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## Kukor in control of Edison GOP

### Sheldon rival wins top post

By Thomas R. DeCaro

EDISON — "Our work's only begun."

With that observation, James Michael Kukor took the reins of the municipal Republican organization Monday night during the party's reorganization meeting at the Victorian Manor.

While his election as party chairman was not unexpected, the lack of a challenge from James Sheldon, the incumbent chairman, was something of a surprise.

According to Kukor, that rival Sheldon did not fight to keep the chairmanship or even stay for the

entire meeting was an indication he could not adequately deal with Frank "Dunk" Lankey, Democratic Party chairman.

"I don't understand how James Sheldon can claim to be a good chairman and fight 'Dunk' Lankey when he can't stay here and fight me."

Sheldon, who last week indicated he would not give up the position without a battle, said Tuesday that he did not have the votes to win so he decided not to fight Kukor's election.

He did maintain, however, that Kukor was "a bad apple" and said that while he would cutback his activities on the local level of the GOP, he did not intend to leave the party and would continue to be active especially on the state level.

Sheldon also indicated that he

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## Some parting shots

EDISON — Many Republicans who attended their party's reorganization Monday may have been surprised that the anticipated melee between incumbent Chairman James Sheldon and James Kukor, the man who would replace him, never developed.

But while the transition of power went smoothly, it did not take place without some parting shots.

"After 34 years as an active Republican in Edison Township, 22 of which were as the Republican chairman, I am saddened at the prospect that a person such as Jim Kukor has been chosen to lead our party into the future," Sheldon said in a written statement released after the meeting. "Jim Kukor's questionable background, his shoot-from-the-hip philosophy and 'if it's not my way, then it's the wrong way' attitude will lead to the eventual demise of our party unless stopped."

Sheldon added that he hopes those who "now blindly follow Jim

Kukor will realize in time that Jim Kukor is, in fact, a liability to the Republican Party."

"I wish the Edison Republican Party my best in the future and hope that that future does not include Jim Kukor and his kind."

That Sheldon left the meeting after he turned it over to Dr. Bob Maurer to chair drew criticism from Kukor.

The new chairman, who had charged Sheldon and District 29 Committeeman Raymond Koperwhats with dirty tricks during the recent primary campaign, said the two did not have the fortitude to face him.

"Sheldon said he would not go down without a fight," Kukor said, "but this is typical of the man himself."

He noted that Sheldon's action proved what he and his supporters had charged all along — that Sheldon was unable or unwilling to stand up for the GOP against Frank "Dunk" Lankey, the Democratic municipal chairman.

## Lankey to lead Dems

EDISON — Frank "Dunk" Lankey will continue to head the local Democratic Party.

He was re-elected chairman Monday when the 134-member municipal committee of the Edison Democratic Organization held its reorganization meeting at the Pines Manor, Route 27.

Lankey was unchallenged and re-elected unanimously. He first took

over the party reins in April 1989 after the death of Mayor Anthony Yelencsics, who also served as Democratic municipal chairman.

Other officers re-elected without dissent were Ellen Damiano, vice chairwoman; Virginia Comito, recording secretary; Geraldine Piegdon, corresponding secretary; Alexander Glinksky, treasurer; and John Connolly, sergeant-at-arms.



Children in Elly Bermingham's fourth-grade class play on the newly installed playground equipment at James Monroe School. The equipment, like the playground, was dedicated to the late Gail Bundy, the school's nurse who died in an automobile accident in 1978. Members of Mrs. Bundy's family were at the June 4 ceremony dedicating the equipment, which was purchased by the school's PTA.

—Photo by Daryl Stone

## Florio's school-funding proposal irks, worries borough educators

### Metuchen faces big loss in aid

By Georgia Vosinakis

METUCHEN — Borough officials are very concerned about that portion of Gov. James Florio's school funding proposal which goes beyond the state Supreme Court's June 5 decision in *Abbott vs. Burke*.

While borough officials and educators seem to agree that a more equitable school funding system is in order to remedy disparities among the state's districts, they generally do not endorse all that the governor has proposed in his recent school-funding bill.

"We're not against the concept, but how the concept will be funded," said Edmund O'Brien, Borough Council president, during last week's council meeting. "It's in our interest to call for a further investigation of the (governor's) formula. One has to question why

towns like East Brunswick would be getting more in aid."

The sentiment of borough educators is embodied in the comments of the president of the New Jersey School Boards Association, Jeremiah F. Regan, who said, "We are pleased that the decision does not mandate school district payment of employee pensions — something we strongly object to in the Florio administration's proposed school aid system."

Under Florio's proposal, the burden of funding pension and social security benefits as well as health costs for retirees, would fall upon the local school districts beginning in the 1991-92 school year. These new costs, presently funded by the state, are expected to hit hardest those districts in which minimum aid would be phased out over a four-year period.

Metuchen is one of those districts.

"This is unfortunate for us," said George Trapp, a member of the borough's Board of Education.

Trapp referred to these new costs as "the wildcard" in Florio's plan, adding that the state has attributed to Metuchen a current state aid figure for these costs of \$1,580,000 while the board calculates a figure of \$900,000.

"Whether this number is legitimate or not ... it's a cost the district would have to assume," he said of Florio's proposal.

He added that the figure for these costs would "increase at a rate much greater than the cost of living increase."

"We always have people who retire — that's the real killer," said board member Eileen Dyas. "We'll be pumping money into the budget to pay benefits for retirees ... at the expense of the children."

Trapp said Florio's plan would reduce state aid to the borough by 25 percent each year beginning in 1992-93, so that the current state total of \$3,097,000 would drop to \$2,281,000 by the 1995-96 school

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## DEP ruling bogs down proposal

### Environmentalist claims victory

By Thomas R. DeCaro

EDISON — The state Department of Environmental Protection will not exempt Edison Tyler Estates' planned 863-unit housing development in the Dismal Swamp from the state's strict Freshwater Wetlands Act.

The decision, announced in a May 25 letter to the developers' attorney from Robert Piel Jr., chief of the DEP's Bureau of Inland Regulation, will force Edison Tyler Estates to seek permits from the DEP allowing them to build on wetlands and the so-called "transitional areas" which surround them. The permits are difficult to obtain.

It is a decision that has delighted local environmentalists.

"Save Our Swamp and I are extremely happy," said Jane Tausman, one of the founders of the local environmental group. "The DEP is giving us the greatest protection we can ask for."

She noted that while Piel said the developers must "start anew" — a phrase used by Superior Court Judge J. Norris Harding when he overturned the Planning Board's initial approval of the project — it is not clear whether the developers would return before the board.

What is clear, she said, is that the decision will have an impact on the scale of the development and on the planned Talmadge Road Extension, a requirement upon which much of the project is contingent.

Harding's April 1989 decision to overturn the board's approval of the project was based on ties between the developers and then-board Chairman William Bohn. It was the first in a series of successes for SOS in its fight against the development.

After the developers scaled down the plan from more than 1,000 to 863 units, the board on June 30 approved it while prohibiting the developers from building in the environmentally sensitive "hardwood forest" area of the swamp — a restriction sought by SOS.

The approval was granted just before the July 1 deadline at which time the Freshwater Wetlands Act took effect; however, beating the deadline has not exempted Edison Tyler Estates from the strict wetlands restrictions.

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—Photo by Jim D'Amico

## Garage sale becomes block party

### Tradition began six years ago

By Debbie Jordan

EDISON — Mary Heerwagen recently organized her sixth annual Walnut Street garage sale, and about 20 houses on the road participated.

The sale attracted close to 400 people, and it has only gotten better over the years, Heerwagen said, noting another one has been planned for October 6.

She added that it is not a typical garage sale.

"It's not a lot of work," she said. "I'm very busy, always on the go, but it doesn't take a lot of time. I'd like to see more neighborhoods do it."

Heerwagen advertises in four newspapers, places posters around the community and sends fliers to houses in the neighborhood who join in the sale, making it a social event as well.

"Each house has their own stuff — crafts also — not just garage sale items, and it's a

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—Photo by Jill Lotenberg

Janice Garbolino, assistant director of the Metuchen-Edison YMCA's Health Enhancement Center, spots Len Linguito as he works out with free weights. For more on the HEC and its staff, see page B-5.

Browsers could find everything from regular garage-sale items to cars and furniture at this year's Walnut Street garage sale, held recently on that Edison road.





—Photos by Brian Branch-Price

Shoppers (at right) spent some time on Golf Road recently searching for treasures at a fifth annual yard sale, a fund-raiser for Save Our Swamp, the Edison environmental group. Meanwhile (above) SOS member Jane Tousman hands out literature about the state's swamp lands to Ben Zager of Belleville.



## news briefs

### Edison

Telephone service to the John F. Kennedy Medical Center complex is presently in a state of flux.

The hospital's phone system was knocked out when it received a direct hit from lightning during the heavy thunderstorm early Saturday. New Jersey Bell was continuing efforts Wednesday afternoon to restore full telephone service in the complex.

Areas affected are the hospital, the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Rehabilitation Institute and the corporate offices, all on James Street. Calls cannot be dialed to patients' rooms.

All calls to the hospital and rehabilitation institute may be made by dialing 321-7000, the hospital's main number. This will remain in effect until further notice.

The Edison Democratic Association will celebrate the summer during the monthly meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Elks lodge, 375 Old Post Road.

Refreshments will be served. No meetings of the association are planned for July and August.

A pancake breakfast scheduled for Sunday at the Clara Barton First Aid Squad building on Amboy Avenue has been canceled.

Dr. Bob Maurer of the township was honored in the state Assembly yesterday as Physician of the Year.

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Five grass cutters and nine vehicles considered obsolete by the township will be sold at a public auction at 11 a.m. Thursday at the municipal garage, New Durham Road.

The vehicles and grass cutters can be inspected beginning at 9 a.m. that day.

### Metuchen

A fishing derby at Tommy's Pond scheduled for Saturday has been canceled.

According to a spokeswoman for the Metuchen Recreation Commission, the derby was called off because of a fish kill two weeks ago. A growth of algae in the pond resulted in a lack of oxygen on which the fish thrive.

According to borough administrator Phillip Hertz, the algae was treated June 1 with a diluted chemical which reportedly would not have any effect on fish or wildlife in the pond.

Hertz also has contacted the state fish and wildlife commission concerning the algae.

Borough efforts to fight alcohol and drug abuse will be explored

on an upcoming "Focus on Metuchen" program on TKR Cable TV Channel 6.

The show can be seen June 22 at 6:30 p.m. Guests are Elliot White, director of the Middlesex County Division on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Tom Vahalla, chairman of the local Youth Services Board and Municipal Alliance Committee.

Moderator is Councilwoman Pamela Brown, the council's liaison to the Youth Services Board and Municipal Alliance Committee.

Rebroadcasts are scheduled for June 25, July 2, July 12 and July 21, all at 6:30 p.m.

Four teachers, one from each of the borough's public schools, received congratulations from the Board of Education at Tuesday night's meeting for their nomination to and participation in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program.

Those honored were Marilyn Davidman, who teaches kindergarten at Moss School; Lillian Kovacs, a fourth-grade teacher at Campbell School; Carol Milich, a librarian at Edgar School; and Metuchen High School art teacher Linda Graf.

Each teacher received a \$500 award for her school and joined approximately 2,000 New Jersey teachers who were honored at a luncheon with Gov. and Mrs. James Florio in Princeton last month.

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TKR Cable representatives will appear before the Borough Council at 8 p.m. Monday at Borough Hall, according to Daniel LeBarr, Cable Advisory Commission chairman.

The cable company representatives will include Margaret Ann Behrends, programming manager; Melissa MacPherson, community relations manager; Larry Rutter, district operations manager; and Charles Bartolotta, area manager. They will discuss TKR's planned expansion of service and its new programming.

The meeting is open to the public and residents are urged to make their voices heard and provide the council with their comments and criticisms regarding the company and its service, LeBarr said.

"Reading Pleasures, Deep Sea Treasures" is the theme of this year's summer reading club at the Metuchen Public Library.

Metuchen children of all ages, those who read and those who listen to stories, may join a voyage

on the high seas of summer reading. Prizes await those who sign up for the club.

A treasure trove of activities is scheduled, including story and craft programs, hunts for hidden treasure, fantasy fishing contests, picnic story lunches, puppet shows and theatrical productions of "The Little Mermaid" and "Rip Van Winkle." Detailed program schedules are available at the library.

Borough residents may register for programs and the summer reading club starting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the library, 480 Middlesex Avenue. All programs are free.

For more information, call the

library at 632-8526.

A picnic in honor of retiring Campbell School Principal Mark Heinz has been scheduled for June 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the school grounds.

It is being sponsored and organized by the school's PTO. There will be games, hot dogs, Italian ices, pretzels and a remembrance basket for those who wish to drop notes to Heinz.

At an annual PTO appreciation dinner last week, Heinz was presented with a \$500 scholarship award.

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## Renaissance Awards to honor businesses for sprucing up

**METUCHEN** — The Metuchen Development Commission will honor a group of borough business people who, through their efforts to rebuild or refurbish their business properties, have made outstanding contributions to the ongoing effort of revitalizing Metuchen's downtown business district.

The Metuchen Renaissance Awards will be presented Monday at 8 p.m. during a Borough Council meeting in Borough Hall.

According to Grace Shackney, commission chairwoman, the revitalization effort began several years ago when the borough adapted architectural standards designed to complement its many turn-of-the-century structures. Victorian streetlamps and benches were installed to set the tone for further improvements. Gradually, many deteriorating facades have been restored while all new construction has been encouraged to adopt traditional architectural designs.

"The resulting effect has been to create a sense of place in Metuchen that it sets apart from the surrounding communities," Shackney said. "The purpose of

the Renaissance Awards is to call attention to the good things that are happening in our town as a result of the revitalization effort and applaud those who have cooperated to make that effort work."

Those to be honored this year are Jay Arbeiter and David Baer, Esqs. for their Main Street offices; Benjamin Bisogne for Metuchen Mower; Theodore and Joanne Campbell for Yes Yogurt; Ernest and Rosalind Docs for the ABZ Academy; Frank and Clare Ferraro for V&F Auto Body; the Forum Theatre Group, Peter Loewy, director; Tai Lee, Kim Kiu and Suet Fung Meiling for the Meiling Shanghai Restaurant; and Lloyd and Delores Kornblatt for Metuchen Veterinary Hospital.

Also, Carmine Limone for Suburban Auto Mall; Ken and Dorothy MacPherson for the parking lot design at Block Buster Video; Joseph Miciak for the Carteret Savings Bank building; Dr. Choon-Sik Park for his Main Street office; Jerry Salomone for Culinary Renaissance; Alan Weingarten for the Bridge Pointe office complex; and the Women Helping Women Agency, Meg Zanger, director.

## Recycling forum recognizes pair

**EDISON** — Two Middlesex County College marketing art and design students were awarded a \$25 prize in the 10th annual New Jersey Recycling Forum Dinner and Symposium.

Timothy Cuccolo of Edison and Alberto Wong of Fords were recognized for their poster urging people to recycle for the sake of the environment.

"I enjoy doing projects for the good of all mankind," Cuccolo said. "I would like to see a better future for my children. If this project helps people to recycle

even a little, it feels good to know I made some kind of a difference."

College students from across the state participated in the contest which was judged by Zoltan Buki of the State Museum in Trenton, Charles Steiner of the Princeton Art Museum and Betsy Wrobel of the Newark Museum.

The New Jersey Recycling Forum recognizes the outstanding efforts of individuals, municipalities and businesses in the field of recycling.



—Photo by Patti Miller

Gladys Chang, 8, a third-grader at Martin Luther King School, Edison, tells her classmates how Jim Henson brightened her life during a recent tribute to the late creator of the Muppets. A tribute began as a unit on memories in Arlene Fink's class.

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## Second town meeting set for central area of Edison

**EDISON** — Sidney Frankel, Township Council president, will chair Edison's second town meeting on June 26 at the Clara Barton First Aid Squad building, Amboy Avenue.

The meeting, for residents of the central section of the township, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end promptly at 9:30.

"As noted at the reorganization meeting of January 1, these town meetings will be held in 1990 for the residents of the northern, central and southern sections of the township," Frankel said. "The Township Council is conducting these meetings to make it easier for citizens to meet in the various sections of the township near their homes to give input to the council on the various issues that

concern them.

The first town meeting was held May 14 at the North Edison Branch library, and a third meeting is planned for October for residents of the south end of town.

"Town meetings will give direct input to the Township Council," Frankel said, "and citizens will be heard. It is good government."

Frankel emphasized that by their very nature, the meetings are information-gathering meetings for future actions, and on-the-spot answers to questions should not be expected by those in attendance.

Residents will be asked to limit their remarks to three minutes so that as many as possible can be heard during the two-hour meeting.

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our opinion

More than money

It is difficult to argue with many of the propositions set forth in last week's opinion written by state Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Wilentz.

- Among them:
- Poorly educated children are doomed never to break out of the cycle of poverty.
  - Poverty is the seed bed for crime.
  - Unschooled and unskilled masses deprive commerce and industry, particularly in New Jersey, of a needed labor pool and themselves of productive lives.

The chief justice's argument that these problems can be remedied if every youngster in the state receives a good education is unassailable. But what about his conclusion as to how this is to be achieved?

Money, of course, is the answer that Wilentz offers as the solution, even as he agrees that New Jersey already is generous in funding public schools.

However, it is his view and one in which the entire court concurred that even more money is needed and it must be diverted into the inner cities to ensure that the youngsters from the slums of Newark and Camden have the same opportunities as those who attend schools in ratable-rich districts.

Even the residents of the state's affluent municipalities might have reason to ask if the millions of dollars that are poured annually into their schools have produced the results they have the right to expect. True, their youngsters learn how to read and write but do they possess the quality of education that high school per-pupil costs of \$9,000 and \$10,000 a year should be buying?

The Supreme Court ruling, which Governor James Florio anticipated with his new "foundation formula" for redistributing state school aid, is not one the state Legislature is likely to embrace.

Nor should it. The decision, after all, is based on the premise that a problem can be corrected by throwing money at it. While it's a premise the Democratic governor endorses, it is, nevertheless, faulty.

Targeted by the Supreme Court for more aid were 28 property-poor urban districts in the state that were also low on a socio-economic scale employed by the state Department of Education — among the 28 are New Brunswick and Perth Amboy in Middlesex County. But while these districts may be property-poor, they do not necessarily spend less per pupil than suburban districts (see the chart below).

For example, New Brunswick already spends much more per pupil than the state average as well as \$457 more per pupil than Metuchen, \$1,102 more per pupil than Edison and \$2,166 more per pupil than Sayreville. Students in those three districts, however, receive a superior education to children in New Brunswick.

While it can be argued successfully that other factors force the cost of education to be greater in cities such as Newark, which incidentally spends \$6,291 per pupil, and New Brunswick, the Supreme Court decision does not really address them.

Hence, the Legislature must. Despite the fact that Florio (who knows voters have notoriously short memories and therefore) wants his school-aid plan to be adopted quickly, it is conceivable debate in the Legislature will grind on as long as the pandemonium created by the Supreme Court's historic Mount Laurel housing decision.

Implementation of Mount Laurel, you will remember, only came about when the court finally stepped in and dictated its own formula, which opened many towns to ruinous levels of development while making no appreciable dent in the shortage of affordable housing.

The Legislature cannot afford to sit back and allow the courts to determine how schools in New Jersey are to be funded. The Legislature is going to have to fulfill its purpose and come to its own determination.

But first it is going to have to involve itself in a whole new realm of demanding accountability from the education establishment and recruiting dedicated cadres of teachers and administrators with the missionary zeal to turn around the inner city schools. This would certainly mean shaking up vested interests — the New Jersey Education Association included — and dealing with the factors that stymie education in inner city districts. This, of course, increases the likelihood that legislators will not act.

But act they must because continuing to throw money into bottomless pits like Jersey City — where precious little state money ever found its way into the classrooms, requiring the state to take a hand in matters — is not going to be the final answer, despite Chief Justice Wilentz's 1960s vintage utopian dreams.

Per pupil costs

in Middlesex County

Carteret (K-12).....	\$5,221
Cranbury (Elementary).....	5,981
Dunellen (K-12).....	5,685
East Brunswick (K-12).....	5,650
Edison (K-12).....	5,706
Highland Park (K-12).....	6,440
Jamesburg (Elementary).....	5,424
Metuchen (K-12).....	6,351
Middlesex (K-12).....	5,862
Milltown (Elementary).....	5,141
Monroe (K-12).....	5,068
New Brunswick (K-12).....	6,808
North Brunswick (K-12).....	4,932
Old Bridge (K-12).....	6,003
Perth Amboy (K-12).....	4,814
Piscataway (K-12).....	5,782
Sayreville (K-12).....	4,642
South Amboy (K-12).....	5,680
South Brunswick (K-12).....	6,180
South Plainfield (K-12).....	6,423
South River (K-12).....	6,403
Spotswood (K-12).....	5,465
Woodbridge (K-12).....	6,330

County Average (K-12 districts).....	\$5,772
County Average (All districts).....	\$5,738
State Average (545 districts).....	\$5,429

Source: New Jersey School Boards Association  
Cost of Education Index for 1988-89  
Note: Figures do not include various costs including capital outlay, transportation, debt service, special education and tuition.



your opinion

'Play ball!' is the call thanks to many

To the Editor:  
Well, we did it! We three moms pulled together the community and brought about a change for the children of Edison! It has really happened ... and it does feel real good!

Incredibaseball has arrived in Edison. Incredibaseball is a modified way to play the traditional sport of baseball by adapting to the individual needs of each player.

As an informal, clinic-type, non-competitive game for 7- to 12-year-old boys and girls with a desire to participate on a team while learning the basics of baseball, Incredibaseball offers an opportunity learning, socializing and self-esteem enhancing experience for those eager children who usually would not join in with the conventional baseball leagues, possibly due to special needs of perceptual and/or neurological

differences, physical skills and abilities, or, even just not-too-pleasant experiences of sports memories in their past.

It goes to show that once recognized, a need can be accomplished! We three moms simply organized those in the community willing to stand up, come forward — and help make that change!

Without the recognition, concern and kindness of others, this program could not have been initiated. Therefore, our expression of sincerest appreciation is extended to those deserving of accolades for their rather important participation in bringing about Incredibaseball to the children to Edison:

Joyce DePascale, president, Learning Disabilities Association, Middlesex chapter, Sayreville, for encouraging programs and activities regarding children with special needs while interacting

with the various school districts and parent groups in order that such programs may become widespread throughout Middlesex County.

Special Education Advisory Council, Edison, for realizing the importance of and necessity for a recreational and socialization program not only for the special-needs children but for any and all interested children as well who would benefit from such a program.

Thomas Viggiano, supervisor of special services, public schools of Edison Township, for his direction and accompaniment as well as distribution of flyers to prospective participants.

Edison Recreation and Parks Department, through Trish Campbell, for the cooperation and donation of fliers, the utilization of the Stelton Community Center on registration day and especially the donation of equipment and use of a baseball field.

Frank Bourke, News Tribune staff writer, for his acknowledgement, interest and sensitivity.

Maureen Devlin, whose volunteering as a much-needed assistant coach is especially appreciated by Lori Crandall, head coach and manager, as the turnout of approximately 50 players was more than anticipated.

Pride Auto Body proprietors James and Sharon Mezey, for their genuine interest and support through the donation of impertinent and additional equipment for the team.

Edison Medical Group, for its generous donation enabling the children the pride and sense of belonging in wearing a team uniform.

Last, but most certainly not least, the children and their parents for their genuine interest, support and notable participation each week in order that the Incredibaseball program remains successful through their learning, sharing, socializing and just plain ol' having fun playing along the way of smiling faces making baseball memories.

We, as well as the children, thank you all!

Batter up! ... Play ball — that is Incredibaseball!

ALEXIA J. KAZIMER  
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LORI CRANDALL  
Edison

Mrs. Kazimer and Mrs. Hoffman-Wright are founders of Incredibaseball. Ms. Crandall is the manager and a founder of Incredibaseball.

McCabe yielded position

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to correct certain erroneous reports in the press concerning the events leading up to Jim Kukor's election as Edison Republican Party chairman on Monday.

For the past two years Bob McCabe has been the shadow chairman of the Republican Party in Edison. It was everyone's expectation in the party that he, not mayoral candidate James Kukor, would become municipal chairman. While there have been ex-

ceptions to the rule, it is the generally accepted practice that the chief political candidate is not the organization chairman as well.

At a meeting on Sunday, in view of certain circumstances, McCabe yielded his potential position as municipal chairman to Jim Kukor. To say that McCabe tried to line up support for a bid for the chairmanship is totally false. He had the votes. He yielded them to Jim Kukor.

OMRI M. BEHR  
Edison

Court rules

poor need education

Here's what the New Jersey Supreme Court concluded about the unconstitutionality of the state's school aid funding to poorer urban districts:

This case has a special context that brings the constitutional obligation into sharp focus as it applies to the urban poor. While we necessarily deal with our system of education statewide, the issue put to us by the plaintiffs is the education of those children who live in poverty. Their cities have deteriorated and their lives are often bleak. They live in a culture where schools, studying and homework are secondary. Their test scores, their dropout rate, their attendance at college, all indicate a severe failure of education. While education is largely absent from their lives, we get some idea of what is present from the crime rate, disease rate, drug addiction rate, teenage pregnancy rate and the unemployment rate.

Without an effective education they are likely to remain enveloped in this environment. Their overall needs are not limited to education, but that need is overwhelming.

Clearly, we are failing to solve this problem. It is the problem of bringing this important and increasingly isolated class into the life of America, for this is not just a New Jersey problem. There is progress, and there are some successes in education, but the central truth is that the poor remain plunged in poverty and severe educational deprivation. The devastation of the urban poor is more significant in New Jersey than in most states both because of our demographics and the structure of our society. Our large black and hispanic population is more concentrated in poor urban areas and will remain isolated from the rest of society unless this educational deficiency in poorer urban districts is addressed.

While the constitutional measure of the educational deficiency is its impact on the lives of these students, we are also aware of its potential impact on the entire state and its economy — not only on its social and cultural fabric, but on its material well-being, on its jobs, industry and business. Economists and business leaders say that our state's economic well-being is dependent on more skilled workers, technically proficient workers, literate and well-educated citizens. And they point to the urban poor as an integral part of our future economic strength. In short, they urge the state to go about the business of substantially improving the education of the very subjects of this litigation, the students in poorer urban districts. So it is not just that their future depends on the state, the state's future depends on them. That part of the constitutional standard requiring an education that will enable the urban poor to compete in the marketplace, to take their fair share of leadership and professional positions, assumes a new significance.

We note a further impact of the continuing constitutional failure. Soon, one third of our citizens will be black or hispanic, and many of them will be undereducated. This substantial segment of our population is disintegrating, so large a part that it cannot help but affect the rest. Everyone's future is at stake.

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## Challenge's history

The constitutional challenge to the state's public school financing has been two decades in the making. Here is a synopsis of the legal odyssey:

### 1970

First school financing lawsuit *Robinson vs. Cahill* is filed.

### 1972

Trial court officially recognized funding disparities and insufficiencies in delivery of public education to poor children.

### 1973

State Supreme Court declared funding statute unconstitutional and proclaimed right of all New Jersey children to equal educational opportunity.

### 1975-1977

Guarantee of a thorough and efficient (T&E) education emerged after four more decisions forcing legislature to enact a new law. Justices questioned whether new funding formula would satisfy the constitutional imperative.

### 1975-1989

Public schools received full entitlement of funds as required by the state government under the T&E law only 3 times over 14 years.

### 1979

T&E was further eroded by legislation reducing the equalizing factor of the funding formula.

### 1981

Contending that serious and unconstitutional disparities exist between rich and poor school districts, the Educational Law Center filed *Abbot vs. Burke* on behalf of 20 pupils from four urban schools.

### 1981-1989

State government leaders including Gov. Kean and education commissioner Saul Cooperman disputed the view of plaintiffs that less spending resulted in a worse education.

### 1986-1987

*Abbot* case was tried in Administrative Law Court with plaintiffs elaborating on insufficiencies and disparities suffered by children in poor urban schools. State disputed the facts.

### 1988

Administrative law judge rules that T&E funding system actually widened the gap between property-poor and property-wealthy districts and over taxed poor communities. Cooperman exercised his authority and rejected this decision.

### 1989

State Supreme Court weighs appeal, reviewing oral arguments, a mass of studies, statistics and *amicus* briefs.

### 1990

Court rules that T&E law is unconstitutional.

## Spadaro wants changes

If Assemblyman George Spadaro of Edison has his way, there will be substantial changes in the school funding legislation before the final bill is passed.

"To get my support we need a substantial modification of the funding formula" proposed by Gov. James Florio, the Democrat said.

His opposition is predicated in part on what he considers the unfair characterization of communities as wealthy or poor.

His examples: Metuchen and Edison, which under Florio's foundation plan would end up without minimum aid in four years.

While most of the municipalities in the northwestern part of Middlesex County are slated to get some state support, Edison and Metuchen are ranked among the 151 wealthier districts in the state.

"The reality is that any large suburb like Edison has wealthy,

middle class and lower middle class residents," Spadaro said. "The Florio Administration tried to draw some general conclusions about the whole town. They will hurt the middle class and lower middle classes," he said.

The assemblyman said the proposal contained "trial balloon numbers" that will need to be modified in order that "the needy are not brushed aside by broad assumptions."

Spadaro said that under the Supreme Court ruling the legislature has no choice but to make a reallocation of funding to the 28 poorer urban districts, but he is not satisfied about the losses in aid that are faced by many communities like Metuchen and Edison.

He said that he and his colleague in the 18th District, Frank Pelly, have presented their advocacy of formula changes to the Democratic caucus in the legislature.

## Church's rich history is preserved in structure, documents, pictures

By Joyce Kaschak

EDISON — The New Dover United Methodist Church, located at 690 New Dover Road in the North Edison Historic District was founded 12 years before the Civil War, with the original portion of the sanctuary built in 1849 at a cost of \$2,700 on land donated by Gussie Wood.

The church is a classically simple and quite handsome white wood-framed structure with eight clear "four over five" three-tiered windows which keep the sanctuary bright and airy in appearance.

Fifteen rows of white wooden pews with deep red cushions fill most of the sanctuary space.

Four large brass candelabra are hung throughout the sanctuary, and 12 brass candle sconces adorn the plain white plastered walls.

Felt and burlap banners made by children in New Dover's busy church school program hang on the walls between the tall white-shuttered church windows.

The altar area has a lectern and a modest pulpit from which some of the congregation's 77 pastors have preached.

Also on the altar area are the church's choir pews, the organ and piano. A special green candle called the "Candle of Hope" sits on the right-hand portion of the altar at the front of the church.

This green candle, according to a New Dover United Methodist Church publication, "symbolizes the light, life and healing power of our God. It is to lit at each worship service until AIDS is cured and until the prejudice surrounding AIDS, persons with AIDS and the families and friends is overcome."

There are several pieces of evidence available that show not only how this portion of Edison Township has grown over the years, but also how the New Dover United Methodist Church has prospered and grown in its mission as well.

Displayed in one of the two memorial cabinets at the rear of the church is a commemorative program for the Methodist Church's 180th anniversary in 1964.

The cover shows the address of the church as New Dover United Methodist Church, Rahway, N.J., indicating that as late as 1964, Edison had to "share" post office addresses with then-larger neighboring communities.

Over the years, additions have been made to New Dover United Methodist Church, but the sanctuary retains the basic design of the original 1849 building.

In 1924, electricity was added, and in 1930 the steeple was replaced. That spire fell years later and was not replaced, according to longtime congregant Helen Towek, "until about five years ago"

*Additions to structure were made over many years, but the sanctuary retains basic design of 1849 building*



—Photo by Thomas R. DeCaro

The New Dover United Methodist Church at 690 New Dover Road, Edison, is a simple, handsome white wood-framed structure built in 1849.

when the present steeple was erected.

She added that it was in 1951 that "our two pot-bellied

stoves were replaced by a modern central heating system."

In the 1950s and 1960s, New

Dover United Methodist Church's facilities were expanded to keep pace with the rapid development in northern Edison and with the increases in the congregation's numbers.

Fellowship Hall, Wesley Hall (the church school), sanctuary renovations and a parsonage were added to meet the growth.

In the 1970s a new kitchen was constructed and the sanctuary was expanded to its present dimensions.

Old photos contained in the memorial cabinets reveal archival prints of the smaller sanctuary and of many church's religious and social events over the years. One shows a 1920s confirmation class on a picnic at Boynton Beach, a once popular beach resort in Woodbridge's Sewaren section.

Other treasures in the cabinet are two "Cradle Rolls" — one is an intricately hand-painted chronicle of births in the congregation dating from 1915 through 1926. Each birth was meticulously added in calligraphy as it occurred.

A more recent addition to the church's collection of "Cradle Rolls" documents the "blessed events" of the congregation in the 1960s.

Attendance rolls for each Sunday's worship service were kept equally meticulously. An

attendance record on display in the cabinet shows the following: "Sunday, April 13, 1952: Congregation: 68, Choir: 7, Pianist: 1, Total: 76."

To the left of the simple entranceway to New Dover United Methodist Church is a small cemetery for deceased members of the congregation.

In the foyer of the sanctuary is a collection of pamphlets, booklets and bulletins.

The cover of a recent Sunday's bulletin reminds the reader to "Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to each other."

The first assigned pastor was the Rev. Jeremiah Cowins in 1855. Since that time, 77 ministers have served the church. The original trustees, according to church records, were Charles Toms, John Badgely, Joseph Toms, Darnel Wood and Thomas Payne.

Today, the Rev. David C. Pierson serves as pastor of New Dover United Methodist Church.

He and the active congregation carry on that spirit of service and giving which was so generously demonstrated in 1849 by the community's benefactor, Gussie Wood and those original trustees.

Joyce Kaschak is a member of the Edison Township Historical Society, and this article is one in a series for the *Metuchen-Edison Review* by society members on the history of the area.



—Photo by Jill Lotenberg

John P. Stevens High School band members (l-r) Stephanie Lynch, Jennifer Farneski and Carol Puriek play flutes during a recent spring concert at the high school.



—Photo by Kathy Hall

Members of the John P. Stevens High School String Orchestra practice during first period at the Edison school, but the class provides more than just practice time. It provides opportunities. For the story, see page A-11.





Kim Barrett, 8, of Edison was crowned Miss Majorette of New Jersey in the novice division of a recent competition in Tuckerton. While the Miss Majorette title is a solo award, the teams on which she also competes placed first in their divisions. Kim is a student of Valerie Vitale of Edison and is a three-year member of Valerie's Golden Strutters.

## Chandler to speak on role of women in government

EDISON — Marguerite Chandler, a businesswoman and candidate for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, will speak Monday at a program about women's role in state government.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Victorian Manor, 2863 Woodbridge Avenue, near South Main Street.

The program is sponsored by the United Charter Chapter, American Business Women's Association. Topics to be discussed include enhancing women's knowledge of careers in government and the effect of legislative bills for the working woman. It will also show how women can make a positive contribution to their government.

## Edison women hold ORT posts

EDISON — Susan Gordon and Fran Reisfeld, both of this township, have been elected vice presidents of the Central Jersey Region of Women's American ORT.

They assumed their posts during an installation dinner Tuesday at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place and Towers, Iselin. The posts are for the 1990-1991 term.

Marla Lind, also of Edison, has received the ORT Golden Circle pin for those who have contributed or solicited at least \$1,000 to the ORT capital funds program.

She was presented with her pin at an honor roll dinner June 7 at the Landmark Inn, Woodbridge.

Anyone who is interested in Women's American ORT may call 549-1155.

## Catherine Suswal to marry in 1991

METUCHEN — Catherine Mary Suswal, daughter of borough residents Carmela and William Suswal, and William Raymond Pezzuti, son of Marlene and William Pezzuti of Fair Lawn, are engaged to be married.

The future bride is a graduate of Metuchen High School and Lehigh University. She is employed by Ernst and Young, Iselin.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Fair Lawn High School and Lehigh University and is employed by Radiodetection, Mahwah.

An October 1991 wedding is planned.

## Seminar to cover financial planning

EDISON — Dean Witter Reynolds has scheduled a series of free financial planning seminars for corporate employees and business people within three years of retirement.

The seminars will be held in the Dean Witter offices at 333 Thornhill Street, between Wood Avenue and Evergreen Road.

The next seminar, on tax-free and tax-deferred investments, will be held in two sections at noon and 6 p.m. on Monday and will cover investment options for retirees who receive a large payment at the end of their employment.

Complimentary deli sandwiches will be served.

The free seminar also will be held Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. For reservations, call M. Leonard Kuker at 494-9200.

## 'Y' sets schedule for swim lessons

EDISON — Aquatic programs for the summer have been announced by the YMCA of Metuchen-Edison.

Progressive swim lessons will run in two-week sessions from Monday through Thursday for children 6 through 13.

There will be an 8 a.m. class for Polliwogs, Guppies, Fish, Flying Fish and Sharks; an 8:30 a.m. class for Polliwogs, Guppies and Minnows; and a 9 a.m. class for Polliwogs and Guppies. Classes are 30 minutes long. The starting dates for each two-week session are June 25, July 9, July 23 and August 6.

The infant swim classes will take place once a week beginning June 25. Classes are offered mornings and evenings on various days of the week.

The preschool swim lessons will be offered in four-week sessions meeting twice each week. There will be two sessions available beginning June 25 and July 23.

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## Edison offering tests for cholesterol

EDISON — The Edison Township Health Department will offer cholesterol screening Monday at the Dr. William Toth Memorial Health Center, 80 Idlewild Road.

Hours for the testing are 9 a.m. to noon. Blood pressure screening and education about cholesterol also will be provided. Cost is \$16.

The screening is available only to residents of Edison. Appointments are required by calling 287-0900, Ext. 286.

## BIL installs officers for upcoming year

METUCHEN — At the May meeting of the Borough Improvement League, the following members were installed for the 1990-1991 year:

Mrs. H.I. Stewart, president; Mrs. P. McCormack, first vice president; Mrs. J. Convery, second vice president; Mrs. E. Fager, recording secretary; Mrs. R. Smith, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. J. Zsoldos, treasurer.

Mrs. Norman Ferrara, past president and past district vice president, conducted the installation.

## Sports medicine clinic is Tuesday

EDISON — A free sports medicine clinic is being offered Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Rehabilitation Institute, on the grounds of John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

A professional clinic team will be available to screen both sub-acute and chronic sports and exercise-related injuries. The team consists of a biochemist, a physical therapist and a physician specializing in rehabilitation medicine.

Pre-registration is required by calling 321-7757.

## 'Get Hooked' on books in Edison

EDISON — "Get Hooked on Books" is the theme of the Edison Public Library's summer reading program featuring mascot Wally the Whale.

The program, open to children in kindergarten through 5th grade, begins June 25 and ends August 17. For more information, call 287-2351.

## Saums, Piesen receive honors at Scout dinner

EDISON — Diane Saums and Betsy Piesen, two North Edison Girl Scout leaders, were honored recently at a dinner held at Cryan's Restaurant, Metuchen.

Saums, a five-year troop leader and service unit director of 32 troops for five years, was presented with an appreciation pin.

She has devoted untold hours to Girl Scouts, including organizing roller skating and bowling parties, Fun Day and a trip to the Ice Capades, as well as service projects like Toys for Tots.

Piesen received the Leader of the Year award. Her troop made donations to Toys for Tots, went on trips to various places including the Edison Tower, made candy at Gertrude Hawk and camped at Breezy Point, N.Y.

Piesen's troop also earned the Holy Family Medal, worked on badges, learned how to sew, dance and make jellies, which they gave as gifts to others.

## Financial planner to speak at JCC

EDISON — Saul Simon, a certified financial planner and partner of Rosario Greco, will speak on Monday at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County, 1775 Oak Tree Road.

Simon's topics will include retirement, children's educational funding, updated life insurance, disability, protecting the ability to earn income and strategies for the '90s.

For more information, call the JCC at 494-3232.

## Local workshop deals with divorce

METUCHEN — Women Helping Women is presenting a workshop Wednesday to explain "Everything You Want to Know about Divorce."

The program will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the annex of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Route 27 and Oak Avenue. Myra Terry, director of the Divorce Support Center and coordinator of the Homemaker's Rights Task Force, is the speaker.

Admission is \$3 for members of Women Helping Women and \$5 for non-members. For more information or registration, call 549-6000.

## JCC holding annual meeting

EDISON — The annual meeting of the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County will be held Tuesday at the Morris & Lydia Goldfarb Building, 1775 Oak Tree Road, at 8 p.m.

The meeting will honor the JCC's outgoing officers and install newly elected officers and members of the board. The JCC's special 50-50 raffle also will be drawn.



BETSY PIESEN

## Father's Day meal just for area seniors

EDISON — The YMCA Nutrition Project invites all seniors 60 years of age and older to attend a Father's Day dinner on Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 445 Old Post Road.

Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. The menu will feature roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dinner roll and a special dessert. Coffee, tea and milk will be served.

To reserve a meal, call 828-8668 today, Friday. Special activities also are planned.

## Sign up Saturday for 'Y' summer fun

METUCHEN — The YMCA of Metuchen-Edison, 65 High Street, is holding registration for summer programs tomorrow between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Classes offered during the summer include swim instruction for children 6 months to 12 years old and an adult swim class.

Registration will also be accepted for Summer Stay and Play, for children 20 months to 3 years old; the Summer Kelpie Klub, for those 3 to 5; and summer camp for children 1 to 6.

The YMCA also will offer family, open and youth swims, basketball and volleyball during the summer.

Details may be obtained from the Y at 548-2044.

## births

EDISON — Kenneth David, a son, was born May 18 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital to Gail Ann Barbato.

EDISON — Florence Ho and Marlon Quan are parents of a daughter, Caroline Lynn, born May 22 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

EDISON — Daniel Phillip, a son, was born May 25 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital to Sheila and Dave Angalet.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Shepard play opens new stage at Villagers Barn

SOMERSET — The Zaidi Theatre, the second stage of the Franklin Villagers Barn Theatre, opens Thursday, June 28, with a production of Sam Shepard's *True West*.

Shepard's play is the story of two antagonistic brothers — one a screenwriter, the other a shiftless crook — who meet unexpectedly in their mother's California house. Using Hollywood as a backdrop, *True West* turns into a dark comedy about American myths and their conflict with everyday life.

First produced in 1982 by Chicago's famed Steppenwolf Theater Company, *True West* is considered the most conventional of Shepard's plays, which include *Fool for Love*, *Buried Child*, *Cowboy Mouth* and *A Lie of the Mind*.

*True West* runs through July 7 with performances Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday, July 1.

General admission tickets to the Zaidi Theatre are \$8.

The Zaidi Theatre is part of the Franklin Villagers Barn Theatre, located behind the Franklin Municipal Complex at 475 DeMott Lane, in the Somerset section of Franklin Township.

For more information, call 873-2710.



Avery Brooks stars in "Othello," a new production of Shakespeare's tragedy opening at the Levin Theater in New Brunswick.

## Avery Brooks will play 'Othello' in SummerFest season opener

NEW BRUNSWICK — Stage and television star Avery Brooks will play one of Shakespeare's most famous tragic heroes when *Othello* opens next week at the Levin Theater as part of the Rutgers SummerFest.

Directed by Hal Scott, *Othello* will open Friday, June 22, and continue through July 15 at the air-conditioned theater, part of the Rutgers Arts Center on George Street, near Route 18 on the Douglass College campus.

Brooks, best known for his performance as the perpetually glowing Hawk in the television series *Spenser: For Hire* and its spin-off, *A Man Called Hawk*, will be joined in the cast of *Othello* by Andre Braugher, who played Searles in the recent film *Glory*.

Braugher will play Iago, the Venetian schemer who poisons Othello's mind by convincing him his beloved Desdemona is being unfaithful. Desdemona will be played by Jordan Baker, whose television credits include *L.A. Law*.

Lawrence "Butch" Morris, the musical director for *A Man Called Hawk*, is composing an original percussion score for this Rutgers production.

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Brooks, who received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Rutgers, is an associate professor of theater arts at the Mason Gross School of the Arts. His other television credits include *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *Solomon Northup's Odyssey* and *Roots: The Gift*.

On stage, Brooks has performed the lead role in *Paul Robeson* both at Rutgers and on Broadway. He has also appeared in several productions for the New York Shakespeare Festival.

Hal Scott, who directed *Paul Robeson* on Broadway, is head of the professional MFA directing program at the Mason Gross School. He directed a production of Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* at the Kennedy Center that took 10 NAACP National Theater Awards (including best director) in 1987.

Scott recently directed Brooks in a production of August Wilson's *Fences* for the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis.

Curtain time will be at 8 p.m. except for a 2 a.m. Sunday matinee on Sunday, July 15. There will be a preview performance Thursday, June 21. The theater will be dark Mondays.

General admission tickets are \$18 and \$15, \$5 for students. Tickets for the preview are \$15 and \$12.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 932-7511.

Rutgers SummerFest is a celebration of dance, music, theater and art presented by the Mason Gross School of the Arts. The festival encompasses 98 events throughout the summer.

## N.J. Shakespeare Festival hosts Monday night series

MADISON — Ballet, jazz, opera and mime are all part of the Monday Night Special series hosted this summer by the N.J. Shakespeare Festival, in residence at Drew University.

Presented as a complement to the main stage productions, the Monday Night Special series offers 8 p.m. performances priced at \$24, \$20 and \$16, with a student rush rate of \$5 15 minutes before curtain time.

The summer series opens July 9 with "What's Your Number?" by Theatreworks/USA, a show for children and adults that blends music, mayhem, mime and mathematics. The curtain time for this show is 7 p.m., with a special admission price of \$5.

On July 16, the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players bring back their popular "Gilbert and Sullivan Banquet," a two-part production that opens with an abridged version of *The Pirates of Penzance* and, after the intermission, moves through other well-known songs in the G&S canon.

On July 23 the Imago Theatre Mask Ensemble will combine the French Lecoq mime technique, fantastic masks and original music with an American flair. Often compared to the Mummenshanz mime troupe, the Imago performance has been praised by the *New York Times* as "a madcap revue... that left everyone feeling giggly."

On July 30 the New Jersey Ballet will present a program ranging from classical divertissements to jazz works.

On August 6, the trio Mozart on Fifth will perform American music from the Cotton Club to Car-

negie Hall.

On August 13, the Irish musicians Moloney, Keene & O'Connell will perform traditional Irish tunes.

Spider Saloff and Ricky Ritzel will take the stage on August 20 for a performance of Broadway and Hollywood show tunes, including a hilarious sendup of Burns and Allen and such songs as "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" and "September Song."

Returning to the festival after a 10-year absence, the All Nations Dance Company will perform everything from African "Sama" to Greek "Hasapiko" to Ukrainian "Hopak."

The Pushcart Players, winners of the Governor's Award for outstanding children's theater, will appear Sept. 3 for "Bewtixt'N Between," a musical comedy based on the works of great writers. This performance starts at 7 p.m., with a special ticket price of \$5.

Jazz Impact will perform music from early blues and Dixieland to rock on Sept. 10.

On Sept. 17, Jay O'Callahan will perform his one-man show "Coming Home to Someplace New," a collection of original portraits of extraordinary moments in ordinary lives.

The series concludes Sept. 24 with Chen and Dancers, a troupe which presents traditional Chinese dances as well as modern works grounded in Asian aesthetics.

Subscriptions are also available for the mainstage Festival season of five productions: *Romeo and Juliet*, *Measure for Measure*, *King John*, a comedy to be announced and Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. The season runs from June 27 through Dec. 9, with subscription prices ranging from \$100 to \$35. Single ticket prices range from \$5 student rush tickets to \$24.

For more information, call 377-4487.

## 'Summerfun' theater series opens June 19

MONTCLAIR — The Summerfun Theater series resumes Tuesday, June 19, when the bittersweet comedy *Driving Miss Daisy* opens for a two-week run at the Weiss Arts Center, Montclair Kimberly Academy, Lloyd Road and Bloomfield Avenue.

The story of the growing relationship between a Southern matron and her black chauffeur (as well as the basis for the recent hit movie), *Driving Miss Daisy* will be

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## Benefit concert closes season

SOMERSET — "Some Enchanted Evening," a tribute to the American composing team of Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II, will close the Candlelight Concert Series next Sunday, June 24.

Soprano soloist Judy Toma, baritone Rick McElhiney, flautist Miriam Lynn Nelson and pianists Carole-Anne Mochernuk and Paul Kueter will be the featured performers at the event, sponsored by the Meadows Foundation.

Proceeds from this combined

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## Mountain State choir performs in Piscataway

PISCATAWAY — The West Virginians, a nationally recognized show choir from Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, W. Va., will perform secular and sacred music Thursday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist of New Market, 450 New Market Road.

The group's mix of songs includes Broadway, pop, country, jazz, Gospel and contemporary Christian. Their performances blend dancing, colorful costumes and worship into concerts that offer something for everyone.

Designated "Official Ambassadors for the State of West Virginia" by Governors John D. Rockefeller IV, Arch Moore and Gaston Caperton, the West Virginians select new members annually and spend a little over three months touring as representatives of Alderson-Broaddus, a liberal arts college affiliated with the American Baptist Churches USA.

For more information, call the church at 968-6290.



The West Virginians, a show choir from Alderson-Broaddus College in the Mountain State, will perform June 21 at the First Baptist Church of New Market.

## Who voss zot masked man?

He's built like Gigantor and talks like the godson of Colonel Klink, but bodybuilder/real estate tycoon/Kennedy in-law, Arnold Schwarzenegger is also savvy enough to pick scripts and directors that produce something more than Stallone-grade standard action flicks. The violent science fiction adventure *Total Recall* has two golden cards up its sleeve: good source material in the form of "We Can Remember It For You Wholesale" by the late great Philip K. Dick; and the Dutch filmmaker Paul Verhoeven, whose sick ingenuity made *RoboCop* some kind of brain-rotted classic. *Total Recall* demonstrates that Verhoeven, while very much alive, is anything but well, which means the film performs very well right up to its climax.

Like *Blade Runner*, another film inspired by one of Dick's stories, *Total Recall* offers up a retro nightmare fantasy of the future: on Earth, a tarnished consumer paradise overseen by a garrison state; on the Martian colonies, blazing red skies, an economy in which air is sold like any other utility and generations of settlers are turned into corrugated mutants by inadequate radiation shielding.

In the middle of all this is Quaid (Schwarzenegger), a happy construction worker with an extremely pneumatic wife and a hankering to see the Angry Red Planet up close. Since he can't do that, he settles for a trip to Rekall Inc., a disreputable psychic chopshop where one can have implanted the memory of a vacation alongside the companion of one's choice (there are even specifications for physical beauty and

moral character). Quaid goes for the extra deal, a memory of himself on Mars as a secret agent — "We call it the Ego Trip," the salesman says — and his visit turns into a consummate bad trip, made worse by the fact that his head is already full of phony memories. Quaid's effort to find

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out his true identity — along with who rearranged his brain — is the motor that powers the film's satisfyingly tricky plot.

As with any Verhoeven film, the violence starts early and never lets up, and every freshet of gore is livened by the man's peculiarly bloodthirsty sensibility — there's a shoot-out on an escalator that adds a new note of callousness to the standard practice of mowing down innocent bystanders. But in addition to very impressive production values — e.g., a tracking shot from a train window across the blasted Martian landscape that earned appreciative murmurs at the screening I attended — the film abounds in inventive touches that would be the pride of any science fiction film. My favorite scene is the one that hews closest to the source material: Quaid, hiding out in a Martian hotel, is suddenly confronted by a bland psychotherapist telling him that he's still strapped to a chair at Rekall Inc., living out a paranoid fantasy. Philip K. Dick excelled at this kind of mind-messing: until a movie attempts to deal with his work on its own terms (say, *The*

*Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch*, or "The Faith of Our Fathers") filmic science fiction will continue to lag 70 years behind its literary predecessor.

Schwarzenegger has been getting slagged for his continued inability to develop his English as fully as his deltoids. I say who cares — his speech is perfectly adequate for this kind of work, and he has surrounded himself with actors who take pleasure in their B-movie work. The most memorable of the lot is Sharon Stone as the wife who is not quite a wife. Ronny Cox, the corporate heavy in *RoboCop*, reappears in a nearly identical role and meets an even more picturesque fate.

Apparently tucked out from his unceasing efforts to set Francisco Franco spinning in his grave, the Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar seems temporarily out of gas. Only once in his new movie *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!* (the unbecoming English translation of the title *Atame!*) does he come up with a scene to equal his previous outrages: the camera follows a wind-up scuba diver as it moves along the bottom of a bathtub and up between the legs of the heroine, steadily plugging along even after it reaches the appointed end of its journey. Getting there is all the fun in *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!* — certainly Almodovar and the film never get any further.

The story centers on Ricky (Antonio Banderas), a winsome psychopath just released from the mental institution where apparently he was perfectly happy seducing nurses and administrators

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## the HIT list

Okay, by now every visitor to New York City knows there are roughly 22,000 people buried below Washington Square Park in an old potter's field. But how many people know about the West Twelfth Street office building that turned into a volcano for five days in 1922? Or that in 1838 there was a roadhouse at Eleventh Street and Sixth Avenue called the Old Grapevine that gave rise to the expression "Heard it through the grapevine"? Terry Miller does: he dug up these tidbits and many more just as intriguing for his new book *Greenwich Village and How It Got That Way* (Crown, \$30), an illustrated collection of some 200 short essays about New York City's most varied and fascinating neighborhood. You won't want to climb the bell tower of the Jefferson Market Branch Library to see the graffiti inside the bell but you'll be glad Miller did.

As rap continues its commercial conquest of the music industry, the last couple of years have seen the emergence of groups that are quirkier, funnier and less assaultive than, say, Public Enemy or N.W.A. Groups such as De La Soul and A Tribe Called Quest are now joined by *Digital Underground* and its new release *Sex Packets* (Tommy Boy), which draws plenty of inspiration from George Clinton's beats and his goofy humor. "The Humpty Dance" is getting street play right now but the other standouts include "Hip Hip Doll," which updates "Ragtime Gal" and crosses it with a Raymond Chandler parody, and "Underwater Rimes," which goes "Rock Lobster" and the B-52's one better.

### What's new and interesting



# GOINGS • ON • AT • A • GLANCE

Items for inclusion in "Diversions" should be sent to Steven Hart, Entertainment Section Editor, 211 Lakeview Avenue, Piscataway. Please include telephone number for follow-up questions.

## THEATER

**ANYTHING GOES** The Cole Porter musical performed by **Plays in the Park** July 3 through July 14 (except July 4 and July 8) at 8:40 p.m. in the Roosevelt Park Amphitheater, off Route 1, Edison. Free admission. Playgoers may begin placing lawn chairs at 6 p.m. 548-2884.

**C'MON GET HAPPY!** Musical salute to the "golden age" of radio, performed through Sept. 29 at the **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**, Route 173 West, Hampton. 735-6070 or (800) HHP-7313.

**A FEAST OF FOOLS** Geoff Hoyle's one-man show combines mime, dance and discourse in portraying "fools" throughout history. Through June 17 at the **George Street Playhouse**, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Admission \$25 to \$16. 246-7469.

**FINISHING TOUCHES** Jean Kerr's romantic comedy about mid-life crisis, performed through June 24 by the **New Theatre**, Knights of Columbus Hall, Maple Street, Bernardsville. Admission \$10, \$7. 234-9238.

**I WON'T DANCE** Oliver Halley's thriller probes the relationship between three characters suspected of killing a celebrity couple. Performed through June 23 at the **Edison Valley Playhouse**, 2196 Oak Tree Road, Edison. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$9, \$8 for the elderly on Fridays and Sundays. 755-4854.

**MIKADO INC.** Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta about Japan, updated and set in a present-day Japanese corporation, performed through June 24 at the **Paper Mill Playhouse**, Brookside Drive, Millburn. Admission \$33 through \$19. 376-4343.

**MOVE OVER MRS. MARKHAM** Comedy performed weekdays through July 7 at the **Off-Broadstreet Theatre**, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. Admission \$16 Saturdays, \$14.75 Fridays and Sundays, includes dessert. (609) 466-2766.

**OTHELLO** Avery Brooks stars in Shakespeare's tragedy about the Moor whose love for Desdemona is poisoned by jealousy. June 22 through July 15 at the **Levin Theater**, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$18 to \$15. Preview discount June 21, 932-7511.

**PLAYS IN THE PARK** Free performances of well-known musicals at 8:40 p.m. in the Roosevelt Park Amphitheater off Route 1, Edison. Playgoers may begin placing low-backed lawn chairs at 6 p.m. **Anything Goes** through July 3 to July 14, **Okla!oma!** from July 25 to August 4, **How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying** from August 15 to August 25. No Sunday performances; no show on July 4. 548-2884.

**SHOESTRING PLAYERS** Children's theater troupe performs folk tales from around the world Saturday, July 21, at 2 p.m. in the **Nicholas Music Center**, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$6. 932-7511.

**STEEL MAGNOLIAS** Robert Harling's bitter-sweet comedy about the trials and tribulations of a group of Southern women, performed June 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 at **Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School**, Bridgewater. Admission \$5. 526-8900, ext. 264.

**THE TAMING OF THE SHREW** Avery Brooks stars in Shakespeare's comedy about Petruchio's "taming" of the fractious Kate so that her younger sister Bianca can marry. July 20 through August 12 at the **Levin Theater**, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$18 to \$15. Preview discount July 19, 932-7511.

**TRUE WEST** Sam Shepard's play about two brothers — one a Hollywood screenwriter, the other a petty crook — who accidentally meet at their mother's California home, performed June 28 through July 7 at the **Zaidi Theatre**, second stage of the Franklin Villagers Barn Theatre, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset. Admission \$8. 873-2710.

**WORKING** A musical based on Studs Terkel's collection of interviews in which various people describe their jobs, performed through June 24 at the **Franklin Villagers Barn Theatre**, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset. Admission \$12 on Fridays and Saturdays, \$10 on Sundays. Friday and Sunday discounts for students and the elderly. 873-2710.

**ZOOMAN AND THE SIGN** Charles Fuller's drama about a black family man and the vicious street hood who has accidentally gunned down the man's daughter, performed August 16 through Sept. 23 by the **Players' Company**, Mill Hill Playhouse, East Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton. Admission \$10, \$5 for students and the elderly. (609) 989-3038 or (215) 295-3794.

## MUSEUMS

**AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**, Greenville Library, 1841 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City. Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Permanent exhibition devoted to civil rights movement and role of black churches. Also musical instruments of Africa, America and the West Indies; kitchen typical of black urban households circa 1930; African shields and sculpture. 547-5262.

**AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York. Daily 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Contribution of \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, free Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (212) 769-5100.

**THE ART MUSEUM**, Princeton University. Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Museum shop closes 4 p.m. Western European paintings, sculpture and decorative art from 19th and 20th centuries. Pre-Columbian art and Art of the Americas reopened. Through June 17: "20th Century Works on Paper." (609) 452-3788.

**BERGEN MUSEUM OF ART AND SCIENCE**, Ridgewood and Fairview avenues, Paramus. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and the elderly. Lanpe Permanent exhibition devoted to culture of the Lenape Indians. 265-1248.

**CORNELIUS LOW HOUSE/MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM**, 1225 River Road (overlooking Landing Lane), Piscataway. Tuesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 745-4489.

**CRANBURY MUSEUM**, Park Place, Cranbury. Sponsored by the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society. (609) 395-8525.

**EAST BRUNSWICK MUSEUM**, 16 Maple Street, East Brunswick. Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Through Sept. 29: "Early Heating and Lighting." 254-7329.

**EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE**, River Road at Hoes Lane, Johnson Park, Piscataway. Village composed of relocated 18th century structures set near the headquarters of the county park police. Guided tours for small groups Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., larger groups by reservation only. Call 463-9077 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

**FRANKLIN MINERAL MUSEUM**, Evans Street off Route 23, Franklin Borough. Friday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to groups by reservation, admission \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Separate admission for adjoining Buckwheat Dump. Some 300 types of minerals from New Jersey Zinc Co. mines plus replica of mine. 827-3481.

**HACKENSACK MEADOWLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL MUSEUM**, 2 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst. Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$1. History of Meadowlands and Urban Salt Marsh, diorama, exhibit on garbage crisis and recycling. 486-8300.

**JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM**, Rutgers University, George and Hamilton streets, New Brunswick. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed Wednesdays), Saturdays noon to 5 p.m. through June 30, Sundays noon to 5 p.m. through July 30. Closed Saturdays in July. Closed in August, reopens Sept. 4. Through June 17: "Abstract Expressionism: Other Dimensions." Through July 31: Landscapes by "W. Elmer Schofield: An American Impressionist." Sept. 16 through Nov. 18: "Japonisme Comes to America," works with a strong Japanese influence. Sept. 18 through Nov. 18: "Echizen Washi," exhibit of traditional Japanese handmade paper. 932-7237.

**JERSEY CITY MUSEUM**, 472 Jersey Avenue (fourth floor of main library building), Jersey City. Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Saturdays through Labor Day. Through Aug. 17: New Jersey Arts Annual, fine arts exhibition. Through June 15: Drawings by Alejandro Arreus, Cuban-born artist. 547-4514.

**METLAR HOUSE**, 1281 River Road (near the Lynch Bridge), Piscataway. Piscataway Township historic museum, weekday tours by appointment. 752-1124 or 752-4178.

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## EVENTS

**CENTRAL JERSEY STAMP, COIN & CARD EXCHANGE** Sunday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Budget Motor Lodge, Route 9 North, Woodbridge. Free admission. 247-1093.

**DINOMIGHT** Fourteen creatures of the Mesozoic era, on display through July 3 at the Monmouth Museum, Brookdale Community College, Lincoft. Admission \$6, \$4 for children and the elderly. 747-2302.

**GARDEN STATE INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR** Saturday, Aug. 18, and Sunday, Aug. 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Garden State Exhibit Center, Davidson Avenue (next to Hilton hotel), Somerset. Admission \$5. 768-2773.

**NSDA GARDEN STATE SPRING STAMP FAIR** Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Route 22 West, Springfield. 247-1093.

**POTTERSVILLE ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE** Benefit for the Potteryville Volunteer Fire Company, July 26, 27 and 28 at the Potteryville schoolhouse and firehouse, Route 512, Potteryville. Admission \$4. 438-2544.

## DANCE

**ISRAELI DANCING** Series continues through the summer at Temple Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Avenue, Metuchen. Fee \$4. 494-5660.

**MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY** Performing "Appalachian Spring" set to Copland's score, "Deep Song" to Cowell, "Night Chant" to Nakal and "Temptations of the Moon" to Bartok. Saturday, June 30, at 8 p.m. in the State Theatre, 19 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Admission \$25 to \$8. 932-7511.

**20TH CENTURY MUSIC AND DANCE** Dances by Don Redlich, Martha Partridge, Sherry Alban and others, set to the music of Copland, Gershwin, Benford and Ives. Friday, June 15, at 8 p.m. in the Nicholas Music Center, George Street off Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$12. 932-7511.

## MUSIC

**DON GIOVANNI** Mozart's great opera about a rake whose womanizing brings about his damnation, performed by the Arts Opera Festival Company at the Kirby Arts Center, Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville. June 15, 23 and July 7 at 8 p.m., June 17 and July 1 at 3 p.m. Admission \$42 to \$15. (609) 737-7722.

**IRISH MUSIC SEISIUNS** Monthly sessions held the last Sunday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 495 East Main Street, Somerville. Free admission. Sponsored by the Somerset County Ancient Order of Hibernians. 685-3168.

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**DAVID MONTEFIORE** London-born tenor performs theatrical and operatic works Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Jewish Community Center, 100 Grant Avenue. Deal. Admission \$9, \$7.50 for the elderly, reserved seats available. 531-9100.

**MUSIC FROM ASTON MAGNA** "Music Heard in Jefferson's America" at the Nicholas Music Center, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. June 16: Works by J.C. Bach, J.C.F. Bach, Raynor Taylor. June 23: Works by Beethoven, Reinagle, others. Separate admission \$15. 932-7511.

**ORCHESTRA OF ST. LUKE'S** "All-Mozart Evening" featuring "Sinfonia Concertante" and other works. Tuesday, July 24, at 8 p.m. in the Nicholas Music Center, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$18. 932-7511.

**ORIGINAL WORKS FOR FLUTE BASS FLUTE & PICCOLO** Concert and lecture about how world cultures and changing technologies have influenced a new set of musical languages. Tuesday, June 19, at 8 p.m. in the Nicholas Music Center, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$12. 932-7511.

**OUT OF THE BLUE** Mainstream jazz performed Tuesday, June 26, at 8 p.m. in the Nicholas Music Center, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$12. 932-7511.

**RICHARD SCHULMAN GROUP** Acclaimed jazz quartet performs Saturday, June 23, at 8 p.m. in the Piscataway Amphitheatre off Skiles Avenue, Piscataway. Free admission. 463-0777.

**TOKYO STRING QUARTET** Acclaimed quartet marks its 20th anniversary season. Saturday, July 21, at 8 p.m. in the State Theatre, 19 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Admission \$25 to \$8. 932-7511.

## FILM

Capsule reviews by Steven Hart.

**HIGH NOON** (1952) One of the best-known westerns in existence, starring Gary Cooper as the lawman who must stand alone when bad guys come to take vengeance. Opinion is evenly divided between those who consider it a classic and those who think it's a snore. With Grace Kelly, Thomas Mitchell, Lloyd Bridges and Lon Chaney. Screenplay by Carl Foreman, from the story "The Tin Star" by John W. Cunningham; directed by Fred Zinnemann. Tuesday, June 19, at 2 p.m. in Busch Campus Center Room 122, Piscataway. 745-7272.

**MAGIC AND METAPHYSICS** Film series devoted to surrealism and horror. Fridays at 7 p.m. in Voorhees Hall Room 105, College Avenue campus of Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Admission \$2. June 28: *Dreams That Money Can Buy*. June 29: *Solaris* (Milledoler Hall, Room 100). July 6: *The Last Wave*. July 13: *Apocalypse Now* (Milledoler Hall, Room 100). July 20: *Alice*. 932-4685.

**MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE** (1985) Screenwriter Hanif Kureishi once said his two favorite authors were the Philip Roth of *Portnoy's Complaint* and Rudyard Kipling; the combination shows in this disorganized, sloppily made but thoroughly engrossing look at life in South London during the empire's long decline. While unemployed British youths stand around working up the nerve for a brawl, Pakistani immigrants have inherited the Protestant work ethic and are making money hand over fist. Kureishi's plot centers on a repentant racist thug and an ambitious Pakistani youth who become partners and lovers while managing a run-down laundrette. The mix of frank homosexuality, social commentary, racism and surreal comedy is bracing but the story doesn't hold together very well — this is one of those rare films that suffers from having too many good ideas. Saeed Jeffrey gives a robust performance as Uncle Nasser, a cheerfully amoral businessman. With Gordon Warnock, Daniel Day-Lewis, Roshan Seth and Rita Wolf. Directed by Stephen Frears (*Dangerous Liaisons*). Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Rutgers Student Center, College Avenue, New Brunswick. 745-7272.

**PATHER PANCHALI** (1955) The debut of the Indian filmmaker Satyajit Ray; a slow-moving, unflinching look at a family scraping by in a desperately poor Bengali village. The

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## EXHIBITIONS

**BORN TO KILN** Ceramic art by Connie Bracci-Machdoo and six of her students, on display through July 7 at the New Jersey Designer Craftsman gallery, 25 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. 246-4066.

**BEV DOLITTLE** "Camouflage art" combining naturalistic work and illusion on display through September at the Framing Fox Gallery, 89 Main Street, Lebanon. 236-6077.

**4 PHOTO FEMINISMS** Artwork on gender and social issues, on display June 14 through July 1 at the Walters Hall Gallery, Chapel Drive at George Street, Douglass College, New Brunswick. 932-7511.

## EXCURSIONS

**EAST BRUNSWICK SOCIAL RUNNERS** Group runs of four and a half miles every Thursday at 6 a.m. and six miles every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. 846-2479.

**RARITAN VALLEY ROAD RUNNERS** Group runs of four to 10 miles every Wednesday starting at the YW-YMHA, 2 North Adelaide Avenue, Highland Park. All welcome. 254-3120.

**LIGHT & FIGURE** Paintings by P.J. Green and Timothy Moran on display through June 27 at the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, 32-34 West Blackwell Street, Dover. 328-9628.

**JOAN MACKINNON** Cups and saucers from various countries, some from as early as 1800, on display through June at Westergard Library, 20 Murray Avenue, Piscataway. 752-1166.

**HIROSHI MURATA** Paintings, prints and recent sculpture by the Japanese-born Flemington resident on display through June 30 at the Rabbet Gallery, 120 Georges Road, New Brunswick. 828-5150.

**FLORENCE NOA** Retrospective of the artist and printmaker (1941-1989), on display through June 22 at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, Ralph T. Reeve Cultural Center, Station and River roads, Branchburg. 725-2110.

**MARY PIEKARSKI** Bookmarks from a family collection, on display through June at Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. 463-1633.

**W. ELMER SCHOFIELD** Impressionist paintings by a member of the New Hope Circle, on display through July 31 at the Zimmerli Museum, George and Hamilton streets, New Brunswick. 932-7237.

**RON TERNER** Works by the Bronx photographer and gallery owner, on display through July 10 at the Pargot Gallery, Jewish Community Center, 1775 Oak Tree Road, Edison. 494-3232.

**200 YEARS OF HUNGARIAN PAINTING** Pieces from the collection of Nicolas M. Salgo, former U.S. ambassador to Hungary, on display through October at the Hungarian Heritage Center, 300 Somerset Street, New Brunswick. 846-5777.

## SPEAKERS

**TIM HILDEBRANDT** Fantasy artist known for his work both solo and with his brother will sign copies of his 1991 fantasy calendar "Visions of Other Worlds" Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Comic Attitudes, 88 Albany Street in Kilmer Square, New Brunswick. 249-5558.

## NIGHTLIFE

**BANANAS COMEDY CLUB**, Holiday Inn, 2117 Route 4 East, Fort Lee. Live comedy Friday and Saturday. 947-7444.

**BIRCH HILL NIGHT CLUB**, Route 9 South, Old Bridge. (Rock, dance) Thursdays: All-male revue. 536-0650.

**BOURBON STREET CAFE**, Old Bay Restaurant, 61-63 Church Street, New Brunswick. 246-3111.

**CALALOO CAFE**, 190 South Street, Morristown. Live comedy Friday and Saturday; reservations required. 993-1100.

**CITY GARDENS**, 1701 Calhoun Street, Trenton. (Rock) (609) 392-8887.

**CLUB BENE DINNER THEATRE**, Route 35, Sayreville. 727-3000.

**CLUB 375**, 375 George Street, New Brunswick. Tuesdays: New music. Wednesdays: All-male revue. Thursdays: Ladies night. Fridays, Saturdays: Dance party w/d. Doors open 9 p.m. 828-8385.

**CONNECTIONS**, 503 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton. (Rock) 473-3127.

**CORNER TAVERN**, 113 Somerset Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) 247-7677.

**CORNERSTONE**, 25 New Street (corner of New and Pearl streets), Metuchen. (Jazz) No cover charge; reservations recommended. June 15, 16: Ken Peplowski Quartet. June 20: Brooks Tegler, Harry Allen Quartet. June 22: Dave McKenna, solo piano. June 23: Big Nick Nicholas Quartet. June 27: Bobby Gordon Trio. June 29, 30: Bobby Gordon Quartet. 549-5306.

**COURT TAVERN**, 124 Church Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) June 14: Untamed Youth. The Geysers. June 15: Miranda Warning. The Holy Rollers. The Youth Bag. June 16: Roger Miller (ex-Mission of Burma). June 17: ASCAP-BMI license fee benefit and record swap. June 21: Urge Overkill. June 22: Two Saints. Third Party. June 23: Arnold the Pig, Dogzilla. June 27: Solar Circus. July 6: Fright Wig. 545-7265.

**THE COVE**, 108 Chestnut Street, Roselle. (Jazz, rock, popular) 241-1226.

**ESCAPADES**, 349 West Side Avenue, Jersey City. (Rock) 433-2126.

**FM STATION**, Route 23 North, Wayne. (Rock) 633-5544.

**FAST LANE II**, 207 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park. (Rock) June 15: Johnny Thunders. June 16: The Del-Lords. June 22: Aztec Two-Step. Christine Lavin. June 23: A Flock Of Seagulls. 988-3205.

**GREEN PARROT**, 1927 Route 33, Naperville. (Rock) Sundays: Stained Glass. Tuesdays: Rap night. Wednesdays: Loretta Windas. Thursdays: Acid House dance night. 775-1991.

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The owners of Carpaccio's Restaurant, the Qiku family, are once again doing what made them so successful in the past. They have been at this site for 14 years and in the first 12 they were known as the Ox Bow, a pleasant family restaurant with a large menu and low to medium prices. Two years ago they upgraded their operation, going Italian, with a high price menu.

Not satisfied with the amount of business they were doing, they decided another change was needed. The end result is an upgraded restaurant with medium priced items. The menu is still Italian, but the prices have come down remarkably.

Carpaccio's has three dining rooms, one large and two small intimate ones separated by a fire place. Most of the ala carte dining is done in the two small rooms but the night we dined there they were being occupied by a party. Nothing was lost, with regards to atmosphere, by eating in the main dining room. This too is a lovely setting consisting of wood paneling half way up the walls, grey painted walls and ceilings, and large bay windows in the front wall. The table setting consist of white table cloths, pink under lining and matching napkins. Waitress's are adorned in tuxedo's, a carry over from their upgrading movement. And speaking of waitress's, ours, Joann, was extremely pleasant, knowledgeable and courteous. I have always felt that a good waitress can make the difference between an average and entertaining dining experience, and Joann did make the difference! She was always there when we needed her, always changing the silverware and always ready with an answer to all of our questions.

Carpaccio's menu consist of 10 appetizers (\$5.00 to \$7.95), 4 soups, including stracciatella, and Italian egg drop soup with spinach for \$3.50, and 2 salads including Caesar for two at \$8.00.

There are 9 pasta dishes with 9 different sauces for \$9.50, 8 veal for \$12.95 to \$13.95, 5 chicken at \$10.95, 5 chops and steaks (\$13.95 to \$19.95 for surf and turf) and 9 seafood entrees from \$10.95 to \$19.95 for lobster tails. In addition, there are nightly specials such as soft shell crabs, broiled salmon filet, and rigatoni in a vodka sauce.

As has been our custom of late, we ordered a pasta special to share as our appetizer. This was a rigatoni pasta in a light red sauce made with fresh tomatoes, heavy cream and a touch of vodka. The rigatoni was cooked al dente, and the sauce was excellent. After the meal I had to ask Toni Qiku for his sauce recipe.

All entrees come with a salad and vegetable. I ordered the house salad which consisted of iceberg lettuce, spinach, cucumbers and red cabbage in a vinaigrette dressing. My companion substituted the house salad for the tricolore (angola, endive and radicchio) with balsamic vinegar and extra virgin olive oil. This is a delightfully light and tasty salad which you can eat all of and not worry about being filled.

For entrees we chose one from the menu and one of the specials. My companions choice was from the menu, veal leccabaffi. This consisted of two nice size pieces of veal with anchovies, mozzarella cheese, in a light wine sauce (\$13.95). This was a delight for veal and anchovy lovers. We asked Tony if this was requested a lot and he told us it was one of the favorites on the menu. Also served with the veal were fresh string beans and sundried tomatoes.

I ordered the steak and shrimp scampi over capelletti. This consisted of three large shrimp and a nice size sirloin cooked medium rare, over a bed of capelletti in a very good scampi sauce.

We didn't have room for desserts but they are worth mentioning. Choices that night were Carpaccio cake, a bitter sweet dark chocolate sponge cake, ricotta cheese cake, Napoleons and fresh strawberries.

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**MENU**

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The owners of Carpaccio's Restaurant, the Oiku family, are once again doing what made them so successful in the past. They have been at this site for 14 years and in the first 12 they were known as the Ox Bow, a pleasant family restaurant with a large menu and low to medium prices. Two years ago they upgraded their operation, going Italian, with a high price menu.

Not satisfied with the amount of business they were doing, they decided another change was needed. The end result is an upgraded restaurant with medium priced items. The menu is still Italian, but the prices have come down remarkably.

Carpaccio's has three dining rooms, one large and two small intimate ones separated by a fire place. Most of the ala carte dining is done in the two small rooms but the night we dined there they were being occupied by a party. Nothing was lost, with regards to atmosphere, by eating in the main dining room. This too is a lovely setting consisting of wood paneling half way up the walls, grey painted walls and ceilings, and large bay windows in the front wall. The table setting consist of white table cloths, pink under lining and matching napkins. Waitress's are adorned in tuxedo's, a carry over from their upgrading movement. And speaking of waitress's, ours, Joann, was extremely pleasant, knowledgeable and courteous. I have always felt that a good waitress can make the difference between an average and entertaining dining experience, and Joann did make the difference! She was always there when we needed her, always changing the silverware and always ready with an answer to all of our questions.

Carpaccio's menu consist of 10 appetizers (\$5.00 to \$7.95), 4 soups, including stracciatella, and Italian egg drop soup with spinach for \$3.50, and 2 salads including Caesar for two at \$8.00.

There are 9 pasta dishes with 9 different sauces for \$9.50, 8 veal for \$12.95 to \$13.95, 5 chicken at \$10.95, 5 chops and steaks (\$13.95 to \$19.95 for surf and turf) and 9 seafood entrees from \$10.95 to \$19.95 for lobster tails. In addition, there are nightly specials such as soft shell crabs, broiled salmon filet, and rigatoni in a vodka sauce.

As has been our custom of late, we ordered a pasta special to share as our appetizer. This was a rigatoni pasta in a light red sauce made with fresh tomatoes, heavy cream and a touch of vodka. The rigatoni was cooked al dente, and the sauce was excellent. After the meal I had to ask Toni Oiku for his sauce recipe.

All entrees come with a salad and vegetable. I ordered the house salad which consisted of iceberg lettuce, spinach, cucumbers and red cabbage in a vinaigrette dressing. My companion substituted the house salad for the tricolore (angola, endive and radicchio) with balsamic vinegar and extra virgin olive oil. This is a delightfully light and tasty salad which you can eat all of and not worry about being filled.

For entrees we chose one from the menu and one of the specials. My companions choice was from the menu, veal leccabaffi. This consisted of two nice size pieces of veal with anchovies, mozzarella cheese, in a light wine sauce (\$13.95). This was a delight for veal and anchovy lovers. We asked Tony if this was requested a lot and he told us it was one of the favorites on the menu. Also served with the veal were fresh string beans and sundried tomatoes.

I ordered the steak and shrimp scampi over capelletti. This consisted of three large shrimp and a nice size sirloin cooked medium rare, over a bed of capelletti in a very good scampi sauce.

We didn't have room for desserts but they are worth mentioning. Choices that night were Carpaccio cake, a bitter sweet dark chocolate sponge cake, ricotta cheese cake, Napoleons and fresh strawberries.

Carpaccio's may have upgraded their establishment, but in the process it has become once again an unpretentious, satisfying restaurant worth going back to.

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This column is designed to acquaint our readers with dining spots in the area. It's not intended as a critique.

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**LOOP LOUNGE, 373 Broadway, Passaic.** (Rock) 365-0807.

**MAIN STREET COMEDY CAFE, 146 Main Street, Hackensack.** Live comedy Friday and Saturday. 488-5888.

**MAXWELL'S, 1039 Washington Street, Hoboken.** (Rock) June 14: Third Party, Airlines. June 15 (7:30 p.m.): 7 Seconds, I Love You. June 15 (11 p.m.): Ben Vaughn, Untamed Youth. June 16: Ognir benefit w/Winter Hours, The A Bonas, Creeping Pumpkins. June 17: Peter Holsapple & Chris Stamey, Greg Kalland. June 23: The Pussywillows. June 26: Pylon. July 4: The Feelies. 799-4064.

**MINE STREET COFFEEHOUSE, Nelson and Bayard streets (basement of the First Reformed Church), New Brunswick.** Shows Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., admission \$3. June 16: Dr. Joe, topical songs. June 23: Ken Perlman, barjo. June 30: Rich Graham, world music. After that closed until Sept. 8. 572-4173 or 549-0931.

**MURPHY'S LAW, Ocean Boulevard and Chelsea Avenue, Long Branch.** (Rock) 229-5175.

**OBSSESSIONS, 1380 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph.** (Rock) 895-3243.

**OUTBACK SALOON, 15 West Main Street, Bound Brook.** ('60s rock and Top 40) 489-7743.

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**PLAYPEN LOUNGE, Route 35, Sayreville.** (Rock) 721-0100.

**THE POMPOUS MENAGERIE, 789 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick.** 846-4111.

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**THE ROXY, 95 French Street, New Brunswick.** 545-8971.

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**THE STONE PONY, 913 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park.** (Rock) Sundays: Cats On a Smooth Surface. Thursdays: Bobby Banderas. June 16: Glen Burnick. June 23: Ginger Baker. 988-7177.

**STUDIO 1, 88-89 Verona Avenue, North Newark.** (Rock) June 1: Trixter. 482-1150.

**T-BIRDS CAFE, 707 Main Street, Asbury Park.** (Rock) Sundays: Acoustic jam 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays: Mad Dog's Open Jam. 502-0072.

**TJ'S HIDEAWAY, 605 Tompkins Avenue, South Plainfield.** 688-9880.

**VALENTINO'S, 350 West First Avenue, Roselle.** (Rock) 245-9605.

**THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving Street (across from train station), Rahway.** 574-8469.

**WURLITZER'S, 386 Hoes Lane, Piscataway.** (Baby Boomer dance music with DJ) 463-3113.

**ZUPKO'S DUNELLEN THEATER, 458 North Avenue, Dunellen.** 968-3331 or 968-1020.

## 'Summerfun'

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performed June 19 through June 30.

The second entry will be *Murder By the Book*, a dastardly thriller that eschews "Whodunnit?" for the question "Will they get caught?" The play opens July 3 and continues through July 7.

*The Nerd*, Larry Shue's comedy about a social misfit who finally gets his own back, will run from July 10 to July 21.

*Mass Appeal*, a comedy about the contest of wills and ideas between a conservative parish priest and a rebellious deacon, will be performed from July 24 to July 28.

The season ends with *Big River*, the renowned musical based on Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from July 31 to August 11.

All performances take place Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees the first Thursday of each run.

For non-musical productions, ticket prices for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Thursday matinees are \$12, \$10 for students and the elderly. On Fridays and Saturdays, tickets for non-musicals are \$15, \$12 for students and the elderly.

Tickets for all musicals are priced \$2 higher.

Season subscriptions are available for \$40 and up, depending on the day of the show. The price includes priority parking and discounts at five of the Montclair area's most popular restaurants.

For more information, call 256-0576.

# State Theatre has come a long way

Events at New Brunswick's State Theatre have become a part of the mental map of central Jerseyans. In fact, the newly revived theater has done and offered so much in such a relatively short amount of time that it's almost hard to remember that the State's doors were locked for decades.

Surprisingly, the State Theatre in its latest incarnation is completing only its second season, having opened its doors in April 1988. The operation is so young that it isn't even eligible to receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts until the season after the next.

The man at the controls for this welcome institution is William Wright, president of the New Brunswick Cultural Center.

"Just call me Bill," says Wright, who gives the impression of being a buttoned-down person who would rather be rumbled. Not exactly thin, his prematurely grey hair looks as if it has been styled; his neatly-cut mustache matches his hair color. The pink-tinted shirt he wears is open at the collar, and his striped tie is loosened. He admits to working a 12-hour day — no surprise since he is responsible for both the capital needs of the New Brunswick Cultural Center and its operations.

He operates out of a narrow windowless office in which a large potted plant has somehow managed to survive — not a bad metaphor for the arts in New Brunswick. On the wall hang a Calder print and pictures of scenic medieval German towns. An architect's rendering of the arts complex planned for downtown New Brunswick is in sight.

The State Theatre has just announced its 1990-1991 subscription series. Looking at the four different sets of offerings is like peering into a cultural kaleidoscope.

The highlights among the events offered are as various as the 14

million residents of Central Jersey. The 15-event "Wild Card" series, from which subscribers choose their own selection of performances, includes three Broadway musicals: *Oklahoma!*, *Hello, Dolly!* and *The Sound of Music*. There also two operas, *Lucia di Lammermoor* and *The Marriage of Figaro* along with pop and country offerings. Television satirist Mark Russell rounds out the bill.

The "Family" series draws from all over the world, featuring the Shanghai Acrobats, and the American Indian Dance Theater as well as the Vienna Choir Boys and the Mummenschanz mime troupe.

The "Children's" series presents storyteller Jackie Torrence, among others. And the "Symphony" series presents five distinguished American orchestras and the Vienna Chamber Orchestra.

The programming expresses Bill Wright's instincts about entertainment. The head of the Cultural Center admits to "always being interested in the arts." He describes his personal achievements in the arts as being a "terrible singer" and "playing around with the piano."

Having trained as an architect and worked for a couple of decades in university administration, Wright has a considerable perspective about programming the arts. He admits to liking everything from Cole Porter to Scriabin.

"I can go to the symphony one day and the circus the next and be perfectly happy," he says, adding that he sets out to create programs that offer "something for everyone."

The programming also reveals Wright's adaptability when it comes to grabbing an opportunity. His initial vision for the 1990-1991 "Symphony" series, which he considers the "heart" of the program, was to present a flotilla of American orchestras.

But while pursuing the Pit-

sburgh, Minnesota, Saint Louis, Cleveland and Houston symphony orchestras, all of which he did in fact sign, Wright learned that the Vienna Chamber Orchestra would be available. Since the Vienna group comes rarely to the United States, Wright decided that it would be better to bring an exceptional musical group to New Brunswick, rather than to adhere to the purity of his original conception.

No dogmatist, Wright's eyes light up as he simply asserted "I like entertainment." But he considers the quality of entertainment being offered a reflection on the local quality of life. Running the State Theatre, he muses, is more than merely providing diversion.

"The arts make life liveable," he declares, using his recent trip to the Soviet Union to make the point.

"The economy was in turmoil, the people were in turmoil. Soap and sugar were rationed. But the concert halls were always full of audiences finding solace in music and ballet. The live performing arts," he theorized, "offer a retreat even when life is difficult to bear. They bring a refinement that adds another dimension to people's lives."

Coupled with his idealism about the place of art in life is Bill Wright's business sense. One of the elements in the success of the State Theatre is his delight in negotiating favorable fees. Asked if negotiating with artists is like playing poker, Wright shot back, "Exactly!"

But running the State Theatre is a tight game financially. Ticket sales, Wright pointed out, cover only 60 percent of the cost of operations. Before anything happens, the theatre must count on spending \$5,000 at each performance for such unavoidable as light, heat, ushers, maintenance

and insurance. With a capacity of 1,877 the hall is not big enough to engage some of the world's largest and most prestigious orchestras. To help defray its annual operating budget of \$1.6 million, the State Theatre mounts an annual fund drive for operations.

One of the drawing cards for the State Theatre is its relatively low admission price, compared to New York. The most expensive seat for an orchestral concert at the State is \$29. For \$5 patrons can take advantage of valet parking that permits them to leave their car at the door of the theatre before the performance and have it returned to them afterwards.

"Why go to New York when the very best in world-class entertainment is right here in your State Theatre?" is how a recent brochure posed the issue.

The increase in the number of offerings at the State is a good measure of its having arrived. Attracted by glowing reports of the acoustics and ambiance, more and more performing groups are

using the site, renting its facilities from the Cultural Center. In addition to the 33 events annually scheduled by the Cultural Center, events put on by other groups increased the number of performances to 45 during the first season. Last season more than 100 appearances took place.

The 1990-1991 State Theatre season will include three non-series events in addition to the four subscription series — a dance festival called "New Jersey Dances," the music of World War II in "The Battle of Britain 50th Anniversary" and Theodore Bikel in concert with the Israel Pops Orchestra.

The season runs from late September to April. Ticket information about all events is available through the New Brunswick Cultural Center's Ticket Central at 246-7469.

## Benefit concert

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benefit dinner and concert will support major foundation projects, such as the restoration campaign for the Hageman Farm, the Candlelight Concert series itself and numerous yearly activities.

The combined dinner and concert starts at 5 p.m. with a catered buffet in the Van Winkle House, 1289 Easton Avenue. The Rogers and Hammerstein concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Middlebush Reformed Church, Amwell and South Middlebush roads.

Admission for the dinner and performance is \$25, with advance tickets for the performance only available on a limited basis for \$10. Limited seating for the concert only will be \$12 the day of the show.

For more information, call 828-1812 or 249-6770.



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 17 Prospero's servant
- 18 Vocal groups
- 20 Lyric poems
- 22 Distribute
- 23 Great pain
- 24 Naval groups
- 25 Filmy
- 28 Sensed
- 29 Principle
- 30 Stroking
- 35 Cereal
- 36 Uninterested
- 37 Sticky stuff
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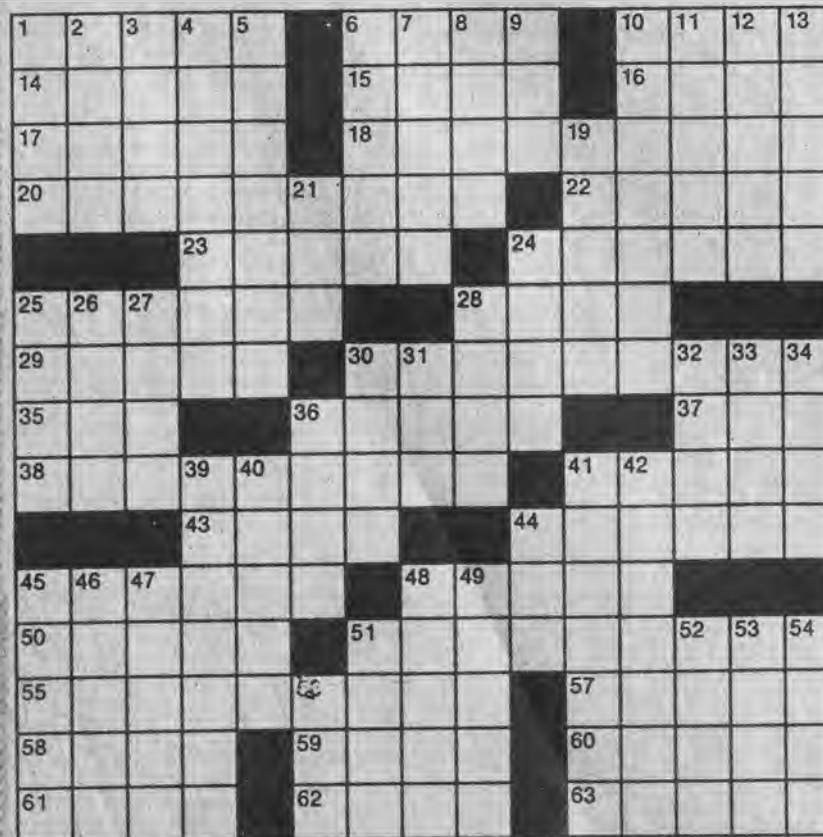
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- 12 Mechanical man
- 13 Hazes
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- 24 Provender
- 25 Check
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- 27 Go —: enter
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- 30 Garment
- 31 Adroitness
- 32 — Sikorsky
- 33 Nobody
- 34 "Anything —"

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LEAVE EVIL RARA  
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- 41 Kidded
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- 45 Savory jelly
- 46 AMEX unit
- 47 Side dish
- 48 Make over
- 49 Golf events
- 51 Journey
- 52 Stopovers
- 53 Amerind
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- 56 Pipe fitting



**BACK TO THE FUTURE III** (PG) Considering that this is the third (and so we are told) final installment of the series, you'd think director Robert Zemeckis and screenwriter Bob Gale could have thought up some new twists on the by-now thrice told tale. Picking up right where Part II left off, the plot sends Marty McFly (Michael F. Fox) back to the Wild West to rescue Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd), who has set himself up as a blacksmith in the 19th century version of Hill Valley, Calif. Bully boy Biff (Thomas F. Wilson) reappears as "Mad Dog" Tannen, as do numerous other characters. The action is frenetic but still rather slack, and the film (made at the same time as Part II) is pretty skimpy on the sight gags and clever touches that propelled the 1985 original. Was this trip really necessary? No.

**CADILLAC MAN** (R) Robin Williams stars in a comedy about a philandering car salesman under simultaneous pressure from his boss, gangsters, several mistresses and a gun-toting jealous husband.

**THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER** (NR) Painting, haute cuisine, literature, fornication in a toilet stall, murder, scatophagy, vomit, cannibalism... all your faves served up with high

style and higher pretentiousness by the British art-monger Peter Greenaway (*The Draughtsman's Contract*, *The Belly of an Architect*). What it all means is anybody's guess: the fact that the villain, a relentlessly foul London gangster played by Michael Gambon, seems to represent greedy materialism has caused many to call it an attack on Thatcherism. It's actually a slight revenge tale — refined wife's adultery, gross husband's retaliation, refined wife's response — but the film's ravishing look and the persecution points awarded on the basis of the MPAA's X-rating (the film has been released unrated but with an ad campaign that emphasizes the X factor) have led some excitable critics to hail it as a masterpiece. Some people will swallow anything. With Helen Mirren, Richard Bohringer and pop singer Ian Dury in a cameo as a rival gangster.

**DICK TRACY** (PG) Warren Beatty stars in what is already the year's most exhaustively (and exhaustingly) hyped movie. With Madonna as Breathless Mahoney, Al Pacino as Big Boy and a host of others as Chester Gould's grotesque rogues gallery.

**FIRE BIRDS** (PG-13) Adventure story about helicopter pilots fighting drug smugglers. With Nicolas

Cage, Tommy Lee Jones and Sean Young.

**HOUSE PARTY** (R) A raucous comedy about middle class black teenagers, with hero Kid (Christopher Reid, a.k.a. Kid from the rap team Kid'n Play) trying to evade both his strict father (Robin Harris) and a trio of thugs (Full Force in Mr. T togs) while finding romance with the right girl. The humor is pitched at an *Animal House* level but up-and-coming filmmaker Reginald Hudlin gives it plenty of style. A fun picture.

**LONGTIME COMPANION** (R) A look at how AIDS decimates a small circle of homosexual friends. With Bruce Davidson, Stephen Caffrey, Dermott Mulroney and Patrick Cassidy.

**PRETTY WOMAN** (R) Garry Marshall (*The Flamingo Kid*, *Nothing in Common*) directed this bittersweet comedy about a prostitute (Julia Roberts) who meets and falls in love with a corporate mogul (Richard Gere). With Ralph Bellamy, Laura San Giacomo and Hector Elizondo.

**Q&A** (R) Returning to his favorite subject — corruption and power in the New York City police department — Sidney Lumet directs a film that degenerates into action movie clichés and hug-

ger-mugger but also offers a virtuoso depiction of the blending and clashing of the city's ethnic groups. The tough-talking whites, blacks, Hispanics and Jews on the force constantly batter each other with profane tirades but there's the sense that the verbal abuse lets off steam that might otherwise explode. As Mike Brennan, a near-legendary cop who's also a vicious racist, Nick Nolte wears an extra 20 pounds and a walrus mustache that conceals his mouth, leaving you with nothing but an accordion-pleated forehead, pouchy cheeks and the tiny, scary eyes of a perpetually enraged redneck. He's terrific, as are Timothy Hutton, Armand Assante and Patrick O'Neal. The only false note comes with Lumet's daughter Jenny, playing a half-black, half-Puerto Rican woman who figures in a half-baked romantic subplot. Note the way Lumet has patterned the final fade-out after the closing shot in *The Verdict*. Screenplay by Lumet (this is his first self-scripted work) from the novel by Edwin Torres.

**TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES** (PG) The sword-swinging, pizza-scarfing, evil-battling giant turtles, brought to life by Jim Henson's crew.



# String orchestra members find opportunities in class

By Kathy Hall

EDISON — To the members of John P. Stevens High School String Orchestra, first period is more than just a class. For many, it is the breeding ground for opportunities they never thought were possible.

Two seniors, violinist Michele Gelade and violist Gwen Balazs, both will attend the University of Miami in the fall on music scholarships to study music industry.

They learned of the major through their conductor/teacher Dr. Alice Lindsay. In April, the orchestra traveled to Florida, where they visited the school.

"She really makes opportunities," Gelade said of her teacher. "Dr. Lindsay is more than just a teacher."

The orchestra seems to be more than just a high school activity as well. "This orchestra is different," said Gelade. "Everyone comes back, like a family."

"It is like a family," freshman cellist John Gottstein agreed. "We never really fight though. We've been pretty lucky."

Many of the students have been playing their instruments for years, and have had first-period orchestra class with Lindsay for as long as they can remember.

"It's a unique situation," said freshman Meredith Mandel. "It's a long time to hang in there."

"I think what happened is that Dr. Lindsay increased the numbers in the middle schools and kept them growing," said the school's principal, Cedric Richardson.

Lindsay admitted that at one point in her 17 years with Edison schools, she worked with every school in Edison.

"Some days I'd be in five schools a day," she said.

As a result, she has been able to watch some her students grow not only as musicians, but as people.

"You watch them get braces put

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— Dr. Alice Lindsay

on, taken off, see them with their first boyfriend, see them at the prom. ... You also see them put their fingers on an instrument for the first time, and then they are getting scholarships for hundreds of thousands of dollars years later," she said. "No other teacher in the world has this opportunity."

Students are likewise attached to Lindsay.

"She really gets us to work.

She's a terrific teacher, but you really have to want to do it yourself," said senior violinist Marcie Sabrin.

"Dr. Lindsay has made them believe in themselves," Richardson said. "They respect the effort she's put into the program."

Junior Danielle Kline, violinist and concert master, says that the orchestra does require discipline. "It teaches me that if I want to keep this position, I have to work hard," she said.

"It's not easy," Gottstein agreed. "You need to practice a lot to get it right."

Cheryl Lin, a junior violinist and pianist, says that students get a lot out of the program as well.

"It helps a person grow up. High school kids are still in their teens and are insecure in what they want to do," she said.

Lindsay says she is constantly preparing the youths for the future. Musically, she says, she is "careful to choose music that pro-

vides them with an opportunity to learn." She also brings in such world-renowned musicians as Samuel Applebaum, Christopher Collins Lee and Gary Karr to perform and evaluate the students.

The orchestra also travels to various universities, which is a twofold experience. Not only do students get a chance to perform outside of Edison, but they also get a chance to visit colleges.

"My primary interest is to introduce students to different college campuses where string players are welcome and where they are prime candidates for scholarships," said Lindsay.

The string orchestra itself is becoming much more than an orchestra as well. Today, the group has spawned a chamber orchestra as well as a "Strolling Strings" ensemble and began the J.P. Stevens Philharmonic Orchestra this year, which includes all instruments.

Next year, the Strolling Strings will combine with the jazz ensemble to perform popular music, and Lindsay is always on the lookout for opportunities to integrate the arts in the program.

"We have a lot of talented students, and not just in music," she said.

This past season, Lindsay sought the talents of Mandel and sophomore cellist Beth Slutsky, who study dance and admit that they work well together.

"I said, 'We have two wonderful dancers; let's add a new dimension,'" noted Lindsay.

She usually does not have to scout talent, however; more and more students and parents are coming to her as the program grows.

For example, six years ago, Michele Gelade's parents asked the teacher to foster an interest in a string instrument for their son, Jeremy. Today, Jeremy is a freshman bassist and plays in the chamber orchestra as well as the New Jersey Youth Symphony.

"I really wanted to play rock," he said. "But my parents liked the way Dr. Lindsay taught and asked her to start me on an instrument."

"Jeremy is a true genius," said Lindsay. "He just picked it up right away."

She also holds a deep respect for all of her students.

"A disciplined, talented string player is rare," she said. "These kids should take great pride in their discipline."

Some parents, however, are skeptical. The conductor mentioned that there is one particular student she teaches in the middle school whose parents will not let

him participate in the orchestra next year because they are afraid that it will interfere with his studies.

"It's just the opposite, though," Lindsay said. "It really is. These kids become so disciplined that they excel in other areas as well."

Lindsay is also more than just a high school orchestra conductor.

The world-class violinist has played internationally, been a featured soloist at Carnegie Hall and performed for the Pope.

In addition to her performing career, she was a talent scout for a multi-million dollar corporation that gave scholarships to academically and artistically gifted students.

She hopes to become a full-time teacher at the high school soon so she can devote her full attention to the string orchestra, which is perhaps her most rewarding job yet.

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# Edison firefighters battle two infernos

By Charles Everett

EDISON — It will be a long time before Edison firefighters again come upon what they had to face late last week.

Two apartment complexes, both of them in heavily-traveled areas of the township, went up in flames within 36 hours of each other.

A building of the Rivendell apartments — off Plainfield Avenue at the Piscataway border — was heavily damaged in a two-alarm fire that began in warm weather on the evening of June 7.

At the Northridge apartments — on College Drive near Middlesex County College and Raritan Center — a building was all but consumed when it was struck by lightning in a heavy thunderstorm early Saturday.

The Rivendell fire began June 7 at 8:05 p.m. in the attic and soffit above 2208 Rivendell Way, a unit inside the affected building.

Edison Fire Department Chief Albert Lamkie reported that 10 units were consumed in the fire, which was said to be of an undetermined origin. Reports indicated that the burned-out apartments were left in "skeletons" of beams and rafters.

Four to six other units received damage from water, smoke or fire in the blaze, which was brought under control by 9 p.m.

Engines 1, 4, 6 and 8, Truck 2, Cars C-1, 8, 22 and 23 and the Fire Rescue unit responded along with a ladder truck from Highland Park. Fire Department personnel remained at the scene until 4 p.m. June 8.

Four Edison firefighters who were injured in the Rivendell blaze were treated at John F. Kennedy Medical Center and released.

Tenants at Northridge reported seeing a bright flash last Saturday around 1:40 a.m. A bolt of light-

ning had struck building 13 in the complex and consumed all 12 units on the top floor, plus two other units on the second floor. Thirty-three apartments in the same building were damaged as well.

The fire was brought under control in the stormy weather by 7 a.m. with firefighters remaining until 4 p.m. for cleanup. Engines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Truck 2, Cars C-1, 8, 22 and 23 responded.

The Northridge fire was of such intensity that firefighting apparatus from outside Edison were brought in to help extinguish the blaze. Ladder trucks were summoned from Metuchen and Highland Park and an aerial unit was provided from Iselin.

The Rivendell building had protected wood-frame construction and the Northridge building was of a protected ordinary structure. As of Wednesday afternoon, it could not be ascertained as to when the burned-out buildings would be rebuilt.

Rivendell is on land formerly owned by the U.S. government as part of the old Camp Kilmer. Northridge is in an area that includes the Millbrook Village apartments, where a building was ravaged by fire December 18.

Rivendell tenants whose apartments were consumed or damaged have been moved into other units in the same complex. Tenants displaced by the Northridge fire went to stay with relatives or friends, or were placed in area motels with assistance from the Edison Police Emergency Management unit and the American Red Cross.

Edison Police officers, Edison First Aid Squad No. 1 and Edison First Aid Squad No. 2 were at the scene of both fires along with the Emergency Management unit.

Fires at the Rivendell and Northridge apartment complexes in Edison destroyed or damaged more than 50 homes last week. Damage to Northridge's Building 13 (top, right) was extensive. After battling the Saturday blaze, which was caused by lightning, for more than 11 hours, firefighters rested (at right, second from top) and later helped residents take belongings they could salvage from damaged apartments (at left). Two days before, firefighters battled a blaze at the Rivendell complex from several vantage points, including the snorkel of Truck 2 (at right, third from top) and from the ground (bottom, left). During the blaze, one of several injured firefighters was helped at the scene by members of Edison First Aid Squad No. 1 (bottom, right).

Photographs  
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Jim D'Amico





## Three face weapons charges; car may be linked to assault

By Charles Everett

EDISON — Three youths were arrested on weapons charges early Sunday after a car that may have been involved in an assault case was stopped by two Edison police officers on a routine patrol.

A shotgun, two baseball bats and two boxes of shotgun shells reportedly were found inside a red 1986 Trans Am owned by Nicholas Pirchio, 18, of Piscataway. He was taken into custody along with his two passengers, William M. Boehmer, 19, and William D. Macini, 20, both of Piscataway.

All three youths have been charged with unlawful possession of weapons.

The Trans Am and a blue 1990 Corvette were stopped at Old Post and Miko roads when Patrolmen Alexander Ginsky and Michael Leight drove by at 2 a.m. Both sports cars matched the description of vehicles that reportedly chased an assault victim earlier that morning.

After Pirchio was asked for his credentials, Ginsky reportedly discovered the baseball bats on the rear floor of the Trans Am behind the driver's seat. The shotgun shells reportedly were found by Leight on the rear floor behind the front passenger seat.

The shotgun, which Pirchio said he was going to use for target shooting in the morning, reportedly was found behind the rear seat of the Trans Am during a further search. Ginsky and Leight said the shotgun was unloaded when it was found.

## Edison educator elected to post

EDISON — Dr. M. Eileen Hansen, chairwoman of Middlesex County College's English as a Second Language Department, was recently elected to chair the New Jersey Collegiate Consortium of International Education.

Hansen has been at MCC for more than four years and has been active in international education for the past 15 years. She resides in Edison.

The driver of the Corvette, who said he was not involved in the assault case, was not charged.

The assault was reported to Ginsky and Leight after they stopped a 1982 Dodge being driven erratically on Old Post Road at 1:30 a.m. Sunday. The car's driver, a 20-year-old Edison man, told police he had been partying with his brother in the woods near the old Halecrest estate off Talamdge Road.

According to police, the Dodge was leaving the area at 1 a.m. when the owner of the Corvette accused the victim's brother of coming too close to the sports car. The victim got out of the Dodge to defend his brother, but was jumped by a group of males and pummeled to the ground.

The victim said the Corvette was driven over his left leg while he was on the ground, and that several people smashed the windshield of the Dodge with baseball bats while he and his brother was leaving.

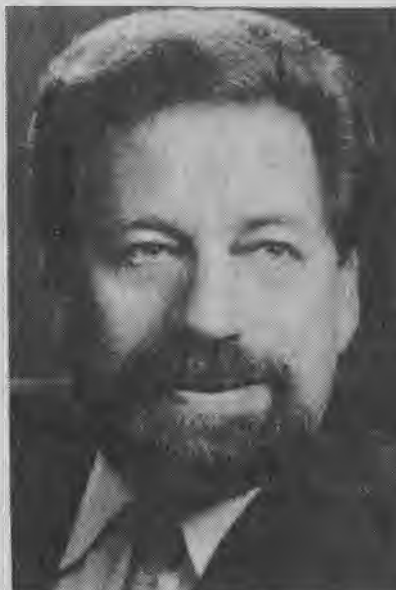
Ginsky and Leight also were told the victim was chased by the Trans Am, the Corvette and a white Blazer with males hanging out the windows wielding baseball bats.

At 3 a.m., a man who also was on the Halecrest property came to police headquarters and reported the owner of the Corvette had been beaten by a group of males, one of whom was said to be the victim of the other assault.

Patrolman Thomas Marino was advised one of the suspected males had been doing K-turns and "donuts" on the Halecrest property. The Corvette owner, a 19-year-old Piscataway man who gave a warning about his car being hit, was punched and kicked after the other driver jumped out and declared he would do whatever he wanted.

Mud was left on the Corvette, according to police, with blood on the hood and side and footprints on the windows. The owner's mother reported that her son was bloodied and bruised but declined treatment for his injuries.

Both assault cases remain under investigation.



ALVIN M. SALTON

## Edison man earns CPE designation

EDISON — Township resident Donald R. Drost Jr., plant engineer at Middlesex County College, has attained the status of certified plant engineer.

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Drost is a member of AIPE's Union-Middlesex Chapter No. 9.

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## Borough bioanalyst is honored

METUCHEN — Alvin M. Salton of the borough is the recipient of the American Association of Bioanalysts' 10th Lucien Dean Hertert Memorial Award.

The AAB Board of Directors elected to present the association's highest and most prestigious award to Salton in honor of his service, dedication and contributions to the AAB, the field of bioanalysis, his community and to his fellow laboratorians.

The award, in the form of a piece of baccarat crystal, was presented to Salton on May 18 during the AAB's 34th Annual Meeting and Educational Conference held at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center, Virginia Beach, Va.

A charter member of AAB, Salton has served two terms as president of the New Jersey Association of Bioanalysts. He currently serves as a member of the American Board of Bioanalysis and is a member of AAB's Board of Scientific Advisors. Salton is the chairman of both AAB's Government and Professional Relations Committee and the Bylaws Committee and is the director-at-large of the AAB Eastern Region.

Salton is currently the vice chairman of the National Council

on Health Laboratory Services and a commissioner on the Credentialing Commission of the International Society for Clinical Laboratory Technology. He also serves as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Medical Laboratory Observer.

Salton is the director and owner of Community Medical Laboratories, headquartered in Metuchen with branches in Morristown, Perth Amboy and Plainfield.

He received laboratory training in the U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston and holds a bachelor's degree in medical technology and a master's degree in management from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Salton represents the second generation of the Salton family involved in the clinical laboratory. His father, Irving Salton, established one of the first clinical laboratories in the country in 1921. Salton's wife, Marcia, is the director of administration for Community Medical Laboratories. They are the parents of one son, Jeff, and two daughters, Nancy and Vicki.

Also active in the community service, Salton is a past president of the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce and a past president of

the Metuchen Board of Health.

Salton has played a major role in the development and recognition of AAB during the past 35 years and he continues to hold a major leadership position in the association. AAB Administrator David Birenbaum, who presented

the award, said of Salton, "His devotion to his family, his dedication to his profession, his scientific

and technical accomplishments, his service to the association and to the community embody all the ideals which Lucien Hertert exemplified and for which this award is given. This award is given not only in recognition of his accomplishments, but as a special token of appreciation and thanks from his peers."

The Lucien Dean Hertert Memorial Award, established in 1981, is named for the late Lucien Dean Hertert of California, who was a founding member of AAB and known for his contributions to the field of bioanalysis, especially in microbiology. AAB, founded in 1956, is a professional association representing independent community clinical laboratories throughout the United States.

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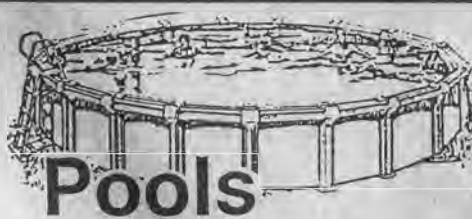
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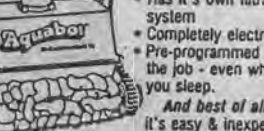
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## Florio plan irks educators

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year — a reduction of \$816,000.

The board felt that the borough is being "penalized," according to Trapp, for the 25 percent of its population which makes more than \$75,000 per year. These "wealthier residents," he said, tilted the scale against the borough when the formula was used to determine its socio-economic status.

"We'll have to make up the loss by increases in property taxes, which go across the board regardless of wealth," said Gennaro Lepre, superintendent of schools. "There are things happening that we don't know about. This governor is asking for tremendous increases in taxes ... that will be general fund money with no guarantee that it will be used for education. We have no assurances."

Borough officials and educators also joined in opposition to the speed with which Governor Florio has tried to alter the way education is funded.

"The governor's program is moving forward at full speed without consideration by school boards and teachers' associations," said Trapp, who noted he contacted the state Board of Education to extract from them those figures and formulas which would affect the Metuchen school district.

"If we waited for every bit of information, this program would be in effect and we would be dead meat," he added, indicating that he still did not have all the facts.

"We must say 'Stop this process now and give us all a chance to study it,'" said Borough Councilwoman Pamela Brown, suggesting a joint resolution of the school board and the council. "This community should contact its representatives now and let them know where we're coming from."

As chairwoman of the Middlesex County Commission on the Status of Women, Brown also backs a resolution by that group petitioning elected legislative representatives to carefully evaluate the impact that Florio's proposal would have on all county vocational schools and special services districts throughout the state.

The MCCSW contends that Florio's bill "would likely" curtail or discontinue many of the vocational services and job training programs particularly rendered to women.

Such programs include child care; the Teen Parent Center; the Women's Job Center; the Dis-

placed Homemaker Program; TREE, a program geared toward Training, Recruiting, Educating and Employing women in apprenticeable trades; Project Self Worth for disaffected and disruptive youth; and Project SAVE for students with substance abuse problems.

"We've got a problem," said Mel Wollock, president of the Metuchen Education Association. After attending a meeting of the NJEA on Tuesday, he informed the school board that "the governor is extremely stubborn about this issue."

Wollock said Florio did not seem to share educators' concerns over the social security, pension and retiree health costs. Wollock plans to organize a bus trip for borough educators to visit Trenton and show their objection to Florio's plan. He said he will try to organize the rally for Monday, when he believes legislative voting will begin.

Lepre said on Tuesday that he and other members of the board have spent "hours on the phone" with state Assemblyman George Spadaro, who is working with the governor on the new funding plan.

Lepre called the governor's plan a "triple whammy" for Metuchen because it not only decreases minimum aid by \$800,000 and almost doubles the income tax of high-earners in the borough, it threatens to cause what Trapp called a "wildcard" loss of \$1,580,000.

"There's no reason at all for those wealthier districts that serve 20 percent of the kids in the state to lose what they would lose if social security and pension benefits were transferred to the local districts," Lepre said, noting that he has no real objection to the first two "wammies" proposed to bring equity to the funding system. "The governor is doing more for the poorer districts than he was ordered to do by the state. He's pushing bush-league socialism on the backs of hard-working middle-class and upper-middle-class communities."

"I'm very concerned that Metuchen will be seriously hurt," said Beatrice Moskowitz, school board president. "We've already been unable to include programs because of the funding that was cut this year. If this funding is cut completely, all areas — including programs, staff and class size — will be affected."

## Edison men among three arrested in Highland Park

By Stephanie Brown

HIGHLAND PARK — When Patrolman Gary Panachella stopped his patrol car Monday afternoon to tell the occupants of a car blocking a driveway to move, he had no idea he might be interrupting a drug deal.

When Panachella pulled behind a 1986 two-door grey Nissan blocking a driveway at the intersection of Raritan and North Fifth avenues in the borough, he intended to tell the vehicle occupants to simply move down the street.

However, Capt. Ronald Haskins reported, when the three men in the car saw a police officer approaching them, they "began acting strange."

"There was a lot of movement in the car," Haskins said. Then the three men jumped out and began to run away.

Panachella caught one of the men, and the officers called as a backup. Lt. Richard Isaacs and Patrolmen Joseph Vassallo and Scott Golden, caught the other two.

The suspects — David Brown, 24, of 705 Merrywood Drive, Edison; John Nowell, 21, of 311 Netherwood Circle, Edison; and Timothy Oakes, 21, of Plainfield — were all arrested.

At headquarters, Haskins said, a patdown search of Oakes revealed

10 decks of a substance suspected to be heroin and a single deck of suspected heroin, all of which Oakes had concealed in his rectal area. Police also found a small green plastic bag containing two decks of suspected crack cocaine and six decks of suspected heroin, which Oakes had reportedly put down his back in an effort to conceal them.

Police also reportedly discovered a white residue around Brown's mouth, and then discovered he reportedly attempted to swallow two straws, Haskins said. Brown was reportedly carrying \$66.31 in cash, and Nowell was reportedly carrying \$1,040.82 in cash.

All three suspects were charged with possession of suspected cocaine and heroin with the intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, possession of suspected drugs within 1,000 feet of a drug-free school zone and destroying evidence. They are being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center, North Brunswick, on \$20,000 bail each with no 10 percent provision.

Haskins said Wednesday an analysis to determine whether the suspected drugs were real would be complete in five to 10 days.



Buddy (top), a brown male mixed-breed dog, is housebroken, and Ginger (bottom), a tan and white female, is 6 months old. Caesar is a 1-year-old black cat that is litter-trained, has had his shots and is spayed. All three are among the animals available for adoption at the Edison Municipal Animal Shelter, which is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Kukor takes command of township Republicans

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would like to get involved in some aspect of public service in Edison — perhaps as a member of one of the municipal boards or of a civic organization.

"They (Kukor's forces) do not have me to focus in on anymore," he said. "The ball's in their court. Let's see what they do with it."

Kukor told the municipal committee on Monday that, for a first goal, he plans to get four qualified Republicans elected as members of the Township Council in the 1991 municipal elections.

Other goals he mentioned include looking into a recall of Democratic Mayor Thomas H. Paterniti and a referendum to change the township's form of government, which Kukor characterized as "unresponsive."

According to the new Republican chairman, he originally did not want to seek the post and the decision to do so was a difficult one.

"It caused some philosophical differences with some very good friends," he said, "but all that will be ironed out ... It's a new day for the Republican Party in Edison."

Jack Spiller, committeeman from District 53, and Robert McCabe, committeeman from District 31, both reportedly wanted the job but apparently decided to yield to Kukor rather than split the anti-Sheldon vote and allow Sheldon to win re-election.

When Spiller nominated Kukor at the reorganization, he admitted that he and McCabe wanted to be chairman "in the worst way."

"But Jim Kukor indicated he wanted the post for a year to consolidate his position as titular head of the party," Spiller explained.

He added that Kukor is not afraid to take on the Democrats and would be effective in raising funds for the party.

Those sentiments were echoed by McCabe, who seconded Kukor's nomination.

"No one in town is better able to lead the party," he said. "No one in this party frightens the Democrats more."

The nomination also was seconded by Mildred Willis, committeewoman from District 59.

When Dr. Bob Maurer, who chaired the reorganization meet-

ing, asked for other nominations and heard none, he declared them closed, and Kukor was elected chairman by acclamation without dissent.

All other offices were filled by Kukor supporters, and their election was without opposition or dissent.

Spiller was elected first vice chairman.

Roberta Dowling, committeewoman from District 8, was elected second vice chairwoman. Dowling, who moved from Edison to Arizona 12 years ago and moved back to Edison six years later. She has been an active Republican for many years.

James Kennedy, committeeman from District 3, was elected third vice chairman.

Other new officers in the GOP include A. George Sparacio, treasurer; District 45 Committeewoman Pat Schwalje, recording secretary; District 1 Committeewoman Jane Tousman, corresponding secretary; and James Engle, sergeant-at-arms.

In other action, the Republican Municipal Committee elected Mary Richardson and Harry Richardson to its ranks from District 63. The district had no candidates on the ballot in the June 5 primary.

He is a former Middlesex County GOP chairman and held that position in 1972 when Republicans, who elected the surrogate and two freeholders, enjoyed their most successful year in memory at the county level.

In addition, Barbara Grieg was elected committeewoman from District 44 without dissent. In the primary, she was a write-in candidate and tied Jean Blydenburgh, who ran on the Sheldon line.

Kukor said that while the township GOP would not meet during the summer, he will be looking for members to fill several committees, including recruitment and registration, training, issue research, finance and fund-raising and publicity.

He added that a change in venue for GOP meetings also was likely. Instead of at the Victorian Manor, future meetings of the party will tentatively be held at the Holiday Inn, Raritan Center.

## 78 Metuchen pupils make Edgar School honor roll

METUCHEN — A total of 78 students achieved honor roll standing at Edgar School for the third marking period.

Sixteen students were named to the High Honor Roll for the period. They are:

**Seventh grade** — Melissa Bingham, Mihir Desai, Jennifer Dudeck, Erica Fenton, Beth Kuhne, Matthew Stein, Paul Stofa and Susan Subbiondo.

**Sixth grade** — Jonathan Cohen, Andrew Dowd, Jennifer Dowd, Natalie Gioia, Todd Meierhans, Laura Montgomery, Dana Sindona and Dori Sneddon.

Among those who also are on the Honor Roll:

**Seventh grade** — Shujaat Ali, Aubrey Bamdad, Stephanie Baralecki, Joy Bashaw, Jeremy Benson, Stephen Bonica, Denise Brown, Yogita Chellani, Margaret Dahlgren, Jessica Dean, Kathryn Dooley, Nadia Farooqui, Alison Hatola.

Josiane Hecht, Quoc Hoang,

Marta Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Christie Lech, Evan Lorch, Suzanne McAllister, Cara McDermott, Amul Modhera, William Mueciferi, Thalia Palmer, Okisha Payne, Damon Rahbar-Daniels, Charles Schneekloth.

**Sixth grade** — Jasmine Averakis, Rebecca Blejwas, Michele Casullo, Elvin Chang, Connie Chi, Jason Cohen, Kathleen DeFoe, Erin Domangue, Jessica Giordano, Jennifer Hacker.

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Jessica Hornick, Sarah Kendziora, Gloria Lin, Julie Macan, Melanie Medina, Janelle Pocknett, Michelle Sayers, Jennifer Stern, Danielle Stevens, Alma Villanueva and Natasha VonLanski.

## Swamp plan bogged down

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Piel pointed to Harding's April 1989 decision in turning down the developers' application for exemption and noted that Harding "ordered the review of the development project 'should begin anew.' He also found that a mere revoting by the present board, or even new hearings on the information two years' stale is not in the best public interest."

Piel added that the DEP "requires transitional areas or buffers of up to 150 feet adjacent to wetlands classified as being of exceptional resource value and up to 50 feet ... adjacent to wetlands classified as being of intermediate resource value."

"I see this as a victory for SOS," Tousman said. "Granted, the state laid out the protection, but had it not been for SOS, there wouldn't have been any swamp to save. I don't know what would have happened to it had the developers started to build."

"There still may be some building in that area," she added, "but the move to save the wetlands was our baby. Had we not carried the flag, found an attorney (John F.X. Irving) who has really gone to bat for us and pressured our town, we may not have had the swamp today."

More than 375 acres in western Edison between Metuchen and South Plainfield is part of the Dismal Swamp.

## Goodwill Industries puts collection box in borough

METUCHEN — Goodwill Industries of New Jersey has recently expanded collection sites with the placement of drop-off boxes at recycling centers.

A blue and white Goodwill box is now located at Metuchen's Recycling Center, 44 Jersey Avenue.

With the cooperation of municipalities such as Metuchen and their directors of public works such as the borough's Robert Yunker, Goodwill is seeing a substantial increase of quality textile donations and rising retail sales. Donations dropped in collection boxes are picked up by Goodwill in a timely manner and handled with care.

The sale of the donations partially subsidizes a broad range of vocational rehabilitation training programs for disabled and disadvantaged people at Goodwill's Harrison headquarters.

The collection site in Metuchen is one of 17 sites Goodwill presently operates in conjunction with recycling centers in New Jersey. This joint effort between Goodwill and local communities in recycling clothing not only helps disabled and disadvantaged people in their pursuit of a higher human condition but also helps the environment by keeping much clothing out of landfills.

## Garage sale becomes party

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constant flow of people all day long. We all split the advertising cost, which is only \$4 or \$5 per person," Heerwagen said. "All I do is organize it."

Heerwagen said the tradition started as a way to clean out the attic and make money, but now it's done just for fun.

"You get to see so many

people," she said.

Heerwagen's husband, Rich, said people have sold cars and furniture and "a guy up the street registered people to vote."

"People who couldn't be in it this year were disappointed," he added. "It ends up a typical American block party."



## Harley Davidson plans benefit ride

EDISON — Harley Davidson of Edison and the Harley Owners Group of Edison Motorcycle Club will sponsor a 50-mile Poker Run on Saturday to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and "Jerry's Kids."

The ride will start at Harley Davidson of Edison, Route 1 South. Sign in will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A family picnic will follow for all participants at Johnson Park in Piscataway. Free soda, beer and food will be served. There also will be a drawing for a 1980 Custom Sturgis Showbike at the picnic.

A \$15 donation will entitle riders to enter the ride and attend the picnic. Those raising \$25 also will receive a special 10th Anniversary Harley/MDA pin. For a \$50 donation, riders will receive, in addition to the pin, a special edition T-shirt.

All are welcome.

For more information, call Harley Davidson at 985-7546 or the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 750-2333.



Dr. Gordon Williamson (c) receives the JFK Health Systems Social Work Corporate Council's award of recognition from Stephen A. Yenchek (r), vice president of operations at JFK Medical Center, and Harry Russell, vice president of mental health and community services at JFK.

## JFK council honors Gordon Williamson

EDISON — Dr. Gordon Williamson was honored by the John F. Kennedy Health Systems Social Work Corporate Council for his contribution to the social work profession.

Williamson received the council's award of recognition during the national celebration of Social Work Month at a recent conference for health care professionals sponsored by the Rehabilitation Social Work Department and the Department of Professional Development of the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Rehabilitation Institute.

The council is comprised of the various directors of social work employed by JFK Health Systems, which is affiliated with JFK Medical Center.

In a resolution adopted by the council, Williamson was praised

for his efforts at "reaffirming the ethics and principles of the social work profession."

He currently serves as director of the Pediatric Rehabilitation Department's COPING project, a national outreach program that assists states and agencies in enhancing their preschool and early intervention services.

The conference, entitled "Families in Crisis: Clinical Interventions for Health Care Professionals," focused on methods of assisting families who are dealing with traumatic events and current treatment techniques.

More than 100 social workers, nurse clinicians, psychologists and counselors were in attendance at the one-day workshop at the rehabilitation Institute.

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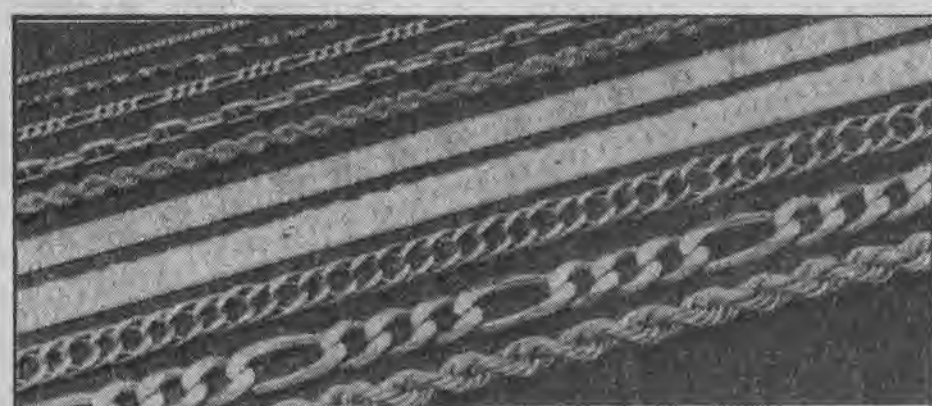


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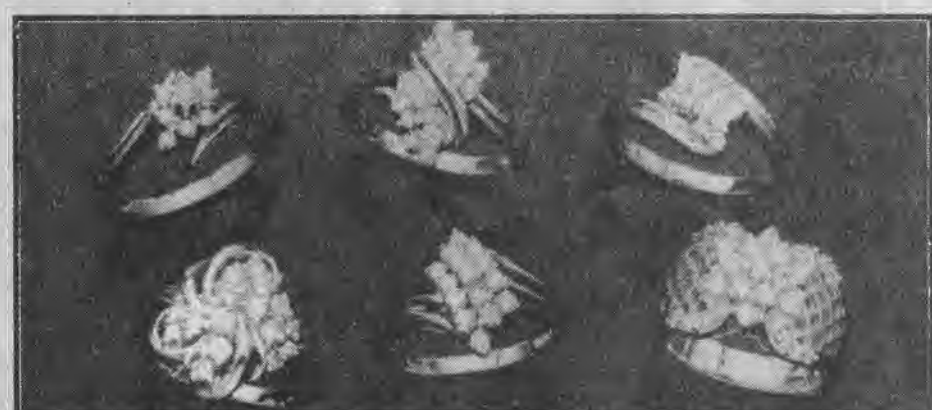
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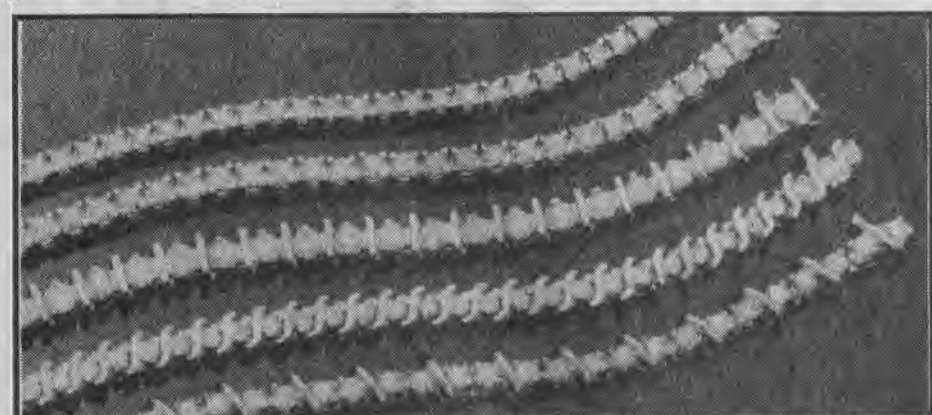
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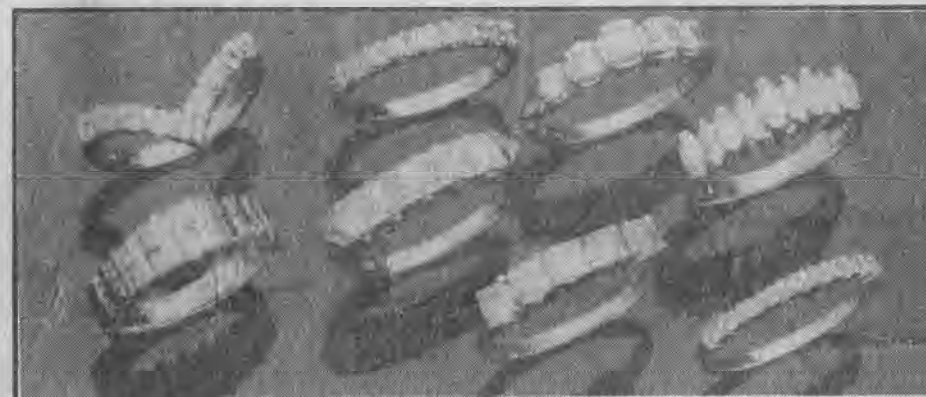
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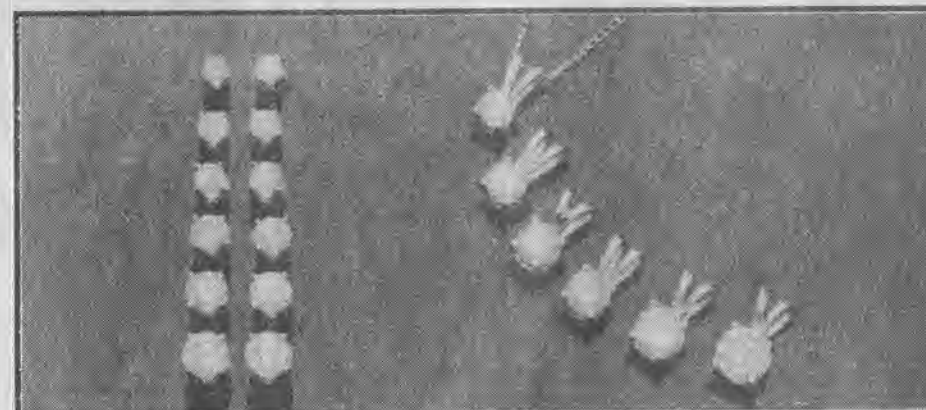
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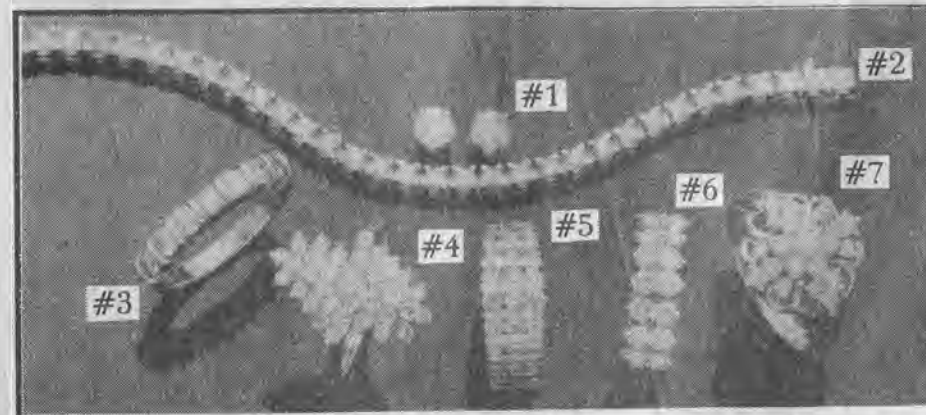
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# Wager defeats Mazza in state tennis finals

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

EDISON — As of last Thursday, there was only one high school athletic honor left to be decided in New Jersey. And just two high school athletes were still in the hunt for the prize.

And Vito Mazza of St. Joseph's was one of them.

Mazza, the Falcon tennis ace who graduated from St. Joe's less than a week earlier, completed an unlikely journey to the finals of the NJSIAA singles tennis tournament with a 7-5, 5-7 6-0 victory over Jason Zuckerman of East Brunswick last Wednesday in a semifinal match played at Inman Racquet Club. The triumph earned him an invitation to the finals against third seed Adam Wager of Millburn.

Wager, pinning the net-minded Falcon to the baseline for most of the afternoon, disappointed the local fans by defeating Mazza 7-5, 6-3.

Wager, who won his semifinal match against defending champion and top seed Mike Sell of Moorestown, was a solid favorite to knock off Mazza, despite the Edison resident's victory over second seed Mark Nigalen of Holy Spirit (Absecon). Only the top 16 players in the competition were seeded, with the second group of eight being seeded alphabetically. Mazza was part of that second group.

"It would have been nicer to win," said Mazza. "But if you go by the seeding, I guess I wasn't supposed to get this far."

Still, it was a great way to finish his high school career, playing before dozens of friends and relatives at Inman. Mazza completed the year with a 25-3 record and career mark of 89-14.

His performance in this year's contest was the most successful of four straight state tournament appearances. As a freshman, he bowed out in the first round before reaching the round of 16 in '88 and the second round in '89.

Mazza assumed the early advantage in the first match, breaking

Wager's serve in the eighth game to take a 5-3 lead. But Wager shut out Mazza in the eighth game before sweeping the rest of the set.

"I was a little nervous in the beginning, but I was playing well and was in front," said Mazza.

finals appearance, only the second in St. Joe's history (Craig Morongello lost to Takeshi Omono of Ramapo in the 1985 final), and his pair of victories over Nigalen, who lost to Sell in last year's state final. The first victory over Nigalen this season came in the

## sports

"Overall, I could have played better, but he was very good."

Wager, who beat Mazza two weeks earlier in the Eastern Tennis Association Tournament, then dominated the second set with a strong baseline attack that countered Mazza's aggressive net game.

Mazza can still take pride in his

NJSIAA team tournament last month. Mazza also beat Nigalen in last year's state team tourney.

Mazza plans to be busy over the summer playing in amateur tournaments and trying out some weight-training programs. In September, he'll begin his collegiate tennis career at Ohio State.



Photo by Patti Miller

VITO MAZZA of the St. Joseph's High School tennis team battles Mark Nigalen of Holy Spirit last week during the NJSIAA state singles tennis tournament at Inman Racquet Club in Edison. Mazza went on to advance to the finals, but lost the state title to Adam Wager of Millburn in straight sets.

## New faces dominate Legion lineup

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

EDISON — There's a whole new cast of characters patrolling the field for the Edison Father and Son Post 435 American Legion baseball team, which made its 10th trip to the state playoffs in 12 years last summer.

But despite the relative inexperience of these Boys of Summer, don't be surprised if they make it 11 out of 13.

"We only have one starter back from last year (catcher Pete Ulozas) and he's hurt," said manager Larry LeBrocq. "We have three other players who are eligible to return, but haven't. So we have a very young team, but they are committed and we should be competitive."

LeBrocq was impressed by the effort his team gave in the season opener on Monday night against East Brunswick: the end result was a 7-2 loss as Brunswick broke the game open with four runs in the

sixth, but Edison displayed the outstanding defense and speed that LeBrocq figures to be the backbone of his team's attack.

"Except for a few mental mistakes, I was very pleasantly surprised," noted the coach. "We just ran into a hot pitcher (North Brunswick High School ace Pete Retzko, who allowed four hits struck out 13 and led the offense with a home run and a double)."

Mike Komeski, fresh off a successful season with the Edison High School varsity, took the loss, while Sean Harrison of Highland Park pitched in relief. Most of the Edison roster is made up of letter-winners from Edison and Highland Park.

LeBrocq's lineup against East Brunswick started off with center fielder Rico Rios, who batted .431 for Highland Park this season, followed by Edison's Mike Murphy, a junior who batted .371 as the Eagles' regular second baseman.

Ed Belko, an EHS sophomore who batted .323 and was Edison's top base-stealer, batted in the third hole and played right field. Batting cleanup was Owl catcher Alan Lopez.

Harrison began the game as the designated hitter and was followed by Wardlaw-Hatridge star Sean Crockett, who played left field. The lineup was rounded out by Edison players Mike Pede, Joe Chonka, and shortstop Luis Capasuto of New Brunswick.

Others expected to get into the act are Tim Henshaw and Frank Costa of Edison, Victor Saldet and Jamie Klouser of Highland Park and Ray Green of St. Peter's.

Klouser's older brother Ted, a legion alumnus, will coach the pitchers, while another former Father and Son player, Mark O'Shea, handles the pitchers and outfielders. The coaching staff is completed by Jim Wiegartner and ninth-year coach Sandy Karamanos.

## Another strong year for Soccerama

METUCHEN — Last weekend on the spacious campus of St. Joseph's High School, one of the biggest sporting traditions in Middlesex County kicked off its annual shindig.

Soccerama, an event that began

some 20 years ago with one field, eight teams and a small barbecue, began the new decade by attracting 5,000 soccer fans and 332 youth teams that competed for 3,000 medals on a dozen fields of battle.

This huge convention of young athletes, which will continue and conclude over the weekend, began two decades ago when a gentleman by the name of Steve Warshaney brought together the eight teams that at the time made up the Mid New Jersey Youth Soccer Association.

"The first year, we played the tournament on one field at St. Joe's," said Warshaney. "After it was over, we cooked hot dogs for everyone on a rotisserie."

Over the years, as the Association grew in leaps and bounds, so did the Soccerama, which moved to fields at the Hungarian American Club, Drew University and Hillsborough High School before returning to St. Joe's. Soccerama also concludes the Association's spring season.

One of the unique features of soccerama is how teams of equal ability are paired off in groups of three or four, giving teams that have struggled all year the chance to win a gold medal. Some of the winners are teams that haven't won a game all year.

"We determine the winners of each group by a point system after each has played two games and award the medals right on the spot," said Warshaney.

Because of this confidence-building opportunity, Soccerama draws the vast majority of the Mid New Jersey teams, which has grown to 476 members. 15 of those teams participating in the event are members of the Metuchen-Edison Traveling Soccer Club, which include boys and girls teams of all ages and levels of skill. Seven of the Metuchen-Edison teams played their games last weekend, with the other eight scheduled to compete tomorrow and Sunday.

Two of those squads, the Sting

and the Colts, won gold medals, while the Rowdies missed the medal by one point. The Sting, a Division 3 13-year-old boys team, earned a first place by defeating the Hillsborough Hornets and the Berkeley Heights Bandits by identical 1-0 scores. The scoring hero for the Sting was Charles Schneekloth, who registered the winning goal in both games, while

prevailed, 1-0, but had to hold off a furious Cosmos challenge that included a late goal nullified by an offside call, a shot that hit the goal post and a penalty shot by Ben White that just missed its mark.

The Cosmos got a another strong performance by goalie David Green, but lost a second game to South Brunswick 1-0. The



## View From The Bleachers

by William Westhoven

goalie Joe Rodriguez, son of Sting coach Joe Rodriguez, posted a pair of shutouts.

The Colts, a high-school age girls team that competes at the Elite level of Division 2, also won their group medal. The Colts, who include a large number of girls from the powerful Metuchen High School varsity soccer team, beat the Fords Magic, 3-0 and also shut out Monroe, 4-0. Emma Bascom, a midfielder who took over the goal-tending chores when the regular Colt goalie was unavailable, came through with a big effort, while the goal-production was provided by Michelle Bayer, Amy Jarvis, Jackie Manley and Kelly McLaughlin.

The Colts also won the Crestar Tournament, which was held during Memorial Day weekend in Roanoke, Virginia, and drew teams from all over the east coast.

Other Metuchen-Edison teams competing last weekend were the Eagles, the Rowdies, the Marvels, the Cosmos and the Rangers. The Cosmos and the Rangers, two Division 4 boys teams, met each other in a spirited intra-club battle.

Although the Rangers are a flight above the Cosmos, the underdogs gave the Rangers quite a scare. The Rangers eventually

Rangers also lost their second game.

Also in Division 4 competition, the Rowdies got three goals from Thomas Lee of Edison in a 3-1 victory over North Hunterdon, but missed out on the gold when they dropped a 3-1 decision to Piscataway. Matt Zapotichny scored the Rowdies' goal, while Matt Chavlovich tended goal in both matches.

Finally, the Marvels, a Division 5 girls team playing at the Crystal level, lost to Somerset Hills 3-0 before shutting out the Cranford Magic 2-0. Goalie Brooke Kobren authored the shutout, while Jackie Dirigi and Jessenia Romero provided the goals.

But winners and losers alike agree that Soccerama was, as usual, a big success. From the First-Aid squad, which stood by in the event of injury, and the police department, which kept the crowd and the traffic under control, to the scores of volunteers and officials that kept the action moving to the tune of 90 games per day, it was a marvelous example at what can be accomplished with a little cooperation and a lot of planning.

Don't forget, there's still another big weekend of action coming up, so if you want to witness it first-hand, why not make a day of it?



Photo by Jill Lotenberg

BRYAN ERSKINE of the Metuchen-Edison Eagles soccer team goes airborne Saturday at St. Joseph's High School during Soccerama, the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association's annual season-ending tournament. The event drew over 300 teams and thousands of spectators, including 15 teams representing the Metuchen-Edison Traveling Soccer Club. Erskine's teammate, Michael Stephens (8), controls the ball.





Photo by William Westhoven.

**EDISON SENIORS** Michelle Furze (right) and Brandi Davison accept the New Jersey Group IV softball championship trophy after the Lady Eagles' 4-1 victory over Clifton. The pair have completed their high school careers, but will spend the summer playing with the Edison Angels 18-and-under team.

## Busy summer planned for Angels

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

**EDISON** — Even though the Edison Angels softball league hasn't yet completed the regular season, the six Angel all-star rosters are set and ready for a long schedule of summer tournament action.

"We plan to keep the girls real busy this summer," promised league president Tony Houck.

The All-Stars have already played a few pick-up games, including a series with Watchung Hills. Their first tournament appearance, though, will be next week, when the 10-year-old-and-under squad, along with the 12-and-unders, 13-year-olds, 14-year-olds and 16-and-unders host the

annual Edison Angels Tournament, which draws teams from all over New Jersey.

That same weekend, the Angel 18-and-under squad will skip the local competition to participate in the Shiloh Tournament in Pompton Lakes.

The Shilohs are one of the Angels' biggest summer rivals, and the two programs are bound to see each other again in the Amateur Softball Association New Jersey state championships, the next big event of the summer. The Angels will host the ASA 10 and 12 age-group competitions at their Kilmer Rd. complex, while the older Angels will play elsewhere.

If they qualify, the ASA regional tournament will be held the week-

end of July 20, while the ASA nationals are scheduled for the first week in August. Last year, both the 12s and the 16s qualified for the nationals, the 16s by finishing second in the regionals while the 12s won the regionals outright on their home field.

The Angel 12s have qualified for the ASA nationals every year since 1987, when they first joined the ASA. A 15-and-under team also qualified for the nationals in 1987 and in '88, the 16s qualified but were not invited to the nationals due to an ASA administrative error.

The Angels have also increased their activity in the Babe Ruth Softball League, which holds a

## Edison Babe Ruth squad looking to reclaim crown

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

**EDISON** — After losing the Middlesex County championship for the first time in five years, Bill Brownlie's Edison Senior Babe Ruth League squad has its sights set on a return to the top.

Edison, which hoarded the title from 1985-88, came into last year's tournament as the top seed with a 19-1 record, but was swept by Midtown in the best two-of-three championship series. Because of numerous rainouts that pushed that series into late August, Brownlie lost several of his regulars to college and vacation commitments and had to face Midtown with a makeshift lineup. But a loss is a loss, and the troops are anxious to avenge their defeat.

They'll get their chance Monday night (8 p.m.) at Thomas A. Edison Park, when Edison opens the season by hosting Midtown.

"It's built up to be a rivalry because the kids play together during high school," said Brownlie. "At the end of the season, I expect both teams to be somewhere in there (the playoffs). I know we'll be shooting for the stars."

### Capone sets mark

**HOBOKEN** — Former Edison High School baseball player Jeff Capone set a record for career doubles this past season at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Capone, a senior infielder for the 10-9 Ducks, belted six doubles in 1990 for a total of 16.

Edison's roster, however, also includes a few Metuchen High School players, including former Bulldog slugger Earl Wallace. Wallace is joined by former teammates Tyshon Kelton and Guy Matson, who played for Metuchen this year.

But Edison High School is also well-represented by both current and graduate Eagles. Returning from last year's squad are EHS alumni Steve DeBrito, Brian Hefteran, George Roe, Dean Polak and Todd Sak, while veterans Doug McCann, Ed Joyce and Dave Fox will represent the 1990 Eagles.

Big Albert Jackson, known more for his gridiron abilities, is another returnee. Newcomers include Brian Forman, Rob Witherspoon and Chris Krieger.

Forman, Jackson, Krieger and Joyce will patrol the outfield, while the pitching chores will be handled by McCann, DeBrito, Sak,

Kelton and Matson. DeBrito, McCann and Kelton will share first base duties, while Roe is slated at backstop.

The rest of the infield duties are in the hands of Fox, Witherspoon, Hefteran, Sak and Polak. Wallace, according to Brownlie, can and will play just about anywhere.

At the plate, the speedy Sak will lead off, with Wallace, Joyce, McCann and Jackson hopefully providing the power.

The young Edison coach also noted that Middlesex County may host the Babe Ruth All-Star tournament, which was played in Morris County last season. Wallace, DeBrito and McCann all played for last year's Middlesex county delegation.

But getting the title back is the first order of business.

"I'm going to make sure everybody plays, but we'll be playing to win," assured Brownlie.

## Edison Midtown team set to defend BR title

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

**EDISON** — After winning the Middlesex County Babe Ruth Senior League championship last summer, Edison Midtown is branching out.

The Midtowners, managed by Joe Mehan and coached by Ray Ciancia, will not only defend their Middlesex title in 1990, they'll compete in the North Hunterdon-Somerset County league as well.

As a result, the squad will be forced to split up on a number of occasions during the season, but the coaches figure they have enough talent to remain competitive. The Midtowners lost several good players, including pitcher Lou Donovan, Andy Maragato and Kieth Hahn, but several veterans like Donovan Kregeloh, Ed Belko and Pete Inchausti will be back after spending the spring with the Edison High School varsity, which won both the Central Jersey Group IV and Greater Middlesex Conference crowns.

Returning to the team after spending last summer in American Legion ball is EHS ace Jeff Abrams, who won both of the Eagles' title games and posted a 12-2 record with a 2.09 ERA.

Abrams is just one of several midtowners who'll see significant mound time during the summer. Kregeloh, Aiden Lawlor and Jim Chambers are returning staff members, with newcomers Mark Quaglia and Pete Ruzinko expected to get their turn as well. Mark Santiago, a veteran Midtown infielder, may also pitch this year.

"We're going to need a lot of pitching because we'll be playing five nights a week," noted Ciancia, who is also active in the Midtown Little League program.

Other veterans coming back for more this summer are outfielders David Angel and Mike Russo. Rounding out the club are first-year players Jimmy Dudek, Rob Preston, Dennis McGinness, B.J. Thomas, Jim Sherlock, Jesse Miller and Ed Bienvenue. Preston, McGinness, Thomas, Kregeloh, Ruzinko, Belko and Quaglia, incidentally, were all members of Ciancia's Midtown Little League Senior squad in 1989, which won the New Jersey state championship and went on to the regionals in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Most of the new players will play exclusively in the Somerset league while the veterans will anchor the Middlesex County efforts. Several players, however, will hop back and forth as the need arises. Following the 20-game regular season, which ends on August 3, playoffs will invite the top four teams to slug it out for the respective league championships.

The players will also be competing for a spot on the Middlesex County Babe Ruth All-Star team, which finished second in last year's state tournament. Maragato represented Midtown on last year's all-star roster.

## Light Tower wrestling fest

**EDISON** — The Edison Light Tower wrestling club will sponsor its Summer Wrestling Festival on Saturday, June 23, at J.P. Stevens High School.

The annual event, which draws as many as 300 wrestlers, will hold registration and weigh-ins from 8-9 a.m. The registration fee for Light Tower members is \$5, while non-members will be required to purchase a USA Wrestling card for \$8. There is no pre-registration.

Double-elimination competition will be held in four age groups — grades eight-and-under (scholastic style wrestling); grades eight-to-11 (excepting high school wrestlers who have placed in district and regional tournaments); grades 9-12 (freestyle) and open freestyle. Grades are based on the current 1989-90 school year.

For more information, contact Stephen Lax at 469-8043.

## Defense key to Clara Barton success

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

**EDISON** — Youth is the theme of the 1990 Clara Barton American Legion baseball team.

Youth, and trying to come up with a decent brand of defense.

The young north Edison players, who represent both the recent past and near future of the J.P. Stevens High School program, also reflect the strength and weaknesses typical of Hawks teams — good hitting, good pitching, but spotty fielding. Manager Mike Garze is hopeful that while developing the skills of his players, Clara Barton will better last year's 12-10 record.

"My primary concern is that the kids all play and get some experi-

ence at the position he (and Stevens coach Art Collazo) wants to play next year," said Garze.

Garze's son Glen and Gerry Tenebruso, two mainstays of the 1990 Hawk lineup, will co-captain team. Garze, who batted .333 for the Hawks in his senior year, will continue to cover shortstop while Tenebruso, who led Stevens with a .410 average, has the starting catching assignment sewn up.

Also returning to the team are Stevens pitchers Jason Berkey and Jason McCann, along with Eric Carney and Tom Zollinger. Replacing graduated players like Rob Cole, Troy Alexander, Chick McCann and Bill Healy on the Clara Barton roster are young

Hawks Bob Hanning, Mike Smith, Jack Bolan, David Zanbo and Mike Aiena.

Paul Ricigliano and Emil DePasquale will share in the fun as well, while former St. Joseph's pitcher Craig Munch, who played last season for Fairfield College in Connecticut, is another newcomer to the squad.

The Barton boys lost their season opener Monday night when Piscataway handed them a 12-1 beating. Manager Garze noted that errors played a big hand in the loss.

"We have to stop making errors," said Garze, who is still looking for a third baseman to solidify

his infield. "They did the same thing all year at Stevens. If we can do that, we'll be alright."

The coach, however, was encouraged by Munch's performance on the mound, where he rebounded from a rough start to throw some strong innings. With veteran arms like Munch, Berkey and McCann, along with Zollinger, DePasquale and Bolan, Garze is set in the pitching department. He's also confident the hitting will come around.

But defense remains the missing link to a championship season. If the coach can find an answer, it could be a long season for their Legion opponents.

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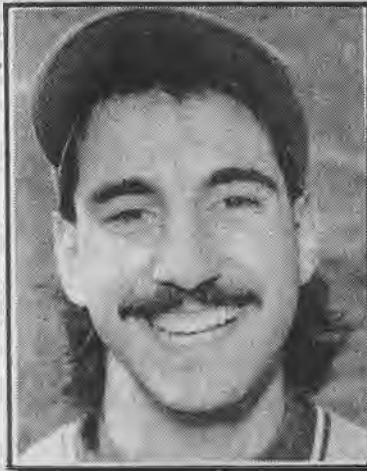


VITO MAZZA  
St. Joseph's High School

Vito completed his outstanding senior season with the Falcons by reaching the finals of the NJSIAA state singles tournament, which invites over 100 of the best high school tennis players in the state. Mazza lost the final, 7-5, 6-3, to Adam Wager of Millburn, but finished the season with a 25-3 record.

### EFINGER'S

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JEFF CAPONE  
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Jeff set a Stevens Institute of Technology baseball record for most career doubles when he hit six this season for a total of 16. He also registered a career fielding percentage of .971 while playing at shortstop and first base, good enough for fifth best in school history.

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# Wrestling clinic features Soviet star

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

EDISON — This time of year, summer sports dominate the hearts and minds of most young athletes, but local wrestlers got a treat last weekend that made them put aside their bats and balls for a while.

Saturday at J.P. Stevens High School, the Edison Light Tower Wrestling Club sponsored a clinic featuring six-time world champion and two-time Olympic champ Sergei Belaglazov of the Soviet Union.

A throng of roughly 150 wrestlers gathered to meet Belaglazov, who spent the last year in the United States as an assistant coach for Lehigh University. His appearance at Stevens was arranged in part by Lehigh and Trevor Lewis, a former East Brunswick High School and

Princeton University grappler who is currently a graduate assistant coach at Lehigh.

Although Belaglazov doesn't speak English, his ability to communicate effectively was one of the highlights of this extremely successful event. Steve Povlac, the former J.P. Stevens coach and longtime Light Tower participant, was particularly impressed with the presentation, which drew upwards of 200 wrestlers.

"I've been involved in wrestling for 30 years now," said Povlac, currently a teacher at Herbert Hoover School. "And in all that time, I've never seen anyone do a better job teaching both coaches and students. He was an exceptionally strong communicator and made it a point to physically work with each person."

Although he doesn't speak Russian, Lewis is well-acquainted with

Belaglazov and was helpful in translating some of the Soviet's lessons as the honored guest instructed, drilled and corrected his eager audience in the finer points of the sport.

"I've seen some other champions at clinics who were only interested in showing off what they could do," said Povlac. "He communicated in the international language of wrestling. He was an artist. Like an audience enjoying an opera sung in Italian, you didn't have to understand every word to appreciate what he was trying to teach."

Part of the audience included members of the New Jersey Wrestling Federation's Junior National and Cadet National teams, which represent the finest young freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestlers in the state. The next day at Ridge

High School, Povlac observed many of the Cadets trying out patented Belaglazov moves during the Greco-Roman state championships.

"In one day, I saw them reap the benefits of the clinic," said Povlac. "It was amazing."

The entire day was a big success from start to finish. Povlac's wife Tina, who often helps out at Light Tower functions, arranged a luncheon for the entire group, including the custodians.

"Tina helps us out a lot," said the coach. "And the custodial staff here at Stevens is the most fantastic, cooperative crew you could ask for. There's a lot of others who help out, too, like (club president) Steve Lax. They all keep Light Tower running."

His only disappointment was the small turnout of high school coaches. The only Middlesex County coach who showed up was Stevens' Chuck Ruttan, who didn't let his recent knee surgery slow him down.

Ruttan, the first-year Hawk coach responsible for reclaiming much of the wrestling enthusiasm Stevens was known for during Povlac's tenure, came on crutches, but he came. So if the Hawks have a big year on the mat in '91, you can thank *glasnost* for contributing to their winner's edge.



Photo by Peter Fein

**SOVIET STAR** Sergei Belaglazov instructs a young wrestler during the Light Tower wrestling clinic Saturday at J.P. Stevens High School.



Photo by Jill Lotenberg

**CHRIS CORRENTE** of the Metuchen-Edison Eagles soccer team gets ready to kick during the annual Soccerama tournament Saturday at St. Joseph's High School.

## Edison Recreation Department Softball Standings

### WOMENS SOFTBALL

Red Division	
Crowley's Tavern	6-0
Davis Locksmith	6-1
G.T. Chiropractic	5-1
Mezy Construction	4-1
Price Club	2-3
Twin County	2-4
Consumers	2-6
Woodbridge Dodge	1-5
Busterettes	0-6
Gray Division	
Rick's Corvettes	7-1
Englehard	6-1
Lady Elks	4-2
Blue Bombers	2-2
Prudential	4-2
ETC	4-2
Kaplan Krusaders	3-4
MCPO	1-6
Job Corps	0-6

### MEN'S SOFTBALL

Residential A Division	
Beer Buds	6-0
C.B. Bashers	6-1
Paradise Deck's and Spas	5-1
Danny's Bar	5-2
Strato	4-3
Suds	3-3
Zia Lisa	3-3
Gashouse Gorillas	3-3
Knox Tavern	3-4
Flyers	3-4
Aces	3-4
Hustik's	2-3
Freak Show	2-5
Jack's Autos	1-4
Talmadge Bar & Grill	1-5
B&P Pounders	1-6
Residential B Division	
Kinsmen	5-1
Crowley's Tavern	5-2
Main Breaks	5-2
NESC Demons	5-2
J.J. Ryan	5-2
Flame & Ale	4-2
Wheeler Construction	4-2
Faith Fellowship	4-3
Desti's	4-3
The Zoo	4-3
Parkers	4-3
Hitmen	3-4
Firefighters	3-4
Stallions	0-7
Heatherwood A.C.	0-7
Metuchen Center	0-7
Residential C Division	
Sledge Construction	6-1
Elks	4-1
Nightmares	4-1
Dicamen	4-1
Precision	4-2
Otis Day & the Nights	4-2
Hackers	3-3
Inman Sports Club	3-4
Mad Dogs	2-3
Bar Stools	2-4
Rick's Shooters	2-4
Wolfpack	2-4
X-Cons	2-4
J.A.C. Construction	2-4
Suzie Sweets	2-4
Cavs	1-4
Industrial A Division	
The Tide	6-0
Twin County	6-1
Pirates	5-2
W.J. Renner	5-2
Americans	3-2
Consumers	3-2
PDI	4-3
Industrial B Division	
G-Men	3-3
Raiders	3-3
Revlon Make-ups	3-3
Englehard	3-3
Edison Glass	2-4
Nestle's	2-5
Chiefs	1-5
FBC	0-6
Fedex	1-6
Industrial C Division	
PRMMI Pirates	5-0
Global Travel	6-1
UAW 980	6-1
Vincz's Liquors	5-1
Edison Stationers	4-2
Dataflex Destroyers	3-2
Busters	3-3
Maldenform	3-3
Atlas Door	2-2
J.M. Huber	2-3
GDM	2-3
SMD	2-4
Lochiato	2-5
Manville Maulers	1-4
Sledgeville 10	1-4
ETCMA	1-5
H&R Eyeballs	1-5

### METUCHEN RECREATION MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE Standings

Special touch	2-0
Van Winkle's	5-1
Metuchen Fire Company	4-2
NJ's Tavern	4-2
Brazil Brothers	2-1
Citadel Industries	3-2
Tom's Automotive	3-3
Durham Cafe	0-2
Barton Landscaping	2-4
James River	0-4
Suburban Dodge	0-6

Bashers	5-2
Metuchen Lawn Service	5-3
Citadel	5-3
Picture This Enterprises	2-2
Lavans's	2-4
Barton's Landscaping	2-4
Sunshine Biscuits	1-2
Bud's Hut	1-2
Herman's	1-2
Metuchen high school Boys	1-2
Budget Print	0-2
Lou's TNT	0-2
Langan's of Metuchen	0-2
Bar Simpson	0-3
NJ Tavern	0-4
Durham Cafe	0-7

### METUCHEN 1990 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM RECORDS

Reydel Pontiac	6-0
Woodbridge Chiropractic	3-0
Bruce Wrecking	7-2
Suter Opticians of Metuchen	3-3
Jammers	6-1

### POINTS STANDINGS

Reydel Pontiac	5
Suter Opticians	4
Metuchen Lawn Service	3
The Bashers	2
Lavan of Carteret	1

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# Staff provides instruction, support at Y's health center



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Health Enhancement Center staff member Dolores Diana (l) shows Nina Hand how to use the VersaClimber, a new piece of equipment at the center, which is located at the Metuchen-Edison YMCA, High Street, Metuchen.

By Thomas R. DeCaro

METUCHEN — Some exercise programs involve sophisticated equipment; some involve expert, personalized instruction. And some involve both.

Such is the case with the Health Enhancement Center at the Metuchen-Edison YMCA.

It boasts a 14-station Nautilus circuit and state-of-the-art cardiovascular exercise equipment. It also boasts a well-trained 16-member staff.

According to Megan LaBarr, the center's director, the staff is responsible for providing instruction on and information about the equipment as well as formulating and supervising workouts on a one-to-one basis.

These responsibilities, she said, come after prospective HEC members are taken through a mandatory hands-on demonstration of the equipment by staff members, during which prospective members determine whether the center can fulfill their needs and whether they can handle the exercise.

In addition, prospective members must fill out a health questionnaire, according to Janice Garbolino, HEC assistant director, in which they spell out their exercise goals and provide a medical history. Any indication of cardiovascular or other serious medical problems, and they are required to get a doctor's release before

## Hospital honors 240 volunteers

Raritan Bay Medical Center recently held recognition ceremonies to honor the nearly 240 hospital volunteers that have given their time and energy to the medical center throughout 1989.

The following are volunteers from the Edison/Metuchen area who were honored:

From Edison — Mary Campbell, Manuel Divino, Mike Driscoll, Arnaldo Franco, Samuel Hamada, Eleanor Jensen, Eviind Kjems, Josephine Kozlowski, Phyllis Lewis, Connie Marchese, Helen Skalla, Ann Varga and Josephine Zimecki.

From Metuchen — Rhoda Berkow, Patricia Dunkin, William Dunkin, Ginette Kravet, Michael Lambert, Anthony Mandica, Anna Mastropietro, Rocco Mastropietro, John O'Connor.

The volunteers, all of whom work in the Perth Amboy Division, were honored in a special ceremony held in the medical center's Centennial Hall.

they can join, she added.

There is no question, however, that most individuals could benefit by using the center, LaBarr said, and most who take advantage of the demonstration join.

For members of the staff, working out at the center is the biggest fringe benefit of working there, said LaBarr, who holds a bachelor's degree in recreation management from Rutgers University. They not only set an example, but stay in good physical condition themselves, she added.

Training on the Nautilus, for example, strengthens the muscular system, she said, noting this is important not only for men but for women because it could help prevent conditions such as osteoporosis. The muscular system helps support the skeletal system, so as a woman gets older, it's advantageous for her to have good muscle tone, she explained.

Regular use of the cardiovascular equipment — such as the Life-Cycle and StairMaster — is good for the heart and circulation and even can help lower cholesterol, she said.

The StairMaster, which simulates climbing stairs, is LaBarr's favorite apparatus. It burns calories and is challenging, but there is little punishment to the joints, she said.

"Ten minutes on the StairMaster," Garbolino said, "is equivalent to running 20 minutes at a constant speed."

Meanwhile Dolores Diana, HEC public relations director, prefers the VersaClimber, the center's newest piece of equipment which simulates climbing.

"I start out slowly but increase the difficulty as I go along and get an excellent workout," she said. "I don't get leg cramps on the Versa-

Climber, but I do on the StairMaster, and the VersaClimber involves the arms as well as the legs, so it's a more complete workout."

In addition to knowing the equipment, setting an example and providing instruction, HEC staff members offer "advice to formulate a structured exercise regimen," LaBarr said.

Given the individual's goals, they help him determine what pieces of equipment to use and how long to use them. They also take into account the individual's medical problems.

For example, should a HEC member experience minor but persistent lower back pain, the staff member overseeing his workout would probably suggest abdominal exercises, she noted. In fact, one piece of the Nautilus is an apparatus for the lower back.

The staff member then would monitor the workout to make sure the condition is not aggravated, she added.

LaBarr also is responsible for formulating the center's promotions and special programs and her staff is responsible for implementing them.

For example, the HEC recently began its 15-week Summer Aerobic Tour, which, according to Garbolino, is designed to challenge members to reach a goal they select on the piece of equipment of their choice.

"It's designed for all fitness levels so senior citizens as well as seasoned athletes can benefit,"

she said.

Participants who attain goals at the first level will receive certificates; those who attain second level goals will be awarded custom-designed headbands; and those who make their level three goals will receive a Summer Aerobics Tour T-shirt.

A recent promotion, LaBarr said, was Bring a Friend Month, held in May. During the month, members could bring friends along on a two-week tryout of the equipment. If the friend joined the center, then the member received a one-month extension of his membership.

"It's fun designing and fun doing the promotions," LaBarr said.

While the HEC originally opened at 6:30 a.m., it now opens a bit earlier to accommodate those members who want to get some time in before going off to work, LaBarr said.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, staff member Rich Mansfield opens the center at 6 a.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday, staff member Karen Webb opens it at 6:15 a.m. It closes at 10 p.m. weekdays.

The HEC is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and in the fall, winter and spring, it is open on Sundays from 1:30 to 6 p.m.



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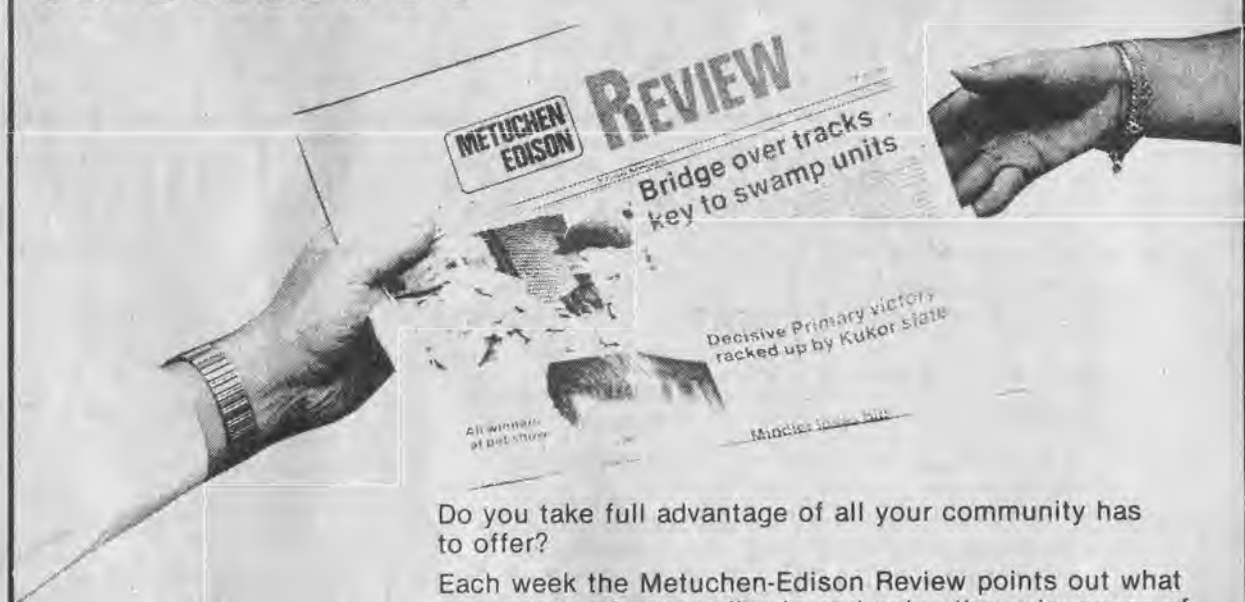
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# obituaries

## John R. Anderson, 67; was teacher in Edison

EDISON — John R. Anderson, 67, a retired social studies teacher and a registered genealogist, died Saturday at his home.

Mr. Anderson, who was born in Brooklyn, grew up near Belvidere and lived in the Edison and East Brunswick areas for most of his life.

He joined the Edison High School faculty in 1953 and also served as chairman of the social studies department prior to his retirement in 1985. Mr. Anderson was the author of the book *Sheppard Kollock, Editor for Freedom*.

Among the organizations to which Mr. Anderson belonged were the Air Force Association, the Retired Officers Association, the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, the American-Swedish Historical Foundation, the New Jersey Historical Society and the Vasa Order of America.

He also was a past president of the Bicycle Club of New Jersey.

Mr. Anderson served for 42 years in the Air National Guard and retired in 1982 with the rank

## Stephen Pastor; engineer, was 79

EDISON — Stephen Pastor, 79, a stationary engineer with the former Stauffer Chemical Co., died Sunday at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

He was employed by Stauffer at its Edison plant from 1945 until 1975. A native of Perth Amboy, Mr. Pastor lived in the Edison area all his life.

He was a member of the Grace Reformed Church and sang in its choir. He also was a member of the Hungarian Democratic Club, the Edison Democratic Club and the Lindeneau Senior Citizens organization.

Mr. Pastor served in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Bors Pastor; a son, Stephen B. Pastor of Danbury, Conn.; and a grandchild.

Private funeral services were held at the Runyon Mortuary, Metuchen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Reformed Church, 2815 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, 08817; the American Cancer Society, 2303 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, 08817; or the MCOSS Hospice Program, 141 Bodman Place, Red Bank, 07701.

of lieutenant colonel. He was most recently assigned to the 108th Tactical Fighter Wing at McGuire Air Force Base.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Cundiff Anderson; four sons, Robert E. Anderson of Newport News, Va., Philip B. Anderson and Ronald Pflueger, both at home, and Randy Pflueger of Boston, Mass.; three daughters, Pauline Fink of Anniston, Ala., Avery Bosworth of East Brunswick and Robin Domenico of Elizabeth; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Anderson was a founding member. Burial was in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows.

Arrangements were by the Koyen Funeral Home, Metuchen.

## James Watson of Metuchen, 28

METUCHEN — James Alexander Watson, 28, a food service worker at two area companies, died June 7 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Mr. Watson was born in Plainfield and moved to Metuchen in 1975 from Rahway. He had been employed at Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, and at Bellcore, Piscataway.

He was a member of the Second Baptist Church and formerly sang in its Celestial Choir.

Survivors include his father, Marion Watson of Metuchen; his mother, Cynthia Massey of Compton, Calif.; six brothers, Bernard Watson of Compton, Kenneth Watson and Kevin Watson, both of Metuchen, Harvey Watson of Somerset, Dane Watson and Duran Haskins, both of New Brunswick; and two sisters, Darlene Watson of Atlanta, Ga., and Mynette Ricks of Somerset.

Also surviving are Mr. Watson's maternal grandmother, Ann Dillard of Scotch Plains; his paternal grandmother, Rosa Lee Watson of Metuchen; and his maternal great-grandmother, Thannie Mack of Rahway.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Second Baptist Church, followed by burial in Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Anderson Funeral Service, New Brunswick.

## Mr. Seeman, 81; was pipefitter

EDISON — Thomas F. Seeman Sr., 81, a pipefitter who also held offices in the plumbers' union, died June 6 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

Mr. Seeman was born in South Amboy and moved to Edison in 1952 from Perth Amboy. He was a member of Local 9 of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry.

He served in the Navy during World War II with the Seabees in the Pacific. Mr. Seeman had been in the Naval Reserve before joining the Navy.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel Muska Seeman; a son, Thomas F. Seeman Jr. of Edison; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Alice Segrave of South Amboy; and a brother, William A. Seeman of Edison.

Services were held Saturday at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Perth Amboy.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Mrs. Bellware, 63; teacher, librarian

METUCHEN — Dorothy Henderson "Dee" Bellware, 63, a teacher and librarian in the Metuchen and Edison school systems, died Sunday at the Memorial Hospital of Bedford County, Bedford, Pa.

Mrs. Bellware was born in Lakewood, Ohio, and had lived in Metuchen for the past 35 years. She also was an appraiser of antiques.

She is survived by her husband, M. Daniel Bellware; three sons, Andrew Bellware of Metuchen, David Bellware of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Gregory Bellware of Baltimore, Md.; a daughter, Jean Lewis of Bedford; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Jean Jarrell of Westerville, Ohio, and Betty Coad of Cupertino, Calif.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, of which Mrs. Bellware was a member.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, to be used for an adult literacy fund.

Arrangements were by the Timothy A. Berkebile Funeral Home, Bedford.

## Frank Dayko of Edison, 59

EDISON — Frank D. Dayko, 59, who retired more than 10 years ago from the former Panter Motors of Perth Amboy, died June 8 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

He was born in Perth Amboy and lived in that city before moving to Edison in 1963.

Mr. Dayko was employed by Panter Motors for more than 20 years and was the service manager at the time of his retirement. He served in the Air Force.

His wife, Kathleen McGinn Dayko, died in April.

Surviving are his mother, Mary

Dayko of Perth Amboy; and three sisters, Violet Leonard of Perth Amboy, Lillian Kushma of North Caldwell and Agnes Knox of Whitehouse Station.

A funeral mass was offered Monday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, of which Mr. Dayko was a member. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy, 08861.

Arrangements were by the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Perth Amboy.

## Services held for Mrs. Grieco

EDISON — Josephine Griego, 61, who had worked at the New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers in the Menlo Park section, died Monday at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

Mrs. Griego lived in Edison before moving to Fords in 1956. She was born in Hoboken.

She is survived by her husband, Victor F. Griego; two sons, Steven Griego of Jackson and Charles Griego of Flemington; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Jesse Bianchi of Richmond, Calif., and Vera DeMasi of Hoboken.

Services were held yesterday at

the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Griego was a communicant. Burial was in Cloverleaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Contributions may be made to the Haven Program of John F. Kennedy Medical Center, James Street, Edison, 08818.



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## Mrs. Kushinsky of Edison, at 92

EDISON — Frances F. Kushinsky, 92, who formerly worked for a Woodbridge real estate agency and was active in Jewish organizations, died June 7 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

A native of Russia, Mrs. Kushinsky moved to Edison in 1972 from Woodbridge. She also lived in Sullivan County, N.Y., and in Ocean County.

She was associated with the David R. Martin Agency, Woodbridge, from 1950 until her retirement in 1965.

Mrs. Kushinsky was a member of Congregation Adath Israel, Woodbridge, and a life member of its sisterhood. She also held a life

membership in Hadassah and was a founding and life member of the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged, Somerset.

Her first husband, Joseph Kushinsky, died in 1966. Her second husband, Joseph Sokolov, died in 1973.

Surviving are three sons, Martin Kushinsky of Washington, D.C., Ralph Kushinsky of Colonia and David Kushinsky of Edison; a stepdaughter, Debra Greenberg of Cranford; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Congregation Adath Israel. Burial was in United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island.

## Mrs. Abrahams, retired secretary

METUCHEN — Dorothy S. Schrage Abrahams, 93, a secretary at a New York City high school until she retired in 1962, died Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Abrahams was born in Brooklyn and moved to Metuchen in 1970 from Jamaica, N.Y. She had been a secretary at Jamaica High School, Jamaica, for more than 30 years.

She was a communicant of St. Francis Roman Catholic Cathedral and belonged to its Altar Society. Mrs. Abrahams also was a member of the St. Francis Senior Citizens organization and the Secular Order of Franciscans, both in Metuchen.

Surviving are two daughters, Marian Licameli, with whom Mrs. Abrahams lived, and Patricia Healy of Stone Ridge, N.Y.; a son, Vincent Abrahams of Smithtown, N.Y.; and six grandchildren.

Her husband, John J. Abrahams, died in 1971. Another son, the Rev. Pius F. Abrahams, died in 1984. Four sisters, Celestine Faber, Sr. Antoinette Marie, Frances Schrage and Anne Schrage, also are deceased.

Services were held Wednesday at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Francis Cathedral. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, N.Y.

## CAN'T GET TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY?

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### SATURDAY TRADITIONAL PROTESTANT SERVICE

**5:30 P.M.**

- Offered for the first time in this area
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**The Reformed Church**  
150 Lake Avenue, Metuchen, NJ  
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# Middlesex County Religious Directory

### SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHEDRAL

Main St. & Elm Ave.  
Metuchen, NJ

After Sunday Masses  
7:30, 9, 10:30, 12:00  
Anticipated Masses: Sat. 5 & 7 PM  
  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sat. 1-2 PM and  
after 7 PM Mass

### RUTGERS AREA ALLIANCE CHURCH

Lake Nelson School  
555 So. Randolphville Road

REV. JIM COWMAN  
PISCATAWAY 699-0578

Sunday School  
For All Ages 9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning  
Worship 11 AM

### CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 Hillside Avenue  
Metuchen  
**548-7622**

Sunday School  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Child Care Provided  
Pastor, Rev. Paul M. Mallet  
Youth Minister, Mr. Scott Crane

### You're Always Welcome at the RARITAN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM

Evening Bible Study - 6:30 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:30 PM

Childcare Provided  
Rev. Keith L. Cogburn, Pastor

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

270 Woodbridge Avenue  
Metuchen, New Jersey  
Church: 549-5101

Rev. Robert A. Beringer, Pastor  
Rev. Lark O'Lee Zurich, Associate Pastor

Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Education Hour 10:45 am

### MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

519 Mercer St., P.O. Box 6166  
Bridgewater, N.J. 08807  
Phone : 526-4330

James E. Dockery, Pastor

9:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:45 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
5:00 p.m. 1st Sunday HOLY COMMUNION  
  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service  
8:00 p.m. Bible Study

### ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

968-6781

Father Mark Chattin, Vicar  
400 New Market Rd.  
Dunellen—Piscataway

Sunday:  
8:00 A.M. Mass & Homily  
10:00 A.M. Family Mass & Sunday School  
  
Thursday:  
5:30 P.M. Holy Eucharist  
  
Come Grow With Us In Our  
New Church Home!

### ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

81 Seymour Ave., Edison  
**(201) 985-5063**

Weekend Masses:  
Sat 5 PM & 7 PM; Sun 7:30 AM & 9 AM  
& 10:30 AM & 12 NOON  
  
Daily Masses: Mon-Fri 7 AM & 8:30 AM  
Saturday: 8:30 AM  
Confessions Saturday  
11 AM to Noon & After 7 PM Mass

### Metuchen Assembly of God

Corner Ross & Whitman Aves.  
Metuchen, NJ • 549-4163

Rev. Donald McFarren, Pastor

Sun. School, all ages - 9:45  
Worship - 11am, 6pm  
Children's Church & Nursery

Wednesday: Bible Study - 7:30pm  
Auxiliary Ministries for all ages  
Fridays: Youth Activities

DaySpring Child Care - 549-1020  
ACADEMY - K-8th - 549-7854  
COME WORSHIP WITH US!

### TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

401 Greenbrook Rd.  
North Plainfield, N.J.  
**756-2125**

Rev. Steven C. Miller

Brock Chapel  
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM  
"Air Conditioned Sanctuary"

### ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

368 Sumner Av.  
Plainfield  
**756-3393**

Mass Schedule  
Saturday: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30  
11:30 AM  
Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, Pastor

### 'proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to all people'

Lake Nelson  
Seventh-day  
Adventist Church

561 S. Randolphville Rd.  
Piscataway, 981-1598  
Pastor Steve Dayen

Bible Study  
(featuring the book of Daniel)  
Wed. 7:30 PM

Sabbath School  
(adult and children's classes)  
Sat. 9:30 AM

Sabbath Worship Sat. 11:00 AM  
We welcome guests to our  
potluck lunch after church!

Recreation  
(volleyball and basketball)  
Tue. 7:30 PM

ask us about our community services  
Coming June 30th  
Blood Drive by NJ Blood Bank

## Abundant Life Christian Center

2195 Woodbridge Ave.  
Edison

**985-6717**

Sunday School  
9:10 a.m.  
Sunday Service  
10:30 a.m.  
Praise and Pray  
Wednesday 8:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Growing Women  
8:00 p.m.-20's & 30's

### ALC Academy

7th-12th Grade  
"A Quality  
Christian Education"

## The Reformed Church Of Metuchen

150 Lake Ave. — 548-2463

Sunday, June 17, 1990  
10:30 A.M.

## "Tap Into The Power Source"

Message by  
Rev. David S. Martin

Sat. Evening Service  
Begins at 5:30

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### Freedom in Christ Baptist Church Edison



Oaktree Rd. & Minebrook Rd.  
Brunswick-Edison Bow-O-Mat  
(First door on right after entering)  
  
Sunday School: 9:30 am-10:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am-12 Noon  
Tuesday: Bible Study  
7:30 pm-9 pm  
Hablamos Espanol

### THE REFORMED CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK

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Our 100th Anniversary in 1990

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As A Community Church

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Dr. Richard D. Blake, minister  
Office & Information 249-7349  
Worship & Sunday School 9:30 AM

### ST. GEORGE Greek Orthodox Church

1101 River Road, Piscataway

**463-9894**

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 10:15 AM

HOLY LITURGY

Sunday - 10:30-11:30

### ST. LUKES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

264 New Market Rd.  
Dunellen

**968-4447**

Pastor Jack DiMatteo

Worship Sunday  
8:15 AM & 11 AM  
Sunday School 9:45 AM

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Ann Hummel of Edison recently was named an Employee of the Month by the Community Mental Health Center at Piscataway, a health-care facility of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She is a secretary in the Addiction Recovery Services unit and has worked at UMDNJ for 12 years.

## Metuchen temple honors Elliot Spack of township

SPACK met his wife Barbara Brickman at Boston University, and they were married in 1961. After five years of marriage in Queens and three children, they purchased their first home in Syosset, Long Island, and both became active members of the Midway Jewish Center, where Spack ultimately became a vice president.

A job change in 1973 brought the Spack family to Edison and Neve Shalom, where Spack quickly became immersed in synagogue activities — ritual, educational and administrative — as well as a variety of Jewish communal activities.

Spack has served Neve Shalom as vice president, board member for 16 years, member of the ritual, education and adult education committees and as the *Gabbai Rishon* for the last 15 years.

In 1981, Spack filled the position of executive director of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education, the largest membership organization of Jewish educators in North America.

## Metuchen's John Buzzi earns engineering honor

PISCATAWAY — Dr. John L. Buzzi, president of Kupper Associates of Piscataway, has received the annual Distinguished New Jersey Civil Engineer award of the New Jersey Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Through his leadership in the Kupper, Buzzi has assisted clients throughout the state in planning and implementing major infrastructure programs.

Some of the key projects for which Buzzi has provided professional guidance include major sewage improvements for the Camden County Utilities Authority and the Hudson County Utilities Authority. He assisted Atlantic City in creating the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority, which is undertaking significant infrastructure renewal projects.

Buzzi is a licensed professional engineer in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida and North Carolina and a licensed professional planner in New Jersey.

A resident of Metuchen, Buzzi was chairman of the Engineering Technology Department at Ocean County College and was on the engineering faculty at Rutgers University. He helped to initiate the Civil Engineering Advisory Council, which is concerned with promoting educational programs in New Jersey's community college system.

In the public policy arena, Buzzi is past president of the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin, a founding member and past chairman of the Save Our Ports Coalition for the New Jersey-New York harbor, past chairman of the New Jersey Alliance for Action and former chairman of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Involvement Coordination Group.

Buzzi currently serves as chairman of the Maritime Advisory Council of the New Jersey Department of Commerce and Economic Development and as a member of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee of the State Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Regents of Seton Hall University.

Adelaide M. Seafoss, RMC Township Clerk

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passage of this ordinance on final reading and such statement shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 40A-2-4 of said Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$77,500, and that the issuance of the obligations authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt obligations contained in the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 9. That the total amount of the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance which may be expended for interest on the obligations to finance such improvements, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, the cost of the issuance of the obligations authorized by this ordinance and other matters specified in Section 40A-2-20 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, shall not exceed \$5,000.

SECTION 10. As long as any of the bonds or notes authorized herein are outstanding, the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, shall be pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on all the bonds and/or notes issued pursuant to this ordinance and appropriations shall be annually maintained in the budget and taxes shall be levied annually for such principal and interest on all of the taxable property within said Township without limit as to rate or amount.

SECTION 11. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage in the manner provided by law.

SIDNEY A. FRANKEL  
Council President

ADELAIDE M. SEARFOSS, RMC  
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above Ordinance was finally adopted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, on the 13th day of June 1990, and approved by the Mayor on the 14th day of June 1990.

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SECTION 1. That the Township Council do hereby

VACATE VARIOUS STREETS

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Section 3. No debt or other kind shall be issued in connection with this ordinance.

Section 4. The Capital Budget of the Township of Edison is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

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# police log

## Edison

Vincent Charles Phoenix, 43, of 23 Cotton Road, was arrested June 4 and charged with aggravated assault on a police officer and resisting arrest. Phoenix had been in an argument in a Casey Avenue apartment with a woman who did not want him inside the dwelling. He insisted on being allowed to go back inside the apartment so he could get his shoes. The suspect, who was said to have an odor of alcohol on his breath, was adamant about wanting to go back to the apartment. He tried to push Patrolman Andy Nagy out of the way, then allegedly punched the officer and shouted at him. Nagy was attempting to subdue Phoenix when another person, identified as a 17-year-old boy, tried to pull the suspect away. The suspect's girlfriend also wrapped her arms around Nagy's waist and tried to set the suspect free, according to police. Phoenix reportedly continued to be loud and abusive while being taken to police headquarters.

It was discovered June 4 that a Colorado speaker system had been removed from within a scoreboard at the Midtown Little League complex, Glenville and Idlewild roads. Patrolman Andy Nagy said the speaker system is valued at \$1,050.

William J. Stanislawczyk of Somerville reported on June 4 the theft of his JVC rack stereo system, which included a turntable, amplifier, tuner, dual cassette deck, two speakers and the cabinet. According to Patrolman Jeffrey Gottlieb, the stereo had been in the garage of an Idlewild Road residence where the victim formerly lived. He had gone there in December of last year to pick up personal belongings, but found the stereo was gone and the occupants of the house told the victim he could not have the stereo back when he asked for it. The victim returned a week later with Edison police and the occupants claimed the stereo had been stolen during a burglary, according to police.

Joseph Hynes of Holmes Street reported June 4 that a 15-foot ladder had been stolen the previous Wednesday from the rear of his residence. Two juveniles who live in the neighborhood reportedly were observed taking the ladder, but the children and their mother denied any knowledge of the theft when questioned by Patrolmen Gary Kaplan and Thomas Kapcsandi.

Mildred Chaslow of Wood Avenue advised Patrolmen Louis Kirsh and Gary Ruffo on June 4 that her mailbox had been smashed that afternoon.

A woman was advised of her rights under the domestic violence law June 4 after reporting she had been assaulted during an argument in a Strawberry Court apartment. Patrolmen Shaun Forker and Alexander Ginsky said a .357 Magnum that her husband had in the apartment was turned over to his brother.

Theft of a trailer and its chassis from Almar Sales Co., Parkway Place, was reported June 4 to Patrolman Rod Benedickson. The chassis had been recovered but the container, rust in color with the insignia of NYK Lines painted on the sides, was still missing.

It was discovered June 4 that two of the Washington Apartments on Route 27 had been trashed late the previous week. Garbage was strewn in the units, holes were punched in the walls and the attic ceiling was kicked in. Napkins also were stuffed in the oven burners in an attempt to start a fire. According to Patrolmen Thomas Marino and Michael Leight, a former superintendent is said to have broken the rear steps and taken a Sears wet-and-dry vacuum, a new red telephone, master keys, bills and envelopes.

Donna Shinski of Highway Terrace reported June 4 that the telephone lines in her basement had been cut the previous Saturday. Patrolmen Michael Leight and Thomas Marino were advised the act may have been committed by a former resident in the dwelling.

While Richard Larsen of Amy Avenue was washing his windows June 4, he discovered a BB hole in his den window. Patrolman Joseph Perrotte said the BB, which could not be found, made its way through two windows and a Venetian blind.

It was reported June 4 that the Motor Machine Co. building, Glendale Avenue, had been the target of spray-paint vandals the previous weekend. Patrolman Joseph Perrotte was advised the company has had been problems with juveniles causing mischief.

A 12-year-old boy who was assaulted June 4 as he was leaving Woodbrook School was to be taken to a family physician for treatment. According to Patrolman Catherine Vojir, the victim had been in a fight after classes with a 10-year-old boy whose parents assaulted the victim and threatened him.

Theft of three 14-carat gold rings from the Franklin residence on Greenwood Avenue was reported June 4. A man's ring with three inlaid diamonds, a man's wedding band and a man's birthstone ring had been taken from a jewelry box on a bedroom table. Patrolmen Shaun Forker and Alexander Ginsky also were advised that the front door was found open the previous Wednesday.

Four hubcaps were stolen the night of June 4 from a 1986 Dodge van registered to Hassan Bast Inc. and parked in its lot on Northfield Avenue. Patrolmen Thomas Marino and Gerard Katula said dents also were found in the rear door of the van.

Three tickets were issued June 4 to Naoya Shimabuku of Sunshine Lane after a rear-end collision on Durham Avenue. He was charged with careless driving, failure to have a driver's license in his possession and failure to have an insurance identification card in his possession. According to Patrolman Alan Varady, a 1983 Toyota operated by Shimabuku began to move forward on Durham as a 1973 Jeep operated by John E. Bailey of Waldman Avenue was stopped waiting to enter New Durham Road.

Eileen S. Millemann of New Brunswick was backing a 1982 Datsun out of a driveway on Hillcrest Avenue when her car collided June 4 with an Edison Township truck, a 1990 Ford pickup operated westbound by Peter M. Schnappauf Jr. Millemann was ticketed by Patrolman Alan Varady for careless driving.

A 1987 Pontiac operated by Dawn Castle of Delancey Street was eastbound June 4 on New Dover Road when a 1990 Chevrolet operated by Thomas Guzzardi of Tamarack Road entered from southbound Grove Avenue. Castle told Patrolman Anthony Vitello she pulled to the right but could not avoid the Chevy.

An accident June 4 sent both drivers, Cheryl D. Racioppi of South Amboy and Susan L. Cappiello of Evergreen Road, to John F. Kennedy Medical Center. Patrolman Anthony Vitello said a 1987 Nissan operated by Racioppi was eastbound on Parsonage Road as a 1986 Pontiac operated by Cappiello exited from Menlo Park Mall.

A utility pole on Distribution Boulevard re-

troldman Edward Wheeler.

Old Post and Vineyard roads was the scene of an accident June 5 where one of the drivers may have been blinded by the sun setting in the west. According to Patrolman Robert Zuber, a 1983 Pontiac Parisienne operated by Michael Karch of Meredith Road was pulling out of Vineyard at 6:30 p.m. when a 1982 Oldsmobile operated by Martha Losfo of Cambridge Road came down Old Post and collided with the Pontiac.

Joseph Hernandez of Keansburg was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital after his finger was severed June 6 in the body shop of the Ford Motor Co. plant, Route 1. Patrolmen Anthony Marcantuono and Matthew Freeman said Hernandez, who was working for a private contractor, tripped over a cord at 9:45 a.m. and the little finger on his right hand got caught in a pipefitting machine he was trying to repair.

Spray paint was applied June 6 to the passenger door of a 1990 Toyota owned by Dennis G. Jones of Perth Amboy, which was parked in front of the Quick Chek store, Mill Road. Patrolmen Gary Thomas and Michael Promutia investigated.

A 54-year-old man who suffers from muscular dystrophy reported June 6 he was assaulted by his son the previous evening in a Stonehedge Road residence. Patrolmen Rod Benedickson and Michael Leight were told the victim had been punched in the chest, grabbed by the arms and pushed to the floor.

A 3/8-inch cordless drill was stolen June 6 from the lawnmower service area at the Sears hardware store, Sugar Tree Plaza. According to Patrolmen Shaun Forker and Timmie Brown, the theft occurred after a man walked away from the service area.

Jerome C. Butler, 41, of New York City, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting June 6 at the A&P warehouse, Brunswick Avenue. Patrolmen Edward Wheeler and Robert Spinello said Butler tried to walk out of the warehouse with 19 bottles of Advil concealed inside a red sweatshirt, which had its sleeves tied in a knot.

Three women were arrested June 6 and charged with shoplifting clothing and pocketbooks from Macy's, Menlo Park Mall. Taken into custody by Patrolmen Shaun Forker and Timmie Brown were Nelsey Smith, 35, of Elizabeth and Norma Diaz, 25, and Olga Higuita, 25, both of Perth Amboy. The three women are accused of slipping the merchandise inside their waistbands while in the juniors department of Macy's.

A 1984 Ford box truck used as a Wendy's restaurant vehicle was recovered June 6 in a parking lot on Parsonage Road and turned over to an employee of Integrated Food Systems, New York City, which registered the truck. Patrolmen Thomas Kapcsandi and Alexander Ginsky said the truck had been stolen in Woodbridge on May 11 and was recovered with a broken vent window.

A bicycle belonging to James Storey of Duley Avenue was stolen June 6 from a driveway on Elmwood Terrace. Patrolman Darrin Cerninaro said the bike, a black Motobecane 10-speed model, had been left at a house the previous day by the owner's brother.

A brown wallet belonging to Dion Trott of Rivendell Way was returned to him the evening of June 6 after he came to police headquarters to report the wallet missing. It had been found on Plainfield Avenue at Wick Plaza at 7 p.m. and turned over to Patrolman Michael Hegedus while he was on a routine patrol. Trott, who said he had been at a Wick Plaza eatery around 6:30 p.m., reported that \$25 in cash was missing from the wallet.

The front passenger-side window of a 1980 Volkswagen owned by Brian K. Delancey of Milburn was broken June 6 while the car was parked behind United Skates of America, Oakwood Plaza. Patrolman Thomas Vickery came upon the car while on a routine patrol.

A bicycle belonging to Sachin Sharma of Dayton Drive was stolen June 6 from the hallway of ShopRite, Oak Tree Center. Patrolman Michael Burzinski was told the bike is a Huffy 20-inch model, black in color.

Dasheen Eundice Howard, 18, of New Brunswick, and a 14-year-old New Brunswick boy were arrested on shoplifting charges June 6 at Macy's, Menlo Park Mall. Patrolmen Thomas McGotty and Milton Bridges said Howard allegedly slipped \$248 worth of clothing inside a diaper bag, while the juvenile allegedly used a shopping bag to conceal \$210 worth of clothing.

A stolen 1987 Jeep CJ7 owned by James Colombo Jr. of Staten Island was recovered June 6 after being abandoned with the engine running at Macy's, Menlo Park Mall. Patrolman Andy Nagy said the Jeep, which had the steering column disassembled and the driver's window smashed, was found parked next to a space from which a 1984 Chevrolet "monster truck" owned by Alberto E. Hernandez of Outcalt Road had been stolen. The "monster truck" was described as a brown pickup with 42-inch wheels, a chrome rollbar, chrome driving lights and a bug shield with two gold stripes, plus the "4x4" legend painted in gold on the rear window. Also inside the "monster truck" was a wallet belonging to Rolando Hernandez of Colonia, according to police. The wallet contained \$100 in cash, credit cards and personal papers.

A 1987 Kawasaki motorcycle owned by Raymond E. Kataryniak of Rivendell Way was stolen June 6 from a parking lot at his residence, according to Patrolman Michael Kelly.

Two cars making left turns were involved in an accident June 6 at Grove Avenue and Baltic Street. Patrolman Salvatore Filannino said the cars were a 1982 Mercedes-Benz operated by Anong Udornap of Baltic Street, who had stopped while waiting a left turn onto Grove, and a 1977 Camaro operated by Kevin Bennett of Fords, who was westbound on Grove and was straddling the double-solid line while going around traffic stopped for the light at Oak Tree Road.

The nearby intersection of Grove Avenue and Oak Tree Road was the scene June 6 of a rear-end hit-and-run collision. According to Patrolman Thomas DeChirico, a 1979 Buick operated southbound by Abbe Cohen of Liberty Place was stopped for a red light at Oak Tree Road when her car was hit from behind by an unidentified vehicle that left the scene. This forced the Buick into the rear of a 1989 Cadillac operated by Karen M. Hearing of Freehold as it was stopped at the traffic light.

The PCTek office, Oak Tree Road, was cleaned out in a burglary discovered June 7 by the firm's owner. Taken were computer equipment, a copier, a facsimile machine, the office telephone system, three large sets of tools used to repair computers, an air compressor and the office stereo system. All the missing items have a total value of about \$30,000. According to Patrolman Gary Thomas, the rear door of the firm was broken and then pried open to gain entry. All the telephone lines in the bathroom were cut and the alarm box was pulled off the wall.

Theft of the New Jersey state flag from the flagpole at James Monroe School was reported June 7. Patrolman Jiles Ship was advised that juveniles are said to hang around the school during evening hours.

One day after it was stolen in North Brunswick, a 1987 Mazda owned by Michael J.

Radiazzo of Brooklyn was recovered June 7 behind Mill Plaza, Woodbridge Avenue. Patrolman Jiles Ship said the right rear opera window had been smashed, the radio was missing and the ignition was punched out.

A resident of a Grove Avenue apartment notified Patrolman Catherine Vojir on June 7 that a check to cover the cost of food stamps had been stolen from a mailbox.

An assortment of tools was found June 7 to have been stolen from a 1971 Chevrolet truck parked at Swain's Welding, South Main Street. Taken were a Craftsman tool box, assorted tools, a Malabo hand grinder, an oxygen tank and a set of acetylene torches, according to Patrolman Adam Tietchen.

Theft of a radio and speakers from a 1988 Ford bus was reported June 7 by the manager of Biddle Truck Repair, Route 1 North. Patrolman Adam Tietchen was advised the bus is registered to Tops Appliance, Route 27 South.

A wallet belonging to Joe Oriolo of Tinton Falls was stolen June 7 from his 1987 Toyota in the parking lot of the Edison Racquetball Club, Route 1 South and Old Post Road. Patrolman Alan Engel was told the wallet contained \$50 in cash, a driver's license and credit cards, and the Toyota was entered with a key taken from the victim's locker in the racquetball club.

A Blaupunkt stereo and a Prince tennis racket were stolen June 7 from a 1984 BMW owned by Randolph P. Kullmann of Piscataway, which was parked in the Raritan Plaza I lot. Patrolmen Darrin Cerninaro and Michael Muldowney said the driver's side window was smashed for entry into the BMW.

A 1987 Chevrolet van leased by Chaman L. Nayar was stolen June 7 from the lot next to a Minebrook Road apartment building. Patrolmen Matthew Freeman and Anthony Marcantuono said three boxes of satin fabric were inside the van.

It was reported June 7 that a 1987 Ford van had been taken from the Dataflex Corp. plant, Park Avenue, without the company's permission. According to Patrolmen Matthew Freeman and Anthony Marcantuono, the van was loaded with computer parts and driven by a man who left the previous morning to make deliveries and pickups in New York City.

Theft of a Realistic police scanner from an office trailer was reported June 7 by the supervisor of the motor vehicle impound yard. Patrolman Joseph Esposito was told the door of the trailer had been pried open.

The left front and left rear tires on a 1988 Ford pickup owned by Scott J. Forcier of Bloomfield Avenue were slashed June 7. According to Patrolman Joseph Kenney, a white man 35 years old was observed crouching near the left front of the pickup around 7:30 p.m. He drove off in a blue van.

Sandra J. Schmon of Elliot Place was operating a Ford eastbound June 7 on Old Post Road when a 1980 Pontiac operated by Sarah Ayash of Ridge Road began a left turn from Meyer Road. Ayash told Patrolman Anthony Vitello that she pulled out slowly as the traffic stopped westbound on Old Post was partially blocking her view.

The left side of a 1987 Buick owned by Wanda M. Candy Hill of Reading Road was damaged from fender to fender June 7 while parked at the Durham Woods complex. Patrolman Anthony Vitello said the car may have been driven into nearby woods.

A lane-change accident occurred June 7 on Route 27 South between Talmadge Road and Municipal Boulevard. According to Patrolman Thomas DeChirico, a 1979 Chrysler LeBaron operated by Matthew J. Maydan of Runyon Avenue was in the left lane at 5:45 p.m. and a 1988 Honda Accord operated by Francesca D. Sinacori of Hana Road was proceeding from the right lane.

Michael E. Osley Sr., 33, of 2204 Strawberry Court, was arrested on that street June 8 and charged with violation of a restraining order. Patrolmen William A. Revill and Gary Ruffo said Osley thought he could stay in the apartment while his wife was not there.

A quarrel escalated into a confrontation June 8 between a liquor salesman and the proprietor of the Talmadge Liquor Store and Bar, Talmadge Road. According to Patrolmen William A. Revill and Gary Ruffo, the salesman claimed the proprietor grabbed a salesbook and followed the salesman outside the bar, where the proprietor reportedly reached inside a car and slapped the salesman in the face. The proprietor claimed the salesman was intoxicated and tried to back his car over the proprietor's feet while leaving.

Two taillight lenses and three side marker lights were found June 8 to have been stolen from a 1987 Ford van parked behind Shrink Packaging, Progress Street. Patrolmen Anthony Marcantuono and Matthew Freeman investigated.

A black minibike belonging to Sam Yarger of Foley Street was stolen June 8 from a shed at his residence, but was recovered by the owner on Alden Avenue when he tracked down the alleged thieves. According to Patrolmen Anthony Marcantuono and Matthew Freeman, two black teen-age boys with flat-top haircuts were observed climbing over the owner's rear fence at 7:10 a.m. The youths opened the shed, carried the minibike out and lifted it over the fence. Both suspects cut through back yards on Clinton Avenue and came out onto Alden, where the owner found the youths with the minibike and drove his car at them, according to police. The suspects dropped the minibike and fled toward Beatrice Parkway. Both youths were said to be about 16 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall and 150 pounds. One suspect was wearing a gray sweatshirt, according to police, while the other boy wore a T-shirt and Bermuda shorts.

An unlocked 1986 Oldsmobile owned by Martin B. Stahl was entered June 8 in his driveway on Clive Hills Road and 1 1/2 rolls of Garden State Parkway tokens were stolen from the car. Patrolman Jiles Ship was advised that similar thefts occurred at two other locations in the same neighborhood that day.

Two cassette tapes and a small bag of tools were stolen June 8 from an unlocked 1987 Buick station wagon owned by Florence Augustine of Moryan Street. Patrolmen Anthony Marcantuono and Matthew Freeman were told the car had been unlocked.

Two Edison boys were arrested and three other youths held for questioning June 8 in connection with the theft of two bicycles from the rack at St. Helena's School, Grove Avenue. The bikes were a Columbia Sable 18-speed boy's bike, belonging to Jason Philip Carnevale of Vauxhall Court, and a Huffy Stalker 26-inch boy's bike, belonging to Thomas J. O'Connor of Woodland Avenue. Both bicycles are black in color and were recovered by Patrolman Jiles Ship while he was investigating the theft of the Columbia Sable bike. The suspects and their three companions, according to police, were in the woods near Maplecrest Road but fled to a residence on that street when confronted by Ship. There the officer reportedly found a decal from the Columbia Sable bike on the kitchen table after one of the suspects told Ship to come in. The two bicycles and another decal were recovered when the second suspect was taken into custody. Patrolman Salvatore Filannino was advised by O'Connor that the Huffy bike was chained to the rack at

St. Helena's before being stolen.

A 1989 Mazda owned by Elyse Schulman of College Drive was returned to her June 8, nearly 24 hours after she reported it stolen to Patrolman Jiles Ship. The car was found at Woodbridge Avenue and Beach Road by Patrolmen Gary Thomas and Joseph Esposito with a broken window and scratched body. A blue knapsack and a set of car keys were confiscated after the car was recovered, according to police. The knapsack contained school books, school papers and cassette tapes, all of which did not belong to the car's owner. Schulman advised Ship at the time of the auto theft that a Coleman lantern, two lounge chairs and two tents were inside the Mazda when the car was stolen from near her apartment.

A 14-carat gold chain with a round diamond, a 14-carat gold charm bracelet with charms, and an unspecified amount of coins were stolen June 8 from the Boskay residence on Amboy Avenue. Patrolmen Scott Benedickson and Donald Merker said the rear door was pried open to gain entry, with the master bedroom ransacked and the coins taken from a one-gallon bottle in the living room. The front door was used for exit. Merker and Benedickson also reported that pry marks were found on the front door of another Amboy Avenue residence which was not entered.

A side door was pried open and two bedrooms were ransacked June 8 at the Krahling residence on Plainfield Avenue, where pry marks also were found on a sliding door and a window. A screen in the front door was damaged, according to Patrolman Allen Herman, but it was not immediately known if anything was missing from the dwelling.

A 1989 Isuzu truck owned by Dwayne M. Harrington of Horizon Drive was recovered June 8 in North Brunswick after two people were arrested in that town for attempting to run another person over with the truck. According to Sgt. William Smith, the truck's owner had been away on business and was unaware the truck had been stolen.

Theft of a Panasonic compact disc player from his 1987 Chevrolet van was reported June 8 by Richard Walton of Old Post Road. He advised Patrolman Michael Muldowney the van had been involved in an accident on May 31 and was towed to DeFallo's on Route 1 North.

A sliding door on the rear of the Manelkar residence on Woodmen Street was found broken June 8 after Patrolman Michael Burzinski was dispatched to that street at 10:50 p.m. on a report of juveniles throwing rocks.

Two bedrooms were entered and drawers opened in a burglary discovered June 8 at the Marowitz residence on Leslie Street. According to Patrolman Kenneth Dessor, a key apparently was used to enter the house while the occupant was away on a business trip.

A gray spoiler was stolen June 8 from the trunk lid of a 1988 Chevrolet owned by Maria R. Vidal of Reading Road, according to Patrolman Jeffrey Gottlieb.

A 1989 Jeep station wagon operated by Gail R. Perdomo of Harding Avenue was rear-ended June 8 in the left lane of Route 27 South by a 1989 Hyundai Excel operated by Joe Trinidad of Belleville. Patrolman Gary Thomas said Perdomo was slowing down for traffic in front of her at Peterson Avenue.

A 1984 Ford LTD operated by Albin Dudas of Loring Avenue was traveling June 8 in the left lane of Route 27 South when a 1981 Audi operated by Yong K. Park of Piscataway pulled out from Prospect Avenue, Park, according to Patrolman Robert Zuber, did not see the LTD and was being waved on by a woman who had stopped to let him out.

A 1988 Pontiac owned by Cynthia A. Madger of Bernard Avenue was struck in the right rear June 8 while parked in the Oak Village lot, Oak Tree Road. Patrolman Anthony Marcantuono said a note left on the windshield included a license plate number for the hit-and-run vehicle, which came back for a 1986 Chrysler registered to a Colonia resident.

Tammy L. Debaro of College Drive was operating a 1981 Pontiac Firebird westbound June 8 on Mill Road when a 1988 Nissan operated by Lillian M. Rubenstein of Forest Hills, N.Y., made a left turn from Horizon Drive in front of the Firebird. Rubenstein was ticketed by Patrolman Michael Hegedus for careless driving.

Two cars were involved in an accident June 8 at Menlo Park Mall. According to Patrolmen Donald Merker and Scott Benedickson, a 1981 Chevrolet operated by Michael J. Zwatschka of Linden was making a left turn from the parking lot onto the mall's main roadway when his car struck the passenger-side door of a 1987 Oldsmobile operated by George Krutzler of John Street.

The Conrail bridge on Parsonage Road claimed another victim June 8, a 1985 GMC truck operated westbound by William Thomas Murray of Big Bear City, Calif. Patrolman Thomas DeChirico reported that Murray was not familiar with the height of the bridge.

A 1981 BMW operated by Diana M. Sharbinski of Denver Boulevard was forced off eastbound New Dover Road by a white Honda hatchback driving straight at her car June 8. The BMW, according to Patrolman Thomas DeChirico, went onto two lawns before stopping in a driveway on New Dover.

A 1980 Oldsmobile station wagon operated by Elaine C. Varga of Alfred Street was northbound June 8 on Olive Hills Road as a 1984 Toyota Cressida operated by Jennifer L. Tobin of Chatsworth Court was backing out of a driveway. Patrolman Thomas DeChirico investigated the collision.

After a rear-end hit-and-run collision June 8 on New Dover Road, Lucrella M. Laspatha of Wood Avenue was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center along with three children who were passengers in her car. Patrolman Michael Burzinski said a 1987 Plymouth station wagon operated westbound by Laspatha was stopped for a left turn onto Grove Avenue at 7:10 p.m. and was hit from behind by a small white vehicle that left the scene.

Hit-and-run damage to a 1988 Toyota owned by Margaret M. Good was discovered June 8 while the car was parked in front of her Strawberry Court apartment. According to Patrolman Anthony Pacella, a maroon car with a Pennsylvania license plate was parked next to the Toyota prior to the collision.

The driver's door of a 1985 Nissan pickup owned by Robert Sciarillo of Eden Avenue was tampered with June 9 in an unsuccessful attempt to steal the pickup. According to Patrolman Andy Nagy, two white boys in their late teens were observed near the pickup around 11 p.m. and bolted when the owner came out of his house. Both teens were said to be wearing white shirts and one of the youths had red shorts on. Nagy also was advised by another resident of Eden Avenue about the theft of \$1.50 in newspaper delivery money from her mailbox that evening. The money had been inside an envelope found on a neighbor's front lawn, according to police.

A General 20-inch freestyle bicycle belonging to Ian Vennittali was stolen June 9 from his driveway on Orange Street, according to Patrolman Andy Nagy.

A woman was pushed into her car June 9 on Fenakel Street and held inside the vehicle by a male companion during a quarrel before she broke free and drove away. Both parties

were advised by Patrolman Andy Nagy of their rights under the domestic violence law.

Stereo speakers were stolen June 9 from the rear of a 1985 Chevrolet owned by Gaspar D. Seres of Morgan Drive. According to Patrolmen Kenneth Schreck and Stephen Miller, the right rear vent window was smashed during the night for entry into the car.

A bicycle belonging to Andrew Urfton of Sandalwood Drive was stolen June 9 from the area of the tennis courts on Villa Drive. Patrolmen Alan Engel and Bruce Polkowitz were told the bike, a Redline motorcross or mountain-type model, was taken while Urfton was playing with friends.

Three children were brought to police headquarters for their safety June 9 after they were found at 12:16 a.m. unattended in a room of the Colonial Motel, Route 1. Two of the children, ages 7 and 2, were in bed with the TV on, while their 8-month-old sister was in another bed with nothing to keep her from falling off. Patrolman Kenneth Dessor reported that the children's mother had taken a taxi to New Brunswick and was intoxicated while walking in that city. Several bottles of liquor were found inside the motel room, according to police, and a burned spoon that may have had heroin or cocaine residue was found in the bathroom sink. The spoon was confiscated.

A vent window was smashed the night of June 9 to gain entry to a 1987 Ford van parked on Oakland Avenue. Patrolman Jeffrey Gottlieb said nothing appeared to be missing from the van, registered to Aris Painting & Construction.

Carl R. Chin of Fenakel Street was backing a 1979 Ford van out of his driveway at 9:15 p.m. June 9 when the van collided with an Edison police car parked across the street. Chin, who admitted he did not look in his side-view mirrors before backing, was ticketed by Patrolman Thomas Vickery for being an unlicensed driver.

A 1980 Chevrolet operated by Eric W. Fleming of Hana Road was eastbound June 9 along Plainfield Avenue as a 1984 Plymouth operated by Kiran B. Narula of Prospect Avenue pulled out of Division Street. Investigating the collision was Patrolman Thomas Kenney.

Wet conditions led to an accident June 9 on Old Post Road. Patrolman Thomas Kenney said a 1979 Chevrolet operated eastbound by Shawn Henderson of Alva Court was going around the curve at Melville Road and slid into the path of a 1989 Lincoln operated westbound by David A. Potterton of Lloyd Street.

James J. Coyle of Taft Avenue was awakened by a bang at 4 a.m. June 9 and heard the alarm for his 1987 Nissan go off. It was then discovered that a hit-and-run vehicle collided with a New Jersey Bell telephone pole and sideswiped the Nissan, according to Patrolman Michael Leight.

A thin white man was rebuffed early June 10 when he tried to rob the Mobil station, Oak Tree Road near Wood Avenue. Patrolman Donald Jeffrey reported that the suspect, who was about 20 years old and had brown hair, drove a new two-door gold car into the station around 12:50 a.m. He had \$10 worth of gasoline pumped into the car and asked for two packs of cigarettes. When the attendant came to collect the payment, the customer allegedly pulled a knife about 12 inches long and declared he would not pay for his order. He wanted the rest of the money. The attendant declined, and the suspect fled northbound on Wood Avenue, according to police. Two other males were inside the car, for which a further description could not be provided.

A township woman was advised of her rights under the domestic violence law June 10 after she was assaulted by her husband in a Clemens Court residence and verbally harassed by his mother. The suspect, who pushed his wife during a marital quarrel, took her engagement ring and fled prior to the arrival of Patrolmen Alan Engel and Allen Herman. The victim suffered a bruised elbow and redness on her chin.

Ellen Weinstein of Lafayette Road reported June 10 that her 1987 Ford had been taken without her permission. The car keys were lifted from her pocketbook without her knowledge, according to Patrolman George Berrie, who added the car was involved in an accident investigated by New Jersey State Police.

A 1987 Jeep owned by Jose Gonzales of Perth Amboy was impounded early June 10 after being abandoned and burned on a paper street off Clover Place, Raritan Center. Patrolman Donald Jeffrey said the Jeep had not been reported stolen.

A brown leather wallet was found June 10 by Patrolmen William A. Revill and Gary Ruffo while they were on a routine patrol of the Colonial Village shopping center. The wallet, which was found on the ground near the TCBY yogurt shop, contained a driver's license, identification cards and \$23 in cash, along with an identification card issued to Kelly I. Reid of Woodbridge.

Betty-Jo Stein of Suttons Lane reported June 10 that the rear window of her 1968 Chevrolet had been broken earlier that weekend, according to Patrolman Timmie Brown.

A Quasar window-model air conditioner was stolen June 10 from a 1988 Nissan parked at a Hana Road apartment building. Patrolman Brian Parente said the lock on a car door was broken for access to the air conditioner, which was purchased by a New York City woman at Tops Appliance City the previous day.

It was learned June 10 that an attempt was made to steal a tractor-trailer truck parked at the Ramada Inn parking lot, Woodbridge Avenue. The passenger window of the truck was broken and the ignition damaged, and the trailer supposedly was loaded with strawberries. Patrolmen Joseph Vasta and Jiles Ship said the tractor-trailer is the property of J.D. & Billy Hines Trucking Inc., Prescott, Ark.

The right front window of a 1985 Volkswagen owned by Patrick J. Flynn of Cornwall Drive was found June 10 to have been smashed during the previous week, according to Patrolmen William A. Revill and Gary Ruffo.

Two stolen go-carts were taken back by their owner, Ronald Grant of Beatrice Parkway, after he was notified by a neighbor June 10 as to where they were. According to Patrolman John Haluka, the go-carts reportedly were taken by two juveniles from the side of the victim's house three days earlier. The go-carts were found in a yard at the residence of one of the suspects.

The rear window on the driver's side of a 1985 GMC van was found smashed June 10 in the Ramada Inn parking lot, Woodbridge Avenue, according to Patrolman Brian Parente.

Two warehouses on Fernwood Avenue were found June 10 to have been broken into during the weekend. Two cases of Crest La Vie toilet water were opened and left on the floor of the Parfums Christian Lacroix warehouse, where a hole was punched through a sheetrock wall to gain entry. Patrolmen Wayne Seich and Edwin Kronsdor said it was not immediately known if anything was taken. An attempt also was made to enter the Supercor warehouse by punching a hole through the plasterboard, according to police. No entry was gained to Supercor.



# Four middle schools announce honor roll pupils

EDISON — Honor rolls for the third marking period have been announced at each of the four middle schools in the township.

The honor rolls are listed by school, by category and by grade.

## John Adams Middle School

### 'ALL A' HONOR ROLL

**Eighth grade** — Anil Doshi, Jason Garby, Daniel Hodes, Min-jae Kim, Shin Yeon Kim, Patricia Lee and Rajib Pal.

**Seventh grade** — Mussadaq Abid, Devarati Ghosh, David D. Lee, Ava Liu and Connie Pong.

**Sixth grade** — Christine Abrahamson, Sarah Braverman, Catherine Liu, Tamara Mahr and Olivia Verma.

### 'A/B' HONOR ROLL

**Eighth grade** — Marianne H. Choi, Andrew Goldfine, Robert Long Lee, Shachi Mehra, Neda Mousavi, Michelle Szczesny, Erin Kupcha, Brett Markowitz, Aarjave Shah, Nhan Truong, Jimmy Ying, Hyo Joon Yu, Richard Krychoweky, Jennifer Prince.

**Criy Tkacz, Katy Yeh, Han Huu Bui, Michael Chen, Kimberly Delehey, Ellen Godfrey, Diana Koehler, Arati Shah, Michael Chung-Neng Wong, Brian Enda, Kristin Freeman, Elisa Lou, Sid-darth Sehgal, Adhar Seth.**

**Maliha Sheikh, Vanessa Singh, Robert Del Rosario, Jimmy Hwang, Nicole Liff, Kruti Patel, Rina Patel, Ray Christopher Valderrama, Gagan Beri, Rupa Hire-math, Jamille Jacob, Chirag Patel, Hima Patel, Richard Smith.**

**Phyllis Yeh, Samantha Box, Kedar Gangopadhyay, Steve Lin, Payal Mehta, Mona Patel, Saulat Pervez, Scott Rudnick, Sapana Shah, Amy Volpe, Carol Forero, Baqueria Haidri, Eric Heller, Nirav Patel and Yu-Fang Yvonne Wang.**

**Seventh grade** — Ronald Favor.

Stefanie Gozora, Anne Leavitt-Gruberger, David Lee, Erik Lynch, Vimal Patel, Nancy Poole, Sharon Saini, Kruti Shah, Michael Capio, Jason Ehlers, Neeraj Gupta, Leo Hyo Suck Hwang, Jaime Libes, Rosalie Ragucci.

Andrew Chen, Mohit Dayal, Melanie Farkas, Robert Fea, Stacey Geller, Melissa Mendelsohn, Gautam Peri, Ameer Shah, Daniel Stern, Sonal Thacker, Nicole Hearon, Yao-Hui Huang, Eun Hae Park, Seema Patel, Scott Poltrock.

Christopher San Juan, Benjamin Chiang, Kyle Emens, Michael Gerdes, Parul Goyal, Maria Nunez-Padilla, Michael Scialabba, Jennifer Tam, Devika Umashanker, Hyun Mo Yi, Susan Alexander, Aaditya Desai, Brijesh Patel, Chhaya Patel, Brian Abry.

Lisa Alban, Leslie Balin, Amit Kumar, Snehal Patel, Diane Shiao, Rushmi Singh, Sadia Yahya, Dina Ali, Heather Bess, Matthew Bloom, Adam Brelow, Devin Grossman, Gayle Kazelesky, Mishal Lazarev and Marc Shanker.

**Sixth grade** — Beena Ahmad, Samantha Bodak, Clifton Chao, Jennifer Chiang, Kanako Suzuki, Akshat Tewary, Christopher Caliendo, Chia Hsun Chang, Amy For-gione, Minjin Kim, Sean Massey, Shannon Natelli, Samuel Oh, Sejal Patel, Lara Petrusky, Jennifer Sanabria.

Michael Shields, Christopher Swallick, Laura Bozek, Melissa Crombet, Amy Gallet, Kathryn Kilar, Kevin Lane, Robin Lee, Jordan Lerch, Jason Sanchez, Ami Sanghvi, Charlie Shah, Michael Sherry, Vidyha Ananthakrishnan, Eric Fox, Hyun Kim.

Stephen Kmiec, Ming-Hung Mike Ongg, Rupal Patel, Theresa Santiago, Anthony Shiao, Kerri Volante, Valerie Burzinski, Vaishali Desai, Peter DeSiena, Wendy Jean Hsu, Vivek Kamath, Mark Lebida, Katherine Lee, Thomas Tong-Joon Lee, Kimberly Miller, Mohammad-Ali Mousavi.

Ernest Shin, Ami Tevar, Stacy Wolff, Anthony Cantalupo, Nien-Hwai Henry Chang, Maria Ciccarella, David Graziano, Roshni Nirody, Jennifer Ok, Darian Redouane, Paras Shah, Charles Wong, Lesley Bellanca, Ananda Box, Wendy Capria, Adam Cohen.

Jeffrey Feeley, Randi Levine, Malay Patel, Pamela Traisak, Molly Watts, Brad Bishop, Daniel Jamieson, Chetan Malpe, Manay Patel, Maya Sato, Debra Schmelzer, Ronak Vinod Shah, Mayush Singhvi, Richard Valderrama, Kimberly Weaver, Nicholas Zitelli and Jason Zwillman.

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**Seventh grade** — John Duda, Debarati Ghosh and Michael Sa-utner.

**Sixth grade** — Anjali Chelliah, Ria Rasalan and Radhika Shah.

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**Eighth grade** — Prin Am-orapanth, Heather Carney, Sarah Cervenak, Heather Chigas, Thomas Chin, Richard Cho, Brian Clementone, David Corrado, Heather Deiber, Aadithya Deshpande, Seth Farhi, Patricia Ferik, Amy Glick.

Dana Henderson, Carrie Ann Katana, Kristen Kozuch, Matthew Lees, Christopher Ottenstroer, Susanna Rader, Ryan Ransom, Swati Raut, Donna Marie Rogalski, Monika Roman, Michelle Romao, Amy Schneider, Rajat Shah and Brian Toscano.

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### 'ALL A' HONOR ROLL

**Eighth grade** — Harsha Barot, Gaurav Kapoor and Kristin Nycz.

**Seventh grade** — Wendy Cao and Belle Wang.

**Sixth grade** — David Vance.

### 'A/B' HONOR ROLL

**Eighth grade** — Jannel Arboleda, Janis Aronowitz, Ratna Bajaj, Dawn Beninato, Heather Campbell, Lai-Ken Chan, Jennifer Chapman, Mahyulee Colatat, Javier Corcino, Shirley Corcino, Angel Eckert.

George Gendy, Carmen Go-queingco, Mallika Gupta, Brian Houston, Hsin-Chih Lin, John Li-

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Sue Park, Karunabab Patel, Yelena Patish, Sujal Rangwala, Michael Shafer, Pamela Slicer, Diyya Sood, Thomas Weid, Kevin White, Sharon White and Dikla Yadin.

**Seventh grade** — Scott Allen, Michael Ambrosio, Thomas Aquino, Philip Aronowitz, Nicholas Bennett, Dipali Bhatt, Nicole Carraturo, Samuel Choi, Trang Dang, Lizabeth Fortuna, Kiisha Gladden, Kendra Gruber, Michelle Gulick.

Helen Huang, Diana Hummel, Lindsey Lento, Cynthia Loffa, Miao-Ling Luo, Michael Lysicatos, Jennifer Mazza, Deepak Mehta, Sara Peters, Miguel Ramirez, Laurence Ring, Mark Rivera and John Senkovich.

**Sixth grade** — Maria Boul-oubasis, Kristy Bzdek, Jennifer DeSanto, Brian Fox, Rita Gage, Eva Gawlikowski, Eugene Geis, Franz Goqingco, Jay Green, Devika Gupta, John Holowach, Meredith Hyland.

Margaret Jaros, Janice Karmon, Jennifer Karmon, Aditya Kaveria, Brian King, Christopher Kreider, Vivienne Larrea, Michael Liska, Nelson Lue, Christopher Man-tione, Shallu Nangia, Danielle O'Brien, Julie Parsons.

Rohit Sharma, Rashmi Shetgiri, Bonnie Sicora, Michael Solomon, Christine Song, Stacey Staback, Kerri Strack, Michael Tortajada, Laura Urbanski, Jennifer Valen-tino, Lauren Yablonsky and Matthew Zapotczyn.

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### 'ALL A' HONOR ROLL

**Eighth grade** — Eddie Chen, Chih Wei Lee, Janet Liu, Avignat Patel, Sue Perng, Subha Sivakumar and Jason A. Stein.

**Seventh grade** — James Chen and Elizabeth Weiss.

**Sixth grade** — Gaurang Patel.

### 'A/B' HONOR ROLL

**Eighth grade** — Richard Chlopicki, Jennifer Hwang, Michael Kornbluth, (Helen) Ya Lan Chang, Joseph Marron, Wendy Palto, Shradha Agarwal, Orlando Perez, Timothy Brown, Marc Leshnowar, Jason Miller, Rose-marie Pelleriti.

Erica Gifford, Theresa Jinwala, Christopher Corrente, Ariadne Coutoubelis, Sean Cusack, Nancy DeJesus, Jacquelin Goldstein, Laura Veron, Thomas Veroni, Anna Wang, Sung-Kook Yoo and Daniel Yu.

**Seventh grade** — Theodore Chletsos, Gaurav Chowdhary, Manoj Garg, Michael Rampersant Jr., Robert Schwalje, David Strozzi, Scott Hoffman, Dipali Patel, Usman Raza, Chiayi Lee, Chongsik Park, Nimika Patel.

Patricia Schoenhaus, Rachana Tolia, Andrew Farneski, Mary Huang, Jennifer Schulman, Poshu Zubair, Marcia Kim, Jessica Legra, Tulip Lim, Shobhan Oza, Radhika Shah, Henry Shen.

Timothy Babich, Nishan Kot-tahochchi, Rabi Machchhar, Bina Patel, Monika Patel, Robert Salit, Gerald Wang, Nicole Bardecker, Hung The Hua, Chien Yao Huang, Todd Kaufman and Chikita Williams.

**Sixth grade** — Cara Jean Reid, Olivia Relova, Emily Wang, James Choi, Gabriella Kaplan, Farya Karim, Shaan Mavani, Laura Zabrowski, Marissa Brotspies, Jaime Fong, Jennifer Greenstein, Marci McGregor, Siraliben Patel.

George Patounakis, Michael Sun, Erin Campbell, Priya Chadha, Herbert Hung, Jasdeep Sodhi, Aaron Wyse, Michael Bynes, Ivana Deletis, Adam Garsh, Jill Goldblatt, Nitu Gulati, Kristen Kirschner.

Meena Moorthy, Amanda Pog-any, Maximilian Robins, Stewart Chen, Maria Leonow, Sidhartha Mehta, Chinar Patel, Parthiv Shah, Christina Choy, Alan Dros-dick, Eunhah (Grace) Lee, Eileen Moran and Kaye Shen.

# police log

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A Secaucus man complained June 10 he had been bilked out of \$293 he paid as security to rent a room in an Edison residence. According to Patrolmen Stephen Miller and Kenneth Schreck, the victim answered an ad at Rutgers University and paid his security deposit with assurances he could move in on June 1. The victim arrived that day to find the former occupant's property was still in the room and the telephone had been turned off. A key that had been given to the victim did not unlock the front door. The suspect was identified as a man who gave a Somerset address but now lives in Delaware, according to police.

Robert Joseph Thau, 24, of 14 Fox Road, was arrested on a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct June 10 after a squabble with a brother who was preventing Thau from driving while intoxicated. Patrolman Andy Nagy was on a routine patrol at 8:45 p.m. when he came upon the quarrel as it took place in front of an Eardley Road residence. The suspect, who had a heavy odor of alcohol on his breath, was obscene and refused to heed instructions to calm himself, police said.

Rodda A. Alshowarbi, 26, of Glendale, N.Y., was arrested June 10 on Heritage Drive and charged with assault. He had been arguing with a township woman that morning in her residence when he smacked her in the face and allegedly twisted her wrist. Alshowarbi remained in the dwelling when she returned home that afternoon, and he refused to leave after Patrolmen Fred Lactic and John Peach arrived at the scene. The victim complained of a broken wrist but told police she would see her own physician.

Heavy rain played a part in an accident June 10 involving a 1988 Ford pickup operated by Thomas M. Dinetta of Ulac Street. According to Patrolman Alan Varady, the pickup was eastbound on Woodbridge Avenue at 7:13 p.m. when it skidded sideways, jumped the curb and collided with the fence in front of Middlesex County College. Dinetta was not injured.

Stephanie A. Kearns of Lakeview Boulevard walked out of the Blizzy Buzzy Deli, Route 27, at 3:50 p.m. June 10 and found the 1982 Toyota she was operating had been struck by a hit-and-run vehicle. Patrolman John Spielman said the right fender received damage while the Toyota was parked.

While it was traveling June 10 in the right

lane of Route 1 North at Parsonage Road, a 1983 Dodge van operated by Dominick C. Zozza of Brookside Road was struck in the rear by a 1988 Dodge station wagon operated by Paul Dobin of Trenton. Patrolman Thomas Kenney investigated.

## Metuchen

Helen Pocisk of Newman Street told Patrolman Donald G. Bjornsen that she didn't see the 1984 Chevrolet station wagon, driven west on Amboy Avenue by Susan M. Heck of Fords, before she made a left turn in front of it shortly after 9 a.m. June 6. Pocisk was heading east on Amboy in a 1981 Chevy before turning left onto Simpson Place in front of Heck, who applied her brakes but could not avoid the collision, according to Bjornsen.

Michael A. Breen, 35, of 2505 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, received a summons for driving with a suspended license shortly before 11 a.m. June 6 after he attempted to drive a 1979 Dodge pickup truck westbound on Memorial Parkway toward Rose Street and collided with a borough-owned 1988 Ford pickup truck driven backwards on the one-way street back into the street, according to Patrolman Glen T. White, 23, of Center Street, according to Patrolman Kenneth O. Bergen. Breen told Bergen that after he noticed the borough truck backing into the street, he slowed and waited for the vehicle to change direction and head toward Rose but it continued backward at a high rate of speed toward him. When Breen tried to go around the truck to the right, the two trucks collided, causing a large hole in the body of the borough truck near its gas cap, according to Bergen's report. White told Bergen that he was backing down the street in an effort to collect glass refuse and that he checked his rearview mirror and saw no one before he proceeded to backup and hit the Dodge.

Karen A. Smelas of Bounty Street was driving a 1987 Volkswagen eastward on Woodbridge Avenue at 6 p.m. June 6 behind a 1976 Buick driven by Maria L. Walsh of Flemington when Smelas rear-ended the Buick as Walsh prepared to turn left into the train station parking lot, according to Patrolman John Franklin, who noted that Walsh complained of back pain after the accident.

Thomas C. Whittemore of Jersey Avenue, Edison, was driving a 1984 Buick Regal south on Route 27 at Lake Avenue while Regal south on Route 27 in the southbound lane of Lake shortly before 2:30 p.m. June 7 and the right side of the front bumper on Lee's 1986

Ford Mustang struck the left side of the Buick, according to Patrolman Kenneth O. Bergen.

Bicyclist Sean Koni, 11, of Aldrich Avenue was on his way to school just before 8:30 a.m. June 7 when he was struck by a car driven by Pamela J. Jensen of Mayfield Place, according to Patrolman Gary Tolley. Kohl told Tolley that he saw a car stop as he rode along the southeast side of Main Street heading toward East Chestnut Avenue but then it proceeded and struck him. Jensen told Tolley that her view of the bicyclist was blocked by a large tree at Main Street and Mayfield, where she stopped for the stop sign before starting forward and then saw the boy on the bicycle just before she hit him. Tolley noted that Kohl suffered moderate leg injuries for which his mother would take him to a doctor.

Driving a 1988 Dodge on Main Street at 5 p.m. June 11, Kelly A. Buzzo of West Knollwood, Road, Edison, rear-ended 1982 Oldsmobile which had stopped short in front of her, according to a report by Patrolman Sandy MacMath. Oldsmobile driver Julie M. O'Sullivan of South Plainfield told MacMath that she was trying to turn left into the Gulf Gas Station and that she had applied her directional before stopping short. MacMath noted that Susan Buzzo, owner of the Dodge, was traveling behind Kelly and witnessed the collision.

Margarete Ehler of LaFayette Road, Edison, told Patrolman Sandy MacMath that she was making a left turn out of the Foodtown parking lot onto Central Avenue just before 5:30 p.m. on June 11 and didn't see the on-coming 1988 Ford, driven north on Central by Lauren E. Slavin of Colonia, before her 1979 Chevrolet collided with it.

Daniel Cotton, 18, of 33 Hillside Avenue, received another summons to add to his collection of such for violating a borough ordinance on noise by playing loud band music in an effort to collect glass refuse and that he checked his rearview mirror and saw no one before he proceeded to backup and hit the Dodge.

Police were summoned to break up a fight at 33 Hillside Avenue shortly before 11:30 p.m. June 7, after which Stephen C. Sparaco, 21, of 114 Amboy Avenue, was arrested and charged with simple assault against Nicholas Giuttari, 22, of Cranford, according to a report by Patrolman Theodore Ayotte Jr. When Ayotte arrived at the house with Sgt. Charles H. Getty and Patrolman Anthony Carro, he observed, in the living room, Sparaco on top of Giuttari and choking him. Giuttari, who had several cuts on his body and a bite mark on his finger, according to Ayotte, explained that he was in the house when Sparaco walked in through the front door without knocking and announced. Sparaco then walked up to Giuttari, punched him in the face and began

repeatedly hitting him as both fell to the floor and Giuttari struggled to defend himself until the police arrived, according to Ayotte's report. Sparaco was arrested at the scene and both were transported to John F. Kennedy Medical Center, according to Ayotte, who noted that Sparaco appeared to be intoxicated and refused to cooperate with police as they tried to determine what had happened in the house.

J&C Auto Repair, Amboy Avenue, was burglarized sometime between 7:30 p.m. June 5 and 9:15 a.m. June 6, according to Patrolman Kenneth O. Bergen. Several power tools were taken from the business after entry was made through the west side of the building, where a garage door panel was kicked-in, according to Bergen.

A Poets Lane residence was burglarized while it was left unoccupied between 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. June 7, according to Patrolman John Franklin. The burglar apparently entered by breaking a small section of plate glass on a small basement window which was concealed by a bush on the east side of the house, according to Franklin. After forcing open the window, which had been nailed shut from the inside, the culprit then went directly to the master bedroom, located in the rear of the house, and emptied onto the floor and bed the contents of dressers, cabinets and two jewelry boxes but, at the time of the report, it did not appear that any jewelry or valuable coins were missing, according to Franklin, who noted that the point of exit seemed to be the same window because all other windows were secure.

Charles J. Burok, 23, of 114 Woodside Avenue was arrested and charged with criminal trespass after police discovered him climbing over a fence at a Railroad Avenue property just before 3 a.m. June 7, according to Captain Fred Hall. Patrolmen Charles Moore and Edward Mosko responded to a report of a prowler in the yard of the residence and after shining a light upon a man on a red-and-white Honda motorcycle parked there, the man approached the police saying that he was not going to run because he had just injured himself, according to Moore, who noted that appeared to be blood coming from the suspect's left wrist. According to Moore, Burok had apparently punctured himself while trying to climb over the top of the chain link fence. When he was asked to explain his presence there, Burok allegedly replied that he had just visited a friend and was working on a motorcycle, according to Moore, who then asked Burok if the Honda belonged to him, and Burok replied that it was not and that he had just purchased it for \$100. Burok was then taken into custody and the motorcycle was impounded, according to Moore, who added that there was an active warrant for Burok's arrest from Point Pleasant, and he was arrested for that as well as the summons com-

plaint for trespassing. Moore noted that Burok refused medical treatment for his injuries at the time of his arrest, stating that the wound would be all right. A Grove Avenue resident entered police headquarters at 8 p.m. June 8 to report that his motorcycle, which matched the description of the dirt bike found with Burok, was stolen sometime between 11 a.m. June 6 and 7 p.m. that day, according to Patrolman Theodore Ayotte. The unregistered 1986 Honda was parked by its owner in the backyard of his residence, according to Ayotte, who later noted that it was the same one that Burok had in his possession at the time of his arrest.

A citizens band radio, type 250 Uniden Pro 510, valued at \$250, was ripped from the dashboard of a locked vehicle owned by a Norris Avenue resident while the car was parked on Irving Avenue between 6 p.m. June 6 and 6 a.m. June 7, according to police.

Several vehicles were burglarized overnight between June 7 and June 8, according to police reports. Two unlocked cars belonging to the same Aldrich Avenue household were entered between 1:30 and 7:10 a.m. June 8, according to Patrolman Donald G. Bjornsen, who noted that neither of these cars was damaged. Stolen from a 1989 Chevrolet parked in front of the house were a cassette case holding approximately 40 tapes, valued at about \$450, and a pair of Rayban non-prescription sunglasses, valued at \$50, according to Bjornsen. Stolen from a 1987 Dodge parked in the driveway of the same home were six cassette tapes, valued at about \$60, according to Bjornsen.

Items were also removed, during the same night, from two unlocked cars belonging to a Norris Avenue family, according to Bjornsen, who noted that there was no damage to either vehicle. A Sears remote garage door opener, valued at approximately \$300, was taken from a 1985 Pontiac which was parked in the driveway and six cassette tapes were missing from the glove compartment of a 1987 Cadillac parked on the street, according to Bjornsen.

Two more unlocked vehicles belonging to a Wadsworth Avenue family were burglarized without being damaged while they were

parked in front of that residence, according to Bjornsen, who said a pair of sunglasses, valued at about \$75, was taken from the glove compartment of a 1979 Ford while nothing was taken from the opened glove box of a Plymouth wagon.

The glove compartment of an unlocked 1986 Volkswagen was ransacked while the car was parked in the driveway of a Kent Place residence and approximately 6 to 8 Garden State Parkway tokens, valued at about \$2.80 were removed, according to Patrolman John Franklin.

Sometime between 9:45 p.m. June 8 and 5:30 p.m. June 9, a locked 1978 Oldsmobile belonging to a Mayfield Place resident was broken into and a case of liter bottles of Evian soda water, valued at \$18, was taken, according to Patrolman Theodore Ayotte, who noted that the vehicle was possibly opened with a slim-jim because there was no evidence of entry.

An unlocked 1987 Toyota station wagon belonging to a Mayfield Place resident was burglarized and ransacked sometime between 12:30 and 1 a.m. June 9, but nothing was missing, according to Patrolman Michael Ciampi.

A brass mailbox, valued at \$70, was stolen from the exterior wall of a Main Street home at 1:06 a.m. June 9, according to Patrolman Steven Menafro. The resident of the home told Menafro and Patrolman Bernard Lanoue that she saw someone near her car, that the white male then came up to the front door area and removed her mailbox from the wall and that he ran around the house onto Roosevelt Avenue.

Someone tossed a brick at a 1987 Oldsmobile, smashing its front windshield, sometime between midnight and 8:30 a.m. June 9, according to Patrolman Michael Ciampi, who noted that the vehicle belongs to a Main Street resident and was parked facing east on Midland Avenue.

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# fire log

## Edison

**June 4**  
10:03 a.m. — Fire in utility room of Donna Kravitz residence, 28 Starkin Road. Aerosol can fell from shelf and discharged its contents with pilot light for furnace apparently igniting can. Elizabethtown Gas Co. notified. Engines 1 and 7, Truck 2, Cars C-2, 3, 3-1, 3-2, 8 and 35, Fire Rescue responded.

9:07 p.m. — Pot burning on stove at Robin Harris apartment, 42 York Drive. Eggs were left unattended during cooking. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Cars 8 and 101, Fire Rescue responded.

**June 5**  
4:05 a.m. — Alarm box shorted out in family practice building at John F. Kennedy Medical Center. Engines 8, 9 and 11, Truck 2, Cars 7 and 22, Fire Rescue responded.

9:15 a.m. — Carbons caught fire at Baxter Healthcare Corp., 100 Raritan Center Parkway. Forklift was being used to remove cartons when it broke gas line overhead. Extinguished by sprinkler system in warehouse prior to arrival of Engines 1 and 7, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue.

9:58 a.m. — Alarm set off while being reset at Baxter Healthcare Corp., 100 Raritan Center Parkway. Engines 1 and 7, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

10:32 a.m. — Alarm malfunction at Roger Boattinger residence, 88 Wagner Street. Engines 1 and 7, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

12:56 p.m. — Rubbish fire at Apco Extrusions, 180 National Road, extinguished by personnel in plant. Rags were ignited by sparks from welding machine. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

2:29 p.m. — Alarm set off by water leaking into smoke detector at Roosevelt Hospital. Engines 1, 7 and 8, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

4:18 p.m. — System malfunction at PSE&G school, 410 Silverlake Avenue. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

4:59 p.m. — Car leaking gasoline in parking lot of Clarion Hotel, Route 27 and Talmadge Road. Engine 4, Car 8 responded.

**June 6**  
3:15 p.m. — Car fire on Route 287 near Metuchen exit, involving 1975 Volkswagen Dasher owned by Jaroslaw Cieluch of Elizabeth. Extinguished by a passerby prior to arrival of Engine 1, Cars 3 and 7, Fire Rescue. New Jersey State Police on the scene.

9:39 p.m. — Brush fires in field on PSE&G property, Meadow Road. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Cars 8 and 101, Fire Rescue responded.

10:19 p.m. — Report of smoke at Carol Herb residence, 64 Clifton Street. Odor was from brush fire on PSE&G property nearby. Engines 1 and 4, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

11:57 p.m. — Gasoline spill covered at scene of accident, Woodbridge Avenue and Gurley Road, Engine 4 responded.

**June 7**  
12:21 a.m. — Alarm malfunction at Pathmark warehouse, 8 Court South. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

4:25 a.m. — Alarm box pulled at Clarion Hotel, Route 27 and Talmadge Road. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Cars 8 and 101, Fire Rescue responded.

9:23 a.m. — Emergency medical call at Thermometrics, 808 Route 1 North. Car 3 responded.

1:05 p.m. — Panel box shorted out at Jodi Nodelman apartment, 211 Edison Glen. Electrician on the scene. Engines 1 and 7, Truck 2, Car 3, Fire Rescue responded.

1:28 p.m. — Gasoline leaked from car onto lawn at Horst Uderit residence, 34 Philo Boulevard. Engines 1 and 7, Truck 2, Fire Rescue responded.

4:29 p.m. — Electrical outlet shorted out at Gerry Bartlett residence, 21 Taft Avenue. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Car 7, Fire Rescue responded.

7:39 p.m. — Brush fire at Movie City 6, Oak Tree Road. Engines 11 and 12, Cars 8 and 55 responded.

8:05 p.m. — Building fire at Rivendell apartments. Edison Police, EM-1, Edison First Aid Squad No. 1, Edison First Aid Squad No. 2 and Salvation Army on the scene. Engines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Truck 2, Cars C-1, 22 and 23 responded. Metuchen Fire Department and Highland Park Fire Department also responded.

1:52 a.m. — Report of alarm on Horizon Drive.

1:40 a.m. — Building fire at Northridge apartments, 156 College Drive. Edison Police, EM-1, Edison First Aid Squad No. 1, Edison First Aid Squad No. 2 and Salvation Army on the scene. Engines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Truck 2, Cars C-1, 22 and 23 responded. Metuchen Fire Department and Highland Park Fire Department also responded.

1:59 a.m. — Report of alarm at 2428 Woodbridge Avenue.

2:24 a.m. — Alarm set off by power failure at Kilmer General Mail Facility, Kilmer Road. Engine 1 responded.

2:30 a.m. — System malfunction at Southland Container Co., National Road, caused by storm. Engines 1 and 4 responded.

2:35 a.m. — Alarm set off by power failure in apartments at 324 Central Avenue. Engine 1 responded.

2:45 a.m. — Alarm malfunction at Alfieri building, 499 Thornall Street, caused by storm. Metuchen Fire Department responded.

2:55 a.m. — Alarm malfunction at Parkwood Gardens apartments. Engine 1 responded.

2:56 a.m. — Report of alarm at 491 Horizon Drive.

2:59 a.m. — Report of alarm at 33 Sunrise Drive.

3:18 a.m. — Alarm set off by power failure

**June 8**  
7:25 a.m. — Emergency medical call at Tauffel residence, 30 Colton Road. Car 3-2 responded.

12:01 p.m. — Car fire on New Jersey Turnpike, involving 1977 Chevrolet owned by Mohammed Abdelnabi of Paterson. Vehicle a total loss. New Jersey State Police on the scene. Engine 7 responded.

6:45 p.m. — System malfunction at Greenfield Gardens apartments, Evergreen Road. Engines 8 and 9, Truck 2, Cars 8 and 22 responded.

7:46 p.m. — System malfunction at Clarion Hotel, 2055 Route 27. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

**June 9**  
1:14 a.m. — System malfunction in apartment at 2005 Strawberry Court. Report of building struck by lightning proved unfounded. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 2, Car 8, Fire Rescue responded.

1:15 a.m. — Car fire at 12 Barton Avenue, involving 1981 Buick Skylark owned by Walter Kowalski of 15 Barton. Power line fell under

at Wakefern Foods warehouse, 100 Industrial Avenue. Engine 7, Car 23 responded.

3:23 a.m. — System malfunction at Herbert residence, 14 Giggleswick Way. Call was canceled by occupant prior to dispatch of Metuchen Fire Department.

3:21 a.m. — Report of smoke at Carol Birari residence, 3 Leland Road. Odor was from fire on College Drive. Engine 4 responded.

6:14 a.m. — System malfunction at Clarion Hotel, 2055 Route 27. Engines 2 and 4 responded.

7:54 a.m. — Alarm malfunction at John F. Kennedy Medical Center, caused by storm. Engines 3, 5 and 12, Car 7 responded.

7:55 a.m. — Alarm malfunction at Alfieri building, 499 Thornall Street, caused by storm. Engine 11, Car 7 responded.

9:43 a.m. — Smoke from air conditioning unit at Roosevelt Hospital. Engines 1, 3 and 5, Car 7, Unit 35 responded.

11:01 a.m. — Alarm malfunction at Edison High School, Boulevard of the Eagles, caused by storm. Engines 4 and 9, Car 7 responded.

**June 5**  
5:06 p.m. — Propane tank caught fire at

Joyce-Powell residence, 85 McPherson Avenue. Flames came out of coupling while grill was being lit.

7:13 p.m. — Brush fire along railroad tracks behind Franco Manufacturing, 555 Prospect Street.

**June 6**  
5:52 p.m. — Brush fire along railroad tracks behind 217 Newman Street. Both companies responded.

**June 8**  
5:36 p.m. — Brush fire along railroad tracks behind Franco Manufacturing, 555 Prospect Street. Metuchen Police notified as fire was of suspicious origin. Both companies responded.

**June 9**  
2:03 a.m. — Engine dispatched for standby duty at firehouse on Oak Tree Road, Edison.

2:36 a.m. — Report of smoke in attic of Lotus residence, 6 Plainfield Avenue. House may have been struck by lightning during storm.

2:46 a.m. — Power line knocked down by lightning and gave off sparks at Lisa Gassaro residence, 138 Rose Street.

4:09 a.m. — Aerial truck dispatched to fire at Northridge apartments, College Drive, Edison.

5:21 p.m. — Propane tank caught fire in back yard of John Frimish residence, 28 Oak Avenue. Both companies responded.

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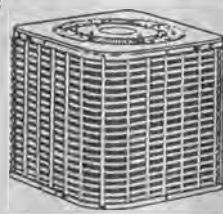


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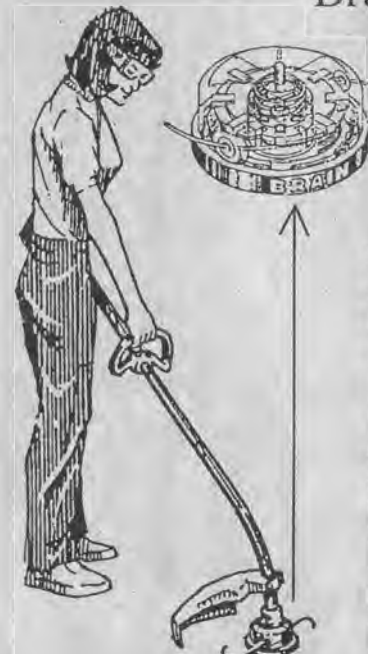
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