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Briefs

Township offering children's program

EDISON — The township Recreation Department is offering a Children's Playground Program.

The program is for children ages 5-12. Playgrounds for the sessions are open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 6.

A variety of activities will be held on the playgrounds for the children including arts and crafts, trips and special events at all parks.

The activities will include trips to Sesame Place, July 28; Dorney Park, Aug. 3; Circle Line Cruise, Aug. 11; Hershey Park, Aug. 18; Yankee game, Aug. 27; and a day in New York City, Sept. 1.

For more information, call (732) 248-7309.

Prepare now for town garage sale

METUCHEN — Plans are underway for the Fall Townwide Garage Sale. The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 26.

The fee is \$10 which includes a chamber permit, state wide advertising of the event, balloons, identifying your house and your address will be listed in the Garage Sale Directory.

Registration forms are available at Metuchen Savings Bank, the Metuchen-Edison YMCA, Metuchen Public Library, Metuchen Senior Center and the Chamber of Commerce office, 323 Main St.

Summer day trips available for teens

EDISON — The township Recreation Department is offering trips for teens this summer.

Those who want to participate must be a Teen Center member. A non-refundable \$5 registration fee is required yearly, which will be valid July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 for all in the program.

Registration must be done through the Recreation Department.

The trips are: Sandy Hook, July 27, Aug. 12 and 24; free; Dorney Park, July 22 and Aug. 30, \$18; New Jersey Festival of Ballooning, July 23, free; Mountain Creek/Action Park, Aug. 1; Great Adventure, Aug. 3; NBC studio tour/ Hard Rock Cafe, Aug. 19; End of summer cook out, Aug. 27.

For more information, call (732) 248-7309.

Concert set for summer festival

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission will present Andes Manta 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at The Main Street Commons.

The group will perform the rhythms and melodies of Andean Music.

The event is part of the Summer Music Festival.

Metuchen Garden Club installs new officers

METUCHEN — Merry Matzock and Martha Smith were installed as co-presidents of the Metuchen Garden Club.

Other officers installed at its June 10 meeting were Anna May Ahern, first vice president; Jean Giarratano, corresponding secretary; Doris Reuter, recording secretary; and Jean Bray, treasurer.

The club meets the second Tuesday of the month. Guests and new members are welcome.

For more information, call (732) 549-8012.

BOE, council at odds over taxes, meeting

By DEBRA RUBIN
CORRESPONDENT

HIGHLAND PARK — A refusal by Board of Education members to come to Tuesday night's Borough Council meeting to explain why local taxes will rise \$120 instead of the expected \$42 on a house assessed at \$100,000 drew an angry response from the governing body.

However, board members said at Monday night's meeting they had no idea why they were being summoned to talk about the school budget almost three months after voters passed the \$18,173,334 package and were advised by their attorney, Jamie Plosia, and the Middlesex County superintendent of schools it would be "inappropriate" to do so.

In fact, until she received a July 6 letter from Borough Administrator Jesse Landon requesting she appear, Board President Vickie White said she was unaware the council had repeatedly tabled certifying the budget to be added to the tax rolls since its April 20 passage. Such a step, although pro forma, is necessary in order for taxes to be collected.

"The legal issues are clear," White said. "Once a school budget has been approved by the voters the borough government's responsibility is to provide the certified funds to the district schools. Once it is approved, it is approved."

"The council only has a role if the budget is not passed," she

added. "They do not get to approve or disapprove. They legally have no input into it. Right now it would be speculation to guess what they are questioning."

Schools Superintendent Dr. Marylu Simon said that by going to the council meeting the board may have also violated legal guidelines.

"The county superintendent of schools, in fact, said we were not allowed to discuss the budget in public except on prescribed dates," she explained. "We can't discuss it before and we can't discuss it afterwards."

Board Vice President Elaine Parker Herzog noted the county superintendent also reviewed and approved the budget.

"This is the budget the people of Highland Park want for their children," she said.

The council did vote unanimously Tuesday night for the certification, although members cited reservations. Tax bills will be mailed out in several weeks.

However, Mayor H. James Polos said he thought having school officials at the council to answer questions was "appropriate."

"I'm really disturbed that the Board of Education could do such a wonderful job of networking to get all of you people to come here," he said in reference to the crowd of about 40 residents at the meeting, "but that Ms. White or Mr. (William) Callahan or their administrator couldn't be here."

Callahan is chair of the board's finance committee.

Holding up a copy of White's letter outlining why school officials would not come, Polos added, "I consider this a personal affront to this governing body."

However, Sharon Krengel, active in local school groups, later said during the public portion of the meeting she and several others were behind urging concerned residents to come to the meeting without being asked to do by the board.

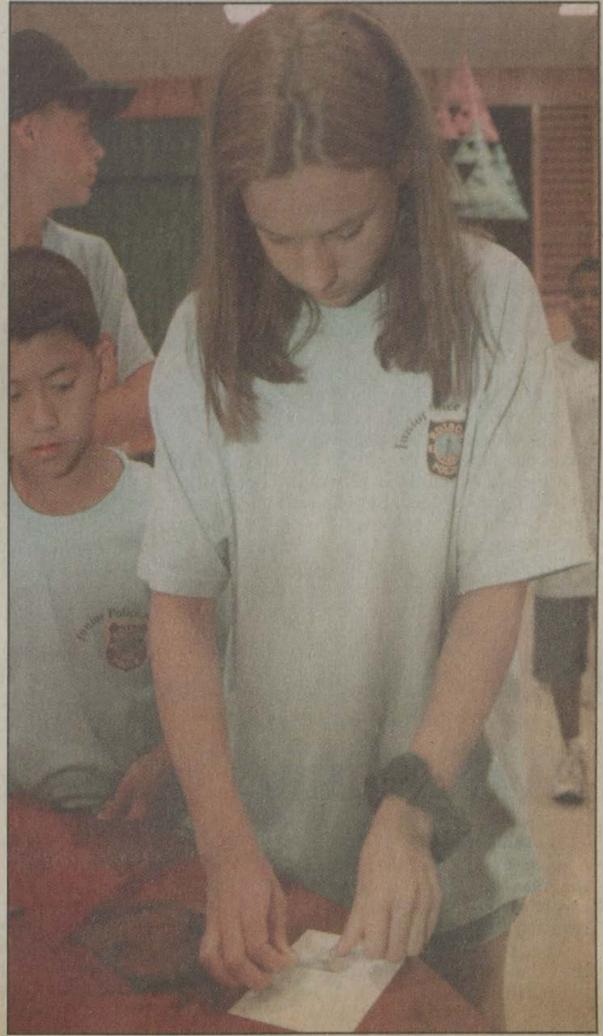
The council's action brought everything from groans and catcalls from the audience to pleas for reconciliation.

Kim Ricketts of the Triangle section of town, said although she did not have children she believed the good educational system was one of the hallmarks of the community. She drew applause when she stated, "It's time to make peace. It's time for the Board of Education and council to work together instead of trying to place the blame."

"This council has no quarrel with the budget or the financial decisions made by the board regarding the budget," stated Council Finance Chairman Leon Cohen. "Our only quarrel is that the board of education failed to fully notify the people of Highland Park their taxes might rise far more than they said when they introduced the budget."

He added, "We did not want to be their patsies when the people

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NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Megan DiLella, 13, learns about dusting for and pulling fingerprints.

Edison youths learn techniques of police

By GARY GOVELITZ
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — With flashing lights and blazing sirens a police car pulls over a van. The officer opens his door, steps out and tells the driver of the other car to come out with his hands up.

Township youths are getting a taste of what it is like to be a police officer this summer. The Edison Police Department is holding its first Junior Police Academy at the township's junior high schools.

"We are trying to give them the feel of what a police academy is about," said Sgt. Robert Dudash of the Community Police Division.

The one week course is being held at each of the township middle schools and involves a total of 137 children. Participants pay \$30 per child for the course. The class sizes range from 22 at Woodrow Wilson Middle School to 41 at John Adams School. The children attend classes from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The children face a discipline far more strict than they may get in school. They fall into formation to start each day and marching is part of the program. They are required to wear a uniform consisting of white sneakers and socks, blue or black shorts and a baseball cap and T-shirt provided by the police bearing the Edison police log with "Jr. Academy" printed on it.

"The police department is a quasi-military organization," Dudash said. "When I attended the police academy I had to sit at attention during each class. The kids won't have to do that, of course, but they will have to sit up and pay attention."

Support grandparents topic of special meeting

EDISON — The Assembly Task Force on Grandparenting will hold a special public hearing to listen to residents concerning a variety of issues that grandparents face daily. Assemblymen Peter Barnes (D-18) and Samuel Thompson (R-13) will attend the session.

For grandparents raising grandchildren and other issues grandparents face 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 21 at the Old Bridge

The courses cover a variety of topics ranging from traffic violations and bike safety to crime prevention and crime scene investigation.

Drugs, violence and juvenile law will also be stressed. Sgt. Dudash and the other officers of the Community Policing Division are using a hands on approach by bringing the children to municipal court, the police headquarters and demonstrating fingerprinting.

Rachel Seaton, 13, and Matt De Zaio, 12, are among the Woodrow Wilson students who spend their mornings sitting up straight and taking notes on police techniques. There is no talking or spitball throwing in this class.

"I am glad that I took the course," she said. "It is as fun and interesting as I thought it would be."

"My uncle is a police officer and I learned a lot from him about what it is to be a cop," Matt said. "I wanted to learn more so I took this course."

Each day of the program ends with sports activities. At the end of each week course there is a graduation ceremony.

Officer Lisa Katana has been working on getting this program started for three years. The lifelong township resident was happy with the way things have been going.

"So far, so good," she said. "Everything is going smoothly and the children are being entertained." Katana is already looking forward to how they will incorporate what they have learned into next year's class.

"I just keep on thinking of things to make it better: perhaps class pictures."

Municipal Building, Route 516 and Cottrell Road.

The task force's mission is to listen to the public concerning a variety of issues and then make recommendations for legislation to help solve problems brought to their attention.

For more information about the hearing, call Ken Horwitz at (732) 287-5609 or Jackie Del Valle at (732) 583-5558.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Joey Patterson, 11, cuts stray branches during clean up activity in Metuchen.

Metuchen police, youth gather together to spruce up borough

By GARY GOVELITZ
STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN — Chris Patterson, 7, wore a hard hat, working gloves and work boots. An oft used red bandanna hung from his back pocket. He was operating a loud leaf blower that was as big as he was and in the 90 degree weather it raised up a cloud of leaves and dirt that coated his sweaty arms. He turned off the machine and wiped his face with the bandanna.

"This is hard work," he shouted above the din of weed wackers, leaf blowers and chain saws.

Chris and his father, Joe Patterson, were among the 75 vol-

unteers who devoted a Sunday afternoon to join the Metuchen Police Benevolent Association Local 60 and Boy Scout Troop 14 at a clean up of an abandoned property at the end of Electric Street.

The event was organized by Arthur M. Flaherty, coordinator of the Metuchen Police community policing effort. Metuchen Police have made working with the community a department wide effort with Officer Flaherty coordinating the efforts.

"I would like to thank the mayor, the PBA, the boy scouts and the entire community," Flaherty said. "Metuchen can count on a lot more from our local. This is just the beginning."

The effort involved the entire community. La Rosa's Pizzeria contributed food and garbage bags and Mark IV Industries, which borders on the property, also helped feed the workers and brought along a small back hoe. The first aid squad, local officials and scores of community minded citizens joined in to make the day a success.

Troop 14, which will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this fall, was there with 10 scouts and three adults.

"This is a mixture of many different groups," said assistant scoutmaster Ed Poandl. "This does not happen that often. I would like to see more of it."

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Parsonage Road resident reports burglary

Edison
A Parsonage Road residence was broken into sometime between July 2-10. The front door of the residence was forced open and items worth \$90 were taken, police said.

A two-door black 1987 Chevy Spectrum was stolen from a parking lot on Oak Tree Road on July 11. The vehicle was valued at \$1,250, police said.

The driver's side window of a blue 1990 Toyota wagon was smashed as it was parked in front of a Glendale residence on July 11. Damage was put at \$250, police said.

Two juveniles from Plainfield were arrested for shoplifting at Nordstroms at Menlo Park Mall July 11. According to police, the duo allegedly attempted to hide \$341 in clothing in a shopping bag and leave the store.

Sometime on the night of July 9-10 a garage at a Paul Street residence was broken into by use of an electric key panel door opener.

A bicycle worth \$464.12 was stolen. The door was shut after the break-in, according to police reports.

An exhaust fan from the roof of Menlo Park Mall was stolen sometime between June 26 and July 8, police said.

On July 10 police arrested Christina Matthews, 18, of

Elizabeth on charges of shoplifting. According to police, Matthews concealed items worth \$268 in a shopping bag while in Macys in Menlo Park Mall, police said.

A two door 1990 Nissan worth \$10,000 was stolen from the parking lot of Menlo Park Mall on July 10, police said.

Two newspaper dispensing machines belonging to the Star Ledger were moved in an attempted robbery sometime between July 5-9. Damage to the machine was put at \$300, police said.

On July 9 police arrested James V. Murphy, 30, of Newark and charged him with shoplifting. According to police, Murphy was removing the anti-theft devices from shirts and hiding them on his person.

Police also state that at the time of his arrest Murphy was wearing a woman's girdle which Murphy claimed was for hiding stolen merchandise.

Metuchen

On July 7 a Norris Avenue residence had a bag of eggs lit on fire on its front lawn. This is the third act of vandalism on Norris Avenue in a month and the second incident where eggs have been involved, police said.

On July 8 police arrested Michael F. Kolesar, 40, of Newark on charges on drinking in public when he was allegedly

seen walking in downtown Main Street near New Street with an open beer in his hands, according to police reports.

Sometime over the night of July 1-2 a blue 1983 Ford pickup truck belonging to a contractor was stolen from an Amboy Avenue parking lot.

The owner of the truck originally thought that an employee had borrowed it and reported it on July 7. The vehicle, along with the various items in it, was worth \$4,500, police said.

On July 10 a Redfield Village resident reported to the police that someone had charged \$1,000 in long distance phone calls. The call were charged to a credit card and took place from April to June, according to police reports.

On July 9 police arrested Lorenzo Vazquez, 45, of Edison and charged him with drinking in public. An investigation revealed that Vazquez was in possession of a false immigration card and a false social security card, police said.

A 21 speed Diamond Back bicycle was stolen from the north side of the train station on July 11. The bike was worth \$350, police said.

Highland Park

A bicycle was reported stolen July 8 from a residence in the 200 block of Dennison Street.

The victim told police the girl's bicycle, which was

unlocked, was taken from the hallway on the left side of the building, according to police.

The bicycle, valued at \$70, was purple with white tires, police said.

A burglary was reported by a Walter Avenue resident July 8, police said.

The resident told police she returned home to find the rear door unlocked and items out of place. Upon walking inside the house, the victim found a suit belonging to her husband on the kitchen floor. Other items were missing and displaced throughout the house, according to police reports.

During the investigation, police found a blue recycling box was used to gain entry through a window into the living area.

A window screen was cut for access into the basement. Two dogs were present in cages at the time of the incident, police said.

Missing were a videocassette recorder, several men's watches and an antique mug, police said.

Police are still investigating. A white 1984 Toyota Camry was reported stolen sometime over the night of July 5-6 from a Cedar Lane residence, police said.

The victim told police the car was parked in a space by the rear door of the residence July 5. By the morning, the car was gone, according to police reports.

BOE, council at odds over taxes, meeting

(Continued from page A-1) opened their tax bills. We are the ones who are called on the carpet when they are the ones responsible this year."

The problem, Cohen said, is that the budget was calculated at a different rate than last year which made it difficult to pick up on a 12 cent per \$100 of assessed valuation increase. The only place where the budget hike appeared was in a bar graph in the board's budget package and in a required publication of the budget in a newspaper. Even then, only those few who knew how to

read budgets would have been able to spot the increase, according to Cohen.

The councilman acknowledged 8 of the 12 cent hike was caused by a loss of \$300,000 in tax relief aid which the board did not know if it would receive when it adopted the budget. However, Cohen said "all indications" from the state were that the aid would not be restored.

"To this date they have never admitted to this fact," said the finance chairman, adding he and Councilman Frank Reff met with school officials April

16, four days before the election, and asked them to call a press conference informing the public of the impending tax increase. The request was refused.

"We asked them not to deceive the public and they disregarded us," added Reff.

However, Martha Blom, Bartle School PTO president, said she was among a group of volunteers who manned a phone bank urging voters to pass the budget.

She noted residents were informed a \$127 tax rise was a possibility if the aid were lost. Additionally, she said the steep hike was mentioned at a board meeting.

During the public portion of the meeting, Blom chided Reff for his comments.

"I was at last night's board

meeting and I never heard anyone say anything disparaging about the council," she said. "I am really disturbed. You just called the school board liars. Shame on you." They didn't do enough to get the word out because very few people knew," responded Cohen.

Councilman Ted Choplick said he and everyone else on the council voted for the budget but added, "We want our word as government officials to mean something."

"We avoided saying anything before because we didn't want it to look like a conflict of interest," he added. "We deliberately took a low image."

Indeed, Cohen called Tuesday night's action, "The second most unpleasant thing I have ever had to do as a council member."

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Residents invited to take time out for ices

EDISON—The owners of Rita's Italian Ices will spend Saturday rewarding their customers dedication the best way they know how, by giving out free Italian ices.

Township residents will be able to beat the summer heat by stopping by Rita's at 2303 Woodbridge Ave. for a fun filled day dedicated to thanking their customers for their continued support.

The festivities will kick off at 1 p.m. with a free bicycle safety check sponsored by the Edison police. Guests will also be eligible to enter a drawing for a free bicycle.

Free Italian ice will be distributed to customers from 1-3 p.m. There will also be an ice cream eating contest, a clown, face painting and other give aways throughout the day.

Rita's Italian Ices is the brainchild of Robert Tumolo, a former firefighter in Philadelphia, who opened a small ice stand in 1984 to supplement his income. His efforts were so successful that in 1989 he began to franchise the business.

Today there are more than 200 stores selling more than 30 million cups of Italian ice a year along the East Coast.

While at the event customers are urged to try not only the 20 flavors of Italian ice but also frozen custard, cream ice, gelati and misto, a blend of Italian ice and custard.

"We're thrilled to be a part of the community and are looking forward to serving the residents of Edison," said new franchise owners Steve and Ira Bakalchuk. "This is our way of giving back to a community that has given Rita's such strong support over the years."

Franchise information can be obtained by calling 1-800-677-RITA.

The Edison store hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

For more information about the Edison Rita's Italian Ices, call (732) 777-0088.

Job training workshops available

EDISON — Nova Vocational and Employment Services has scheduled recruitment workshops featuring officials from large Central New Jersey companies.

All workshops will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Jewish Family and Vocational Service, 10 Franklin Ave. They are free to job seekers and the community. Bring a resume to all workshops.

The schedule, with companies and officials:
July 21, Wakefern Food Corp. (human resources officer Chris Skyers).

July 28, National Starch and Chemical Corp. (recruitment coordinator Ray Hawkins).

Aug. 4, McGraw-Hill Inc. (human resources officer Danielle Shanes).

Aug. 11, Altco Staffing Services (President Rose Altreuter).

Aug. 18, Campbell Soup Co., Northeastern products division (Karen Newman, human resources manager).

Each speaker will discuss career planning and job search techniques unique to her field. For more information, call Larry Jacobs at (732) 738-5225.

Kids Forum to present Chicken Little

METUCHEN — A Kids Forum will present "Chicken Little" Tuesday, July 20 to Saturday, July 31.

Presented live on stage for childbookish chicken who has to save the other barnyard animals when a hungry fox convinces them that the sky is falling.

This is an updated version of the classic fable with lively musical numbers.

Directed and designed by Frank Knox, A Kid's Forum productions are complete with live music and colorful sets. Cast members meet the audience after each performance.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$8 with discounts for groups of 20 or more. Performances will be 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. Wednesday; 11 a.m. Saturdays. The Forum Theater is at 314 Main St. To purchase tickets, call (732) 548-0582.

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Metuchen board outlines goals for 1999-2000 session

By GARY GOVELITZ
STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN — Kindergartners will study conflict resolution and sixth graders will help NASA go to Mars in the 1999-2000 school year.

These are just a few of the goals that the Board of Education have planned for the next school year.

As part of a process of self improvement gone through by school systems each year, township schools have identified areas for each of the schools to concentrate upon.

"Schools with deficits in certain areas of education are required to focus on those areas," said Marsha Holtzman, school administrator. "Schools like Metuchen have more leeway."

In Moss School, grades K-2, the objective is to have ongoing activities teaching non-violent conflict resolution with a goal of at least 85 percent of all students demonstrating proper responses to different emotional and social situations 85 percent of the time.

Moss School students will also begin computer training with 85 percent of the students understanding a variety of computer skills such as being

able to identify computer parts and icons, how to turn on and shut off computers and becoming familiar with the school's computer policy.

Goals such as these are developed through staff and parent interaction in both formal meetings and informal discussions throughout the year.

The third, fourth and fifth graders of Campbell School will increase their knowledge and appreciation of Metuchen through a year-long focus on the borough and its centennial.

Another focus for Campbell School students will be an increased knowledge of how to write and research better and more productive reports.

A special objective for the Campbell School students will be to observe and write about the building activities taking place on school grounds. The construction of new class space will be incorporated into the education process with students linking the activities of the students and teachers within the school to the building activities outside the school. Students will familiarize themselves with such things and ideas as machines, tools, engineering, architecture, landscaping and construction.

Edgar School students will have two very varied objec-

tives: diversity and space exploration.

The goal for the sixth and seventh graders will have a heavy emphasis on diversity with the students attending cultural festivals and participating in classroom discussions on diversity.

Also planned for the students is participation in the Mars Millennium Project being offered by the U.S. Department of Education, NASA and other government organizations. The Mars Project encourages students to study what it takes to make a successful community on Mars and by through this the students learn what it takes to be successful community on Earth.

The students will take courses about Mars and will complete the Science-by-Mail study kit: "Destination Mars."

There will be two objectives for the students at Metuchen High School, speaking skills and science.

During the next school year 90 percent of ninth and 10th graders will be able to give speeches to their peers. The ninth, 10th and 11th graders will all participate in the production of science projects and displays, culminating in a school-wide science fair.



If you don't look good, we don't look good

Heather Jo Pizzulli of Edison, a finalist in the "Be a L'Oreal Kid" Talent Search Contest, receives the star treatment from a stylist at the L'Oreal Salon in New York City. Heather, 3, with her mother Donna, won a four day, three night trip to New York City where she auditioned to appear in an ad campaign for L'Oreal Kids hair care products. Eight grand prize winners will be chosen to appear in the advertisement in the fall.

Vintage radio lands in Edison

By GARY GOVELITZ
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — Another piece of Thomas Alva Edison has returned to the township.

A 1929 Edison Splitdorf radio was donated to the township by Deborah Mendel of Montclair. The radio was a family heirloom. Hoping to find an antique dealer to buy the piece, she began searching the Internet for someone interested in the item.

Mendel soon came upon the name Jack Stanley, who is heading up the Edison Tower Project. The project is raising funds to build a new museum and to refurbish the tower. Stanley informed Mendel that he had the perfect place for it:

the Edison Tower Museum.

According to Edison expert Stanley, there was an ironic history to the radio. It began with experiments that Edison was doing around 1897. He was able to send musical tones 580 feet from one tower to another. Edison never followed up on the project. Years later when Guglielmo Marconi was working on the same wireless form of communication he discovered that Edison held two patents he needed. Marconi went to visit Edison at his Menlo Park lab and Edison took a liking to the young man and sold him the patents for next to nothing.

"He liked to help the underdog," Stanley said.

Eventually, Marconi developed "wireless communications"

and sold his patents to the Radio Corporation of America (RCA). When Edison went into the radio business by buying the Splitdorf Radio Company, it was RCA's less expensive product that put the Edison Splitdorf radio out of business.

Today the radio, which still works, is worth about \$1,500. It only plays am radio stations.

The presentation was made at the museum where the 3-foot high radio will be on display. In accepting the donation, Mayor George Spadaro thanked Mendel and presented her with a present "that we usually reserve for visiting heads of state and dignitaries," the key to the city. A plaque will be placed next to the radio noting her generous gift.

Visitors from New Zealand tour Edison Tower Museum

By GARY GOVELITZ
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — A 12,000 mile journey came to a happy ending at the Edison Tower Museum thanks to Jack Stanley's love of Thomas Alva Edison.

The Edwards family traveled all the way from Hamilton, New Zealand. Its winter there and they were on vacation in the United States. After a visit to Boston, the family wanted to see the Edison Tower.

Ryan Edwards, 12, had written a report on Thomas Edison for school and he and his family wanted to see where the inventor worked.

"All of his information came from the Internet," said his mother Margaret, a New Jersey native whose 12 years of marriage to a New Zealander has given her a heavy accent. "This way he can see it."

The family arrived 10 minutes after the museum locked its doors and this was going to be their only chance to see the tower and museum.

As luck would have it, Jack Stanley was there. He is a self

taught Edison expert and is heading up the township's plans to renovate both the Edison Tower and the small museum next to it.

Stanley graciously offered to give the Edwards a personal tour of the museum and share some of his memories of Theodore Edison, Thomas Alva's youngest son, and of the personal insights into the great man that Theodore had shared with him. He even gave Ryan an original piece of iron ore that had been separated by use of an ore separation process that Edison developed.

The Edwards will be able to return to New Zealand with special memories of Edison, New Jersey.

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Neve Shalom has a full-time rabbi, cantor, and education director. The synagogue sponsors an afternoon religious school, a Hebrew high school, children's Shabbat services, nursery school, nursery summer camp, adult education, adult choir, and clubs for youth of all ages.

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Bear necessities of limiting growth

In the past two weeks, bears have been captured in, of all places, New Brunswick and Middlesex. Municipalities throughout Central Jersey are now trying to develop ways — without offending anyone — of dealing with an exploding deer population. Thirty years ago the sighting of a deer in suburbia was a source of wonder and delight. Now deer are a nuisance, darting in front of cars and munching insatiably on gardens. The wildlife that was once confined to the woods are now in our backyards because, thanks to development, the woods are diminishing.

The bears and the deer are blatant reminders that New Jersey has lost control of development in the last two decades. As the metropolitan sprawl continues to insidiously creep outward from New York City, the natural habitat of wildlife slowly shrinks. That forces the animals to look for food where they shouldn't. Bears in New Brunswick and Middlesex are signs that something has gone terribly wrong in this state.

This is not a problem unique to our part of Central Jersey. Both the northern and southern parts of the state are feeling the same pressure from development. In the past few years, much interest has been generated in regional planning where a few municipalities come together to discuss common concerns and overlapping problems. No municipality in New Jersey is an island; what happens in one is likely to have an impact on its neighbors. Unfortunately, state law has lagged behind this realization; zoning regulations and development are still imperial within a municipality's borders. A municipality can do whatever it wants within its borders without a care for its neighbors.

That's not good for New Jersey, either as a whole or as a collection of 566 individual and unique municipalities. Regional planning is a step in the right direction, but it does not go far enough. What happens, for example, in Hunterdon and Morris counties, has an impact on Somerset and Union counties. And what happens in those counties has an impact their neighbors, and so on. That's why it is important for the state to take a major role in planning and regulating growth.

The recently signed legislation providing money for open space purchases is a good first step. To limit growth even more, the state has to put more teeth in its master plan and reward municipalities who follow it with even more money to help preserve open space. More money must be spent to help the state's struggling farmers and major developers must be required to fully fund the impact of their construction on municipalities. Statewide regulations for development must be tightened, not weakened.

The legislature should tackle these issues as soon as possible. In these prosperous times, the pressure from developers is mounting. The state, counties and municipalities must be armed to withstand these pressures. There is no more precious asset in our state than the environment; we have to act quickly to preserve it.

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Letters to the editor

Metuchen police need new vehicles

To the Editor:

It was disheartening to hear that a council member of the borough of Metuchen recently questioned the need to purchase two new police vehicles.

It was even more peculiar that this issue was brought up at the budget adoption meeting rather than the budget proposal meeting back in February 1999. At the Feb. 1 meeting I personally was present and equipped with the ability to discuss options and objections from the members of the council. However, at that time there was very little concern from the council that this was a questionable issue. It appeared all members realized the need to have a reliable police emergency fleet of vehicles.

With this resurfacing I feel compelled to assure the residents of Metuchen that the purchase of two new police cars is a vital necessity and is supported by the mayor and remaining council members.

The reason for this purchase is to replace two worn out police vehicles. My main concern is for the safety and security of the community the Metuchen Police Department serves. In order to address this concern properly there are a variety of considerations I am faced with. One essential factor is emergency equipment. Without the proper, reliable equipment the most highly skilled police officers would not be able to perform the tasks required to perform the job. Included in this equipment is the police department's vehicle fleet. Without a reliable fleet of police cars we would not be able to fully func-

tion.

I would like the residents of Metuchen to be assured that the police department does not spend tax dollars on unnecessary purchases. If we ask for new police cars it is because we need them to provide an effective, efficient service.

In fact we strive to manage our vehicle fleet as efficiently as possible. This includes rotation of certain vehicles; maintenance schedules; inspection of cars; research of vehicles and related equipment (such as emergency lights, sirens, radios, etc.) and maintenance of the invaluable emergency medical equipment the cars are supplied with. Our system is streamline and prudent, and in order to remain this way we need to purchase new police vehicles periodically.

The maintenance of the police department's fleet is a major priority in providing the best services to the residents. Not to mention the image reflected to the public and the safety issue of our police efforts.

I would hope that anyone with concerns related to police equipment would feel free to discuss the issue with me. I would gladly address any concerns and openly listen to any suggestions in the effort to improve the Metuchen Police Department and the services we provide.

CHIEF JAMES T. KEANE
METUCHEN
Police Department

Volunteers help run outdoor concerts

To the Editor:

This summer marks the eighth year that the Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission is offering free outdoor concerts for the general public.

Funded through grants from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Borough Council of Metuchen, the concert series is an opportunity for the community to be entertained while also being introduced to diverse forms of music from around the world, in order to introduce the public to different cultures.

All the musical performers are asked to speak to the audience throughout their concert in order to explain the origins of the instruments and music being presented. Many of the concerts are video taped by local cable access, channel 34, so that thousands of local residents can also benefit from the programs.

The Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission continues to try to keep the costs of the concerts down by looking to volunteers and financial donations. Again this year, David Frizell has donated his Main Street property as the location for four of the concerts. Located in the center of downtown, the former bank, now home of the Board of Education, is easy to find and roomy for people to set up lawn chairs.

Two local businesses have also assisted the commission by offering to help pay for the cost of two con-

certs. The Westerhoff School of Music and Art, on Amboy Avenue, is sponsoring the July 29 concert, which will feature the Saturday Brass Quintet.

The Main Street Trattoria, a popular restaurant will be co-sponsoring the Aug. 12 concert featuring the Dan Crisci Quartet. The commission is hoping that more private individuals and businesses will offer to sponsor programs next year when Metuchen will be celebrating its centennial.

In addition, METV, the local cable channel, video tapes many of the concerts with a mostly volunteer group of camera and sound people led by Rich Desimone. Nancy Goldberg of Metuchen Recreation spends hours finalizing locations, setting up advertising and contacting the talent.

The Cultural Arts Commission assist by putting up posters around town, writing press releases and setting up and pulling down the staging at the different concert venues.

So as you can see, putting on these concerts takes a lot of work. We hope that more people will volunteer in the future. If you are interested, call Nancy Goldberg at (732) 632-8502.

DAVID KATZ
Metuchen
Cultural Arts Commission

The 'silly season' has arrived again

To the Editor:

As if the heat wave weren't bad enough, the Silly Season of politics is back with us again (early) as demonstrated at the July 6 Metuchen council meeting.

For lack of anything else to fault, the two Republican council persons (one as his swan song) made 11th hour objections to the budget, a subject of discussion for many months during which they were notably silent. Their attempt to cozy up to the taxpayers by eliminating funds for two badly needed police cars was, in a word, ludicrous. Obviously, this tactic was employed to stir up political controversy and to deliberately mislead the more "casual" voter.

Look around Metuchen and you will see a thriving, busy, friendly community. Attend or watch a council meeting, for the past three 1/2 years they've been efficient, cordial and respectful. Must the Republican Party repeat their tiresome tactics and

use the time allocated to borough government for irresponsible political attacks and must they start mid-year as well?

Yes, we will pay increased taxes because of school improvements and additions which have been sorely needed for years and which will serve our community well for years to come.

The municipal budget itself, however, shows no increase. The state of New Jersey, in its infinite Republican wisdom, has seen fit to penalize Metuchen for its fiscal responsibility by a pattern of steadily decreasing monetary assistance. Perhaps the Republican candidates would like to address that issue?

CLAIRE EISENSTEIN
Metuchen

The writer is chairwoman of the Metuchen Democratic Municipal Committee

OFT TOLD TALES

By
Gary Introne



Political bickering has started

Getting things done would seem to be a simple matter. All one has to do is to first decide what it is one wishes to achieve, and then go about achieving it. An intelligent use of procedure and explanation would be enough.

It seems, however, increasingly difficult to attain such ends. The difficulty is made harder, these days, by the complex squabbling and insincere grandstanding which we must all be subject to.

Last week's Borough Council meeting in Metuchen, for example, was a particularly grueling example of local politics crash-landing. Assembled in one room were all of the participants and observers needed to undertake intelligent and essential change. Specific counter moves notwithstanding, a budget was passed and certain comments made — each, in their own way, benefiting those who said them.

This meeting, held in a different location than the usual council chambers, seemed to suffer from the move. The portrait gallery of past mayors, the somewhat dour surroundings, and the quaint, bubbling wall-coverings were all missing. The lack of them changed the import of the meeting, as if a continuity with the past was missing. Once that littler shackle of tradition is gone, it seems, strange things happen.

The Republicans, inveterate under achievers that they are, suddenly were energized enough to put forward objections and nays which had been missing before. Objectionable portions of the budget were never specifically mentioned, except for an unrealized dream of deleting one or two new police cars.

What was offered, instead, from the sitting council members and others in the gallery, were the usual boilerplate comments in hindsight about voting against the specific budget for which they had sat in session reviewing without objections for two months. When pressed as to why, they were unable to say. In the words of the mayor, the "silly season" was once again underway.

If that is politics, then, I say, let it be. An assembled gallery of opponents objecting for the sake of objecting doesn't seem like much to boast of. The previous meeting, it was a lack of insurance bids which was the political issue. I felt the mayor answered that well enough by stating the obvious — the system underway was still too new to attract the policy histories needed for competitive quotes.

This meeting, the big issue was supposed exceptional accounting procedures for which Metuchen was at fault. Once again, I thought, the auditors present made it clear that this was standard verbiage in the state of New Jersey — which does not use GAP for its municipalities. It didn't seem sensible to make issues of things where issues really did not exist.

Where an issue existed, and where a real chance of progress was possible, was in the mayor's request to the Republicans voting no to say exactly where and what they would cut in order to lower taxes. No one jumped at that chance. The political practitioners blanched at the opportunity thereby extending to the mayor the sense of an issues victory. That, I felt, was too bad, for the answer really does exist.

Tax relief is a right. Although there has been no increase of late, you can be sure that bunched up in the neck of that tax snake is an increase which will eventually have to come out. A 7 percent increase for some of the departments just this year will, eventually, have to come from someplace.

An answer to the mayor should have been that an immediate 10 percent cut should be implemented across the board.

Each department, sorry to say, is flush with excess funding. Year after year, they are catered to in ways the average citizen never is. There is no right for their expectation of continued increased funding.

Letters to the editor

Reader brings up numerous issues

To the Editor:
What does the president of the United States and Congress have in common with the postmaster general and his staff?

They all don't give care about the American people and the workers that have made, and continue to make this country great.

It is time that the postal general started to take care of the army of men and women that deliver more mail than just about any two countries carriers combined.

One U.S. letter carrier delivers more mail in one day than any carrier in another country delivers in two to four days.

It is high time that the postal service started to share the wealth it has with the carriers that work in all kinds of weather and make sure that all the checks, bills and yes the so called junk mail gets to the people.

Other than regular expenditures, the bulk of that \$5 billion profit will end up in some deep pockets, other than the letter carriers.

All this sounds like Congress sucking up our hard earned money, doesn't it?

Good Luck letter carriers.

Someone wrote about the tragedy of the bombing of Hiroshima. They remember that but the Japanese bombing Pearl Harbor was OK?

The Hatch Act is the same idea as the separation of church and state.

Under the Hatch Act, government officials can't tell the workers how to vote and workers couldn't campaign for their political favorites but still could vote.

Separation doesn't allow the government to tell people how to worship and the church doesn't tell people how to vote, but yet people worship as they please.

The new bill to permit the Ten Commandments to be posted in public places is just that a permit. Nobody has to read this, thus there is no church involved.

The reason many students just mouth the pledge of allegiance is that they don't understand the meaning of this pledge.

Our history books are leaving out too many important events and there seems little to pledge.

The U.S. government has been known to go back on its word many times. Ask the Native Americans that the U.S. has broken over 300 treaties.

As for the problem with Russia in Kosovo, how come our CIA didn't see the Russians move in?

NATO will now have a ball with Russia and Yugoslavia.

We do need campaign finance reform. Maybe voting for one with least money may save us yet.

TED ZYCHLINSKI
South Plainfield

Police profiling and promotions

To the Editor:
About police promotions and profiling:

Those officers who had "norming" working for them to get the job will find that "norming" works against them to get a promotion.

Has profiling become a self-fulfilling prophecy?

(Say for instance) it was noticed early-on in the drug wars that drug dealers wore striped shirts — just a coincidence.

A practice was quickly formed from the coincidence: "pull-over" stripe shirt drivers

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for the most minor traffic offense — and "eye-ball" his car for possible signs of drug possession.

Sure enough: three of 10 had drugs. Four of 10 plaid shirt drivers were getting away with trafficking while three were getting arrested.

It's easy to imagine the drug "king pins" response: Let them catch the stripe shirts with ounces; while we ship pounds with plaid shirt drivers.

ED JONES JR.
Metuchen

State detective agency is a relic from another era

By PETER J. BARNES Jr.

Thomas Paine wrote in "Common Sense," "A body of men holding themselves accountable to nobody ought not to be trusted by anybody." He said this over 200 years ago and New Jersey still hasn't caught on.

Did you know that the state of New Jersey sanctions a group of 25 men called the New Jersey Detective Agency? This is cause for alarm, because the entity's members believe they retain full police power but are not accountable to the very state that gave them this power or anyone else for that matter. Further, none of those 25 men have to be a licensed private detective to be a member of the NJDA. Amazingly enough, 13 of the 25 members have absolutely no law enforcement background at all. And while just one member has a permit to carry a handgun, when asked by the State Commission on Investigation, 20 members admitted to carrying handguns without permits. Reportedly, NJDA members possess over 200 guns. Most of the members claim that they are exempt from the law. They are not.

The NJDA was created by the state in 1871 in order to supplement what was then inadequate police forces unable to fully protect citizens, prevent and investigate crime. With very few municipalities providing for their own full-time police forces, the NJDA was born out of a legitimate purpose. But at the time of its inception, there were no requirements for training, certification or oversight of NJDA members.

Persons become members of the NJDA via a vote by mem-

James Madison students bring sunflowers to life

EDISON — Recently, sunflowers came alive at James Madison Primary School.

This living garden featured smiling and singing sunflowers, who were actually the kindergarten students in Mrs. Filson's, Mrs. Zashin's, Mrs. Milton's, and Miss Smoke's classes. Each student held a handmade sunflower mask. They sang for a very appreciative audience of their peers and parents.

The sunflower theme was appropriate because of the huge growth that students show from the beginning of school in September to the completion of kindergarten in June.

In addition to the sunflower presentation, Miss Smoke's students were disguised as animals

Guest commentary

bers. A person would be brought before the agency and discussed for membership, just like a lodge or a fraternity. Upon acceptance of the new member, a certificate of election would be forwarded to the secretary of state's office and the governor then issued a commission to the individual. He is also issued a badge containing the seal of the state of New Jersey. Many commissions are passed from father to son, often making membership a family tradition. Most members are unsure as to their exact duties. Essentially their commission allows a member to contract private work for profit without any state oversight despite the fact that he uses an official state badge and credentials in his private work.

Over time New Jersey's system of law enforcement has evolved into one of great experience, training, regulation and accountability. Currently 556 law enforcement agencies employ more than 34,000 full-time police officers and more than 10,000 fulltime civilian employees. These agencies exist at all levels of government — municipal, county and state.

They include 494 municipal forces, 21 county police forces, the State Police, the Division of Criminal Justice, three county police departments and three county park police departments. In short, the law enforcement community of 1999 stands in sharp contrast to the one of 1871 and it is

capable of fulfilling all of its responsibilities without the assistance of an unsupervised, untrained shadow agency such as the NJDA. The NJDA is simply an anachronism, long outliving its original purpose.

Indeed, on Dec. 9, 1997 the State Commission on Investigation released a report on the NJDA echoing this position. In that report the SCI said, "The Commission concludes that while the NJDA long ago may have served a valid function to augment law enforcement in New Jersey, it fulfills no legitimate purpose today. On the contrary, the Agency's existence poses a distinct danger to the community — a danger recognized by a full spectrum of key law enforcement officials. The NJDA is a tragedy waiting to happen. The legislative act that created it should be repealed."

The report enumerated instances in which state law enforcement officers have been impeded or even put in danger by NJDA members interfering with a criminal investigation. According to the report, a number of NJDA members claimed that they routinely stop along the highways to back up police officers on motor vehicle stops. Such action poses a threat to police officers who are not familiar with NJDA members and must be concerned about their security from a second source. This danger is com-

pounded by NJDA members' lack of formal training and insufficient knowledge of proper police procedures. The safety of the general public is also compromised by the NJDA, as the public could easily confuse an NJDA member with a sworn law enforcement officer.

The NJDA has survived on sheer inertia over the years. It was repealed by the Legislature in 1939 only to be reinstated by the state Supreme Court on a technicality. The state saw no need for the NJDA 60 years ago and we are still trying to rid ourselves of this entity. My bill, A. 1675, would disband this shadow agency by repealing its 128-year-old charter before a real tragedy occurs. This proposal, currently being blocked by state Sen. Gerald Cardinale, should be passed without petty politics interfering with its dissolution. Cardinale has reportedly stated that the state should increase the membership of the NJDA and not abolish it. The NJDA is a dangerous and obsolete relic of the 19th century. As such, it is my hope that good public policy and simple common sense will prevail by dispatching the NJDA into oblivion, where it belongs.

The writer is an assemblyman from the 18th District, which includes Metuchen and Edison. He also is a former director of public safety in Edison.

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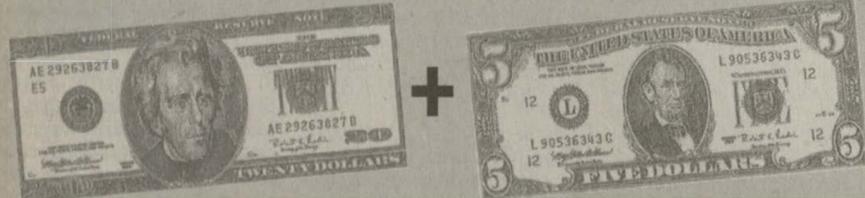
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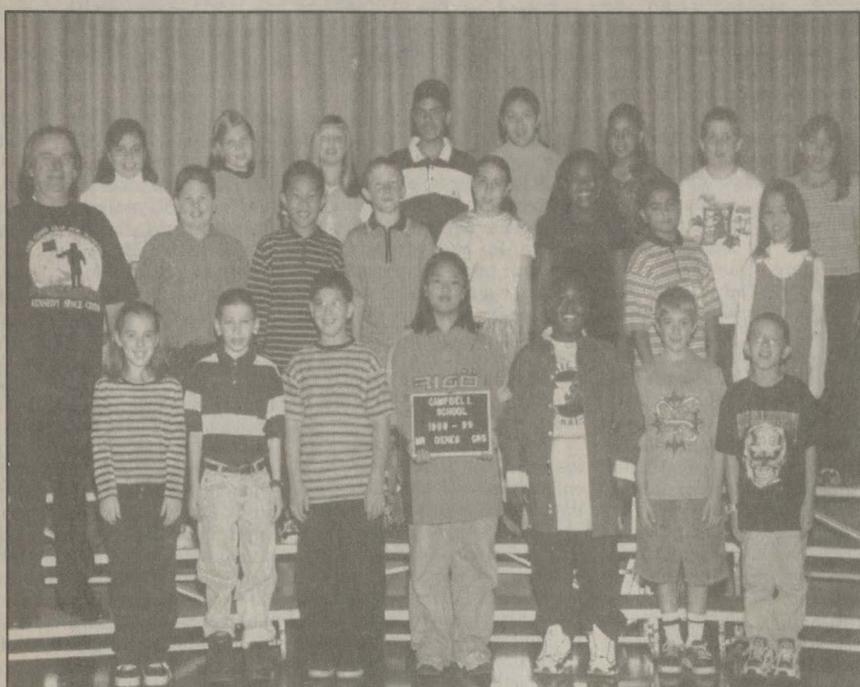
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Community Life



T-shirts, shorts and diversity are the order of the day for Mr. Denes's 1999 fifth grade class.

Edgar School teacher recalls changes in 39-year teaching career

By GARY GOVELITZ

STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN — Dress codes, greater respect for teachers, the Ten Commandments posted in class. These are not a list of issues facing Congress. These are the recollections of Richard Denes as he ended a teaching career that began in 1960.

"It was the beginning of the transition from the old style of teaching to the new," he said. "The beginning of the transition was just beginning at Monmouth College when I was there, but basically I was taught under the old style, memorization, home work and repetition. The closest thing we had to technology was the occasional 16mm film. Back then we would have as many as 35 students per class, but you know, we got by."

Denes was born and raised in Perth Amboy. To earn money he pumped gas at the Shell Station at the corner of Convery Boulevard and Brunswick Avenue.

1960 was a big year for him. In May he graduated from Monmouth College. On July 23 he married his wife June, in August he signed a contract to teach at Edgar School and in September he began teaching fifth grade.

"Warren Butler was the superintendent of schools and he said 'we will take a chance on you,'" he recalled. At the time he was the only

male teacher in Edgar School.

"There was a lot of fear and apprehension for me, beginning my first class. But I had a good stroke of luck. Mrs. Beatrice Miller was the fifth grade teacher in the room next to me and she took me under her wing and was a great help. She guided me in the first year. They had a retirement party for me at the Raritan Yacht Club in New Brunswick and she was there. It was a great honor," Denes said.

Throughout his working career he has kept hustling: In the summers he worked for the Board of Education both in summer school and maintenance.

He now he looks forward to some "modest traveling." He also sells and repairs Lionel trains as part of a growing business run out of his garage.

He has two children, Richard Jr., who works for the Metuchen Board of Education; and Sherri Guarino of Jackson; and three grandchildren to help keep him busy.

Reflecting upon his 39 years in the borough's school district, he believes that many things have changed from September 1960.

"I believe that the discipline has changed. The old time respect that kids had for adults is not there as it used to be," he said.

His philosophy of teaching over the years has been simple, "If it was good enough for 1960 it's good enough for 1999."



Pants and collars for boy and dresses for girls are what these future members of the class of '68 wore to school in 1960. Novice teacher Richard Denes wore a jacket and tie every day. Edgar principal Dorothy Gaydos is on the right.

'Central Station' will be presented Monday

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., will begin its summer foreign film festival this week.

All screenings will be 2 and 7:30 p.m. Monday during July and August. Admission is free. Seating is limited; tickets will be available beginning one hour before shows.

Features are presented in the original language with English subtitles. The schedule:

July 19 — "Central Station" (Brazil, 1997). It received Academy Award nominations for best foreign-language feature and, in a surprise, for best actress (Fernanda Montenegro). The story brings

together a middle-age woman in Rio de Janeiro and a 9-year-old boy she accompanies on a search for his father.

July 26 — "The Celebration" (Denmark, 1997). A "family reunion gone wrong" movie, shot only with handheld cameras and available light.

Aug. 2 — "The Thief" (Russia, 1997). The mother of a 6-year-old son is seduced by a Soviet army officer who turns out to be a criminal.

Aug. 9 — "The Inheritors" (Austria, 1997). A farmer in 1930s Austria bequeaths his farm to peasants on the premise that they will kill each other out of greed.

Aug. 16 — "Gadjo Dilo" (France, 1997). A man who

seeks out Romany musicians comes across what Gypsy life is like.

Aug. 23 — "Deep Crimson" (Mexico, 1997). This comedy-cum-vampire story takes place south of the border after World War II.

Aug. 30 — "The Monster" (Italy, 1996). Also starring Benigni, this comedy was Italy's highest-grossing locally produced movie until it was surpassed by "Life is Beautiful."

For more information, call (732) 632-8526. The festival is sponsored by the Metuchen Public Library Board of Trustees endowment fund and the Friends of the Metuchen Library.

Young authors take on literary careers with writing scholarships

METUCHEN — The borough has been a writer's haven for more than 100 years. The tradition continues, as the borough's young authors again win the first down payment on their literary careers with the announcement of the Citizens for Quality Education (CQE) writing scholarships.

The awards in the high school and Edgar School are given to the students for their success in writing projects required of all 12th and 7th graders.

The high school winner, Sumitra Mattai, will receive \$1,000 for her study of a contemporary Asian writer, "Bharati Mukherjee and the South Asian Diaspora." She will attend the Rhode Island School of Design in September. The seventh grade winner Lisa Grossman will receive \$50 for her biographical essay on Rachel Carson. Jamie Zweibel will receive \$25 for her paper on Mother Theresa.

According to Amy Opitz, President of CQE, "The scholarships help students connect the quality of their work in school today with he work they will have to do in college. Writing is the basic requirement for success in higher education. We want to motivate the high school students to become writers now."

The high school assignment, developed by the English staff as a requirement for all seniors, was to develop a thesis integrating literature and another discipline, such as social studies or math.

The students were required to read at least two works of the writer.

Of the winner, Sumitra, her English teacher Frances Stevens said, "Sumitra has contributed to this year's A.P. English class by sharing her native culture, arts and literature with the other students. She has allowed Metuchen students to develop a greater understanding of and appreciation for the Indian culture." The senior has attended Middlesex County Arts High School for fiction and was an active participant in this year's Writers Workshop.

John Novak, principal of Metuchen High School, said, "The CQE Scholarship continues to support our curricular goals of interdisciplinary learning and writing across the curriculum."

The winner of the CQE Edgar School Writing Award is Lisa Grossman for her essay "Biography of Rachel Louise Carson." Ms. Grossman's English teacher is Mrs. Hogan.

For the Edgar School award, the assignment, developed by the English teachers for the 7th grade writing project, was to write a biographical essay about an individual who had an impact on the Twentieth Century. Students had to explore the nature of that impact and examine the outcomes from the individual's life and work.

Opitz said of the Edgar award, "The seventh grade is a good point for getting kids excited about writing. We hope

that students get as excited about their high school assignments as they were with this essay project."

"We're very pleased with the quality of student work this year," said Ed Joyce, principal of Edgar. "Citizens for Quality Education demonstrates to our students that people outside this building care about what they do. Good work gets rewarded."

According to Therese Snyder, Supervisor of English, "Our teachers are always looking for tools to improve student writing."

CQE's award is such a tool and we have used it to great effect this year."

The MHS award was presented during the High School's Convocation—a traditional awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 16, at 7:30 PM. The Edgar award was presented during that school's graduation ceremony, Tuesday, June 22 at 10:00 am.

The following are the runners up in the high school competition: Jesse Clemens who will attend New York University; Rose Guglielmelli, going to Drew University; Ugochi Okorie, headed for University of Pennsylvania; and Brianne Dopart, who will attend Smith College.

The teachers on the high school review committee were D. Kuenzel, C. Schneider, and T. Synder.

Teachers on the Edgar Committee were J. Hollenbeck, E. Goldstein, Principal Ed Joyce, and T. Synder.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

Edison Senior Adult Club
Activities for the Senior Adult Club at the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County, 1775 Oak Tree Road:

Aug. 2-3 — Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I., and Mystic Marinelife Aquarium in Mystic, Conn. Accommodations, kosher dinner, kosher breakfast and gratuities are included. Cost per person, double occupancy, is \$190 for members and \$210 for non-members.

Thursday, Aug. 5 — Luncheon, noon. Cost is \$1.75 for members and \$3 for non-members; non-members may attend twice before membership is required.

Thursday, Aug. 12 — "Unforgettable" musical revue at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Cost is \$45 for members and \$49 for non-members.

Transportation, full-course lunch and dessert buffet are included.

Sept. 14 — Tour of Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, Pa.). Cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members.

The bus will leave the JCC 10 a.m. and return 6 p.m. Members have first preference to register through Aug. 17; registration closes Aug. 25.

Oct. 19 — "Carmen" with the New York City Opera. Cost is \$95 for members and \$105 for non-members; dinner is included.

Members have first preference to register through July 30. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by Aug. 13.

Registration is required for Senior Adult Club programs; call (732) 494-3232.

Advantage Program

EDISON — A Spinning Wheel demonstration will be held 11 a.m. July 20 at the Edison Public Library.

Jane Chrysostom, a township

The Advantage program is open to people 55 and older.

New members are always welcome. Activities planned:

Monday, July 26 — "Unforgettable" musical at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse (Hampton). Cost is \$48.50.

Tuesday, July 27 — "Never Too Late" at Lunch & Laughter (Bridgewater). Cost of \$37.50.

Wednesday, Aug. 18 — Luncheon cruise around Manhattan aboard The Lady, paddle-wheel riverboat.

Cost of \$43 per person. The cruise will leave 9 a.m. from Liberty Landing Marina in Liberty State Park.

Sept. 7-8 — Victorian Cape May. Cost is \$140 per person, double occupancy; at least 40 people must be registered for this trip.

Sept. 22 — Bronx Zoo. Cost is \$25; lunch is available in the zoo or bring your own.

Sept. 28 — "Beau Jest" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Cost is \$45.

Sept. 29 — Oktoberfest at Brownstone House (Paterson). Cost is \$44.

Oct. 4-7 — Virginia Beach, Va. Cost is \$240 per person, double occupancy; at least 35 people must be registered for this trip.

Oct. 11 — "To Italy with Love" at Brownstone House. Cost is \$44.

Transportation, meals, taxes and gratuities are included in all costs. For more information, call (800) 222-3116.

Advantage Program Excursions
Excursions planned for members of the Advantage program:

Oct. 1 — "Arizona Deserts, Canyons and Casinos" in

Nevada. Cost per person is \$979 double occupancy or \$1,229 single occupancy.

Nov. 12 — "Reflections of Italy." Cost per person is \$1,909 triple occupancy, \$1,939 double occupancy or \$2,339 single occupancy. Passports are required.

Dec. 4-11 — Cruise of Puerto Rico, St. Lucia, Barbados, Martinique, Antigua and St. Thomas. Cost per person is \$1,198 inside cabin or \$1,398 outside cabin, double occupancy. A \$250 deposit is required.

For more information, call

Connie at (732) 602-0400.

AARP Chapter 3446
No general meetings are scheduled in July or August; the next general meeting will be Sept. 20.

The chapter is sponsoring a trip July 22-25 to Pittsburgh, Pa. A riverboat dinner cruise with Jimmy Sturr & His Orchestra is included. For more information, call Helen Rader at (732) 738-7441.

Metuchen

AARP Chapter 3208

Trips planned by the AARP chapter:

Oct. 15 — Cornucopia Princess cruise from Perth Amboy. Cost of \$43 includes a full-course lunch. For tickets, call Felonese Kelley at (732) 548-2362.

Dec. 2 — Mount Haven in the Poconos. Cost of \$48 includes breakfast buffet, entertainment and dinner buffet. For tickets, call Marie Kolwicz at (732) 548-0137.

Senior Citizens Center

The center is sponsoring a trip Aug. 9-18 to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada. Included are nine nights lodging; 18 meals; an overnight ferry ride; tours of Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Baddeck, the Cabot Trail, Charlottetown, St. John and Reversing Falls.

Cost is \$1,045 per person, double occupancy. For reservations, call (732) 632-8524.

Visit the library for a spinning wheel demonstration

This program is open to adults and children. The library is at 340 Plainfield Ave.

To register, call (732) 287-2298, Ext. 1.

Jean Telesco Carbone

METUCHEN — Jean T. Telesco Carbone, 74, died June 24, 1999 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She had been a homemaker.

Mrs. Carbone was born in New Rochelle, N.Y. She lived in Scarsdale, N.Y., before moving to Metuchen in 1993.

She was a member of the Metuchen Senior Citizens Club and American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 3208 in the borough. Mrs. Carbone was a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Her husband, Vincent G., died Jan. 24, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters,

Audrey Gloff Moroz

EDISON — Audrey Gloff Moroz, 72, died July 4, 1999 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She lived in her native Fords and in Edison before moving to Martinsville in 1987.

A homemaker, Mrs. Moroz was a member of the Women's Guild at St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church in Perth Amboy.

Her husband, John, died in 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Day of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Linda Stevens of Martinsville; a brother, Rudolph

Nellie Hanson Johnson

EDISON — Nellie Hanson Johnson, 104, died July 2, 1999 at JFK Medical Center. A homemaker, she was born in Perth Amboy and had lived in Edison since 1979.

Mrs. Johnson was a past matron of Raritan Chapter 58, Order of the Eastern Star, and a worthy district deputy for the Eighth District, Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of Freja Lodge 36 in Edison and sang in the choir of Grace Lutheran Church in Perth

Antoinette Hoffner

EDISON — Antoinette Bianca Hoffner, 81, died July 6, 1999 at the Willow Creek Rehabilitation and Care Center in Somerset. She retired in 1980 after more than 25 years as the owner of Norman's Beauty Salon in Edison and in Somerset.

Mrs. Hoffner was born in New Brunswick and lived in that city before moving to Edison in 1957. She was a member of the Middlesex County Hairdressers Association and the Ladies

Mary Esposito

EDISON — Mary Esposito, 86, died July 4, 1999 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was born in Madison and lived in Clark before moving to Edison in 1969.

Mrs. Esposito is survived by three sons, Anthony Jr. of South Plainfield, Edward of Basking Ridge and James of Woodbridge; a sister, Raffaella Anderson, and two brothers, Frank Cerciello and James Cerciello, all of Florida; 10

Edith R. Sanders

METUCHEN — Edith R. Sanders, 87, died July 9, 1999 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was born in New Bedford, Mass.

Mrs. Sanders lived in Hillside, Linden, Colonia and Toms River before moving to Metuchen 1 1/2 years ago.

She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and formerly a member of the Linden Presbyterian

Anna Powelson

EDISON — Anna C. Powelson, 86, died July 5, 1999 at the Delaire Nursing and Convalescent Center in Linden. She was born in New York City.

Mrs. Powelson lived in Iselin, Plainfield and Edison before moving to Linden in 1998.

Surviving are a brother, Alex Koral; and many nieces and nephews.

Klaus F. Niermann

EDISON — Klaus F. Niermann, 41, died July 3, 1999 at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in Manhattan. He had been a computer programmer for the past eight years with Amerex Inc. of Avenel.

Mr. Niermann was born in Duesseldorf, Germany, and lived in Newark before moving to Edison in 1964.

He played in the Edison Men's

Francis S. Bunk

EDISON — A memorial Mass was celebrated yesterday at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church for Francis S. Bunk, 58, who died July 4, 1999 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was born in Windber, Pa. Mr. Bunk lived in Newark, Irvington, Maplewood and

Jean Torzilli of Metuchen and Judy of Carmel, N.Y.; two sons, Patrick of Washington, D.C., and Nicholas of Alabama; four sisters, Marie Bogart of Stamford, Conn., Mary Montesione of New Rochelle, Anne Estatico of Pelham, N.Y., and Gertrude Gallo of Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; five brothers, Joseph Telesco of Eastchester, N.Y., Daniel Telesco of New Rochelle, Anthony Telesco of Florida, Dominick Telesco of Yorktown Heights and Peter Telesco of Scarsdale; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 28 at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, following services at the Koyen Funeral Home.

Gloff of Carteret; four sisters, Elaine Fischer of Toms River, Bernice Olsen of Holmdel, Dolores Watkins of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Janice Eaton of Charleston, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held July 7 at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a service at St. Paul's Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, 100 Madison Ave., Morristown, N.J. 07960, or St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church.

Amboy.

Her husband, John A., died in 1985. Surviving are two daughters, Alberta Pfeiffer of Perth Amboy and Norma Seeger of Bakeslee, Pa.; a son, Jack of Bloomington, Minn., and Gateway, Mont.; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great-grandchildren and a great-great-great-grandchild.

Services were held July 6 at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a service at Grace Lutheran Church.

Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117.

A daughter, Maria, died in 1968. Surviving are her husband, Norman; a son, Norman of Milltown; a sister, Lee Marcano of Florida; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at St. Mary of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, New Brunswick, following services at the Selover Funeral Home in North Brunswick.

grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Anthony Sr., and another son, Neil, are deceased.

Services were held July 7 at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 1 Bleeker St., Millburn, N.J. 07041.

Church.

Her husband, Stanley G., died in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Sylvia S. Woodfield of Metuchen; a sister, Edna Lamb of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Centenary United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home.

Two sisters, Netti Koral and Mary Jordon, and another brother, William Koral, are deceased.

Services were held July 7 at the Gosselin Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, N.J. Affiliate Memorial Programs, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902-4301.

Softball League.

His father, Werner, died in 1986. Surviving are his mother, Hildegard of Edison; an aunt, Christa Droegge of New Jersey; and several cousins.

Private arrangements were by the Boylan Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Liver Foundation, 1425 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009.

Miami, Fla., before moving to Edison several months ago.

Surviving are four daughters, Genette Baykara and Gina, both of Edison, Susan of Somers Point and Anna Marie Sitko of New Jersey; a brother, George of Helmetta; a sister, Margaret Baistow of Howell; and four grandchildren.

Obituaries

Sidney Graybar

EDISON — Sidney Graybar died Monday, July 12, 1999 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Plainfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Edison a year ago. He also maintained a home in California.

Mr. Graybar was a 1938 graduate of the Stinson School of Aviation in Long Island City, N.Y.

He was the owner of Graybar Builders in Scotch Plains for 45 years, retiring in 1987.

Mr. Graybar was a board member of the New Jersey Planning Officials and served on the City

Council in Plainfield.

He was a member of the Rotary Club and Congregation Beth Israel, both of Scotch Plains; and Temple New Tamid and the B'nai B'rith both of Rancho Bernardo, Calif.

Surviving are his wife, Suzanne; a daughter, Sheila Plaskon of Long Branch; a stepdaughter, Kim Poolman of Carlisle, Pa.; a step-son, Mark Podolle of Elon College, N.C.; a sister, Sydelle Liebman of Marlboro; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday, July 14, at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

Florence Lachenmayer

EDISON — Florence Loetzer Lachenmayer, 93, died July 7, 1999 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She retired in 1968 after 38 years as a third grade teacher in the Edison school system.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and lived in Edison for most of her life.

Mrs. Lachenmayer also was the longtime superintendent of the Sunday school at the First Baptist Church of Highland Park, of which she was a charter member and a deaconess. She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 190 in Highland Park.

Surviving are a son, George William Lachenmayer of Plainsboro; a daughter, Joyce Dey of East Brunswick; a brother, Stanley Loetzer of Albuquerque, N.M.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, L. George Lachenmayer, died in 1988. Another daughter, Sandra Hipko, died in 1995.

Services were held Monday at the Selover Funeral Home, North Brunswick, followed by a service at the First Baptist Church of Highland Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Highland Park.

Samuel F. Squire

PISCATAWAY — Samuel F. Squire, 88, died July 10, 1999, at the Carpenter Care Nursing Home in Tunkhannock, Pa.

Mr. Squire was born on a farm in Livingston and moved to a farm in Piscataway. He joined the Army in 1932 and was stationed in the Philippines for three years.

He was employed as a truck mechanic at Camp Kilmer, and operated a gas station and garage in Piscataway. He also worked for Moore's Trucking Co. in Piscataway.

Mr. Squire was active as one of Jehovah's Witnesses for 36 years.

A member of the Middlesex congregation, he assisted in many of the conventions held by the Witnesses.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Mehrkam Squire; a sister, Dora Osborne of Piscataway; two daughters, Betty McCarthy of Factoryville, Pa. and Jane Keen of Deltona, Fla.; two sons, Donald of Phillipsburg and Samuel, Jr. of Mays Landing; 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Middlesex.

Anna Kolenski

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Anna Shinkle Kolenski, 79, died Saturday, July 11, 1999 at home.

Born in Kitnersville, Pa., she lived in South Plainfield for 20 years. She lived in Upper Black Eddy, Pa. and Kitnersville before moving to Bernardsville a year ago.

Mrs. Kolenski was a homemaker. Her husband, Anthony R. Kolenski Sr. died in 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Charolette Musick of New

Mexico, Sandra Busbey of California; three sons, Michael Shinkle of South Plainfield, Mark Shinkle of Bernardsville, Charles Shinkle of Westfield, Mass.; a step-daughter, Joanne Erwin of Jamesburg; a step-son, Anthony R. Kolenski Jr. of Scotch Plains; three sisters, one brother, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Private services were handled by McCriscin Home for Funerals of South Plainfield.

Robert John Weidele

EDISON — Robert John "Boots" Weidele, 68, died July 5, 1999 at the Roosevelt Care Center. He had been a decorated Marine, factory worker, reader and bingo player.

He was born in Newark and had lived in Edison since 1961.

Mr. Weidele joined the Marine Corps in 1948; he was promoted to corporal in 1951 and saw combat as a machine gunner in southern and central Korea. He was awarded a Purple Heart for

wounds suffered in Korean War combat.

In civilian life Mr. Weidele was a stockman with General Motors Corp. at its vehicle assembly plant in Linden, where he began work in 1952.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Lesko Weidele; two sons, Robert C. and John R.; a daughter, Carol A.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at the Rusciano Funeral Home in Highland Park.

Joseph Pascal

EDISON — Joseph G. Pascal, 66, died July 3, 1999 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He had been a maintenance worker at the Metropark railroad station in Iselin, retiring in 1983.

Mr. Pascal was born in Newark and lived in Iselin before moving to Edison in 1996. He played on a bocce team at the Italian-American Club in Rahway.

Surviving are his wife of 32

years, Maryann King Pascal; a daughter, Lisa Beth, and two sisters, Theresa Skrobick and Carol, all of Edison; a brother, Anthony of Union Beach; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 7 at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, Avenel, following services at the Costello-Koyen Funeral Home in Avenel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills.

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Frances B. Sylvester

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Frances B. Sylvester, 79, died Saturday, July 10 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in South Plainfield for the past 73 years. Miss Sylvester was a receptionist for Lockheed Electronics Corp. in Watchung for 25 years, retiring in 1985.

She was a member and served

on the board of directors of the Lockheed Stardusters Club; and Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Surviving are two nephews, Philip and John Yanuzzi; and two nieces, Joanne Fritz and Francis Sills.

Services were held Wednesday, July 14 at James W. Conroy Funeral Home followed by a Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Martha F. Tyler

EDISON — Martha F. Tyler, 97, died July 2, 1999 at Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem, Va. She had been a founding member of the Clara Barton Women's Club.

Mrs. Tyler was born in Garfield and lived in Edison before moving to Virginia in 1993. She promoted and sold War

Bonds during World War II.

Her husband, Leavenworth H., is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Carl O. Moneta, Va.; and a grandchild.

Graveside services were held July 8 at Alpine Cemetery in Perth Amboy. Arrangements were by the Koyen Funeral Home in Metuchen.

Helen Anna Mueller

PISCATAWAY — Helen Anna Mueller, 68, died July 6, 1999 at her home. A homemaker, she was born in Weehawken and lived in Denville before moving to Piscataway in 1963. Mrs. Mueller is

survived by her former husband, Fred of Florida; and two sons, Fred H. of Piscataway and Edward O. of Somerset. Services were held Friday at the Piscataway Funeral Home.

Paul Tuss

METUCHEN — Paul Tuss, 83, died July 4, 1999 at the Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, N.Y. He had been the first president of a labor union for employees of the Container Corp. of America plant in East Brunswick.

He was born in New York City and lived in Metuchen before moving in 1996 to Carmel, N.Y.

Mr. Tuss was a Class A machinist with the Curtiss-Wright Co., in Wood-Ridge; Mack Truck, at its former Plainfield plant; the former Hyatt Bearing Division of General Motors Corp., in Clark; and Container Corp. of America.

He was a member of the

Metuchen Senior Citizens Club as well as the Golden Age Club of Edison and Metuchen. His wife, Edith, died in 1996.

Surviving are four daughters, Paula Franko of Warren, Kathleen Colgan of Massapequa, N.Y., Constance Fagan and Laura Hug, both of Carmel; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral, of which Mr. Tuss was a parishioner. Arrangements were by the Koyen Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Rosary Hill Home, 600 Linda Ave., Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532.

Michael Romanski

PISCATAWAY — Michael Romanski, 91, died July 8, 1999 at the Broward Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He joined the former ShopRite supermarket in Dunellen in 1962 and was its produce manager when he retired in 1972.

A native of Jersey City, he lived in South Plainfield for 52 years and in Piscataway for 31 years before moving to Fort Lauderdale in 1997.

Mr. Romanski was a longtime sexton and a member of the Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church, in South Plainfield. He

was a member of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union Local 1292 in Clifton.

He served in the Army during World War II and formerly was a member of Chaumont Post 243, American Legion, in South Plainfield.

His wife, Katherine Kata Romanski, died in 1972.

Surviving are a brother, Stephen of De Land, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home, South Plainfield, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

Bernard Szijarto Sr.

EDISON — Bernard Szijarto Sr., 72, died July 4, 1999 at the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice. He retired in 1990 after 44 years as a pipefitter at the Edison plant of Tenneco-Huls Inc. and predecessor companies.

A lifelong Edison resident, Mr. Szijarto served in the Navy in the Philippines and the South China Sea during World War II. He was a member of the Edison Democratic

Organization, the Middlesex County Hungarian American

Club and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Jennie Mogor Szijarto; two daughters, June Cuzzo of Edison and Marilyn of Highland Park; two brothers, Frank of Old Bridge and John of Jasper, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held July 7 at the Boylan Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, 1 Roosevelt Drive, Edison, N.J. 08837.

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Nursery school openings available at Congregation Neve Shalom

METUCHEN — Congregation Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., is accepting applications for the fall nursery school program.

All teachers are state certified. There is a discount for families enrolling more than one child. Members of Neve Shalom also receive a nursery school discount.

Nursery classes: All children participate in daily activities on the playground or in the gym and a daily snack is included. The 3 and 4-year-old classes include a weekly music class.

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For more information, call (732) 548-2238.

Congregation Beth-El offering classes

EDISON — Congregation Beth-El Religious School, 91 Jefferson Blvd., is offering classes for the non-affiliated.

The new program is designed to assist in providing a Jewish education for children.

This program provides entry into its school system for a trial period for one-year.

Membership to Congregation

Beth-El is not required.

For more information, call Rabbi Dr. Bernhard H. Rosenberg at (732) 985-7272

Presbyterian Church to host Bible school

METUCHEN — First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave., will host its annual Summer Vacation Bible School Monday, Aug. 16 through Friday, Aug. 20.

The event's theme is "Marketplace A.D." a tour of typical town center at the time of Jesus. It will feature stories, crafts, music and snacks.

Sessions will be held 9 a.m.-noon for children in grades K-5. Pre-registration is required by Aug. 9. The fee is \$10 per child; \$25 for family.

The church will host an open house 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20.

Author to sign copies of book

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Author Beth Sherman will sign copies of her book series Jersey Shore Mysteries noon-2 p.m. tomorrow at Walden Books at Middlesex Mall, Hadley Road.

County school site of blood drive

PISCATAWAY — The Blood Center of New Jersey is hosting a drive noon-8 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at Katherine Gibbs School, 80 Kingsbridge Road.

Edison church offering Bible study

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Lutheran Church invites all children to an evening of Bible study.

"The Great Bible Land Dig" is scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. July 26-30.

The public is invited. The church is at 50 Calvert Ave. East, off Grove Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 549-6054.

Dealing with anger topic of meeting

METUCHEN — Women Helping Women is offering a community education workshop.

"The Challenge of Anger" is scheduled for 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The workshop will examine the ways anger can motivate and will look at ways anger can be used as a tool for change. Participants will learn to tune in to the true source of their anger and clarify where they stand.

The fee is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

To register or for more information, call (732) 549-6000.

The church is at 17 Oak Ave. in Metuchen.

Babies wanted for learning project

Babies in the Central New Jersey area are wanted for participation in the Rutgers Early Learning Project.

Babies age birth to six months are being sought.

The goal of the project, which is

directed by Dr. Carolyn Rovee-Collier and funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, is to gather information about the normal development of learning and memory in the first year of life.

In the study, a researcher visits the baby at home three or four times for 15-20 minutes each. During the initial visits, the infant learns to play a game with a colorful mobile or miniature train and then, in the final visit, shows what he or she remembers about the game.

Participating babies will receive a certificate of appreciation from Rutgers University, and a final report is sent to the parents when the study is completed.

The project is sponsored by Rutgers University and NIMH.

Parents interested in participating can call, (732) 445-4819.

Holistic Workshop for women available

EDISON — A Holistic Workshop for Women will be held 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 31 at the Clarion Hotel.

The workshop facilitators will be Pat Comforti and Doreen Carrie, authors of "Health beyond Belief."

The event will offer participants information on innate healing power, how to be a spiritually healthy woman, and how to nurture and love your body.

For more information or to register, call (908) 754-5988.

Catholic Singles to host picnic

EDISON — Catholic Singles of Central New Jersey (ages 28-45) will hold a picnic 11 a.m.-6 p.m. tomorrow in the park on Martin Avenue, off Woodbridge Avenue behind the Senior Citizens Center.

Cost is \$9 for adults, free for children 11 and under. No alcohol will be allowed. For directions, call Sue at (732) 248-8312.

Nursery school accepting applications

EDISON — The nursery at the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County is accepting registration for its preschool program

which begins in September.

Certified teachers and staff provide the preschool for children 2 1/2-6 years old. Extended hours are available as early as 7 a.m. and as late as 5 p.m.

For more information, call (732) 494-3232.

Openings available at Camp Yom Tov

EDISON — Session II for Camp Yom Tov at the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County begins Monday, July 26.

A limited number of openings are available in the four-week program which includes an extended trip for children 9-13. For more information, call Mark Winter at (732) 494-3232.

Displays to highlight town's history

HIGHLAND PARK — To celebrate the publication of the new town pictorial, the Highland Park Historical Society has two displays on view this month at the public library, 31 N. Fifth Ave.

The large display case holds a treasure of memorabilia including postcards, photographs, ceramics and booklets collected by members of the society.

A privately held postcard from 1910 is also on loan and will remain on view through July 30.

A display of old housing development maps from Middlesex County map room along with photographs of representational houses will hang in the library's meeting room through Aug. 31.

The Historical Society is always looking for items.

For more information, call the library at (732) 572-2750.

Neve Shalom to mark fast

METUCHEN — Services at Congregation Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., have been scheduled to mark the fast day of Tisha B'Av.

A Maariv service on the eve of the fast day will be 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 21. After the service, the book of Lamentations will be chanted by lay readers. Rabbi Gerald Zelizer will speak.

Services on the fast day 9 a.m. Thursday, July 22 will include a reading from the Torah.

Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the Jewish month of Av, recalls the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other catastrophes in Jewish history.

For more information, call (732) 548-2238.

Computer lessons available for seniors

EDISON — Summer computer classes for senior citizens are again being offered through a local preparatory school.

The courses will run 9-11 a.m. Monday-Friday on the campus of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School, 1295 Inman Ave. They are open to all adults 50 and older. Courses scheduled:

July 19-23 — "Microsoft Office for PC" and "ClarisWorks for Mac." July 26-30 — "Using the Internet."

Only one course may be taken each week. Fee for each course is \$50. Class sizes are limited.

The courses are under the direction of Rhona Eserner, head of the Wardlaw-Hartridge computing department, and Bob Viotor, a Wardlaw-Hartridge computer instructor now in his 80's.

For registration, call Eserner at (908) 754-1882, Ext. 417, or (908) 668-5270.

Funding for the courses is in part by a grant from the John H. Van Winkle Foundation.

Volunteers wanted for geriatric department

The Geriatric Department at the Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County needs volunteers.

Volunteer programs service the elderly including delivering Kosher Meals on Wheels, being a "friendly visitor" to the homebound, or providing transportation for senior citizens to therapy sessions or other necessary appointments.

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For more information, call Risa Simpson at (732) 738-5225.



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Appearing in the park's bandshell will be the Harry James Orchestra, now directed by Fred Radke, performing timeless awing hits, dance tunes and ballads of the 30's and 40's.

Included in their repertoire are many of the standards of American music, including their all time hits like "You Made me Love You." With Fred Radke's trumpet sounding very much like that of Harry James, the evening is certain to evoke fond memories from young and old alike.

The concert is sponsored by the Forbes Foundation.

Vineyard will have summer wine festival

RINGOES — Beat the heat at the Summer Wine Festival of the Unionville Vineyards, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18, rain or shine.

Admission is free. The vineyard is offering complimentary tastings, tours of the winery and live bands.

Entertainment on July 17 will include the Jeff Belfy Band and on July 18 the Real to Real country band will perform.

For the children there will be free gourmet soda tasting and face painting. Food and chilled wine will be available for purchase.

Unionville Vineyards was rated the best winery in New Jersey by Hugh Johnson, author of the "1999 Pocket Wine Guide."

For more information, call (908) 788-0400 or visit the Web site at <http://www.unionvillevineyards.com>.

Printmaking Council offers summer courses

BRANCHBURG — The Printmaking Council of New Jersey will be offering courses for children and adults this summer.

Pull out that old etching plate and have some fun adding finishing touches under the expert guidance of Ahni Kruger, teacher and artist from High Bridge. "Fine Tuning Your Existing Images" will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25 from 10-3. The fee is \$75 with a materials fee of \$10.

Photographers can try "Making Kodalith Negatives and Gum Bichromate Prints" on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7 and 8. The fee is \$100 plus a materials fee of \$20. Diane Levell, who has lived and taught in Europe, is the teacher.

For adults who want to learn paper making using various pulps, try "Paper Making" with Marie Sturken from Princeton 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

For more information, call (908) 725-2110.

The world turns on local cable

'Generations' brings series back to TV

By CRAIG TURPIN

WEEKEND PLUS

It's fitting then that a recently completed episode of "Young At Heart Generations" was titled "Storm Warnings."

Bad weather has had its place in the history of the cable television show and its 1980s predecessor, "Young At Heart," which both take place in the fictitious town of Brickville.

A blizzard canceled the first three performances of the stage version of "Young At Heart" in 1983. A flood canceled casting calls in 1996 while the first day filming the "Generations" in April was marked by arctic-like cold.

The program, which airs on the Piscataway Community Television Channel, was created by Somerville resident Jim Balzano. The cast features area actors and its locations range from the Piscataway Police Department to Somerville streets and a Rutgers University fraternity house.

Even its writers are local — many from a Hillsborough High School writing class enlisted to give the show's teenage characters a "real" feeling.

"Young At Heart Generations" may be the first area cable show to survive two decades. It began with "Young At Heart" which was filmed and broadcast from 1983-86 and continued with "Generations" which began airing in June. Recently members of the cast and crew assembled to talk about the six-month production in 1996 that will ultimately yield 15 episodes.

"Generations" focuses on the children of the lead characters in the first series. Rachel Troy plays Kate Blake, who witnessed her mother being killed and has to cope with an alcoholic father. Lisa Zolnowski plays Heather Stone, a girl who has a reputation for "sleeping around," Michael Hoffman, plays a murderer on the show; Bob Boutillier is the director; Jim Balzano is the creator and executive producer of the show; Patty Balzano, his wife, is also an executive producer and Larry Zier is an executive producer.

The genesis of "Generations" was set in motion in 1993 by Balzano after a binge of watching the original series — all 43 episodes.

"I began wondering what would happen if the kids had grown up," Balzano explained. "I had stopped making the series because I was basically burned out from it."



The cast and crew of "Young At Heart Generations" got together recently in Somerville to reminisce about the making of the 15 episode series which airs on Piscataway Community Television Channel 34 and Edison Channel 34. Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Patty Balzano, executive producer, Rachel Troy, who plays Kate Blake and Lisa Zolnowski, who plays Heather Stone. In the center row (left to right) are Jim Balzano, creator of the series and executive producer and Michael Hoffman, whose primary role in the series was that of a murderer. In the back row (left to right) are Larry Zier, executive producer and Bob Boutillier, director of the series.

"We wanted to have the same four families (the Becker's, Blake's, Turner's and Stone's) as in the original series except now they have teenage children."

At the end of "Young At Heart" in 1986 all four families had just had babies born into their families. When Balzano began looking at "Generations" in 1993, he was 38 so he sought "youthful input" in writing the new episodes by contacting creative writing teachers and classes in Hillsborough and Somerville high schools.

Boutillier began on "Generations" first as a supporting cast member, then acting coach, finally finding himself taking the role of director.

"All the themes and ideas come from high school children," Boutillier said. "We even did market research. We had 100 people screen the show, many high school and college kids. They all said the show hits home."

Balzano said the idea from the start was to make "Generations," a show dealing with modern issues and dilemmas facing teenagers. These ranged from homosexuality to domestic violence.

"We didn't want the adults to take on major roles," Balzano said. "This was about their children, although to tie things together we tried very hard to put past into show."

Balzano, who works for UPS, has always been a writer at heart. The first cable series actually began as a play that ran at Middlesex County College in February 1983. After a producer at Suburban Cable

saw the show, he begged Balzano to turn the play into a pilot episode that ran on the cable station.

"It was experimental television at the time," Balzano explained. The show ran from October 1983 through June 1986.

Zier joined Balzano in creating the show in 1996. Filming began a year later in April 1997 and was completed in September 1997. Since then it has been nearly two long years getting the show in the air, Zier said.

Most days lasted 15 hours with cast sizes ranging from a few people up to a dozen. The show had a large cast of 40, from teenagers to professional actors, Zier said.

"Each episode costs \$750, not counting post-production," Zier said.

Balzano said everyone involved in the show has worked hard to bring each episode from development to completion.

"We learned what will work and what won't work," Balzano said. The goal, Balzano said, is to attract the attention of a national network to take "Generations" to nationwide exposure. With luck a new episode could be filmed in October, he said.

"My wife has been very sympathetic and understanding," Balzano commented. "I've put in many hours, weekends away, nights spent helping to edit the episodes."

"I thank God she's been good and understanding."

Zier said the production value from the first show to

today's episodes has grown immensely.

"In the past we had one camera and a few takes," Zier said. "Today we shoot each scene several times to get a number of camera angles. We also added lighting and a sound boom."

Post-production has changed too with the introduction of digital editing, he said.

For much of the cast, this was the first time they had been involved with a television-based production.

"It was an exciting time for me," Troy said. "Every week I felt that I was learning more and more."

Part of her characters' medley of woes was a drug addiction.

"I did research on my character so I would have an accurate portrayal of what she would be like," Troy said. "So she wouldn't be somber on cocaine."

The acting, though, was demanding.

"It ranged from my snorting some kind of sugar to being thrown against a wall my drunk father," Troy laughed. "It was the best time I ever had."

Zolnowski said the transition from live theater to film making took effort.

"I had done only live theater," she said. "It was weird to me. I was used to having audience interaction. Now I was having to do takes over and over again."

Her character's personality was also a stretch. "I was always cast as a sweet and innocent girl, never as a slut, as I was in this show," Zolnowski said.

She said it has been hard to

wait so long to see the finished product finally make it to air.

Hoffman had a one-off role in the show that turned into a four-month grind working everything from an assistant on the set to an extra. His lasting performance, though, takes place in the pilot episode when he kills Kate's mother.

"It was a big surprise to me when Jim told me who I was playing," Hoffman said. "Up until then no one had told me who I was playing."

"When I did the scene with the make up and looking grungy I even scared myself."

That first day filming Hoffman was dressed in a short-sleeve shirt late at night. To top the evening off it began snowing as they filmed. The cold and long hours helped the cast create a camaraderie that many tried to keep even after filming ended.

"They worked their butts off," Zier admitted. "When we cast everyone we had no idea how they would work out, but they worked out very well."

Zier got involved in the first show when he was 17-years-old.

"I joined when the show was in its last season," he said. "It was a learning experience. Back then the plot ranged wildly. Now we've tried to keep a tighter plot line."

"It's a very interesting project to be involved in."

"Young At Heart Generations" airs presently on Piscataway Community Television Channel 34 every Tuesday night at 9:30 p.m. and on Wednesday on Edison Channel 34 at 10 p.m.

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Joel's First Place Review

Wow!! The Concert season is in full swing, the place was packed! Shirley Alston Reeves, formerly of the Shirelles, was absolutely awesome!! Our customers seemed to really enjoy their meals, and Chef Heller prepared some nice entrees! Ziggy's flowers were the talk of the concert, how beautiful and overflowing they were and how different colors were, pinks, purples, lavenders!! I didn't know that inpatients could grow so big! Thinking of ways to beat the heat, come and join us for some great entertainment set up by our booking agent Jay Wing, of Wing Associates. Don't forget our discount movie tickets, have dinner at First Place and save \$7.00 per couple. Looking ahead thru July appearing Thursday July 22nd Joe Morris former running back with The New York Giants.

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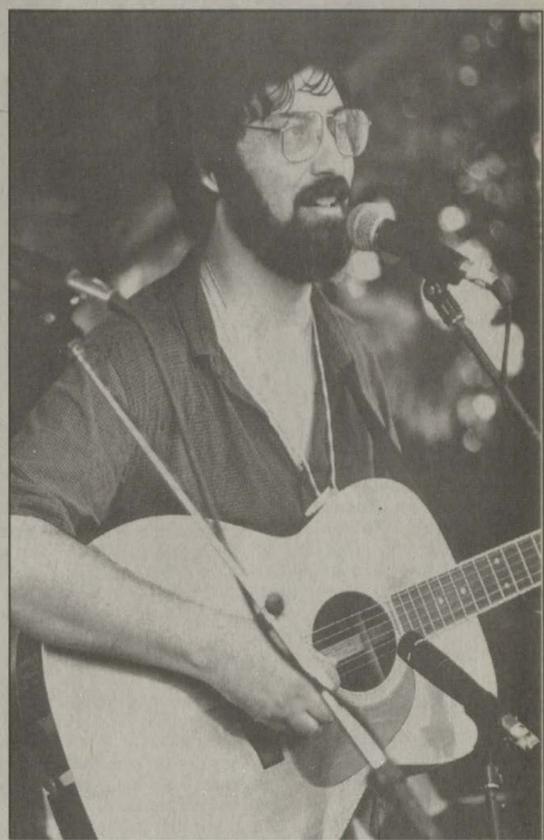
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≠ Jazz singer performs with her trio. Admission \$10.
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8 p.m. Saturday, July 17
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≠ Puccini opera standard, sung in Italian with English supertitles by the Opera Festival of New Jersey. Admission \$70-\$22.
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8 p.m. Saturday, July 17
Watchung Arts Center
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≠ Banjo player, singer and songwriter. Admission \$10.
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Wacko bull goose loony

In his other life Roger Dietz is a respected author; that is reflected in some of his songs, which are thoughtful and fascinating. But lurking under that pensive veneer is a wacko bull goose loony responsible for hilarious songs such as "Fifi, the Microwave Pup." Dietz will be appearing 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Minstrel Coffeehouse at the Morris County Parks Commission's Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Road, Morristown. For more information, call (973) 335-9489.

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8 p.m. July 16, 2 p.m. July 18; McCarter Theatre
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THE GENERAL (England, 1997)
7 p.m. July 16, 17
Scott Hall, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
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≠ Arthouse movie from last winter: the life story of Irish crime boss Martin Cahill. Members \$4; non-members \$5.
THE SCHOOL OF FLESH (France, 1997)
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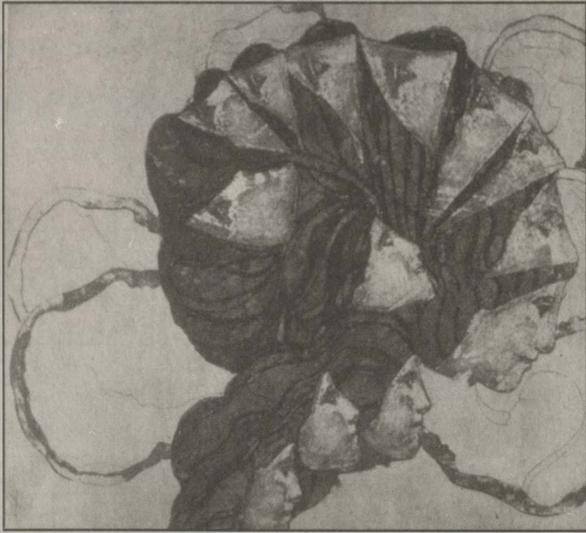
NEWARK — The Newark Museum will host a panel discussion on the art of printmaking on Sunday, July 18 at 1 p.m.

Presented in conjunction with "Silver Anniversary Selections," a juried exhibition celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, the symposium will feature leading artists, curators and printmakers from the metropolitan area. Admission is free.

"Panel members will examine questions about printmaking and digital technology, non-toxic techniques and the significance of printmaking as an art form," said Mary Sue Sweeney Price, director of the Newark Museum. "We expect a rather lively discussion."

Artists featured in the discussion include Miriam Beerman, noted artist/printmaker, as its moderator. Beerman will be joined by Judith Brodsky, executive director for Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper; Ellen Handy, curator of collections at the International Center for Photography; David Kiehl, curator of prints at the Whitney Museum of American Art; Maurice Sanchez, master printer and director of Derriere L'Etoile Studio, and Merle Spandorfer, artist and author.

The juried exhibit, "Silver Anniversary Selections from the Printmaking Council of New Jersey" is on view July 14 through Sept. 26. Featuring woodcuts, etchings, photography, mono-prints, lithography drypoint and handmade paper, the exhibits



Frances DeMasi's "Shell-Selfhood" is on exhibit at the Newark Museum as part of the silver anniversary celebration of the Printmaking Council of New Jersey.

includes 31 prints by 22 artists. Admission is free.

Members in the exhibition represent communities throughout New Jersey and the metropolitan area. They include Paul Bonelli, Wall; Zhiyuan Cong, Pompton Lakes; Frances DeMasi, Chatham; Stephen Fox, Annadale; Diana Gonzalez Gandolfi, Highland Park; Clarence Mather, Montclair; Janice Metzger, Westfield; Margaret Murphy, Jersey City; Nancy Ego Nikkal, Tenafly; Takayo Nodda, New York City;

Florence Putterman, Selinsgrove, Pa.; Marie Sturken, Princeton; George Taylor, Somerset; Ann Williams, Madison; and Idaherma Williams, Princeton.

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington St. in the Downtown/Arts District of Newark. Museum hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and Thursday evenings until 8:30 p.m.

For information or directions, call (973) 596-6550 or 1-800-7MUSEUM.



Darby Jones to give free performance

Darby Jones, a New Jersey band that has been enjoying good notices in the press lately, will give a free performance 8 p.m. Friday, July 23 at Borders Books & Music, 290 Commons Way, Bridgewater. Darby Jones has released its debut CD, *Racket on the Seventh Floor*, this year. The 35-minute CD has 10 songs full of hooks and harmonies. Members of Darby Jones are Michael Fumento, Frank Stable, Nick Cavagnaro and Robv Chojnacki.

Corral performs Friday at Watchung Arts Center

WATCHUNG — Roz Corral will be singing at the Watchung Arts Center 8 p.m. Friday as part of the Summer Diva Series.

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Local artists are featured in exhibit

WOODBIDGE — The Best of Life '99, an exhibition of work produced by a group of artists who meet weekly to study the human figure, will be on view through Aug. 1 at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays 2-4 p.m.

The exhibition is an out-

growth of a project, coordinated by artists Joanne Lynch and Karen Zavali, to make available life models so that they might have the opportunity to improve their artistic skills. The weekly gatherings, held every Thursday evening from September through June at the Barron Arts Center, are divided into 11-week sessions ending with an artists' soiree where work is critiqued and ideas exchanged and work is chosen for the annual Best of Life exhibit. Drawing from life sometimes serves as a step between initial observation and finished paintings; the drawings generate ideas and imagery for subsequent work, some of which is evident in this multimedia show including work in pencil, charcoal, pastel, crayon, ink, watercolor and oil.

Highlighted in this year's

exhibition will be the works of Highland Park artist Cynthia Walling and Iselin artist Karen Zavali. Colonia is represented by the work of Joanne Lynch and Cathleen Rykkiewicz. From Edison, the work of Ray Skibniski, Tom Martin and Steve Epstein will be exhibited. Woodbridge artists Steve Simon, Brian Bednarek and Louis Mazar will also be participating. From Metuchen the work of Sandy Mezinis will be represented and from Perth Amboy Danuta Wyszynski. Rounding out the group will be the work of Sha-Ron Karr of Matawan.

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Petite white widow, attractive, feminine, affectionate, enjoys music, dancing, travel, art. In search of good natured, white widower, 60 plus, with similar interests, good sense of humor, and traditional values, who is looking for the enjoyment of another's company. BOX 33041

HARD TO FIND

Seems that good friends are hard to find. I am new in North Brunswick. Would like to meet someone to share things with. If you are single and alone, wishing for a good friend male, 59 to 65, give me a call! BOX 33045

SENSITIVE AND HONEST

Attractive, 47 yr old, white, Christian woman with blonde hair and blue eyes, smoker is seeking an attractive, Christian man 40 to 55 who is sensitive, companionate and honest who enjoys bicycling, movies and dining out. BOX 33046

PERFECT PACKAGE

Divorced, white female, 55, attractive, petite, brunette, physically fit, enjoys travelling, dancing, and walks. Seeks divorced white male, 52-62, well established, with a good sense of humor, for a long term relationship. BOX 33049

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LOOKING FOR FRIEND

Widow, thin, blonde, tall, mid 60's. Looking for a new best friend, 65 to 70. Enjoying having fun, movies, walking on the beach, Atlantic City, and the small things in life. BOX 33052

MAN OF MY DREAMS

Single, white female with red hair and hazel eyes. Likes dining out, dancing, relaxing and more. Seeking a kind, caring, single, white male, 44 to 47, who likes to dance and has other interests. BOX 33644

LOOKING 4 COMPANION

5'4", 110 lb, single female is seeking a single male for companionship. BOX 36480

LOOKING FOR FRIEND

Stim, attractive widowed female in her early 50's; is looking for an unattached, attractive male, no less than 5'10" for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 33018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

47 yr old, divorced, white, full figured, mother with blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys painting, art, family pets, romance and good conversation. Looking to share life with a single, divorced, white male, 47 to 52, no drinkers please, smokers okay, financially secure, stable, one woman man. BOX 42097

** SECURE AND SINGLE **

Single white professional, 40s, slim, blonde, attractive and happy. Seeks white male, 40-55, must be employed, own transportation, clean, healthy, have teeth, and can not live with your wife or your mother. BOX 33005

LET HEAVEN WAIT

And give us a chance! We are thoughtful, warm, flexible, compassionate, with ability to listen, laugh, and share joyous friendship. YOU: good natured, tall, educated, white Jewish male, 52-62, and searching for ME: a witty classically striking, professional with varied interests. Shall we talk? BOX 33009

** LOOKING FOR LOVE **

22 yr old, single, good hearted, goal oriented, romantic, Native American female, who enjoys candlelight dinners, sports, dancing and animals. Seeking a single, white male, 22 to 27, with similar interests. Monmouth County. BOX 33034

GAMBLE ON ME

5'5", 130 lb, energetic, white female who enjoys dancing, walking, tennis, movies, music and visits to Atlantic City. Seeking a male with similar interests. BOX 42338

DELIGHTFUL PRETTY

Slim, selective, independent, professional, Jewish female. Seeking a cultured, attractive, intelligent, professional Jewish male non-smoker, 53 plus for a sweet, enriched, warm friendship and sharing a beautiful romantic life. To enjoy each other while dining, dancing, movies, concerts, the shore, beach, and NY City. BOX 33008

DAVID ALERT

You responded to Heart and Soul box 32956 please call back and leave your phone number. Your message was cut off. Look forward to hearing from you. BOX 33001

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

20 yr old, single, black female is looking for a white or black male, 35 to 60, who enjoys movies, the beach, and having fun together. BOX 12064

** SUMMER SIZZLE **

Be the man to enhance my days and nights at the beach, cultural events, and dancing in the moonlight. Attractive, shapely, classy, active, divorced, white female. Be a playful, tall, white gentleman, 53 to 63, with integrity. BOX 33031

SOULMATE SEARCHING

Single, Native American female, 22, enjoys cooking, sports, quiet times together. Searching for single, white male, 22 to 26, with similar interests. Friendship and possible long term relationship. I am outgoing, good personality, honest and expecting the same in return. BOX 33000

** LET'S HAVE FUN **

Single white female, 27, physically fit. Seeks financially secure, professional white male, non-smoker, who loves to laugh and knows how to pamper a lady. BOX 33017

JERSEY SHORE RETIREE

Living on the Ocean in Monmouth County, I'm a widowed white female, young 63, physically and financially fit, articulate, attractive, adventurous, optimistic, affectionate, flexible, unencumbered. Seeking same, age 61-69, non-smoker. BOX 32999

TIME AND DREAMS

Petite lady, dark hair, dark eyes, great smile, wonderful sense of humor. Enjoys music, dining out, reading, and good conversation. Looking to share time and dreams with a man, 55-62, non-smoker. BOX 32995

** ROMANTIC AND SWEET **

Attractive, young looking, Hungarian, 37, single white woman, 5'8" with wide variety of interests is seeking kind, caring, single white man for serious relationship to share life, love and laughter. No smokers, please. BOX 32988

ADOPT ME OR MARRY ME

Funny, warm, appealing, compassionate, professional, Jewish lady enjoys the arts, antiquing, dining, some sports, travel, etc. Wishing to meet a good natured, flexible, educated, Jewish gentleman, 52 to 62, 5'10" plus. Shall we share camaraderie, giggles, and possibly the future? BOX 32704

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57', widowed, down to earth, affectionate, warm, Jewish, white female with hazel eyes and brunette hair. Seeking an honest, compassionate, young at heart, Jewish male (mensch) 55 to 65, to share tomorrow's love, laughter, and happiness. Non-smoker. Monmouth/Middlesex area. BOX 33019

THE GOOD LIFE

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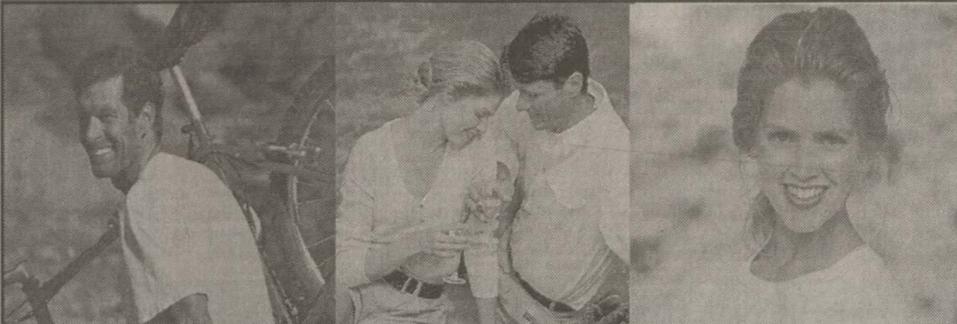
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Divorced, white female, fun loving, Jewish, Master's Degree, seeks attractive, white male, 55 to 67, college graduate, unencumbered, financially secure, non-smoker, for long term relationship and fun. BOX 32968

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CULTURED BEAUTY

38 yr old, attractive, divorced Indian female, healthy and young minded who enjoys traveling, literature, poetry, music, art, and romance. Seeking attractive, wise, professional, romantic, decent man, 35 to 42, 5'8" plus, medium build, for a committed relationship. BOX 32953

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SEEKING MISS RIGHT

34 yr old, single white male from Union County, 5'9", 175 lb, nice looking, non-smoker, enjoys working out, movies, dining, and antiques. In search of an attractive single or divorced white female, 25 and 42 with similar interests for long term relationship. BOX 33016

WITTY FEMALE SOUGHT

Cute 33 year old male, 6'1", 200 lbs, seeks intelligent, attractive, educated female for a one to one relationship. Prefers dark or brown hair female, 25 to 32, for good conversations, outdoor activities and lots of fun. BOX 33020

** LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER **

If you are attractive, slim, non-smoker, enjoys the theater, music, adventure, exercising, self-sufficient, 30-42, female, then I would love to meet you. I am 40, considered handsome, divorced professional man, brown hair, 5'10", 203 lbs., athletic, fit but most of all, very happy. Give me a call soon. BOX 32998

METICULOUS MALE

25, 6'1", easy going, honest, spontaneous, clean cut, enjoys work, fitness, animals, movies and good conversation. Would like to meet an available female, who is real with a good attitude, and the same interests, for friendship or dating. BOX 33021

WANTED SPECIAL LADY

Single white male, 47, 5'10", 175 lbs, non-smoker, handsome, sincere, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, quiet times. In search of one very special lady, 30 plus, for dating, friendship, possible serious long term relationship, marriage. No drugs, no smokers. Children welcome. BOX 33244

** PERFECT FOR YOU **

Handsome, humble, fit, black male is seeking a fit female, 26 to 38, for a long term relationship. BOX 32983

** JUST DO IT **

Handsome, fit, outgoing, romantic, multi-lingual, financially secure, single black male, 42, 6'2". Enjoys sports, movies, dancing, travel, and fine cuisine. Seeking tall, attractive, intelligent, down to earth, single white female, for possible long term relationship. BOX 32551

ENJOYING LIFE

Divorced professional father of one thirteen yr old boy, Jewish, successful, non-smoker and drug free. Enjoys life and sports. Seeking 40 to 50, non-smoking, drug free, attractive, successful Jewish female, for dating and to share life with. Children a plus. BOX 32975

SO MUCH TO OFFER!

40's, fit, fun, professional male is seeking a single, petite female, 20 to 38, for a long term relationship. BOX 32984

ROMANTIC & SINCERE

Tall, educated, divorced, professional male, in his 40's, who enjoys cooking, gardening and the outdoors. Looking for an attractive, white, professional female, over 35, for dating, fun, romance and possible long term relationship. BOX 38037

A LARGE SLICE ABOVE

The Real Handsome Careerist, 40's, seeks alluring petite, spiritual female with humanistic presence to jointly share and to grow. BOX 32620

FRIENDS FIRST

25 yr old, 5'10", athletic, good looking, honest, friendly, white male with brown hair and hazel eyes, non-smoker, social drinker. Enjoys the outdoors, movies, dancing, sports, dining out, conversations, bookstores and more. Seeking a friendly, honest, white female, 18-28, with similar interests. BOX 32589

** BLUE EYES **

38 year old, 5'11", attractive, honest, single white male seeks attractive, single or divorced white female, 32-42, for a relationship. I enjoy sports, movies, outdoors and comedy clubs but not alone. I am more than willing to share with that special person. BOX 33002

ALL THIS AND MORE

32 yr old, 5'8", 185 lb, non-smoking, single, white male with blonde hair and blue eyes. Enjoys music, movies, dining out and more. Looking for a single, white female, 25 to 35, with a great sense of humor, for a long term relationship. BOX 37803

** FREEHOLD GIRL **

Divorced, white male, 36, 5'8", 140 lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes. In search of single or divorced white female, 30-38, slim to medium build, honest, tomboyish, down to earth type. We may have already met. Children okay. Curious? Freehold area. BOX 32948

SEEKS A MATURE LADY

31 yr old, 6', 175 lb, attractive, active, healthy, single white male. Enjoys having fun, dining out, quiet evenings and more. Seeking an older, petite, attractive, mature woman, 40 to 55 who is looking for a younger male for friendship and more. BOX 13117

** PLAYFUL SCIENTIST **

55 yr old, divorced white male, seeks secret relationship with sensible, open minded, realistic single, white female. Enthusiasm is essential, beauty is not required, niceness is necessary. East Windsor area. BOX 32805

SEEKS BEST FRIEND

37 yr old, 6'1", 195 lb, single, white male is seeking an attractive, easy going, single, white female, 25 to 34, for friendship and a possible long term relationship. Enjoys antiques, dining out, traveling, and the beach. BOX 15844

** SINGLE CARING DAD **

Athletic, single Jewish dad, 46, not religious, 5'10", 165 lbs. Seeks a fit woman under 45, who enjoys romance, travel, oldies, mountain biking, beaches, cooking, New York City, flea markets and new adventures. All replies answered. BOX 32978

** STILL SEARCHING **

White, widowed, Catholic male, young 61, 5'9", slim, ex-executive, non-smoker, occasional drinker, enjoys concerts, historical places, dining, sports, weekend travel, antiques, seafood, theater and most cultural activities. Looking for a slim, romantic, feminine, non smoking, easygoing gal. BOX 15481

** JUST THE TWO OF US **

52 yr old, 5'11", 240 lb, sensitive, divorced, white male. Likes movies, long walks, music, museums, cuddling, and more. Seeking a single female, 40 to 54, with similar interests, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14671

YOU NEVER KNOW...

31 yr old, 6'1" single white male with blonde hair and blue eyes. Enjoys country music, dancing, dining out, shooting pool, and much more. Seeking a single female, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 42426

** WISH UPON A STAR **

Single, white, college educated, professional male who enjoys Disney

American Heart Association gears up for annual heartwalk

EDISON — Obesity and physical inactivity are two of the five major controllable risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

Heart disease and stroke are the number one and three killers of women, claiming the lives of more than 14,000 New Jersey females annually.

With this year's theme, "Step Out, Save Lives" the American

Association's American Heart Walk returns to Middlesex County and Middlesex County College Oct. 3 to promote the importance of being physically active and to celebrate women fighting and surviving heart disease and stroke.

For the second consecutive year, American Heart Walk will be presented by Aetna U.S.

Healthcare. More than 20,000 people in New Jersey, including close to 2,300 Middlesex County walkers and volunteers, will "Step Out, Save Lives" at 12 New Jersey American Heart Walk sites this fall.

Nearly twice as many women in the U.S. die of heart disease and stroke as from all forms of cancer, and a woman is 10 times as likely

to die from heart disease than from breast cancer. More than 26 percent of New Jersey adults report no leisure time physical activity, and more than 11 percent of high school students, are not enrolled in physical education.

The "Step Out, Save Lives" theme for 1999 American Heart Walk underscores the importance of a daily routine of physical activ-

ity in the lives of women and people from all walks of life. Modest levels of physical activity, such as 30 minutes of walking daily, are beneficial.

Last year, Middlesex County residents participating in American Heart Walk raised close to \$95,000 to help fight heart disease and stroke. Money raised from American Heart Walk helps

to fund American Heart Association cardiovascular research and education, community programs and advocacy.

Middlesex County women are urged to take charge of their heart health by calling the American Heart Association at (888) MY HEART.

To register for the heart walk, call (732) 821-2610.

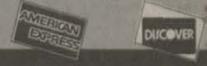
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Edison man receives new duties

EDISON — John Stanton has been named director of procurement services at Garden State Paper Company Inc. The township resident has been with the company for 22 years. He joined the company as manager of procurement services, New Jersey operations. He later became director of procurement services and in 1996 was named vice president of procurement services. A native of Elizabeth, he holds a B.S. degree in business administration from Kean University and a MBA in marketing from Fairleigh-Dickinson University. Garden State Paper Company produces 100 percent recycled-content newsprint at its Garfield mill.



Variety of programs available at Muhlenberg Medical Center

Muhlenberg Medical Center in Plainfield is offering a variety of special programs, support groups, lectures, education classes and other events to benefit the health and well-being of our community. All programs are free.

Blood pressure screening: A blood pressure screening will be held 4-7 p.m. July 4 in the hospital's Cardiac Diagnostics Department. Screenings are held monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

HIV Support Group: This group provides education and support to those infected with HIV. The group often hosts guest speakers to discuss a variety of topics.

A meeting will be held 7-9 p.m. July 22 in the School of Nursing's Living Room area of the hospital.

The group meets the fourth Thursday of the month. For more information, call (908) 668-3091.

Prostate Cancer Support Group: This group will meet 7-9 p.m. July 15 in the Board Room. For more information, call Diane Applebaum at (908) 668-2388.

Caregiver Support Group: This community group is for individuals who are caring for an elderly person, or person suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. July 14 in the Adult Medical Day Room at the north end of West 1 at the medical center.

For more information, call (908) 668-2328.

Hemodialysis Support Group: This group for dialysis patients, their family and friends offers guest lecturers and videos discussing renal issues and other related health issues.

The group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. July 15 in the Fitch Quality Room at Muhlenberg.

Call Michelle Castellani at (908) 668-2248 for more information.

Insight: This cancer support group is for individuals and family members or friends of those with cancer. Occasional guest speakers and timely topics will be offered to those who attend.

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month, 7-9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1391 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains. For more information, call (908) 668-2247.

Osteoporosis Support Group: The group is for those diagnosed with osteoporosis and their family. Meetings feature a discussion group that offers information and support for those living with osteoporosis.

A meeting will be 10 a.m. July 22 in the Crane Room at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. Call (908) 668-2285 for more information.

Senior Supper Club is a free membership program for adults age 55 and older. Membership allows participants a 25 percent discount off a meal in the cafeteria between 4-6:30 p.m., seven days a week. For more information, call (908) 668-2600.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation: This program is to train people CPR. The American Heart Association certified CPR training center offers several courses during the year.

For a course schedule and fee information, call (908) 668-2542.

New patches to help Girl Scouts think more critically

The Girl Scouts recently launched a new group of related patches, along with a series of instructional booklets, written to help young girls to think more critically about what they hear, see, and read in the media.

Girls can earn patches, which are geared to different age levels but all appropriately called Media Know-How, by closely examining the messages communicated via the airwaves and print media.

Whether watching television or surfing the Internet, young people are bombarded with messages about values, attitudes and ideals that will ultimately guide them in the decisions they make and the way they view the world, according to Dianne Donnelly, executive director/chief executive officer of the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council.

"The Media Know-How series of booklets are simply a way for girls to harness the positive power of the media," she said in a written statement.

Each booklet is age appropriate and uses fun exercises to help girls become more media-literate. For example, Media Know-How for Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts (girls ages 5-8), which is narrated by 8-year-old Kate, helps girls learn how to evaluate the messages they receive from various media sources—from television shows to popular songs on the radio. The booklet contains illustrated activities and puzzles that will appeal to young girls in this age range.

Written for pre-teen girls, who are just starting to explore

their need for creativity and independence, Media Know-How for Junior Girl Scouts (girls ages 8-11) uses the fictional game show Media Meltdown to introduce information about various media. As an additional exercise, a Girl Scout troop may actually play and create a game show using information gathered from television, videos, newspapers, magazines and the Internet.

Because older girls tend to think more critically, Media Know-How for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts (ages 11-18) provides information that will help girls create magazines, videos, lyrics and Web pages.

As an optional exercise, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts can share these works with younger girls. After girls have read their booklets and participated in some of the activities, they may receive their Media Know-How patches. The patches, which reflect the activities in the books, are different for each age level: The Daisy and Brownie Girl Scout patch has a picture of a clapper board; and the Cadette and Senior Girl Scout patch has a picture of a computer. Patches are worn on the back of the Girl Scout uniform sash or vest.

About 13,000 girls in Middlesex, Mercer and parts of Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties are building success by taking the Girl Scout Advantage. For more information, call (732) 821-9090 or (800) 572-2656.

Frank Pallone launches web site

U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-sixth district) has just posted a web page which will help keep voters informed.

The page contains a wide variety of information and news that is readily available in a user-friendly format. Pallone said he hopes that his constituents in the Sixth District will use this page to seek answers to problems they may have with federal programs and in obtaining information on federal legislation.

Press releases, statements, newsletters and legislation

offered by Pallone will be posted on the web page. Pallone said he hopes the page will improve the lines of communication between the federal government and his constituents.

Also included on the site is a Newsletter Sign-Up form. This will allow anyone who logs onto the page to register and receive an instant update on what Pallone is working on and what is going on in the House of Representatives.

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New online program to encourage children to read

Book Adventure, an innovative online program designed to motivate young children to read, was officially launched recently during live Internet broadcast originating from Washington, D.C.

Featured on the "Webcast" were Douglas L. Becker, president of the Sylvan Learning Foundation, and representatives of some of the foremost national reading and literacy organizations in the country. The participants also answered questions from parents and educators around the national who joined who joined in the interactive broadcast via the Internet.

Aimed primarily at elementary school children, Book Adventure is the only interactive program of its kind available on the World Wide Web - and at no cost to the user. The project was made possible through initial funding from the Sylvan Learning Foundation with corporate support from Sylvan Learning Centers, barnesandnoble.com, Lycos, Inc., Canter & Associates and R.R. Bowker.

"Reading is often cited as the single greatest predictor of a child's future success," says Kendra L.

MacLeod, executive director of Sylvan Learning Center. "Yet, with 75 percent of America's fourth graders unable to read at their own grade level, literacy continues to be a serious national concern. Book Adventure was designed to help meet that challenge by encouraging youngsters to read more often, for longer periods, and with greater understanding - and it's fun to play!"

Designed by one of the nation's leading children's website developers, Book Adventures, lively and colorful format offers students the opportunity to earn points for correctly answering questions about book they have read.

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Adventure is guided by leading organizations dedicated to reading, literacy and learning, including the National Association of Elementary School Principals, International Reading Association, Reading Is Fundamental, National Alliance of Black Educators, National Catholic Educational Association, National Center for Family Literacy, Baltimore Reads and the District of Columbia Public Library System.

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For more information, call (800) 220-8090.

Raritan Bay nursing school awards diplomas to Middlesex County residents

The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing of Raritan Bay Medical Center awarded nursing diplomas at commencement exercises June 17. The nursing curriculum is a 30-month program emphasizing academic work and clinical study, preparing students to take the state licensing examination to become registered nurses.

Among the local graduates and awards:

Edison: Barry Adam Harris highest overall academic achievement award given by Amboy

National Bank; The Robert S. Hoyt Memorial Award given by the faculty of the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing. Frini Jena Kazakis; Colleen Anne Lambert the Continuing Education Scholarship given by the Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Auxiliary; Pauline Margret Moriarty, Highest Academic Achievement given by the Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Auxiliary.

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Prepare to tee off for annual golf outing

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce is alerting all to mark Aug. 30 on their calendars for the 27th Annual Edison Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing to be held at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club.

The \$225 fee includes golf, lunch and a dinner. There is a dinner only package for \$80.

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Streaking Piscataway leads Junior Legion race

By SCOTT GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

From the outset, this year's Junior American Legion race had the makings of a fascinating season. The league was in its first year, with most teams newly formed. Nobody knew what to expect, and anything could happen. As it turns out, anything did.

Starting the season playing .500 ball, with glaring questions concerning roster stability and pitching, the Piscataway Junior Legion team charged hard into the middle part of the season and hasn't slowed down yet. Winning 11 of its last 12 games, including a

10-game winning streak, Piscataway is 14-4, tied for Bishop Ahr for the league lead.

"The team has been clicking," Head Coach John Reitermeyer said. "It started in mid-June. We got a feel for what the kids could and couldn't do."

It seems they can do a lot. Piscataway extended its winning streak with a heart-stopping 6-5 victory over Colonia Monday, scoring the winning run in the final inning. Sal Mastrogiovanni went 3 for 4, scoring the winning run.

Mastrogiovanni has been the workhorse for Piscataway down the stretch, batting over .800 over the past five games. While busy

knocking the stitching off the ball, he found time to pitch a one-hitter two weeks ago, as Piscataway blanked Bishop Ahr, 9-0.

"He's a one-man show," Reitermeyer said. "He's really getting in a groove. We give our harder games to him. You don't win 10 in a row without good pitching."

Or good defense, and Piscataway has that down pat. An old adage in baseball says you can't win without a solid middle infield, and Reitermeyer feels he has one of the best in shortstop Paul Vasone and second baseman Bryan Stevens. As well as part of a powerful double-play combination, he said, the two have made

significant contributions offensively.

"They know each other well, and they're both good baserunners," Reitermeyer said. "We can give them the green light."

With pitcher Tony Danella and catcher Bryan Mahovich hitting well, Piscataway has a potent offense in the stretch run. Though struggling at the plate early on, Piscataway's bats have come alive at the right time.

"We've been producing," Reitermeyer said. "Every game is important to us."

The most important games finished up this week, as Piscataway faced New Brunswick Tuesday,

Woodbridge Wednesday, and nemesis Father & Son Thursday. The final game of the season, Reitermeyer said, could put them over the top.

"The game against Father & Son is crucial. That game will be everything," he said.

Whether they win the league outright, tie with Bishop Ahr to force a one-game playoff, or slip to second in the standings, the team has already exceeded all expectations. If it can hold on to their lead and overcome Bishop Ahr, Piscataway will receive a bye into the state tournament. Otherwise, Piscataway will duke it out in the playoffs for one of two other tour-

nament slots.

"We never expected this," Reitermeyer said. "It's been kind of like a whirlwind. The kids started to click, and they've gotten better."

Everything's worked out. We've come through with our pitching, and we got clutch hitting. It's been a real good year, and I think we can go on."

However, the season isn't over just yet, and Reitermeyer knows there could still be a few surprises in store at the end of the year.

"It's still anybody's game," he said. "The teams we beat easily the first time around are playing tough now."

Piscataway declared ineligible for postseason

By SCOTT GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

PISCATAWAY— Organized sports leagues usually have these things figured out beforehand.

It's been decided that the winners of the Big Ten and Pac-10 go to the Rose Bowl. The three division winners and a wild-card from both leagues in Major League Baseball advance to the playoffs. The top eight teams in the National Hockey League's two conferences advance to the postseason. Rules and regulations are set at the start of the season, and all involved comply for the duration of the year.

American Legion baseball apparently works a bit differently, and a mid-season rule change will cost the Piscataway baseball team its chance at a state title.

In American Legion baseball, several details were worked out as the season progressed. According to several American Legion coaches, the playoff format in Middlesex County was unclear until the late part of the season. The number of teams which would compete in the post-season for a shot at the state tournament was still up in the air.

But American Legion hit close to home when they declared Piscataway over-enrolled, and therefore ineligible to advance to the state tournament. Since Piscataway carries one player from Bridgewater-Raritan High School, American Legion rules state a line must be drawn between Bridgewater and Piscataway, and the enrollment of all schools on that line must be

counted. The total enrollment of those schools may not exceed 4,000. Piscataway Head Coach Kevin Donovan drew the line, counted the total enrollment of Bridgewater-Raritan, Bound Brook, Middlesex and Piscataway High Schools, and came up with a figure of 3,996.

Then, the American Legion changed the rules, and made Donovan factor in Pingry and Somerset Vo-Tech as well. Needless to say, that put Piscataway well over the limit. The verdict was issued— no post-season for a 19-7 team in second place in the league. Piscataway, one of the top teams in Middlesex Legion, and the biggest comeback story of the year, will sit home this weekend as the county playoffs begin.

"They gave us one interpretation of the rules, we turned in the roster, and they told us we were over-enrolled," Donovan said. "They told us to do things one way, and we did it."

"We had a player who played for us last year, then in December he moved to Bridgewater. He said he wasn't going to play Legion baseball unless he could play for Piscataway. We got a release for the program so he could play with us, then they told us we were over-enrolled. I feel misled and betrayed. On top of that, they told us we can't compete in the county."

It's a tragic end for a team that has made a dramatic turnaround. Last year, Piscataway won only four games, fielding a young squad. This season, it could be looking at 20 victories.

A product of the team's rapid

growth has been a deadly hitting attack. Piscataway is batting .410 as a team, with several individual stars. Alterak Patterson leads the team with a .486 average, belting nine doubles, five home runs and 30 runs batted in. Mike Ortiz has a .483 average, Mike Reitermeyer is batting .479, catcher Alan Silva has a .444 mark, and Keith Barber is batting .426.

In addition, the pitching has come around in a big way. Ace hurler Eric Mills (4-2) pitched a complete-game, two-hit shutout last week against JFK, and Mike Vito (4-2) hurled a five-hit victory Thursday.

"We have a tremendous group," Donovan said. "They were cooperative and dedicated. There were no problems, no arguments, no head-cases. They were just a great bunch of young men, who played well in a good league. I couldn't ask for a better team."

Their success makes the recent turn of events that much more bitter for Donovan and his squad. The players put their blood, sweat and tears into this season, and will reap none of the glory.

"It's unfortunate that because we got one interpretation of the rules, and then they gave us another, the kids will be punished," Donovan said. "We didn't think we were doing anything illegal. We were led to believe we could let one guy play, and we did."

Now, Piscataway will take solace in their small successes. With two games left to go,

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE REVIEW

Piscataway's Roger Hopkins makes a tackle in the North-South All-Star Game June 26. Hopkins played in the Governor's Bowl Saturday, as New Jersey topped New York 26-15.

Hopkins starting over again after Governor's Bowl victory

By SCOTT GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

PISCATAWAY— As a popular rock song goes, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

For Piscataway defensive end Roger Hopkins, the Governor's Bowl on June 8 represented the end of a four-year journey, as he fought to prove he belonged with the best in the state. In a little more than a month, he'll be proving it all over again.

Saturday at Rutgers Stadium, the New Jersey All-Stars defeated New York, 26-15. Though down by two at the half, New Jersey bounced back with two quick third-quarter scores to seal the victory.

"We came back at the end of the second quarter, and once we stepped up the defense, we shut them down. It was real exciting. It lived up to all the hype," Hopkins said. "I met a lot of new people, who before now had just been names to me."

Hopkins was so awed to meet some of the top players in the state, he said, that it didn't occur to him that he was named among them.

"It didn't sink in," he said. "I didn't realize I was one of them."

Finally, Hopkins will get to end his high school career a winner. Though it doesn't erase the memory of Piscataway's 42-6 loss to Hunterdon Central in the Central Jersey Group

IV championship last December, Hopkins said the win Saturday does take some of the sting out of the failed championship run.

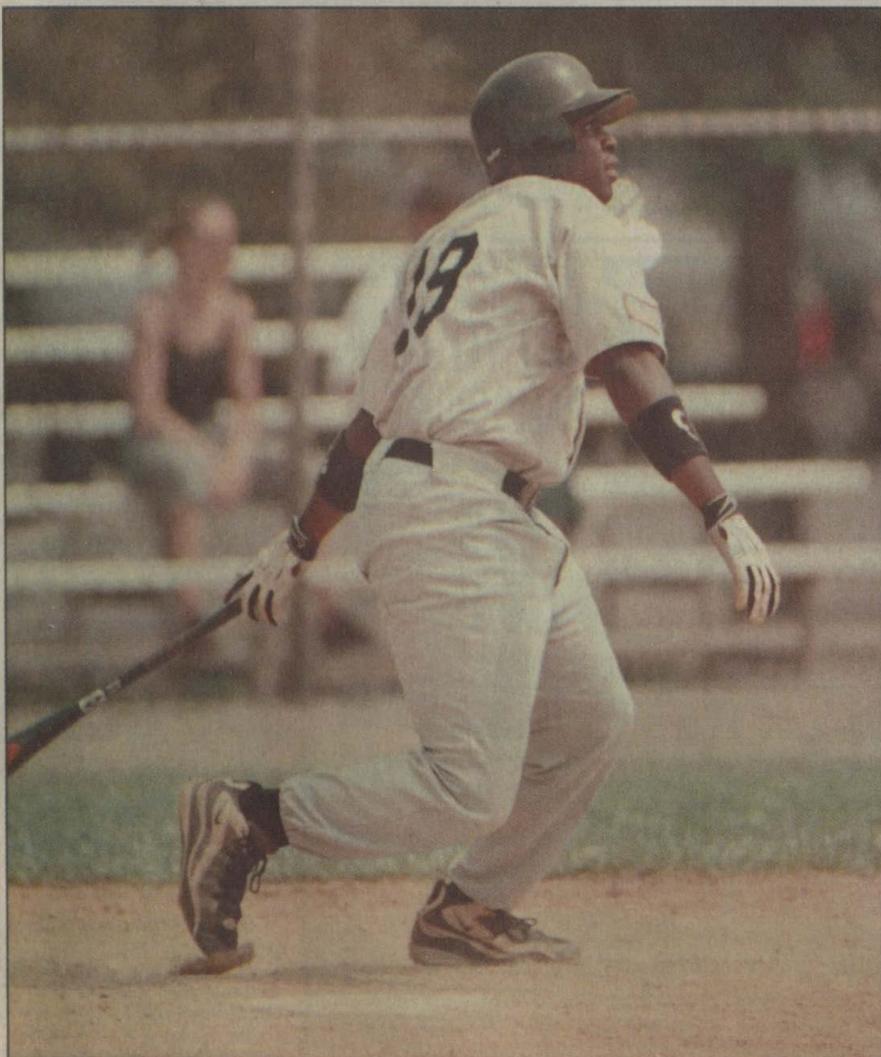
"I'm glad it ended the way it did, with a win," he said. "I'm happy we won it for the state. I still would have liked to win the championship."

That opportunity may come again. The star defensive end, who amassed 14.5 sacks as a senior, will report to Princeton University Aug. 26. At Princeton he'll seemingly get the best of both worlds, as he balances academics with athletics. At Princeton, he'll have a top-flight education, with a good shot to win an Ivy League title.

"That's definitely one of the reasons I liked Princeton," he said. "We lost in high school, and I want a chance to win some hardware in college. They have a strong football tradition, and I'm looking forward to playing in the new stadium. And if I decide I don't want to play football after college, I'm not doing too bad for myself getting a degree from Princeton."

Hopkins started from the bottom four years ago at Piscataway, and he'll be doing it again next month. His senior year, he said, he was out to prove he could play with the best of them, and he did. While he's excited at the chance to do it again in the Ivy League, he knows it's going to be a rough going.

"I'm looking forward to it. I'll have to take my lumps, and I'm not looking forward to that," he said.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE REVIEW

Piscataway's Alterak Patterson doubles off the fence against Perth Amboy. Patterson leads the team with a .486 batting average.

SPORTSCENE

EDISON RECREATION Softball

Men's Division A
 Appolan 11-1; C.B. Bashers 10-1; Main Breaks 9-2; Edison Casket 8-3; Metcom 6-3; Season's 6-5; Black Jack 5-6; Edison Glass 4-6; Buzzy's Pub 4-8; Bar Stools 3-7; Raw Sewage 3-8; N.Y. Times 2-9; Horiba Homers 0-11.

Men's Industrial B

FM Construction 11-0; JFK Flames 10-1; UAW Local 980, Federal Metals; R&B Rockers 8-3; Local 401 Frigidaire Busters and Echo Unlimited 6-5; Transport Freight 4-6; Robert Plan/MDA 4-7; Fuji Film 2-8; STL Lab Rat 2-9; Edison Collision 2-10; PVC Posse 0-11.

Men's Industrial C

Reynolds Fastners 7-2; Chase Manhattan and Jennifer's Warehouse 6-2; U.S. Postal Service 7-3; Bunch of Guys 6-3; Toxic Waste Force 5-3; I.T.C. Clothers 6-4; Blue Stone Capital 4-4; Keele Supply and CDM 3-6; Marlins 2-7; Wild Cats 0-9.

Men's Residential B

Bazookas 11-0; Franco's Pizza 10-1; Rick & Bills 9-2; Blue Liners and Chicken Holiday 9-3; Crowley's 7-4; Good Neighbors 6-6; Gallo 4-6; Park Pub 3-8; East Coast Packers 2-9; The James Gang 1-10; New Delicious Deli 1-11; Adventure Planet 0-10.

Men's Residential C

Mad Dogs 8-1; Decon 7-1; Edison Firefighters 7-3; Red Wolf, TJ Irish and Clippers 5-4; CAVS 4-4; Boro Hardware 5-6; Cryan's 4-5; N.W.O. and Oak Tree Fire #2 2-8; S.P.K.'s 1-8.

Women's Red

Mother/Daughters 10-1; Strike Force 9-3; Lab Rats 8-3; Weather Wave Derby Girls 5-6; JFK Medical Center 6-4; Rick & Bill's-C 7-5; Margaritaville Sluggers 3-8; Lady Wildcats 2-9;

Frigidaire Buserettes 0-11

Women's Blue
 Cibelli's 9-2; Charlie Brown's and Extreme Fitness 7-8; Holt & Co. Just One 5-3; Knight Club 4-6; Rick & Bill's 3-7; Willies and Crowley's 2-8.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD A League Softball Standings

Roma Foods 20-0; Polish Home and Bazooka's 12-8; Jersey Sign 9-11; Sa's Spirits 8-12; Metuchen Glass 6-14; McCrisken 3-16.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD

South Plainfield 7, Cranford 6 — South Plainfield's 13-year old Suburban League baseball team knocked off a strong Cranford team 7-6 as David Gerena pitched a complete game. Chris Czaplinski went 2 for 2 with two walks, and Jon Buggey collected three hits with two runs batted in. Matt Milano and Kyle Kazin hit key RBI singles.

Montclair 13, South Plainfield 10 — The Tigers fell short as Montclair broke a 10-10 tie in the top of the sixth with three runs. Chris Czaplinski went 3 for 4, Jon Buggey went 2 for 3, and Steve Turrisse hit an RBI double. Michael Alvarez, Eddie Kania, Billy Weaver and Kyle Kazmir all helped the cause with singles.

West Orange 10, South Plainfield 9 — South Plainfield lost another heartbreaker in the final game of the week. Starter Eddie Kania shut down West Orange in the first three innings, allowing no hits. Defensive lapses by the Tigers gave West Orange six runs in the fourth inning, and put South Plainfield in the hole. Steve Turrisse had two hits, and David Gerena, Mike Maher, Kyle Kazimir and Robert Barone had one hit apiece.

METUCHEN

Metuchen 6, Franklin 3 — The Metuchen 10-year old tournament baseball team started off the District 10 Little League tournament with

a victory over Franklin at Fader Field in Metuchen. Sam Shampain went 4 for 4 and Mike Balice and Dan Nicholaisen added two hits apiece. Jonathan Gaudet's running catch in right field in the final inning sealed the victory. Matt Owens and Nicholaisen shared pitching duties.

Metuchen 18, Edison Midtown 0 — Metuchen banged out 16 hits in the second game of the District 10 Little League Tournament to defeat Edison Midtown. Corey Preston and Sam Shampain had three hits apiece and Patrick Darram, Dan Nicholaisen and Chris Mortensen all had two. Stephen Thomas pitched three perfect innings and Peter Warren closed out the four-inning contest.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD GIRLS WIN TOURNAMENT

The South Plainfield under-16 girls traveling softball team won the North Edison Tournament, playing five games over the July 4th weekend.

In the first game, South Plainfield took Flemington into extra innings but could only manage a 3-3 tie. Next, they faced a team from Abington, Pa., and came away with a 12-5 victory. In the last game of the day, they demolished Scotch Plains-Fanwood, winning 25-1 in five innings.

They record of 2-0-1 made South Plainfield the top seed for the next day's action. In the semifinal game, they faced Scotch Plains-Fanwood again, and this time got a fight out of them. Scotch Plains scored two runs in the first, and held the lead until South Plainfield bounced back with three runs in the third. With four runs in the fourth and fifth innings, South Plainfield took a 7-3 decision.

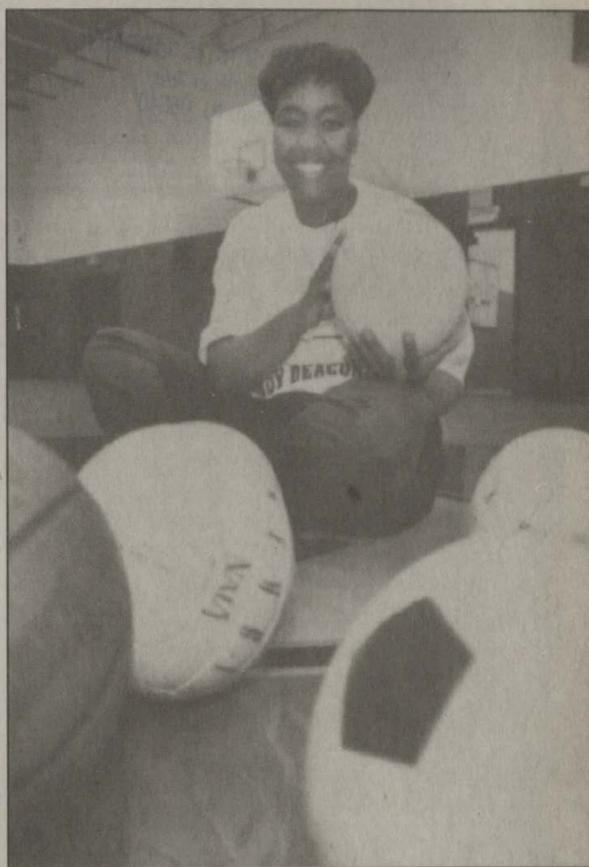
In the tournament final, South Plainfield came out swinging, scoring four runs in the first against Flemington en route to a 6-1 victory as they took the tournament championship.

Wooten takes over Bloomfield

Sheila Wooten of Piscataway was recently appointed Director of Athletics at Bloomfield College. Wooten previously served as Assistant Director of Athletics for eight years and head volleyball coach at Bloomfield College and at New Jersey Institute of Technology. She succeeds Al Restaino, who retired in June after more than 35 years of service to the College.

As Assistant Director of Athletics at Bloomfield College, Wooten was selected Regional Female Athletics Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in 1996. As coach of the volleyball team, Wooten guided the Lady Deacons to their best season ever in 1998 with a 26-6 record and a first place finish in the Northeast Regional Tournament.

Wooten graduated from Bloomfield College in 1985, where she excelled in basketball, softball and volleyball. As a forward/center on the women's basketball team, she earned All-American honors twice and became the first Bloomfield College woman to



SHIELA WOOTEN

tally 1,000 career points and was inducted into the Bloomfield College Hall of Fame in 1990. She also earned a first place finish in the Northeast Regional Tournament.

North Edison All-Stars to defend Babe Ruth state tournament title

The North Edison Blue 13-year-old boys All-Star baseball team is off to another strong start, posting an 8-1 record in the 1999 tournament season. The 1998 New Jersey State Champions began the defense of their crown July 16 at North Edison's Maryland Avenue Complex, as they host the Babe Ruth State Tournament.

North Edison 3, Hillsborough 2 — In the third game of the East Brunswick Tournament, Wayne Loux went the distance, earning the victory with six strikeouts. Steve Seybuck went 2-3 with one run batted in, and Ricky Weingarten drove in the winning run with a squeeze play in the fifth to score Carlos Suarez. Joe Wisnewski turned in several solid defensive plays at third base, and Carlos Suarez ended the game with a throw from right field to put out the runner at first.

North Edison 4, South Brunswick 2 — Steve Seybuck

pitched a complete game, allowing five hits with eight strikeouts as North Edison defeated South Brunswick. Seybuck went 1 for 3 on the day, driving in North Edison's first run in the fourth inning. North Edison added an insurance run in the fifth, when Justin Braverman hit a sacrifice fly to score Wayne Loux. Kevin Samples and Joe Wisnewski turned in strong defensive performances.

North Edison 8, East Brunswick 6 — After falling behind 6-0 in the fourth, North Edison scored five runs in the fifth and three in the seventh to defeat East Brunswick in the Woodbridge Tournament. Ricky Weingarten went 2 for 3, Michael Segala hit a three-run double in the fifth, and Michael Tadduni finished with two hits. Carlos Suarez tripled and scored the go-ahead run.

North Edison 14, Colonia 4 — Joe Valentino went 2 for 2 with a double and four RBI and

North Edison trounced Colonia in the North Edison Invitational Tournament. Marc Paliseno had two RBI and Joe Wisnewski added one to spark a 10-run second inning. Michael Tadduni and Justin Braverman had two hits and an RBI each, and Kevin Samples went 2 for 2 with an RBI. Samples started and pitched a solid three innings, and Valentino pitched the last two to close the game.

North Edison 9, Middlesex 7 — Michael Tadduni led North Edison's offense with a 2-for-2 effort as they defeated Middlesex in the North Edison Invitational Tournament. *Marc Paliseno* drove in three runs and Kevin Samples had two RBI. Michael Segala went 1 for 3 with one RBI. Ricky Weingarten led the relievers with a strong 1 2/3-inning performance, holding Middlesex to one unearned run. Joe Wisnewski and Steve Seybuck closed the final two innings.

Edison/Fords VFW down but not out of Junior Legion playoff hunt

By **SCOTT GRUBER**
 STAFF WRITER

The Edison/Fords VFW Junior Legion baseball team may have lost this battle. But the real war begins this weekend.

In first place in the highly competitive Middlesex Junior Legion league last week, Edison lost to Woodbridge and Piscataway, and dropped into

third behind Piscataway and Bishop Ahr in a tight race at the top. With a record of 14-5 Edison will be assured of a playoff spot, but will have to fight to make it to the state tournament.

"It's still a dogfight," Head Coach Tom Medler said. "We might have a chance to tie for the league championship, but winning it outright is a stretch. But

we'll take a tie." Monday, Edison helped its cause with a 12-7 victory over Middlesex. Pitcher Dan Medler went the full seven innings, allowing six hits with eight strikeouts. Mike Petruzzi hit two triples, and Tony Smith had two hits with a double and three runs batted in.

Edison won the game in uncharacteristic fashion. Though winning games through strong pitching and defense, offensive power hasn't been their strong suit lately. However, Medler said that's starting to change, just in time for the postseason.

"We haven't blown people out," Medler said. "But I think we're starting to come around. We were in a drought for the last two weeks, but we're getting better."

Pitching, he said, has brought Edison this far, and in the most difficult of circumstances. In 100-degree heat with stifling humidity, pitchers have a tendency to tire out easily. Medler said Edison's hurlers have fought through the conditions, turning in strong performances consistently.

"It's tough with the humidity to go more than four or five innings," he said. "But they've pitched hard all season. I have to tip my hat to them."

Piscataway declared ineligible for postseason

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 Piscataway will continue to prove they belong in the league, and can play with the best of Middlesex County.

"We'd like to win 20 games," Donovan said. "Father & Son and Iselin are the two elite teams in this league, and we want to prove we belong with them."



The South Plainfield under-16 softball team won the North Edison Tournament July 5. Bottom row, from left—Scot Bishop, Danielle Schweers, Shannon Bishop, Kimberly Bishop, Tiffany Roth. Second Row—Kerri Howells, Janet Golon, Christine Strani, Kevin Sweers. Third row—Kelly Ritchey, Kim Mullick, Cathy Nguyen, Rich Ritchey. Back row—Heather Roth, Mindy Kovacsy.

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Real Estate

Real estate short list for tax laws

By Gloria Woodward

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When Congress begins to consider federal tax legislation, most industries, like a bride-to-be planning for her wedding, put together their "wish" lists. Many also put together a "needs" list that they hope might be more in line with what is possible.

As Congress takes up tax legislation this summer, the real estate industry is no different than most others in that it has some timely advice for those who will write the bill. However, real estate's wish list is unusually brief and it contains items that our industry truly needs.

This year, real estate, as represented by the National Association of Realtors' (NAR) The Voice For Real Estate, has just two items on its wish list — a reduced cost recovery period for tenant improvements made in commercial properties, and a reduction in the depreciation recapture rate if capital gains taxes are cut.

Why should ordinary citizens care about complex rules for commercial real estate? They ought to care because deteriorating commercial space leads to declining values in a community's overall real estate stock. Healthy and competitive office and retail space keeps a community lively, growing and vibrant. Tax laws affect investment, and investment affects communities.

Thus, both of these policy priorities for real estate speak to genuine need, and also to fair-

ness.

A reduction in the cost recovery period on commercial property tenant improvements would help existing office buildings and other types of commercial real estate remain more competitive in commercial property markets that remain tight around much of the United States.

A Grubb & Ellis Real Estate Services report recently noted that commercial construction in the nation's suburbs currently outpaces commercial building in the cities by a factor of nearly 8-to-1. Consider that for a minute. Generally speaking, the office properties one sees in suburban areas usually are newer than much urban office space. The fact that there is less demand for new urban office space suggests that older commercial property stock is having difficulty competing with newer stock.

A quick-and-dirty review of depreciation rules shows one reason why this is so. At present, if the owner of an office building makes specified improvements — such as updating telecommunications wiring, supplying cable or installing new carpeting — to win a new tenant, those improvements must be written off over a 39-year depreciation period.

Neither these improvements nor the underlying leases are likely to last as long as the 39-year recovery period. Because the improvements are affixed to the structure, however, they are treated as real estate, and the 39-year recovery period applies. These rules bear no relation to economic reality. Reducing the recovery period for leasehold

improvements, therefore, will match more closely to the actual life of both the improvements and the duration of the lease.

The current depreciation rules for capital gains pose a similar problem for those who invest in real estate. In 1997, a capital gains tax cut was enacted, reducing the top rate on gains from the sales of an investment from 28 percent to 20 percent. Unfortunately, Congress and the White House agreed to reduce the top tax rate on prior depreciation of real property from 28 percent only to 25 percent. What that meant was that real estate, in effect, did not get the same capital gains cut as most other types of investments. Investment real estate is taxed at a higher rate than stocks and bonds when sold.

In asking for a rate cut on depreciation recapture, then, real estate is not asking Washington for "special" treatment. Just the opposite. Reducing the tax rate on prior depreciation simply would put investments in real estate on equal footing with other types of investments.

Reality and fairness. That's what comprises real estate's wish list for the upcoming tax bill.

The New Jersey Association of Realtors' is a non-profit organization serving the professional needs of more than 33,000 real estate agents in the state. NJAR, and its 24 member boards of Realtors', are part of the National Association of Realtors', the largest trade association in the United States with more than 730,000 members.

Coldwell Banker warranty means peace of mind to all

SHORT HILLS — A home warranty offers peace of mind to both buyers and sellers, according to Maureen Passerini, president of Coldwell Banker New Jersey. The company offers consumers a home warranty program called the Coldwell Banker Best Buyer Protection Plan.

"We encourage our sellers to purchase a warranty on their house that will transfer to the buyers," Ms. Passerini said. "Houses offered with a home warranty typically sell faster and for a better price than houses without. Buyers recognize the value of a home warranty and will give preference to covered houses when they make their choice."

A home warranty is a special kind of insurance that covers the cost of repairing or replacing appliances and mechanical systems in a house. Coldwell Banker's Best Buyer Home Protection Plan is a warranty program, which is oftentimes paid for by the home seller.

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Coldwell Banker offers real estate licensing classes at a reduced fee

SHORT HILLS — Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has recently entered into an agreement with three additional real estate licensing schools to offer real estate licensing classes at a reduced fee of \$99.

With the addition of the three new programs in key locations, Coldwell Banker sponsored real estate salesperson licensing classes are available throughout New Jersey. An individual who wants to pre-qualify to take the state test for a real estate license can do so with the help of Coldwell Banker at any one of thirteen locations across the state.

With a certificate obtained at any Coldwell Banker sales office, the cost for the program is \$99, a savings of as much as \$266 from the regular price. Participation in the program does not obligate the student to Coldwell Banker, nor does it guarantee association with Coldwell

Banker on completion.

Pre-licensing classes may be completed in the evening, during the day or on weekends. A seven-to-five hour licensing program must be satisfactorily completed before an individual is eligible to sit for the state real estate salesperson's licensing test.

"Coldwell Banker will make this investment in people considering a career in real estate," according to Anthony Cacciabeve, Coldwell Banker vice president. "If they pass the test and are invited to associate with one of our offices, we will also invest in an extensive training and mentoring program to get started. This is one way we bring good people into our sales offices."

"An individual interested in a new career could be licensed and working within thirty days,"

Cacciabeve added. "No other industry requires such a small investment to get started and has so much potential for personal growth and prosperity. This is an entrepreneurial opportunity without the usual risk. We have several sales associates who earned \$50,000 in their first year and some who were up to six figures by their second."

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60 Chestnut St. from William & Bessie Nulty to Maria M. Beltran for \$91,000.
4 Colasurdo Court from Manmohan & Navita Sapra to Gopi & Vishwa Sapna et. al. for \$350,000.
7 Falcon Drive from Farshad & Adriana Salami to Roy H. & Robin Podolin for \$279,000.
7404 Hana Road from Anthony & Rebecca Montesano to Ravindra B. & Ashwin Hublikar for \$108,000.
10 Honeysuckle Lane from Prashant & Chaula Patel to Robert & MaryAnn Pacific for \$178,000.
47 MacArthur Drive from Haluk E. & Yasemin Tekkoc to Douglas Emery for \$89,000.
4 Magee Road from Carmen J. & Joan P. Cuccolo to Daniel Rodriguez for \$161,250.
20 Morgan Drive from Phyllis Carbonaro-Sands to Kenneth Brumfield for \$171,000.
855 New Dover Road from Kathy Pasucci to Lombardi & Lombardi P.A. for \$163,000.
421 Plainfield Road from Gary L. Porto et. al. to Jose A. & Lourdes Luis et. al. for \$260,000.
448 Plainfield Road from Alvin & Carole Hall to Himshu Dutta & Sharad Dutta for \$213,000.
131 Wallace St. from Ronald H. & Debra J. Bier to Robert T. Bolleos for \$71,000.
1689 Woodland Ave. from Rodney E. & Mary E. Sturchid to

Ira & Jill Niedweske for \$624,000.
HIGHLAND PARK
145 Columbia St. from Michael & Esther Reiss to Christopher & Dawn Brzozowski for \$128,000.
214 Franklin St. from Jerry & Matilda York to Chris & Jackie Ervin for \$128,500.
METUCHEN
55 Elm Ave. from Patrick D. & Dorothy A. Ryan to John R. Renella & D.A. Cronin for \$325,000.
43 Rector St. from Joseph & Victoria Hasenohr to Ian & Sharon Grize for \$365,000.
31 Sharon Court from Royal Rockman to Zhi P. Huang & Y.A. Ku for \$223,000.
25 Spear St. from Margaret Powers to Brett & Barbara Grossman for \$162,000.
15 Sylvan Ave. from Michele G. Brinkerhoff to Peter J. Markalunas for \$163,000.
PISCATAWAY
43 Azalea Place from Matzel & Mumford at Piscataway to James F. & Laura G. Huben for \$343,497.
7 Christina Court from Hugh M. & Jean Barrie to Marsha M. Fraley for \$226,000.
23 Surrey Lane from Victor & Gail Blue to Alvin & Carole Hall for \$248,000.
348 Ventnor Court from Canterbury at Piscataway Inc. to Joseph B. & Gladys M. Dranchak for \$112,900.

50 Woodlake Drive from Suresh Mohan & Susan Chergan to William Davis for \$195,000.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD
101 Amboy Ave. from Eli Wright Jr. & Carolyn A. Wright to Chinapa & Dorothy Virasawmi for \$127,500.
2052 Audubon Ave. from George W. & Jeanine B. Kimmel to Lisa J. & Josephine Delgado for \$159,000.
320 Clifford St. from Richard J. & Elaine Sullivan to Mark A. & Lisa M. Pellegrino for \$148,000.
228 Delmore Ave. from Mary Jaskulski to John Okuszki for \$114,000.
32 Diana Drive from Jill Bolin to William C. Evans Jr. & Linda A. Evans for \$175,000.
109 Elizabethtown Court from Frank A. & Patricia F. Santoro to Glen D. & Robyn A. Barlics for \$215,000.
417 Frederick Ave. from Julio & Maria Feito to Bobbi & Jill Jennings for \$119,900.
102 Front St. from Edward Pamula to Suzanne Gibson for \$176,000.
608 E. Hendricks Blvd. from John & Marilyn S. Hawkins to Howard Gran for \$165,750.
111 Risoli Terrace from Albert A. & Eleanor G. Araneo to Richard J. & Elaine Sullivan for \$220,900.
217 West Ave. from James A. & Patricia Piscatore to Tarachandra & Rupdei Kissoon for \$206,000.

Cedar Village at Brick due to introduce new Yardsley model

BRICK — Recognizing that today's active adult buyers are seeking a larger home to live in, Cedar Village at Brick will introduce its new Yardsley model soon. Spanning over 2,100 square feet of quality living space, this new furnished model design reflects the largest home offered at Cedar Village. With over 120 home sold, Cedar Village has become the most popular new active adult community in the shore area.
Designed to appeal to those buyers who seek a large home to accommodate their unique lifestyle needs, the Yardsley model is the perfect complement to Cedar Village's popular collection of home designs. Now with the Yardsley model, prospective homebuyers will have five decorated models to tour at Cedar Village. The Yardsley is the culmination of months of planning and research whereby the builder conducted an intensive analysis of homebuyers' needs.
This two-story home is dominated by its spacious, open floorplan that allows for abundant storage space. Whether buyers convert an upstairs room into a quaint third bedroom, guest room or design it as a huge storage, or even, cedar closet, the Yardsley model allows for an uncluttered home environment.

Three other features that homebuyers will surely appreciate in the Yardsley model are the magnificent master suite, cathedral ceiling, great room and gourmet kitchen with island. The Yardsley model is perfect for entertaining, for visits from the grandkids or for creating a home office in the upstairs loft space. There is truly no limit to how buyers can utilize this voluminous home design.
"The Yardsley home was designed to appeal to those buyers that need a lot of room for storage or lifestyle needs," stated Pat Agnello, Sales Associate.
"We are very excited to add this new design to our existing portfolio of popular designs," Agnello concluded.
Priced from \$160,990 to \$215,990, Cedar Village is already home to over 60 buyers. The community was created for those buyers who seek quality over quantity with only 217 homes planned.
On site, Cedar Village offers a plethora of on-site recreation including a recently-completed clubhouse with lavish pool, exercise room, bocce ball courts, shuffle boards, putting green, horse shoes and two scenic ponds.
Located just 3.5 miles from the shore, Cedar Village is nestled in a heavily-wooded site

near the Garden State Parkway, with noted medical facilities and countless shopping centers in the area.
Continental Properties, one of New Jersey's most distinguished home builders, has become the choice for astute home buyers seeking a great price, smart designs and an exciting location.
Having built thousands of homes during the past 40 years, the company is known for its high standards of quality, innovation and customer service. Other communities currently offered by Continental Properties include Forest Hollow in Roxbury, The Estates at Sailor's Quay in Brick and Village Pointe Edison.
The five furnished models at Cedar Village are open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Cedar Village Sales Center at (732) 892-8800.
Directions: Garden State Parkway South to Exit 91. Go through toll plaza, bear to left. Continue to traffic light at end of ramp (Burnt Tavern Road) and turn right.
Proceed 2.3 miles (over Parkway) and turn left onto Route 70 East. Go 1/2 mile and at first traffic light turn right onto Herbertsville Road. Proceed 100 yards to community entrance on right.

Summer drought can harm trees

Recent drought conditions throughout the country have created serious challenges for natural vegetation, including trees. The National Weather Service's Long Lead forecast for July predicts that most of the country will continue to have normal to above normal temperatures with normal to below normal rainfall. For many regions of North America, this means a continuation of drought conditions with no relief in sight.
The lack of rain showers and high temperatures is sure to create

more hardships for trees. Water is required for all biological processes of plants, trees, even people. When there is an adequate supply, water seeps down through the soil, gradually saturating each layer. Trees depend on water and moisture in the upper layers of soil, usually the top six to 12 inches where the root system is located. Water that seeps beneath the upper layers eventually becomes available for use by people as well water. In severe drought conditions, more

water is required to keep the upper layers of soil moist.
The first signs of water stress in large shade trees is a flagging, or wilting of foliage. It can be difficult to notice. Next the leaves become scorched as they gradually curl, become dry at the edges, and begin to die. Eventually, trees will drop their leaves in an attempt to save themselves. It is important to remember that defoliated trees are weakened, but not dead. Many of these trees will survive.

Home guide aids 'armchair shoppers'

MORRIS PLAINS — Home shoppers whose primary interest is to purchase a newly constructed home or have a new home built, can now do some armchair shopping with a free New Home Guide published by Weichert, Realtors, Inc. and Weichert New Homes and Land Co., Inc. The fully illustrated guide is dedicat-

ed to new, rather than resale, homes.
The New Home Guide, which debuted in April and is available throughout New Jersey and in parts of New York and Pennsylvania, will be published quarterly. It features information about new homes currently under construction, planned communities set to begin building in the near future, vacant land, and recently completed new homes ready for occupancy.

Homes in nearly every price range - from the low \$100,000s to \$5 million mansions - estates are represented, as well as virtually every style, type and location - condominiums and townhouses, affordable single family homes, shore houses, grand estates and mini-mansions, and upscale homes with views, acreage, and luxurious amenities.
"By browsing through the New Home Guide, buyers can preview the large variety of new home communities under construction around the state," said John G. Udell, president of Weichert New Homes and Land Co., Inc. "They can compare sketches and photos of model homes, lists of features and asking prices, get

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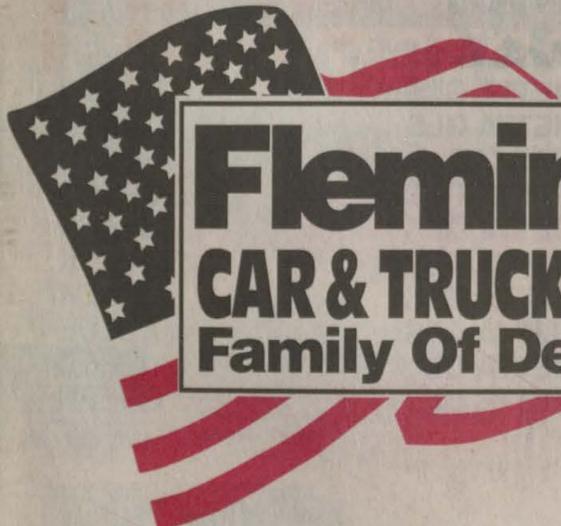
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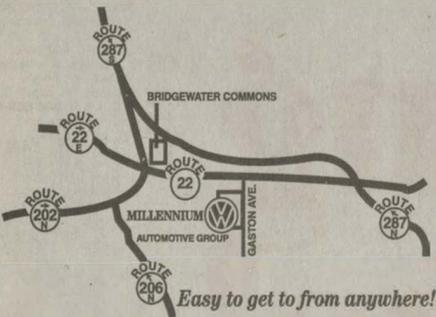


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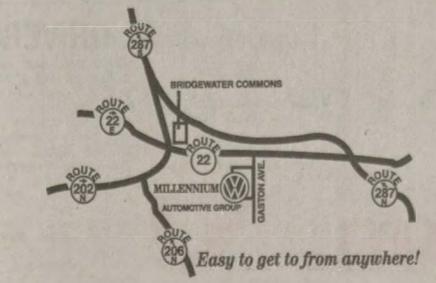


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Professional Help 260

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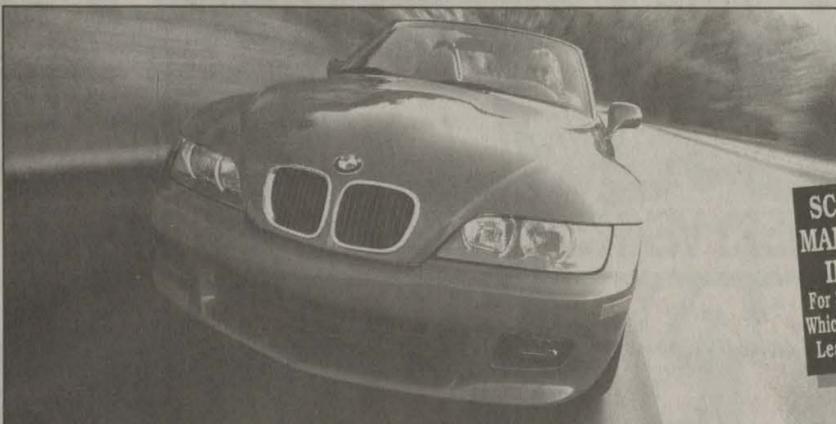


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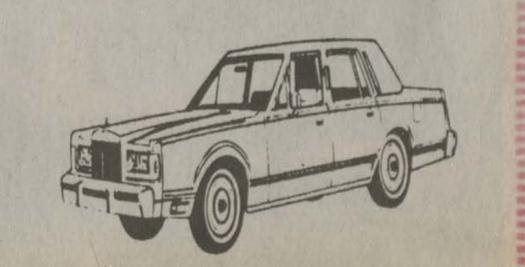
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