Master Plan with a public meeting devoted to the as-yet incomplete housing plan, but not until it is approved by a court-appointed special master.

Township officials have repeatedly stated that the reason for the missing housing element is an affordable housing lawsuit the township is embroiled in. The outcome of the pending suit brought against the township by developer Durham Associates will determine the township's remaining obligation of affordable housing units.

Calling the housing element "one of the most important aspects of the plan, if not the most important," Council President Barnes urged the Planning Board to refrain from approving an incomplete master plan. According to Barnes, once the special master has finished reviewing the township's affordable housing plan and Edison is given credit for existing and proposed affordable housing units "it

would be the end of any Mount Laurel lawsuits (the township is involved in)."

Township officials say that a best case scenario would involve an approval from the special master prior to the Planning Board's next meeting, allowing a public meeting to be devoted to the housing element in the interim. The Planning Board will not, however, hold another public meeting until the housing plan is approved, township officials say.

The township is responding to public outcry after a July 2 public meeting on the Master Plan, in which nearly 100 residents attended and spoke out on a variety of issues, notably, the plan's lack of a housing element.

Despite Schoor DePalma representative Christine Cofone's request that residents postpone comments on the housing element, many residents commented that the missing element was in fact the plan's most crucial. Residents took their cues from the few mentions of housing the proposed plan offered, namely mixed use residential development at the Revlon, Ford, and Frigidaire sites, the Raritan

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Public works neighbor upset she was left in dark

By CHERYL ORSON
CORRESPONDENT

PISCATAWAY — Cindy Collins of Truman Terrace, a 17-year township resident whose property borders a public works yard, is upset by township moves that she said have decreased her home's worth and affected her way of life.

She said she was especially upset that the woods behind her

home were chopped down and that no one from the township notified her of their plans for the yard.

Collins said the work that has been going on has awakened her family early over the past year.

"This current situation is unacceptable," Collins told the council. She asked that a special committee be formed, an easement be granted and a planned fence not be erected.

Collins isn't the only one on the street upset, so are her neighbors. Agatha Asmoah, a 20-year township resident, said she previously enjoyed Collins' yard "but it's not the same anymore."

"She has lost enough," said Asmoah. "I hope the council will not act on its own, but will work with residents."

Neighbor Veronica Cammarata said this work has also affected her property, caus-

ing the potential loss of her deck, pool and fence.

"This is an extremely upsetting situation," Cammarata told the council.

Massessey Patel, a 17-year neighbor of Collins said when he saw her yard "I was in shock."

"It was private, and now it's naked," said Patel of Collins' yard.

Mayor Brian Wahler said the

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Traffic light coming, but problems linger

By CHERYL ORSON
CORRESPONDENT

PISCATAWAY — A traffic light will be activated at a dangerous intersection by the end of the month, but problems at the site just won't go away.

The light will be installed at Williams, Sherman and North Randolphville roads, but the possible reactivation of a gas station at the site has neighbors fuming and the township preparing for litigation.

Township Attorney James Clarkin said Cumberland Farms, owner of an abandoned gas station at Williams and North Randolphville, is demanding an automatic certificate of occupancy so the station can be reactivated.

American Petroleum had wanted to put a gas station and convenience at the site last year, but the plan was withdrawn when residents objected.

In January, Cumberland Farms sought a certificate of

occupancy for a gas station at the site claiming it was a pre-existing, non-conforming use. The township denied the application and Cumberland Farms had 120 days to appeal.

Cumberland Farms did appeal the case, but the township never responded. So the company wants an automatic certificate of occupancy.

"Their position is their appeal wasn't heard in a timely fashion," said Clarkin.

Clarkin said he is going to advise the township not to issue the certificate of occupancy. He said how the company responds to this second denial will then be up to it.

Neighbors of the site said their minds are already made up. They are determined to block any new business at the intersection.

"Our mayor (Brian Wahler) campaigned on no new businesses in a residential community," said Fred Sapchin. "We don't want it (a gas station) and will

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Answering the call

Tracy Felton, under the watchful eye of Michele Elder, is responding to the state's critical need for blood by donating Tuesday afternoon at the Blood Mobile parked at Goddard School in Piscataway.

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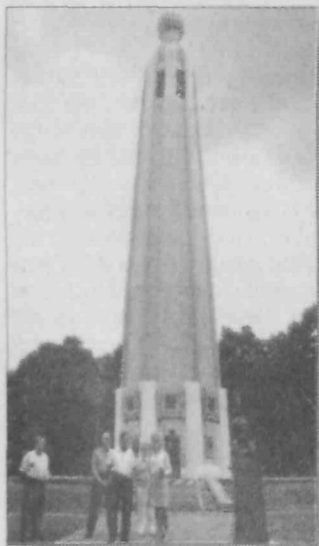
Squeaker

Devren Hunt of Highland Park puts pressure on North quarterback Dennis Davis during the South's 3-0 victory Saturday at Rutgers. For story see page C-1.



Groovin'

Robert Ross and his band perform in a free concert at Veterans Park in Piscataway Sunday afternoon. See another picture on Page B-1.



Edison tribute

Mayor George A. Spadaro and Sen. Barbara Buono talk about the contributions of Thomas A. Edison at the Edison Memorial Park picnic Saturday afternoon. More pictures appear on Page B-1.

REMINDER

Toxins' disposal

Household hazardous waste collection will be from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday at the Department of Public Works, Route 516, Old Bridge. For more information, visit www.mci-auth.com or (800) 488-MCIA.

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Campus notes

Milica Kecmanovic of Piscataway has graduated from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. Kecmanovic received a bachelor's degree in economics, summa cum laude, at the 98th commencement exercises May 18.

Melissa J. Gornick of Piscataway has received a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Two area students have graduated from Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. Receiving their degrees at commencement exercises May 16:

Carly Salzer of Edison, bachelor's degree in communications.

Jana Siperstein of Edison, bachelor's degree in business administration.

Four area residents have received diplomas in therapeutic massage from the Somerset School of Massage Therapy. The graduates, all of whom attended the school's Piscataway campus:

Tae-Young Choi of Metuchen, who also is studying acupuncture. He plans to open a holistic therapeutic practice incorporating massage, acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

Denise Marie Kulbis of Edison, a massage therapist with the From Head to Toe salon in Linden. She graduated from Beverly Healthcare in Deltona, Fla.

Rob McAnnane of Edison, who is opening the Back to Health Chiropractic Center in Clark. He graduated from the College of Chiropractic at the University of Bridgeport.

Heidi E. Schreck of Edison, a massage therapist with the Appearance Plus Day Spa in Metuchen.

Frank A. Davis of Piscataway has earned a master's degree, cum laude, from the theological school at Drew University in Madison. He received the degree at the 135th commencement exercises May 17.

Also at Drew, 11 area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester. They are **Amanda Valerie Brown**, **Kimberly Ann Myrtle**, **Daniel Albert Riccio**, **Davina Rosen** and **Kelly Ann Skopak**, all of Edison; **Ryan James Crowley**, of Highland Park; **David John Cupo**, of South Plainfield; **Pamela Lynn Longo**, **Tara Ann St. Angelo** and **Crystal Marie Taylor**, all of Piscataway; and **Cristina Lynn Martinez**, of Metuchen.

Andrew Palochko of Piscataway is joining the editorial board of The Crusader, the student newspaper at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. He will be the newspaper's assistant photography editor in the 2003-04 academic year.

Palochko is a sophomore majoring in public relations at Susquehanna. The son of Ronald and Peggy Palochko is a 2001 alumnus of Piscataway High School.

Lindsey P. Walker of Highland Park was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. Walker is a sophomore.

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. They are:

Annabel Lee of 59 Pheasant Run, Edison, a junior majoring in interior design.

Joshua Seidner of 19 Pavlovak Court, Edison, a sophomore majoring in architecture.

Michael Muldoon of Metuchen was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. He is a freshman majoring in sports management.

Lindsay Hegna was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va. She is a junior majoring in human development and learning.

An alumna of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, Hegna is the daughter of Norman and Cynthia Hegna of Cranford.

Six area residents have graduated from the Berkeley College of Business. The graduates, their degrees and the campus attended:

Lisa E. Brown of Piscataway, associate's degree in marketing, Woodbridge campus.

Jill Nicole Ciccone of Edison, associate's degree in fashion marketing and management, Woodbridge campus.

Chadara M. Noel of Edison, associate's degree in paralegal studies, Manhattan campus.

Monali V. Patel of Piscataway, bachelor's degree in management, West Paterson campus.

Neha P. Patel of Edison, associate's degree in accounting, Woodbridge campus.

Sabeen Saeed of Edison, associate's degree in accounting, West Paterson campus.

Generic drug firm set to expand

By LIBBY BARSKY

CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — A generic drug manufacturer that has been in the borough for 25 years will expand and consolidate its operation by connecting the two buildings it already occupies on Coolidge Street.

G and W Labs received approvals from the Planning Board July 8 to create a corridor 45 feet long and 25 feet wide and 18.8 feet high linking the two buildings at 101 and 111 Coolidge St.

The enclosed corridor will provide additional space and facilitate

the receiving, warehousing and manufacturing of the company's pharmaceutical products. The company also uses a building on Helen Street as its office.

"When G and W Laboratories, an 85-year-old company started by my grandfather, moved to South Plainfield in 1978, we had 45 to 50 employees. Currently, we have 270 employees with 195 from South Plainfield," said President Ronald Greenblatt.

Board attorney Chris Nelson asked why the applicant was requesting a variance instead of merging the two lots into one.

"This gives us flexibility in the

future," said attorney Joseph Steinberg. "We are proposing this alternative (the corridor) to abandoning these buildings. If at some point in the future this just doesn't work we don't want to be back to the Planning Board to subdivide the properties. It's from a legal point of view (we've decided) to keep these properties separate."

Plans for the new parking area provide for 170 spaces instead of the Planning Board objective of 220 spaces. Steinberg stated that because the company operates three shifts, and the largest shift would have 140 workers, plans included an additional 30 space for

overlap. To comply with the board's standards Steinberg agreed to bank 50 spaces on land that could be converted into parking spaces, if the municipality decides to impose that provision.

Steinberg also challenged the board's tree replacement policy — which requires trees removed by a developer be replaced — stating that it did not apply to industrial properties, only to subdivisions. Board attorney Nelson assured Steinberg that the tree replacement policy applied to both subdivisions and industrial properties.

Greenblatt said that work on the corridor will begin next year.

Planner argues against new home plan

By LIBBY BARSKY

CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — A professional planner hired by a freight company fighting a plan to build 25 homes on an industrial tract testified that the area is unsuitable for single-family homes.

Hall's Fast Motor Freight and Warehouse, located on Kentile Road, borders the back of the property

"I don't think there is anything about the size of the property, the physical characteristics of the property, access, or its location that renders it especially suitable for single-family housing."

-Paul Phillips professional planner

Jason Kaplan of K-Land Corp. is seeking to develop. The Oak Tree Avenue tract, formerly owned by defunct radio station WERA, still houses the station's transmitters which can be seen from the street.

Paul Phillips of Phillips, Price and Shapiro of New York City pointed out that Hall's had existing buildings within 20 to 30 feet of the property line where trucks were loading 24 hours a day.

"Based on my review from a planning standpoint, I don't think there is anything about the size of

the property, the physical characteristics of the property, access, or its location that renders it especially suitable for single-family housing as compared to the uses that it is zoned for — manufacturing, distribution, research, laboratory and office uses," said Phillips, who added that the governing body had endorsed the M-3 zone when it revised its Master Plan in 2000.

The applicant is proposing single-family home zoning that mandates a 10,000-square-foot lot.

Phillips also testified that if single-family use is approved it will have an adverse impact on Hall's because noise standards for residential areas require a lower

decibel level than for industry. If the site becomes residential the acceptable state standards for decibel level drop from an acceptable 75 decibel level at all hours to 65 decibels during the day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and to 50 decibels at night from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Neighbor upset

(Continued from page A-1) residents were formerly using and enjoying what is rightfully township property, a posted public works yard used for decades by the municipality.

Wahler said due to the elevation of residential properties

above the yard, the view from their yards will always be affected by what goes on at the public works yard. He also said that the fence opposed by residents around the yard will be installed.

"It's a public works yard," Wahler said.

Traffic light coming

(Continued from page A-1) boycott it and put up signs telling others to do the same."

Middlesex Borough resident Tracey Abate, said she, too, believes any gas station built at the site will fail, but she blames the township for allowing the issue to come to a head.

"I just feel Piscataway is once again forgetting about the com-

munity in again giving up the opportunity to say 'no,'" Abate said.

While Abate said she wouldn't fight houses or an office building being built at the site, she is definitely against a convenience store. Sapchin, on the other hand said he believes Cumberland Farms should donate the property for a park as a tax write-off.

Wahler declined comment, citing the expected litigation.

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Briefs

Nursery school sets fall opening

EDISON — Oak Tree Nursery School, 445 Plainfield Road, will begin classes Sept. 10. Two-day, three-day and five-day classes are available.

The school is nonprofit, non-sectarian and state-certified. For more information, call the school director Audrey Kowalski at (732) 494-2120.

Doctor testifies at Senate hearing

EDISON — Subramanian Hariharan, M.D., director of Neuro-Oncology and associated professor at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center, testified July 8 before the U.S. Senate HELP Committee on the Patients Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2003.

The act is designed to improve reporting of patient safety information by assuring confidentiality and legal protection of information collected and shared with Patient Safety Organizations.

Edison man cited for saving a life

Robert Duffy of Edison, a lineman for PSE&G, received the Silver Award of Valor last month for saving a man's life.

A Newark man was struck by a car and was thrown approximately 50 feet. The driver drove off, leaving the elderly man, who suffered life-threatening injuries, lying in the street.

Duffy and three other PSE&G employees contacted police and covered the man with blankets until help arrived.

The PSE&G Silver Award of Valor is given to those whose spontaneous acts of courage, fortitude, initiative and resourcefulness, on or off the job, serve to save the life of another.

The employees each received a plaque, a medal of valor and \$800.

Seats available for Annapolis trip

PISCATAWAY — A few seats remain for a day trip to Annapolis, Md., sponsored by the Piscataway Adult Education Office.

The bus leaves 7 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, from Piscataway High School on Behmer Road. Included are a guided tour of the U.S. Naval Academy and a cruise (with narration) along the Severn River.

Cost is \$49. For registration, phone (732) 572-4688.

Music program at seniors center

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — An afternoon of music produced and performed by South Plainfield artists was presented at the South Plainfield Seniors Center Sunday, June 8.

There were about 150 people in attendance.

Among the musicians were a few high school seniors performing "their last show" as students in South Plainfield.

The South Plainfield String Orchestra was directed by Bruce Mikolon, a high school music teacher.

"Peter Pan" coming to library

PISCATAWAY — Kennedy Library, 400 Hoes Lane, will again host Duet Productions. This year's production, "Peter Pan," will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Children ages 3 and up, and their families will enjoy this fun-filled, energetic version of the classic fairytale in which two actors play all the characters. No registration is necessary.



Debutantes

Ashley K. Matthews, a senior at Metuchen High School and winner of the Ebony Suburbanites' 30th Annual Debutante Cotillion, was presented to society Sunday, June 8, at the East Brunswick Hilton. Matthews, center, is accompanied by second-place winner Dominique Stevenson of Franklin High School, right, and third-place winner Raenish Smith of New Brunswick High School, left. The 21 young women participating in the cotillion raised more than \$30,000 through fund-raising activities and journal ads, and the proceeds were awarded to each as a monetary scholarship. The Ebony Suburbanites are a nonprofit organization committed to developing character, leadership, qualities and furthering the education of black youth in New Jersey's Middlesex and Somerset counties. Their annual event highlights the debutantes' academic achievements, community involvement and the intent to pursue higher education. To date, the group has presented more than 467 debutantes to society and has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships.

Concierge service offered commuters

EDISON — The Chamber of Commerce has joined with the Metuchen Concierge Co. to make life a little easier for the commuters who ride the trains from Metuchen every day.

The Metuchen train station will become the second in the state to offer a concierge service to commuters.

In the morning, on the north side of the train station, commuters and residents can drop off dry cleaning, cars for repair, pre-

scriptions and dinner orders. They can make hair appointments, buy animal licenses, pay tickets and more. Businesses who are members of the Edison and Metuchen Chambers of Commerce then provide the requested service during the day.

When commuters return, they pick up their orders on the south side of the station. A 10 percent gratuity charge (maximum charge \$10) is added to each order.

Wood recycler awarded 1-year permit by county

By KATHLEEN G. SUTCLIFFE
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Council voted June 8 to support a one-year renewal of J.H. Reid's solid-waste permit. The facility has drawn complaints from neighbors for odors, noise and dust produced by its wood recycling operations.

"We didn't see any problems. Everything was working, operational and satisfactory," said Board of Health employee Nancy Lamner, who attended the advisory council meeting as a Middlesex representative. Lamner reported that a July 1 visit to the facility had uncovered "no odor or dust evidence."

Mayor Ronald Dobies, speaking in a council agenda meeting June 8, expressed his disappointment that the motion for a one-year renewal came from the Lamner, who was acting as Middlesex's representative.

"I thought we had made it fairly clear what our position was," Dobies said. A letter opposing the permit had indeed been read aloud at the advisory council meeting.

But Dobies said, "We'll give them a little time (to correct the problems). If not, we'll get our attorney involved."

At the advisory meeting, J.H. Reid owner, Jim Reid, spoke about neighboring odor-causing facilities, namely Dow Chemical and several garbage transfer stations.

"When there's 30 businesses there, how can you only throw rocks at one?" Reid said.

Joan Dowling, an Oak Drive resident and neighbor of the facility, attended the advisory council meeting and accused J.H. Reid of scurrying to clean the site for the inspections. "You show up and he's got it all prettied up."

"Do you ever just show up at the site at 11 o'clock when I come home and I can't breathe?" Dowling said.

Neighbor Eleanor Hoznar attributes her breathing problems to windborne dust from the Reid facility and said, "It doesn't belong

in such a populated area."

Company officials argue they've employed countless improvements to address neighbors' concerns. Vice President Jim Leslie points to how the company has cut its process from 10 steps to four, thus disturbing the mulch piles less. Leslie also said new processes have cut down on water usage thereby reducing the foul-smelling leachate, a byproduct of wood recycling. The company sprinkles lime on mulch piles, at the suggestion of Middlesex County, and has installed a perimeter sprinkler system which monitors wind direction change and sprays a non-toxic odor neutralizer when needed. This system has only been operational for two-three weeks and was cited as one reason SWAC decided to grant Reid the one-year permit.

Middlesex County's Solid Waste Management Division Head

Richard Hills called the facility "well-maintained and well-operated" and described its transformation as "from a war zone to a garden center." But Hills also said, "The biggest enemy of the J.H. Reid facility is its proximity," a point Council President Bruce Sadowski heartily agreed with.

Sadowski attended the SWAC meeting and spoke on behalf of the council, saying he was "absolutely opposed" to a five year renewal of Reid's permit. He also addressed his comments to Hills saying, "You hit the nail right on the head when you said 'it's the proximity.'"

Leslie said the advisory council's decision to grant a one-year renewal, as opposed to a five year permit, "doesn't serve Mr. Reid's business plan." Leslie added it would be difficult to guarantee additional improvements if the facility could not be assured of a long-term future at the site.

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Commentary

Show your outrage at the voting booth

Property tax reform has died yet another death.

In a rare spirit of bipartisanship, the co-presidents of the New Jersey State Senate, Democrat Richard Codey and Republican John Bennett, have decided not to put up for a vote a bill calling for a statewide ballot question in November on whether a constitutional convention should be convened to consider property tax reform.

The bill had been passed by the State Assembly by the overwhelming margin of 50 to 25 on June 23.

Bennett and Codey said it should be the responsibility of elected lawmakers, not a constitutional convention, to review the property tax system and make the necessary changes. They also point out that reforming the system may lead to a radical restructuring of state government and pose some painful questions, such as whether New Jersey truly needs more than 600 school districts.

Their decision left a group of municipal officials who rallied on the Statehouse steps Thursday disappointed.

In the Star-Ledger, Scotch Plains Mayor Marvin Marks was quoted as saying "Quite frankly, Codey and Bennett have been in the Legislature for years and had opportunities to take action on their own. I am skeptical they will take any action when the season resumes."

Marks has every reason to be cynical. The need to tackle property tax reform has been kicking around Trenton for years, especially in economically troubled times when local taxes rise as state aid diminishes. But no comprehensive reforms have ever been undertaken, with the exception of rebates and exemptions that no one can really understand.

At least Codey hints there may be a special session of the Legislature next year to consider reform, but that's no guarantee something will be done.

The only positive aspect of putting off property tax reform for yet another year is that it allows the residents of New Jersey to register their outrage at the polls in November.

All 120 members of the State Legislature (40 senators and 80 assemblymen) are up for election. Property tax reform should be the overriding issue in this fall's campaign; after all, as residents throughout New Jersey are noticing as they receive their quarterly bills, property taxes are skyrocketing this year. The freeze on state aid has forced the majority of counties, municipalities and school districts to raise their tax rates. Plus, in a good news-bad news scenario, the still raging real estate boom has led to rampaging property values, which causes the gross tax bill to rise even as your income remains the same.

What will it take for New Jersey to undertake property tax reform? It will take a Legislature committed to facing the problem and making painful decisions, perhaps even a radical overhaul of government and overturning the state's cherished tradition of home rule. But it must first take voters who will display the same kind of commitment to the cause and the same courage to shake up the status quo by electing legislators who will take on the task.



Letters to the editor

It's time to show Democrats the door

To The Editor:

An old saw goes, "Why is there always time to do it over but not enough time to do it right in the first place?"

This is not a new concept, but it certainly should be adopted by the McGreevey administration. Every day some member of the administration has his name in the news for using bad judgment on some subject. Bad choices in Cabinet appointments from Day 1 to today have plagued our government. Bad decisions on travel for friends and family to Ireland at public expense should have set flags flying for all in the administration. Some people never learn.

For all the ballyhoo about Attorney General Peter Harvey's debatable decisions prior to his confirmation — by the skin of his teeth — one might

have thought he would have learned something about ethical conduct and "pay to play." It appears he has the same lack of concern for public opinion as his boss and fellow appointees. "Pay to play" is wrong!

Any faint hope I had left that the McGreevey administration would wake up and smell the coffee burning has vanished. There will be no justice in New Jersey or end to the bad jokes about New Jersey until we rid Trenton of all the clowns in the McGreevey circus.

Let's hope the electorate has had enough to get the circus out of Trenton and back where the clowns came from.

ROBERT A. BROWN
Edison

Police director position supported

To The Editor:

I respond to the article published July 11 as it reflects the positions of chief of police vs. director of police.

First and foremost while the article states that "a director of police is traditionally a civilian and has no police authority," it fails to mention that the current director of the Piscataway Police Department is a career policeman with an impressive background in law enforcement, as was his predecessor, both of whom advanced through the ranks of the Piscataway department.

Our director does indeed perform all the duties required and expected precisely as if he had the title of police chief, and for anyone to attempt to portray otherwise does a great disservice not only to the community, but to the police officers of Piscataway.

The very few privileges accorded exclusively to a chief result only because the police chiefs' organization is desperately holding on to what has become an increasingly unpopular reign of leadership. Police chiefs enjoy tenure (directors do not), are next to impossible to remove from office, and are not necessarily responsive to the people they serve.

Mayor (Brian) Wahler just a few short years ago, serving as second ward councilman, voted with the governing body (most of whom are still too long in office) to effect a unanimous decision to upgrade our

law enforcement agency by creating the position of director.

Is it not odd that now as mayor, he is so determined to return to yesteryear? Odd, that he is hurriedly pressing the council for its immediate vote of support for his proposal? Odd, since he intends not only to recreate the post of chief, he plans to retain the office of director of police adding another layer of government?

In all fairness, the mayor assures us the director's post will remain unfilled. Unfilled? Until when do you suppose? Perhaps only until the position, unheralded, is given to a political ally of the Democratic Party in need (or not) of a job with a hefty price tag paid by the already over-burdened taxpayers.

By the way, our current mayor has an unmarked police vehicle outfitted with bells and whistles at his disposal and a reasonable salary with full health and dental benefits. He may be just leaving his options open should he not be re-elected.

Before starting down that path, however, the mayor should review the demanding qualifications established for serving as the director of police of Piscataway. Many will agree that Wahler is as qualified for a police leadership position as he is in the present role he plays in local government.

Helen Merolla
Piscataway

President manipulating the media

To The Editor:

Propaganda is a method by which critical omissions, distortions, half-truths and/or outright lies, constantly repeated, affects public opinion and national policies. Generally, in a democracy, a free press, whistleblowers or oversight by an agency of government is sufficient to avoid the abuse of such methods.

Yet the administration of President George W. Bush has managed to control the flow of information in several important areas. Investigations by Congress of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy meetings and, of most importance, of the events leading up to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack, which killed many people in our area, have been thwarted.

Our longstanding policy against pre-emptive attacks on other nations has been changed by the repeated charge that weapons of mass destruction possessed by Iraq posed an immediate danger to these United States. Our president was joined in this litany by (British) Prime Minister Tony Blair. The British system of investigation of government is different from ours in that the prime minister is subject to questions directly and almost on a daily basis by the other members of Parliament. So, for example, Mr. Blair has been questioned for his report in September 2002 that Iraq's WMD were at such a level of readiness that they could be launched in 45 minutes. For this and other now-questionable statements, two ministers of his Cabinet, Robin Cook and Clare Short, have resigned on the basis that the prime minister made selective use of intelligence to justify the war.

It is not surprising that weapons of mass destruction have yet to be found. After all, we dropped 25,000 bombs on Iraq in the first few weeks, targeting military buildings, caves and tunnels. Bombs do not destroy chemical, biological or nuclear weapons — they merely scatter them in the atmosphere — which is exactly what is needed to make these weapons effective. Yet, to this date, the only casualties, Iraqi and ours, were killed or wounded by conventional weapons. Surely it would be expected that, given what we were told about intelligence pinpointing storage sites, at least one of those 25,000 bombs would have released these agents into the atmosphere where they would have been detected.

Our country's honor and our servicemen and women would have been better served by more time and discussion even through this October or November; they would have been spared the searing 120-degree heat of the Iraqi summer. Clearly the rush to invade Iraq in March, bypassing a second United Nations vote, was based on the knowledge that the continuing reports by Dr. Hans Blix would mirror our own present lack of finding WMD and this would further erode support for an invasion.

The world is a better place without Saddam Hussein in power — but there is still spiritual truth in the adage that two wrongs do not make a right. We may still find WMD but I doubt if much of the world would listen. We could have had a just war — but it would have taken more patience and less propaganda.

AMADEO D'ADAMO Jr.
Hillsborough

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Counting the errors of my life

Here are some of the biggest mistakes of my life:

1. Having my sister cut my hair during high school.

2. Leaving the Beverly Laurel Motor Hotel, 8018 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, at 6:47 p.m. Sept. 23, 1989 in my rented Escort for a ride on Mulholland Drive in the Hollywood Hills. Had I left a minute sooner or a minute later, my car would not have been hit by a green Ferrari slipping a gear around a curve in Laurel Canyon. I wasn't hurt. But the rear axle of the Escort was bent beyond recognition. What a hassle; what a ruined vacation. The same timing mistake led to car accidents in 1980, 1988 and 1995.

3. Growing a beard in 1982. I had always wanted a beard since adolescence and I started to grow one on vacation (in July). It never fully grew in, but out of principle I couldn't shave it. It looked like I had eaten a coconut chocolate pie without my hands.

4. Listening to those so-called experts in my formative years who said you shouldn't lift weights as a golfer because it would restrict your flexibility. This advice was given at the same time salt tablets were available in pro shops. For 20 years, until Tiger Woods and others undertook strenuous physical fitness routines, I shied away from lifting even the most minimal weights. As soon as I started working out, I started hitting the ball longer and, not surprisingly, felt better. Duh.

5. Admitting over dinner on a first date in The Newsroom on Somerville's West Main Street at about 8:03 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 1988 that I had still not recovered from a previous relationship. The first date was the last date.

6. After winning \$68 in the lottery sometime in the early 1980s, I blew it all on a pair of French designer jeans that already had paint splattered on them. I wore them only once; they were tight in the wrong places. Besides, I could not bear the jeers of derision. Had I put that money in the bank, at an average interest rate of 5 percent, I would have \$180.42 now.

7. Not creating oral histories from the reminiscences of relatives who are no longer with us. My Uncle Johnny had a fascinating story of how he was caught in Europe with his mother at the outbreak of World War I; I wish I had that on tape.

8. At about 5:16 a.m. April 14, 1978, a freshman staffer from the Johns Hopkins News-Letter (of which I was editor) rang the buzzer for my apartment from the lobby. She asked if she could crash at my apartment because her roommate had a "friend" visiting; this young staffer had also been "friendly" with other members of the News-Letter staff. I was too tired; I turned down her request. I hadn't thought of her for 25 years until this spring when I heard on the radio (and subsequently confirmed by an Internet search) that she sold her Internet business before the bubble burst for \$40 million.

9. I've never overcome a fear of water. For some reason, my mind refuses to accept the fact my body is capable of floating. I've never learned how to swim. Perhaps it is time for me to be hypnotized so I can discover the root trauma that has left me a landlubber.

10. Drinking a 20-ounce gin and tonic that was 95 percent gin at a cast party for a summer production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" on Saturday, July 29, 1978; my best friend and recent ex-girlfriend were in the cast. I don't know what caused me to become violently sick — the enormous amount of gin or my ex-girlfriend pawing the jerk who played the nephew who is described in the script as looking like Boris Karloff.

11. Not believing that undisciplined consumption of pasta is detrimental to weight control. I didn't believe it when I weighed 190 pounds, 195 pounds, 200 pounds and 210 pounds. I finally woke up and smelled the alfredo sauce at 215 pounds.

12. Having too many regrets.

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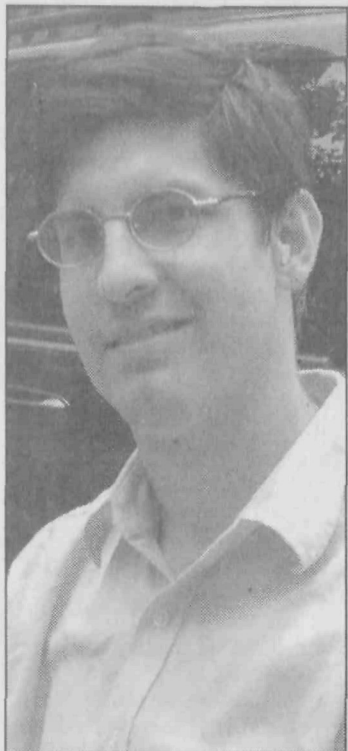
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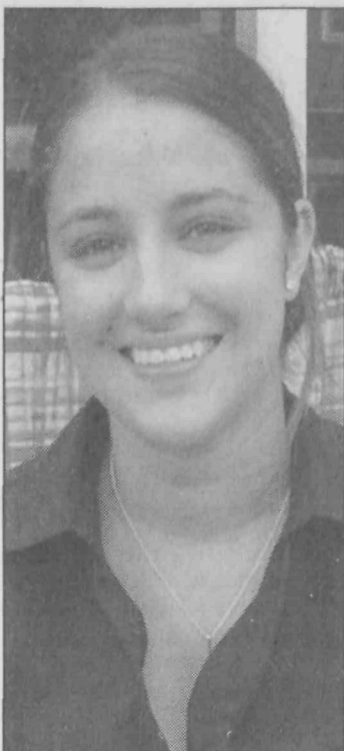
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"No, not really. Is it still going on?"



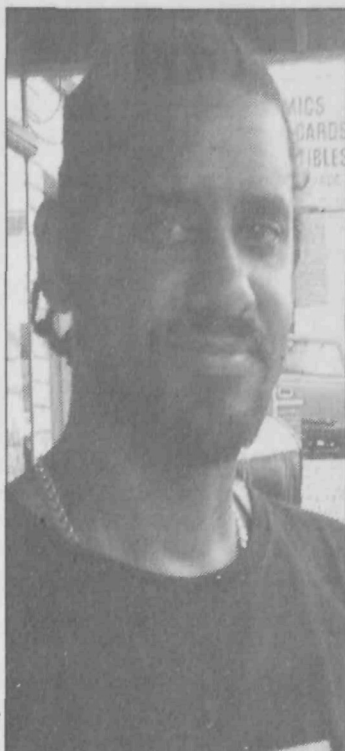
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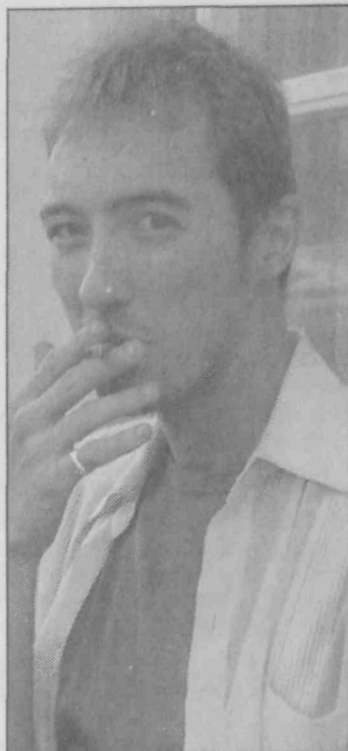
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KRISTIN ALFIERI
Edison
"No. I think what we're doing over there is right. I have friends over there and they need our support."



LINCOLN NATION
Edison
"No. I didn't think they should have gone in so soon in the first place. Where are the weapons of mass destruction?"



MICHAEL CAMPBELL
New Brunswick
"I wasn't for the war in the first place. I'm even less for it now."

Letters to the editor

Longtime Little League official resigning in disgust

To The Editor:
After 11 years, four as umpire-in-chief, it is with sadness, but without hesitation, that I am stepping down from the Piscataway Little League.

As the season has progressed I have seen my attitude change. Some parents still criticize the league, coaches blast my umpires for anything and everything on a nightly basis and I have been

accused of favoring teams, being unfair and being influenced by others on the field.

It is no longer worth my time, effort or aggravation to continue doing what I do.

I feel that some parents complain too much about working the snack bar, field conditions, schedules and especially umpires. Some managers and coaches are quick to argue a call with an umpire because it went against them. Neither I, nor the rest of my umpire crew, are perfect, nor are the managers, coaches or the players who play the game.

If it weren't for the few volunteers, and I said few, then Piscataway wouldn't have a Little League. We have a league of almost 350 kids; it is a shame that a league this size has to depend on a handful of people to keep this league running on a day-to-day basis.

I rarely have fun any more and the Piscataway Little League has become more of a chore than enjoyment, which is what it is about, having fun. Yes, there is some competitiveness, but not to the point where people are arguing every call, being nasty, and

yelling at each other. This is not fun, nor is it showing the kids what being a good sport is about.

I currently have no children of my own and I have spent endless hours volunteering my time for the enjoyment of the players. I have helped launched the Piscataway Little League website and smile when I see the players looking at the standings board in front of the clubhouse to see the current records.

I leave knowing I made a difference and that I always tried to have a good time. I leave with no hard feeling toward anyone and I

still might return for a few games next year on a limited basis. I always tried to do my best, although some might feel otherwise.

It is only a game, someone will win, someone will lose, but the purpose is for the children to learn the game, learn how to function as a team and to have fun. The purpose of Little League is not for some coaches and par-

ents to go on power trips and try to relive their childhood through their players. It is up to everyone to encourage, support and teach the players good sportsmanship.

It is easy to point a finger at someone, but take a second and look where the other three fingers are pointing. See if you can make a difference.

Gary Levesen
Middlesex

Rutgers president should be ashamed

To The Editor:
What a disgrace and poor use of taxpayers' monies! The purchase of a \$1.2 million home for (the new) president (of Rutgers University) isn't enough of an insult, but it is compounded by the hiring of (his) wife. What is this world coming to?

I can almost understand the need for a newer house, but I certainly do not understand the \$1.2 million. What is he thinking?

Doesn't anyone care about the working families? Maybe if he did not allow his staff's children to attend Rutgers free, there would be a more reasonable tuition charged to students and less need for a \$1.2 million home.

GLORIA S. DITTMAN
Edison

Editorial cartoon choice was poor

To The Editor:
The cartoon you had in your paper last week showing President Bush lighting a fire in a house labeled Iran was idiotic.

Iran has supported terrorists for years. Hamas and Hezbollah have attacked and killed Americans. The leaders in Iran have had to resort to bringing in terrorists because the police and army were not trusted with keeping them in power.

This week a general strike was called for in Iran. The regime rounded up more than 4,000 of the leaders of the movement. People were beaten, put in prison and many killed. The regime even took Iranian people's satellite dishes and blocked television signals from American-Iranian broadcasters.

The Iranian people are looking to America to see if we support them. That is why your cartoon

was so bad, in timing and content.

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Bernard Dreier; sporting goods proprietor

EDISON — Bernard Dreier, 90, the longtime proprietor of a landmark sporting goods store, died Friday, July 11, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He joined Dreier's Sporting Goods store in Plainfield after a stint in the Army in Europe during World War II. Mr. Dreier became the store's manager when it moved in 1952 to the Blue Star Shopping Center in Watchung. When the store closed in 1998 it was the oldest continuously operating sporting goods store in the United States; Dreier's was founded in Plainfield in 1868.

His longtime companion, Dolly Di Censo, was the bookkeeper of Dreier's for more than 40 years.

Mr. Dreier supplied uniforms and equipment as a longtime sponsor of youth sports teams. He participated into his late 70s in bowling leagues in North Plainfield, where he was honored in a surprise testimonial dinner and inducted into the North Plainfield High School Hall of Fame. He also was a softball player, football player and track athlete in his youth.

Police Log

PISCATAWAY

A handheld model Hilti 00100 drill was stolen between July 3 and July 7 from a Clem's Ironworks vehicle parked in the company lot. ***

A motorist drove off without paying for \$10 in gas at the Getty Gas Station. ***

A Honda Civic was stolen from the Live Oak Landscaping lot July 8. ***

Thieves broke into a Chevy Tracker parked on Hanover Street and stole a stereo and camera July 11 or 12. ***

A cell phone was stolen from a vehicle on Poplar Place Saturday. ***

A windshield was smashed by a baseball bat while the vehicle was parked on Whittier Avenue Saturday. ***

The passenger side window of a Dodge Raider was smashed and a Pioneer car stereo was stolen while the vehicle was parked on South Washington Avenue either July 11 or 12. ***

A windshield was smashed, possibly by a baseball bat, early Sunday on Carol Avenue. ***

The right front tire of a Jeep Cherokee wagon was slashed on Harwick Court early Saturday. ***

A Honda Accord parked on Carlton Avenue was burglarized July 11 or 12 and a Sony CD player was stolen. ***

The driver's side window of an Olds Sierra was smashed either July 11 or 12 while the vehicle was parked on Hamilton Boulevard. ***

A Pioneer stereo system was stolen from a Mitsubishi Montero either July 11 or 12 while it was parked on Cumberland Road. The thieves broke a small window on the passenger side to gain entry. ***

Thieves entered a home on Deborah Drive through a sliding glass door either July 10 or 11 and took a tan shoulder bag. ***

Nails were hammered into the sidewalls of two tires on a vehicle parked on Carlton Avenue between July 9 and July 11. ***

EDISON

Target security personnel reported a thief stole a total \$2,227 worth of merchandise after thefts on June 27 and July 8. Target recorded the suspect, described as a 5-foot, 10-inch black male with glasses, on surveillance videotape. The suspect reportedly left in a white Pontiac Grand Am. ***

A thief stole a 1996 Nissan Sentra between July 3 and 8 while the car was parked in a Reading Road parking lot. ***

A vandal smashed the rear window of a 2002 Dodge Ram pickup July 8 while it was parked in the rear lot of a Thornall Street business. ***

A thief stole a 2003 Suzuki motorcycle July 8 while it was parked at the Menlo Park Mall. ***

A vandal smashed the front window of an Old Post Road home

Obituaries

Kathleen W. King

EDISON — Kathleen White King, 80, died July 11, 2003 at her home.

Born June 20, 1923 in Portadown, Northern Ireland, she was a daughter of the late Bernard and Kitty Lynch White.

Mrs. King lived in Kearny before moving to Edison in 1969. She retired from Revlon in 1995.

Her husband of 55 years, Joseph Dominick King, died Sept. 9, 2002. A sister, Annie Hefford, and two brothers, Liam White and Geordy White, are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Maureen Ryan and Theresa; two

Julia B. Verba

EDISON — Julia Baloga Verba, 93, died July 12, 2003 at Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in Old Forge, Pa., she lived in Newark before moving to Edison in 1953.

Mrs. Verba was a factory worker for four years with the I. Lewis Cigar Co. in Newark.

Her husband of 62 years, Charles, died in 1994. Three brothers and four sisters are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Eugene J. and wife Josephine of Warren; two

window of a Sunrise Drive home July 10. The resident reported it was the second time since May. ***

A thief stole a Frigidaire employee's 1993 Toyota Camry from the Route 27 facility's parking lot July 10. ***

A vandal smashed the passenger window of a 2001 Ford Mustang either July 10 or 11 while the car was parked in the Pines Plaza on Route 27. ***

A thief stole a 2002 Mazda Protégé from the employee of a Route 27 business July 11. ***

A thief broke into a Highland Avenue resident's unlocked garage and stole five children's bicycles July 11. ***

A vandal glued the door locks of a vehicle either July 11 or 12 while it was parked on Brookville Road. ***

Pedro Mondaray, 24, of Plainfield, was arrested July 12 and charged with shoplifting \$224 worth of merchandise from Macy's. ***

Thieves stole a 1998 Honda Civic, a 1994 Honda Accord, and

sons, Joseph and James; four sisters, Mary Bullimore, Nora Fane, Theresa White and Doff McAtarsney; three brothers, Barney White, Jim White and Noel White; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Nativity of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in East Brunswick.

Arrangements were by Brunswick Memorial Home in East Brunswick. Donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 100, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

daughters, Carol A. Shine and husband Joseph of Wagram, N.C., and Janet M. Arozamena and husband Edward of South Plainfield; a brother, Michael Baloga of Cinnaminson; a sister, Margaret Terrill of Toms River; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, New Brunswick, following services at Boylan Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick.

the headlights of a 2003 Nissan Maxima on July 12 while the vehicles were parked at the Menlo Park Mall. ***

A Longview Road resident reported the theft of \$50, credit cards, a laptop computer, and other items after she threw a small party July 12. ***

A thief stole a 1992 Acura Integra July 12 while the car was parked on Lakeview Boulevard. ***

A pickpocket stole a purse containing \$15 from a Menlo Park Mall shopper July 13.

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Louis E. Leone

METUCHEN — Louis Ernest Leone, 89, died July 11, 2003 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Metuchen for 19 years before moving to Toms River in 1991.

Mr. Leone retired in 1990 as owner of the Louis E. Leone Construction Co. in Metuchen and Edison. He was a life member of Elks Lodge 784 in Perth Amboy and a former parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in Edison.

He was a parishioner of St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church in Toms River.

A brother, Frank, is deceased. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Margaret Turk Leone; two daughters, Barbara Takacs of Parlin and Linda Hamilton of Toms River; two brothers, Alvin and Martin; three sisters, Catherine Dixon of Tampa, Fla., Rosemarie Brantley of Edison and Carmilta Dragos of Phoenix; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church. Burial was in Our Lady of Hungary Cemetery, Fords.

Maria De La Calzada

PISCATAWAY — Maria Liza C. De La Calzada, 23, died July 12, 2003 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Ms. De La Calzada was born in Dumaguete, Philippines. She lived in Cebu City, Philippines, before moving to Piscataway in 1990.

She was a registered nurse in the emergency room of Union Hospital. Ms. De La Calzada graduated in 2002 from the Charles Gregory School of Nursing at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division.

She attended Sacred Heart

Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield.

Her father, Manuel Jr., died in 1983.

Surviving are her mother, Marissa Caballes De La Calzada, her paternal grandparents, Dolores and Manuel Sr., and her maternal grandmother, Gumersinda Caballes, all of the Philippines; and many cousins.

Services were held yesterday at James W. Conroy Funeral Home, South Plainfield, followed by a Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

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The club holds its 10th annual dinner 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22 in the pavilion of the municipal pool on Lake Avenue. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 23.

Cost of \$20 includes a choice of entrée (chicken béarnaise, London broil, baked stuffed salmon); twice-baked potato; vegetable; salad; beverage; and New York-style cheesecake. Music for dancing will be provided and door prizes awarded. Dress is informal.

Reservations are accepted in writing to Metuchen Seniors Inc., 15 Center St., Metuchen, NJ 08840 through Aug. 14. Indicate the number in your party, your choice of entrée and whom you want to sit.

For more information, phone Rena Mullin at (732) 548-6287 or Claire Eisenstein at (732) 549-6723.

South Plainfield

Senior Center

The Senior Center at 90 Maple Ave. is open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday. For full information, phone (908) 756-4135. Activities:

Monday — Adult crafts, 9:30 a.m. Yoga, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday — Bingo plus lunch, 10 a.m. Ladies Social Group, 10

a.m.

Wednesday — Exercise Club, 8:45 a.m. Line dancing, 10 a.m. Movie, 11:30 a.m. (no movie July 9). AARP crafts, 1 p.m.

Thursday — Shopping, 9 a.m. Video exercise, 9:30 a.m. Practical crafts, 10 a.m.

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

Friday, July 18 — Men's Forum steering committee meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 28 — "Sizzle" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Cost is \$45 and reservations are required.

Wednesday, Aug. 6 — Atlantic City. Cost is \$15 and reservations are required. The bus leaves the Senior Center 9 a.m.

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.

This week

SATURDAY JULY 19

FLICKS AL FRESCO — "The Princess Bride" (1987). 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.

SUNDAY JULY 20

GET RID OF IT — household hazardous waste collection. Department of Public Works, Route 516, Old Bridge, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Specifics/directions: www.mciauth.com or (800) 488-MCIA.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Just Us featuring Ed Szymorski. 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.

MONDAY JULY 21

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

IT'S MAGIC — live magic show for ages 4 and up. Highland Park Public Library, 31 N. Fifth Ave., Highland Park, 7 p.m. Free. (732) 572-2750.

WEDNESDAY JULY 23

BLOOD DRIVE — at Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, 125 May St., Edison, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 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. Free. Registration: (732) 548-3045.

Ext. 1.

LOG ON — how to "Understand the Internet in 75 Minutes." South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, 7 p.m. July 23, 30. Free. Registration required: (908) 754-7885.

SUMMER TWIST — "Wednesday Night Sunday School." North Stelton A.M.E. Church, 123' Craig Ave., Piscataway, 7 p.m. July 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3. (732) 287-5184.

'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) 548-2884 or www.playsinthepark.com.

THURSDAY JULY 24

FOREIGN FLICK — "The Son's Room" (Italy, 2001). Westergard Library, 20 Murray Ave., Piscataway, 7 p.m. Free. Tickets required: (732) 752-1166.

FRIDAY JULY 25

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

SATURDAY JULY 26

FLICKS AL FRESCO — "Casablanca" (1942). 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.

SUNDAY JULY 27

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

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

COMING UP

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.

FOREIGN FLICK — "The Son's Room" (Italy, 2001). North Edison branch, Edison Free

Public Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. July 30. Free. Registration: (732) 548-3045, Ext. 1.

FOREIGN FLICK — "Same Old Song" (France, 1997). Westergard Library, 20 Murray Ave., Piscataway, 7 p.m. July 31. Free. Tickets required: (732) 752-1166.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Willie Phillips. Senior Citizens Center, 15 Center St., Metuchen, 8 p.m. July 31. Free. (732) 632-8502.

GUIDED TOUR — United States Naval Academy and Annapolis, Md. Bus leaves Piscataway High School, Behmer Rd., Piscataway, 7 a.m. Aug. 2. \$49. Reservations: (732) 572-4688.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Dave Wilson Quartet. Johnson Park, River Rd., Piscataway, 3 p.m. Aug. 3. Free. (732) 745-3900.

GAZEBO MUSIC — Big Band Express. Spring Lake Park, Maple Ave., South Plainfield, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 3. Free. (732) 745-3900.

FOREIGN FLICK — "Same Old Song" (France, 1997). Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4. Free. Tickets required: (732) 632-8526.

FOREIGN FLICK — "Same Old Song" (France, 1997). North Edison branch, Edison Free Public Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. Aug. 6. Free. Registration: (732) 548-3045, Ext. 1.

PLUGGING IN? — "Understand Buying a Computer in 75 Minutes." South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, 7 p.m. Aug. 6. Free. Registration required: (908) 754-7885.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Ron Kraemer & the Hurricanes. Senior Citizens Center, 15 Center St., Metuchen, 8 p.m. Aug. 7. Free. (732) 632-8502.

COMPUTER SHOW — electronics as well. Hilton Garden Inn, Raritan Center, Edison, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 10. Adults \$7; teens \$3; under 12 free. Vendors: www.megafair.com or (732) 821-7048.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Danny Mecca Quartet. Johnson Park, River Rd., Piscataway, 3 p.m. Aug. 10. Free. (732) 745-3900.

GAZEBO MUSIC — The Associates featuring Art Smith. Spring Lake Park, Maple Ave., South Plainfield, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10. Free. (732) 745-3900.

DIVE 'SCUBA' — Vacation Bible School for ages 3-12. Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 11-15. Registration: (732) 463-1517.

FOREIGN FLICK — "Nine Queens" (Argentina, 2002). Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11. Free. Tickets required: (732) 632-8526.

FOREIGN FLICK — "Nine Queens" (Argentina, 2002). North Edison branch, Edison Free Public Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. Aug. 13. Free. Registration: (732) 548-3045, Ext. 1.

NEW TO THE NET? — "Understand the Windows Operating System in 75 Minutes." South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, 7 p.m. Aug. 13. Free. Registration required: (908) 754-7885.

'THE WIZARD OF OZ' — musical from Plays in the Park. Roosevelt Park, Edison, 8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-16, 18-23. Adults \$3, under 12 free; bring lawn chairs. (732) 548-2884 or www.playsinthepark.com.

INTERNET MARKETING — class for newbies. Small Business Development Center, 120 New England Ave., Piscataway, noon Aug. 14. \$25. Registration: wbcnj@enjawbo.org or (609) 581-2220.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Supreme Court. Senior Citizens Center, 15 Center St., Metuchen, 8 p.m. Aug. 14. Free. (732) 632-8502.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Paul Dehne Band. Johnson Park, River Rd., Piscataway, 3 p.m. Aug. 17. Free. (732) 745-3900.

GAZEBO MUSIC — The Verstyles. Spring Lake Park, Maple Ave., South Plainfield, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17. Free. (732) 745-3900.

FOREIGN FLICK — "Beijing Bicycle" (China, 2002). Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Free. Tickets required: (732) 632-8526.

CRASHED? — "Understand Keeping Your Computer Running in 75 Minutes." South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, 7 p.m. Aug. 20. Free. Registration required: (908) 754-7885.

FOREIGN FLICK — "Beijing Bicycle" (China, 2002). North Edison branch, Edison Free Public Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. Aug. 20. Free. Registration: (732) 548-3045, Ext. 1.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — The VooDudes. Senior Citizens Center, 15 Center St., Metuchen, 8 p.m. Aug. 21. Free. (732) 632-8502.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Rich Radice Quartet. Johnson Park, River Rd., Piscataway, 3 p.m. Aug. 24. Free. (732) 745-3900.

GAZEBO MUSIC — Magic featuring Richie Aiello. Spring Lake Park, Maple Ave., South Plainfield, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24. Free. (732) 745-3900.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Christopher Dean Band. Senior Citizens Center, 15 Center St., Metuchen, 8 p.m. Aug. 28. Free. (732) 632-8502.

OUTDOOR MUSIC — The Roadies. Senior Citizens Center, 15 Center St., Metuchen, 8 p.m. Sept. 4. Free. (732) 632-8502.

Musicals scheduled at venue in the park

EDISON — Middlesex County's historic summer theater, Plays in the Park, has announced its 41st season of musicals. The lineup of shows for Summer 2003 include:

"Ragtime," Wednesday through Aug. 2; "The Wizard of Oz," Aug. 13-23; and "Song and Dance in the Park," Sept. 4, 5, 6.

Performances are held at the Stephen J. Capestro Theater in Roosevelt Park, just south of the Menlo Park Mall. Each show runs for 10 performances at 8:30 p.m., except for "Song and Dance in the Park," which runs for three performances at 8 p.m. There are no performances on Sundays.

Admission is \$3 for adults; children 12 and under are admitted free. The box office opens at 5:30 p.m. on the day of performances. Audience members must bring a low back lawn chair.

The theater is handicapped accessible.

Plays-in-the-Park is sponsored by the Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders.

For more information, call the theater between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at (732) 548-2884 or check the information on the theater's website: www.playsinthepark.com.

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MARISTELA M. PORTELAS A/K/A MARISTELA MENDES-PORTELAS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon SHAPIRO & DIAZ, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 406 Lippincott Drive, Suite J, Marlton, NJ 08053, an answer to the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any) filed in a civil action in which FEDER-claimant, if any) filed in a civil action in which WASH-AL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff INGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERG- AND GLENN J.J. DAVIDSON AND DONNA DAVIDSON, ER TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. is HIS WIFE are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court Plaintiff and MARISTELA M. PORTELAS A/K/A MARISTELA MENDES-PORTELAS AND HERCULANO bearing Docket # F-9774-03 within Thirty-five (35) days CASQUI-ERA, HER HUSBAND are Defendants, pend- after the date of this publication, exclusive of such date, in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered Division, MIDDLESEX and bearing Docket # F-9369-03 against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (and within Thirty-five (35) days after the date of this publica- amendment to complaint, if any). You shall file your true, exclusive of such date) if you fail to do so, judgment answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of by default may be rendered against you for the relief the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice demanded in the complaint (and amendment to com- Complex, 24 Market Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, in accor- plaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of ser- dance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. Vice in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, MIDDLESEX and bearing Docket # F-9369-03 against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (and within Thirty-five (35) days after the date of this publica- amendment to complaint, if any). You shall file your true, exclusive of such date) if you fail to do so, judgment answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of by default may be rendered against you for the relief the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice demanded in the complaint (and amendment to com- Complex, 24 Market Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, in accor- plaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of ser- dance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. 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Community Life

Briefs

Professor awarded leadership certificate

Highland Park resident Dr. Jill Lewis, director of the Raimondo Institute for Urban Research and a New Jersey City University professor of literacy education, has been awarded a leadership certificate by the Fleet Community Renaissance Initiative Leadership Program.

Offered through the Raimondo Institute, the program enables participants to develop new leadership skills and to build relationships that strengthen the community.

With the assistance of mentors, participants developed community-based projects in computer literacy, English as a second language, senior care management, financial literacy and economic empowerment, and communication between men and women.

Diegnan collects union endorsement

Delegates to the New Jersey State AFL-CIO 2003 Legislative Committee on Political Education Endorsement Conference has voted to endorse Patrick Diegnan Jr. for re-election to the Assembly in District 18.

Blood drive set to address shortage

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway Health Advisory Commission and Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems will sponsor a blood drive from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday in the township Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway.

The inventory of blood in New Jersey is falling far short of the current demand from area hospitals.

For questions on eligibility or to register to give blood, call the Health Department, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at (732) 562-2323.

Poster winners are announced

Lei Zhu of Highland Park Middle School is one of seven state grand prize winners in the 2003 Fire Prevention Poster Contest, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Fire Safety and the New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association.

Other first-place winners in Middlesex County are Anthony Mayte of Raritan Valley Academy, Piscataway; and Jamie Kim of Highland Park High School.

Writing contest submissions sought

Poems, essays and plays authored by state residents age 18 or older are being sought for the 10th annual Joyce Indik New Jersey Wordsmith Competition.

Submissions by writers with disabilities are especially encouraged.

To request an application or to receive additional information, call Valerie Grier, (732) 745-3885, or email info@vsanj.org.

New carpeting will shut library

EDISON — The Edison Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., will be closed for about two weeks beginning Aug. 15 for the installation of new carpeting.

The book drop, and North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., will be open.

Rutgers alumni honored for effort

Highland Park resident Ralph W. Voorhees has been awarded the Ernest T. Stewart Award for Alumni Volunteer Involvement from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Voorhees, a 1948 graduate of Rutgers University, was nominated for furthering alumni volunteer relations at Rutgers. He has helped increase private giving by 46 percent during the three-year period he chaired the Rutgers University Foundation Board of Overseers.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Upbeat

Sunday afternoon's beautiful weather helped draw residents to Veterans Park on Possumtown Road in Piscataway for the township's annual free concert. Robert Ross and his bandmates, Louie Appel, Mark Dann and Jon Loyd, performed a mixture of blues, jazz and rock 'n' roll in the event sponsored by the Piscataway Cultural Arts Advisory Commission.



South Plainfield bonding for Veterans Park cleanup

By CHERYL ORSON
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The borough is bonding to clean up the PCB and asbestos contamination at Veterans Park which has been closed for more than a year.

During a special July 2 council meeting, a \$902,500 bond ordinance was introduced. The borough will also use \$47,000 from a cash reserve in the capital budget for the cleanup.

"We don't have a million to

take out of capital," said borough Business Administrator Glenn Cullen. He expects to use a combination of both short- and long-term notes at 1 to 2 percent interest.

A portion of the bond will be used to execute a plan created by borough consulting firm PMK. The plan has been approved by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Cullen said this will pay for the removal, transport and disposal of PCB and tar-contaminated soil. A state grant of

\$250,000 will be used to remove the asbestos at the same time.

After the cleanup, Cullen said the rest of the bond will be used to pay for park improvements including new roads, fencing and landscaping.

Council President James Vokral hopes to get some of the cleanup cost back.

He said he believes the PCBs were introduced from the Bound Brook and they originally came from the nearby Cornell Dubilier plant, now a federal Superfund site.

"I believe it came from Cornell, though I can't prove it," said Vokral. Vokral believes more testing might prove the theory and the borough could then negotiate to recoup its expenses.

Councilman Raymond Petronko, chairman of the Recreation Committee, said that while some residents are upset that the cleanup was so long in coming "the borough wants to do it properly and not miss anything."

"I'm very satisfied with the

pace," he said.

Petronko also said the park is not the environmental nightmare it has been made out to be. He said 90 percent of the park is habitable and expects fewer than 20 truckloads of contaminants to be removed over a period of a month. The park should reopen in late fall.

"Before 2005, South Plainfield, for the most part, will be clean," said Petronko of both the park and Superfund site. "You can't say that about any other town."

Jessica Lynch's colleague honored in Piscataway

By CHERYL ORSON
CORRESPONDENT

PISCATAWAY — Cpl. Jason Hernandez, 20, who served with the captured and heroically freed Pvt. Jessica Lynch in Iraq, was honored by the township for his service in the war.

Hernandez, a 2001 graduate of Piscataway High School and its ROTC program, served with the 507 Maintenance Company, from Feb. 17 through June 12.

"It really hurt for our maintenance unit to get attacked," said Hernandez, who added that he lost 10 close friends in the Iraqi ambush.

Hernandez said his unit knew Lynch was captured and everyone in the unit was scared for her as they were all very close. He described Lynch as "a real sweet girl" and said she was known by everyone as "the country girl" in honor of her West Virginia roots.

Hernandez said her rescue came as a great relief to his unit.

"Just got to deal with it. The Army trains us to deal with our emotions. You still got to keep on with the job and not let anyone down," he said.

Hernandez said his term of service wasn't all bad because he got to visit a lot of countries and see and experience different people and cultures.

"There's a lot of things we take for granted," he said.

Hernandez, who joined the Army directly out of high school, credits Col. John Wordell of the high school ROTC program for providing

him his initial training and introduction into military life.

He returned to New Jersey from his Iraqi service on June 30, and is anxious to return to service in Fort Worth, Texas, even though he enjoyed his reunion with family and friends.

"I signed up to defend the Constitution," said Hernandez.

Diane Hernandez said though she feels "inner peace" having her son safely back home, she has "mixed emotions" about his return to service.

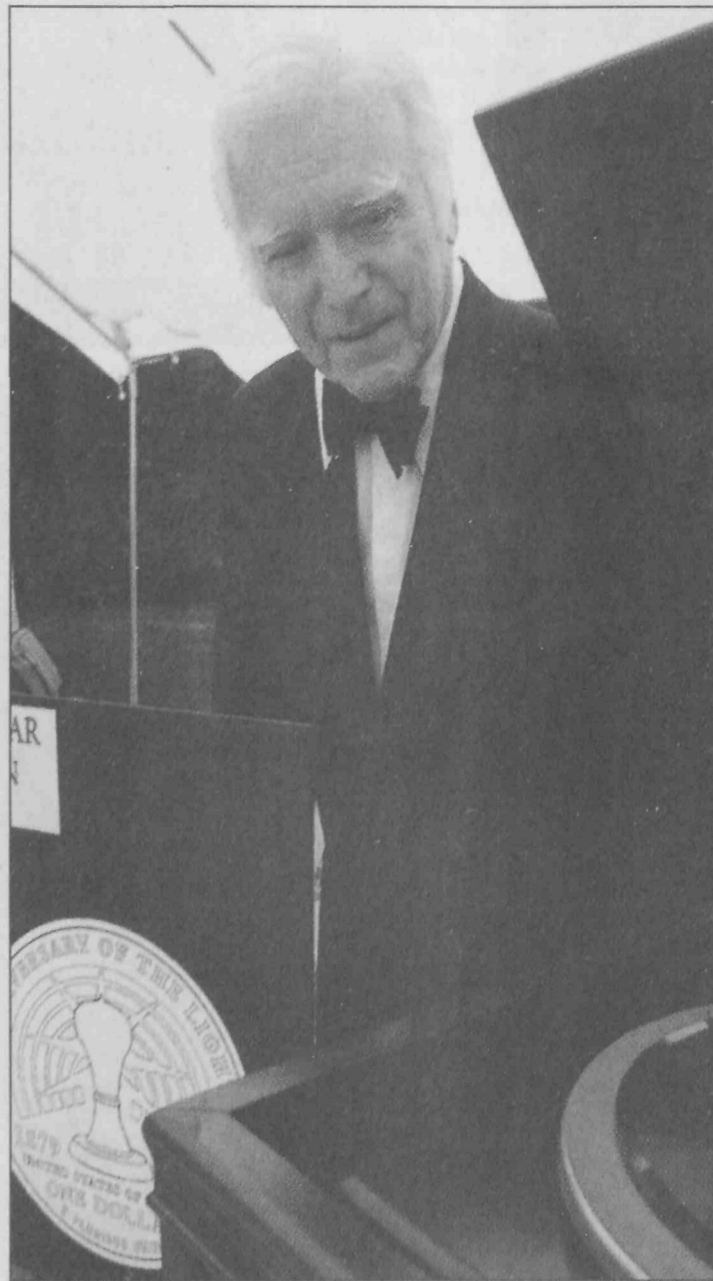
"I'm proud and honored of him as a son. He's my special hero. He's my life and he's my soldier. He's my everything," she said. "I'm glad God has allowed us to have him back with us."

Though "petrified" when her son's unit was ambushed, she said she took strength and comfort from the fact she knew he was doing what he loved. She said this has been her son's lifelong ambition.

Luis Hernandez, Jason's father, agreed, saying "that is what he wants and we support him." He also thanked Piscataway residents for their prayers and concern during his son's service.

Hernandez's sister, Chantell, 12, a seventh-grader at Schor, said she was worried when her brother's unit came under attack and was relieved to have him home again.

Accepting a certificate of recognition from the council, Hernandez thanked his hometown for its prayers and support.



Electrifying!

James Cole portrays Thomas Alva Edison at the Edison Memorial Park picnic Saturday afternoon. At right, Janelle Lee, 4, tries to coax a bust of the inventor to smile. During the afternoon, Mayor George A. Spadaro also dedicated memorial pavers, which are being sold to fund improvements at the Edison Memorial Tower and Menlo Park Museum at 37 Christie St.

Young cast featured in 'Bye Bye Birdie'

For the sixth year the Villagers Theatre in Somerset turns its stage into TeensVill, a showcase for budding actors and actresses.

This year's TeensVill presentation is the musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Showtimes at the Villagers playhouse in the Franklin Township Municipal Complex are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1-17.

It's the 1950s, the time when Elvis shook his pelvis from coast to coast. Teenagers across the country are going crazy for handsome rock 'n roll star Conrad Birdie (Michael McDonald of Hillsborough). His manager, Albert Peterson (Matt DiCarlo of Hillsborough), is another day older and deeper in debt, looking to cash in big on Birdie's stardom. Rosie the manager's secretary (Karissa Amorosi of Hillsborough) is getting more and more frustrated with the time and money her boss is losing on his big project.

As happens in those Cold War years, all good American men are

drafted into the military. Birdie is one of those good American men — he gets his own notice for induction into the armed services. His manager tries to stage a farewell party with a touch of sweetness: Before Birdie goes off to the induction center, he gets to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan show. Kim MacAfee (Joan Aniano) of Sweet Apple, Ohio, is that lucky fan. Wait a minute! Her boyfriend Hugo Peabody (Matt Muccigrossi) gets a little jealous at what she'll be doing on live TV! Not only that, Rosie the secretary is taking a verbal beatdown every day from her boss's mother (Sarah Gazdowicz).

Also in this TeensVill production are Michael Robert May of Middlesex as Mr. MacAfee, Amanda Melnick of Middlesex as Mrs. MacAfee and Adam Alsamadisi of Bridgewater as Randolph MacAfee.

Admission is \$14. For directions, visit www.villagerstheatre.com or phone (732) 873-2710.



Rehearsing a scene from "Bye Bye Birdie" are Tim Price, Erin Natalicchio and Michael McDonald.

Legendary Paul Anka booked at State Theatre

NEW BRUNSWICK — The legendary Paul Anka will perform at the State Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. Marking his 45th anniversary in show business this year, Anka has achieved unprecedented success in every venue: stage, screen, television, and the recording studio, and his musical compositions have been covered by the greatest names in the entertainment industry.

With over 900 songs to his credit, Anka holds three number one songs: "Diana," "Lonely Boy," and "You're Having My Baby," in addition to twenty-two Top 20 hits and over thirty-three Top 40 hits in the United States Alone.

With over 124 albums to his credit, Anka has been named the 21st most successful artist in Billboard's history, putting him alongside music greats Elvis

Presley and the Beatles.

In addition to a host of American hits abroad, Anka has recorded more than ten albums in Japanese, German, Spanish, French and Italian with songs culturally tailored to each country, making him a worldwide success.

Tickets to this event are on sale now for \$60 (premium orchestra/loge), \$50 (orchestra/front balcony), \$40 (rear orchestra/balcony) and \$25 (gallery). The State Theatre Box Office is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

For telephone ticket orders or information call (732) 246-7469 or toll free (877) State-11 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Feline show will feature Friskies cats

FRANKLIN — Is your cat feeling frisky?

Sure, most cats seem to be content sleeping, eating and lounging in your favorite chair. However, many cat owners are unaware that their feline friends also need fun and excitement in their lives to be as happy and healthy as possible.

In fact, according to a recent national survey of cat owners, most cats aren't getting enough physical and mental stimulation, such as adequate playtime, new toys and the variety they enjoy in their diets.

To educate cat owners on how to help their cats live frisky, Friskies cat food is staging events across the country with the famous Friskies Cat Team. Cat owners are invited to enter the world of Friskies Living at the Friskies & CFA Garden State Cat Club Cat Show at the Garden State Exhibit & Convention Center in Somerset. CFA stands for Cat Fanciers' Association, the show's co-sponsor.

This one-of-its-kind event allows cat owners to experience life from a cat's point of view and learn how to create a home environment that provides the stimulation cats need to live life to the fullest, including how to make feeding time more fun.

Cat enthusiasts can check out the feline fun from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children 5-12.

The event features a Friskies Living house in which cat lovers can make cat crafts, learn about feline nutrition in the Friskies Café, see training demonstrations and get advice from cat experts. Attendees also can explore Feline

Reality stations to experience how cats see, hear, smell and interact with their surroundings. Three times each day the Friskies Cat Team dazzles audiences with its Friskies Living stage show — a fun, educational look at the day in the life of a frisky cat.

Cat show visitors are invited to witness a day in the life of a Friskies Cat as the stars of the popular cat food brand's television commercials purr-form on stage 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Led by the Friskies cat trainers, the team demonstrates simple ways cat owners can increase the fun and fitness in their cats' daily lives, including how to teach them to dance for their dinner, play "Simon Says" and burn off steam using a homemade obstacle course. The fabulous Friskies felines also have a few more advanced tricks up their sleeves, like shooting hoops and performing a four-legged high-wire act.

The Friskies & CFA Garden State Cat Club Cat Show is a charity event benefiting local humane organizations. Friskies will be donating 2,000 cans of Friskies® cat food to a local humane and non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible pet care.

In addition, show attendees can see hundreds of cats of all breeds being judged in several judging rings and local vendors selling everything from cozy cat carriers to novel cat-themed accessories.

For directions to the show, visit www.gsec.com or phone (732) 469-4000. For full information on the Cat Fanciers' Association, visit www.cfainc.org or phone (732) 528-9797.

'Garden Party' on Saturday

FRANKLIN — The Somerset County Park Commission Horticulture Department invites the public to a "Garden Party" featuring informative lectures and classical music in the Perennial Garden, Colonial Park Parking Lot F, on Saturday from

1 to 5 p.m.

Live classical music throughout the event will be provided by "Flutique" with flutists Sarah Barash, Jill Crawford, Ann LangRee, and Jean Sinclair. Admission is free though donations are appreciated.

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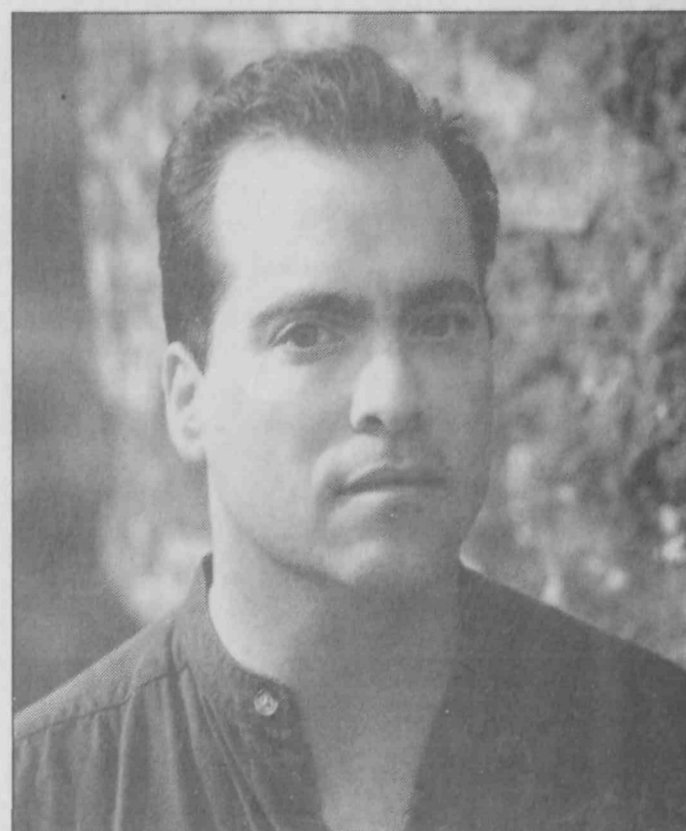
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The Ya Gotta Hear This series will feature Eric Schwartz on Aug. 14.

'Bad boy of folk' is coming to Arts Center

WATCHUNG — The
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On Aug. 14, the new series
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Schwartz, www.eric schwartz
.com.

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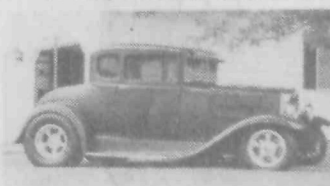
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Eddie Money will perform at festival

READINGTON — Eddie Money, the now-famous, one-time Long Island police officer, will be the culminating musical attraction at the 21st annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning. The concert is set for Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on the Bud Light Main Stage within the festival grounds at Solberg Airport.

The performance, presented by PNC Bank and WDHA 105.5 FM, will be followed by the Festival's 6:30 p.m. hot air balloon ascension, the final one of the weekend. While the ascension is wind and weather permitting, the concert performance is set, rain or shine.

The Festival concert series kicks off Friday night at 8 p.m. with Dickey Betts & Great Southern on the Bud Light Main Stage, presented by Ivy Mortgage and Q 104.3 FM. Headlining Saturday night at 8 p.m. will be Foreigner on the Bud Light Main Stage, presented by Delta Air Lines and NJ 101.5 FM.

"Eddie Money's got a great array of hits and he knows how to please the fans," said Howard Freeman, Festival Executive Producer. "We expect our biggest Sunday concert audience in festival history."

This straight up rock and roll icon has been making music and

delivering it to his fans since the mid 70's. With hits like "Two Tickets To Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Walk On Water" and "Think I'm In Love," Money continues to be one of the hardest working men in rock and roll. He will be celebrating his 25th anniversary this year with a concert schedule of more than 150 shows.

Included in the cost of admission to the Festival is free lawn seating, with viewing available outside a small VIP area. Festival admission is \$15 in advance and \$20 on the weekend of the Festival.

The JVC Blue Sky Club, a special VIP package including seating in front of the stage, is available by calling toll free 800-HOT-AIR-9 or at www.balloon-festival.com.

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 of all ages. Hot air balloon ascensions with up to 125 sport and special-shape balloons are scheduled for Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., wind and weather permitting.

Advance-sale tickets, for Festival admission, costing \$15



Eddie Money will be the culminating act at this year's Balloon Festival.

for adults, and \$6 for children 54 inches and under, are available through July 24 at all Quick Chek stores. Day of event tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 54 inches and under, during the Festival weekend. Children three and under are admitted free. Festival and JVC Blue Sky Club tickets can also be obtained by calling toll free 800-

HOT-AIR-9 (800-468-2479) or online at www.balloonfestival.com. Festival hours are from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

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Mostly Blues Festival returns to Metuchen

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission holds its Mostly Blues Festival on Thursdays this summer.

All shows begin 8 p.m. in the Metuchen Senior Citizens Center at 15 Center St., adjacent to New Street. Admission is free; bring lawn chairs for seating.

The schedule:

July 31 — Bluesman Willie Phillips. This world-renowned blues legend and recording artist has toured for more than 20 years. Phillips also was part of Captain Midnight & The Eldorados, which featured Bruce Springsteen crony Clarence Clemons.

Aug. 7 — Ron Kraemer & The Hurricanes, the New York metropolitan area's premier jump and swing blues band. Their lineup is Kraemer, guitar and lead singer; John Barry, piano, organ and backup singer; Ralph Liberto, tenor sax and flute; Mike Lampe, bass; and Steve Schupsky, drums.

Aug. 14 — Supreme Court featuring Yolanda Briggs. The principal lineup for this Central Jersey band is Nancy Swarbrick, blues harp; Bernie Brausewetter, guitar; Dave Homan, sax; Ron Howden, drums; and Donna MacPherson, bass.

Aug. 21 — The VooDudes, unofficial house band of The Old Bay restaurant in New

Brunswick. Their lineup is Fred Saunders, bass; Andy Bernstein, percussion and lead singer; Dave "Thumper" Ambrosy, drums; and Gary "Lido" Ambrosy, guitar.

Aug. 28 — Christopher Dead Band, a Central New Jersey R&B and blues combo. Their lineup is Dean, guitar and lead singer; David Foti, bass; and Jeff Pines, drums. Dean also has played with Big Jack Johnson & The Oilers.

Sept. 4 — The Roadies, a rock n' roll party band. They are Mitch Pedersen, guitar and lead singer; John Torre, lead guitar; Tom Grant, bass; and Kevin Murphy, drums.

For more information, phone (732) 632-8502.

Theatre at RVCC is seeking volunteers

BRANCHBURG — The Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) in North Branch is currently seeking new members for its volunteer organization, BRAVO!

In addition to acting as ushers, BRAVO! members contribute to many aspects of the theatre, such as helping with bulk mailings, special events planning and assisting when the theatre is used for corporate meetings.

Roles volunteers play in the life of The Theatre at RVCC include:

Greeting and seating patrons. Directing school group seating for theatre's daytime educational series, *School-Time Performances*. Working the coatroom during evening events and daytime corporate meetings.

Hanging posters in their local community.

Stuffing envelopes and/or label-

ing newsletters, brochures and announcements.

Helping with opening-night parties, volunteer gatherings and membership galas.

Assisting in contacting fellow volunteers regarding scheduling and reminders.

Special benefits to volunteering at The Theatre at RVCC include:

Volunteers who sign up to usher see the show while supporting the theatre in a social and friendly atmosphere.

Volunteers earn hours towards complimentary and discounted tickets.

Volunteers have the satisfaction of playing a vital part in the cultural life of their community.

For more information about volunteering at The Theatre at RVCC, call Cindy Alexander, Theatre manager, (908) 231-8801.

Classic film series at Somerville Library

SOMERVILLE — The Somerville Public Library is showing "classic films" from its DVD/tape library this summer.

Showings are 7:30 p.m. most Mondays in the library at 35 West End Ave. The schedule:

July 21 — "Raising Arizona" (1987), directed by Joel Coen. A kidnapping/jailbreak comedy with Nicolas Cage long before he became a star.

July 28 — "The Producers" (1968), directed by Mel Brooks. This comedy became the basis for a hit Broadway musical that opened in the late 90's and is running to this day.

Aug. 4 — "My Fair Lady" (1964), directed by George Cukor. A major hit in its day, winning Oscars for best picture, director, actor, photography, music score, costumes and sound.

Aug. 18 — "Singin' in the Rain" (1952), directed and choreographed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen. The musical is often seen as a last hurrah for the "golden age" of Hollywood.

Aug. 25 — "Manhattan" (1979), directed by Woody Allen. Several days in the life of a sitcom writer obsessed with New York.

For full information, visit www.lmxac.org/somervillelib or phone (908) 725-1336.

Auditions scheduled for fall's 'Midsummer's Night Dream'

PISCATAWAY — The Circle Players have scheduled auditions for their rendition of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the William Shakespeare fantasy.

Auditions are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, July 29-30 at the Circle Playhouse in Piscataway, near New Market Road and South Washington Avenue. Callbacks are Thursday, July 31.

Needed are seven men and

three women, 18 and older. Prepare a brief Shakespearean monologue of ten lines. Readings are cold from scripts that will be provided. All performers will be tested for movement and agility. Color-blind casting is in effect.

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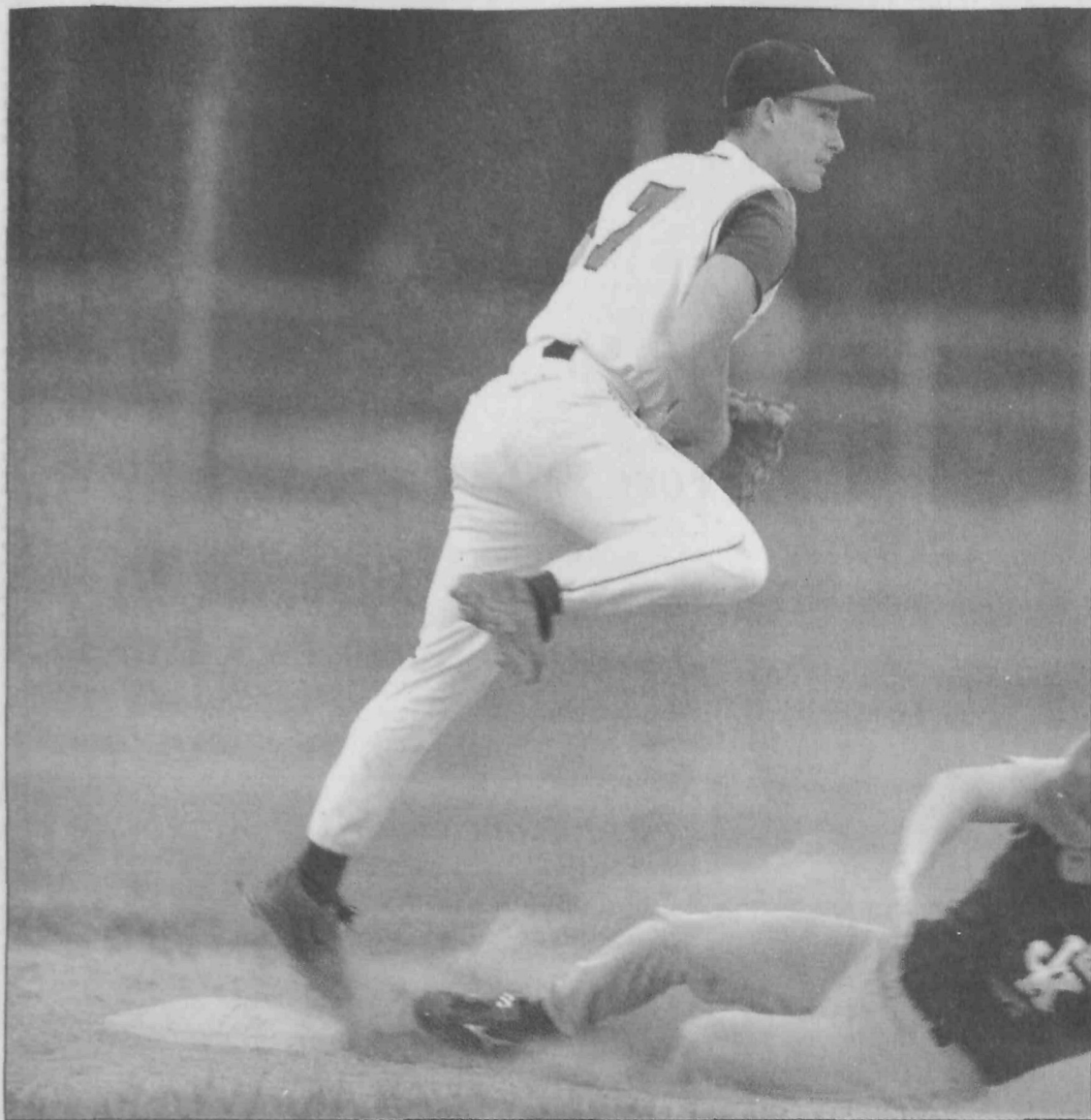
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Sports

Post 435 crushes Old Bridge to take crown



Post 435's Jake Schuck throws to first to complete a double play against Milltown July 8 in a game Edison won 1-0.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By DAVE ALLENA
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — With a title on the line, Post 435 came up with its best effort of the summer.

Squaring off against Old Bridge with victory clinching the Middlesex County Senior American Legion Baseball League's National Division crown, Edison needed only five innings to cruise to a 13-0 victory Tuesday night at Edison High School.

With the decision Post 435 completed a 17-3-1 regular-season, gained a spot in the state tournament that gets started with district play Saturday, July 26, and earned the right to face American Division champion Piscataway for the overall league championship Monday night at a neutral site to be determined.

"It's been a couple of years since we've won, so this feels pretty good," Head Coach Chris Banos said. "The kids have played well all season and they deserve to get a chance to show what they can do against some of the best teams in the state."

"Our goal every year is to win the county. It's a game you don't want to treat just like any other. We want to win the championship. We're in (the state tournament) and that's good, but we still want to win (the championship game)."

Facing Old Bridge's Tom Cifrodella, who had handed Edison a loss in the first of three meetings, Post 435 erupted for four runs in both the second and the third innings for an 11-0 lead and banged out 11 hits, including three home runs.

Brian Cirri, meanwhile, coming off a 1-0 victory over Milltown, improved to 4-1 with four innings of three-hit ball, fanning six and walking four, for his fourth victory in five decisions. Joe Augustine struck out a pair in a hitless fifth as Edison made short work of Old Bridge, which entered the game at 15-3.

"Cirri was really good," Banos said. "He wasn't at his best but he was still very good. The two walks came after one of the long innings, and they really only had one threat against him. He pitched pretty well."

"Getting the first four runs and then getting four more right away was big because (Old Bridge) kind

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of went into the tank after that. It was also important because we hadn't been scoring a lot of runs for Cirri and it took some pressure off him. When it got to be 8-0 I was confident, but I also knew they've come from behind in quite a few games.

"We've had our moments this year, but this was our best. Cifrodella doesn't throw hard, but when he beat us the first time he was getting ahead in the count. Tonight he fell behind and had to come in with his fastball, and we were able to hit him pretty good."

After a scoreless first inning, Edison broke through in the top of the second when Alex Albello and Derek Gianakas singled and Robert Hrapsky walked. Kyle's Hart's ground ball knocked in the first run and Jake Schuck followed with a sacrifice fly. Lucas Cittone then blasted a two-run homer, his third of the season.

Kevin Dalton opened the third with a doubled and rode on Mike Shymanski's home run. Albello and Hrapsky kept the rally going with singles with Albello scoring on a bases-loaded walk to Schuck and Hrapsky crossing on a passed ball.

Gianakas followed a walk to Shymanski and Albello's third single of the game with his sixth home run to make it 11-0 in the fourth. In the fifth Cittone had a double, Shymanski plated a run with a single and Albello added a sac fly.

Edison 7, North Brunswick 1 — Alex Albello (2-0) pitched three innings on three-hit ball, striking out six against one walk, and Kevin Dalton stroked a pair of RBI singles as Post 435 coasted at home Monday night.

Jake Schuck (2-for-3) doubled in a run and scored on Dalton's single in the third. In the fourth Robert Hrapsky, who struck out a pair in a hitless seventh inning of pitching doubled and came home on Ryan Klouser's grounder and Derek Gianakas singled and scored on a passed ball for a 4-0 lead. Mike Shymanski had an RBI single in the fifth.

Edison 10, South Brunswick 8 — Trailing 7-5, Post 435 scored five times in the top of the fifth inning when Lucas Cittone (4 RBI) drilled a three-

(Continued on page C-2)

Harris, Thompson named as MVPs for their defense

By DAVE ALLENA
STAFF WRITER

PISCATAWAY — During last fall's football season's the Chiefs' defensive prowess might have been easy to overlook during its undefeated championship season.

Brandon Harris and Devraun Thompson, however, made sure that Piscataway's 12-0 club will also be remembered for its defense when the two recent graduates turned in outstanding performances at a pair of all-star games at Rutgers Stadium Saturday, capping their scholastic careers by winning defensive MVP awards.

Harris, who was a last-minute selection after former teammate Omar Savage had to drop out, keyed the New Jersey squad's effort as it edged New York 16-14 in the Governor's Bowl. Harris, playing outside linebacker for the first time, was in on 10 tackles and recovered a fumble to set up a touchdown.

Thompson, meanwhile, started at linebacker and contributed five solo tackles, three assisted stops and two tackles behind the line of scrimmage, while he also picked up 27 yards on nine carries as a running back in a 3-0 South victory over the North.

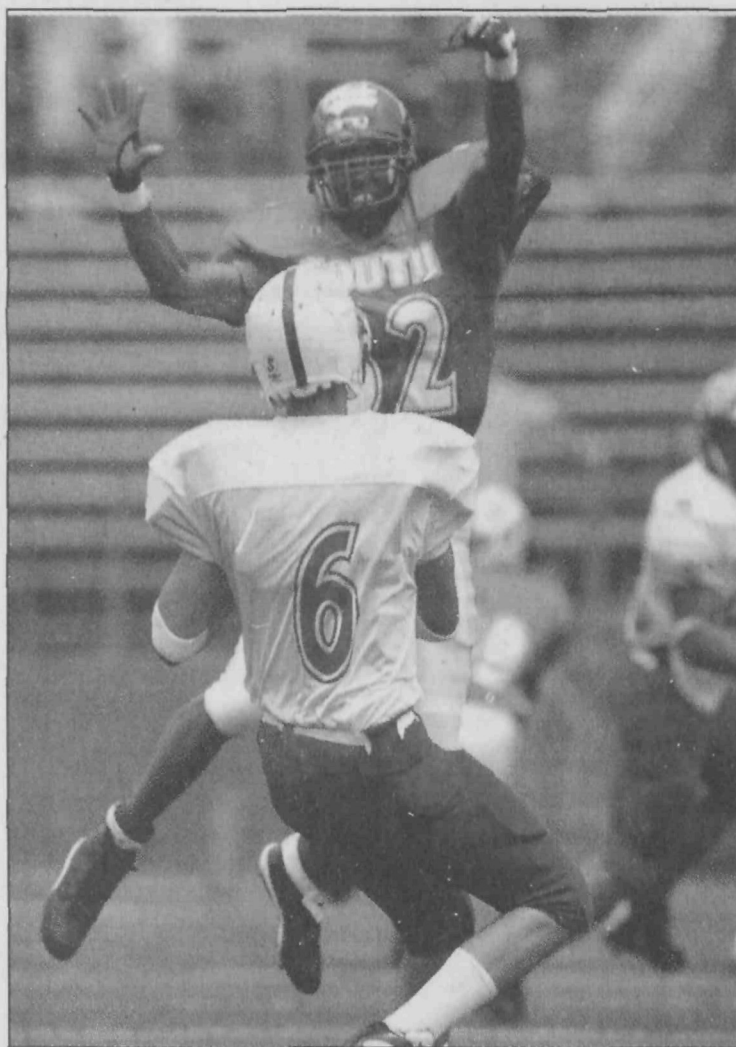
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Harris, who will attend the University of Pennsylvania, got a late start after opening the week with the Middlesex County squad in preparation for last night's Snapple Bowl X, but certainly made his presence felt.

"I thought I played all right," Harris said modestly. "I had never played linebacker before, and there were a few things I could have done better. The tackle and the back coming out the box held me a lot, but I don't think I got away from them fast enough."

"I thought I had a chance to win (the MVP award), but I wasn't sure. There were a lot of guys who played well and could have won it. For me the best thing was just being around the other players. There were 37 (Division) IA players, and I'm sure I'll see a lot of them on TV."

"I was a little nervous at the start of practice, and I felt bad about leaving my teammates at the Snapple Bowl practice. I wanted to show I belonged there (Governor's Bowl). Here I was a walk-on, not having been originally chosen, and I had to proved



Devren Hunt of Highland Park puts pressure on North quarterback Dennis Davis during the South's 3-0 victory Saturday at Rutgers.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

I belonged."

Savage had to drop out after the University of Maryland requested his presence. Joe Kuronyi, who stepped down as head coach at Piscataway after last season, recommended

Harris.

"Everyone was impressed with Brandon, especially his quickness," Kuronyi said. "He's very, very quick and very difficult to

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Fords VFW bears down on playoff berth

By DAVE ALLENA
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — Entering the week, the Fords VFW squad had its sight set on a target a lot of other teams had — a spot in the postseason.

After winning twice to improve to 9-5 for the campaign, Fords VFW found itself in the thick of a tight battle for the six available playoff berths in the Middlesex County Junior American Baseball League that will go to the second-through seven-place finishers in the 21-team circuit.

With St. Joseph's Green looking untouchable with its perfect mark for the automatic bid to the state tournament that goes to the league champion, a large group of teams are battling for those playoff berths, including Fords VFW.

"There is a lot of parity in the league this year other than St. Joseph's Green," said Head Coach Tom Medler. "There are a lot of teams with four, five, six losses, so we're right there. We have six games left, and if we can win three of them or four we should get into the playoffs."

"I feel pretty good about being 9-5 at this

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point because I've had a lot of kids coming and going with football, soccer and basketball and we've had to mix and match. The kids are coming and playing hard, but it's been a problem finding some consistency."

"When I've lost kids to other things we've had other kids, like Anthony Santangelo, Adam Kramen and Jim Dinno, step up and help. Our freshmen players are doing a good job. It's a good bunch of kids here."

"We're playing a lot of close games, game that could go either way. We can beat anybody or we can lose to anybody. We lost a couple of games we probably should have won, but we've also won a couple of games that maybe we should have lost. Just about all our games have been competitive."

The pitching leaders for Fords have been Gary Turner and Doug Wallner, both of whom own 3-1 marks, while Andrew Biancosimo, who has missed some time with basketball but is expected back next week, is 2-1 two excellent games earlier in the season.

Offensively, the club has gotten solid efforts from a number of players, including Doug Zemiekis (OF), who was really hitting the ball well before getting hit on the elbow while pitching against St. Joseph's.

Jason Callender (OF), Sean Hlacky (C/1B), Jon Book (3B), Nick Triano (OF), Chris Beyer (DH/C), Jim Schaber (2B) and Jason Bonnell (CF) have all taken turns contributing to the offense.

"Every game it's been different, but overall the hitters have been the strength of the team," Medler said. "Some days we get good pitching and some days we get good hitting. It depends on who shows up."

Fords VFW came from behind to edge North Brunswick 5-4 July 10 for its ninth victory as Turner tripled home Kramen in the fifth and scored the tying run at 4-4 on an error. In the sixth Hlacky singled, both to second on a wild pitch, to third on Callender sacrifice bunt and scored the winning run on Book's ground ball. Bonnell had an RBI double earlier in the game.

Triano worked two innings of scoreless relief to earn the victory as he allowed one hit and struck out two. Wallner went the first

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Seybuck, Searls lift Post 324 by Amboy Piscataway wraps up American title

Steve Seybuck tossed four innings of one-hit ball, allowing one run while striking out two and walking three, and Brian Searls struck out four in three innings for the save as Clara Barton whipped Perth Amboy 11-3 Monday night in Middlesex County Senior American Legion Baseball League play.

Post 324, which improved to 10-11 for the season, grabbed a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Mike Szymanik delivered a two-run double, while Bobby Beyer plated two more with a double in a three-run third for a 7-1 advantage.

Kevin Mulvey went 4-for-4 with a double and two RBI to lead Post 324's 11-hit attack, while Tom Battista, who had a triple, and Scott Medler finished with two hits and two RBI apiece.

South Plainfield 7, Middlesex 6 — Mike Downes allowed just one run after Middlesex loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the seventh innings as Post 243 held on for a victory Monday night to improve to 7-12 for the season.

In going the distance Downes earned his third triumph against two losses as he induced a double play and then fanned the final batter to escape the seventh inning.

Chris Bakazan led the South Plainfield attack with a 3-for-4 performance that included a solo home run and a run-scoring double. Rob Barone tripled home three runs during a five-run third that gave Post 243 the lead for good at 6-3.

John F. Kennedy 3, Piscataway 2 — In its first game after wrapping up the American Division title with a forfeit from Perth Amboy, Piscataway lost for the first time after 18 straight victories to slip to 19-2 for the season Monday night.

Shut out for six innings before scoring twice in the seventh on singles by Brandon Renkart (2-for-3), Matt Goumas, Robert Rose (2-for-3) and Andy Campana (2-for-4) and stranding the tying run at third, Post 261 wasted a superb effort from Carlton Smith (3-1). Smith fanned 14 without a walk while tossing a complete-game four-hitter.

South Plainfield 14, South Amboy 4 — Chris Czaplinski (1-3) went the distance in the five-inning game for the victory Sunday, while Jon Bugey went 3-for-4 and drove in a run for

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Post 243. Downes knocked in three runs with a double and a single, while Dan Piwowar had two hits and two RBI.

Carteret 17, South Plainfield 4 — Steve Turrise belted a two-run homer and an RBI double, Downes batted out three hits and Bakazan added a double but it was not nearly enough offense for South Plainfield in a loss to Carteret Sunday.

Iselin 6, Clara Barton 4 — Post 324 grabbed a 3-2 lead when Beyer (2-for-2) doubled home two runs and Scott Medler singled in the third in a three-run third inning, but Clara Barton couldn't hold against Iselin Sunday. Brian Hooghuis went 2-for-3 and Mulvey added an RBI single, while Eric McCormick worked six innings in taking the loss.

Piscataway 16, Carteret 4 — Derrick McCain belted a two-run homer for his six round-tripper to tie Smith for the team lead, while Campana (2 RBI), Ray Rose (1 RBI), Robert Rose (1 RBI) and Ricky Montine (1 RBI) added two hits each as Piscataway whipped Carteret Saturday. Campana worked five innings for the victory.

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Iselin 16, South Plainfield — Ryan Kenny stroked an RBI triple, while Bakazan and Barone had singles as the only South Plainfield hits in a loss to Iselin Saturday.

Piscataway 7, Iselin 6 — McCain delivered a two-run homer, Smith lofted a sac fly and Ray Lepski (2-for-3) singled in the winning run as Post 261 rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh to pull out a victory last Friday. Bobby Abreu went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Tom Hemmerly (5-1) went the distance for the victory.

Clara Barton 7, South Amboy 2 — Mike Rodriguez went the distance, pitching a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts and

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block. He had the same problem he had with us — everyone held him because they couldn't deal with him coming off the line."

While watching Harris play a major role in getting New Jersey a victory, Kuranyi was the defensive coordinator for the South, which won the defensive battle on a 36-yard field goal by Ryan Brand of Marlboro as time expired.

For Kuranyi, the South's defensive talent mirrored the way Piscataway performed for him in 2002.

"Basically it was the same as with Piscataway," he said. "We have some very good linemen, a couple of great linebackers and a very good secondary. Speed on defense is very difficult to overcome, and we had some very

quick kids.

"Jason Hatchell (of Cleaview) and Devraun (Thompson) both played very well, and Devren Hunt of Highland Park really played a good game. He made all the plays he had to make. Kareem Byron from New Brunswick was very good in the secondary.

"Devaun really had a great game, but he always came up with big plays for us. Plus, when we needed a power back I suggested Devraun. He carried once in practice and I thought I would have to convince (the other coaches) to keep him on defense."

Hunt helped set up the game's only points when he recovered a fumble late in the game. A pass completion and a 5-yard gain by Asbury Park's Marc Taylor set the stage for Brand, who had never previously attempted a field goal.

Post 435

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run triple and went on to outlast host South Brunswick Sunday. Billy Alec (4-1) got the win and Brian Zavistoski picked up his second save, while Kyle Hart (3 RBI), Albello (1 RBI) and Gianakas collected two hits each.

Edison 6, New Brunswick 6 — Gianakas blasted a three-run homer, Cittone had a two-run singled and Mark Blevins doubled in a run, but Post 435 could managed only a draw against New Brunswick last Friday night as visiting New Brunswick scored six times in the fifth to

overcome a 6-0 deficit.

South River 6, Edison 2 — Managing only two hits in the game, which included a two-run single by Dalton, Post 435 saw its 13-game winning streak halted by visiting South River July 10. Joe Augustine (4-1) suffered his first loss, pitching 6⅔ innings in which he allowed four earned runs on six hits.

Edison 1, Milltown 0 — Cirri fired a complete-game four-hitter, fanning eight and walking two, to lift Post 435 past Milltown July 9. Shymanski was hit by a pitch and scored on a double by Gianakas in the bottom of the first for the only run of the game.

YOUTH SPORTS

SOFTBALL

BLUE DEVILS WIN AGAIN
Preparing set for the Pony National Tournament for 12- and younger teams that gets under way tomorrow in Sterling, Va., the North Edison Blue Devils captured its fourth straight championship and stretched their winning streak to 23 straight by taking the North Brunswick Pony Qualifying Tournament this past weekend.

The Blue Devils (25-2) claimed the North Brunswick title with a 10-5 thumping of the Jersey Girls in the final after whipping the Latham (N.Y.) Chill 10-5 in the semifinals. Those performances capped a tourney in which North Edison won six straight and outscored the opposition 67-20.

Tori Ferrante earned the pitching victory against the Jersey Girls, while Missy Lang and Laura Sharlow belted long home runs. Kim Shjarback and Ferrante handled the pitching during the tournament.

PISCATAWAY LITTLE LEAGUE
Major League All-Stars
Piscataway 11 Chiefs 10, Diamond Stars 5 — Exploding for eight first-inning runs highlighted by a two-run single by Marquis Hudson, the Chiefs improved to 2-0 in the Piscataway Invitation. Mike Patterson and Frank LaGuarina contributed RBI singles in the first inning, while Patterson and Hudson finished with two hits apiece. Scott Kinney pitched three innings of one-hit ball for the victory, striking out five, and T.J. Brower worked the final three frames.

Piscataway 11 Chiefs 4, East Brunswick 3 — LaGuarina doubled home John Carroll, who had singled, in the bottom of the seventh inning with the winning run as the Chiefs edged East Brunswick for the second time and reached the championship game. LaGuarina fanned seven batters over the final four innings to earn the victory, while Patterson belted a solo home run to knot the game at 3-3 in the fifth and Patterson doubled in a run.

Minor League Playoffs
Royals 14, Astros 0 — Brandon Charles fanned 11 batters in going the distance and hit a solo home run along with a single as the Royals shut out the Astros to complete a two-game sweep of the Minor League World Series June 25. Chris Cucciniello belted a two-run homer in the

first and later added a triple for the Royals, who iced the verdict with a five-run fourth inning.

Royals 14, Astros 4 — Cucciniello tossed a complete game with 12 strikeouts as the Royals topped the Astros in the opener June 23. After the Astros took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Greg Myzie singled, Alex Szablenski double and Mike Mazro singled, the Royals took charge with five runs in the bottom of the first. Cucciniello followed a single by Justin-Howell and a walk to Charles with an RBI single, while Sierra Hare's two-run single put the Royals in front.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YMCA TRACK & FIELD SERIES
The Metuchen YMCA will host a summer track & field series for boys and girls 6-14 years old 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays July 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 email to JMacRuns@aol.com.

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 kindergarten-fourth grade and fifth-eighth grade.

For applications and information call the Stelton Community Center 8 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.

PISCATAWAY GOLF LESSONS
The Piscataway Recreation Department and Middlesex County's Raritan Landing Golf 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 Piscataway Recreation Department. For more information call 732-562-2382.

Seybuck, Searls lift Post 324

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five walks, as Post 324 dumped South Amboy Saturday. Brett Augustine, Battista and John Moersdorf, who was 2-for-3 with two RBI, single in a run apiece during a four-run first inning.

John F. Kennedy 5, South Plainfield 4 — Kennedy scored twice in the top of the seven to rally for the victory July 10 as Piwowar had two hits for Post 243, which got RBI doubles from Turrise and Downes. Downes pitched a complete-game eight-hitter in taking the loss.

Carteret 11, Clara Barton 8 — Battista, who drove in two runs, Mulvey, who doubled twice, Szymanik (1RBI), Moersdorf (1 RBI) and Hooghijs has two hits each but Clara Barton could not overcome an eight-run first inning by Carteret July 10.

Piscataway 4, South Plainfield 3 — Kwesi Mitchell hit a two-run single in the first, while Ray Rose had a sac fly and Renkart homered in the third as Post 261 held off South Plainfield July 9. Goumas went 6⅓ innings for the triumph, while Hemmerly picked up a save by getting a double play to end the game.

Czaplinski went all the way for Post 243, striking out five and walking one. Downes collected three hits, while Turrise and Bakazan contributed run-scoring doubles and Dan Agostino added a sac fly.

Clara Barton 2, Iselin 1 — Brian Searls scattered six hits in going the distance, striking out three and walking one and Post 324 scored a pair of unearned runs to edge Iselin July 9. Seals singled home the winning run, while Medler banded out two doubles.

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five frames, allowing four runs — only one earned — on five hits while fanning four without a walk.

Trailing 7-1 to Old Bridge July 9, Fords came back to claim a 14-9 decision as Triano's two-run single in the fifth gave it an

8-7 lead, an advantage it did not surrender. Bonnell went 4-for-4 with a triple, double and three RBI, while Hlacky, Beyer and Triano collected three hits with Hlacky and Beyer knocking in two runs apiece.

In a 16-6 loss to St. Joseph's July 8, Hlacky and Callender notched a pair of hits apiece with Hlacky driving in one run.

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Classic group to perform at park

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset County Park Commission Free Summer Concert series at Duke Island Park on Old York Road will continue with a performance by the Jimmy Beaumont and the Skyliners 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday as part of the Park Commission's Free Summer Concert Series.

Jimmy Beaumont & The Skyliners play music that tops the national hit charts, and have been doing so for over 40 years. They are one of only seven acts to ever accomplish that feat. Their first recording "Since I Don't Have You" became a multi-million selling smash hit. A string of hits followed that included "When I Fall in Love,"

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The famed concert hall in midtown Manhattan went to Europe for Hot Antic, a youthful European combo that amazed the people who filled that huge room.

Hot Antic has been to jazz festivals and concert halls over the past 15 years. It has not returned to New York or nearby New Jersey — until this summer.

The sextet plays two shows Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical School in Bridgewater. The 2 p.m. matinee is "Satchmo!" the annual Louis Armstrong tribute of the New Jersey Jazz Society. The second show 8 p.m. has a broader repertoire.

All told Hot Antic plays 19 instruments, 14 of which can be brought on tour. Its only other East Coast gigs have been in Boston and

Washington, D.C. In California the band has played in jazz festivals in Sacramento, San Diego and this year Orange County.

In Europe and Asia, though, Hot Antic has played festivals in 17 countries, winning ovations from cheering crowds and awards from festival sponsors. Musicians who have played with Hot Antic include Wynton Marsalis, Doc Cheatham, Bob Barnard, Benny Waters, Jim Galloway, Evan Christopher, Dan Barrett, Tom Baker and Murphy.

Their repertoire is huge, going well beyond the Louis Armstrong material to include works written by or associated with Clarence

Williams, Jimmy Noone, King Oliver, Duke Ellington, Fats Waller and Jabbo Smith. Performances are visual delights with most of the musicians doubling up on more than one instrument.

Admission to each show on Aug. 2 is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. A combo ticket for both shows is \$25 in advance only. Student discounts are available. For tickets, phone (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7219.

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FX: A little bit car, SUV and wagon

BY MARK MAYNARD
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Try to be a little different and what happens? Critics of the Infiniti FX45 point and say things like, "Hey, that's not a car, it's a car-toon. Like out of Toon Town. Where's Goofy?" said a female friend.

Well, call me goofy, but I like the way Infiniti is thinking outside the 3-box design for a car, or a truck or whatever this FX model is.

In a recent week of testing both models - the V-6 powered FX35 and V-8 powered FX45 - the design was well accepted by guys, but the next question often was: "What is it?"

Technically, the EPA classifies the FX as a light truck, an SUV, but it looks like a car. The rounded roofline reveals a coupe-like stance, but it has more trunk space than a sedan and more passenger room than a wagon.

The FX is an unusual cross-breeding of car and SUV qualities.

Its designers call it the "bionic cheetah," and the 20-inch tires on the FX45 make it look more concept car than a new expression of a sedan-SUV-wagon.

Using the G35 sedan as a foundation, Infiniti designed a vehicle that is different.

The FX has a 3,500-pound towing capacity, 7 1/2 inches of ground clearance, and SUV toughness that helps it comfortably bridge potholes.

But don't plan on either model being a dual-purpose camping-commuting vehicle. Infiniti didn't try to make it sheet-of-plywood friendly, and roof rails are a \$300 option.



With a Chevy Trailblazer costing up to \$38,000, Infiniti could get cross-shoppers from a range of SUV makers, at least for the FX35.

Instead, the focus is on an urban machine featuring design and performance.

Prices start at \$34,745 for the rear-wheel drive FX35 and \$36,425 for all-wheel drive. Both come with a 280 hp, 3.5 liter V-6 and 5-speed automatic transmission.

The FX45 is a luxury showcase with all-wheel drive and a 315-hp., 4.5 liter V-8 for a starting price of \$44,770. The test truck came with one option package for an as-tested price of \$46,870.

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Dressed in handsome 20-inch, 7-spoke alloy wheels, the FX45 is hell-bent for a fashion show. The horsepower is edgy and eager to be let loose.

Acceleration can be head-

banging potent, however, and its sport-tuned suspension can be jiggly and sometimes more intense than the average going-to-work driver needs.

Only in very enthusiastic driving does the 4,300-pound curb weight begin to feel SUV-ish, though the FX is still 500 pounds lighter than the V-8 BMW X5.

Steering response is as quick as an open-wheel racer, but the steering effort is stiff. Those tall Bridgestone Potenza tires make the FX45 stick to the road like bare skin on a hot playground slide, but they also contribute to some drumming noise in the cabin and, while wonderful to look at, they aren't the smoothest riding.

While the V-8 version really comes alive at high rpms, it's the V-6 model, with its softer ride and more manage-

able 18-inch tires, that feels more nimble around town, more fun to play with and easier to park.

The 5-speed automatic, with manual shift mode, is driver-adaptive to dish out the shift points most frequently driven. But as with most of these "intelligent" systems, the acceleration can be harsh when you don't want it and relaxed when you do want it.

That wasn't such an issue in the FX35, but generally I prefer a switch to select the Sport performance for consistent shift points and acceleration.

Fuel mileage is typical for a 5-passenger SUV with all-wheel drive. The FX45 is rated at 15 miles per gallon around town and 19 on the highway. The FX35 improves to 16/22 for all-wheel drive and 17/23 for rear-wheel drive.



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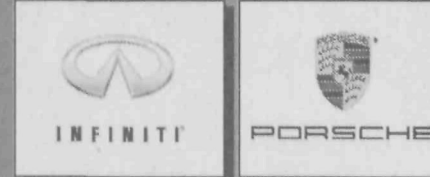
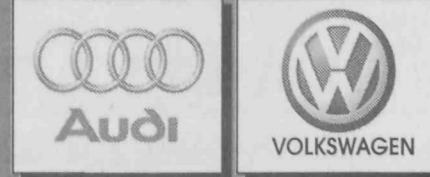
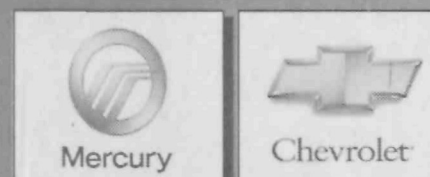
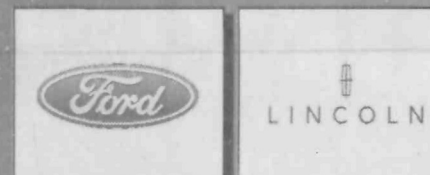
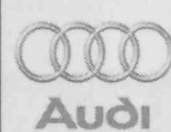
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HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT DRUGS.

The best thing about this subject is that you don't have to do it well. You simply have to try.

If you try, your kids will get the message.

That you care about them.

That you understand something about the conflicts they face.

That you're there when they need you.

The alternative is to ignore the subject. Which means your kids are going to be listening to others who have strong opinions about the subject. Including those who use drugs. And those who sell them.

ACCEPT REBELLION.

At the heart of it, drugs, alcohol, wild hairstyles, trendy clothes, ear-splitting music, outrageous language are different ways of expressing teen-age rebellion.

That's not all bad. Part of growing up is to create a separate identity, apart from parents – a process which ultimately leads to feelings of self worth. A step along that path is rebellion of one kind or another – which is to say rejecting parental values, and staking out new ones.

You did it. They're doing it. And that's the way it is.

The problem comes when kids choose a path of rebellion that hurts them, destroys their self worth, and can ultimately kill them.

That's the reality of drugs.

DON'T GET DISCOURAGED.

When you talk to your kids about drugs, it may seem as though nothing is getting through.

Don't you believe it.

The very fact you say it gives special weight to whatever you say.

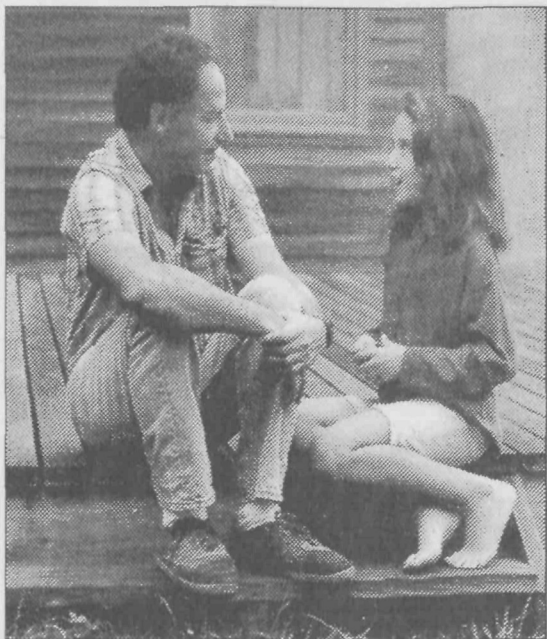
But whether or not your kids let on they've heard you, whether or not they play back your words weeks or months later, keep trying.

START ANYWHERE.

"Have you heard about any kids using drugs?"

"What kind of drugs?"

"How do you feel about that?"



It's never too early to start.

"Why do you think kids get involved with drugs?"

"How do other kids deal with peer pressure to use drugs? Which approaches make sense to you?"

"Have you talked about any of this in school?"

However you get into the subject, it's important to state exactly how strongly you feel about it.

Not in threatening tones. But in matter-of-fact, unmistakably clear language:

"Drugs are a way of hurting yourself."

"Drugs take all the promise of being young and destroy it."

"I love you too much to see you throw your life down the drain."

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS.

The do's are as simple as speaking from the heart.

The biggest don't is don't do all the talking. If you listen to your kids – really listen and read between the lines – you'll learn a lot about what they think. About drugs. About themselves. About the world. And about you. They'll also feel heard and that, too, is a step along the path towards self esteem.

There are other do's and don'ts: Don't threaten. Don't badger them. Don't put your kid on the spot by asking directly if he or she has ever tried drugs. They'll probably lie which undermines your whole conversation.

If you suspect your child is on drugs – there are all sorts of symptoms – that's a different matter. Then you've got to confront the subject directly. (This will be another ad in this continuing series.)

In the meantime, just talk to them.

It's okay if you don't know much about drugs.

Your kids do.

But they need to know how you feel about the subject.

And whether you care.

For more information on how to talk with your kids about drugs, ask for a free copy of "A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call 1-800-675-1127.

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